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7 BATTLE EXPLOIT UNIT
PECHABIE
Date : 13/3/43

Ref : 33/43
8 January 43

M.I.A. - H.Q.
DATE 5/37/7A
DATE 13-1-47

Subject : Security & Defence - 2nd/Beginning Month Report.

To : Addle.

1. Reference 33/113 dated 27 Dec. 1943.

2. Att (in duplicate) are the following :-

(i) 2nd/Beginning Month Report as at 1 January 1944.

(ii) At Appx "A" is location Statement of 7 B.E.F. and enclosure to location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Reactivated Command dtd 5 Dec. and equivalent Units.

(iii) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.E.F.

(iv) At Appx "C" is Staff List of all Italian Troops in the Command of the rank of Lt.Col. and above. } negata

(v) At Appx "D" is Progress Report on B.E.F. Units.

(vi) At Appx "E" is Ordnance Report.

(vii) At Appx "F" is G.C. Report for December 1943.

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D.S.I. Gretton
Major,
Sec. to GSO
7 B.E.F.

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DEP COMD
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Subject: 7 H.A.A. Bty/Bombing: Month Report ou at 3.1.47

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (MEN)

(i) 2 Dec'46 . Major H.[illegible] . HAMILTON GDO II 7 HAA. sick in quarters.

(ii) 6 Dec'46. Lieut. Col. C.O. [illegible]. GSO I 7 HAA. readmitted to 6 Field Hospital BOLOGNA.

(iii) 7 Dec'46. Lieut. Col. [illegible] deported BOLOGNA for [illegible].

(iv) 7 Dec.'46. No. 5671433 L/C HE[illegible]D left for Privilege in UK.

(v) 9 Dec'46 Major H.W. HAMILTON embarked to Italy.

(vi) 11 Dec.'46 No.5126910 Pte RADDELL left for Privilege in UK.

(vii) 12th Dec'46 Lieut. Col. C.O. [illegible] left BOLOGNA en route for UK.

(viii) 21 Dec'46. No. 10667877 L/C WEB granted 7 days local leave.

(ix) 24 Dec'46. Major H.W. HAMILTON granted 7 days local leave.

(x) 24 Dec'46. 188A Signal ref' Q216 dated 23 Dec'46 closing 7 HAA received.

(xi) 30 Dec.'46 Major H.W. HAMILTON reported sick in Lance quarters (MALTA)
31 Dec'46 American M.O. brought Major HAMILTON from MALTA to U.S. M.I. Base [illegible], preparatory to despatching him to 61st American Military Hospital LIVERPOOL.

(xii) Postal arrangements as outlined in para 1, (vii) of last months report working smoothly.

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(a) Dramatic (cont)

(i) 2 Dec'46 . Major H.[redacted]. [redacted] GSO II 7 BDE, sick in quarters.

(ii) 6 Dec'46. Lieut. Col. C.C. [redacted], GSO I 7 BDE, repatriated to 6 Field Hospital [redacted].

(iii) 7 Dec'46. Lieut. Col. [redacted] deported [redacted] for [redacted].

(iv) 7 Dec.'46. No. 5671A13 L/C [redacted] left for Rotherham in UK.

(v) 9 Dec'46 Major H.W. [redacted] returned to duty.

(vi) 11 Dec.'46 No.5126910 Pte [redacted] left for Rotherham in UK.

(vii) 12 Dec'46 Lieut. Col. C.C. [redacted] left [redacted] en route for UK.

(viii) 21 Dec'46. No. 10687877 L/C [redacted] granted 7 days local leave.

(ix) 24 Dec'46. Major H.[redacted]. [redacted] granted 7 days local leave.

(x) 24 Dec'46. MEA Signal ref 0036 dated 23 Dec'46 closing 7 BDE received.

(xi) 30 Dec.'46 Major H.[redacted]. [redacted] reported sick in [redacted] quarters ([redacted])
31 Dec'46 American M.O. brought Major [redacted] from [redacted] to U.S. E.I. Base [redacted], preparatory to despatching him to 42nd American Military Hospital [redacted]. 2954

(xii) Postal arrangements as outlined in para 1, (vii) of last months report working smoothly.

(b) British.

(i) Capt. [redacted], RAMC (attd 7 BDE), visited Hq. BDE, during the month and I understand will continue to do so.

(ii) 9-15 Dec'46 217 Area ceased to close down, closing finally on 15 Dec'46.

(iii) 15 Dec'46 238 Sub Area, [redacted] opened.

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(iv) 17 Dec'46 Farewell party given by Officers 217 Area in BELGIUM. Several members of G(Ops) Sec. attended.

(c) Italian

(i) 1 Dec'46 Lieut. ARGENTI's leave cancelled as he was sick.

(ii) 15 Dec.'46 Lieut. STORACE granted 15 days leave.

(iii) 21 Dec'46 Lieut. ARGENTI granted 15 days leave.

(iv) S. BENEDELLI (U.K. 7 382) granted 7 days leave.

(v) 29 Dec'46 Lieut. MANCINI granted 15 days Leave.

(d) Visits & Visitors.

(i) 3/4 Dec'46. Lieut. Cols MATHEY and GILLIARD visited 7 B.L.S.
All outstanding "G" A/S" points were discussed.

(ii) 12 Dec'46. G(O) II visited BATTALION Regt. HEADQUARTERS Barracks, FLORENCE.

(iii) 13 Dec'46 G(O) II visited 7 Inf. Regt. MONTICCHI Barracks, FLORENCE.

(iv) 16 Dec'46 G(O) II visited 7 C.A.R. SIENA.

(v) 17 Dec'46 G(O) II visited BAND Regt. SIENA.

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The following visits were made by S & T Officer 7 B.L.S.; -

6 Dec'46 No. 76 Food Distribution Depot- BRAND — See BLS/ST/G 10 dated 12 Dec'46

9 Dec'46 . No. 77 Food Distribution Depot -SIENA — See BLS/ST/G 10 dated 12 Dec.

23 Dec'46 No. 6 Food Distribution Depot- BELGIUM — See BLS/ST/G 10 dated 23 Dec

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(i) 1 Dec'46 Lieut. [illegible]'s leave cancelled as he was sick.

(ii) 15 Dec.'46 Lieut. [illegible] granted 15 days leave.

(iii) 21 Dec'46 Lieut. [illegible] granted 15 days leave.

(iv) [illegible] (D.E. 7 SIG) granted 7 days leave.

(v) 29 Dec'46 Lieut. [illegible] granted 15 days leave.

(d) Visits & Liaison.

(i) 3/4 Dec'46. Lieut. Cols [illegible] and [illegible] visited 7 B.I.H.
All outstanding "C" & "A" points were discussed.

(ii) 12 Dec'46. GSO II visited [illegible] Regt. [illegible] Burma S. [illegible].

(iii) 13 Dec'46 GSO II visited 7 Inf. Bgde. [illegible] Barracks, [illegible].

(iv) 16 Dec'46 GSO II visited 7 C.A.E. [illegible].

(v) 17 Dec'46 GSO II visited [illegible] Regt. [illegible].

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The following visits were made by S & T Officer 7 B.I.H.; -

6 Dec'46 No. 76 Food Distribution Depot- [illegible] See HQ/SS/G 10 dated 12 Dec'46

9 Dec'46 . No. 77 Food Distribution Depot -[illegible] See HQ/SS/G 10 dated 12 Dec.

28 Dec'46 No. 6 Food Distribution Depot- [illegible] See HQ/SS/G 10 dated 23 Dec

2. "Q"

(a) Organisation

(i) Files being processed in accordance with MEA signal 0836 dated 23 Dec. & G 99/1 of 16 Dec'46.

(ii) Local HQs warned that 7 HQ shortly closing down and only work in connection with winding up being done.

(iii) Letter Ref HQ/7. dated 27 Dec'46 (copy MEA) sent to 218 Sub Area.
So far no reply has been received.

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(iv) Thalion. N.T.R.

(b) Employment of Troops

(i) [redacted] Div. General duties.

(ii) 7 Inf. Bde. General guard duties.

(iii) 7 Signal Coy. Telephone exchanges and W/T operators.

(iv) 7 Engineer Coy. General duties.

(c) Training.

(i) "[redacted] Div"

(a) Infantry

1. Recruits Bn.

P.T.
Fire Practice: Theoretical training of aiming and firing.
Only fire practices with the rifle were carried out, owing to the bad weather.
Combat training: Individual training completed. Squad training started.
Weapon training: Practice with all the weapons of the Bn. (including 81 Mortars)
Regulations: Discipline, hygiene, penal code.
Marching : Several route marches between 12 and 15 kms.
Various courses: Courses for W/T Operators, Mortar operators and machine gunners.

2. Senior Soldiers Bn.

The Company in the attack & in defence.
Patrols during all phases of battle.
Route marches.
Fire practice, training in various arms.
Army regulations.

3. Mortar Company

P.T. as for recruits.
Tactical training and fire practice.
Theoretical training only, in aiming and firing due to lack of aiming devices.

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(iii) 7 Signal Coy. Telephone exchanges and W/T operators.

(iv) 7 Engineer Coy. General duties.

(c) Training.

(i) "REACHER Div"

(a) Infantry

1. Recruits Bn.

P.T.
Fire Practice: Theoretical training of aiming and firing.
Only fire practices with the rifle were carried out, owing to the bad weather.
Combat training: Individual training completed. Squad training started.
Weapon training: Practice with all the weapons of the Bn. (including 81 Mortars)
Regulations: Discipline, hygiene, penal code.
Marching: Several route marches between 12 and 15 Kms.
Various courses: Courses for W/T Operators, Mortar operators and marching pioneers.

2. Senior Soldiers Bn.

The Company in the attack & in defence.
Patrols during all phases of battle.
Route marches.
Fire practice, training in various arms.
Army regulations.

3. Mortar Company

P.T. as for recruits.
Tactical training and fire practice.
Theoretical training only, in aiming and firing due to lack of aiming devices.
The squad in the attack and defence.
Army regulations:

Courses

Regimental course for M/T drivers.

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Cadre training.
At the [illegible] Regt: The Inf. Bn. in the defence.
At [illegible] Regt.: The Inf. Bn. in the advanced guard.
Conferences to show the differences between Italian and British training.
Some Officers took part in courses at C.A.S. [illegible]

(b) Artillery

P.T. as in Inf. Bns.
Tactical training and fire practice; theoretical training on aiming and firing only, due to shortage of petrol.
Arms training: theoretical and practical training in individual arms, service of the gun, maintenance of the equipment.
Army Regulations.
Courses. Following courses were carried out: Radio operators, telephone operators, M/T drivers.
Cadre training. The Officers of the Regiment took part in Cadre training with the Officers of the Inf. Regts.

(c) Engineers Bn.
P.T. as in Inf. Bns.
Firing practice with rifle.
Theoretical and practical training in the arms of the Unit.

(11) 7 Infantry Regiment.
P.T.
Fire practice in Breda Machine gun and 81 cm. Mortars
Tactical training:
Recruits. The squad in the various phases of the battle.
The platoon as advanced guard.
Men Soldiers. The company as advanced guard.
The company as a strong point.
The Bn. advancing.
Army Regulations
Parade training of Bn.
Route marches
Cadre training. The Inf. Bn. in the attack. Some officers took part in the course at C.A.S. [illegible].

(11) 7 Pioneer Coy and 7 Signal Coy
Both Units.
Parade training every morning.
P.T. every morning.

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(b) Artillery

P.T. as in Inf. Bns.
Tactical training and fire practice; theoretical training on aiming and firing only, due to shortage of guns.
Arms training: theoretical and practical training in individual arms, service at the gun, maintenance of the equipment.
Army Regulations.
Courses. Following courses were carried out: Radio operators, telephone operators, M/T drivers.
Cadre training. The Officers of the Regiment took part in Cadre training with the Officers of the Inf. Regts.

(c) Engineers Bn.
P.T. as in Inf. Bns.
Firing practice with rifle.
Theoretical and practical training in the arms of the Unit.

(ii) 7 Infantry Regiment.
P.T.
Fire practice in Breda Machine gun and 81 m.m. Mortars
Tactical training:
Recruits. The squad in the various phases of the battle.
The platoon as advanced guard.
Ten Soldiers. The company as advanced guard.
The company as a strong point.
The Bn. advancing.
Army Regulations
Parade training of Bn.
Route marches
Cadre training. The Inf. Bn. in the attack. Some Officers took part in the course at C.A.R. SIENA.

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(iii) 7 Pioneer Coy and 7 Signal Coy
Both Units.
Parade training every morning.
P.T. every morning.
Army regulations
Fire practice in individual arms
M.T. training for drivers
Training with 7 Inf. Regt.

Pioneer Company
Training in:- tank mines (Teller and S.A.1, S Mine)
Barbed wire erection. Trenches.

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Signal Company
Theoretical and practical training on radio equipment. Laying down and rewiring of telephone lines. Training on G.A. Mod. 11 telephones, and 10 line exchange.
Cadre training.
Officers and NCOs took part to courses at Central Signal School in ROME, and at Central Pioneers School, CIVITAVECCHIA.

(d) Intelligence.

N.T.R.

3. "A"

(a) Domestic (NIL)

(i) Deficiencies

Officers. 2 Capt. R.A.O.C.

OCs. R.A.O.C. Sgt. 1
Cook A.C.C. 1
R.A.O.C. L/Cpl. clerk 1
R.A.O.C. L/Cpl. clerk 1

(ii) Welfare. Three Cinema shows were given during the month. A farewell dance was given at VILLA [redacted] on 14th Dec. as the OCs were leaving the VILLA the following week. Football has been impossible owing to the frozen state of the ground.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength

7 Territorial Command	10% below W.E.
Medical Directorate	5% " "
Veterinary Branch	10% " "
Vet. and Remount Depot	15% " "
Artillery Command	20% " "
7 I.C. Basic	40% " "
7X Base Depot (RE-ICT)	12% " "
Rest Dep (Tribs. 7 Centres)	9% " "

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

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(d) Intelligence.

N.I.R.

3. WAT

(a) Domestic (NAN)

(1) Deficiencies

Officers. 1 Capt. W.A.A.C.

ORs

RADU Sjt.	1
Cook: ACW	1
RADU L/Cpl clerk:	1
MESE: L/Cpl clerk	1

(11) Welfare. Three Cinema shows were given during the month. A farewell dance was given at VILLA RIBEIRINHA on 14th Dec. as the ORs were leaving the VILLA the following week. Pic-Shall has been impossible owing to the frozen state of the ground.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength

7 Territorial Council	10	below W.E.
Medical Directorate	5	" "
Vehicle Repair	10	" "
Veh. and Armament Dept	15	" "
Auxiliary Command	20	" "
7 Tk. Bde.	40	" "
VI Bde Group (IX-XII)	12	" "
Bren Gun (7th. 7 Bdgers)	5	" "

(11) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Council

M.T. Drivers	11	below W.E.
Mechanics	30	" "

+ Other Specialists 15 " "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, cooks, shoemakers, orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary artisan, mason, tinsmiths, electricians, blacksmiths and pipefitters.

(111) Discipline.

Satisfactory

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(iv) Navy.

As for last report.

(v) Morale

Satisfactory considering the high cost of living.

(vi) Leave.

Normale.

(vii) P.W. & Welfare.

Relations with civil population are good.
Press shows little interest at the present
in the Italian Army.
Any unjust criticisms have been at once dealt
through the leading newspapers.
The following welfare programmes are carried
out at Rome.

(a) Extra rations issued.
(b) Xmas treat and Lotteries
(c) Money prizes for various events.
(d) Free Circus and Variety shows
(e) Visions with free drinks etc.
(f) 500 Xmas parcels sent to sick in hospital,
and many other parties were given.

4. [illegible]

(a) Domestic (PW)

(i) For full details see return forwarded under this H.Q. letter G.S./33 dated 2 Jan'46.

(ii) Accomodation.

(a) On 16 Dec. the CSS moved from VILLA FERNANDA to 252 Via Gabriele D'Annunzio SETTEBAGNI where considerable work had been carried out by 7 P.W. Camps.
An Italian guard took over FERNANDA and is still there, pending receipt of instructions as to what the various premises are to be handed over

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(b) 214 & 282 has not moved to SETTEBAGNI

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(vi) Leave.

Normale.

(vii) P.W. & Welfare.

Relations with civil population are good.
Press shows little interest at the moment
in the Italian army.
Any injury criticism here been at once denied
through the leading newspapers.
The following welfare programme was carried
out at Rome.

(a) Extra rations issued.
(b) Mass Xmas and Befanias
(c) Money prizes for various events.
(d) Xmas dinner and Victory dinner
(e) Parcels with free drinks etc.
(f) 666 Xmas parcels sent to sick in hospital.
and many other parties were given.

4. [illegible]

(a) Domestic (Civil)

(1) For full details see return forwarded under this HQ. letter 3111/23 dated 2 Jan'46.

(ii) Accommodation.

(a) On 16 Dec. the [illegible] moved from Villa [illegible] to 252 Via Cristoforo [illegible] 2850 [illegible] show considerable work had been carried out by 7 F.S. Engrs.
An Italian guard took over [illegible] and is still there, pending receipt of instructions as to when the various premises are to be handed over

(b) [illegible] has not moved to [illegible] owing to disbandment of [illegible].

(c) Intercadre officers have not moved into new billets with the [illegible] made private arrangements in the town.

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(b) Italian

(i) Transport

7 Inf. Regt. and 7 Transport Coy still short of vehicles. M of V have promised distribution shortly.
Some tyres for trucks and cars have been received.

(ii) Arms & Ammo

Ammo to W.E. Scale received.
Ammo for new units of FOGGIA received within the month.
An ammunition depot for PISA & LIVORNO garrisons is being built near VALLE CRUCIS.

(iii) Clothing & Equipment

Model "45" uniforms for next call up have been completed, and those and other clothing for next call up have been sent to 7 C.A.R.

(iv) Rations & Fuel

Stocks for next call up completed at 7 C.A.R.

(v) Barrack Stores

Officers furniture made and distributed.

(vi) Accomodation.

(a) FLORENCE

Vittorio Veneto Barracks ; the works at the Sanitation School have been completed.

Scandicci Barracks; Several repairs are being carried out.

Ippolito Nievo -Commissariat Store; do

Rovezzano Barracks; do

(b) ALESSO

Carlo Corai Barracks: Officers and NCOs billets are being built

(c) PISA

Umberto I barracks: water installations

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(ii) Arms & Ammo

Ammo to W.E. Scale received.
Ammo for new units of POLESINE promised within the month.
An ammunition depot for PISA & FLORIA garrisons is being built near VALLE GRANDE.

(iii) Clothing & Equipment

Model "46" uniforms for next call up have been completed, and these and other clothing for next call up have been sent to 7 C.A.R.

(iv) Rations & Fuel

Stocks for next call up completed at 7 C.A.R.

(v) Barrack Stores

Officers furniture made and distributed.

(vi) Accomodation.

(a) FLORENCE

Vittorio Veneto Barracks ; the works at the Sanitation School have been completed.

Scandicci Barracks; Several repairs are being carried out.

Ippolito Nievo -Commissariat Store; do

Rovezzano Barracks; do

(b) AREZZO

Carlo Corsi Barracks: Officers and NCOs billets are being built

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(c) PISA

Umberto I barracks: water installations have been completed.

(vii) P.O.L.

The assignment of P.O.L. for the month of December was decreased by 50%.
Consequently the use of transport has been strictly limited.

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(viii) Medical.

The "VARESE HOSPITAL" I.S.C. Hospital at VARESE has been closed by order of H of W.
Inspections have been made at 7 C.A.R. CENTRES and the detachment of ARCISATE.
The results were satisfactory.
All sanitary precautions have been carried out for the next arrival of evacuees at 7 C.A.R.
The anti-V.D. campaign is continuing in cooperation with the Questura.
Only very few cases of infectious diseases reported.

2 Rail trucks of captured Medical Stores arrived at the ISTITUTO during the month of December.
MILANO continue to occupy 3 buildings belonging to the ISTITUTO CENTRO PROFESSIONALE MILITARE, which are urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities for stores coming from MILANO and Allied Sources. See previous Reports.

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter
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LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

OFFICE	No.1 PIAZZA DELLA STAZIONE - FLORENCE	
Major GREGSON	Villino "VILLA PRIMAVERA"	Tel.293638
Major HAMILTON (In Stat U.S. Rep. LEGHORN)	Via LORENZO MAGNIFICO 10	Tel.293601
Capt. TATHAM	Via PIAN DEI GIULLARI 38	Tel.293606
Capt. STEVENS (attached)	Via LORENZO MAGNIFICO 10	Tel.293601
Capt. NELSON	BOLOGNA	

British O.R's at SESTIGNANO - 252 Via GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO -
Tel. FLORENCE 67249.

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Appendix "A" to 7 KLU letter
KL [illegible]0 dated 8 January 1947

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION AS AT 1200 HRS 8 JANUARY 1947

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
HQ. 7 Inf. Regt.	FLORENCE	ITI - ITI
1st Bn. (ex 509)	FLORENCE	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
Mortars Coy	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. 7 C.A.R.	SIENA	" "
1st Bn	SIENA	" "
2nd Bn	SIENA	" "
3rd Bn	AREZZO	" "
HQ. "FLORENCE" Inf. Div.	FLORENCE	" "
Nembo Regt.	PISTOIA	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	MONTECATINI	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	MONTECATINI	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	MONTECATINI	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	MONTECATINI	" "
184 Art. Regt. HQ.	LUCCA	" "
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 5 17-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 6 m/m A.A. Bty	PISA	" "
184 Engr. Bn. HQ. FLORENCE	FLORENCE	" "
Central Schools	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. 3 Brigade	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. Mob. Bns. Group	FLORENCE	" "
FLORENCE Legion	FLORENCE	" "
Ext. Group	FLORENCE	" "
Int. Group	FLORENCE	" "
PISTOIA Group	PISTOIA	" "
AREZZO Group	AREZZO	" "
SIENA Group	SIENA	" "
LEGHORN Legion	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	MASSA	" "
CC. Group	GROSSETO	" "
CC. Group	LUCCA	" "
CC. Group		

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Appendix "B" to 7 BEU letter
BEU/20 dated 8 January 1947.

STAFF LIST 7 B.E.U. as at 1.1.47

General Staff

G.S.O. II	Major H.W. HAMILTON (In 61st U.S. Hosp. LEWISTON)	Duffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

MAA & QMG	Major D.S.L. GRAHAM, MBE	5 Innes. D.G.

Services

T & T	Capt. C.F. LOCKWOOD - TAITAM	R.A.S.C.
RNMB	Capt. F.H. NELSON	R.N.M.S.

Attached

Medical I.C.	Capt. H.C. [illegible], MBE	R.A.M.C.

Appx "D" to 7 HQ Letter
HQ/20 dated 3 Jan. 1947

REPORT ON 7 C.M.D. FOR MONTH ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1946

1. Personnel

(a) The main recruits course finished on 23 Nov.46 but tardy arrivals (about 350) finished their course on 21 Dec. 46.

(b) To obviate these constant late arrivals of small batches of recruits, in future courses 7 C.M.D. have received notice that any man reporting to Manchester after the finish of the chill up period (21 Jan 47) will be ordered to return to their homes and report again between 21 - 26 Feb.47. This procedure will result in a block of recruits commencing their training one month after the set date. This is an improvement on the present late arrivals of dribs and drabs throughout the course.

(c) Recruits for the next course should arrive between 8 - 21 January 47 to commence trg on 26 Jan. 47.

2. Training.

In addition to the normal trg of the 350 recruits (late arrivals) carried out this month the following courses have been held.

(a) [illegible]

(i) 2 - 11 Dec. 21 Officers from 7 Territorial Command. Subjects taught were W/T on Sr Eqp. and tactical trg to pl level.

(ii) 12 - 21 Dec. ditto. with 15 Officer students.

(iii) 12 - 21 Dec. 26 NCO students from 7 Terr. Comd. Subjects taught were W/T on Sr. eqp. and tactical trg to pl level.

(iv) Detailed programmes of above courses are attached.

(b) [illegible]

2 - 21 Dec. Course for 6 'Grandad' . Detailed programme is attached.

3. General.

(a) No more parts have yet arrived for small arms. These are in a bad state owing to constant use without proper [illegible]

(b) No progress has been made on finding quarters for married

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(b) To obviate these constant late arrivals of small batches of recruits, in future courses 7 C. & A. have received notice that any one reporting to Districts after the finish of the call up period (21 Jan 47) will be ordered to return to their homes and report again between 21 - 26 Feb.47. This procedure will result in a block of recruits commencing their training one month after the set date. This is an improvement on the constant late arrivals of dribs and drabs throughout the course.

(c) Recruits for the next course should arrive between 3 - 31 January 47 to commence trg on 26 Jan. 47.

2. Training.

In addition to the normal trg of the 350 recruits (late arrivals) carried out this month the following courses have been held.

(a) AIRBN

(i) 2 - 11 Dec. 21 officers from 7 Territorial Command. Subjects taught were W/T on Sr Eqp. and tactical trg to pl level.

(ii) 12 - 21 Dec. Ditto. with 16 officer students.

(iii) 12 - 21 Dec. 26 NCO students from 7 Terr. Comd. Subjects taught were W/T on Sr. eqp. and tactical trg to pl level.

(iv) Detailed programmes of above courses are attached.

(b) ARMOR

2 - 11 Dec. Course for 6 'Territorial' . Detailed programme is attached.

3. Remarks.

(a) No spare parts have yet arrived for small arms. These are in a bad state owing to constant use without proper 2645.

(b) No progress has been made on finding quarters for married families for instructors of 7 CAR. The proposals put forward have been turned down on account of their being too expensive.

(c) Some pl at 7 CAR is formed of ex-recruits who are held on the T.E. of 7 Inf. Regt.

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BLU/20 dated 8 January '47.

CHURCHES RAPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT
[illegible] 1946

The closing down of this B.L.U. brings to an end not just the liaison of one body of men with that of another but rather the fermenting of the true understanding and goodwill that has been born and will continue to grow between the British and Italian people as a whole.

We have by our efforts shown, consciously and unconsciously to the Italian Army, and thereby it's people, how we can work, live and die.
We have assisted them in no mean manner to regain once more their prestige and rightful place in the world.

By their patience and true understanding they have blended their Army into the shadow of our own, their mistakes can now become our mistakes, in like manner their Victories can be watched with a certain measure of pride.

We leave them now, abruptly 'tis true, but by no means floundering. Our last visits were smooth and quiet routine. There were no major observations or queries. They are carrying on the good work with all zeal and every efficiency.

Ordnance is satisfied if in parting we can say - "HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE".

[signature]
Ordnance Warrant Officer
7 British Liaison Unit

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 29561 8 / 23

Ref : BLU/20

4 Dec. 1946

MMIA - 'G'
FILE S/37/7/A
DATE 16.12.46

Subject : Reports & Returns - End/Beginning Month Report.

To : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference BU/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

2. Attd (in quadruplicate) are the following :-

(i) End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 December 1946.

(ii) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.

(iii) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(iv) At Appx "C" is Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command of the rank of Lt.Col. and above.

(v) At Appx "D" is Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(vi) At Appx "E" is P.R. Packet referred to in para 3 of this HQ. letter ref. BLU/20 dated 4 Nov. 1946. (Please return packet).

(vii) At Appx "F" is special Admn Report referred to in para 1 (iv) of this report.

(viii) At Appx "G" is RSSB report called for in MMIA letter 003 Q dtd. 19 November 1946.

(ix) At Appx "H" is Ordnance Report.

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GSO I (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO III (SD)	

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C.C. MARKES
Lt.Col.,
GSO I
7 B.L.U.

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MMIA - G?
FILE G/37/7/A
DATE 16"12"46

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BGS
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COL A/Q

GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (O)	
GSO III (Int)	

C.C. MARKES
Lt.Col.,
GSO I
7 B.L.U.

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Subject: 7 B.L.U. Eng/Tech rptg Month Report as at 1.12.46

1. GENERAL

(a) Domestic (NIL)

(i) 7 Nov.'46. Lieut. Col. C.O. HAYES, CRO I, 7 BLU, was admitted to 6 Field Hospital. BOLOGNA, with fractured left ankle.

(ii) 13 Nov.'46 No. 14770837 Sgt. ALEXANDER, Reconnaissance Regt, reported for duty with RASC detachment 7 BLU.

(iii) 15 Nov.'46 Sgt Cook HENDERSON reported on leave UK.

(iv) 23 Nov.'46 DAA & QMG & Capt RASC 7 BLU visited 6 RASC 217 Area to discuss future maintenance plans for 7 BLU (See Admin Report at Appx "B")

(v) 25 Nov.'46 Lieut. Col. C.C. HAYES was discharged from 6 Field Hospital BOLOGNA.

(vi) 30 Nov.'46 No. 2653471 Sgt. KLEY R. Coldstream Gds reported for duty.

(vii) Consequent upon the departure of the detachment R. Sigs and the closing down of the S.B.C.S. some difficulty has been experienced over the despatch and receipt of personal mail.
A system is going to be tried out whereby 6 BLU collect from the A.P.O. BOLOGNA & deliver to UNRRA BOLOGNA.
UNRRA have a daily courier Service between BOLOGNA and FLORENCE and will deliver to this HQ. daily, collecting mail for despatch at the same time and transporting it to their office in BOLOGNA, from whence 6 BLU will collect.

(b) Civilian.

(i) 5 Nov.'46 Dvr. R. Sigs. left FLORENCE to rejoin their HQ. in BOLOGNA.

(ii) 7 Nov.'46 The two ambulances and drivers rejoined their HQ. in BOLOGNA.
The medical orderly is staying on in FLORENCE He is attd to 7 BLU and works in the U.S. M.I. Room.

(iii) 27 Nov.'46 Cdmn. MEYER. A. who deserted from the Crusader Courts after the fall of GERMANY

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gave himself up to the British Consul,[illegible].
He was collected from the Consulate by this H.
and handed over to the U.S. Military Police
for safe custody until collected by Det 217 Area
on 28th Nov.

(c) Italian

(1) Lieut. ARTUSIO was granted 15 days leave
W.e.f. 30th Nov.

(14)More Italian bank wives of British Personnel
have been despatched from MILANO for
onward routing to U.K.

(d) Visits & Liaison

Visit Det/Lt Nov.'46 Div & Gp Capt's visit to
GROSSETO.

1. Military District GROSSETO. (Lieut.Col.CRIGHTON)

(a) Strength : 10 officers -10 NCOs - 5 ORs
These have all been posted by the H of C
but are in excess of W.E. by 3 officers and
5 NCOs.
These latter personnel, (3), do not receive
rations and in consequence are at a great
disadvantage, as they have to buy all their
food on the open market and find the greatest
difficulty in making ends meet.
CRIGHTON stated that these facts had been
represented to 7 T.C., but so far without
result.

(b) Messing & cooking arrangements need improvement.

(c) There is the usual difficulty of finding suitable
accn for married members of the permanent staff.
The above difficulties have been represented
to 7 T.C. Other arrangements appeared
satisfactory and the last call up worked most
smoothly.

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2. Recruitment (Lieut Col. MERCURIALI)
This is really a misnomer as the depot is in
fact a Stat Farm.
It is a first class show and very well run
Officers appear very knowledge-able and keen
on their job. A wonderful spirit of camaraderie
was evident between the CO and all other officers.
The very affluent Major Generals appeared to be
outstanding.

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2 Nov.'46 GSO II at TRESPIANO Cemetery (See Full report under P.R. & Welfare)

4 Nov.'46. Lieut. Cols BLUNT & CURTIS visited 7 BLU, FOLGORE Div. WKSPS and later had a conference with Gen. PIALORSI & Staff.

4 Nov.'46 A special Italian Armistice Day Service was held in the S. CROCE church. This was attended by representatives of this HQ. The ceremony was most impressive and very well attended.
Amongst those present were:-

Gen. DE SIMONE and Staff.
Gen. PIALORSI and Staff.
The British Consul
Representative of all Units in 7 T.C.
Widows and families of the fallen.
War Veterans.

The band of the GARIBALDI Regt supplies the music.

10 Nov.'46 A special Armistice Day Service was held in the British Church.
All available ranks of this HQ. attended.

11th Nov.'46 Laying of wreath at British Empire Cemetery. (See full report under P.R. & Welfare)

24th Nov'46 Major KERSHAW, D.A.D.V.S. GHQ visited FLORENCE and inspected the horses attd to 7 BLU.

23th Nov'46 A special Thanksgiving Day Service was held at the British Church. Representatives of this HQ. attended the service.

The following visits were made by S & T Officer 7 BLU: -

1st Nov'46	No. 76 Food Distribution Depot, PESARO	See BLU/ST/G 10 dated 6 Nov'46
2nd Nov'46	No. 77 Food Distribution Depot, ANCONA	See BLU/ST/G 10 dated 6 Nov'46
25 Nov.'46	No. 7 Admn. Transport Coy and No. 7 Amb. Car Section - FORTEZZA DA BASSO	See BLU/ST/G 10 dated 30 Nov'46

2. "G"

(a) Organization
Domestic (BLU)

(1) Correspondence concerning the return of Sgt. BARKER (See report for last month para 2 (1))

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has passed between this HQ., OZM and Sgt. BARKER concerning his return to 7 MLU. Nothing definite has as yet transpired.

(ii) 7 T.C. is now being used as the Channel of Communication between this HQ. and HQ. MMIA. So far this method of communication appears to be satisfactory.

(iii) Italian M.T.R.

(b) Employment of troops

(i) FOLGORE Div. Normal Guard duties. Various Units stood by during the elections in case they were needed for Public Security duties. They were not called upon as there were no disturbances.

(ii) 7 Inf. Regt. Normal Guard duties.

(iii) 7 Signal Coy. Telephone exchanges and W/T operators.

(iv) 7 Engineer Coy. General duties.

(c) Training.

(1) "FOLGORE" Division

(a) Infantry.

-2nd training period Bns (1st NEMBO, 1st GARIBALDI formed with recruits of the 1st and 2nd groups of 1924 class).

. P.T.
. Firing practice field firing
. Tactical training of the rifle Coy: Tactical training of Bn.
. Route marches.

-3rd training period Bns (2nd NEMBO 3rd GARIBALDI formed with senior soldiers of 1924 class)

. P.T.
. tactical training of Bn.
. Route marches.

-Cadre Bns (3rd NEMBO 2nd GARIBALDI formed with Officers, NCOs and some ORs)

. Potential NCOs courses
. P.T.
. Musketry training not yet carried out owing to lack of aiming devices.

Cadre training

. rifle Coys in the attack.
. rifle Coy in defence.
. Inf. Bn supported by a group of Art and Engr in the attack and defence.

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(b) Artillery.

. P.T.
- Firing practice - Recruits have carried out the classification lessons. Firing practice with the guns not yet carried out owing to shortage of petrol.
- Tactical training of Bty not carried out owing to shortage of petrol.
- Courses for M.T. drivers.
- Art Officers took part in cadre training either at the Regt. of the Div.or at 7 Inf. Regt.

(c) Engineers

- Pioneers and F.P.= Practice on explosives and mines - training on the Bailey Bridge.
- Signal Coy. practice on 19 radio Station exchanges.
- Course for M.T. drivers being carried out, will finish on 10th Dec.
- Potential NCOs Course.

(ii) 7 Infantry Regiment

- P.T.
- Route Marches of 24-26 Km.
- Use of Field kitchens
- Tactical drill of platoon and Coy.
- Firing practice with British rifles, just received
- Cadre training of Bn in the offensive.

(iii) 7 Signal Coy and 7 Pioneers Coy

(a) Both Units

- P.T.
- Firing practice -Throwing hand grenades.
- M.T. course. 5 soldiers have carried out a course for M.T. drivers at 7 Transport Coy.
- Officers took part in a cadre training at 7 Inf. Regt.

(b) Pioneers Coy

- Training on the various types of mines, building of a range, wire fencing, trenches.

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(c) Signal Coy.

- Training in laying and rewinding of telephone lines. Exchanges of 30 and 60 lines. The training programme for the month of November could not be carried out entirely owing to bad weather and shortage of petrol. Some exercises had to be done in the barracks.

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(d) Intelligence

(i) During the month the Municipal elections were held in Tuscany. They passed off very quickly and not a single incident was reported.

(ii) Rumours have been heard that Italian Prisoners of War returning to FLORENCE from India, are complaining about their treatment when prisoners. They are said to have anti British feelings. It is stressed that this information was received 2nd or 3rd hand.

3. "A"

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(1) Deficiencies.

Officers. 1 Capt. R.A.O.C.

ORs

RASC Sjt.	1
Duty NCO Sjt.	1
Cook ACC	1
RAOC L/Cpl. Clerk	1
RCMS L/Cpl. Clerk	1

(ii) Welfare.

Three cinema shows and one dance were held during the month. In spite of there being no other British formations in FLORENCE, these were well attended.
A 7 BLU Foot Ball team, mixed British and Italian, has been formed.
Three matches have been played.

7 BLU versus a local Club - won 3-2
7 BLU versus UNRRA - won 3 - 1
7 BLU versus RIFREDI lost 4- 2

The latter is a 3rd Division Side.

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(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in Strength

HQ. 7 Territorial Command	12%	below W/E
Medical Directorate	2%	" "
Vehicle Repair Directorate	10%	" "
Vet. and Remount Depot	15%	" "
Artillery Command	25%	" "
7 Inf. Regt.	50%	" "

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VI Eng. Group (US-ITI) 10% below W/E
Engr. Coy (7 Sig. 7 Surveys) 5% " "

(ii) Deficiencies in specialists.

7 Territorial Command

M.T. Drivers	10% below W/E
Mechanics	35% " "
+ Other Specialists	13 " "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, turners.

(iii) Discipline

Improving steadily.

(iv) Pay. The 70% increase in officers pay that is about to become operative is much appreciated. Bachelor officers talked to say, that it will give them (unlike the British Army ! !) a sufficiency to live on, in a very quiet way. This increase has had a good effect on morale, but officers with families say that even with the increase their pay is still insufficient.

(v) Morale.
Improving but many people still worry about the final terms of the Peace Treaty.
The continually mounting cost of living and lack of accomodation tends to have a bad effect on morale.

(vi) Leave. N.T.R.

(vii) Public Relations and Welfare.

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(a) Ceremony at Cemetery 2 Nov'46
At 0930 hours on 2 Nov. 46 (Festa dei Morti) a ceremony to commemorate the fallen of the Italian Army was held at TREBBIANO Cemetery, FLORENCE. G30 II accompanied by L/Cpl. TREED, of 7 BLU attended the ceremony and laid a wreath inscribed "In Homage to the fallen of the Italian Army from their British comrades in Arms."
Two companies of the "GARIBALDI" Regt. formed the guard of honour, there were present also many veterans Garibaldini in their traditional red caps

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and jackets. A stone commemorating the fallen soldiers of the "GARIBALDI" in this war, was unveiled by Col. RAVNICH, Commander of the "GARIBALDI" Regt.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Col. CROSSO thanked the Officers and men of 7 BLU on behalf of the Italian Commander, for their wreath.

A cordial letter of thanks was subsequently received from 7 T.C.

(b) Ceremony at British Empire Cemetery on Nov. 11th
A small memorial ceremony was conducted at the above cemetery by the resident civilian C. of E. Padre. Local British civilians, including the British Consul, and also members of 7 BLU, were present. A guard of honour was provided by the FOLGORE Division, and three Italian Officers were present, one of whom laid a wreath on behalf of 7 T.C. and the Italian Army.
Wreaths were laid by the B.L.U. on the graves of 1 officer and 9 OR's of 11 Bn.; The Lancashire Fusiliers who fell in action at or near FLORENCE while under the Command of GSO I 7 BLU.
(See photos in HR packet)

4. "Q"

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Transport.

For full details see return forwarded under BLU/23 dated 1.12.46.
(a) A 3 tonner was collected from 18 Vehicle Park CASARSA on 9th Nov. This appears to be an excellent vehicle and will be most useful.

(b) The E.U.P. that was to come from 4 BLU was B.L.R.
It is understood that HQ. MMIA are providing a Jeep in lieu of this vehicle.
This Jeep is most urgently required.

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(ii) Accommodation.

Considerable correspondence and several telephone conversations between 7 BLU and HQ. MMIA have taken place on this subject during the month. The salient fact that emerges is that both the DAA & QMG and the Br. other Ranks will have to vacate VILLA PRIMAVERA.

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Alternative accomodation has been found for the Gen at No. 252 Via Gabriele D'Annunzio (MESSERIA) - MARINE.
Italian troops are at present carrying out necessary works on this house and it is hoped to move in about 20th Dec.
D/A & QMG has found accomodation at MESSERIA. This is within a few hundred yards of the Gen Hillet. He hopes to move in before Xmas.

(b) Italy.

(i) Transport.

Still deficiencies in vehicles of the V.F. The Ministry of War promised to assign as many as received.
Still shortage of tyres for cars. The Ministry of War has assigned a few.
The allotment of fuels for repairs to vehicles has been decreased. Owing to this, the number of inoperative vehicles will increase.

(ii) Arms and Amn.

(a) "A" Vehicles MVs.
Ammunition allotment confirmed on the basis of new T.E.
Vickers M.G. substituted by Mod. 35 ammunition
V.F. emptied.
Recce Group 5th Lancers -Ministry of War has assigned the allotment of ammunition for 37 mm. gun and Browning 300 MG (Standard armoured cars).
This ammunition is arriving from T.O. of BARI.

(b) Z Inf. Regts. Details same issued.

(c) Other Units. Ammunition M.E. is being completed.
A powder magazine has been built at MARSALA and SASSO to store 1st Line and training ammunition of GARIBALDI Regt, 7 Inf. Regt, MEDO Regt, and other units.

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(iii) Clothing and Equipment

(a) Uniforms are being manufactured.
(b) Another winter uniform is being issued.
(c) Clothing and equipment for the next call up is being made.

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(iv) Rations & Fuel

The Military Bakery, FLORENCE, commenced to function on the 1st Nov.

(v) Barrack Stores
Furniture for Messes manufactured and issued.

(vi) Accommodation.

(a) FLORENCE

Work being carried out: -
- At ROVEZZANO Barracks.
- Commissariat Depot VIA REGINALDO GIULIANI
- SGANDICCI Barracks
Heating system roof.
- PORTE/WA DA RASSO- Anti fire precautions.

(b) PISA.

UMBERTO I Barracks - Work being carried out and water system improved.

(c) LUCCA

UMBERTO I Barracks - Kitchen and baths being repaired.

(vii) P.O.L.

The allotment of petrol, already decreased by 30% has been reduced by 50%, owing to difficulties in import.
Only urgent and necessary duties are being carried out.

(viii) Medical.

(a) 4 Rail Trucks of captured Medical Stores arrived at the ISTITUTO during the month of November.
47 Rail Trucks of Medical Stores and Equipment arrived from MERANO during the same month.
ENDINEA continue to occupy 4 buildings belonging to the ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO MILITARE, which are urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities for storage coming from MERANO and Allied Sources. See previous Reports.

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(b) The field Hospital and disinfectant section sent to PORTO S. STEFANO on 27 October to help

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the population during the typhus epidemic,
has returned.
During the period they were in that zone, they
carried out following duties: -

-Organisation of a temporary hospital.
-Disinfection of houses.
-Transport of sick
-Water system at the barracks was controlled.

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter
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LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

OFFICE	No. 1 Piazza della Stazione - FLORENCE	
Lt. Col. MARKES	Via Lorenzo Magnifico 10 -	Tel. 293601
Major GRAGSON	Villino "VILLA PRIMAVERA"	Tel. 293638
Major HAMILTON	Via Lorenzo Magnificio 10	Tel. 293603
Capt. TAYLAM	Via Pian del Giullari 38	Tel. 293606
Capt. STEPHENS (Attd)	Via Lorenzo Magnifico 10	Tel. 293601
Capt. NELSON	BOLOGNA	

British OR's at VILLA PRIMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 293624.

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL
COMMAND DOWN TO BNS OR EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
		TTI-TTT
HQ. 7 Inf. Regt.	Florence	" "
1st Bn.	Florence	" "
2nd Bn	Florence	" "
3rd Bn	Florence	" "
Mortars Coy	Florence	" "
HQ. 7 C.A.R.	Siena	" "
1st & 2nd Bns	Siena	" "
3rd Bn	Arezzo	" "
HQ. "FULGORE" Inf. Div	Florence	" "
"[illegible]" Inf.Regt. HQ	Pistoia	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Pistoia	" "
2nd " "	Pistoia	" "
3rd " "	Pistoia	" "
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	Rovezzano	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Rovezzano	" "
2nd " "	Rovezzano	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	Coverciano	" "
184 Arty Regt. HQ.	Lucca	" "
No. 1 25 - Pr Bty	Pisa	" "
" 2 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
" 3 25 - Pr Bty	Pisa	" "
" 4 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
" 5 17 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
" 6 40 - m/m A.A. Bty	Pisa	" "
Ratco Group	Florence	" "
184 Engr. HQ. "FULGORE"	Florence	" "
Central School (Carabinieri)	Florence	" "
HQ 3rd Brigade	Florence	" "
HQ. Hab. Bn. Group	Florence	" "
Florence Legion	Florence	" "
External Group	Florence	" "
Internal Group	Florence	" "
Pistoia Group	Pistoia	" "
Arezzo Group	Arezzo	" "
Siena Group	Siena	" "
Leghorn Legion	Leghorn	" "
Carabinieri Group	Le Ghorn	" "
Carabinieri Group	Massa	" "
Carabinieri Group	Grosseto	" "
Carabinieri Group	Lucca	

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STAMP LIST 7 B.L.U. as at 1.12.46

General Staff

G.S.O. I.	Lieut. Col. C.C. MARKES	L. Fus.
G.S.O. II.	Major H.W. HAMILTON	Buffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	Major D.S.L. GREGSON, MBE	5 Inns. D.G.

Services.

S & T	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM	R.A.S.C.
REME	Capt. P.H. NELSON	R.E.M.E.

Attached

MEDICAL L.O.	Capt. H.A. STEPHENS, MBE	R.A.M.C.

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Appendix "B" to 7 Div letter
MIL/20 dated 1 December '46.

HISTORY OF 7 C.A.A.A. for month ending 30 Nov. 1946

1. Personnel

(a) 4405 Gunners arrived at 7 CAA at the commencement of this last period, 527 were kept on strength for various reasons or were transferred because of former long service, 1 died and 1805 were sent on specialists courses or to undergo additional training which left 2552 to complete the course at 7 C.A.A.A. as Infantry.
The full details of this breakdown are on MIL/358 of 27 Nov. 1946.

2. Training

(a) The radio course finished on 23 Nov.46 but training of late recruits (about 200) still continues and is expected to finish about 15 Dec. 1946.

(b) Refresher courses are being run at 7 C.A.A.A. for Officers selected from all units in 7 Territorial Command, the duration of the course is 10 days and approx 20 Officers attend each course. Shorter courses are being run for NCOs.

3. Accommodation

All proposed regular both at KIRK and ARROW have been completed with the result that all barracks occupied by 7 C.A.A.A. are of a very high standard.

4. Armament

(a) The lack of armourers tools and spare parts for rifles and automatic weapons is causing great difficulty in maintaining the arms of 7 C.A.A.A. As reported last month, a large percentage of weapons have been rendered u/s by the lack of spare parts. 2628

(b) One set of armourers tools has been provided to 7 Territorial Command by S/C Rifle 6 B.A.C. who is also endeavouring to manufacture the most needed spare parts.

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Appendix "D" to 7 HCR letter
207/30 dated 1 December '46.

Extract from 7 C.M.D. War Diary ending 30 Nov. 1946

1. Personnel

(a) 4405 Recruits arrived at 7 CMD at the commencement of this last course, 527 were kept on charge for various reasons or were transferred because of former Army service, 1 died and 1603 were sent on specialists courses or to undergo advanced training which left 2502 to complete the course at 7 C.M.D. as infantry.
For full details of this breakdown see 207/35F of 27 Nov. 1946.

2. Training

(a) The main course finished on 23 Nov.46 but training of late arrivals (about 200) still continues and is expected to finish about 13 Dec. 1946.

(b) Refresher courses are being run at 7 C.M.D. for Officers selected from all Units in 7 Territorial Command. The duration of the course is 10 days and approx 20 Officers attend each course. Similar courses are being run for NCOs.

3. Accomodation

All proposed repairs both at HEBDEN and ORMSKO have been completed with the result that all barracks occupied by 7 C.M.D. are of a very high standard.

4. Equipment

(a) The lack of armourers tools and spare parts for rifles and automatic weapons is causing great difficulty in maintaining the arms of 7 C.M.D. As reported last month, a large percentage of weapons have been rendered u/s by the lack of spare parts.

(b) One set of armourers tools has been received by 7 Territorial Command by S/S RMAS 6 D.I.E. who is also endeavouring to manufacture the most needed spare parts.

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Appendix 'F' to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 4 December '46

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

1. 7 B.L.U. Location : FLORENCE

2. Reading Strength

(a) Own Unit 22 (Includes 7 wives and children)

(b) Attached personnel 35 (Includes 25 wives and children mostly awaiting repatriation UK.)

(c) Details of unit concerned in (B). (Allied Screening Commission) (& 2 unit Personnel)

3. S & T Services

(a) Supplies

(i) Meat : 1 Month collected from 204 DID BOLOGNA

(ii) Fresh : 1 Month meat from 204 DID BOLOGNA and stored in Cold Storage FLORENCE. 1 Month flour drawn. Local Bakery baking bread. Potatoes, fresh veg. fruit, eggs, fuel & fodder on local purchase.

(b) P.C.L. : Drawn from C.I.P. FLORENCE

(c) NAAFI/EFI. : Drawn from D.I.S. BOLOGNA

4. REAR SERVICES

(a) If any, what and where located. : L. of C. Section BOLOGNA. Unit vehicles maintained and repairs carried out by 7 Repair Unit, Italian Army, FLORENCE.

5. Medical Services

Hospitals etc with whom liaison has been established : American M.I. Room in FLORENCE with British Med. Orderly in attendence. Nearest British Field Hospital is in BOLOGNA.

6. Postal Services

How arranged.

(a) Official : Delivered and collected 3 days weekly by 217 Area (Mon - Wed and Fridays) to Hq MMIA through 7 Serr. Command.

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(b) Attached Personnel 35 (Includes 23 wives and children mostly awaiting repatriation UK.)

(c) Details of unit concerned in (B). (Allied Screening Commission & Transit Personnel)

3. S & T Services

(a) Supplies

(i) Hard : 1 Month collected from 20th DID BOLOGNA

(ii) Fresh : 1 Month meat from 20th DID BOLOGNA and stored in Cold Storage FLORENCE. 1 Month flour drawn. Local Bakery baking bread. Potatoes, fresh veg. fruit, eggs, fuel & fodder on local purchase.

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6. Postal Services

How arranged.

(a) Official : Delivered and collected 3 days weekly by 217 Area (Mon - Wed and Friday) to HQ MMIA through 7 Terr. Command.

(b) Private Mail: Collected by 6 B.L.U. from APO BOLOGNA and despatched to FLORENCE by UNRRA Courier daily.

7. Pay Services.

(a) Officers
(b) ORs } 21 Cash Office BOLOGNA.

8. Miscellaneous

Any other arrangements for Welfare, Recreation etc. : Mobile Cinema weekly - Unit arrangements.

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"FOLGORE" Division W/Shops were visited every second day.

Work is progressing steadily and the majority is heavy, approaching 3rd line.

There is a shortage of skilled tradesmen of all trades.

Stores, and spare parts, are in short supply, although the "FOLGORE" Division have a good flow of engines being repaired by MARCONI, this does not assist in minor repairs. Carburattors, dynamos and starter motors are being manufactured and repaired by another Firm.

VISITS.

Lt.Col. BLUNT, Lt.Col. CURTIS, Lt.Col. MARKES and Capt. MASON visited "FOLGORE" Division on the 4th November 1946.

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Appendix "4" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 4 Dec. 1946

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER's REPORT
FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1946

Ammunition.

1. In accordance with HQ. MMIA 139 Q dated 19th November '46 action has been taken to ascertain the various locations of the British Ammunition which has now been transferred to the Italian Army.

2. From requests made I am informed that sites have been established for the storage of this Ammunition at VERSMEGA and OSCHNA. I have been given to understand that the tonnage of ammunition involved is approximately 13,500 tons.

3. I have arranged with the Artillery Directorate for visits to be made to the two sites commencing 5 Dec. '46.

4. Pending the arrival of the ammunition examiner and Mobile Ammunition Repair Unit, the issue to B.I.Us of the Ordnance Technical Directives will undoubtedly prove invaluable.

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer
7 British Liaison Unit.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/20

4 Nov. 1946

Subject: Reports and Returns - End/Beginning Month. Report.

To : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference SD/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

2. Att (in quadruplicate) are the following: -

(i) End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 Nov.'46.

(ii) At appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.

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(iv) At Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command of the rank of Lt. Col. and above.

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3. App "E" is an innovation, consisting of a "P.R.PACKET" ! This will in future contain press, photographs, or other items of P.R. interest affecting not only the Italian Army in 7 T.C. Area, but also this BLU.

As there will be only one of each item available it is earnestly requested that the "P.R. PACKET" with contents intact, be returned to this HQ. as soon as possible after being seen by those interested at your HQ.

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MMIA - HQ
FILE: G/34/7A
DATE 14 NOV 1946

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Subject: 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1.11.46

1. GENERAL

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(i) Lieut. Col. C.C. MARKES, GSO I 7 BLU, reassumed Command 7 BLU w.e.f. 7 Oct., on his return from leave in UK.

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(iii) L/Cpl. TYE and Pte. BARNELL have applied to extend their service for 6 months.
Their applications have been forwarded and recommended.

(iv) The two ambulances and drivers attd. 7 BLU are being withdrawn.
The medical orderly is staying on in FLORENCE and does duty in the U.S. M.I. room.

(v) The detachment R. Sigs is also being withdrawn.
This will probably mean the cessation of the S.D.S. from BOLOGNA.
The method of handling 7 BLU mail is under consideration by 217 Area.

(b) British.

(i) Rear party HQ. GR & E left FLORENCE 28 Oct.

(ii) It is understood that the New Sub Area vice 217 Area will definitely be at RICCIONE.

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A further party of Italian wives of Br. soldiers was despatched to BOLOGNA, for onward routing to UK., on 21 Oct.

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(d) Visits and Liaison.

Gen. DE SIMONE (Comd 7 T.C.) has been away on duty in ROME since 14 Oct.46. Due to return early Nov.

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3 Oct. '46 The Adjutant General (Gen. Sir R.H O'CONNOR K.C.B., D.S.O., MC) paid a 3 days visit to FLORENCE.

6 Oct. '46 Brig. M.W. HOPE DSO paid a 3 days visit to FLORENCE and during his stay visited: -

GARIBALDI Regt.	(ROVEZZANO Bks FLORENCE)
CASA DEL SOLDATO	(FLORENCE)
7 INF. Regt.	(SCANDICCI Bks FLORENCE)
FOLGORE Eng. Bn.	(SCANDICCI Bks. FLORENCE)

Brig. and Mrs. HOPE also entertained Gen. and Mrs. PIALORSI and officers of 7 BLU to dinner on 8 Oct.

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2. "G"

(a) Organisation

Domestic (BLU)

(i) Sgt. BARKER, late Chief Clerk 7 BLU, at present on Release leave in UK, has applied to rejoin the Army and 7 BLU.
This matter has been taken up with O2S and was discussed with Lieut.Col. CURTIES.
His return is being closely followed up by this HQ.

(ii) With the close down of 217 Area it is considered that it will probably be necessary to make use of Italian channels of Communication, vide MMIA letter Ref. X500/1/1 of 4 Sept'46 and this HQ. letter ref. BLU/74 of 24 Oct.
This matter has been discussed with 7 T.C. and they are willing to put all their facilities at our disposal.

(iii) Italian. M.T.R.

(b) Employment of troops

(i) FOLGORE Div. Normal guard duties. Instructors have been sent to 7 Medical Coy at LUCCA to train recruits.
A field Hospital and disinfecting Unit has been sent to PORTO S. STEFANO to assist the civil authorities in an epidemic of typhoid fever.
Engineers have been sent to PORTO S. STEFANO to assist the civil authorities in repairing damage caused by a violent storm.

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(c) Training

(i) "FOLGORE" Div.

(a) Infantry. Two recruits Bns have completed Fl. Trg. and commenced Coy Trg. Field firing by sections has been carried out. Selected good shots have been trained on snipers rifle.

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One transport excercise on road column discipline has been made. Instruction on weapons and army regulations continue. P.T. and sports are carried out regularly. Old soldiers Bns. have carried out revision of individual trg, tactical route marches. Completed fire practices on rifle and LMG. Courses are being run for NCOs and W/T operators. Officers TEWTS are held weekly.

(b) Artillery. Three days live firing has been carried out on the range at BAGNO di CASCIANO, 1925 class recruits have commenced advanced Artillery training. Officer TEWTS are being run.

(c) Engineers. Continued first period of training for two sapper Coys. Pioneers and Signal personnel commenced second period of training. Recruits of 1925 class carried out infantry training including section approach and attack schemes. A driving course is being run for recruits holding civilian driving licenses.

(ii) 7 Inf. Regt.

Fifteen days intensive training has been carried out on a platoon level, approach, attack and defense schemes together with patrolling were performed. Three route marches of 20-24 Kms have been completed this week.
Weapon training on Italian Arms continues. A few British arms are held by each Coy and training is being carried out on these, remainder will be issued when this training is completed. Four Officers TEWTS have been held this month.

(iii) 7 Engineer Coy & 7 Signal Coy. Both Coys have completed rifle practices and all personnel have thrown three hand grenades. Anti gas training is being carried out. Signal Coy is carrying out specialist training on electrical theory. Engineer Coy is training on explosives and the erection of Bailey bridges.

(iv) General Reports have been received from both 7 Terr. Comd. and "FOLGORE" Div. on the training of recruits received from CARs. These reports were received too late to be included in this monthly report but will be forwarded separately in the next few days MMTA letter Trg/27 of 10 Sept. refers.

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(d) Intelligence.

(i) No coolness has been noted on the part of Italian officers or civilians although the local newspapers have published several articles against the alleged harsh treatment meted out to Italy in the peace treaty terms.

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3. "A"

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Deficiencies

Officers. 1 Capt. R.A.O.C.

ORs
RASC Sjt. 1
Duty NCO Sjt. 1
Cook ACC 1
RAOC L/Col. Clerk 1
REME L/Cpl. Clerk 1

(ii) Welfare.

Four Cinema shows and three dances have been held during the month at the ORs billet.
These were all well-attended and the farewell dance to G.R. & E on 4 Oct. were a great success.

(iii) Civil Labour.

A Sjt. Inspector from 2900 C.L.U. (BOLOGNA) visited the BLU on 30 Oct.
He was both helpful and highly satisfied with the accounting and administration of Civil Labour in the Unit.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in Strength

HQ. 7 Territorial Command	14%	below W/E
Medical Directorate	2%	" "
Vehicle Repair Directorate	15%	" "
Vet. and Remount Depot	19%	" "
Artillery Command	27%	" "
7 Inf. Regt.	54%	" "
VI Bns Group (US-ITI)	7%	" "
Engs. Coy (7 Sig. 7 Sappers)	4%	" "

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(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

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Officers.		2 Capt. R.A.C.C.
ORs	RASC Sjt.	1
	Duty NCO Sjt.	1
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(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

M.T. Drivers	8% below W/E
Mechanics	30% " "
+ Other Specialists	13% " "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, turners.

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(iii) Discipline. is definitely improving.

(iv) Pay. Nothing to report.

(v) Morale. The terms of the peace treaty and the alleged ingratefulness of the Allies for the help given by ITALY during the war is the cause of bad feeling.

(vi) Leave. Nothing to report.

(vii) Public Relations and Welfare.

(a) GSO I visited 7 CAR soldiers' Club (CASA DEL SOLDATO) at SIENNA on 24 Oct. and was satisfied that winter arrangements for Welfare and entertainment are well in hand.

(b) Italian Army Exhibition

A ceremony to open the Italian Army Exhibition took place on Sunday 13 Oct. at 1730 hrs in the PALAZZO VECCHIO and was well attended by the local authorities, both Civil and Military.
The exhibits are mostly photographs and maps showing the history of the Italian forces from the days of the C.I.L. to the present day. The whole Exhibition was very well displayed and showed clearly the continuous activities of the Italian Army since the liberation.
Many photographs were shown of Italians co-operating with British Commanders during the battle; these photographs usually included some ANILA representative.
There was a conspicuous absence of any photographs or mention of the King of Italy, throughout the complete exhibition.

(c) Ceremony at CASTEL DEL RIO Cemetery

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GSO I at the invitation of Gen. FIALORSI (Comd FOLGORE Inf. Div) went to CASTEL DEL RIO on Sunday 13 Oct. to attend a ceremony and Requiem Mass at the FOLGORE

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(a) GSO I visited 7 CAP. soldiers' Club (CASA DEL SOLDATO) at SIENA on 24 Oct. and was satisfied that winter arrangements for Welfare and entertainment are well in hand.

(b) Italian Army Exhibition

A ceremony to open the Italian Army Exhibition took place on Sunday 15 Oct. at 1730 hrs in the PALAZZO VECCHIO and was well attended by the local authorities, both Civil and Military.
These exhibits are mostly photographs and maps showing the history of the Italian forces from the days of the C.I.L. to the present day. The whole Exhibition was very well displayed and showed clearly the continuous activities of the Italian Army since the liberation.
Many photographs were shown of Italians co-operating with British Commanders during the battle; these photographs usually included some MMLA representative.
There was a conspicuous absence of any photographs or mention of the King of Italy, throughout the complete exhibition.

(c) Ceremony at CASTEL DEL RIO Cemetery

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GSO I at the invitation of Gen. PIALORSI (Comd FOLGORE Inf. Div) went to CASTEL DEL RIO on Sunday 15 Oct. to attend a ceremony and Requiem Mass at the FOLGORE Div. Cemetery, which is very well laid out and carred -for. There are 115 graves of all ranks, fallen during the period after the FOLGORE Div. had taken over the line from 6 Brit. Armd. Div. in Feb.45.
Italian General Officers present were:

Gen CERICA	(Comd 6 T.C. also Rep of M. of W)
Gen. MINGHINI	(Rep. Comd 7 T.C.)
Gen. RONCO	(former Comd NEMBO Div.)
Gen. MORIGI	(former Comd NEMBO, in CIL, & later of FOLGORE Combat Gp)
Gen. SCATTINI	(Inspector of Inf. M of W)

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Almost all Commanders Staff Officers, and many other officers of FOLGORE Div. were present, including former Bn. Comds of the SAN MARCO Regt. There was also a guard of honour, and Band, of the FOLGORE Div. and few ex-FOLGORE war- wounded.
Special arrangements had been made by FOLGORE Div. to transport bereaved members of soldiers' families to the cemetery of whom there were a considerable number.
The ceremony, which was most impressive, was conducted by the Vicar-General (MONSIGNOR ROSSI) who gave a stirring address, followed by Gen. PIALORSI, from the altar: followed later by a War widow who expressed gratitude on behalf of all bereaved present.
Copies of the FOLGORE Magazine, together with a Commemorative Medal and pictures, were presented to all present.
The ceremony was well reported in local papers (including the presence of the G.S.O. I) See also "PR Packet".

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In the meantime a Villa, as alternative accomodation for the Br. ORs of this Unit, is held requisitioned by the Town Major, BOLOGNA. This has been hitherto occupied by British personnel of C.R. & E and is in reasonably good order.

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The large deficiencies in tyres remain unchanged - the Ministry of War have been informed.

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Local civilian contracts have been made for the supply of fuel and food for the financial year.
The Military Bakery at RIFREDI has been fully repaired and will start to supply all Units in the FLORENCE Area on 1 Nov.46.
Contracts for the supply of fresh meat to troops in the FLORENCE Area, and pasta for troops in all 7 T.C. are under consideration.

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(v) Barrack Stores

Canvas mattresses and pillows are being manufactured and issued to Units as soon as they are made. 7 CAR is being given priority in these items.
All demands by 7 Terr. Command for tables and chairs have now been met.
Large quantities of salvaged barrack equipment has been received and are being checked.
Contracts have been made for the supply of drinking water, electricity and the cleaning of sewers for units in 7 Terr. Command.

(vi) Accommodation.

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A water tank has been installed and repairs carried out at ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO.
Fire fighting appliances have been installed at all stores and depots.
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(viii) Medical
A Field Hospital and disinfecting Unit of the FOLGORE Div. was sent to PORTO S. STEFANO (ORBETELLO) to assist

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civil population infected by typhoid fever.
Water installations at all barracks in 7 Terr. Comd. have been inspected during the month.
V.D. precautions have been increased. In cooperation with the QUESTURA infected women are detained.

13 Rail Trucks of captured Medical Equipment arrived at the ISTITUTO during the month of October.
52 Rail Trucks of Medical Stores and Equipment arrived from MERANO during October.
ENGLISH continue to occupy 5 buildings belonging to the ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO MILITARE, which are urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities for Storage and Machinery coming from MERANO and Allied Sources. See previous Reports.

(ix) Miscellaneous.
An Engineer Unit and supplies from the FOLGORE Div. have been sent to PORTO S. STEFANO to assist the civil population stricken by a storm.

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LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

OFFICE	No. 1 PIAZZA DELLA STAZIONE - FLORENCE	
Lt. Col. MARKUS	Via LORENZO MAGNIFICO 10	Tel. 293601
Major GREGSON	Villino "VILLA PRIMAVERA"	Tel. 293638
Major HAMILTON	Via LORENZO MAGNIFICO 10	Tel. 293601
Capt. STEPHENS	Via LORENZO MAGNIFICO 10	Tel. 293601
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Capt. NELSON	BOLOGNA	

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND DOWN TO PBS OR EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
Hq. 7 Inf. Regt.	FLORENCE	III-III
1st Bn. (ex 509)	FLORENCE	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
3rd Bn (ex 512 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
Mortars Coy	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. 7 C.A.R.	SIENA	" "
1st Bn	SIENA	" "
2nd Bn.	SIENA	" "
3rd Bn.	AREZZO	" "
Hq. FOLGORE Inf. Div	FLORENCE	" "
Nembo Regt.	PISTOIA	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
"GA. EBALDI" Inf. Regt.	ROVEZZANO	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	ROVEZZANO	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	ROVEZZANO	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	COVERCIANO	" "
184 Art.Regt. Hq.	LUCCA	" "
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No.5 17-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 6 40 m/m A.A. Bty	PISA	" "
184 Engr. Bn. Hq. FOLGORE	FLORENCE	" "
Central School	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. 3 Brigade	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. Mob. Bns. Group	FLORENCE	" "
FLORENCE Legion	FLORENCE	" "
Art. Group	FLORENCE	" "
Int. Group	FLORENCE	" "
PISTOIA Group	PISTOIA	" "
AREZZO Group	AREZZO	" "
SIENA Group	SIENA	" "
LEGHORN Legion	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	MASSA	" "
CC. Group	GROSSETO	" "
CC. Group	LUCCA	" "

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STAFF LIST 7 B.L.U. as at 1.11.46

General Staff

G.S.O. I.	Lieut. Col. C.C. MARKS	L. Fus.
G.S.O. II.	Major H.W. HAMILTON	Buffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	Major D.S.I. CRUICKSHANK, MBE	5 Inns. D.G.

Services.

S & T	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TAPHAM	R.A.S.C.
REME	Capt. P.H. NELSON	R.E.M.E.

Attached

MEDICAL L.O.	Capt. H.Q. STEPHENS, MBE	R.A.M.C.

Appendix "D" to 7 BLU letter
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REPORT on 7 C.A.R. for month ending 31 Oct.1946

1. Personnel

(a) 2927 recruits are under training at 7 C.A.R. As reported last month recruits continue to arrive in small batches throughout the course: these late arrivals will necessitate the training course continuing throughout the monthly break at the end of the normal course. The disorganisation caused both in training programmes and in clothing and rationing problems can well be imagined.

(b) The situation of instructors , is steadily improving. Deficiencies are now only two Warrant Officer instructors. 7 C.A.R. have been notified to expect about 5000 recruits at the next course.

2. Accommodation.

(a) Barracks are in first class condition.

(b) Extensive work to the water supply system of LA MARMORA Barracks has now been completed and no more major repairs are envisaged.

(c) Fresh improvements are noted at each visit for the general "brightening up" of the barracks especially in canteens and messes.

(d) The soldiers club CASA DEL SOLDATO in SIENA is steadily improving as funds become available. It has now been decided that major alteration will not be necessary in preparing a dance hall at this club (as reported last month) but that the present rooms on the first floor of the club can be used satisfactorily for this purpose.

3. Training.

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A 300x. open range was completed near SIENA on 2 Oct. 46 and is in use.

(c) The present course is due to finish on the 15 November 1946.
A 300 yard and a 30 yard range at AREZZO are nearing completion.

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4. Equipment

A large percentage of small arms have been rendered u/s by the lack of spare parts. Apart from recruits not being able to zero their rifles, L.M.G.s are now in such a poor state that the same selected guns are used, continuously, for range practises. The greater part of these defects could be repaired by unit armourers if only they had the spares. If these same, overworked, automatic weapons are to be used without repair for the next course, training will be seriously hampered.

5. Clothing.

The arrival of Winter uniform has been advised to 7 C.A.R. They will be issued about the middle of November.
Great-coats are of different types both khaki and the short dark green type. To ensure uniformity of dress the 3rd Bn. at AREZZO has been issued with all the short dark green coats, whilst the other two Bns. at SIENA have all khaki greatcoats.

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(c) 24 Oct.46 GSO I 7 BLD visited 7 C.A.R.(See separate Report BLD/25 of 25 Oct.)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Major
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Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 Oct. 1946

1. GENERAL.

(a) Romantic (RLU)

(i) Capt. P. NELSON REID was granted 7 days local leave w.e.f. 13 Sept.

(ii) No. 14025328 L/Cpl. HALFORD K. was promoted Cpl. w.e.f. 1 Sept to fill an existing vacancy in W.E.

(iii) No. 14069298 Pte TWEED K. was promoted L/Cpl. w.e.f. 1 Sept vice L/Cpl. HALFORD promoted Cpl.

(iv) No. 14169926 Pte FUSSEL RAOC reported for duty as a clerk on 9 Sept.

(v) L/Cpl. TWEED reported for duty ex leave UK on 25 Sept.

NOTE. Private letters from Lieut. Col. MARKES indicate that he should arrive VILLACH 3rd or 4th Oct. and should be in FLORENCE approx 7th Oct.

(b) British.

(i) 309 Transit Camp closed down w.e.f. 10 Sept and has been transferred to RICCIONE. See Annex "F" of this report

(ii) 2909 C.L.U. closed down w.e.f. 25 Sept. This Unit is now in BOLOGNA.

(iii) On 6th Sept. a conference was held at this Office to discuss the future policy for the administration of British Tps remaining in FLORENCE after Sept 10th.
Present - AA & QMG 21 Area
OC G.R. & E
OC A.S.C.
DAA & QMG
Capt RASC } 7 B.L.U.

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Admin instructions were subsequently drawn up by 7 BLU and are working satisfactorily.

(iv) G.R. & E are moving from FLORENCE to PARMA on

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Cpl. w.e.f. 1 Sept to fill an existing vacancy in W.E.

(iii) No. 14069293 Pte TWEED K. was promoted L/Cpl. w.e.f. 1 Sept vice L/Cpl. HALFORD promoted Cpl.

(iv) No. 14163126 Pte RUSSEL RASC reported for duty as a clerk on a 9 Sept.

(v) L/Cpl. TWEED reported for duty ex leave UK on 25 Sept.

NOTE. Private letters from Lieut. Col. MARKS indicate that he should arrive VILLACH 3rd or 4th Oct. and should be in FLORENCE approx 7th Oct.

(b) British.

(i) 309 Transit Camp closed down w.e.f. 10 Sept and has been transferred to BOLOGNA. See Appx "F" of this report

(ii) 2900 C.L.U. closed down w.e.f. 26 Sept. This Unit is now in BOLOGNA.

(iii) On 6th Sept. a conference was held at this Office to discuss the future policy for the administration of British Tps remaining in FLORENCE after Sept 10th.
Present - AA & QMG 217 Area
CC G.R. & E
CC A.S.C.
DAA & QMG, Capt RASC } 7 B.L.U.

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Again instructions were subsequently drawn up by 7 BLU and are working satisfactorily.

(iv) G.R. & E are moving from FLORENCE to ROME sometime before 15th Oct.

(c) Italian.

(i) Lieut. FRANCHINI was granted 7 days local leave w.e.f. 7 Sept'46.

(ii) On 27 Sept a party of 10 Italian wives of Br. soldiers reported to this HQ. for repatriation to UK, to rejoin their husbands.

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Their documentation was inspected and they were eventually despatched to BOLOGNA where they were to be met by 217 Area.
This was quite a party as each wife arrived with at least 6 relations!!

(d) Visits and Liaison.

The programme of visits interrupted by the Elections and the hot weather have been recommenced with the approval of General MC SIDNEY.

4th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 AIREM. TRANSPORT COY - FORTEZZA DA BASSO FLORENCE	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 5 Sept'46 ref.
4th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 AMB. CAR SECTION - FLORENCE	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 5 Sept'46 ref.
16th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited UFFICIO SERVIZI "POLIZIE" Div. FLORENCE	
17th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - FLORENCE	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 19 Sept'46 ref.
19th Sept'46 A/Q and G90 II visited CC.RR. GENERAL SCHOOL and MOBILE Bn. FLORENCE	See CC.RR. report forwarded under
19th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 77 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - ANCONA	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref.
20th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 75 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - PESARO	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref
23th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 6 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - BOLOGNA	See HLU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref.
26th Sept'46 G90 II visited HQ. 2nd and 3rd Bn. Mortar Coy. Support Coy of the 88th Regt. at PISTOIA.	See Annx "C" to this Report.
28th Sept'46 A/Q and G90 II accompanied by Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI Asst C. of S. 7 T.C. visited 7 C.A.R. SIENA.	See Annx "D" to this report

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4th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 ARMY. TRANSPORT COY - FORTEZZA DA BASSO FLORENCE — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 5 Sept'46 ref.

4th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 M.B. CAR SECTION - FLORENCE — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 5 Sept'46 ref.

16th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited UFFICIO SERVIZI "TELEFONI" Div. FLORENCE

17th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 7 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - FLORENCE — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 19 Sept'46 ref.

19th Sept'46 A/Q and GSO II visited CC.RR. CENTRAL SHOPS, and MOBILE Hr. FLORENCE — See CC.RR. report forwarded under

19th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 77 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - ARCONA — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref.

20th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 76 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - FERRARO — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref.

23th Sept'46 S & T Officer visited No. 6 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - BOLOGNA — See ELU/ST/G 10 of 26 Sept'46 ref.

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28th Sept'46 A/Q and GSO II accompanied by Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI Asst C. of S. 7 T.C. visited 7 C.A.R. SIENA. — See Appx "D" to this report

30th Sept'46. G.O.C. 13CIA
Brig. M.W. HOPE D.S.O.
Col. NORMAN E. FISHER
were present at a Field Firing exercise carried out by the POLACHE Div.
GSO II was present from 7 B.L.E.

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(a) Organisation

Domestic.

(i) Consequent to the necessity of opening a D.I.M. at this HQ. a local civilian, Mrs. PONZI, has been employed extra to W.E.
This employment was sanctioned by 217 Area.

(ii) Also consequent to the above and the necessity of office space for the APO and Detachment R. Sigs, a rearrangement of the offices has been carried out. Changes in telephone numbers are as follows: -

		Office	Residence
1	DA & QMG	293619	293620
2	GSO II	293620	Office Mess 293601
3	R. Sigs & APO	293655	
4	W.O. Grd.	No telephone	
5	Typists Pool	293621	

(iii) Italian: N.I.L.

(b) Employment of Tps.

(i) PALERMO Div. Great efforts have been made to keep employed troops to a minimum in order to train maximum numbers. The following services have been carried out: - normal guard duties on barracks, escorts for recruits assigned to II C.A.R. at PALERMO, instructors to train recruits of 7 Medical Coy at LARICA.

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(ii) 7 Inf. Regt.

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	Office	Residence
1 DAA & QMG	293619	293628
2 G(O) II	293620	Offrs Mess 293601
3 R. Sigs & APO	293655	
4 W.O. Cmd.	No telephone	
5 Typists Pool	293621	

(iii) Italians: N.T.R.

(b) Employment of Tps.

(i) FIUME Dist. Great efforts have been made to keep employed troops to a minimum in order to train maximum numbers. The following services have been carried out: - normal guard duties on barracks, escorts for recruits assigned to 11 C.A.R. at PALMAN, instructors to train recruits of 7 Medical Coy at LUCCA.

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(ii) 7 Inf. Regt.
A recruit Bn. has been formed in the regiment who are exempt from all duties other than training. The following services have been carried out: normal guard duties ; station duties under Italian R.T.O. at FIUME station; general duties in barracks.

(iii) 107 Signal Coy.
All trained soldiers employed as exchange and W/T operators.

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(iv) 107 Engineer Coy

24 of the 30 trained soldiers were employed on general permanent duties.

(c) Training.

Recruits Bns

(i) General. One recruits training bn. has been formed in each regiment, at the beginning of this month these bns. had attained a standard of individual training. During the month section training has been completed and first exercises in attack and defence on a platoon level have been carried out. Training has included patrols, street fighting and river crossing. Two firing practises with each rifle, BREN and TEZ have been carried out.

(ii) Trained Bns.

Have carried out live field firing exercises on section and platoon levels. Each Coy has carried out a company exercise with supporting Mortar platoon, without firing.
One company supported by 3" Mortar platoon and M.M.G. platoon carried out a live firing exercise.

(iii) Artillery.

Recruits from C.A.R. are concentrated in one group and are concentrating on gun drill and theoretical battery tactical training. Two firing practises on each BREN, rifle and TEZ have been completed.
Courses for L/Cpl. and M.T. drivers are in progress.
Trained soldiers are carrying out group tactical training.

(iv) 7 Inf. Regt.

The recruits bn. moved to the Area M. FRATONE POGGIO ALLE TORRE for a period of 13 days training from 7-20 Sept. The following

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Courses for L/Cpl. and M.T. drivers are in progress.
Trained soldiers are carrying out group tactical training.

(iv) 7 Inf. Regt.

The recruits bn. moved to the Area M. FRATONE POGGIO ALLE TERRINE for a period of 15 days training from 7-28 Sept. The following training has been performed:-
Attack, defense and consolidation on a pl. level, together with wood fighting; two route marches of 18 Kms. Weapon training on both British and Italian Arms, two rifle practises.
Weapon training courses are being run for both officers and NCOs.

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(d) Intelligence.

(i) No officers have noticed the "coolness"

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discussed so much recently, with either Italian Officers or civilians.
The reception we received from both Col. CHIJIVA and his staff and Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI, during the visit to the C.A.R. could not have been more cordial and ecoperative .
Capt. RASO reports that he always receives the greatest possible cooperation and hospitality during his tours.
Br. ORs however state that they have noticed a slight "cooling off" in their relations with Italian friends but state this is rapidly disappearing.

(ii) Rumours still persist amongst the ORs of the POLOGNE that they are to change stations with the FRIULI Div. No official intimation of this, either from British or Italian sources has been received.

3. "A"

(a) Domestic (BLN)

(i) Deficiencies

ORs	RASC Sjt.	1
	Duty NCO Sjt	1
	Cook ACC	1
	RACC L/Cpl Clerk	1
	REME L/Cpl Clerk	1

(ii) Welfare

On the close down and transfer of 309 Transit Camp it was possible to obtain a quantity of Welfare Stores. These comprised sofas, easy chairs, tables and above all a good billiard table which is extremely popular.
Arrangements have been made whereby a Mobile Cinema visits the ORs billet every Friday.
So far two shows have been given and both were excellent.
They were well attended by other Units in FLORENCE, and their friends.
After the Cinema performance on 27th, an all ranks dance was held, this was most successful and it is proposed to hold these dances once a fortnight throughout the winter.

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3. "A"

(a) Domestic (HLU)

(i) Deficiencies

ORs	RASC Sjt.	1
	Duty NCO Sjt	1
	Cook ACC	1
	RAOC L/Cpl Clerk	1
	REME L/Cpl Clerk	1

(ii) Welfare

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A farewell dance to G.R. & E is being given on 4 Oct.

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(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in Strength

HQ. 7 Territorial Command	21%	below W/E
Medical Directorate	7%	" "
Vehicle Repair Directorate	45%	" "
Vet.and Remount Depot	19%	" "
Artillery Command	38%	" "
Engineer Command	50%	" "
7 Inf. Regt.	51%	" "
HQ. 7 C.I.R.	10%	" "

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(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

MT Drivers	50%	below W/E
Mechanics	30%	" "
Artificers	40%	" "
W.T. Operator	10%	" "
Telephonists	10%	" "
+ Other Specialists	20%	" "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, pipefitters, turners.

(iii) Discipline. Much improved owing to the discharge of older classes.
Young soldiers find it somewhat difficult to understand the necessity for discipline, but are very well behaved on the whole.

(iv) Pay. Still many grouses as the cost of living is stated to be rising.

(v) Morale. The internal Italian situation, far more than external affairs, has a depressing effect generally.
This is reflected in the Army and all ranks are worried as to the future.

(vi) Leave. No difficulties reported.

(vii) Public Relations.
Press. The press appears to be lethargic towards the Army, except that some attacks on officers appeared in communist papers.

4. "Q"

(a) Domestic (MT)

(i) Transport For full details see return submitted under ref BLU/23 dated 1 Oct'46. See Appx "Q" to this Report
No replacement has as yet been received for MMP W.D. M 5905872.
All possible sources have been explored with a view to replacing this vehicle, but without success.
In view of the [illegible]

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+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, tanners.

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Young soldiers find it somewhat difficult to understand the necessity for discipline, but are very well behaved on the whole.

(iv) Pay. Still many grouses as the cost of living is stated to be rising.

(v) Morale. The internal Italian situation, far more than external affairs, has a depressing effect generally.
This is reflected in the Army and all ranks are worried as to the future.

(vi) Leave. No difficulties reported.

(vii) Public Relations.
Press. The press appears to be lethargic towards the Army, except that some attacks on officers appeared in communist papers.

4. "Q"

(a) Domestic (MLU)

(i) Transport. For full details see return submitted under ref MLU/25 dated 1 Oct'46. — See App "J" to this report
No replacement has as yet been received for MIP W.D. M 5905872.
All possible sources have been explored with a view to replacing this vehicle, but without success.
In view of the largely increased commitments of this unit, the replacement of this vehicle has become vital. This will be discussed with Lieut. Col. CURTIS on his visit to FLORENCE on 6 Oct. — See our letter MLU/23 dtd 2 Oct refers

(ii) Accomodation. During the month the following moves from the Excelsior Hotel have taken place.

A/Q and Family to WILLINO - Villa PRIMAVERA

Maj. H. HAMILTON) to Officers Mess
Capt. STEVENS) No. 10 Lorenzo Magnifico

Capt. LOCKWOOD TAPHAM to No. 32 Pian dei Giullari.

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Unfortunately the owner of the Villa [illegible]
and VILLINO has reappeared in FLORENCE. He is
a Hebrew Gentleman but an American Citizen.
I had a long interview with him and he is willing
to let us keep both premises till 31 Dec.
This matter will be fully discussed with Lt. Col.
CURTIS on his visit.

(b) Italian.

(i) Transport.
Many tyres still deficient, especially for lighter vehicles.

(ii) Arms & Ammunition.
British arms have arrived in 7 T.C. and are being checked.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment.
6000 wool uniforms, K.D., are being manufactured for 7 C.A.R. and 7 T.C.

(iv) Rations.
Reserves of forage and wood are being accumulated for 1946/47.

(v) Barrack Stores.
See Ord. Report - Appx "F".

(vi) Accommodation.

(a) FLORENCE. Work carried out.

-Repair of NOVELLI sheds (Military Geographical Institute)
-Repair to Vitt. Emanuele Barracks (CC. Central School)
-Water installation for Mess of NOVELLANO Barracks. (GARIBALDI Regt)
-Water installation at ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO.

Work being carried out.

-Repairs at GUIDONIA Barracks (Commissary)
-Building of a tank for fire precautions at ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO.
-Repairs to fire equipment of Commissariat Stores(V.R. GIULIANI)
-Repairs to Vittorio Veneto Barracks (Medical School)

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(b) Italian.

(i) Transport.
Many tyres still deficient, especially for lighter vehicles.

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(iii) Clothing and Equipment.
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(iv) Rations.
Reserves of forage and wood are being accumulated for 1946/47.

(v) Barrack Stores.
See Ord. Report - Appx "F".

(vi) Accommodation.

(a) FLORENCE. Work carried out.

-Repair of MICHELI sheds (Military Geographical Institute)
-Repair to Vitt. Emanuele Barracks (CC. Central School)
-Water installation for Mess of RUFFERANO Barracks. (GARIBALDI Regt)
-Water installation at ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO.

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(b) SIENA. Work carried out.
LA MANNORA Barracks -Water installation
MAZZINI Barracks. Various works.
Ranges. Built up.

(c) AREZZO. Work at CADORNA Barracks carried out.
Repairs of roof at PIAVE Barracks and building of ranges.

(d) PISAOIA. FORNOVAIS Barracks. Work to fencing wall and roof carried out.

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LEVANTO. DEL PONTE Barracks. Work carried out.

PISA. Ex MULTEDA Barracks- Terraces being repaired.

(vii) P.O.L. and Tyres.

Percentage of oil for motor is increased from 3.5% to 4.1%. This percentage is still insufficient owing to the bad condition of the vehicles.
It is requested 5 - 6% be allotted. There is difficulty in drawing P.O.L. from CIP with barrels, this wastes time.
The Ministry of War have promised to assign a tank - lorry.

(viii) Medical.

Water installations of the barracks inspected.
The use of D.D.T. as antifly and antimosquito measures appears to be most satisfactory.
Antivenereal precautions have been increased in cooperation with Questura for indentifying women infected.
Many vaccinations have been carried out.

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BSU/20, dated 4 Oct 45

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.S.U.

OFFICE	No. 1 PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA - FLORENCE
Lt. Col. MARSH	On leave U.K.
Major GORDON	Villino "Villa PRIMAVERA"- Tel. 293638
Major HAMILTON	Via Lorenzo Magnifico No.10- " 293621
Capt WHITEHEAD	Via Lorenzo Magnifico No.10- " "
Capt TATHAM	Via Pian dei Giullari No.38 No telephone as yet
Capt. NELSON	BOLOGNA

British O.R's at VILLA PRIMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 293624.

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Appendix "A" to 7 Div letter
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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 DIVISIONAL

COMMAND DOWN TO BDE OR EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
		DIV-DIV
Eq. 7 Inf. Regt.	FLORENCE	" "
1st Bn. (ex 909)	FLORENCE	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
Mortars Coy	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. 7 C.A.T.	SIENA	" "
1st Bn.	SIENA	" "
2nd Bn.	SIENA	" "
3rd Bn.	AREZZO	" "
Hq. POLAND Inf. Div.	FLORENCE	" "
Hembo Reg.	PESCIA	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	PESCIA	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	PESCIA	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	PESCIA	" "
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	ROVEREDO	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	ROVEREDO	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	ROVEREDO	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	COVIGLIAIO	" "
184 Art. Rgt. Hq.	LUCCA	" "
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 5 17-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 6 40 m/m A.A. Bty	PISA	" "
184 Engr. Bn. Hq. FULGORA	FLORENCE	" "
Central School	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. 3 Brigade	FLORENCE	" "
Hq. Mob. Maa. Group	FLORENCE	" "
FLORENCE Legion	FLORENCE	" "
Ent. Group	FLORENCE	" "
Int. Group	FLORENCE	" "
PISTOIA Group	PISTOIA	" "
AREZZO Group	AREZZO	" "
SIENA Group	SIENA	" "
LEGHORN Legion	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	LEGHORN	" "
CC. Group	MASSA	" "
CC. Group	GROSSETO	" "
CC. Group	LUCCA	" "

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Appendix "F" to 7 RAU letter
RAU/20 dated 4 Oct'46

STAFF LIST 7 R.A.U. as at 1.9.46.

General Staff

G.S.O. I.	Lieut. Col. G.C. [illegible]	L. Fus.
G.S.O. II.	Major H.W. HAMILTON	Buffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	Major D.S.I. GRIGSON, MBE	5 Inns. R.Ir.

Services.

S & T.	Capt. C.W. L. LOCKWOOD TATTAM	RASC
REME	Capt. P.H. WILSON	REME

Attached

MEDICAL I.O.	Capt. H.G. [illegible], MBE	RAMC

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF GENERALS ON DUTY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

RANK	ARM	NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases			
Decreases		N. C.	
Amendments			

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GENERALS ON DUTY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAMES	APPOINTMENT
N. C.	

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ADDENDA TO THE LIST OF OFFICERS ON DUTY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

RANK	ARM	NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases		M. C.	
Decreases			
Col.	Inf.	VASOLI Pietro	Transferred to Territorial Comm
Col.	Art.	PENTAGNA Saverio	Assigned to the Reserve
Col.	Art.	GRICCIOLI Mario	Assigned to the Reserve
Amendments			
Col.	Art.	ORSANO Enrico	(Already at disposal) - Assigned
Col.	Inf.	FERRARI Fernando	Comportamento Sottufficiali dell
Col.	Art.	TEZO' Adamo	From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To Milit
Col.	Art.	QUESTA Enrico	From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To Gp. Inf
			From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To Gp. Inf

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Appendix "C" to 7 B.L.U. letter
BLU/20 dated 1st September 1946

OFFICERS ON DUTY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
I. C.	
FASOLI Pietro	Transferred to Territorial Command - UDINE
PENTAGNA Saverio	Assigned to the Reserve
GRICCIOLI Mario	Assigned to the Reserve
CESARO Enrico	(Already at disposal) - Assigned to President Commissione Roma Compartamento Sottufficiali della TOSCANA
FERRARI Fernando	From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To Military District - FLORENCE
TELO' Adamo	From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To 84 Inf. Depot
QUESTA Enrico	From HQ 7 Terr.Comd. - To 84 Inf. Depot

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ATTACHED TO THE LIST OF LT.COLS. ON JULY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

RANK	ARM	NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases			
Lt.Col.	Engr.	BACIALLI Gianfranco	Military Engineer Works Director
Lt.Col.	Art.	FERRARA Alberto	Military District of FLORENCE
Lt.Col.	Inf.	GALLINA Pietro	Military Geographical Institute
Lt.Col.	Inf.	FIORIO Antonio Riccardo	H.Q. 7 Territorial Command
Lt.Col.	Cav.	VITUCCI Giovanni	Reinforcement Remount Depot - G
Lt.Col.	Art.	MORRU Enzo	Military District - GROSSETO
Decreases			
Lt.Col.	Art.	PETRUCCI Luigi	Extra leave of 75 days
Lt.Col.	Inf.	RUGGERIS Luigi	Assigned to the Reserve
Lt.Col.	Art.	GARDINI Augusto	Extra leave of 60 days
Lt.Col.	Art.	SAZZARINO Domenico	Put out F.E. as acting civilian
Lt.Col.	Inf.	INTELANTE Michele	Assigned to the Reserve
Amendments			
Lt.Col.	Comm.	ROCHINI Giorgio	From detached Section of Lw... Directorate, FLORENCE.

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...OLS. ON ITY WITH 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
BACIALLI Gianfranco FERRARA Alberto GALLINA Pietro FLORES Antonio Ricardo VITUCCI Giovanni MORO Enzo	Military Engineer Works Directorate Military District of FLORENCE Military Geographical Institute H.Q. 7 Territorial Command Reinforcement Remount Depot - GROSSETO Military District - GROSSETO
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MELFORT Giorgio	From detached Section of LIVORNO Commissariat to Commissariat Directorate, FLORENCE.

Appendix "F" to 7 BLW letter
BLW/20 dated 4 Oct 46

REPORT ON 7 C.A.R. FOR MONTH ENDING 30 SEPT'46

1. Personnel

(a) Great difficulty has been experienced through recruits not arriving punctually at the commencement of the course. They continue to arrive in "dribs and drabs" throughout the course, e.g. during the week ending 29 Sept.46 (a month after the course started) some 300 arrived. The outcome of this is that their training extends through the month normally allotted to leave and reorganization of C.A.R. personnel.

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(c) Col. SCELTVA, whose opinion is generally sound, is absolutely against a monthly call up.

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Three Coys of each 1st and 2nd Bn. 7 C.A.R. are now located at LA MARMORA Barracks. Fourth Coys of these Bns are accommodated, one at PIAVE Barracks and one at MAZZINI Barracks, SIENA:
3rd Bn. 7 CAR remains in the original location at CADORNA Barracks AREZZO.

3. Training.

The construction of 30 x ranges in the vicinity of LA MARMORA Barracks, SIENA has caused some unrest amongst the civilian population.
A letter on this subject was received from the Mayor of SIENA asking that these ranges be removed.
This letter was referred to 7 Terr. Command for their action.
The Mayor of SIENA has also put this matter up to the Ministry of War and, it is understood, has received a most unsympathetic reply.

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4. Equipment.

(a) 7 C.A.R. are at a loss as to how much they should charge a recruits for British equipment lost or destroyed by him through negligence, as they have no price list of the Br. equipment issued.
Will you please forward a price list.

See 7 BLU letter BLU/35/2 dtd 3 Oct.1946 ref.

(b) great drive against V.D. is being carried out in .A.R. Posters are shown in the barracks and quent lectures are given.

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The C.O. and M.O. are most anxious to procure Allied V.D. films as they now have a cinema projector.
I think the idea is excellent and would be most grateful if films could be sent to this HQ. for issue.

6. Welfare.

The soldier's Club at the ex "CASA DEL PUEBLO" continues to provide entertainment and recreation for troops of 7 C.A.R. During the Summer months dancing was held three times weekly in the garden.
This will not be possible in the winter and plans are being investigated as to the possibility of knocking down the walls of several rooms on the first floor in order to make a large ballroom. A request for funds for this purpose will be put up to the Ministry of War in the near future.

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GUIDANCE WARRANT OFFICERS REPORT
for MONTH OF SEPT'46

1. The Servizio Commissariato has now completed the major part of it's reorganisation and re-allocation to new accommodation, in respect of it's Ord Services. Their Depots, Stores and Shops have also been re-designated.

2. 7. Clothing and Equipment Depot.

Transferred from FORTEZZA DA BASSO to IPPOLITO NIEVO, RIFREDI and re-designated: -

GENERAL MILITARY DEPOT, Clothing & Equipment.

3. 7. Repair Shop.

Transferred from Piazza San Pancrazio to Ippolito Nievo, RIFREDI and re-designated:-

7 RECOVERY & MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

4. 7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

Transferred from Piazza San Pancrazio to Ippolito Nievo, Rifredi and re-designated: -

7 PRINCIPAL BARRACK STORES.

5. 7 Salvage Depot

Amalgamated with, and becomes a part of 7 RECOVERY & MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

6. Owing to these transfers the question of Visits have of necessity had to be waived but a watching brief is still being kept. The new Recovery Manufacturing Centre should prove to be a great asset to the Italian Army and its progress will be guided and build, as near as possible, upon the lines of the British Clothing and Repair Factory.

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Ordnance Warrant Officer

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BLU/20 dated 4 Oct. 1946

Special Admin. Report.

MMIA letter Q 290 dated 10 Sept. para 4 and this HQ. letter ref.BLU/9 dtd 18 Sept'46 to MMIA refer.

1. PERSONNEL.

Below is given a list of Units that as from 10 Sept. have in a greater or lesser degree been and continue to be administered by this HQ.

(a) G.R. & E.
(b) Screening Commission.
(c) Det. R. Sigs.
(d) 2900 C.I.U.
(e) Det. Field Amb. & 2 Ambulances
(f) Conservancy transport vehicle.
(g) Italian born wives of British personnel.

These number some 25, most of whose husbands have already proceeded to UK on Release and these ladies are awaiting instructions to join them.
A large number of these wives draw both rations and N.F.I. supplies through 7 B.L.U. and it has been necessary to open a small D.I.D. at this HQ. to supply them. These rations are all on repayment and the accounting takes a considerable time, as does the "break down" and issue.
In addition to the above we also run the A.P.O. for FLORENCE.

2. SUPPLIES.

Briefly the system of supply is as follows:-
(a) On Mondays of each week, one weeks dry rations, fresh rations for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, animal fodder and fuel are all sent down for the FLORENCE Garrison by 217 Area.
This load requires appox 5-3 tonners which are supplied by 217 Area.
On arrival G.R. & E. and Screening Commission collect their supplies and the balance is distributed under unit arrangements to the sub units of 7 B.L.U.

(i) Officers Mess
(ii) ORs Mess
(iii) Married Officers
(iv) D.I.D. for Italian wives

(b) On Wednesdays GR & E supply transport and collect from RASC BOLOGNA.

(i) Fresh rations for Thursdays and Fridays
(ii) NFI supplies.

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On arrival these are distributed as in para 1 above.

(c) On Fridays G.R. & E supply transport and collect from RASC BOLOGNA.

(i) Fresh rations for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

(ii) Ord. Stores (if any)

It will be appreciated that the above has thrown a considerable amount of extra work on this HQ.
With the existing Staff this can be coped with. Should however, the Capt RASC be withdrawn, it would be absolutely essential for

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a competent NCO (RASC) to be posted to the Unit.

3. TRANSPORT.

Another problem that may arise in the near future is that of transport.
It is understood that 217 Area will commence to "Run Down" as from 1st Nov. next and that G.R. & E will move to ROME shortly. I have been informed that on the closing down of 217 Area, the D.I.D. will move from BOLOGNA to either RICCIONE or RIMINI and that a new area or sub Area will be formed at one of these places.
Both these places are approx. 6½ hours run from FLORENCE and probably longer in the winter months.
Whilst Monday's supplies will probably continue to be sent from either RICCIONE or RIMINI, on the departure of G.R.& E, Wednesday's and Friday's runs will presumably have to be carried out, by this unit. In view of the length of the journey it may be policy to combine Wednesdays' and Fridays' runs to one journey, probably on Wednesdays returning Thursdays.
The somewhat partcarn 15 Cwt on HE of this HQ. is only sufficient for local domestic needs and it is requested therefore that the 3 tonner referred to in MMA letter ref. Q 290 dated 10 Sept be issued as soon as possible.

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It is fully appreciated that the system of supply may be changed or that outlying units such as this one, may be on subsistence allowance in the not too distant future, but the foregoing is reported in order that we do not suddenly find ourselves with transport commitments that we are unable to carry out.

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letter BLN/20 dtd 4 Oct'46

REPORT ON VISIT TO "RENSO" REGT.

On 26 Sept'46 GSO II visited HQ. "RENSO" Regt. at FIENCIA at CATERSGOTTEN Barracks accompanied by Col. CAMPESO, Regt. Comdr.

Accomodation. These Barracks, previously occupied by Arty Regt. of "FULGORE" Div, are not in a good state of repair. Much work has been carried out during the last two months chiefly to make the roofs weatherproof for the winter. Nearly all windows are without glass and are covered with masking. Col. CAMPESO is justly worried that unless glass is fitted it will be impossible to keep these barracks warm in the winter, this matter is being taken up with 7 Territorial Command.
In spite of the bad state of the barracks every effort has been made to maintain a high standard of cleanliness. Barrack rooms were spotless and and mens' kits neatly laid out.

Arms A large number of small arms are kept in Coy stores, this being due to the fact that the regiment is approx 50% under strength. Rifles, brens and T. SMGs are kept well oiled with barrels packed with grease. A large percentage of LMGs have been returned to Ordnance as u/s owing to the complete lack of any kinds of spare parts, it is estimated that 90% of these weapons could have been made serviceable by unit armourers if spares had been available.

Ammo. Ammunition other than that issued to troops is stored well and correctly and is frequently inspected.

Rations. Recruits arriving from C.A.R. are very satisfied with their meals, they say that the quality and quantity of food received in the regiment is superior to that of C.A.R.

Welfare. Adequate ORs Canteens are running, such furniture as there is has been made within the regiment as only a very small grant of money was given to start these canteens.
The impression gained from speaking with recruits was that although they find their quarters less comfortable than they had at C.A.R. they prefer life in the regiment where they are more free from parades and they find section and platoon training more interesting. They show great enthusiasm for any exercise that involves live firing and instructors are continually having to emphasise to them the lesson of caution of exposing themselves to fire

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5 Sept'46

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To : M.M.I.A.A.

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 Sept 1946

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Major H.W. HAMILTON (GSOII) was admitted to 32 CRS, FLORENCE on 3 August 46. Reported for duty 11 August 1946.

(ii) L/Cpl. HAYWARD P. (S.L.I.) discharged from Hospital and returned for duty 3 August 1946.

(iii) Major D.S.L. GREGSON (DAA & QMG) returned from compassionate Home leave, with his family on 5 August 46.

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(viii) Gnr. TWEED K. (Clerk) proceeded to UK. on 19 days PRIVILEAVE on 26 August 1946.

(b) British.

(i) Petrol Point, FLORENCE closed at 2359 hrs. 4 Aug.46 Arrangements have been made for MMIA officers to draw P.OL. from this HQ. BLU/57 of 20 Aug'46 refers

(ii) 64 Coy R.A.S.C. Supply Point closed at 1800hrs 5 August 46. Rations are now drawn from 309 Transit Camp FLORENCE.

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(i) Lt. STORACE (Italian L.O.) proceeded on 7 days local leave w.e.f. 12 August 46.

(ii) Lt. FRANCHINI (Italian L.O.) commenced 14 days

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attachment to 7 Terr. Command w.e.f. 15 Aug'46
7 Terr. Command requested this attachment to
replace their own interpreter during his leave.

(d) Visits and Liaison.

1/2 August 46 S & T Officer visited 184 Transport and Supply Coy "Folgore Div" Florence	See BLU/ST/G10 of 5 Aug refers
7 Aug'46 S & T Officer visited Ufficio Servizi FOLGORE Div FLORENCE	
12 August'46 G.C.C. MMIA visited Gen. DE SIMONE Comd. 7 Terr. Comd and Gen. MALAGOLI Comd. FOLGORE Div.	
13 Aug.'46 GSO II visited 7 CAR SIENNA.	See Annx"D" of this report
16 Aug'46 S & T Officer visited 76 Food Dist. Depot PESARO.	BLU/ST/G 10 of 22 Aug 46 re
19 August 46 S & T Officer visited 77 Food Distribution Depot ANCONA.	BLU/ST/G 10 of 22 Aug'46 re
20 Aug'46 S & T Officer visited 78 Food Dist. Depot - LEGHORN	BLU/ST/G 10 of 25 Aug ref.
21/22 Aug'46 Major ALEXANDER visited ARTILLERY Units of FOLGORE Div. Report awaited.	
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(a) Organisation

(i) Domestic: L/Cpl. HALFORD took over the duties of Chief Clerk from Sjt. BARKER who proceeded on release 19 Aug'46.

(ii) L/Cpl. TYE (M.T. Cpl) took over unit petrol point and accounting under supervision of S & T Officer.

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(iii) Italian : N.T.R.

(b) Employment of Troops.

(i) 1st. Inst.

Guard and Internal Security duties in [redacted].

(ii) [redacted] Bty.

One Coy. [redacted] Regt. employed on guard duty at P.O.W. Camp [redacted].

(iii) Z.S.A.L.

See special report at Appx "J".

(c) Training.

(i) [redacted] Bty. (Recruits)

The first two weeks of this month have been spent in standardising the training of recruits from different C.A.R.

In the latter part of the month recruits have carried out the following training: -
P.T. Arms drill; 5 range practices with each rifle and LMG; 1 firing practice with 2" Mortar; elementary section and platoon training; weapon training (156 hours); weekly route marches; courses for NCOs.
M.T.: drivers, W/T operators.

(ii) [redacted] Bty. (Typical Syllabus)

Month commenced with revision of Individual training and courses for NCOs and MT drivers.

(iii) [redacted] Bty. (Artillery)

Individual training and gun drill in the first part of the month followed by Bty and Group tactical training.

(iv) Engineers.

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[illegible] and special weekly duties at Platoons.

(ii) [illegible] Div.

One Coy, GARIBALDI Regt. employed on guard duty at P.O.W. Camp LATRUN.

(iii) 7 C.A.R.

See special report at Appx "D".

(c) Training.

(i) [illegible] Div. (Recruits)

The first two weeks of this month have been spent in standardising the training of recruits from different C.A.R.

In the latter part of the month recruits have carried out the following training: -
P.T. Arms drill; 3 range practices with each rifle and LMG; 1 firing practice with 2" Mortar; elementary section and platoon training; weapon training (136 hours); weekly route marches; courses for NCOs.
M.T.: drivers, W/T operators.

(ii) [illegible] Div. (Trained Soldiers)

Month commenced with revision of individual training and courses for NCOs and MT drivers.

(iii) FOLGORE Div. (INTELLIGENCE)

Individual training and gun drill in the first part of the month followed by Bde. and Group tactical training.

(iv) [illegible]

Individual and specialist training.
Courses for NCOs and M.T. drivers.

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(v) 7 Inf. Regt.

Tactical training in approach, attack and consolidation on platoon level.
Identification of targets, P.T., instruction on Italian and British Arms, range practices, route marches.

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Second course for officers and NCOs on British arms, commenced on 17 Aug'46. Instructors were supplied from FOLGORE Div.

(vi) Engineer Units - 7 Terr. Command

Individual training and range practices. 207 Signal Coy programme included training in W/T exchange duties and tactical line laying.
207 Engineer Coy carried out training on road blocks, demolitions and the general use of explosives.

(2) Intelligence.

(i) Relations between British and Italian Officers remains cordial and no ungleasantness or lack of cooperation appears to exist in this Area.

(ii) Soldiers of the FOLGORE Div. state that the division is moving from PADERNO to UDINE and that the FRIULI Div. is coming here. No mention of this has been heard from 7 Terr. Comd. Italian Officers or other sources.

3. "A"

(a) Domestic (NIL)

(i) Deficiencies

Nil	RASC Sjt.	1.
	RASC Cpl.	1.
	Duty MCO Sjt.	1.
	Cook MCO	1.
	RASC L/Cpl. Clerk	1.
	RTR L/Cpl. Clerk	1.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength

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107 Engineer Coy carried out training on road blocks, demolitions and the general use of explosives.

(d) Intelligence

(i) Relations between British and Italian Officers remains cordial and no unpleasantness or lack of cooperation appears to exist in this Area.

(ii) Soldiers of the FOLGORE Div. state that the division is moving from FLORENCE to UDINE and that the FRIULI Div. is coming here. No mention of this has been heard from 7 Terr. Comd. Italian Officers or other sources.

5. "A"

(a) Domestic (NIL)

(i) Deficiencies

Offs.	RASC Sjt.	1.
	RASC Cpl.	1.
	Duty MTO Sjt.	1.
	Cook MTO	1.
	RASC L/Cpl. Clerk	1.
	RASC L/Cpl. Clerk	1.

(b) Italian.

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(i) Deficiencies in strength.

Hq. 7 Terr. Command	20% below W/E
Medical Directorate	5% " "
Motor Repair Directorate	8% " "
Vet. and Remount Dept	5% " "
Artillery Command	30% " "
Engineer Command	28% " "
7 Inf. Regt.	40% " "
Hq. 7 C.A.R.	110% " "

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(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

M.T. Drivers	50%	below W/E
Mechanics	30%	" "
Artificers	40%	" "
Operators W.T.	10%	" "
Telephonists	10%	" "
+ Other Specialists	20%	" "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, disenfectors, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths, electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, etc.

(iii) Discipline. Remains good.

(iv) Pay. No change in situation already reported.

(v) Morale. Peace treaty is still causing anxiety but the general situation is improving.

(vi) Public Relations. Local press has published several favourable articles on the 1925 class call up.

4. "Q"

(a) Domestic(BLU)

(i) Transport. For full details see return submitted under our BLU/23 of 1 Sept'46
No replacement has yet been found for Chev. H.U.P. W.D. M 5905672.
217 Area have been asked to help but state that all transport of disbanding units has already been allotted. It is essential that this replacement should be a load carrying vehicle and efforts are being made to secure from other sources. ✓

(ii) Accommodation.
Due to the imminent closing of the Excelsior Hotel to British Officers preparations are being made to occupy 10 Via Lorenzo Magnifico

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Telephonists 10% " "
+ Other Specialists 20% " "

+ Includes typists clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, disenfectors, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, tinsmiths, electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, etc.

(iii) Discipline. Remains good.

(iv) Pay. No change in situation already reported.

(v) Morale. Peace treaty is still causing anxiety but the general situation is improving.

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4. "G"

(a) Domestic(BLU)

(i) Transport. For full details see return submitted under our BLU/23 of 1 Sept'46
No replacement has yet been found for Chev. H.U.P. W.D. M 5905872.
217 Area have been asked to help but state that all transport of disbanding units has already been allotted. It is essential that this replacement should be a load carrying vehicle and efforts are being made to secure from other sources. ✓

(ii) Accomodation.
Due to the imminent closing of the Excelsior Hotel to British Officers preparations are being made to occupy 10 Via Lorenzo Magnifico as an Officers Mess and the lodge at Villa PRIMAVERA as quarters for DAA & QMG and family. 2587
S & T Officer and family have arranged to share a Villa at Via Pian dei Giullari n.38 FLORENCE. ✓

(iii) General.

217 Area has asked 7 BLU to take on the rationing and administration of all British

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personnel resident in FLORENCE, these number about 100, this HQ. is willing to take on this responsibility providing that 217 Area will supply one M30 and one truck.
It would not be possible to accept these additional commitments with the existing unit staff and transport.
No decision has yet been given on this subject, but negotiations are proceeding.

(b) Italian.

(i) Transport.
Deficiencies of drivers due to the release of 1922 & 1923 classes is a considerable hindrance to smooth running of motor transport.
Excellent railway services helped the call up organisation.

(ii) Arms and Ammo.
(a) Ammo to complete 1st and 2nd line entitlements is being delivered to "FOLGORE Div".
They are not yet complete but the deliveries continue.
(b) First allotment of British arms has been delivered to 7 Inf. Regt and are in process of being checked by armourers.
1st line and training ammo is advised but not yet received.
(c) Salvage ammo is being sorted at 7 Terr. Command Dumps and the clearing of battle areas continues.

(iii) Clothing.
(a) M. of W. has assigned 16000 metres of khaki material for manufacture of 6000 winter uniforms. This cloth is awaited from firms in N. Italy. Estimates are being sought from civilian firms for making up and it is hoped that uniforms will be completed by 1 Oct 46.
7 Recovery & Manufacturing Centre is in process of moving from Piazza S. Pancrazio to Ippolito Nievo Barracks.

(iv) Rations and Wood Supply.

(a) Reserve dumps of wood are being made for winter needs. 18000 Quintals of wood have already been delivered to various garrisons in 7 Terr. Comd.

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(b) Italian.

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(b) Premises have been found and machinery installed for a new Military mill and bakery in FLORENCE.

(c) Bulk Supply Depot, LEGHORN has been disbanded under M. of W. orders. Reserve rations have been handed over to 76 Depot LEGHORN (COSIMO DEL POPE Barracks.

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(d) During call up 1923 class recruits were supplied with normal and reserve rations during their enlistment at districts and to cover periods of their journey to G.A.R.

(v) Barrack stores.

(a) No. 7 Special Barrack Station Depot is moving from VALLETTA barracks to new location at Zppali to MILITO plant.

(b) 5000 stools and 6000 sheets assigned by M of W were received from MALTA and VICTORIA. The stools are being distributed to units. The sheets are being stored and will be kept as a reserve.

(vi) Accommodation.

(a) VALLETTA. Major repairs are being carried out at the following places: -

CASTILLO Barracks
CC.MR. Central School
Engineer Stores and Laboratory } ROYAL
Geographical Institute

(b) SIGGIA. Water installations are being repaired at LA MARSA barracks. Repairs to MANOEL Barracks.

(c) ATTARD. Last phase of repair to CANTERA barracks to house Inf Bn. 7 G.A.R. Sep 30 pits ranges under construction.

(d) MEDINA. Repairs to roof MUSCHETTO Barracks.

(e) [illegible]. Repairs being carried out on DEL FOSSO Barracks.

(vii) P.O.L. and Tyres.

Allotment of motor oil is still inadequate. It is hoped that a better supply of tyres will be received as a consequence of action taken by the Min. of Industry and Commerce.

(viii) [illegible]

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(a) No. 7 Special Barrack Stores Depot is moving from [redacted] Barracks to new location at Ippolito MUNO plant.

(b) 3000 stools and 3000 sheets assigned by M of W were received from [redacted] and [redacted]. The stools are being distributed to units. The sheets are being stored and will be kept as a reserve.

(vi) Accommodation.

(a) [redacted]. Major repairs are being carried out at the following places: -

[redacted] Barracks
CO.MR. Central School
Engineer Stores and Laboratory } MOVOLI
Geographical Institute

(b) [redacted]. Water installations are being repaired at LA MASSERA barracks. Repairs to [redacted] Barracks.

(c) [redacted]. Last phase of repair to [redacted] barracks to house 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. Two 30 yds ranges under construction.

(d) [redacted]. Repairs to roof [redacted] Barracks.

(e) [redacted]. Repairs being carried out on [redacted] Barracks.

(vii) P.O.L. and Tyres.

Allotment of motor oil is still inadequate. It is hoped that a better supply of tyres will be received as a consequence of action taken by the Min. of Industry and Commerce.

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(viii) Medical.

(a) Medical installations at infirmaries of 7 C.A.R. have now been completed.

(b) Regular inspections and tests of water supply at all barracks are being carried out.

(c) D.D.T. supply is improving and is being issued to all units.

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BLU/20, dated 5 September, 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

OFFICE — No 1 PIAZZA DELLA STAZIONE - FLORENCE

Lt. Col.	MAIKEN	On leave U.K.
Major	GRIGSON	Room 112 - Excelsior Hotel. Tel. Florence 293670
Major	HAMILTON	" 530 " " " " " "
Major	GREENHOUGH	" 446 " " " " " "
Capt.	TATHAM	" 220 " " " " " "
Capt.	STEARNS	" 462 " " " " " "
Capt.	WILSON	BOLOGNA

British O.R's at VILLA PRIMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 295624.

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 2 Sept'45

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL
COMMAND DOWN TO BN OR EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
HQ. 7 Inf. Regt.	FLORENCE	III - III
1st Bn. (ex 509)	FLORENCE	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	FLORENCE	" "
Mortars Coy	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. 7 C.A.R.	SIENA	" "
1st Bn.	SIENA	" "
2nd Bn.	SIENA	" "
3rd Bn.	AREZZO	" "
HQ. FOLGORE Inf. Div.	FLORENCE	" "
Nembo Reg.	PISTOIA	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	PISTOIA	" "
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	ROVEZZANO	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	ROVEZZANO	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	ROVEZZANO	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	COVERCIANO	" "
184 Art. Rgt. HQ.	LUCCA	" "
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No. 5 17-Pr Bty	FIRENZE	" "
No. 6 40 m/m A.A. Bty	FLORENCE	" "
184 Engr Bn. HQ Folgore	FLORENCE	" "
Central School	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. 3 Brigade	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. Mob. Bns. Group	FLORENCE	" "
FLORENCE Legion	FLORENCE	" "
Ext. Group	PISTOIA	" "
Int. Group	AREZZO	" "
PISTOIA Group	SIENA	" "
AREZZO Group	LEGHORN	" "
SIENA Group	LEGHORN	" "
LEGHORN Legion	LEGHORN	" II
CC. Group	MASSA	" "
CC. Group	GROSSETO	" "
CC. MASSA		
CC. GROSSETO	LUCCA	
CC. LUCCA		

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ANNEX "F" to 7 BIU Section
BIU/20 dated 5 [illegible]46

[illegible] 7 B.I.U. as at 1.8.1946

General Staff

G.S.O. I. — Lieut. Col. G.G. [illegible]
G.S.O. II. — Major H.W. [illegible]
Lt. Pitt.
Butts.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General

DA & QMG — Major D.G.L. [illegible], MBE — 3 Tpts. D.C.

Services.

S & T. — Capt. C.W.L. [illegible] — BAND
RAE — Capt. P.H. [illegible] — [illegible]

Attached

CO. Fd. [illegible] — Major W. [illegible] — C.I.
[illegible] L.O. — Capt. H.A. [illegible], MBE — [illegible]

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Encl. "C" to 7 [illegible]
[illegible] dated 2 Sept. '43

Assignments to the Unit of Officers of Org. with 7 Technical Service Units

NAME	RANK	BRANCH	ORGANIZATION NAME	REMARKS
Assignments		No Change.		
Reassigned				
Lt.Co. Cornwall	"	Engineers	Returned	Transferred to Base.Comd. Hdqs.
Appointed				
Lt/Co. Carpenter	"	Engrs	Returned	From : C/S /Signed/ Base.Comd. To : Director of Military Geographical Institute.

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Inclosure to the list of orders re disposition of [illegible]

UNIT	ARR	DEPS	GAIN OR LOSS	REMARKS
Inclusive				
Col.	Hil. Service	MAGEE	MAGEE	Hil. Serv. Tribunal Members
Col.	Kuf.	SHOEMAKER	GOULD	As Above
Col.	Kuf.	GOLDSMITH	GOLDEN	As Above
Col.	Ked.	LAMED	EDWARD	As Above
Col.	Inf.	BOYD	CHARLES	As Above
Col.	Ked.	GEORGE	FREDERICK	As Above
Col.	Inf.	CARLOCK	GLADDEN	As Above
Col.	Inf.	BUNN	ALVIN	As Above
Col.	Inf.	DAVIS	CHESTER	As Above
Detached				
Col.	Hil. Service	BARTLETT	LINCOLN	Discharged
Col.	Inf.	BRIGHAM	ARTHUR	Sick Leave
Col.	Inf.	KING	CLAUDE	Discharged
Indefinite				
Col.	Inf.	HOLDEN	EDWIN	From Headquarters to Inf. 9th Regt
Col.	Inf.	CAMPBELL	CLAUDE	From Headquarters to Inf. 34th Regt

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[illegible] 5 Sept 1946

Appendix to the List of Units on duty with Headquarters Ryukyu Islands

UNIT	ARR	STATE	CITY OR TOWN IN ARR	DISPOSITION
Infantry				
Co[illegible]	11th Portbn	MAINE	BANGOR	11th Port. Trans. Terminal Service
Co[illegible]	Inf.	CONNECTICUT	COMO	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	CALIFORNIA	CRESCENT	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	IDAHO	BOISE	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Disposal
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	AG Disposal
Engineers				
Co[illegible]	11th Portbn	[illegible]	[illegible]	Discharged
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	93d Inf.
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Discharged
Amphibians				
Co[illegible]	AFO	[illegible]	[illegible]	From Headquarters to Inf. Repl Depot
Co[illegible]	Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	From Headquarters to Inf. Repl Depot

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MACR dated 5 Sept 1946

Assignments to the 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar, 1st Provisional Marine Brigade

UNIT	A/S	NAME	OFFICIAL NAME	REMARKS
Battalion				
Lt.Col.	Asst.	LEST	ALDRED	Mil. Records of Marines
Lt.Col.	Adjt.	SAUNDERS	DARRELL	Mil. Records of Veterans
Maj.	Intr.	GRIER	EDWIN	Info.Dept. 22 Regt
Lt.Col.	Inf.	ZEIG	EDWIN	7 C.A.C. - QUEEN
Lt.Col.	C.O.	UNDER DE TERRAIN ZEO		44 Diamond
Companies				
Lt.Col.	Asst.	FRANCIS	ZEO	Chief Issue
Lt.Col.	Inf.	CAREY	GEORGE	Discharged
Lt.Col.	Inf.	SMITH	RAYMOND	Discharged
Lt.Col.	Asst.	BLANCHARD	EDWARD	Decora restored
Lt.Col.	C.O.	GRIER	GEORGE	Discharged
Battalion				
Lt.Col.	Asst.	CHAMBERS	CHARLES	From 7 Inf.Regt. to 1st Prov.Gen.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	MORTON	CHARLES	From 7 Separate Units to 7 Amtrac Group

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Encl. "C" to 7 INF Letter
HQ/7 ADM 5 Sept 1946

Assignments to the 7th Inf. on duty with 7 INFANTRY DIVISION TROOPS.

DATE	ARM	NAME	ORGANIZATION	APPOINTMENT
Lieutenant Colonel				
1 Sept 46	Inf.	LANE	ARMFIELD	Mil. District of Hamilton
1 Sept 46	Arty.	SANSAVINO	TENNESSEE	Mil. District of Cornwall
1 Sept 46	Inf.	CHECK	EDGAR	Inf. Regt. 62 Depot
1 Sept 46	Inf.	FORD	MEXICO	7 Inf. Div. - G3
1 Sept 46	U.S.	ARMY OF OCCUPATION GER		AG Report
Captain				
1 Sept 46	Med.	PROSSER	FORD	Sick Leave
1 Sept 46	Inf.	GAMES	GEORGIA	Discharged
1 Sept 46	Inf.	SPRUNT	BATTERIES	Discharged
1 Sept 46	Tk.	DINGLEY	LEAGUE	Orders received
1 Sept 46	U.S.	OFFICE	GENERAL	Discharged
1st Lieutenant				
1 Sept 46	Inf.	CHAMBERS	DOUGLAS	From 7 Inf. Regt. to H.Q. Ter. Unit.
1 Sept 46	Inf.	HOWARD	CHESHIRE	From 7 Repair Unit to 7 Adm. Depot

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Appendix "F" 7 B.A.U. letter
BAU/20 dated 5 Sept 46

Subject : End of Month report on 7 C.A.R. as at 31 Aug'46

1. GENERAL. (For separate report on 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. at ARIENZO See para 2)

(a) Personnel

4000 Recruits are in training at 7 C.A.R. this shows an increase of some 400 on the number catered for. Shortage of instructors continue to hamper training. Present situation as against W.E. is as follows: -

Short:	Subaltern	Jem NCOs	Jun NCOs
	8	10	3

The 80 recruits selected from the first course are now employed as junior instructors, they have the necessary knowledge but lack the experience to give them power of command.
The standard of the present recruits is much higher than those of the last course and the impression gained from instructors was that they feel they are now working on really worth while material.
The present system of call up from districts all over Italy is enthusiastically received at 7 C.A.R. it is thought that this will diminish the cases of A.W.O.L.

(b) Accomodation

3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. is now located at CARDITA Barracks ARIENZO. This move has enabled S. MARCO Barracks (civilian hospital) AIROLA to be handed back to the Comune.
The arrival of 400 recruits in excess of the number catered for, has led to a slight overcrowding in all barracks. This is not considered by the Medical Officers to be a grave danger to the health of the recruits.

(c) Training.

Second course commenced on 19 Aug'46 and training continues to run smoothly. Lessons learnt by the staff in the first course have been put into effect. A marked improvement is noted in the supply of training stores, most of which have been made locally on the British pattern.
The inclusion in the M of W training programme of a daily period at the disposal of CAR Coods has been very welcome and keen the same has commenced

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400 recruits are in training at 7 C.A.R. this shows an increase of some 400 on the number catered for. Shortage of instructors continue to hamper training. Present situation as against W.E. is as follows: -

Short:	Subaltern	Sen NCOs	Jun NCOs
	8	20	5

The 30 recruits selected from the first course are now employed as junior instructors, they have the necessary knowledge but lack the experience to give them power of command.
The standard of the present recruits is much higher than those of the last course and the impression gained from instructors was that they feel they are now working on really worth while material.
The present system of call up from districts all over Italy is enthusiastically received at 7 C.A.R. it is thought that this will diminish the cases of A.W.O.L.

(b) Accommodation

3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. is now located at CASERMA Barracks ANCONA. This move has enabled S. MARCO Barracks (civilian hospital) SIENA to be handed back to the Comune.
The arrival of 400 recruits in excess of the number catered for, has led to a slight overcrowding in all barracks. This is not considered by the Medical Officers to be a grave danger to the health of the recruits.

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The inclusion in the M of W training programme of a daily period at the disposal of CAR Cmds has been very welcome and eases the somewhat overcrowded programme maintained in the first course.
Lack of stores is preventing some training e.g. firing with .22 rifles, none have been received, so 30 yds range firing is substituted in these periods. Teaching of fixed line firing without tripods is not possible; the M of W. programme lays down that 2" M. training will be carried out with mortar sights, as these are not available this HQ has advised that training can will be carried out aiming and firing the mortar without sights.

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(d) Welfare.

The staff of 7 C.A.F. fully realise the importance of providing recreation and amusement for the troops. They have most elaborate plans and ideas on this subject which, as usual, have had to be curtailed by lack of funds. However the existing amenities are adequate and smoothly run. The following works have been completed and are open to troops.

(i) Each barracks has an O.R.s canteen combined with writing room.
These canteens are equipped with a radio and also loud speaker apparatus through which it is possible to broadcast internal messages or music played by the 7 C.A.F. band.
Soft and alcoholic drinks are on sale at the bar together with foodstaffs and tinned goods at prices well below those outside and within the means of the recruit.

(ii) Bright and comfortable messes for Officers and NCOs are situated in each barracks.

(iii) Soldiers Club SIENA is housed in the building of the "ex Casa del Fascio" and comprises the ground and first floors of a luxurious villa. Much work has been carried out in the garden of this club, where an outdoor dance floor and bar have been built.
Recruits are allowed to invite their girl friends free of charge but male civilian guests pay a small entrance fee. Dancing is held nightly to the music of the 7 C.A.F. twelve piece band. More money is required to furnish writing and reading room in the club, some of this will be forthcoming from profits but a further grant has been requested from the K of W.

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(a) Personnel.

The number of recruits in barracks was approx 1450, 25 of whom had only arrived the previous evening.

(b) Accommodation.

(i) Barrack rooms were excellent and well laid out but were definitely overcrowded, 40 recruits sleeping in each room.
Even when repairs to the barracks are completed very little, if any, thinning

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out will be possible.

(ii) There was an excellent officers Mess and money is awaited for the purchase of furniture for the ante-room.

(iii) The NCOs Mess was functioning fully and well.

(iv) Recruits all mess together in a main dining hall which was clean, well organised and adequate. Tables would benefit by being well scrubbed.

(c) Recreation.

(i) A well patronised canteen was in operation where prices were some 30% below those existing in the town.

(ii) One basket ball pitch had been made and others were in course of construction.

(iii) Boxing took place nightly

(iv) One dance had already taken place for which the band from 7 C.A.R. SIENNA had been borrowed.

(d) Training.

(i) Training according to programme was being carried out and the recruits seen on parade had evidently made progress.

(ii) Recces of training areas had been carried out and were reported to be satisfactory.

(iii) There is one 300 yds range at ASMARA and in spite of intensive recces no other suitable site has been discovered. See letter BLU/35 F of 3.9.46
With some improvement, for which 7 T.C. have funds, this range could be put in to a fit state for use.
It was in fact used by Allied tps when they were stationed in ASMARA.
The M of W have however vetoed its use on the grounds of safety in spite of the fact that GO 3 Bn., the District Comdr. and 7 T.C. all say that it would be reasonably safe if the improvements mentioned above were carried out.
It appears that unless M of W alter their minds that the 3rd Bn. will be unable to fire on the 300 yds range.
It has been suggested to 7 T.C. that they should reopen this subject with M of W. There was one bayonet per rifle, but bayonets were of different patterns.

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(e) Rations.

These appeared good but there were the usual complaints about chili- con carne- which was unpopular.
A new contract for olive oil was being made as existing supplies were not/as good as usual. Recruits from country districts found army rations somewhat meagre after "farm house fare"

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(f) Transport. Load carrying vehicles were just sufficient but strong complaints were made at the paucity of passenger vehicles.
These consist of 1 Jeep for 50 and one M/C
It was pointed out that the 4 Coy Cmdrs could not carry out their duties efficiently without some form of vehicle.
As each Coy consists of 350 men and training areas are some distance from barracks, their grouse appears to be a very reasonable one.
Another great want is a vehicle in which staff and instructors can carry out recces for training.
It would appear that what is required is: -

(a) One Jeep per coy Cmdr = 4 extra Jeeps or

(b) One M/C " " " = 4 " M/C plus

some vehicle such as a 15 Cwt for training recces which are of necessity, some distance from barracks.
If (a) above were provided the 15 Cwt would be unnecessary.
This shortage is not peculiar to the 3rd Bn., but it is felt that NZEA could help by pressing this matter. See this HQ. letter BLU/35D dated 5 Sept'46.

(g) Medical.

(i) The unit hospital was clean and well cared for and the MO seemed keen and to know his job.
They state he is very overworked as owing to the Military District MO being on sick leave he is carrying out the latter's duties as well as his own.
Even on the return of the District MO the CO. considers that one MO for a Bn. 1500 strong is inadequate, more especially will this be the case later on when the MO has to spend considerable time on the ranges.
This HQ. endorses the views put forward by the BAMI BLU at the NZEA.Conference.
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(iv) Only 15 cases of V.D. had come to light so far which seems an incredibly low average.

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(h) General.

A most satisfactory visit and much praise is due CAPORIO Michele the Bn. Comdr and his officers having been at AREZZO barely 3 weeks have got class show running, which will without doubt, from week to week.

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BLU/20 dated 5 Sept'46

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER's REPORT
for Month of August 1946

1. 7 REPAIR SHOP

This shop is now engaged in the manufacture of Winter Clothing. A section of the shop is being transferred to IPPOLITO NIEVO, RIMINI. The remainder to follow in due course.
Urgent demands have been presented by HQ. 7 Territorial Command to their Ministry for the release of the required machinery which is to be set up at their new site at RIMINI.
Everything thatis possible is being done to obtain this machinery.

The repairs to Boots are now being carried out by this Repair Shop and taken off Civil Contract. Minor repairs are being executed locally by the Units themselves.
As Boots become worn out they are being exchanged on the "one for one" basis. This system is working with every satisfaction.

2. 7. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

3. 7 BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT.

Both still in process of being transferred to RIMINI.

4. GENERAL.

Owing to the transfer of these units to the IPPOLITO NIEVO, RIMINI, the question of visits must be waived temporarily. A watching brief is of course being kept on the reorganizations.

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Appendix "F" to 7 HLU letter
HLU/20 dated 5 Sept 1946

REPORT ON CONFERENCE AT H.Q. 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND ON 27 AUGUST 1946

On 27th Aug. A/Q and C.S.O. II had a long conference with the new Chief of Staff, Col. GRIGGS, at which all relevant points raised at M.M.I.A. conference were discussed. Gen. DE SIMONE was in ROME. The results of the discussion are given below :-

1. C.A.R.

(a) Press representatives have already visited 7 C.A.R. and visits of Commanding Officers and Civil dignitaries will be arranged.

(b) The need for more M.C.s has already been represented to Ministry of War but 7 C.A.R. do not feel that Bn. Comdrs. are overburdened with administrative duties.

(c) Two military armourers are employed at 7 C.A.R. They have a certain amount of tools but not complete outfits. The main difficulty is the complete lack of any kind of spare parts for rifles or L.M.Gs. This makes a complete farce of any attempt to serve the recruits arms.

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(i) Continuous strain on District call up machinery.

(ii) C.O. and H.Q. Staff of C.A.R. never get a rest.

(iii) A continual flow of recruits would arrive in depts, other than in one body. This would make training much more spread out and difficult.

(e) 7 Terr. Comd. are in favour of specialist instructors and are under the impression that this will come about in time.

(f) 40 copies each week of the newspaper "NOTIZIARIO DELL'ESERCITO" are being received at 7 Terr. Comd. and are distributed to Units under Command.

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(h) Col. GROSSO was under the impression that the one year tenure of Command for Div. Bdes., Regt., and C.A.R. Comdrs. had been abolished. If however this was not the case, 7 Terr. Comd. quite agree that one year was much too short and were of the opinion that as long as a Commander was doing well, he should be left in command for from 3 - 6 years.

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2. Training

(a) No training directives other than those up to Bn. level had been received by 7 Terr. Comd., or had specialist directives, Arty, Recce, Engrs and Sigs. been received.

(b) The training of 7th Inf. Regt. is being hampered by shortage of men and numerous guard duties. The situation should improve considerably on the arrival of the next batch of recruits.

(c) The great importance of sending the right type of man on courses was again stressed. Orders on this subject had already been issued by 7 Terr. Comd., but owing to the discharge of classes the situation was difficult.

(d) There is a sufficiency of instructors in Inf. weapons (obtained from CRSAMC and "BULGORE" Div) in Regts. to continue the training of recruits when they arrive from 7 C.M.R.

3. Equipment.

(a) None of the new Italian uniforms have been received in 7 Terr. Comd. for trial.

(b) Re. equipment has started to arrive in 7 Terr. Comd. The question of storing some of this centrally, instead of issuing it all, will be discussed with Gen. [illegible] on his return from [illegible].

4. Public Relations and Welfare.

(a) Col. MITCHELL is reported to be doing very well with his W.C.R.P. Office but 7 Terr. Comd. consider that the scheme is not being run on the correct lines. They have put their views to the Ministry of War, which are briefly, that there should be separate offices and staffs for
(i) Public relations and political activities
(ii) Welfare in all its branches.

(b) Welfare of hospital patients has not been overlooked and their fair share of cards, games etc. are sent to hospitals. In October it is hoped to start a scheme under the leadership of Countess [illegible] whereby convalescents will be able to spend a fortnight or 3 weeks in some of the large country houses in [illegible]. Incorporated in this is the hope of producing more Voluntary W.A.F. workers. Here again money is the great stumbling block.

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5. Intelligence.

The Arming and training as a military body of the civil police was discussed.

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Col. GROSSO's view was that it was as yet too early to express an opinion but they were untrained and unreliable. Witness their action in the ASTI incident. I gather they were NOT popular with the Army.

6. General.

Both SSO II and myself were, at first contact, very favourably impressed with Col. GROSSO.

He struck me as a great improvement on the late incumbent and a man who was both a soldier and a gentleman. He appeared to have a mind of his own and not frightened of taking a decision. I should judge that he is keen for the new Italian Army, to do well and would put this above politics.

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Subject : 7 B.L.H. Bde/ Fortnightly Month Report as at 1 August 1946

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (H.Q.)

(i) Major C. PARKER (HQ. M.M.I.A.) reported for 14 days attachment from 3-17 July 46 during which period he spent a short time working with each branch of the B.L.H.

(ii) Major W. GREENHOUGH (OC.HQ. Liaison Officer) began 7 days local leave on 8 July 46.

(iii) S/Offr. PATTERSONS (O.W.O.) began 7 days local leave on 1 July 46.

(iv) Offr. K.H. TWEED R.A. completed 21st Learner Clerks Course at 3S General Tpt Column GRAZ and returned to this HQ. 17 July 46. Result is awaited.

(b) British.

(i) From Major HARRIS closed down w.e.f. 1 July'46

(ii) 719 MEST L. of C. W/S closed w.e.f. 2359 hrs 12 July'46. First line repairs are carried out by 622 L.t. Recovery Sec. MEST at the same location. Major repairs are carried out by 607 L. of C. W/S BOLOGNA.

(iii) All telephone Nos. of this HQ. were changed and turned over to civilian lines on 1 July 46. See 7 BLH STAFF LIST No. 3 dated 1 July'46 for new numbers.

(c) Italian.

Lt. FLAMENT (Italian L.O. to 7 B.L.H.) was granted 12 days leave from 13 to 25 July'46 for the purpose of taking a University Examination in Rome

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(d) Visits and Liaison.

2nd July'46 S & T Rep'inspected 12A WAREHOUSE & CENTRAL GOC of FOLIGNO Div. at FLORENCE

REM/HQ/S 32 of 3 July 46refer

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which period he spent a week's time visiting [illegible] each branch of the B.L.U.

(ii) Major W. [illegible] (U.S.A. Liaison Officer) began 7 days local leave on 8 July 46.

(iii) S/Cdr. [illegible] (U.N.O.) began 7 days local leave on 1 July 46.

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(c) Italian.

Lt. [illegible] (Italian L.O. to 7 B.L.U.) was granted 22 days leave from 13 to 35 July'46 for the purpose of taking a University Examination in ROME

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(d) Visits and Liaison

3rd July'46 S & T Rep inspected 12A TRANSPORT & SUPPLY COY of FOLGORE Div. at FLORENCE	ZLU/ST/S 10 of 5 July refers
5 July 46 do.	ZLU/ST/S 10 of 7 July refers
5 & 6 July 46 Major [illegible] R.E. [illegible] visited Engineer Units of 7 Team. Gual and FOLGORE Div. He finally had a conference with G I and G II on 8 Jul.	ZLU/76 dtd 2 July'46 to 7 B.L.U. copy ZLU/S refers.
9 July 46 S & T Rep. inspected No 6 Food Dist. Depot at BOLOGNA	ZLU/ST/S 10 of 12 July refers

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11 July'46 GSO I and GSO II visited CADURRA Barracks ASHORE to secure accommodation for one bn. 7 C.A.R. — BLU/35A of 12 July ref.

12 July'46 S & T Rep inspected No. 78 FOOD DEPT. DEPOT LIVORNO — BLU/ac/ac.8 of 13 July ref

17 July'46 S & T Rep inspected No. 77 FOOD DEPT. DEPOT ANCONA — BLU/ST/S 10 of 23 July ref

19 July'46 GSO I met Lt. Col. CHARTOUT (Asst. C. of S. 7 T.C.) and Col. CAMERON (Canal Zone Regt) to discuss final details of C.O.S's tour.

21 July'46 Major Gen. H.M. GOLDSMITH, D.S.O. C.O.C. M.M.I.A., arrived in FLORENCE. — See Appendix of this report

22 & 23 July 46 C.O.C. MMIA inspected Units of 7 Corps. Cecil and FUSCHI Division accompanied by GSO I

23 July'46 S & T Rep inspected DEPOSITO CENTRI of FUSCHI Div. at FLORENCE

29 July'46 S & T Rep inspected No. 7 Adv. Tpt Coy and Ambulance Car Base FLORENCE — BLU/ST/S 10 of 30 July refers

2. Ngr

(a) Organisation.

(i) Domestic: In view of the imminent departure (Aug. 12) of Sgt. BARNES on release, L/Cpl. HILFORD has been understudying the duties of Chief Clerk. — See BLU letter BLU/A dtd 30 July 1946

(ii) Italian: N.T.R.

(b) Employment of Troops

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Bgde.

Guard and Internal Security duties in FLORENCE.
Large number of personnel sent to the C.A.R.'s of PALERMO and BARI to collect records destined for the Regiment.
Relief of detachments employed outside Florence.

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22 July'46 GSO I and Y.M. Col. CHAPMAN (Asst. C. of S. 7 I.D.) and Col. CARESSO (Coast Artillery Regt) to discuss final details of C.G.S.'s tour.

22 July'46 Major Gen. E.H. GOULBURN, D.S.O. G.O.C. M.M.I.A., arrived in FLORENCE. See Appx"F" of this Report.

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23 July'46 A & T Rep inspected [illegible] of FOGGIA Div. at FLORENCE

23 July'46 A & T Rep inspected No. 7 Adm. Unit Coy and Ambulance Car Coy FLORENCE HQ/12/3 10 of 20 July refers

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(i) 7 Div. Inf. Regt.

Guard and Internal Security duties in FLORENCE.
Large number of personnel sent to the C.J.R.'s of BARESO and BARI to collect recruits destined for the Regiment.
Reliefs of detachments employed outside FLORENCE.
Readjustments of W.E. organisation within the Regiment.
Dressing-up of materials for new recruits.
Preparing a sports ground.

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(ii) FOGGIA Inf. Div.

Discharge of 1922 and 1923 classes.
Transfer of BARESO Regt. (less 3rd Bn.) from AMERIA area to TERNIA, and of 1,3 & 6 Army Bdes from FOGGIA to PESA.

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General re-organisation and improvement of new quarters.
(See also para 2 (c) Training)

(iii) 7 C.A.R.

See special report at App."B".

(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Bde.

Owing to the discharge of 1922 & 1923 classes, and numerous sentry duties, only few have been available for training. These have carried out P.T. and sports, weapon Training and Interior Economy. A cadre course has also been held for prospective Junior NCO's, with satisfactory results.

(ii) [redacted] Inf. Div.

[redacted] Bde. Hq., which remained in its training area ([redacted], North of [redacted]) until 25 Jul., was able to carry out field and specialist training. The remaining two bns were able to do little training of note during the month owing to their move to the new location.

[redacted] Regt. Wagon and elementary tactical training of new recruits. Remainder have carried out company training.

Army Regt. Troop and Battery training completed.

Engr. Bn. Revision and repair of technical equipment, dismantling two temporary huts in [redacted] Inst: Specialist training.

Y.C.A.R. See special report App."B".

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(iii) Engineer Services

10% Barrels Gun. Testing of the few available [redacted] has been confined to the

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(ii) Fijian Inf. Div.

Fijian Bgde. 2nd Bn., which remained in its training area (WAKUNI, North of PUNUIA) until 29 Jul., was able to carry out field and specialist training. The remaining two Bns were able to do little training of note during the month owing to their move to the new location.

Garrison Bgde. Weapon and elementary tactical training of new recruits.
Remainder have carried out company training.

Army Bgde. Troop and Battery training completed.

Base Bn. Revision and repair of technical equipment, dismantling the temporary huts in SCANDINGI Meat Specialist training.

7 Fd.A.P. See special report App."D".

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(iii) Engineer Services

107 Signals Coy. Training of the few available personnel has been confined to the first fortnight of the month, owing to the need for substituting on routine duties the personnel leaving on discharge.
Training has consisted of P.T. and sports, driving and maintenance, specialist training, interior economy.

107 Services Coy. No training possible owing to full employment on routine duties of 43 out of the available 46 personnel in the Coy.

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(d) Intelligence.

(i) At about 1100 hrs. 19 July 46 a procession of workers estimated at about a thousand persons, paraded through the streets demanding higher wages. The procession was orderly.

(ii) The release of 1922 and 1923 classes continues to run smoothly, it is anticipated that this will be completed by 15 August.

(iii) Recruits of 7 C.A.R. completed their course on 6 July'45 and have now joined their units. See Appx. "D".

(iv) It is officially reported that there is a growing feeling of disillusionment and resentment throughout the Italian Army over the proposed treatment of Italy under the peace terms. This sentiment, especially on the part of Italian Army officers and the upper classes of civilians, has made itself felt also within British circles. There have been no deliberate "unpleasantness" or incidents at any level, but a certain formal "coldness" has been noticeable, and such remarks as "this is a sad and critical per od for the Italian Army, poor Italy is on the verge of ruin" are frequent. None the less, in MANTUA, and in the larger towns and sea-side resorts in the vicinity, Italian of all classes continue to display most effectively (and indeed mysteriously) the poverty, hunger and lack of means that are so regularly complained of.

3. "A"

(a) Enemie (NIL)

(i) Intelligence

O.R's: Sgt. Derby NCO 1
Cpl. Church RAMC 1
Pte - RAMC 1
L/Cpl. - RAMC 1
L/Cpl. - RAMC 1

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(ii) Court of Inquiry

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3. "A"

(a) Discipline (NIL)

(b) Deficiencies

O.R's :

Sgt's. Duty		MTO 1
Cpl. Clerk		RAOC 1
Pte	-	RASC 1
L/Cpl	-	RAOC 1
L/Cpl	-	REME 1

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(c) Court of Inquiry

A Court of Inquiry was held at this HQ. on 19 July'46 to inquire into the circumstances under which

(a) L/Cpl HARVARD (7 R.I.U.) sustained injuries whilst travelling in M.T. Vehicle Chev. UBF no. 5903872 on 15 July 46 — HQ/21 of 16 July'46 refs.

(b) of the accident in which damage was caused to the same vehicle at the same time.

By order of HQ. MTA a Court of Inquiry was held

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at this HQ. on 24 July to inquire into the circumstances of the loss of LANCIA car W.D. No. 564,3114 in use by Major THRUP at FLORENCE on the night 8/9 July 46.

MMA letter A 367 of 10 July refers.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength

HQ. 7 Terr. Comd.	30%	below W/E
Medical Directorate	5%	" "
Commissariat Directorate	10%	" "
Motor Repair Directorate	40%	" "
Veterinary Remount Depot	5%	" "
Artillery Command	40%	" "
Engineer Command	30%	" "
7 Inf. Rept. HQ.	60%	" "
7 C.M.P.	20 %	" "
FOLGORE Div.	23%	" "

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

7 Territorial Command

M.T. drivers	60%	below W/E
Mechanics	30%	" "
Artificers	40%	" "
Operators W.L.	10%	" "
+ Other Specialists	35%	" "

+ including typists clerks, steam boiler operators, Masseurs, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, carpenters, sanitary workers, masons, hospital orderlies, tinsmiths, electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, etc.

FOLGORE Div.

M.T. drivers	50%	below W/E
Mechanics	40%	" "
Artificers	30%	" "
Operators W.L.	60%	" "

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HQ. 7 Terr. Comd.	30%	below W/E
Medical Directorate	5%	" "
Commissariat Directorate	10%	" "
Motor Repair Directorate	40%	" "
Veterinary Remount Depot	5%	" "
Artillery Command	40%	" "
Engineer Command	30%	" "
7 Inf. Bgt. HQ.	60%	" "
7 C.A.R.	20 %	" "
FELOCK Div.	25%	" "

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FELOCK Div.

M.T. drivers	50%	below W/E
Mechanics	40%	" "
Artificers	50%	" "
Operators W.L.	60%	" "
Other specialists	45%	" "

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(iii) Discipline Slow but steady improvement is reported.

(iv) Pay. No change in situation previously reported.

(v) Morale. Reported to be improving as regards the

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internal situation in Italy. This cannot be said, however, as regards the international (peace treaty) situation, which is a source worry and sorrow to all.

(iv) Public Relations. Contacts continue to be maintained with local Press and Civil authorities. There is a marked improvement in the attitude of the Press towards the Army.

4. "G"

(a) Domestic (M.T.)

(1) Transport for full details see return submitted under ref M.T./23 - 1 August. Chevrolet M.U.P. W.D. No. M 5905872 was involved in a traffic accident on 15 July'46 . See para 5 (A)(iii) D L R Certificate has been received but no replacement has yet been obtained. Our M.T./13 661 26 July refers

(ii) Accommodation. No change.
Officers continue to live in the Excelsior Hotel, and O.R's in Villa PRIMAVERA. The civilian owner of the latter (non-Italian) is now back in FLORENCE and it is understood he wishes to reoccupy the Villa. No official contact has been made with him, but 16 Town Major (BOLOGNA) has been warned of the urgent necessity for the B.L.O. to retain this accommodation.

(b) Public.

(i) Transport.
There are marked deficiencies in M.T. drivers, owing to the discharge of old classes. During the call up of the new class, the scarcity of available M.T. will be more felt.

(ii) Ammunition.
-1st and 2nd line ammunition is arriving to "BOLOGNA" Div.
-13 wagon loads have already arrived and 18 wagons will arrive in a short time.
-Sorting out of recovered explosives is still being made at ammunition dumps.
-Clearance of salvage material is still going on.

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(b) Italian.

(i) Transport.
There are marked deficiencies in M.T. drivers, owing to the discharge of old classes. During the call up of the new class, the scarcity of available M.T. will be worse felt.

(ii) Ammunition.
-1st and 2nd line ammunition is arriving to "POLGORE"Div.
-15 wagon loads have already arrived and 18 wagons will arrive in a short time.
-Sorting out of recovered explosives is still being made at ammunition dumps.
-Clearance of salvage material is still going on.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment.
Sets of clothing are being sent to 7 C.A.R. SIENA to provide for the call up of 1925 class.
7 Recovery and Manufacturing Centre is making summer clothing and repairing winter clothing.
Movement of materials to new Depot at LIVORNO NUOVO Barracks is being completed. Shoots and barrack tables have been issued to all Units under Territorial Command to meet all requirements.
Horse hair mattresses for the troops are being manufactured. As soon as each lot is ready they are sent to 7 C.A.R. at SIENA.

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(iv) Accomplishments.

[redacted]. Works and repairs have been carried out in the following Barracks:

- ROVEREDO (dismantling of former prison constructions and equipment)
- "GEN. CHIODERO" Plants (hygiene services lighting plant)

The following works are in progress.
Repairs to hygiene and water installations at [redacted] Barracks.
- Repairs to the "[redacted] MILK" building, which is to be a stores and workshop for the Engineer Works Directorate.

Repairs to sheds at ROVERE (Military Geographical Institute).

[redacted]. Repairs are being carried out to the water system at LA MADDALENA Barracks (7 G.A.R.)

[redacted]. Repairs are being carried out at CAGLIARI Barracks (7 G.A.R. detachment).

[redacted]. Repairs have been completed on [redacted] I Barracks and are being carried out on roofing of the "[redacted] MILIZIA" Barracks.

[redacted]. Repairs are being carried out at S. [redacted] and CARTHAGE Barracks.

(v) [redacted].

Allotment of motor oil is still inadequate. A proposal has been put forward to Ministry of War that this allotment should be increased from 3,5% to 5%.

(vi) [redacted].

Increase in anti-mosquito precautions and equipment for units in malarial area, and also in their prophylactic area.
6 Rail Trucks of captured Medical Stores arrived at the [redacted] during the month of July from [redacted].

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- Repairs to the "[redacted] ASIA" building, which is to be a stores and workshop for the Engineer Works Directorate.
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[redacted] continue to occupy 4 Buildings belonging to the [redacted], One of these Buildings is very urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities to enable them to install the machinery which has already arrived from [redacted] and lying idle.

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Appendix "A" to FMH Order
HQ/G-2 GHQ, 5 August 44

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 MILITARY
CLASSIFIED NOT TO BE OF EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
HQ. 7 Inf. Regt.	PLACENCIA	INT - INT
1st Bn. (ex 509)	PLACENCIA	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	PLACENCIA	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	PLACENCIA	" "
Service Coy	PLACENCIA	" "
HQ. 7 C.A.R.	SIENA	" "
1st Bn.	SIENA	" "
2nd Bn.	SIENA	" "
3rd Bn.	ASSISI	" "
HQ. POLYGLOT Inf. Div.	[illegible]	" "
[illegible] Regt.	FLORENCIA	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	FLORENCIA	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	[illegible]ENCIA	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	FLORENCIA	" "
"CANADIAN" Inf. Regt.	GOVERNOLAND	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	GOVERNOLAND	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	GOVERNOLAND	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	GOVERNOLAND	" "
18th Arty. Regt. Hq.	LUCCA	" "
No 1 25-Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No 2 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No.3 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No 4 25-Pr Bty	LUCCA	" "
No 5 17- Pr Bty	PISA	" "
No 6 40-m/m A.A. Bty	FLORENCE	" "
18th Regt Sn HQ Foligno	FLORENCE	" "
Central School	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. 3 Brigade	FLORENCE	" "
HQ. MIS Bn. Group	FLORENCE	" "
FLORENCE Legion	FLORENCE	" "
Sch. Group	FLORENCE	" "
Int. Group	PISTOIA	" "
PISTOIA Group	AREZZO	" "
AREZZO Group	SIENA	" "
SIENA Group	LEGHORN	" "
LEGHORN LEGION	LEGHORN	" "
GG. Group	LEGHORN	" "
GGI. Group	MASSA	" "
GG. Group	GROSSETO	" "
GGI. Group	LUCCA	" "
GG. Group		

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General Staff

G.S.O. I.	Lieut. Col. C.O. MARCHE	L. Pers.
G.S.O. II.	Major H.W. HAMILTON	Ref'ts.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General.

PMA & QMG	Major D.S.L. CRERAR, MBE	3 Trans. D.S.

Services.

S & T.	Capt. C.W.L. LOCKWOOD TAYLOR	RASC
Rides	Capt. P.H. NELSON	RE:SE

Attached.

CO. NZ. LIAISON OFFICER	Major W. GRUNDEMANN	G.I.
NEUSEAL L.O.	Capt. H.A. STEVENS, MBE	RASC

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Annex "C" to [illegible]
[illegible] dated 5 January 1945

Amendments to the List of Officers on duty with Provisional Corps.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Increases.				
Div. Commdr.	-	GOTT	CARLO ✓	At disposal
Increases.	}	No Change.		
Decreases.	}			

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Appx. "C" to 7 AM letter
10/20 dated 5 August 1944

...ble to the List of OFFICIALS on duty with 7 Ferrying Group...

	ARR	DEP	CREDITAN MADE	AT DESTINAT
...ander	-	0911	CARGO ✓	Ferry Pilots to
...	)			
...	)	No Charge.		
...	)			

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Appx. "C" to 7 TAG letter
AAG/20 dated 5 March 1946

Attachment to the List of Officers on duty with 7 Territorial Command Hqrs.

RANK	ARM	NAME	SPECIAL TAGS	ASSIGNMENT
Evacuees.				
Col.	Art.	GRIGGS	CLARENCE	Chief of Staff - 7 Terr. Comd. Hqrs.
Col.	Inf.	SHEPHERD	DENNIS	At Disposal
Col.	Art.	REDDEN	JESSE	At Disposal
Col.	Med.	MORELL	MARIO	At Disposal
Col.	Med.	GILLESPIE	DEAN	At Disposal
Col.	Inf.	BENJAMIN	SAMUEL	At Disposal
Col.	Inf.	FLEMING	CARL	At Disposal
Col.	Inf.	BOGGS	GILFORD	At Disposal
Col.	Inf.	HAGEL	FLOYD	At Disposal
Reverees.				
Col.	Inf.	PENDLETON	CARL	Transferred to Terr.Comd. Hqrs
Col.	Inf.	CRUSE	HUGH	Discharged
Appointees.				
Col.	Engr.	CRANE	ARCHER	Gen Engr. Bd. to Hq. 7 Terr. Comd.
Col.	Art.	REGAN	EARL	From Arty Bd. to Hq. 7 Terr. Comd.
Col.	Art.	PATTERSON	RUFUS	From 7 Amph Depot to be Mbr Screening Committee of TRUMAN.

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Encl. "C" to 7 FBU letter
1611/20 dated 5 August 1946

Supplement to the list of officers on duty with 7 TACTICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRON

UNIT	ARM	NAME	CERTIFICATE NO.	APPOINTMENT
Hq.	Art.	GRASSO	CHAMPLIN	Chief of Staff - 7 Ftr. Cond. Flotilla
Hq.	Inf.	CANCELLARI	BARRETO	At disposal
Hq.	Art.	PEREIRA	BRUNO	At disposal
Hq.	Med.	ROSSELLI	BURTO	At disposal
Hq.	Inf.	CLAUDOTTY	DEMO	At disposal
Hq.	Inf.	MASTRANTUONO	SAVERIO	At disposal
Hq.	Inf.	PLESSOLI	CAIRO	At disposal
Hq.	Inf.	BORRI	GRIFARNI	At disposal
Hq.	Inf.	FAROLI	PIRRO	As disposal
Hq.	Inf.	PIGNATELLI	CARLO	Transferred to Ftr.Cond. Flotilla
Hq.	Inf.	CIVELI	BUSO	Discharged
Hq.	Engr.	GRASSO	ANDREO	From Engr. Bn. to H.Q. 7 Ftr. Cond.
Hq.	Art.	VINCATO	BUSO	From Arty H.Q. to H.Q. 7 Ftr. Cond.
Hq.	Art.	PEREYRA	SAVERIO	From 7 Auto Depot to to HQ Squadron
				Correction of ROSTER.

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Annex "C" to 7 INF Letter
AFLC/AFSC 5 March 1956

Supplement to the List of Units of the 7 INFANTRY DIVISION

UNIT	SIZE	BASE	CREDITED WITH	ASSIGNMENT
Headquarters				
1st Bn	Pvt.	CHARLIE	SAN FRANCISCO	National Headquarters
1st Bn	Pvt.	HERO	SAN FRANCISCO	19th Army Field Regt. FEA
2d Bn	Pvt.	HERO	ARMIED	7 Arty Regt. Hqtrs.
Headquarters				
1st Bn	Pvt.	WASHINGTON	CHICAGO	Transferred to 4th. District Hqtrs.
2d Bn	Pvt.	DENVER	OHIO	Discharged
3d Bn	Pvt.	BOSTON	ARMIED	Transferred to Ministry of War
4th Bn	Pvt.	DENVER	ARMIED	Held in reserve.
5th Bn	Pvt.	ARMIED OF VICTORY HOTEL		Transferred to Hqtrs. Dept. 7th
Headquarters				
1st Bn	Pvt.	DENT	OHIO	From Arty H) to H) 7 Hqtrs. Dept.
2d Bn	Regt.	CHICAGO	PEORIA	From Regt. Hqtrs Headquarters to H). 7 Territorial General
3d Bn	Regt.	LINCOLN	PEORIA	From Regt. Hqtr Headquarters to Hqtr. 7 Territorial General

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Appx "C" to 7 INF Letter
HQ 20 Corps 5 August 1944

Changes to the List of Officers in the 7 INFANTRY DIVISION.

ARR	DEP	CHANGES EFFECTED	REMARKS
[illegible]			
	Lt Col	GRAHAM	SALVADORE
	Maj	TILLY	MARTINSON
	Capt	TAYLOR	ARNOLD
[illegible]			
	1st Lt	VALENTINE	CROCKETT
	2nd Lt	DWIGHT	SILAS
	2nd Lt	JONES	ADAMS
	2nd Lt	TYLER	ANGELO
	2nd Lt	ANDERSON IV FINLAND EDDY	
[illegible]			
	Cpl	SMITH	ALEX
	Sgt	STREET	EDWARDO
	Sgt	LAMONT	PEDRO

Lt Col Graham Salvadore - Relieved from assignment as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry and assigned as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry.

1st Lt Valentine Crockett - Transferred to Hq. Battalion Headquarters Company.

2nd Lt Dwight Silas - Transferred to Military Police Platoon.

2nd Lt Jones Adams - Transferred to Military of War Dept in reserve.

2nd Lt Tyler Angelo - Transferred to Inf. Cmd. Tuff

Cpl Smith Alex - From Army Hq to H 7 Inf. Cmd.

Sgt Street Edwardo - From Base Radio Directorate to Hq 7 Territorial Command

Sgt Lamont Pedro - From Hqs. Base Directorate to Hq 7 Territorial Command.

Appendix "F" 7 MAU letter

MAU/20 dated 5 August 46

Subject : End of Month report on 7 C.A.R. as at 31 July 46.

1. General.

(a) The first course at 7 C.A.R. ended on 6 July 1946 and recruits have been despatched to units and formations as under:

Number	Destination
64	ALNTEK Rn. BORNEO
560	Div. AGHEA
634	Div. SUMATRA
573	Div. CHERIBON
303	Div. ENGLAND
60	8 Ind. Regts.
Total 2294	

(b) Next Course will begin on 19 August.

2. Training.

Training as laid down in M of T programme was carried out with the exceptions of some small arms firing practises not completed due to insufficient ranges. 2" Mortar and PIAT firing was not carried out on account of lack of training ammunition.

3. Ammunition.

Permanent Staff of 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. under Command of Major CAPORIO (O.C.) are in the process of moving to SAWAHLUNTO Sumatra, where accomodation has been prepared for the entire Bn. Training facilities are in preparation and it is confidently anticipated that these will be completed for the commencement of training on 19 August.
The move of this Bn. from SINGA will completely solve the problem of overcrowding.

4. Personnel.

Present shortage of instructors are Subalterns 12, Senior NCO's 10, Junior NCO's 60. This situation will be partially eased by the retention of (5) Hand-picked ex recruits who will be trained as

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Number	Destination
64	ALFIERI Bn. BERSAGLIERI
560	Div. ACQUI
634	Div. SABAUDIA
573	Div. CREMONA
505	Div. FOLGORE
60	8 Inf. Regt.
Total 2394	

(b) Next Course will begin on 19 August.

2. Training.

Training as laid down in M of T programme was carried out with the exceptions of some small arms firing practises not completed due to insufficient ranges. 2" Mortar and PIAT firing was not carried out on account of lack of training ammunition.

3. Accommodation.

Permanent Staff of 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. under Command of Major CAPUZZO (C.O.) are in the process of moving to CADORNA barracks, ARIZZO where accommodation has been prepared for the entire Bn. Training facilities are in preparation and it is confidently anticipated that these will be completed for the commencement of training on 19 August.
The move of this Bn. from SIENA will completely solve the problem of overcrowding.

4. Personnel.

Present shortage of instructors are Subalterns 12, Senior NCO's 10, Junior NCO's 60. This situation will be partially eased by the retention of 80 hand-picked ex recruits who will be trained at 7 C.A.R. as instructors. M. of W. have allotted 24 Subalterns to 7 C.A.R. but these are not due to arrive until October when they will have completed the OCTU/NO course.

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5. Transport.

M. of W. have agreed (on paper) to increasing the W.E. of transport of 7 C.A.R. by one car and two trucks. This was necessitated by having to provide for a detached Bn. Delivery of these vehicles is unusually awaited.

6. Leave.

All instructors of 7 C.A.R. will have completed their leave by 5 Aug'46, when the new call-up of the 1925 class begins.

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Annex "3" to 7 BAU letter
BAU/20 dated 5 August'46

GERMANS WARRANT OFFICER's REPORT
for Month of July'46

1. INSPECTIONS.

Inspections were carried out of the following units. The observations raised are as detailed.

General. The EPPELITO NUOVO, REPARTO consists of three main buildings or Blocks. Each Block has now been allocated to the units as follows :-

Present Nomenclature.	Future Nomenclature.
7 Clothing & Equipment Depot.	Central Military Depot.
7 Repair Shop	7 Recovery & Manufacturing Centre.
7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.	7 Principal Barrack Stores.

2. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

At present this unit is situated at the FORESTA DA BASSO but it is in process of being transferred to the EPPELITO NUOVO, REPARTO. The transfer is progressing slowly owing to the fact that this new site is still in the hands of the Engineers undergoing repairs thus adequate storage space is in consequence limited temporarily. As the transfer is taking place the Depot is being reorganised and will later be known as the CENTRAL MILITARY DEPOT. There are only three of these Depots in Italy, the other two are located at NAPLES and TURIN. They come immediately under the Ministry of War control.

The Clothing and Equipment as it arrives at REPARTO is being temporarily stored in a part of the Block allocated to 7 Repair Shop.

3. 7. REPAIR SHOP.

This Shop is still engaged on the Manufacture of Summer Clothing for the Italian Army. This new uniform is practically identical to the British Battle Dress except that it is made from a finer cloth. The standard of workmanship in this Manufacture is excellent. It is anticipated that this task will cease in about twenty days time when it is hoped that the Shop will be transferred to REPARTO. It will then be known as the 7 Recovery & Manufacturing Centre. In this connection I would point out that the transfer is chiefly being held up owing to the lack of Machinery. The required Machines have been demanded but are still awaited. (See my Report for Month of April) Accommodation is available to permit the use of 250 Machines.

4. 7 BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT.

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The new site for this unit is nearly ready for occupation. Transfer should commence in the very near future.

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General. The ISTOLITO NUOVO, FIRENZE consists of three main buildings or Blocks. Each Block has now been allocated to the units as follows: -

Present Nomenclature.	Future Nomenclature.
7 Clothing & Equipment Depot.	Central Military Depot.
7 Repair Shop	7 Recovery & Manufacturing Centre.
7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.	7 Principal Barrack Stores.

2. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

At present this unit is situated at the FORTEZZA DA BASSO but it is in process of being transferred to the ISTOLITO NUOVO, FIRENZE. The transfer is progressing slowly owing to the fact that this new site is still in the hands of the Engineers undergoing repairs thus adequate storage space is in consequence limited temporarily. As the transfer is taking place the Depot is being reorganised and will later be known as the CENTRAL MILITARY DEPOT. There are only three of these Depots in Italy, the other two are located at NAPLES and TERNI. They come immediately under the Ministry of War control.

The Clothing and Equipment as it arrives at FIRENZE is being temporarily stored in a part of the Block allocated to 7 Repair Shop.

3. 7. REPAIR SHOP.

This Shop is still engaged on the Manufacture of Summer Clothing for the Italian Army. This new uniform is practically identical to the British Battle Dress except that it is made from a finer cloth. The standard of workmanship in this Manufacture is excellent. It is anticipated that this task will cease in about twenty days time when it is hoped that the Shop will be transferred to FIRENZE. It will then be known as the 7 Recovery & Manufacturing Centre. In this connection I would point out that the transfer is chiefly being held up owing to the lack of Machinery. The required Machines have been demanded but are still awaited. (See my Report for Month of April) Accommodation is available to permit the use of 200 Machines.

4. 7 BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT. 2559

The new site for this unit is nearly ready for accommodation. Transfer should commence in the very near future.

5. O.F.P.s "FIASCHE".

The Mineral Vehicles which were taken from the O.F.P. during the Egg Laying Period have now been returned. The Bins and Stores have been replaced as before and the Park continues to function to satisfaction.

6. VEHICLES - WAR DAMAGE/REPAIR.

During period 1st June'46 and 27th July'46. 183 JEEPS were collected from 4 L/93 Depot, LEGHORN. Particulars of each vehicle are recorded in this office.

S/Sgt.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Appendix "F" to 7 MLU letter
MLU/20 dated 5 August 46

PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF CO MANDER MTOA (Maj. Gen. S.H. GOULBURN., DSO)

TO 7 B.L.U. and 7 TERRITORIAL COMMD, 22-25 JULY 1946

Time-Table		Personalities
MON 21 July.		
	Arr. Excelsior Hotel, FLORENCE	Military Manager. Capt GOLLINGE.
MON 22 July.		
0830 hrs.	Visit Hq. 7 B.L.U.	
0900 hrs.	" Hq. 7 Italian Territorial Command (Palazzo S.CATERINA)	Comd Gen: Corps Gen. G. DE SIMONE 2 i/c Gen. Brig. FINALDI G. of S. Col. GROSSO A/G. of S. Lt. Col. GHIARIOTTI
0945 hrs.	Visit Hq. FOLGORE Inf. Div. (V. VENETO Bks)	Comd Brig. Gen. G. FILABOSI 2 i/c Col. DE MICHELIS G. of S. Lt.Col. DE MARTINO
1030 hrs.	Visit GARIBALDI Regt. (FOLGORE Div) and FOLGORE M.T. Units (H/S, S & T Coy) GUINIGIANO Bks.	Comd. Col. RAVNICH.
1130 hrs.	Visit 7 M.T. Repair Depot Military Prison Artillery Directorate Depot in MONTELUPO DA RACCO	Fortress Comd. Col. ATTIANI.
1300 hrs	Lunch with Gen. DE SIMONE at Terr Comd Mess (Via degli Arazieri 2)	
1420 hrs.	Visit 7 B.L.U. Cr's Billet (Villa PRINCIPINA, Piazzale Galileo)	
1515 hrs.	Visit 7 Inf. Regt. FOLGORE Eng. Bn. at SCANDICCI, Bks.	Comd. Col. MANDINI Comd. Lt. Col. SAVINI
1625 hrs.	Visit CS.MT. Mob. Bn.	Legion Comd. Col. GRANDINI
	" Riding School at BALDISSERA Bks.	Gp. Comd.L.Col.BOTTACCI Mob. Bn. Comd. Major PALAMENGHI
1700 hrs.	Visit "Casa del Soldato"	Offr i/c Maj. FIANCHI
1715 hrs.	Return to Excelsior Hotel	
TUES 23 July.		
0800 hrs.	Leave Hq. 7 MLU for LUCCA	
0930 hrs.	Visit Hq. 184. (FOLGORE) Arty Regt., and I, IV V Btys at PRINCIPE AMEDEO Bks.	Comd. Col. MIZZARRI
	Visit Piazzale Bks.	

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Capt GOLDBERG.

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1515 hrs.	Visit 7 Inf. Regt. FOLGORE Reg. Bn. at SCANDICCI, Bks.	Comd. Col. MANCINI C.Hd. Lt. Col. SAVINI
1615 hrs.	Visit CC.RR. Mob. Bn.	Legion Comd. Col. GRASSINI
	" Riding School at BALDISSERA Bks.	Gp. Comd.L.Col.BOTTACCI Mob. Bn. Comd. Major PALANDRI
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0800 hrs.	Leave H.Q. 7 BLO for LUCCA	
0930 hrs.	Visit H.Q. 184 (FOLGORE) Arty Regt., and I, IV V Btys at PRINCIPI ASSISI Bks.	Comd. Col. MEZZANZI
	Visit District Bks.	Dist. Comd Col. BERTACCI
1045 hrs.	Leave LUCCA for PISTOIA.	
1130 hrs.	Visit District Bks. PISTOIA	Dist. Comd.Col. PATRINI
1145 hrs.	Visit MG/BG Inf. Regt. PISTOIA	Comd. Col. CAMOSSO
1300 hrs.	Lunch with Col. CAMOSSO, MG/BG Offrs Mess	
1400 hrs.	Dep. for BOLOGNA.	

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/20

5 July 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns- End/Beginning Month Report.

To : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference SD/113 dated 27 Dec'45.

2. Attached(in quadruplicate) are the following :-

(a) End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 July 1946.

(b) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U., and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns., and equivalent Units.

(c) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(d) At Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt.Col. and above.

(e) At Appx "D" is Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(f) At Appx "E" is Report by ORD. W.C.

(g) At Appx "F" are extracts from Italian Newspaper Reports after visit of Journalists of TUSCANY Newspapers to 7 CAR on 27 June '46.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 July 1946

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Capt. C. MORROW RASC proceeded on GMF release 13 June 1946.

(ii) Capt. LOCKWOOD TATHAM RASC reported for duty 12 June 1946, vice Capt. MORROW.

(iii) Capt. H.A. STEVENS (RAMC att) was admitted to 59 Gen Hospital BOLOGNA 10 June 1946. Discharged from Hospital and returned to duty 23 June'46.

(iv) Major D.S.L. GREGSON DAA & QMG proceeded on compassionate L.I.A.P. on 25 June'46 — MMA letter A.588 of 29 May refers

(v) Pte D. BARNELL (Driver) posted surplus to W.E. w.e.f. 4 June.

(vi) The u/m proceeded on release on dates shown:-

Gnr. CLEAVE C. (Clerk)	11 June'46
Sgt. THOMAS W.R. (Duty NCO)	17 June'46
Sgt. ELLIOT A.B. (RAMC att)	17 June'46
Gnr. LLOYD G.H. (Clerk)	24 June'46

(b) British.

(i) Florence came under Adm. Command 217 Area w.e.f. 1 June'46.

(ii) Brig. A.G. MILLER (Comd 217 Area) visited 7 BLU on 11 June'46. After a discussion with GSO I he inspected ORs billets, and expressed his satisfaction.

(iii) A generous Allotment of Welfare equipment has been received from 217 Area

(c) Italian.

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(d) Visits and Liaison.

10 June'46. GSO II visited 7 C.A.R. See Appx "D"
11 June'46. Capt. P.H. MAISON (S.C. R.E.M.E.) visited this HQ. to attend conference with Col. DE MARTINO (C. of S. "FOLGORE" Div.) to discuss issue of reconditioned vehicles.

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11 June'46. Major MORECOMBE S.O.R. Sigs. MMIA visited this HQ. Signal problems were discussed and a recommendation that GHQ be asked to accept a later date for submission of destruction certificates was put forward.

13 June'46. GSO II and DAA & QMG visited ROVEZZANO Barracks, FLORENCE to arrange hand over (to 7 T.C.) with O.C. 'G' Military Prison.

17 June'46. GSO II visited 7 C.A.R. See Appx"D"

19 June'46. GSO I and GSO II accompanied by Col. CHIARIOTTI (Asst. C. of S. 7 Territorial Comd) reced ROVEZZANO Barracks, FLORENCE, to discuss suitability of moving one battalion 7 C.A.R.

22 June'46. Col. FIDSLEY, M.M.I.A. visited this HQ. and had conference with GSO I and other MLU officers.

27 June'46. GSO II accompanied Public Relations Officer 7 Terr. Comd. and 12 journalists on a tour of 7 C.A.R. (See para 3 (b) (vii)

2. "G"

(a) Organisation.

(i) Domestic: A piquet consisting of two civilians has been supplied by 7 Territorial Command. This piquet is mounted at the VILLA PRIMAVERA (CR's billet) to safe-guard W.D. transport and stores of this HQ.

(ii) Italian. N.I.R.

(b) Employment of Troops.

(i) 7 Ind.Def. Bgrt.

Employed on guards and internal security duties until 10 June'46.

(ii) 5 Prov. Group.

Under command P.B.S. and employed on guard duties.

(iii) FOLGORE Div.

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(ii) Italian. N.I.L.

(b) Employment of Troops.

(i) 7 Ind.Inf. Regts.

Employed on guards and internal security duties until 19 June'46.

(ii) 6 Recy. Groups.

Under command P.B.S. and employed on guard duties.

(iii) FULGORE Div.

Moved to APPENNINO PISTOIESE Area beginning of June, for training. Returned to previous locations at end of June. See Appx "A"

(iv) 7 C.A.R.

Employed on internal security duties during election period.

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(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt.

Range firing of BREDA M.G. and L.M.G.
Route marches and recreational training.

(ii) FOLGORE Div.

MARO Regt. completed Coy training and commenced Bn. training. Live firing excercises on Coy and Bn. level were carried out. P.T. Recreational training and range practises continue.

CARIBALDI Regt. completed Coy training and commenced Bn. training. Motor transport excercises were carried out involving the entire regiment.

13th Arty Regt.

Gun training and maintenance.
Specialist courses are being run and two group firing practises have been carried out.

132 Engineer Bn.

Specialist training including construction of diversions, clearing demolitions, construction of foot bridges, Radio and telephone communications drill.
It is reported that all Units of the FOLGORE Div. reached a satisfactory Standard of training during this period.

7 C.A.R.

As per MINISTRY of WAR training programme.
Satisfactory progress. See Appx "D".

(d) Intelligence.

(i) The election period 2-3 June passed quietly with the exception of a bomb-throwing incident at FIUMICINO on 6 June'46 in which the casualties were one killed and twenty two wounded.
No military personnel were involved in the incident.

Our Secret Signal dtd 3 June'46 ref.

(ii) Certain regrouping of tps in 7 T.C. had been carried out by 28 May, in order to meet possible election period emergencies.

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Bn. training. Live firing exercises on Coy and Bn. level were carried out. P.T. Recreational training and range practises continue.

CARIBALDI Regt. completed Coy training and commenced Bn. training. Motor transport exercises were carried out involving the entire regiment.

184 Arty Regt.
Gun training and maintenance. Specialist courses are being run and two group firing practises have been carried out.

180 Engineer Bn.
Specialist training including construction of diversions, clearing demolitions, construction of foot bridges, Radio and telephone communications drill. It is reported that all Units of the FOLGORE Div. reached a satisfactory Standard of training during this period.

7 C.A.R.
As per MINISTRY of WAR training programme. Satisfactory progress. See Appx "D".

(d) Intelligence.

(i) The election period 2-8 June passed quietly with the exception of a bomb-throwing incident at PISA on 6 June'46 in which the casualties were one killed and twenty two wounded. No military personnel were involved in the incident. — Our Secret Signal dtd 8 June'46 ref.

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3. "A"

(a) Domestic (BLU).

(i) Deficiencies

OR's :	Sgt. Duty	NCO	1	
	Cpl.Clerk	RASC	1	
	Pte -	RASC	1	
	L/Cpl -	RAOC	1	7 BLU letter to 0.2.E copy to MMIA (BLU/2 dtd 24 June'46) refer
	L/Cpl -	REME	1	

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(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength.

7 Ind.Inf. Bgde.	40% below W.E.
M.T. Repair Directorate.	10% below W.E.
Medical Directorate.	25% below W.E.
Artillery Directorate.	32% below W.E.
Engineers Directorate.	20% below W.E.
Quartier Generale.	21% below W.E.
Commissariat Directorate.	11% below W.E.
Transport Directorate.	10% below W.E.

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists.

7 Territorial General.

M.T. Drivers	10% below W.E.
Mechanics	30% below W.E.
Artificers	40% below W.E.
Switch board operators	10% below W.E.
Operators	10% below W.E.
+Other specialists	20% below W.E.

+ Includes typist clerks, barbers, shoemakers, cooks, hospital orderlies, steam boiler operators, disinfectors, carpenters, sanitary orderlies, masons, tinsmiths electricians, blacksmiths, paperhangers, plumbers etc.

(iii) Platelins. N.T.R.

(iv) Pay. N.T.R.

(v) Leave. All leave was cancelled during the election period.

(vi) Morale. An improvement in morale regarding internal affairs is reported. An adverse effect on morale has been felt due to the alleged harsh terms of the peace treaty.

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Engineers Directorate.	20% below W.E.
Quartier General.	21% below W.E.
Commissariat Directorate.	11% below W.E.
Remount Directorate.	20% below W.E.

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists.

7 Territorial Command.

M.T. Drivers	40% below W.E.
Mechanics	30% below W.E.
Artificers	40% below W.E.
Switch board operators	10% below W.E.
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(iii) Discipline: N.A.R.

(iv) Pay. N.A.R.

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(vii) Public Relations.

(a) At a conference at this HQ. on 13 June the operation and activities of the Public Relations branch of 7 Terr. Command was discussed with Lt. Col. MACHELLI (P.R.Officer 7 T.C) by G30 I and Staff officers of this HQ.

(b) Col. MACHELLI stated that he had already contacted the leading Argentine newspapers. The editors had intimated that they would gradually adopt a pro-army propaganda.

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(d) The SIENA paper "[illegible] E POPOLO", it is reported is continuing to spread communist propaganda amongst the recruits at SIENA. Steps are being taken by 7 Territorial Command through the [illegible] at SIENA to discourage these activities. The M.of I. has also, it is understood, been asked to take action.

(d) The following three newspapers are published by the Army.

(a) "LA LIBERA USCITA" by 7 Terr. Command
5 lire for each (weekly)

(b) "RADIO PARIS" by 7 C.A.P.
5 lire for each (weekly)

(c) "IL [illegible]" by [illegible] Div.
10 lire for each (monthly)

Copy of recent edition of "LA LIBERA USCITA" is attached.
These papers are printed free by the ISTITUTO MILITARE GRAFICO, FLORENCE, the only expense being the initial outlay on paper.

(e) On 27 June '46 a tour was arranged by Lt. Col. MANELLI for twelve journalists representing the Press of TUSCANY to visit 7 C.A.P. GSO II 7 HQ accompanied this party. A full account of the tour appeared in the newspaper "LA PATRIA" copy and translation are attached at App. "F". A similar tour is being arranged for local civil dignitaries in a drive to obtain better understanding with, and cooperation by civil authorities.

(f) Negotiations have been carried out with FLORENCE Broadcasting Company to obtain a daily half hour radio programme in which soldiers can send short messages to their families. This programme will commence in the first week of July.

4. "G"

(a) Domestic (Int)

(i) Tuscany. See report submitted under our MAM/23 dated 1 July 1946.

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(ii) [illegible]

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(d) The following three newspapers are published by the Army.

(a)"LA LIBERA UNITA"by 7 Terr. Command
3 lire for each(weekly)

(b)"RADIO PARMA" by 7 G.A.R.
3 lire for each(weekly)

(c)"IL PARACADUTISTA"by PARACHUTE Div.
10 lire for each(monthly)

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(i) Transport. See report submitted under our HAU/23 dated 1 July 1946.

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(ii) Accomodation.

A Villa at 12 Via Lorenzo Magnifico has been taken over from Town Major FLORENCE. This Villa will either be used as officers married quarters by HAA & QM of this HAU or as an officers Mess in the event of the Hotel Excelsior closing.

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(b) Italian.

(i) Transport.

No difficulties reported. Transport commitments over election period were met easily.

(ii) Ammunition.

Deficiencies of 1st and 2nd Line ammo' of FOLGORE Div. remain unchanged. An allotment to cover these deficiencies will be delivered in the near future from Directional Dump BITONTO.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment.

An issue of Summer uniforms has been made to all Units under 7 Terr.Comd. This issue was authorised on 15 June'46. Winter Uniforms have been withdrawn washed and repaired and stored ready for re- distribution .
Ministry of War Will issue shorts to complete scale of Summer uniforms.
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Much work has been carried out in the clearing and collection of salvage war materials in TUSCANY.

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CASERMA CURTATONE E MONTANARA
CASERMA PADINI (Stores of Medical Directorate
MILITARY GEOGRAPHICAL INSTITUTE at NOVOLI

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LUCCA. Initial repairs have been completed to UMBERTO I and PRINCIPE AMEDEO Barracks. Work is in progress on GARIBALDI Barracks.

LA SPEZIA. Sheds are being constructed at Artillery Directorate.

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(v) Tyres.

The tyre situation is critical especially those for passengers cars. No spares have been received since March. Ministry of War have been informed.

(vi) P.O.L.

Allotment of petrol is reported to be sufficient. Lubricants are issued on a proportional scale of 4% of petrol allotment, this is totally inadequate especially in view of the worn condition of engines.
A proposal has been put forward to the Ministry of War that this allotment should be increased to 6%.

(vii) Medical.

No 34 Italian RED CROSS Hospital at ASMARA has been disbanded in accordance with Ministry of War instructions.

Increased anti fly precautions have been taken at 7 GAH by the application of nets at windows of kitchens and by chemical spraying.
Mosquito nets have been issued to all units in malarial zones.

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Appendix "A" to 7 Hqs. II Corps
HHA/20 dated 5 Sept 1945

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 Hqs. II Corps

No. 1 PLAZA DELLA STAZIONE - FLORENCE

CENTER

Lt. Col. HARRIS — Room 458 - Excelsior Hotel, Gal. Florence 23367

Major GRUNERT — Room 456 - " " " " "

Major HALTERMAN — Room 530 " " " " "

Major CHRISTENSEN — Room 446 " " " " "

Capt. HARRIS — Room 538 " " " " "

Capt. HERRERO — Room 472 " " " " "

Capt. WILSON — BOLOGNA

Enlisted Men in Annex to VILLA BRIANTINA - Gal. FLORENCE 23630.

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Appendix "A" to 7 B.I.U. letter
BLU/20 dated 5 July 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 THEATRE REAL
GERMANY DOWN TO TBS OR EQUIVALENT

UNITS	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
HQ. 7 Inf. Regt.	Florence (Scandicci)	TTT-TTT
1st Bn. (ex 509)	Florence (Scandicci)	TTT-TTT
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn) (1 Coy Laterina)	Florence (Scandicci)	TTT-TTT
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	Florence (Scandicci) (1)	TTT-TTT
HQ. 7 C.A.R.	Siena	TTT-TTT
1st Bn.	Siena	TTT-TTT
2nd Bn.	Siena	TTT-TTT
3rd Bn.	Siena	TTT-TTT
HQ. "FOLGORE" Inf. Div.	Florence	TTT-TTT
"NEMBO" Inf. Regt.	Pistoia (1)	TTT-TTT
1st Inf. Bn.	Pistoia (1)	TTT-TTT
2nd Inf. Bn.	Pistoia (1)	TTT-TTT
3rd Inf. Bn.	Pistoia (1)	TTT-TTT
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	Coverciano	TTT-TTT
1st Inf. Bn.	Coverciano	TTT-TTT
2nd Inf. Bn.	Coverciano	TTT-TTT
3rd Inf. Bn.	Coverciano	TTT-TTT
184 Art. Regt. Hq.	Lucca	TTT-TTT
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	Pisa (1)	TTT-TTT
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	Lucca	TTT-TTT
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	Pisa (1)	TTT-TTT
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	Lucca	TTT-TTT
No. 5 17-Pr Bty	Lucca	TTT-TTT
No. 6 40-m/m A.A. Bty	Florence (Scandicci)	TTT-TTT
184 Engr. Bn. HQ FOLGORE	Florence	TTT-TTT
Central School CC.RR.	Florence	TTT-TTT
HQ. 3rd B.de	Florence	TTT-TTT
HQ. Mob.Bns Group	Florence	TTT-TTT
Florence Legion	Florence	TTT-TTT
Ent. Group	Florence	TTT-TTT
Int. Group	Florence	TTT-TTT
"Pistoia" Group	Pistoia	TTT-TTT
"Arezzo" Group	Arezzo	TTT-TTT
"Siena" Group	Siena	TTT-TTT
Leghorn Legion	Leghorn	TTT-TTT
CC.RR. Group	Leghorn	TTT-TTT
CC.RR. Group	Grosseto	TTT-TTT
CC.RR. Group	Massa	TTT-TTT
CC.RR. Group	Lucca	TTT-TTT

(1) Movement is being performed from preceding locations to present ones

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Appendix "B" to J.S.M. 7 Rel'd.
Letter [illegible] dated 5 July 1946

STAFF LIST J.S.M. 7 Rel'd. as at 1.7.1946

General Staff.

G.S.O. I.	Lieut. Col. G.C. [illegible]	L. Pres.
G.S.O. II.	Major H.W. [illegible]	Delhi.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General.

DMA & QMG	Major D.S.L. [illegible], MBE	5 Lines. D.G.

Services.

S & T	Capt. C.W.I. [illegible]	RAMC
MGB	Capt. P.H. [illegible]	MGB

Attached.

CC.M. Liaison Officer	Major W. [illegible]	G.I.
Medical L.O.	Capt. H.A. [illegible], MBE	RAMC

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Annex "C" to 7 BLU/Letter
BLU/20 dated 5 July 1946

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Amendments to the List of OFFICERS on duty with 7 Territorial Command DIVISION

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases.				
Lt. Commander	-	MORRIS	CYRIL ✓	At disposal
Decreases.		No Change.		
Amendments.				

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Annex. "C" to 7 Div/letter
MJJ/20 dated 5 July 1946

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Amendments to the List of OFFICERS on duty with 7 Territorial Command FORCES

	RANK	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Command.				
Commander	-	HODGES	GIDEON	At disposal.
Staff.		No Change.		
Engineer.				

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Apprx. "C" to 7 M.I.D. letter
WDU/20 dated 5 July 1945

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Amendments to the List of COLONELS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases.				
Col.	Art.	CHARLO	ANGELO ✓	At disposal
Col.	Inf.	REGO	GIACOMO ✓	At disposal
Decreases.				
Col.	Inf.	TARGIS	GIORGIO ✓	Transferred to Terr.Comd. [illegible]
Col.	Arty.	TAMBARA	GIORGIO ✓	Previously attached to Military Geographical Institutes, now disbanded.
Amendments.				
Col.	Art.	BACCIOLA	UGO ✓	From Military District of PISA - at disposal.
Col.	Art.	MANETTINI	GIACOMO ✓	Previously at disposal - Now O.C. Military District of PISA.
Col.	Inf.	MANCINI	DINO ✓	Previously Military Tribunal Judge. Now O.C. 7 Inf.Regt.
Col.	Art.	QUERCIA	MARIO ✓	Previously at disposal - Now Mil. Tribunal Judge.

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Annex. "C" to 7 C.I.U. letter
CIU/20 dated 5 July 1946

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Comments to the list of OFFICERS on duty with 7 CHRONOLOGICAL SCORED FILMING

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ATTACHMENT
Lieutenant-Colonel.	Art.	CHIZZO	ANGELO	At disposal
Lieutenant.	Inf.	RIGO	GIACOMO	At disposal
Lieutenant-Colonel.	Inf.	TAMONE	GIUSEPPE	Transferred to Terr.Cond. ROMA
Colonel.	Art.	TAZZARI	GIUSEPPE	Previously attached to Military Geographical Institute, now disbanded.
Lieutenant-Colonel.	Art.	BACCIOLA	GUIDO	From Military District of PISA - at disposal.
Colonel.	Art.	BUFFONI	GIACOMO	Previously at disposal - Now O.C. Military District of PISA.
Colonel.	Inf.	MARCONI	UGO	Previously Military Tribunal Judge - Now O.C. 7 Inf.Dept.
Colonel.	Art.	QUERCIA	MARIO	Previously at disposal - Now Military Tribunal Judge.

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Annex "C" to 7 P.W.U.
letter III/20 dated 5 July '46

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Amendments to the list of W.C.O.s. on duty with 7 PRISONERS OF WAR UNIT

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
SIENA.				
Lt.Col.	Engr.	ORSI	GINO	Mine Clearance 5th Zone H.Q.
Lt.Col.	Art.	STELLETI	CARLO	Military District of GROSSETO
Lt.Col.	Inf.	CHIGI	ANGELICO	SIENA Military District
Lt.Col.	Inf.	CERVELLI	RENATO	AREZZO Military District
Deletions.				
Lt.Col.	Art.	ZABARINO	DOMENICO	From the W.R. of GROSSETO District to Civilian Establ. of GROSSETO District.
Amendments.				
Lt.Col.	Art.	PERETTO	PATRIZIO	From Engrs. H.Q. to Military District of FLORENCE.

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Annex "C" to 7 B.L.U.
Letter HH/20 dated 5 July '45.

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...onths to the list of M.O.L.S. on July 45th 7 SECRET/SOE, CHARGE WIRELESS

ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
...ur.			
	Major.	CUNHA	GILBERTO	Mine Clearance 5th Zone H.Q.
	Art.	CERQUEIRA	CARLOS	Military District of GOIAZES
	Inf.	CROCE	ARALDINO	SIXTH Military District
	Inf.	CUNHA	RENATO	...Military District
...ce.				
	Art.	BARBACENA	EDMUNDO	From the N.E. of GOIASSES District to Civilian Estabt. of (GOIASES) District.
...ire.				
	Art.	PEREIRA	NATHANAEL	From Engrs. H.Q. to Military District of FLORIANOS.

Annex 'D' to 7 BMU letter
BMU/20 dated 5 July '46

Subject : End of Month Report on 7 U.A.R. as at 30 June 46.

1. Personnel.

(a) Recruits. At 30 June 2263 recruits were under training.

(b) Instructors. A serious shortage of instructors still exists, the largest deficiency being 70 Junior NCO instructors.

Ltr BMU/35 dtd. 16 June refers.

2. Training.

(a) Ministry of War training programme is being strictly adhered to. Recruits interest is held by first class instructors. Much attention has been paid to the systematic arrangement of training programmes to avoid wasted time between periods of instruction. This system is now working excellently due to the unfailing efforts of capable H.Q. Staff Officers.

(b) Personal record books (CARTA PERSONALE) have been printed by 7 U.A.R. These books are kept up to date in Coy HQ and will be forwarded to the receiving unit when the recruit leaves 7 U.A.R. A specimen book is attached to this report.

(c) Training was interrupted for fifteen days due to election activities and the present course will now terminate on 6 July 46.

(d) Two Snipers rifles complete with telescopic sights have been lent to 7 U.A.R. by the "[illegible]" Regt. These are sufficient to give recruits a general idea of the weapon, as indicated in Ministry of War programme.

3. Clothing.

Italian manufactured Summer clothing is arriving slowly and is being immediately issued.

4. Welfare.

During the month of June a first class canteen for ORs has been furnished, also a smaller canteen for NCOs and a bar for Officers. These are all situated at LA MARMORA Barracks and are well patronised. A grant of 250,000 (a quarter of a million) lire has been made by Ministry of War to open up a soldiers club ("[illegible]") in [illegible]. Plans are being made for the

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Visit C.A.F.

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5. Morale

of troops is satisfactory, a tangible test of this was shown in their excellent, well disciplined behaviour during the election period. Officers of 7 U.S.A.R. fully realise the importance of the soldiers' welfare and a good relationship exists between Officers and men. Twenty two cases of absence without leave occurred during the month, sixteen of whom have now returned.

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Appendix "B" to 7 B.L.U. letter
BL/20 dated 5 July 1946

O.W.O.'s MTD/BRIEFING OF MONTH REPORT, AS AT 1 JULY 1946

1. 7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot

7 Territorial Command have now ruled that the 7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot will be allocated four rooms at the originally proposed site at RIFREDI (Ippolito Nievo).

The objections that I made to this site have been mutually overcome. The four large rooms are now to be divided into sections and the difficulty in transporting the stores up to the top floor has been overcome by repairing existing Elevators.

2. 7 Clothing & Equipment Depot

The Detachment of 7 Repair Factory has been transferred from FORTEZZA DA BASSO to the new location at RIFREDI. The Clothing and Equipment is still being transferred but it is anticipated that this will be complete by 20 July 1946.

3. 7 Repair Factory

Hastening of Supply of machinery required.
Items concerned are as detailed in my previous Report for month ending April 1946.
The transfer of this unit to [illegible] NUNO, RIFREDI is expected to commence on or about, 21 July 1946 i.e. upon completion of transferring 7 Clothing & Equipment Depot (see para 2). In the interim this Factory is employed in the manufacture of Summer Clothing which is urgently required in the Command.
Thus the transferring is likely to be slightly delayed in order that the manufacturing may not be interrupted.

4. "FOLGORE" Ordnance Field Park

(a) Instructions were received by the O i/c Ordnance Field Park "FOLGORE" from "FOLGORE" H.Q. to clear all M.T. Spares from his Special Binned Vehicles. It was stated by HQ. that owing to the lack of reliable transport the Binned Vehicles would be required to "stand by" during the Election period.
(b) The removal of these Bins from the vehicles has caused great concern to the C.F.F. itself and they are rather dubious of seeing these vehicles returned.

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(c) The whole position is being investigated.

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5. VEHICLES - War Establishment

During period 1st June to 24 June 1946 100 Jeeps were collected from 4 I/93 Depot, LIVORNO. Particulars of each vehicle are recorded in this Office.

W. A. Hamilton Major
S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

30th June 1946.

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EXTRACTS FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS AFTER VISIT OF
JOURNALISTS OF TUSCANY NEWSPAPERS TO 7 C.A.R. on 27 JUNE 46

2. "LA PATRIA" 26 June

(a) General. An accurate, objective, and uncoloured report of the personalities, organisation and activities of the C.A.R.

(b) Extracts (Padoia)

"When have we ever seen a Barracks like that of 7 C.A.R.? or beds of that type, or windows so airy, or dining-halls so clean, or cookhouses so bright and promising? On the films - but not, unfortunately, on the Italian films! In fact, the C.A.R.'s have been developed (as regards general lines, and details of individual life, as well as the characteristics of military training) on the American and English model. In truth, more on the English than the American.

The desire that the soldier should live in comfortable, one might say luxurious surroundings is typical of the mentality (and of the means) of the British.

The soldier, naturally, feels the difference when he is free from the worry of civilian clothes, bright ties, overalls, Sunday suit. His brain, too, is free from former trammels and looks to other interests. His spirit soars, his enthusiasm rises, he wins wars. He would like an atom bomb, yes - but still, for want of better.....! Naturally, English and Americans are by our side and are helping us from the practical point-of- view (the arms and equipment of the 4,000 recruits of the C.A.R. are all of Allied type), and they are also putting at our disposal their experience and advice.
Major HAMILTON, representing the Allied Military Commission, was with us yesterday with the Colonel Commandant. Of all the Officers present he (Major HAMILTON) was the most anxious to ask us our true impressions - also especially as "outsiders" - of all that we were shown, down to the minutest detail. His precise reason for this is not difficult to understand. Yesterday was the first official contact between the new Italian Army and the Country. The curtain was raised, and "the public" mounted the stage to see what had been done, during months and months, behind the scenes.

Naturally, we had our misgivings. Even though such an organisation may have had excellent results in shall we say, their country of origin, the Allies cannot but have had at heart some justifiable doubts as to how the particular Italian mentality would have accepted the "rulers" and the masses.

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For us - we who write - the impression has been full of cheer. Certain people, in other parts, may produce various criticisms regarding the greater or the less advisability of setting up in Italy an English rather than, for example, a Swiss organisation. But these are problems of enormous importance which clearly it is not for us to "put on the mat". But what gives us comfort - and we consider it undeniable - is the enhanced "decorum" which the Italian Army has already reached since these, its first steps. To dream oneself in grey-green uniform used to imply launching oneself into disconsoling surroundings. For the mothers and wives to weep at the parting of a son or husband it was not necessary to be at war. And it was not only the separation which moved them to tears. "Being a soldier" is an expression which has for too long contained the image of a dead period in the life of every man. To-day even while "being a soldier", one lives.

And, what's more, a deal better than at home.

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2. "IL NUOVO PAESE" (Weekly) 30 June.

(a) General. The article consists mainly of an accurate and objective description of the training and organisation of the C.A.R. and ends as follows:-

(b) "the recruits, the soldier, everything which goes to make up the military life, is attractive, and is surrounded by an atmosphere of social life which has nothing in common with the past. In truth, all that was previously provided for the officers is to-day provided for the soldiers.

A camaraderie between men and officers, good treatment, every consideration which counts towards forgetting the past, is now in being"..... etc.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
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6 June 1946

Subject : Reports and Return - End/Beginning Month Report.

To ; M.M.I.A.

1. Reference SD/113 dated 27 Dec'45.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 June 1946.

(b) At App"A" is location Statement of 7 B.L.U., and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns, and equivalent Units.

(c) At App"B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(d) At App"C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt.Col. and above.

(e) At App"D" is Return of Brit.N.T. held by this B.L.U.

(f) At App"E" is Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(g) Att App"F" is Report by CRD. W.O.

(h) At App"G" is Programme of "Parade and Ceremony by GARIBALDI Regt (POLGORE Inf.Div) in FLORENCE on 19 May 1946.

(i) At App "H"is a Translation of a Pamphlet found in the streets of FLORENCE on 23 May 1946.

(j) At App "I" in an envelope containing some cuttings of local Military and civilian press activity. It is particularly requested that these be retained together and returned to this HQ. after perusal by those interested as they are the only copies procurable by this HQ apart from which the photographs, which have been purchased privately, are of especial personal interest.

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C.C.MARKES.
Lt.Col.

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1. Reference SD/113 dated 27 Dec'45.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 June 1946.

(b) At App"A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U., and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns, and equivalent Units.

(c) At App"B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(d) At App"C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt.Col. and above.

(e) At App"D" is Return of Brit.M.T. held by this B.L.U.

(f) At App"E" is Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(g) Att App"F" is Report by CRD. W.O.

(h) At App"G" is Programme of "Parade and Ceremony by GARIBALDI Regt (FOLGORE Inf.Div) in FLORENCE on 19 May 1946.

(i) At App "H"is a Translation of a Pamphlet found in the streets of FLORENCE on 23 May 1946.

(j) At App "I" is an envelope containing some cuttings of local Military and civilian press activity. It is particularly requested that these be retained together and returned to this HQ. after perusal by those interested as they are the only copies procurable by this HQ apart from which the photographs, which have been purchased privately, are of especial personal interest.

PA TO GOC + + C.C.MARKES.
Dep Comd + 7 + Lt.Col.
B G S + MWH. + GSO.I.
Col A/G + WP +

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE G/87/7A
DATE 8/11/6

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Subject : 7 B.L.A. Bul/Beginning Month Report as at 1 June 1946.

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (NEI)

(i) L/Cpl TEI reported for duty at Dar Mech on 11 May'46.

(ii) Cpl GUMAN returned from 14 days (marriage) leave on 13 May'46.

(iii) C/Sgt ARMIT (supernumary Chief Clerk) left on release 14 May'46.

(iv) Cpl WHITE (RAOC clerk) left on release 22 May'46.

(v) Sgt HUNTER, RASC, reported for duty 24 May'46. He is awaiting with 7 NEI in PANGANI on NEI rep and will return to DARADNA for fortnightly NEI conferences.

(vi) Capt.C.A.ATKINSON left for NEI 25 May'46 to discuss his prospects of release from the army to join UNRRA. He has remained in NEI awaiting a decision on his appeal against being compulsorily delayed.

(b) British.

GSO.II. 217 Area visited 7 NEI on 31 May'46. He discussed with GSO.I. and II various matters connected with the impending change of Command (Adm) of this Area from E.A.A.C. to 217 Area.

(c) Visits and Liaison.

(i) In accordance with a pre-arranged programme the following routine visits have been made by GSO.I. accompanied by NEI Staff Officers as indicated below:

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2 Nos units of "FORCE" Div (including "CAMERON" Highl) stationed in MOROGORO participated

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(iii) Gnr [redacted] returned from 14 days (marriage) leave on 13 May'46.

(iii) C/Sgt [redacted] (supernumary Chief Clerk) left on release 14 May'46.

(iv) Cpl [redacted] (RAOC clerk) left on release 22 May'46.

(v) Sgt [redacted], RHQ, reported for duty 24 May'46. He is remaining with 7 HAA in [redacted] as RHQ rep and will return to DOLOMA for fortnightly RHQ conferences.

(vi) Capt.C.A.[redacted] left for RHQ 13 May'46 to discuss his prospects of release from the army to join [redacted]. He has remained in RHQ awaiting a decision on his appeal against being compulsorily deferred.

(b) British.

GSO.II. 247 Area visited 7 HAA on 31 May'46. He discussed with GSO.I.and II various matters connected with the impending change of Command (Adm) of this Area from R.A.A.C. to 247 Area.

(c) Visits and Liaison.

(1) In accordance with a pre-arranged programme the following routine visits have been made by GSO.I. accompanied by HAA Staff Officers as indicated below:

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2 May Units of "POLONIA" Div (including "CARPATHIA" Regt) stationed in [redacted] accompanied by GSO.II.

2 May 4,4.2 and 5 Bdes and POLONIA Arty Regt HQ at [redacted], accompanied by DAA & QMG and S.O.,RHQ. Also visited the District Commander who showed excellent arrangements for reception of new call-ups.

14 May GLAM. Units, and troops at [redacted] Fort, [redacted]. Accompanied by GSO.II., and GLAM. LO.

16 May "[redacted]" Regt. at [redacted], and large concentration camp at [redacted]. Accompanied by GSO.II.

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21 May — Service Units under 7 Territorial Command in FLORENCE. (GSO.II., and DAA & QMG only)

23 May — Artillery Groups, FOLGORE Division at PERUGIA. Accompanied by GSO..II., also visited District HQ., and spoke to District Commander.

28 May — 7 Ind.Regt.MARCHE, accompanied by GSO.II.

Owing to the advent of the Election period and the move to new locations of FOLGORE Division and of certain other units of 7 T.C., the remainder of the above programme of indoctrination visits have been temporarily suspended, but will be resumed shortly.

Great efficiency and cordiality has been displayed by all ranks of the Italian Army on these visits. On receipt of the detailed reports of the first two visits, sent personally to Gen.PEMMO by GSO.I., the former replied personally expressing his thanks for any suggestions or criticisms made, and his full appreciation that they were made with the object of assisting him in his task of rebuilding the Italian Army under difficult moral material, and financial conditions.

(ii) 7 C.A.R.MARCHE.

Visited by GSO.I., on 20 May, and by GSO.II., on 6 and 11 May. (See also separate G.A.R. report at App "E")

(iii) S.A.F.

Capt.A.A.MERRITT carried out a 5 - day visit to ANCONA beginning 9 May.
His report see MMB/SF/240 dated 13 May'46.

(iv) C.F.M.M.I.A.

Lt.Col.HEAD and Major BRADLEY visited this HQ on 15 May and discussed "G" problems at a conference with GSO.I., and DAA & QMG.

(v) Col.CARTER R. SMITH and Major VAN DYKE, M.M.I.A.

Visited FLORENCE on 15 May, and attended a

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Great efficiency and cordiality has been displayed by all ranks of the Italian Army on these visits. On receipt of the detailed reports of the first two visits, sent personally to Gen. [redacted] by G30.I., the former replied personally expressing his thanks for any suggestions or criticisms made, and his full appreciation that they were made with the object of assisting him in his task of rebuilding the Italian Army under difficult moral material, and financial conditions.

(ii) 7 C.A.R. [redacted].

Visited by G30.I., on 20 May, and by G30.II., on 6 and 11 May. (See also separate C.A.R. report at App " E")

(iii) S.A.T.

Capt. [redacted] carried out a 3 - day visit to [redacted] beginning 9 May.
For report see HQ/MG/040 dated 13 May'46.

(iv) "F" M.M.I.A.

Lt.Col. [redacted] and Major [redacted] visited this HQ on 15 May and discussed "F" problem at a conference with G30.I., and DMA & AG.

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(v) Col. [redacted] and Major [redacted], M.M.I.A.

Visited [redacted] on 19 May, and attended a Ceremonial Parade and presentation of medals to the [redacted] Regt (PEIAGHE Div) on the morning of the 19 May. At this parade Col [redacted] presented United States decorations to an Officer and an NCO of the "[redacted]" Regt. (D.S.C. and Bronze Star respectively). A separate report is attached at App "H"

(MMIA letter A.245 dated 22 May refers.)

Photographs of the parade have been sent to Col [redacted] by G30.I.

(see 7 HQ MG/1 letter dated 31 May)

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On the previous evening Col KERR assisted at a prize-giving at the Gran Del Soldato, at which awards were given to winners of events covering a full week of sports; fencing, patrol competitions etc.

At both the above ceremonies Col KERR was accompanied by G30.I., and DA & QM.

(vi) [redacted]

Accompanied by G30.I., visited 31 7 I.G. on 20 May where he held a short conference with Gen. DE SIMONI and Gen. PIASENTI (Cmd PUGLIE Div) attended by their Staffs.

(vii) [redacted] with his A.D.C.

Major GRAY, and accompanied by G30.I., visited units of the PUGLIE Div in their new locations on 30 May. A full report has already been sent to M.M.I.A. (see HCI/25 of 1 June'46)

2. [redacted]

(a) Organisation

(i) Domestic
(ii) Italian } see para 1 above.

(b) Employment of Troops.

(i) 7 Ind.Inf.Bde.

Employed on guard duties on Military Depots, Railways, Train escorts etc.

(ii) 6 Para.Bde.

Under General P.W.B. and employed on guard duties.

(iii) All units under 7 I.G. changed over from training to Public Security duties on 28 May'46. Locations are shown in MAF Secret Signal, [redacted] dated 1 June 1946.

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(c) Training.

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Accompanied by G.S.I., visited by 7 I.G. on 30 May when he held a short conference with Gen. DE [illegible] and Gen. MALONEY (Canal ZONE Div) attended by their staffs.

(vii) U.S. Military Attache Gen. HAIG with his A.D.C.

Major GRAY, and accompanied by G.S.I., visited units of the ZONE Div in their new locations on 30 May. A full report has already been sent to M.I.D.A. (see IX/25 of 1 June'46)

2. "G"

(a) Organisation

(i) Domestic
(ii) Italian } see para 1 above.

(b) Employment of Troops.

(i) 7 Ind.Inf.Bgde.

Employed on guard duties on Military Depots, Prisons, Train escorts etc.

(ii) 6 Para.Group.

Under Command P.W.B. and employed on guard duties.

(iii) All units under 7 I.G. changed over from training to Public Security duties on 28 May'46. Locations are shown in HQ Secret Signal, IX/20 dated 1 June 1946.

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(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind.Inf.Bgde.

Mainly employed on guard duties but some individual training is being carried out; marching, arms drill, range firing of rifle and LMG, throwing hand grenades.

Debugging drill is being practised together with training in security duties i.e. maintenance of road blocks and security cordons etc.
P.T. and recreational training.
NCO's cadres are in progress.

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(ii) [redacted]

Platoon and Company training. Courses are being run on H/T, M.T., MG's and officers cadres are in progress.
Reinforcements continue range practice and section training.

(d) Intelligence.

(i) During the last two weeks in May, there was an increase in political propaganda amongst troops, mainly spread by pamphlets and hand-bills.
At App "I" is an original and copies of translations of a hand-bill found in the streets of [redacted] on [redacted].

(ii) The local press have expressed political opinions indicating both the good and the bad effect which a republic would have on the army, and particularly on the CC.NN.

(iii) Il Nuovo Corriere has denied a statement made in the Florentine newspaper "La Nazione del Popolo" of 22 May '46, which stated that troops on duty at [redacted] Barracks had left their post.

(iv) On 1 May (Labour Day) a small demonstration took place outside "[redacted]" (a smart and expensive cafe) apparently as a protest against the black market food that was offered there.

(v) Up to the time of going to press, and in confirmation of our daily Sitreps, no incidents of any serious or even noisy nature have been reported during the Election period.

3. [redacted]

(a) Domestic (MIL).

(i) Deficiencies.

Officers: Nil. Capt C.A. [redacted] - RAOC has applied against his 3 months compulsory deferment, and a decision is awaited. (see also para 4 above)

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(i) During the last two weeks in May, there was an increase in political propaganda amongst troops, mainly spread by pamphlets and hand-bills. At App "I" is an original and copies of translations of a hand-bill found in the streets of FLORENCE on [redacted].

(ii) The local press have expressed political opinions indicating both the good and the bad effect which a republic would have on the army, and particularly on the C.C.S.S.

(iii) Lt.-Col. T.C. has denied a statement made in the Florentine newspaper "La Nazione del Popolo" of 22 May 1946, which stated that troops on duty at [redacted] Barracks had left their post.

(iv) On 1 May (Labour Day) a small demonstration took place outside "[redacted]" (a smart and expensive cafe) apparently as a protest against the black market food that was offered there.

(v) Up to the time of going to press, and in confirmation of our daily Sitreps, no incidents of any serious or even noisy nature have been reported during the Election period.

3. "A"

(a) Trouble (N.I).

(i) Deliberations.

Germany: Nil. Capt C.A. [redacted] - RASC has appealed against his 3 months compulsory detainment, and a decision is awaited. (see also para 1 above) 2526

Gr'ds: Cpl. Clark RASC.
L/C " RASC.
L/C " RASC.

(b) Italian.

(i) Deliberations in Strength.

Z Ind.Inf.Bde. 25% below W.E.

H.Q. Royal Dircotamb. 9% below W.E.

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Medical Directorate.	29% below W.E.
Artillery Directorate.	33% below W.E.
Engineers Directorate.	19% below W.E.
POLISH Division.	*

* (POLISH figures not yet available but will be forwarded when received)

(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists.

	7 Territorial Cat.	POLISH Div.
M.T.Drivers.	10% below W.E.	*
Mechanics.	20% below W.E.	*
R/T Operators.	10% below W.E.	*

(iii) Discipline.

Is gradually improving and is generally satisfactory. It will be further improved with the release of old classes. The effect on discipline of the Election and Referendum results remains to be seen, and will be watched closely.

(iv) Pay.

As ever, Pay is considered by all ranks to be insufficient.

(v) Leave.

Is being improved with better transport arrangements.

(vi) Morale.

Is influenced by the uncertain situation of the Country, but is not giving rise to concern.

(vii) Public Relations.

Contact has been made with the local Italian Press, and Broadcasting Corporation, and close collaboration is ensured. After the elections regular periodic contacts will be made with Directors of various papers, etc.

(MIL/G) Letter dated 23 May'46 refers.

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	Industrial Cal.	Rural Div.
M.T.Delivery.	10% below W.E.	+
Mechanics.	30% below W.E.	+
R/T Operators.	40% below W.E.	+

(iii) Handling.

Is gradually improving and is generally satisfactory. It will be further improved with the release of old classes. The effect on discipline of the Election and Reform results remains to be seen, and will be watched closely.

(iv) Pay.

As ever, Pay is considered by all ranks to be insufficient.

(v) Leave.

Is being improved with better transport arrangements.

(vi.) Morale.

Is influenced by the uncertain situation of the Country, but is not giving rise to concern.

(vii) Public Relations.

(PRO/69 Letter dated 23 May'46 refers).

Contact has been made with the Local Italian Press, and Broadcasting Corporation, and close collaboration is assured. After the elections regular periodic contacts will be made with Directors of various newspapers.

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At App "I" is a separate envelope containing certain examples of Local P.R. and Press activity.

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4. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] (MT)

(i) [redacted] See Appx "E" attached.

(ii) [redacted]

The plan for the occupation of VILLA HERMOSA as laid down in the last month report has been put into effect, and is working well.

(b) [redacted]

(i) [redacted]

The repair of the railway from MARIKINA to SILANG and to ANTIPOLO has helped out the transport problem. No outstanding difficulties with mail vehicles (apart from constant lack of tyres) has been experienced. Percentage of inefficient vehicles; 10%.

On 31 May, the collection began of 200 Jeeps from R.A.S.C. DEPOTS. These are being checked over by 7 M.T. Repair Unit, and a report on their condition will follow.

(ii) [redacted]

Shortage of 1st and 2nd line and training ammo in FORCE HQ, is being investigated and a full report will be submitted as soon as possible. Indents on HYDRO Allied Depot have been temporarily suspended. It is reported that higher authority have authorised the transfer of some ammunition to the EIGHTH Army, from FIFTH and THIRTEENTH Army.

(iii) [redacted]

Canvas uniforms are being made from Italian material and distributed. Ministry of War have issued some of the uniforms to make up deficiencies in EIGHTH Army. The issue is one shirt, one pair each of shorts and long trousers. Other uniforms will be withdrawn, washed and repaired, and stored ready for re-issue.

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as laid down in the last month report has been put into effect, and is working well.

(b) Malaya.

(i) Transport.

The repair of the railway from PENANG to KUPIN and to SINGORA has helped out the transport problem. No outstanding difficulties with small vehicles (apart from constant lack of tyres) has been experienced. Percentage of inefficient vehicles; 4%.

On 31 May, the collection began of 200 Jeeps from R.A.O.C. KUCHING.
These are being checked over by 7 M.T.Repair Units, and a report on their condition will follow.

(ii) Ammunition.

Shortage of 1st and 2nd line and training ammo' in PENANG Div, is being investigated and a full report will be submitted as soon as possible.
Indents on KUCHING Allied Depot have been temporarily suspended. It is reported that higher authority have authorised the transfer of some ammunition to the PENANG Div, from PERAK and KEDAH Divs.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment.

Issues uniforms are being made from Indian material and distributed. Ministry of War have issued some of the 3524
uniforms to make up deficiencies in PENANG Div.
The issue is one shirt, one pair each of shorts and long trousers. Winter uniform will be withdrawn, washed and supplied, and stored ready for re-issue.

(iv) Organisation.

7 Ind.Inf.Regt. completed its move to Caesars Barracks at PENANG.

(v) Roads.

Serious shortage, particularly in light passenger vehicles.

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(vi) E.C.L.

A strike at C.I.P. during May, caused temporary shortage. Rebuil can now be drawn normally and reserve stocks used during the strike have been replenished.

(vii) Medical.

(a) Anti-Malarial precautions are being carried out in malarious areas and suspected places. A regular issue of quinine and anti-malarial pills is being made.

(b) Smallpox and anti-typhus inoculation are being carried out regularly.

(c) 8 Rail Trucks of captured Medical Stores, arrived at the Institute during the month of May; 7 on 12th and 1 on 28th, 2 Rail Trucks of Germans received from U.S. were found to be duly-emptied and perished and not suitable for handing over to the Italians at the usual charge.

151 Rail Trucks of Medical Stores and equipment arrived from MILANO during May.

(d) MILANO continue to occupy 5 buildings belonging to the [redacted] which are urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities for storage of Medicines and Machinery coming from [redacted] and Allied sources. (see also previous reports)

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Appendix "A" to 7 B.I.B. letter
AG/30 dated, 9 June 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL
COMMAND AREA AS OF 31 MAY 1946

UNITS	LOCATION		CATEGORIES
	Up to 28 May 1946	After 28 May 1946	
Hq. 7 Inf. Regt.	Florence	Florence	III-IVI
1st Bn (ex 909 Bn)	Florence	Florence	IVI-III
2nd Bn. (ex 911 Bn)	Florence	Florence	III-III
3rd Bn. (ex 912 Bn)	Pisa	Pisa	III-III
Hq. 7 C.A.R.	Siena	Siena	III-III
1st Bn.	Siena	Lucca	III-III
2nd Bn.	Siena	Arezzo	III-IVI
3rd Bn.	Siena	Siena	III-III
"PALADIN" Inf. Div. Hq	Florence	S.Marcello Pistoiese	III-III
"MARS" Inf. Regt. Hq	Arezzo	Pian di Rapolano	III-III
1st Inf. Bn.	Montevarchi	Montevarchi	III-III
2nd Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	Pian di Rapolano	III-III
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	Banco dell'Abbate	III-III
"GENERAL" Inf. Regt. Hq	Cortona	Fattoria Torre-Ponte alla Venturina	III-III
1st Inf. Bn.	Cortona	Fattoria Torre-Ponte alla Venturina	III-III
2nd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	Fattoria Torre-Ponte alla Venturina	III-III
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	Fattoria Torre-Ponte alla Venturina	III-III
13th Art. Regt. Hq	Lucca	Cavriana	III-III
No. 1 25-Pr Bty	Pistoia	Cavriana	III-III
No. 2 25-Pr Bty	Lucca	Cavriana	III-III
No. 3 25-Pr Bty	Pistoia	Cavriana	III-III
No. 4 25-Pr Bty	Lucca	Cavriana	III-III
No. 5 17-Pr Bty	Lucca	Cavriana	III-III
No. 6 40-m/m A.A. Bty	Pistoia	Cavriana	III-III
18th Engr. Bn. Hq "PALADIN"	Florence	Pontepetri	III-III
Central School CO. Hq.	Florence	Florence	III-III
Hq. 3rd B.de	Florence	Florence	III-III
Hq. Mob. Res Group	Florence	Florence	III-III
Florence Legion	Florence	Florence	III-III
Sub Group	Florence	Florence	III-III
Int. Group	Florence	Florence	III-III
"Pistoia" Group	Pistoia	Pistoia	III-III
"Arezzo" Group	Arezzo	Arezzo	III-III
"Siena" Group	Siena	Siena	III-III
Leghorn Legion	Leghorn	Leghorn	III-III
CO. Hq. Group	Leghorn	Leghorn	III-III
CO. Hq. Group	Grosseto	Grosseto	III-III
CO. Hq. Group	Massa	Massa	III-III
CO. Hq. Group	Lucca	Lucca	III-III

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H.Q. 7 Inf. Regt.	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
1st Bn (ex 509 Bn)	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Bn)	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Bn)	Pisa	Pisa	XXI-XXI
H.Q. 7 C.A.R.	Siena	Siena	XXI-XXI
1st Bn.	Siena	Lucca	XXI-XXI
2nd Bn.	Siena	Arezzo	XXI-XXI
3rd Bn.	Siena	Siena	XXI-XXI
"FULCHER" Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Florence	S.Marcello Pistoiese	XXI-XXI
"EMMO" Inf. Regt. H.Q.	Arezzo	Pian-di-Rupetta	XXI-XXI
1st Inf. Bn.	Montevarchi	Pian-di-Rupetta	XXI-XXI
2nd Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	Pian-di-Rupetta	XXI-XXI
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	Passo dell'Abetone	XXI-XXI
"CAMERALIN" Inf. Regt. H.Q.	Cervignano	Porretta Terme-Ponte alla Venturina	XXI-XXI
1st Inf. Bn.	Cervignano	Abetone Terme-Ponte alla Venturina	XXI-XXI
2nd Inf. Bn.	Cervignano	Porretta Terme-Ponte alla Venturina	XXI-XXI
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cervignano	Porretta Terme-Ponte alla Venturina	XXI-XXI
18th Art. Regt. H.Q.	Lucca	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 1 25-pr Bty	Pistoia	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 2 25-pr Bty	Lucca	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 3 25-pr Bty	Pistoia	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 4 25-pr Bty	Lucca	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 5 17-pr Bty	Massa	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
No. 6 40-m/m A.A. Bty	Pistoia	Gavinana	XXI-XXI
18th Engr. Bn. H.Q. "FULCHER"	Florence	Pontepetri	XXI-XXI
Central School Of Fire	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
H.Q. 2nd B.de	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
H.Q. Mob. Rest Group	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
Florence Legion	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
Art. Group	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
Inf. Group	Florence	Florence	XXI-XXI
"Pistoia" Group	Pistoia	Pistoia	XXI-XXI
"Arezzo" Group	Arezzo	Arezzo	XXI-XXI
"Siena" Group	Siena	Siena	XXI-XXI
Leghorn Legion	Leghorn	Leghorn	XXI-XXI
C.C. H.Q. Group	Leghorn	Leghorn	XXI-XXI
C.C. H.Q. Group	Grosseto	Grosseto	XXI-XXI
C.C. H.Q. Group	Siena	Siena	XXI-XXI
C.C. H.Q. Group	Lucca	Lucca	XXI-XXI

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Appendix "A" to Z Detail Letter No. 2
dated 6 Jan 1945

INFANTRY REGIMENT Z Detail

Co. [redacted] 1st Platoon Camp [redacted]

2nd Lt. [redacted] Room 438 - Transient Hotel, Pvt. Flowers 1143
Major [redacted] Room 436 - " " " " "
Major [redacted] Room 345 - " " " " "
Major [redacted] Room 436 - " " " " "
Capt. [redacted] Room 432 - " " " " "
Capt. [redacted] Room 470 - " " " " "
Capt. [redacted] ROOM [redacted]

Detailed O.R.'s in Accord to [redacted] - Pvt. Flowers 1356

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Annex "C" to A.P.L.D. letter 337/2 dated 23 [illegible]

Assignment of Air Elements to Area and Territorial Armies.

Unit	Area	Base	Operational Role	Remarks
Inverness.				
6Sq.	Arb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	As Depot
8Sq.	Arb.	Grimsby	Recce	As Depot
9Sq.	Arb.	Bridgend	Attacks	As Depot
10Sq.	Ob.Hq.	Inverness	Fighters	G.C. Heb.Ex. Flights
Dalkeith.				
11Sq.	Arb.	Edinburgh	Attacks	Transferred to Tern.Coal.Area
12Sq.	Arb.	St Kenna	Recce	Transferred on mobn
13Sq.	Inf.	Glasgow	Tpts	Transferred to Tern.Coal.Area
Appleshaw.				
14Sq.	Inf.	Bombay	Fighters	As Depot
15Sq.	Arb.	Blackpool	Recce	G.C. 7 Arb.Sqn.(Fld) Regt
16Sq.	Inf.	Bombay	Recce	Recce at Depot - G.C. 8
				Inf.Sqn. Depot.

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Annex "C" to G.O. No. [illegible] dated [illegible] June 1944

[illegible] to the List of Changes in Station and Duty with Tactical Groups.

UNIT	FROM	TO	ASSIGNMENT
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	As Observer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	As Observer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	As Observer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	C.O. Hdqrs. Flt. Photo
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Transferred to Tac. Gen. Unit
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Transferred on request
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Transferred to Tac. Gen. Unit
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	As Observer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	C.O. 7 Army Base (Field) Depot
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Return at disposal - C.O. 6th Army Base Depot.

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Appendix A " to 7 Inf. Div. Letter No. 20 dated [illegible] 1945

Assignments to the 31st [illegible] as duty with 7 Inf. Div. Artillery.

RANK	NAME	SERIAL NO.	CURRENT ASSIGNMENT	ASSIGNMENT
Officers.				
Lt.Col.	Ruf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Artillery District of Nasa
Lt.Col.	Tuf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Co. Inf. to Ft. Lapac
Lt.Col.	Art.	[illegible]	[illegible]	7 Field Art.Orgn. Depot
Lt.Col.	Ber.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Military Materiel Offer
Enlisted.				
2/Lt.Col.	Bruno.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Discharged
Lt.Col.	Ber.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Transferred to Hil.District Area
Lt.Col.	Zuf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sent on sick leave
Assignments.				
Lt.Col.	Ber.	[illegible]	[illegible]	From Hq. to Hil. District Area
Lt.Col.	Art.	[illegible]	[illegible]	From 7 Field Army Hqtr. to Depot
Lt.Col.	Bef.	[illegible]	[illegible]	From Nasca Hospital to Materiel
Lt.Col.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	From C.O. Hdqtrs. Nasca to
Lt.Col.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Depot Nasca Legion.
				From Chief Legion Nasca, to
				Depot 7 Inf.Div. Nasca.

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Appendix B to 7 Div. Letter 459/AD dated [illegible]

Changes in Div Hq Troops and Attached Units and Detached Units.

AUG	TROOPS	ORGANIZATION MOVED	ASSIGNMENT
[illegible]			
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]			
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Det.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Med.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Q.M.Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Q.M.Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]

Military Hospital of Nancy
Ob Inf. Repl. Depot
7 Field Art. Repl. Depot
Military Hospital (1/2)

Discharged
Transferred to Mil. Hospital (1/2)
Sent on sick leave

Para H.Q. to Mil. Hospital #134
Pvts 7 Field Arty Repl. to Disposal
Para Florence Hospital to Florence
Detached.
Para C.C. Mobilon. Florence to
General Florence Legion.
Para Ob. Lt. Legion Florence, to di
Disposal 7 Corps Cmd. Florence.

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Inclosure #1 to 7 Dale letter PM/30 dated June 3, 1918

Explanation to the Mail of Orders to date with 7 Inclosures (herein).

DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS	AUTHORITY
			No Change.	

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Annex "C" to 7 B.A.L. letter MU/SO 0016 dated 3 Jan 1946

Amendments to the List of CRYPTOS for the U.S. 7 Amphibious Command.

ADD	WITHDRAW	SUPERSEDES	REMARKS
[illegible]			
[illegible]		No Change.	
[illegible]			

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Appendix "D"
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7 B.L.U. Domestic Transport: State as at 1st June 1946

SERIAL No. (a)	VEH TYPE (b)	V.D. No. (c)	CONTRACT No. (d)	CHASSIS No. (e)	EFFICIENT (f)	LOCAL REPAIR (g)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR (h)
1.	ALFA - ROMEO.(4 ton.)CAP/R	9050210	NK	913009	Yes.	-	-
2.	CHEVROLET. U.S.P.	M.9005672	NK	4BA530802	Yes.	-	-
3.	CHEVROLET. U.S.P.	M.9003000	NK	4BA520011	Yes.	-	-
4.	CHEVROLET. U.S.P.	M.9006050	NK	4BA523932	Yes.	-	-
5.	WILLYS JEEP.	M.3641815	2275	359370	Yes.	-	-
6.	FORD 15 CWT.	F.5420150	NK	NK	No.	Yes.	-
7.	FIAT 1100	CC.NK.7033	NK	278324	Yes.	-	-
8.	B.S.A. 500 cc.	M582185	WL.20	9337 (Frame No)	Yes.	-	-
9.	B.S.A. 500 cc.	5123936	WM.1043	90426 (Frame No)	Yes.	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their conditions is as stated and that AB 142 and AB 406 inspected and found correct.

Signed.....

Date.....

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Appendix "I" to 7 B.I.U. letter
BIU/20 dated 6 June 1946

MID-TOKYO

Domestic Transport: State as at 1st June 1946

W.D. No. (c)	CONTRACT No. (d)	CHASSIS No. (e)	EFFICIENT (f)	LOCAL REPAIR (g)	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR (h)	REMARKS (j)
Str.)CE/M 9938240	HK	913009	Yes.	-	-	
E.206672	HK	4SA520202	Yes.	-	-	
E.5705000	HK	4SA500011	Yes.	-	-	
E.5906050	HK	4MA525522	Yes.	-	-	Attached with RAO personnel.
E.5661015	2275	554579	Yes.	-	-	
E.5828490	HK	HK	No.	Yes.	-	Awaiting new engine.
CC.VR.7050	HK	27332	Yes.	-	-	Attached with CC.VR. 10.
4962135	WA.30	9537 (Frame No)	Yes.	-	-	
5125826	WA.10/8	90426 (Frame No)	Yes.	-	-	

I certify that the vehicles are held on charge, that their conditions is as stated and that AB 442 and AB406 have been found correct.

Signed: H. Saunders Major

Date: 6 June 46

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Appx Zoonmark to T.R.L.H. Damaged Transport : Stock on 1st [illegible] June 1946

W.E. refer/640/1

Serial No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	E.N. No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)
1.	Dodge 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	4833452	W/2329/1/Mod/2549	94019616	Yes.	-	-
2.	Morton 500cc M/C	C.5271034	W/2606	W/37034 (Spare No)	Yes.	-	-
3.	" 500cc M/C	C.1441065	BK	W/10643 " "	Yes.	-	-
4.	" 500cc M/C	C.1441720	BK	W/37321 " "	No.	Yes.	-
5.	" 500cc M/C	C.1441030	BK	W/31616 " "	Yes.	-	-
6.	" 500cc M/C	C.1443383	BK	W/71937 " "	No.	Yes	-
7.	" 500cc M/C	C.1441059	BK	W/75693 " "	Yes.	-	-
8.	" 500cc M/C	C.9869451	W/2602	W/06851 " "	Yes.	-	-
9.	" 500cc M/C	C.1402237	7753	2692 " "	Yes.	-	-
10.	" 500cc M/C	C.5270377	BK	W/37694 " "	Yes.	-	-

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 440 and AB 426 inspected and found correct.

Signed. [signature]

Date. 6 June 46

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Annexure "F" to I.A.L.I.
Letter No. 1/20 dated 6 June 1946

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Detailed Transport : Units as at 1st June 1946

M.T. No. (a)	Chassis No. (b)	Engine No. (c)	Allotment (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (i)
CE. 4853432	T/2225/T/Mech/ 2343	91015646	Nos.	-	-	(Whole complete c/s and new engine fitted No.3 Army 46.)
C.5271094	T/2606	T/37324 (Spare No)	Nos.	-	-	
C.1441065	MK	T/16643	"	-	-	
C.1441720	MK	T/37521	"	Nos.	-	
C.1443030	MK	T/31616	"	-	-	
C.1443333	MK	T/71507	"	Nos.	-	
C.1441669	MK	T/37603	"	-	-	
C.5280451	T/2602	T/36291	"	-	-	
C.4432237	7353	3692	"	-	-	
C.5270377	MK	T/37834	"	-	-	

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 442 and AB 406 have been surveyed.

Signed. [signature]

Date. 6 June 46

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Appendix "B" to 7 HAD Letter
HAD/3P dated 6 June'45

Subject : Monthly Report on 7 C.A.A.R. as at 31 May'45.

1. Personnel. (a) Regular. Strength : 264. Small numbers of recruits continued to arrive this month.

(b) Instructional Staff. 3 subalterns and 56 senior and junior NCO's are required to complete W.E. of Instructors. (7 HAD letter HAD/3P dated 3 June refers)
Recommendations for increase of W.E. of 7 C.A.A.R. have been forwarded under HAD/3P dated 4 June'45.

2. Training. Continues to be hindered by lack of instructors. Efficacy of War Training Programme is being strictly adhered to, but delay is caused by the very maximum "Junior".
7 C.A.A.R. is paying great attention to rifle and Bren firing, much thought and preparation has been given to ensure even running and economy of time in firing practices.
Recruits have completed three grouping and two classification practices.
No firing has been carried out with Mortar owing to the lack of Mortar sights.
Recruits are carrying out considerably more marching drill than laid down in the syllabus owing to disturbances involved in reaching targets.

3. Clothing. No outstanding problems.

4. Medical. No recurrence of measles epidemic reported in last month report.
Average daily sick 2%.

5. Welfare. Furniture is being made by Artillery Directorate, 7 D.C., for canteens at 7 C.A.A.R. and will be paid for out of the record grant of £30,000 Lire (six hundred thousand).

6. Accommodation. Records rooms are still overcrowded. The question of transferring one lot to [illegible] Barracks, Florence, will be discussed with 7 D.C. when the election period is over. (HQ.A. Letter Org/A.1/1 dated 29 May refers)

7. Morale. Training ceased on 30 May, and recruits moved into [illegible] and normal public security

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W.E. of Instruments. dated 3 June
Recommendations for increase of W.E. of 7 C.A.A. have been forwarded under HQ/3P dated 4 June'44. and reference)

2. **Training.**

Continues to be hindered by lack of instruments. Mastery of the Training Programme is being strictly adhered to, but delay is caused by the very reasons "Tender".
7 C.A.A. is paying great attention to rifle and LMG firing, much thought and preparation has been given to ensure even running and economy of time in firing practices.
Recruits have completed three gunning and two classification practices.
No firing has been carried out with 7 Harbour owing to the lack of Harbour sights.
Recruits are carrying out considerably more marching drill than laid down in the programme owing to disturbances involved in reaching ranges.

3. **Clothing.**

No outstanding problems.

4. **Medical.**

No occurrence of measles epidemic reported in last month's report.
Average daily sick 2%.

5. **Welfare.**

Purchases to being made by Artillery Directorate, 7 T.C., for canteens at 7 C.A.A., and will be paid for out of the recent grant of £30,000 Lire (six hundred thousand).

6. **Accommodation.**

Recruit camps are still overcrowded. The question of transferring one to Avellino Barracks, Florence, will be discussed with 7 T.C. when the election period is over. (HQA letter Trg/4/1 dated 29 May refers)

7. **Morale.**

Training ceased on 26 May, and recruits moved into position and assumed public security duties in Locations as shown in our Secret Signal HQ/28 dated 1 June'44.

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Annexure "F" to 7 Bde. Letter
B11/20 dated 6 June 1946

GENERAL STAFF OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF BULK
DEPOT, AD AZ 1 JUNE 1946

1. 7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

Inspection carried out of the Maj. Commando at VIA FERRUCCI IN PALESTRINA, recently vacated by the British Rels., and now held by 7 Barr. Ordnance.

I had hoped to house the Bulk Barrack Depot at this location in preference to the four rooms already earmarked for them at [illegible] - REMOVED. The REMOVED location is, in my opinion, unsuitable for housing the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in so much as it consists of only four very large rooms. It will be necessary to partition off these rooms into sections to ensure adequate security by attractive items and the satisfactory segregation of other items, as necessary in this type of Stores Depot. In addition to this there are two further objections. All issues and receipts of stores will entail the extreme difficulty of surrounding the stores up and down the flight of stone stairs which connects the four rooms allotted, one above the other. The only alternative to this is by means of hauling up or lowering by means of ropes. Both systems are decidedly unsatisfactory considering the type of stores and the change involved.

The Maj. Commando at VIA FERRUCCI IN PALESTRINA on the other hand has in point of fact been used as a Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in the past and has the great advantage of having all it's rooms on the ground floor with each room already allocated for it's purpose and still bearing the original sign boards indicating for what purpose each room was used.

My recommendations on this to H.Q. 7 Territorial Command could not unfortunately be entertained owing to the fact that the Quartermaster are interested in keeping their units in one centralised location. I have added greater weight to my recommendation and urged them to reconsider the whole position. Territorial Command's final ruling is now awaited.

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at VIA MINGHINI in [illegible], recently vacated by the British R.A.M., and now held by 7 Terr. Command.

I had hoped to have the Bulk Barrack Depot at this location in preference to the four rooms already earmarked for them at [illegible] - [illegible]. The MINGHINI location is, in my opinion, unsuitable for housing the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in so much as it consists of only four very large rooms. It will be necessary to partition off these rooms into sections to ensure adequate security to attractive items and the satisfactory segregation of other items, as necessary in this type of Stores Depot. In addition to this there are two further objections. All issues and receipts of stores will entail the extreme difficulty of manhandling the stores up and down the flight of stone stairs which connects the four rooms allotted, one above the other. The only alternative to this is by means of hauling up or lowering by means of ropes. Both systems are decidedly unsatisfactory considering the type of stores and the danger involved.

The Mag. Casermaggio at VIA MINGHINI in [illegible] on the other hand has in point of fact been used as a Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in the past and has the great advantage of having all it's rooms on the ground floor with each room already allocated for it's purpose and still bearing the original sign boards indicating for what purpose each room was used.

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2. Transit Shelters.

Hastening of supply of machinery required.

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(Cont'd) 7 Remic Infantry.

Them command as detailed in my previous Report Month ending April '46 para'1.

3. 7 Clothing and Equipment Stores

Still in process of being transferred from PORTEIRA DA BARRO to RIBEIRA. Occasional minor transport difficulties being experienced but progressing favourably.

4. Fire Fighting Equipment.

Further to my Report Month ending March'46. para.5.(b). The following Consolidated List shows the current shortage within this Command of the Fire Fighting Equipment. This list is complete with the exception of the :-

H.Q. Artillery
H.Q. 7 Inf. Regt.

5. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT
7 Territorial Command

	HEAD	SMALL RMD's	OTHER RANKS
Extinguishers Foam.	209	846	248
" " Metrite 150 Lts.	1	76	7
" Acid ANGLIA	20	-	-
" " SPIX	4	-	-
" Metrite	15	96	-
" Dodd Type	6	62	-
" Soda Acid	-	3	-
Buckets Fire	80	214	-
Axes Fire	400	1328	-
Shovels	536	595	-
Hoses Fire	11	-	-
Containers Sand	2	-	-
Sand Bags	39	1500	-

6. Visits. Visit from A.C.G.Gells, R.E., H.Q.E.A., T.S.O.I. A.C.I.HEAD E.A.C.G.Gs. on 15th and 16th May 1946.

J. E. Scarbury, Lieut. Col.
A/Cdr.
Ordnance Mechanical Officer.

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Further to my Report Month ending March '46. para.5.(b). The following Consolidated List shows the extreme shortage within this Command of the Fire Fighting Equipment. This list is complete with the exception of the :-

H.Q. Artillery
H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde.

5. THE FIRE EQUIPMENT
7 Territorial Command

	HELD	INITIAL REQT.	UNDER REPAIR
Extinguishers Foam.	209	848	248
" " Mobile 150 Lts.	1	76	7
" Acid Soda	29	-	-
" " Soda	1	-	-
" Metals	15	96	-
" Bomb Type	6	67	-
" Sodas Acid	-	5	-
Buckets Fire	80	844	-
Axes Pickaxe	400	1328	-
Shovels	534	593	-
Hoses Fire	41	-	-
Containers Sand	4	-	-
Sand Bags	39	1500	-

6. Visits. [illegible]. Visit from A.D.O.S., H.Q., Mid-Wales, T.A.C. A.D.I.HEAD Q.A.D.O.S. on 15th and 16th May 1946.

J. E. [illegible]
S/Ldr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer. 2314

31st May 1946.

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Appendix "E" to 7 B.L.O. letter BLO/20
dated 6 June 1946

PARADE AND CEREMONY BY "GARIBALDI" BDE (PULCHER Inf. Div.)

in FLORENCE 19 May 1946

On 19 May 1946 the presentation of Medals for Valour, to soldiers of the ex-partisan Division "GARIBALDI" for operations of that division in the BALKANS from Sept. 43 to Mar 45, will take place in FLORENCE.

The losses of the division were estimated to be about 10,000 men, including dead, wounded, and missing.

Local Military, civilian, political and ecclesiastical bodies and the "GARIBALDI" Veteran Association will partake in the ceremony.

The ceremony will take place in PIAZZA UNITA D'ITALIA at 1000 hrs.

About 50 Medals for Valour will be presented including some Gold Medals. Col. Clayton F. KNOX., U.S. ARMY, Deputy Commander M.T.O.A., will present American decorations to Lt. Col. [illegible] and Sergt. [illegible] of the "[illegible]" Regt.

These decorations were earned during the proud action of the "PULCHER" Division at the battle of GRIZZANO (near BOLOGNA) on 19 Apr. 45.

After the ceremony the "GARIBALDI" Regt. and the "GARIBALDI" Veterans Association will parade through the town. They will lay a laurel wreath at GARIBALDI's Monument in LUNGARNO A. VESPUCCI.

The proceedings will be concluded by the "GARIBALDI" Regt. and GARIBALDINI Veterans Association being transported by lorries along PRINCIPESSA MARGHERITA Avenue.

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(Translation of article that appeared in "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" dated 20 May 1946)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO FAMILIES
of Fallen, and to War Veterans of "GARIBALDI" (FLORENCE, 19 May 1946)

A solemn ceremony of presentation of awards to families of fallen soldiers and to Veterans of "GARIBALDI" Div. took place yesterday at PIAZZA UNITA D'ITALIA in a most stirring atmosphere. There was present the "GARIBALDI" Regt. and Unit representatives of all the Armed Forces of 7 Territorial Command; Gen. DE GIORGI, Commanding 7 Territorial Command, arrived at 1000 hrs; he was greeted by the Regimental Band, and reviewed

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The losses of the division were estimated to be about 18,000 men, including dead, wounded, and missing.

Local Military, civilian, political and ecclesiastical bodies and the "GARIBALDI" Veteran Association will partake in the ceremony.

The ceremony will take place in PIAZZA DELLA VITTORIA at 1000 hrs.

About 50 Medals for Valour will be presented including some Gold Medals. Col. Clayton P. KYES., U.S. ARMY, Deputy Commander M.M.I.A., will present American decorations to Lt. Col. IMPO and Sergt. FURLOTTI ENRICO of the "FOLGORE" Regt.

These decorations were earned during the proud action of the "FOLGORE" Division at the battle of CRISPIANO (near BOLOGNA) on 19 Apr.45.

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Col. KYES, Deputy Commander of M.M.I.A., Col. MARKEL, Major GARDNER, Major VAN KIRK, were present, with Gen. PIAZZONI (G.C. "FOLGORE" Div.), Col. BOTTACCHI of C.L.N. and many civilian authorities.

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Col. RAVNICH opened the ceremony, greeting all the authorities present and thanking them for attending the ceremony. He reminded on this day it was intended to honour not only the fallen and brave Veterans of the glorious partisan Div. in the BALKANS, only a quarter of whom had returned, but also, in their name, commemorate all who had risked and sacrified their lives for ITALY's freedom.

Soon after the speech, the awards were presented; a Gold Medal to the Colours of the "MONTE" Group and 5 other (posthumous) Gold Medals in memory of Maj. CESARE PIVA, Lt. FRANCO BENEDETTI, Capt. MARIO PIVA, Lt. LUIGI RIZZO and Lt. PASQUALE VILLI.

14 Silver Medals and several other awards were then given; the balance of 1750 awards were to be presented later, within the Regiment.

Gen. DE STEFANIS then gave the citation for which Col. RAVNICH was promoted to higher rank, and Col. KERR presented Lt. Col. IZZO GIUSEPPE of the "FOLGORE" Regt. with a Distinguished Service Cross, one of the highest American awards, and to W.O. SCHIRO TORQUATO, also of the "FOLGORE", a Bronze Star Medal.

Up to that moment the presentation proceeded in an ever increasing atmosphere of emotion in the remembrance of so many battles and of so many young men who had made so generous a sacrifice, but at this point an unpleasant incident disturbed the moving atmosphere which had up to this moment been completely free from any political feeling.

Gold Medallist ORESTE TOMASSO, came on to the dais and spoke.

He presented the compliments of the "GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA" and of the Gold Medallists to the new heroes and to the memory of the Fallen. He stated that the resurrection of the Country would be really welcomed and appreciated, but at the end of his speech, he shouted :- "Viva Umberto II". The speaker was immediately reproached by Gen. DE STEFANIS and by the Prefetto, who, with all present, showed their regret at an incident that caused a strong reaction amongst the GARIBALDINI. This reaction was put into words by partisan DEL FIUME.

The incident appeared to be finished and the ceremony ended with Military Marches.

However, whilst troops were moving to take part in the parade, some representatives of "GARIBALDI" Association and of the Army, went to GARIBALDI's Monument to place a laurel crown on it. Here, a small group of the Monarchist Party, who followed the representatives carrying Monarchist flags, was reproached by several civilians. Some time later, the same group went to VIA NAZIONALE, where a further incident occurred, fortunately this was soon settled by the speedy arrival of civil and Military Police. During the incident, two Monarchist flags were burned and people were injured.

The "GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA" Section has stated in the Press that they had not authorised anyone the speak on their behalf and were sorry for the incident that happened during a purely Military ceremony and which

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34 Silver Medals and several other awards were then given; the balance of 1750 awards were to be presented later, within the Regiments.

Gen. DE SIMONE then gave the citation for which Col. RAYNOR was promoted to higher rank, and Col. [illegible] presented Lt. Col. ENZO GIUSEPPE of the "[illegible]" Regt. with a Distinguished Service Cross, one of the highest American awards, and to W.O. ROMEO TURCHI, also of the "[illegible]", a Bronze Star Medal.

Up to that moment the presentation proceeded in an ever increasing atmosphere of emotion in the remembrance of so many battles and of so many young men who had made so generous a sacrifice, but at this point an unpleasant incident disturbed the moving atmosphere which had up to this moment been completely free from any political feeling.

Gold Medallist ORESTE TORCATO, came on to the dais and spoke.

He presented the compliments of the "[illegible] RIBBON" and of the Gold Medallists to the new heroes and to the memory of the fallen. He stated that the resurrection of the Country would be really welcomed and appreciated, but at the end of his speech, he shouted :- "Viva Umberto II". The speaker was immediately reproached by Gen. DE SIMONE and by the Prefetto, who, with all present, showed their regret at an incident that caused a strong reaction against the GARIBALDINI. This reaction was put into words by partisan DEL FIUME.

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The "BLUE RIBBON" Section has stated in the Press that they had not authorized anyone the speak on their behalf and were sorry for the incident that happened during a purely Military ceremony and which had no political significance.

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Appendix "A" to 7 Bel.U. letter
HQ/20 dated 5 June'46

ESTABLISHED OF A PARTISAN REPUBLIC IN THE REGION OF FLORENCE

OF 25 MAY 1946

In recent days, false information has been spread, especially among officers and NCO's, with the intention of making people regarding what would happen on June 3rd next, when the Italian people will have pronounced the confirmation of the Monarchy.

Don't worry.

The parties against the Monarchy, who will take over the Government of the country, will have need of the Armed Forces, and certainly they will not be while anyone who can show that they have not been traitors. A selection, certainly, will be made especially amongst higher ranks, but this selection will above all take most account of services and fidelity rendered to the people, of whom the Army and the Corps of Police will have to be the firm supporters.

It depends on how these Forces will be here themselves in these last days as to what judgment will be meted out to them.

The parties of the left are agreed in their intention to give the Armed Forces a new and more modern set-up in which officers, NCO's and men may have the moral and material treatment which will liberate them from the political and economic subjection which until now has degraded them.

Therefore, do not be alarmed, and give no ear to instigations rumours or to biased propaganda.

We love our country as all do, but we do not speculate on this sentiment for electoral aims.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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COM A/Q x — x

REF: BLU/20
Florence, 6 May 1946

Subject : Reports and Return - End/Beginning Month Report.

To : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference 30/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) End/Beginning month report as at 1/5/46.

(b) At Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.

(c) At Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(d) At Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.

(e) At Appx "D" is Return of Br. M.T. held by this B.L.U.

(f) At Appx "E" is Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(g) At Appx "F" is Report by CRD. W.O.

(h) At Appx "G" a short report is attached of the Ceremonial Parade held in AREZZO on Sunday 28 Apr. by the 2nd Bn. "[illegible]" Regt.

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C.G. [illegible]
Lt. Col.
GSO I

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 May 1946.

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Lieut. A. APOSTOLI (Interpreter) returned from 15 days leave on 30 Apr.

(ii) L/C PAGE (DM) and PTE GOWLAND left on release 23 Apr.

(iii) Gnr. HALFORD left 28 Apr. to attend 14 days Learner Clerk's course at MESTRE.

(b) British.

(i) No. 44 Area Cash Office FLORENCE closed w.e.f. 18 Apr.
Nearest Field Cashier is now BOLOGNA. Money is drawn under arrangements of O.C. Troops FLORENCE.

(ii) No. 50 BIS closed down w.e.f. 16 Apr. OR's NAAFI Supplies are now drawn from FOLIGNO. Representative of 7 BLU goes each week to draw.

(c) Visits and Liaison.

(i) Lt. Col. MEDLAM (GSO I Trg MMIA) visited the C.A.R. at SIENA on 17 and 18 Apr., followed by a conference with GSO I and GSO II on 19 Apr.
Details and points raised as a result of this visit are included in separate C.A.R. Report at Appx "E"

(ii) Maj. MORECOMBE, SO R. Sigs MMIA, visited FOLGORE Div. Sigs. on 23 Apr. accompanied by GSO II of this B.L.U.

(iii) Major HARVEY, DADMS MMIA, visited FLORENCE 25-27 Apr. when he visited the Medical School and Pharmaceutical Institute.
On his way to ROME he visited C.A.R. SIENA on 27 Apr.

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G.S.O I was invited by Gen. FIALORSI to attend, but owing to short notice and also the necessity for discussion with M.M.I.A staff officers (Majors PETIT and HART-DYKE) on that morning, the B.L.U. was represented by Major GREENHOUGH (CC.RR. L.O.) A short report is attached at Appx "G".

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(v) The late ROBERTSON Club, now handed over to 7 T.C., was on 27 Apr. officially opened by Gen. DE SIMONE as a "CASA del SOLDATO" and Italian O.R's Rest Camp.
The ceremony took the form of an excellent and well-attended concert in the main hall, preceded by an opening address.
Officers and O.R's of the B.L.U. were invited: GSO I and Major GUDGEON were escorted immediately on arrival to the General's table where they were treated with great cordiality.
During the Interval the General's party made a tour of the building, in the course of which it became clear that the military authorities responsible fully realise the importance and value of providing good Welfare facilities (sleeping accomodation, reading and writing rooms, concert and dance hall, canteen, billiards, bar M.I. Room etc) for the O.R's.
(The Press was ubiquitous on this occasion; cuttings, photos etc will be forwarded under separate cover, in case they may be of interest).

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(vii) G.S.O. I intends to start a programme of visits to all units of 7 T.C. on the Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. 7 T.C. has been asked to submit a proposed programme. It has been made clear that these visits will NOT be in the nature of inspections, but with the object of meeting commanders, seeing the units "on the ground", and finding out any difficulties in which the B.L.U. might be able to help.

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(i) Domestic)
(ii) Italian (See para 1 above

"G" (b) Employment of TPS

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. All employed on guard duties

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(i) Domestic)
(ii) Italian (See para 1 above

"G" (b) Employment of TPS

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. All employed on guard duties on Military depots, prisons, P.O.W. Camp, LAVERNINA, train escorts etc. Until 9 Apr. employed on public security duties in connection with the elections.

(ii) 6 Provisional Group. Under operational command of P.B.S. and mainly employed on guard duties.

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(iii) At a recent interview with Genl. Mc [illegible] he stated that in view of the forthcoming elections, he was ordering a certain amount of regrouping of the troops in 7 T.C. This regrouping would be completed before the end of May.

(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. No training possible owing to heavy commitments of guard duties.

(ii) 6 Fwr. Group. No training possible owing to guard duty commitments.

(iii) 7 C.A.P. See supra "h".

(iv) [illegible] Div. "[illegible]" Regt. Day tactical training; Ramps firing of 4h mortars and 6 pr. guns.
Specialist courses are being run for M.T. drivers and H/T operators.
Officers T.E.W.T.S. are being held.
"[illegible]" Regt. Settling to new billets: no training yet started.
Artillery Regt. Battery tactical Training.

"g"

(d) Intelligence.

(i) One copy of a fortnightly newspaper "[illegible] E POPOLO" published in SIENA and dated 27 Apr. is forwarded with this Report. The newspaper has come to hand (through C.M.F. sources) only while this Report was already in type; further copies and comments are forwarded under separate cover. At first glance it would appear to be a SIENA Communist and anti-Monarchist publication, designed for propaganda among CC.RR. and recruits of the C.A.P. It has been distributed among troops and CC.RR. in SIENA, PERUGIA and FLORENCE, together with anti-monarchist handbills addressed specifically to CC.RR. CC.RR. I.O. has written a separate report to M.M.I.A. on this newspaper and the handbill.

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(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Bgde. No training possible owing to heavy commitments of guard duties.

(ii) 6 Prov. Group. No training possible owing to guard duty commitments.

(iii) 7 C.A.R. See supra "c".

(iv) FOLGORE Div. "LANCIERI" Regt. Coy tactical Training: Range firing with mortars and 6 pr. guns.
Specialist courses are being run for M.T. drivers and W/T operators.
Officers T.E.W.T.S. are being held.
"LANCIERI" Regt. Settling to new billets: no training yet started.
Artillery Regt. Battery tactical Training.

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(d) Intelligence.

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It is considered that this political propaganda campaign should be energetically combated by the Military and CC.RR. Authorities.

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AFHQ/G. 7 B.Ld. CC.RR./19 of 3 May'46 refers

(ii) The opening and the facilities of the "CASA del SOLDATO" have made a very good impression on the Italian Army O.R's (See also paras 1 (c)(iv) and 4 (b) iv)

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(iii) It is reported, but not confirmed from British sources, that in the "FALCONE" Inf. Div. and in several other units in TUSCANY there is a feeling among the O.R's that should the popular elections in June favour a Republican Government the soldiers will "walk out" of the Army and return to their homes.

"A" 3. (a) Domestic (ELM)

(i) Deficiencies.

Offrs : Nil, Capt. MORROW R.A.S.C. leaves on release in 3 weeks time.

O.R.'s: 1 Cpl Clerk (GD- RASC)
1 L/C - (RASC)
1 L/C (Dvr Mech)
1 A.C.. Cook (Civilian held in lieu)

(ii) Posted surplus to W.E.

7675755 A/C Sgt. ARMEY F.J. Duffs. A/S Gp 29 (Clerk.)

14025328 Gnr. HALFORD. K. RA. A/S Gp 63 (Clerk Trainee)

14069298 Gnr. Tweed. K. RA. A/S Gp 70 (Clerk Trainee)

A/C Sgt ARMEY (A/S Gp 29) was posted as replacement to the Chief Clerk this unit (A/S Gp 23). The latter has now deferred for three months under "Gentlman's Agreement" scheme.

"B" (b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in strength.

7 Inf. Regt. Approx 550 O.R's below W.E.

M.T. Repair Directorate. 20% below W.E.

(all specialists)

Medical Directorate. 33% below W.E.

WAAFS Inf. Div. 20% below W.E.

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"A" 3. (a) Domestic (RLU)

(i) Deficiencies.

Offrs : Nil, Capt. MORROW R.A.S.C. leaves on release in 3 weeks time.

O.R.'s: 1 Cpl Clerk (GD- RASC)
1 L/C - (REME)
1 L/C (Dvr Mech)
1 A.C.. Cook (Civilian held in lieu)

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(ii) Deficiencies in Specialists

FOLGORE Inf. Div.

M.T. Drivers 20% below W.E.
D.M's 50% " "
R.T. operators 40% " "

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(iii) Discipline.
(iv) Pay.
(v) Leave.
(vi) Morale.

} Nothing notable to report, apart from a general improvement in relations between civilians and military.

"Q" 4. (a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Transport. See appx "D" attached.

(ii) Accommodation. It has been decided NOT to set up an Officers' residence and Mess at the VILLA PRIMAVERA, but instead to : -

relieve the overcrowding of O.R's in the Villa annexe by overflowing into the Villa,

give sleeping accommodation in the Villa to the Italian Officer interpreters, who are suffering considerable financial hardship under their present living conditions

provide welfare/recreation/changing rooms, for both officers and O.R's, in the Villa (which has a swimming -pool which will certainly be much used later in the warm weather)

BLU/9 dated 1 May 1946 refers and amplifies

"Q" (b) Italian.

(i) Transport. All M.T. arrangements have functioned satisfactorily and have been assisted by an improvement in railway facilities.

FOLGORE Inf.Div. Vehicles: 20% below w.e.
50% efficient.

(ii) Ordnance: See O.W.O's Report at Appx "J"

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(iii) Clothing and Equipment. No special problems apart from those noted in last

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(iii) Clothing and Equipment. No special problems apart from those noted in last Report, and those noted in C.A.R. Report at Appx "E".

(iv) Accommodation.

CASA del SOLDATO. On Saturday 27 Apr. GSO I and DAA & QMG attended the official opening of the "CASA del SOLDATO" in FLORENCE. This is that portion of the ROBERTSON Club that has been taken over by 7 T.E.
An excellent concert and dance was held

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and the premises inspected with Genl. DE SIMONE and staff.
If the standard shown is kept up this should be the best Italian Army Welfare centre in Italy.
(See also paras 1 (c)(iv) and 2 (d) (ii) above)

SCANDICCI AND BALDISSERA Bks. Troops of 7 Ind. Regt. at present in BALDISSERA barracks are moving to SCANDICCI barracks, and the whole of the former barracks will be taken over by CC.RR. This move will have been completed by 5 May.

BLU/26 dated 28 Apr.'46 refers

184 Mng. Bn. (FOLGORE Inf. Div.) will also be accomodated in SCANDICCI Bks.

COVERCIANO Bks. The "GARIBALDI" Regt. (FOLGORE Inf. Div.) recently returned from SICILY, is now accomodated in COVERCIANO Bks, less one Coy at FORTEZZA DA BASSO (FLORENCE City)

(v) P.O.L. The recent interruption in the supply of Petrol to the FOLGORE Division resulted in there being approximately 100,000 Kg. remaining undelivered against the March allocation.
Improvement is noted in the recent rate of supply and an assurance has been received from C.I.P. that the undelivered balance will be made good as early as possible.

(vi) Medical Stores. Captured Enemy Stores continue to arrive from NAPLES ex Mid-East, two rail trucks having been received during the past month.
84 rail trucks of Medical Stores were received from MERANO during the month of April, making a total of 154 railway trucks received up to date.
Five large buildings at the Pharmaceutical Institute are still occupied by ENDIMEA and are urgently required by the Italian Military authorities to cope with medical stores arriving from MERANO.

C.A.R. Immoculations and general medical organisation complete.

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FOLGORE Inf. Div. The following Medical units have received orders from 7 T.C. to close down, their personnel to be absorbed into other medical units of 7 T.C., and their equipment to be collected and held at the disposal of 7 T.C.

516 Fd. Hospital
517 " "
184 Medical Section
Field Surgical Unit
Dental Unit

Red. Cross. 34 (Red Cross) Hospital at ANTIGNANO has been closed down on Ministry of War orders.

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FLU/20 dated 5 May 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 F.L.V.

Office	No. 1 Piazza Stazione-FLORENCE
Lt. Col. MARKES	Room 458 - Excelsior Hotel.Tel.Florence 1414
Major GIBSON	Room 363 " " " " "
Major HAMILTON	Room 346 " " " " "
Major GREENBOURGH	Room 446 " " " " "
Capt. MORROW	Room 452 " " " " "
Capt. STEPHENS	Room 470 " " " " "
Capt. NELSON	BOLOGNA

British O.R's in Annexe to VILLA PRIMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 1356.

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AFHQ/G-3(Ops) 6 May 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN THEATER AS OF 2400 HRS
MAY OR EQUIVALENT AS AT 2400 MAY 1946

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
6 Provisional Gen. Hq.	Castiglioncello	UB - UZ
7 St. "GALLO" Hospital	Florence	UZZ - UZZ
183 Term. Mil. Hospital	Lucca	" "
7 Repair Unit	Florence	" "
7 Inf. Regt. Hq.	Florence	" "
1st Bn. (ex 509 Guard Bn.)	Florence	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Guard Bn.)	Lanciano	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Guard Bn.)	Pisa	" "
702 Refugee Center	Leghorn	" "
Training Centre (C.A.P.S) (1st, 2nd & 3rd Bns.)	Siena	" "
"FOLGORE" Inf. Div.	Florence	" "
"NEMBO" Inf. Regt. Hq.	Arezzo	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Montevarchi	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	" "
"GARIBALDI" Inf. Regt.	Governolungo	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Governolungo	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	Governolungo	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	Governolungo	" "
13th Art. Regt. Hq.	Montecatini	" "
No. 1 75mm Pr Bty	Pescia	" "
No. 2 25mm Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
No. 3 25mm Pr Bty	Pistoia	" "
No. 4 25mm Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
No. 5 17mm Pr Bty A/Tk	Siena	" "
No. 6 40mm m/m A.A. Bty	Pistoia	" "
18th Eng. Bn. Hq. "FOLGORE"	Pesaro	" "
18 Medical Sec.	Perugia	" "
516 Fd. Hospital	Arezzo	" "
517 Fd. Hospital	Montecatini	" "
18th S & T Coy	Castello	" "
Central School	Florence	" "
Hq. 5 Brigade	Florence	" "
Hq. 15th Ins. Group	Florence	" "
Florence Legion	Florence	" "
Intern Group	Florence	" "
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Pistoia Group	Florence	" "
Arezzo Group	Pistoia	" "
Siena Group	Arezzo	" "
	Siena	" "

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UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
LEGION Legion	Leghorn	VII- XII
CO.HQ. Group	Leghorn	XII-VII
CO.HQ. Group	Grosseto	" "
CO.HQ. Group	Agnani &	" "
CO.HQ. Group	Lucca	" "

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Appendix "B" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 5 May 1946

STAFF LIST 7 B.L.U. as at 1.5.1946

General Staff.

GSO. I.	Lieut. Col. O.C. MARKES	L. Fus.
GSO. II.	Major H.W. HAMILTON	Buffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major D.S.L. GRUGSON. MBE	5 Innsk D.G.

Services.

S & T	Capt. G.A. MORROW	RASC.
RE&S.	Capt. P.H. NELSON	RE&S.

Attached.

CC.RR. Liaison Officer.		
	Major. W. CHEESBROUGH	G.I.
Medical - LO.	Capt. H.A. STEPHENS. MBE	RAMC

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Appendix "C" to 7 U.S.Div. letter AUD/20

Assignments to the Hqs of General on duty with 7 Territorial General Tickets

RANK	NAME	DESTINATION	ASSIGNMENT
Lieutenant			
U.S.			
Lieutenant			
E.de Cora.	-	CORDOBA	Transferred to M
D.de Cora.	-	TOLEDO	Transferred to
Lieutenant			
E.de Cora.	-	ARCOLEJO	At disposal -
			of Inf. of

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FROM	DESIGNATION NOW	APPLICABLE
		Transferred to U.S. Inf. Div. "Kentucky"
		Transferred to U.S. Inf. Div. "Friuli"
		As disposed - Now being over the Command of Inf. of Territory.

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Appendix "2" to Z.D.I. Letter No. 20/20

Appendix to the List of Officers on duty with Z Reserve Personnel Centre, Kaduna

RANK	ARM	NAME	CURRENT APPOINTMENT
Interviews			
Colonel	Inf.	GBAIAGBIDI	Ag Director
Colonel	Arm.	OKOSUN	Ag Director
Colonel	Art.	OLUSEYI	Ag Director
Colonel	Engrs.	BAIKI	Ag Director
Colonel	Inf.	IBRAHIM	Ag Director
Recruiting			
N.C.			
Accommodation			
N.C.			

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Appendix "A" to T.S.C.C. Letter [illegible] dated 5 May 1946

[illegible] on Army Air Forces Organization

	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arty.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inf'n.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engrs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sig'l.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Appendix "A" to 7 A.I.B. Interim

Appendix to the list of Lt. Col. as Date with 7 Infantry Brigade 30 Sept

RANK	ARM	NAME	SPECIAL MARK	REMARKS
Lt.Col.	Inf.	SAVAGE	FIELD	C.O. "Calgary" Inf.
Lt.Col.	Arty.	AYMERICH	VIRGINIA	C.O. "Calgary"
Lt.Col.	Med.	TREMAINE	LEVO	Asst. Dir. Med. Services
Lt.Col.	Inf.	GAUVIN	MICHAEL	Military Historian
Lt.Col.	Corps.	BERNATZ	ALBERTA	Military Constable
Lt.Col.	Arty.	DE SALIS Viscount	ALEXANDRA	Army Directorate of
Lt.Col.	Inf.	CHARLIE I	GOLDIE	7 Inf. Bde. HQ
Lt.Col.	Engr.	PATRICK	GENE	Engineers Liaison
Lt.Col.	Med.	CALDWELL	VICO	Med. Military Liaison

Lt.Col.	Inf.	AIRAIN	GERARDA	Discharged
Lt.Col.	-	CHARTRAND	HELEN	Sent on sick leave
Lt.Col.	Arty.	LEMAY DE CHATEAU	GERVAISE	Sent on sick leave
Lt.Col.	Inf.	MACKENZIE	LEONARD	Discharged
Lt.Col.	Cav.R.	MERCIER	VICO	Discharged

Lt.Col.	Inf.	FROST	GILDA	From MMRA Montreal
Lt.Col.	Inf.	GAGNO	PHILOMENA	From LdSH(RC) Montreal
Lt.Col.	Cav.R.	GRANT	GERARDA	Prov. Navy. Comd. Ops.

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Appendix "C" to 7 Inf. Div. Letter AG/20 dated 5 May 1946

Ltr of El. Ord. to duty with 7 Inf. Div. dated 10 May

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ASSIGNMENT
SAVERI	1ST	C.O. "Volpre" Engr. Bn.
AVALLONE	VERCELLI	C.O. "Volpre" 3rd Arty Group
PROSSI	1ST	Hdq. Hdq. Det. - C.O. Ind. Garrison
CASTEL	1ST	Military District of Casale
MORELLI	1ST	Military Constabulary Detachment
DE SANTIS	ALESSANDRIA	Arty Investments Platoon
GIANOLI	1ST	7 Inf. Hdq. Platoon
MUSSO	1ST	Engineers Detachment Platoon
CALOSSO	VIPO	Media Military Hospital Platoon
ALBERT	1ST	Discharged
CASCIOTTI	1ST	Sent on sick leave
DE SANTIS	ALESSANDRIA	Sent on sick leave
BURZIO	1ST	Discharged
MENZIANI	VIPO	Discharged
RICCI	1ST	From MASSA Detach to Hdq. Det. Tribunal LA SPE
MARCO	MONTECATINI	From LUCCA Detach to 702 Refugee Center /GIA
GRIFFI	1ST	From Verona to Hdq. Co. Legion FLORENCE

Discharged

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Appendix "D" to 7 HLN letter
HLN/20 dated 5 May 1965

SERIAL No.	MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	REG.	L.R.	HER.	REMARKS
1	ALFA - ROMEO	4 STR	CAP/M 5938210	Yes	-	-	
2	CHEVROLET	HUP	M 5905872	Yes	-	-	
3	CHEVROLET	HUP	M 5905880	Yes	-	-	
4	WILLYS	JEEP	M 5661815	Yes	-	-	
5	FORD	15 CWT	Z 54.284.50	Yes	-	-	
6	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 350/ c/c	C 4562185	Yes	-	-	
7	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 500/ c/c	C 5123826	Yes	-	-	
8	CHEVROLET	HUP	Z 5906050	Yes	→	-	Attached with RAMC personnel

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

SIGNED... Ian Hamilton Capt

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Appendix "D" to 7 H.A.U letter
H.A.U/20 dated 5 May 1946

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4	WILLYS	JEEP	M 5661815	Yes	-	-	
5	FORD	15 CWT	X 5428450	Yes	-	-	
6	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 350/ c/c	C 4562185	Yes	-	-	
7	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 500/ c/c	C 5123826	Yes	-	-	
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Appendix "E" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 5 May 1946

Subject : 7 C.A.R. SIENA- End/Beginning of month Report as at 1 May 1946

1. Personnel. a) Recruits.

(i) A total of 2560 recruits had arrived at the beginning of this month to begin training; during the month odd batches of recruits continued to report bringing the total at 30 Apr. to 3562.

(ii) Preparations have been made to despatch 864 Recruits who have completed one months training, for specialist training as under. These recruits leave 7 C.A.R. on 30 Apr.

Signal School ROME	193
Arty Directorate T.C. ROME	4
Mechanics and Artillery Operators School - CIVITAVECCHIA	6
Engineers School - CIVITAVECCHIA	144
Medical Coy - TURIN	40
Artillery School - MACCIANO	165
7th Arty Regt. - CHIERI	34
144 Engineer Bn. - TURIN	23
44 Transport Unit - VENEZIA	56
11 Arty Regt - BRESCIA	30
51 Engineer Bn. - BERGAMO	20
LEGHANO Mobile Work Shops	32
Med. Coy T.C. MILAN	40
Commissariat Directorate T.C. - MILANO	29
SABAUDA Div. HQ. MESSINA	15
Med. Coy T.C. PALERMO	22
"AOSTA" Div. HQ. PALERMO	11
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Authority has been given for the retention of 65 recruits to be used as instructors at 7 C.A.R. when they have completed their training. These individuals have been already earmarked, and will receive special training as Instructors during the present course.

b) Permanent Staff.

(i) 7 C.A.R. are deficient of 85 Instructors (NCOs and O.R's). No notification has been received of the arrival of personnel to meet these deficiencies.

(ii) No armourers have yet arrived although these have been requested from the FOLGORE Division.

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2. Training. (a) Due to careful preparation and foresight on the part of 7 C.A.R., training started in full swing on 1 Apr.'46. The chief difficulties were due to lack of instructors (see para 1 (b)) and to the fact that recruits continued to arrive throughout the first half of the month (see para 1 (a) (i))

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(b) Work has been progressing steadily on ranges with the result that four 30 yd ranges are now completed. Difficulty was experienced in requisitioning the necessary ground but this has now been overcome and work has been started on a 300 yd range. It is estimated that all ranges will be completed by the target firing date.

(c) 7 C.A.R. are preparing a report on their criticisms of the laid down training programme. This report is not yet complete but it is known that one of the main criticisms will be that too much time is allotted to foot drill, and insufficient time allowed for firing. In this connection the Ministry of War have given their consent to an extension of approx one hour's training overtime on each day that recruits carry out firing practises, to allow for the time taken in going on foot to and from the ranges.

(d) Training amn. has arrived at 7 C.A.R. and is in course of distribution. It is confirmed that 9 mm. STEN amn. has been received, although advice notes stated .45 TSMG.

(e) With the departure of the recruits for specialists training (see para 1 (a) ii) and the eventual completion of the W.E. of instructors it is estimated that one instructor will be available for every ten recruits, as laid down in "The Training Handbook".

3. Clothing. (a) A laundry has been installed at LAMARMORA barracks, in which civilians are employed under military supervision. This laundry serves the entire C.A.R.

(b) Two repair shops, one for clothing and one for boots, have been started at LAMARMORA barracks. The former has helped considerably in altering uniforms to fit out-sizes in recruits.

(c) The necessity for early planning and forethought as regards Clothing and Equipment for the next "Intake" was stressed to the Commandant.

(d) So far no information has been received by the C.A.R. as to whether Summer weight clothing will be issued for the next course. No provision has been made for any change-over to Summer clothing during the present course.

(e) Webbing equipment, pouches, belts and shoulder straps have been received and distributed. The bulk of pouches received are "Universal" type and consequently of little use when worn with the web belt. A report giving numbers of each type of pouches has been requested and will be forwarded earliest (MMA Signal TRG 162 d/a dated 25 April refers)

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(f) The need is urgently felt of some form of P.T. kit: even P.T. shorts alone would be a help.

4. Medical. (a) On 27 Apr. five cases of measles were reported at 7 C.A.R. All personnel were inspected by medical officers and six detained as suspects - These were subsequently discharged. No further cases have been reported.

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(b) Major HARVEY(DADMS- M.M.I.A.) in company with G II, 7 BLU, visited LAMARMORA barracks on 27 Apr.46 and inspected barrack rooms, kitchens and ration stores. His main comment on his visit was on the overcrowding of barrack rooms and the low proportion, compared with number of recruits, of ablutions and latrines. Present facilities and space are sufficient for only approx half the number accommodated.

5. Welfare.

(a) There is a deplorable lack of sports equipment. 7 C.A.R. have improvised such stores as was possible but their indents for footballs, basket balls, nets etc. have not been met.

(b) Inter Coy and Bn. football matches are being played and the troops show great keenness.

(c) Work has been completed on the proposed O.R's Club (ex-"CASA DEL FASCIO") but no reply has been received to the application for a grant of one million lire to furnish and open this Club.

ACTION BLU/35F dtd 3 Apr.46 refers.

(d) A grant of 600.000 lire (sixhundred Thousand) has been given to 7 C.A.R. to be spent on canteens within the barracks.
Plans have been made for the furnishing of these canteens which show every sign of being of a very high order.
During the first months a profit of 50-60.000 lire was made.
This profit is being utilised to improve the canteens, to provide prizes for various events and to help cases of hardship due to men being separated from their families etc.

(e) A twelve man-orchestra has been formed from the recruits; this will play each evening and arrangements have been made for broadcasting to all barracks.

(f) An excellent broadcasting and loudspeaker system is nearing completion at LAMARMORA barracks.
This will be used for the issuing of orders and announcements etc as well as for entertainment.

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Appendix "F" to 7 REU
letter REU/20 dated 5 May'46

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S - End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 May 1946

1. 7.REPAIR FACTORY

A conference was held to determine the date of the transfer of 7 Repair Factory to Rifredi. Col. BUCCERI and Major BARDI confirmed that repairs to the new Factory were still being executed. In addition to this they stated that they are also awaiting the arrival of the various machinery necessary for the functioning of the new Factory. This machinery is being supplied through their Ministry of War. M.of W. letter 1432/1.C. of the 7th March refers.
The machinery in question is as follows:-

Sewing Machines NECCHI B.V.		192
B.D.L. (zig-zag)		4
Tables Sewing Machine NECCHI B.V.		32
Sewing Machines. Equipment NECCHI O.P.		8
Machines Elastic w/Pedal.		2
Motors for Tables Sewing Machn. NECCHI, B.V. 1 H.P.		32
Motors for Sewing Machn. NECCHI, O.P. 1/2		8
Machines Elect. Cutting, Large.		4
Small.		4
Machines Sewing Leather , Rapid.		1
Machines Brushing W/Benches		1
Milling Machine		1
Machines Manufacturing Socks.	5x70.	1
	7x70.	3
	8x70	4
	10x70	2
Kit of Spare Parts for "Rapid"Machines.		1

It would be appreciated if hastening action could be taken to obtain these.

2. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT STORES

The Clothing & Equipment Stores are being transferred from FORTEZZA da BASSO to RIFREDI. The movement commenced on the 2nd May and it is anticipated that it will be completed by 23rd May.

3. "FOLGORE" Inf. Div.

The consolidated List of Stores, as requested by HQ. 2 District, is nearing completion. The completed Statement is in process of being typed and will be despatched as soon as possible.

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J. E. S. Collings Lieut.

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S/Ordr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Appendix "G" to 7 HLU LETTER
HLU/20 dated 5 May 1946

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MONTE SAN [illegible] (near BOLOGNA)

At AREZZO on Sunday 28 Apr. 46 the 2nd Bn. [illegible] Regt. (FOLGORE Inf. Div.) celebrated the anniversary of their battle in 1944 at MONTE SAN [illegible], where the battalion fought a costly but victorious action, destroying or capturing the equivalent of two companies of German parachute troops who were making a last die-hard stand in well-defended positions. (The scene of this battle, which must be a classic example of close-quarter and hand-to-hand fighting, was later visited by Field Marshal Sir HAROLD ALEXANDER, conducted by the Commander FOLGORE Inf. Div. and GSO I 5th HLU.)

The ceremony at AREZZO began at 1030 hrs with a Church Parade and open-air Mass in the Piazza GUIDO MONACO, which was lavishly bannered and decorated, and packed with an impressive array of soldiery and of civilian spectators. This service was followed by the presentation by Gen. DE [illegible] of decorations (including American) to officers and O.R's of the FOLGORE Division, outstanding among whom was Lt. Col. [illegible], recipient of the American Distinguished Service Cross (who personally led the assault troops of his battalion in this battle, in the course of which he had his Tommy Gun shot out of his hands by a burst of enemy automatic fire; although he lost two fingers of one hand he refused medical attention and continued to lead his battalion until the battle was finally won and the positions consolidated)

Lt. Col. [illegible], now Commanding 2nd Bn. [illegible] Regt., in a public address over loudspeakers, recounted details of the [illegible] battle; this was followed by an address by Lt. Col. [illegible].

Later, the 2nd Bn. had a march past in the Via ROMA, Gen. DE [illegible] taking the salute.

At the end of the morning's ceremonies Major [illegible] was entertained to lunch, attended by Gen. DE [illegible], Gen. [illegible] and other military commanders and staff officers. He describes the ceremonies and parades as most impressive, the lunch as sumptuous, and his treatment throughout as most friendly and cordial. He was particularly impressed by the seemingly excellent relations between military and civilians, and by the genuine interest and pride which the latter appeared to take in this military celebration.

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Lt. Col. GRIMALDI, now Commanding 2nd Bn. NIZZO Regt., in a public address over loudspeakers, recounted details of the CISTERNO battle; this was followed by an address by Lt. Col. IZZO.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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REF: BLU/20

Florence, 29 April 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns, Mid-monthly

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. M/133 dated 27 Dec. 45.

2. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following.

(a) Mid-month report ("G", "A/Q" & "I") as at 15 April 1946.

(b) Appx."A" Progress Report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(c) Appx. "B". G(O)'s mid-month report as at 15 April 1946.

P.A. To C.O.C. X
DEP COMD X
B. G S. X
COL A/Q. X

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X
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C.C. Mackie
C.C. MACKIE
Lt. Col. GSO I

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MMIA-'G'
FILE: G/37/7A
DATE: 8/24/4

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. Mid-month Report as at 15 April 1946

"A/Q" 1. Casualties : Officers

(a) 79833 Capt. R.G. STRONG RASC left for MILAN on route for RASC course in UK on 2 April 1946.
(authority GHQ letter 3110/7/A 9 dated 11 March 1946)

(b) 321320 Capt. P.H. MOLSON RHFS arrived at BOLOGNA ex LIAP on 2 April 1946.

(c) 265150 Capt. G.A. MORTON RASC reported for duty 9 April 1946.

(d) Lt. A. AVONTSI (Interpreter) left for 15 days leave w.e.f. 15 April 1946.

O.Rs

(e) 7911921 Sgt. W.R.G. THOMAS (Duty Sgt) reported 4 April 1946.

(f) 7649034 Cpl. J.P. WHITE (RAOC) reported 6 April '46.

(g) 7675755 C/Sgt. P.L. ARMEY (Buffs) reported 14 April 1946 to take over duties of Chief Clerk from Sgt. A. BARKER when when he proceeds on release.

(h) 943050 Pte G. GRAVE (Clerk) reported 14 April '46.

(i) G 2 E appear to be somewhat at sea/regards the posting of O.Rs as for example, two sergeant clerks have been posted to this HQ. The whole matter is being gone into and will be taken up direct with G 2 E.

2. Accomodation.

(a) SCANDICCI Barracks was taken over from P.W.B. on 5 April '46 and 7 T.C. took over guard duties at these barracks w.e.f. 7 April 46. These barracks are still unoccupied pending H. of W. decision regarding SCANDICCI barracks and the move of GC & C. Mobile Hq.

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(authority GHQ letter S110/7/A 9 dated 11 March 1946)

(b) 321320 Capt. P.H. MURRAY REID arrived at BOLOGNA ex LIAP on 2 April 1946.

(c) 265150 Capt. G.A. MASON RAOC reported for duty 9 April 1946.

(d) Lt. A. APOSTOLI (Interpreter) left for 15 days leave w.e.f. 15 April 1946.

O.Rs

(e) 7914923 Sgt. W.E.G. THOMAS (Duty Sgt) reported 4 April 1946.

(f) 7549084 Cpl. J.B. WHITE (RAOC) reported 5 April '46.

(g) 7675735 C/Sgt. F.L. ARMEY (Buffs) reported 14 April 1946 to take over duties of Chief Clerk from Sgt. A. BARKER when when he proceeds on release.

(h) 941050 Pte C. GREAVE (Clerk) reported 14 April '46.

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(b) BORGHESE Club. This has been taken over in part by 7 T.C. and in part by local Youth Organisation for whom this building was originally erected. On the return of the GARIBALDI Regt. 7 T.C. are having an official opening to which 7 R.E.U. have been invited.

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"G" 3. Liaison.

Lt. Col. C.C. MORRIS and Major D.S.L. GORDON visited 7 C.A.R. on 10 April 46. Major H.W. HAMILTON visited 7 C.A.R. on 15 April 1946 (See Appendix "A")

"G" 4. Intelligence.

(a) On 1 April 1946 a disturbance occurred in FLORENCE when a train load of I.P.W. repatriated from RUSSIA, halted at FLORENCE station. The I.P.W. saw Communist flags flying over the H.Q. of "COMMUNIST SOCIALISTA" and pulled them down. Several civilians resented this and interfered but a serious disturbance was avoided by the departure of the train.

(b) Relations of troops with civilians is steadily improving. In SIENA, Flowers were thrown from windows on a body of recruits as they were marching through the town. Many invitations have been received from civilians to spend their evenings in private houses.

(c) For full report on incident at football match in SIENA see Appendix "A" para 8 (a)

(d) 7 T.C. report no incidents, training proceeds normally.

"G" "A/G" 5. Moves.

(a) Information has been received from 7 T.C. that the GARIBALDI Regt. will move from SICILY to FLORENCE as under:

UNIT	STRENGTH	ENO	ERA
Regt. & Mortar Coy	359	13 April from CATANIA	15 April
"ACHEA" Bn.	462	15 April from CATANIA	18 April
Cannon Coy and part of Motor Unit	222	17 April from PALERMO and S. AGATA	29 April
"ETRUR" Bn.	494	19 April from PALERMO	22 April
"VENETIA" Bn.	470	21 April from [illegible]	24 April

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UNIT	STRENGTH	ETD	ETA
Regt. & Mortar Coy	399	15 April from CATANIA	16 April
"ADUA" Bn.	462	13 April from CATANIA	18 April
Garrison Coy and part of Motor Unit	222	17 April from PALERMO and S. ADATA	29 April
"TRINO" Bn.	494	19 April from PALERMO	22 April
"VENETIA" Bn.	470	21 April from PARTI	24 April

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter

BLU/20 dated 19 April 1946

7. C.A.R. SIENA : Mid-month Report as at 15 April 1946

1. Personnel.

(a) Recruits. A total of 3942 recruits are in training. This represents 306 recruits in excess of the W.E. this is made up by 113 recruits being received from 8 C.A.R. at CREVICCO, 36 from 6 C.A.R. at PESARO and 157 arriving from distant districts but who were born and registered under TUSCANY. There are approx. 900 recruits at 7 C.A.R. who have received previous military training. 7 T.C. have received a M. of W. order to post 150 of these to CREMONA Div. where they will continue their training in British equipment. No orders have been given for the despatch of any further recruits from 7 C.A.R. nor do 7 T.C. anticipate any.
Recruits continued to arrive in small batches up to 15 April '46. This leads to confusion in their training standards.

(b) Permanent Staff. 7 C.A.R. have 203 Instructors (NCO's and OR's) leaving a deficiency on the W.E. of 85. It has been reported that the 500 Instructors were due to complete a course at CESANO on the 15 April 1946, but no notification has been received of what numbers will be posted to 7.C.A.R.
Armourers of 7 C.A.R. are at present on a course. 7 T.C. have been requested to loan armourers from the FOGGIA Div. to help out with zero'ing rifles and LMG's.
A British Armourer Sgt from 6 BLU will be temporary attached to 7 C.A.R. to organize workshop.

2. Training.

(a) Ranges. Work has been held up owing to difficulty of requisitioning cultivated land. 7 BLU has taken this matter up with 7 T.C., and results are awaited.
Two 30 yards ranges have been completed and remaining four 30 yards ranges will be completed in a few days. It is estimated that all ranges will be completed by the target firing date.
M. of W. laid down that only one miniature range per C.A.R. would be built. Permission has been requested and obtained for 7 C.A.R. to make two. These are in process of construction.

(b) Training Models for Home. 20 [illegible]

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(b) Permanent Staff. 7 C.A.R. have 203 Instructors (WO's and SR's) leaving a deficiency on the W.E. of 35.
It has been reported that the 300 Instructors were due to complete a course at CESANO on the 15 April 1946, but no notification has been received of what numbers will be posted to 7.C.A.R.
Armourers of 7 C.A.R. are at present on a course. 7 T.C. have been requested to loan armourers from the FOGGIA Div. to help out with servicing rifles and LMG's.
A British Armourer Sgt from 6 BLU will be temporary attached to 7 C.A.R. to organise workshop.

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(b) Training pamphlets for Mrtr, 2" Mortar and Grenade have now arrived and are in use (our BLU/55 F dated 12 April'46 refers

(c) It is considered that too many periods are allotted to marching and drill, and insufficient time allowed for firing. A full report is awaited from 7 C.A.R. and will be forwarded.

(d) In general, training is well organised and instructors are keen. Classes are too large due to lack of instructors.

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3. Arms.

(a) 4 waggon loads of arms arrived to 7 C.A.R.on 1 April '46. The bulk of these were in good condition. Some rifle butts were split or broken, but are now being repaired locally.

(b) The only serious deficiency is now 29 x 2 in MORTARS. (See our HLU/20 dated 5 April- para 4 "G" sub para (b))

(c) 7 C.A.R. have been allotted 8 x .22 rifles. They will have two miniature ranges each of six firing points, and it is considered that a minimum of twelve will be required.

4. Ammunition.

(a) No ammo' has yet been received. 7 C.A.R. have received advise notes of consignment of ammo' on its way from MAHU. From these advises it is noted that there is no ammo' for Verey Light pistols and that .45 T.S.M.G. ammo' is being sent instead of STEN.

5. Cleaning Materials.

(a) These have been promised but have not arrived. New delivery of weapons have been cleaned with improvised materials. Pull-throughs and Oil Bottles have been issued, but no oil is available.
7 C.A.R. have been urged to obtain a light oil from C.I.P.

6. Clothing.

(a) Indents for all Clothing (with exception of K.D.) have been met, but 7 C.A.R. complain of a shortage of large sizes in fatigue battle-dress.

(b) No date has been announced for the change into K.D. No K.D. has been received nor has the probable date of issue been given.

(c) A laundry contract is in process of negotiation.

7. Messing.

Messing was good and ample except that recruits from farms used to "Farmhouse fare" could eat considerably more. Bread was not well baked as the inside was very "doughy".
There was a choice of bacon or cheese as part of the ration.

8. Discipline.

(a) An incident is reported to have occurred at a local Football match, when about 300 recruits bought the cheapest tickets to enter the ground and then crowded

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8. Discipline. (a) An incident is reported to have occurred at a local 1487 Football match, when about 300 recruits bought the cheapest tickets to enter the ground, and then occupied the best seats. Military Police from 7 C.A.R. were called upon to remove them, but after remonstrating with them (and firing a single shot over their heads) they were compelled to summon several Officers from the barracks. The Officers split the offenders into small groups, and dispersed them.

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The same recruits, on returning to the barracks one hour late for their evening meal, were annoyed to find that no food had been kept for them, and attacked the kitchen staff who, in defending themselves with kitchen knives, wounded one recruit.

9. Welfare. (a) Canteens are popular in all barracks, and are well patronised.

(b) There is a great need for a soldiers' Club in SIENA. A ~~site~~ has been found in the ex "CASA DEL FASCIO" and a grant of one million lire has been requested to open this Club.

(c) Sports kit is urgently needed, especially footballs and Basket balls. 7 T.C. state that these stores are available only on the authority of the M of W.

(d) The morale of the permanent staff is seriously affected by not being able to have their families in SIENA with them.

(e) An excellent arrangement has been made whereby families visiting recruits could sit down at a table and talk to them.

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Annex "B" to 7 BLU
Letter BLU/20 dtd
19 April 1945

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICERS - MID MONTH REPORT APRIL 1946

1. SCANDICCI BARRACKS

As representative of 7 B.L.U. I inspected SCANDICCI BARRACKS on the date of its "handing over" from U.S. ARMY to 7 Territorial Command on 5th April 1946. The "Hand-over" was executed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

2. VISITS.

Visited A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. and D.A.D.O.S. ROME Area Allied Command on 11 to 13 April, inclusive.

3. "FOLGORE"- Handing Over to Italian Army.

I am fully employed in the compilation of a consolidated list of Stores, required from the "FOLGORE" Italian Division, by A.D.O.S. No 2 District. This responsibility was placed on me on 15th March and was to have been completed and despatched by 10th April. I am the only Ordnance Clerk available for this task. One Regiment of this Division (GARIBALDI) is in Sicily, which adds greatly to the difficulty of completing the required Consolidated List, hence its non-completion to date. Every endeavour is being made to complete the Consolidation as soon as possible.

S/CWR.
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

16th April 1946.

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J. A. A. [illegible]

S/CPL.
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

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HP: HK/20

Florence 5 April 1944.

Subject: Reports and Returns - Int/Operations Monthly Report.

To : 8 MilGeds.

Reference my/113 dated 27 Dec.1943.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) Int/Operations monthly report as at 1/4/44.

(b) As Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 M.I.U. and amendment to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.

(c) As Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 M.I.U.

(d) As Appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command, of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.

(e) As Appx "D" is Return of Nr. M.T. held by this M.I.U.

(f) As Appx "E" is Progress Report on C.A.P. 8[illegible].

(g) As Appx "F" is Report by CMF. W.O.

2. No reference is made in this Report to CE.IE. Bn CC.RR. Bn of this M.I.U. has informed that at the recent C.M. Conference in Rome it was stated that the independent monthly reports rendered by CE.IE. L.O's to M.M.I.A. would obviate any need for duplication of CC.RR. activities in the monthly M.I.U. Reports.

PA To GOC
DEP COMD
BGS
Con A/Q WP

C.C. [illegible]
Lt. Col.
G S O I

MMIB - 'G'
FILE: G/27/D
DATE: 8/9/44

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. Hqd/Beginning Month Report as at 1 April 1946.

1. GENERAL.

(a) Domestic (BLU)

(i) Major R. DOWNING attached 7 B.L.U. left FLORENCE for ROME on 17th March.

(ii) Capt. R.C. STRONG RASC received orders to proceed to UK to attend a 6 months RASC course.
He will leave early in April. So far no successor has been definitely appointed.
(AFHQ Signal C 34641 dated 30 March to UNRRA (Italian Mission - Rome) copy MMIA)

(iii) No. 6[illegible]472 Pte CORVIN attd 7 B.L.U. left for UK on Release on 31 March.

(iv) Sgt. BARKER Chief Clerk 7 B.L.U. and L/C RASC, Driver Mech are both in A/S Group 23 and are due to leave about middle of April.
O.Cs were written to and asked for replacements for these two O.R's (letter MMI/58 dated 23 Mar'46 copy MMIA refers.)
Information has been received from O.C.S that no D/Ms are available but a Sgt. Clerk (7675755 A/C/SGT. ARMY - Buffs) has been posted.
He has not yet arrived.

(v) A duty SGT. (7914921 SGT THOMAS - RAC) has been posted but has not arrived yet.

(b) British

(i) 211 Sub Area (FLORENCE COMMAND) closed down w.e.f. 2359 hrs 31 Mar '46.
The Town Major has been appointed O.C. Troops FLORENCE.
Although nothing has been officially received in writing, from talks with the Town Major it is understood that matters of Local Administration will be referred to him, whilst other subjects such as Release, Liap etc will be referred to RAAC.

(ii) A definite ruling as to policy on this subject would be appreciated.

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(c) Italian (i) Lieut. [illegible] posted for duty [illegible]

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(AFHQ Signal C 34641 dated 30 March to USFIA (Italian Mission - Rome) copy MSIA)

(iii) No. 6[illegible]72 Pte CORVIN attd 7 B.L.U. left for UK on Release on 31 March.

(iv) Sgt. BARKER chief Clerk 7 B.L.U. and L/C RAGG, Driver Mack are both in A/S Group 28 and are due to leave about middle of April.
O.28 were written to and asked for replacements for these two O.R's (letter BLU/98 dated 23 Mar'46 copy MSIA refers.)
Information has been received from O.2.8 that no D/Ms are available but a Sgt. Clerk (7679755 A/C/SGT. ARMEY - Buffs) has been posted.
He has not yet arrived.

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(c) Italian. (i) Lieut. FRANCHINI reported for duty from 4 B.L.U. as Interpreter (Regular Officer) at this HQ. on 22 Mar.

(ii) 7 T.C. have been requested to allow Lieut. STORACE to continue working with 7 B.L.U. at any rate for the time being. This request was made as the G S O II will spend 3 to 4 days of each week with the C.A.R. at SIENA and requires an interpreter with him there.

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(d) Visits & Liaison.

(i) Col. KERR and Lieut.Col. ALBERT visited FLORENCE 20/23 March.
During their stay the following programme was carried out:-
Visit to Gen. DE SIMONE, Commander 7 T.C.
" " FOLGORE Div. (Gen ITALORSI)
" " CC.RR. HQ.
" " 7 Ind. Regt. HQ. and 1st Bn.
" " COVERCIANO Barracks.
" " SCANDICCI Barracks.

(ii) Col. RIDSLEY visited FLORENCE 21/23 Mar and 30/31 Mar. On 31 Mar he inspected C.A.R. SIENNA (See C.A.R. Report)

(iii) Major FIELDERS visited FLORENCE 19/20 Mar. During his stay the Internal Groups of FLORENCE and BOLOGNA were inspected.

(iv) G S O I and G S O II 7 B.L.U. visited C.A.R. SIENNA on 19 March (See C.A.R. report)

(v) G S O I accompanied Gen DE SIMONE on inspection of COVERCIANO Barracks on 26 Mar. (See para 4 (b) Accommodation).

2. "C"

(a) Org.

(i) Domestic
(ii) Italian
} See para 1 (a)(b) and (c) above

(b) Employment of TPS

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. — Employed on Guard duties on Military Depots, Prisons, P.O.W. (LATERINA), train escorts, ranges. On Sats - Mons employed on Public Security duties (elections)

(ii) 716 Adm.Regt. — Disbanded.

(iii) 6 Prov. Group. — Two Coys disbanding, the remaining three still under American ops. Command and mostly deployed on Guard duties.

(iv) 7 C.A.R. — See separate Report Appx "F".

(v) FOLGORE Div. — Mostly engaged on Public Security duties.

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(iv) 7 C.A.R. — See separate Report Appx "F".

(v) BOLOGNA Div. — Mostly engaged on Public Security duties for Elections (Sat- Mon)

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(c) Training.

(i) 7 Ind. Inf. Regt. — Apart from Range practises no training has been possible owing to ops. Commitments.

(ii) 6 Prov. Group. — No training possible.

(iii) 7 C.A.R. — See separate Report Appx "F".

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(iv) FOLGORE Div. All units have had two Range Exercises. In addition, march training platoon and coy tactical drill: specialist courses for M.T. drivers, R/T operators, Range takers, typists. Also officers' T.E.W.T.S

(d) Intelligence.

(i) It is reported that Communist propaganda is being spread among 7 C.A.R. recruits by means of a Communist Club at SIENA, which provides free meals, wine and dancing for Italian Soldiers (See BLU letter 35 E of 3 Apr. 46 addsd 7 T.C. copy M.M.I.A)

(ii) Elections have been carried out without notable incident. No requests have been made for military intervention in aid of Civil Power.

(iii) Call-up of 1924 Class proceeds without incident.

(iv) Activities of the FLORENCE Centre of the 908 C.S. Bn. have already been reported in this HQ. letter 28 Mar (DQ/Lt. Col. MARKES -Col. KERR)

3. "A"

(a) Domestic (BLU)

Deficiencies.

Offrs: Nil, pending Capt. STRONG's departure.

O.R's Cpl. Clerk
Pte "
L/C RAOC Clerk
" RENE "
" RASC " (for S & T)

(Note. See also para 1 (a) above)

(b) Italian.

(1) Deficiencies in Strength.

7 Ind. Inf. Regt. Approx 400 O.R's under W.E. due to release of 1923 Class.

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Pte "
L/C RASC Clerk
" REME "
" RASC " (for S & T)

(Note. See also para 1 (a) above)

(b) Italian.

(i) Deficiencies in Strength.

7 Ind. Inf. Regt. Approx 400 O.R's under W.E. due to release of 1921 Class.

6 Prov. Group. One fifth (approx 200 O.R's) released.

M.T. Repair Directorate. One Quarter (approx 70 O.R's) released.

Commissariat. One third (approx 60 O.R's) released.

Medical Directorate. One third released.

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FOLGORE Div.

Offrs: 45 above W.E.
N.C.O's:10% below W.E.) incl. Specialists:
O.R's :25% " " " (Drivers 20%
) D/R's 60%
) R/T Ops.40%
*Mechs 7 deficient.

(Note. Owing to release of 1921 Class the deficiencies in specialists in Units other than FOLGORE Div. have increased, but precise details are not yet available at 7 T.C.)

(ii) Discipline.

(iii) Pay.

(iv) Leave.

(v) Morale.

Nothing notable to report. Morale appears high, especially among new recruits who are favourably surprised at the work done for their own benefit and welfare at the C.A.R. Leave is still hard to obtain to VENEZIA GIULIA, and especially to POLA area. Leave to SARDEGNA has notably increased.

4. "Q".

(a) Domestic (M.T.)

(i) Transport. See Appx attached.

(ii) Accommodation. Wholly satisfactory, but it is intended to open the VILLA PRIMAVERA for officer's accommodation and Mess before the end of April (i.e. when the weather presents no fuel problem)

(b) Italian.

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Necessary M.T. has been provided by 7 T.C. for the transport of new recruits to 7 C.A.R. from the 8 Territorial Districts. 2 [illegible]

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Necessary M.T. has been provided by 7 T.C. for the transport of new recruits to 7 C.A.R. from the 8 Territorial Districts. All M.T. arrangements have functioned satisfactorily. There is a marked scarcity of spare tyres for Italian passenger vehicles.

(ii) RASC. See Appx "P" attached.

(iii) Clothing and Equipment. Summer clothing for C.A.R. has been issued, but 300 sets short. For other units in 7 T.C. the issue is not only incomplete, but includes "riding breeches and green puttees" Freddie

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details of this issue are awaited from 7 T.C. and a separate report will follow soonest.
FOGGIA Div. have reported a shortage of Summer uniforms, details of which will follow as soon as ascertained.

(iv) Arms and Ammn. FOGGIA Division has a serious shortage of S.A. ammn. A full detailed report has been called for and will be forwarded soonest.
7 C.A.R. have received 4 wagon-loads of arms, their only deficiency is now twenty nine 2- inch Mortars.
No ammn has yet been received but it has been promised to arrive by 10 Apr at latest.

(v) C.E.M.E. Handing over of dumps to A.R.A.R. is proceeding according to plan.

(vi) Accommodation. SCANDICCI Barracks. Negotiations for the taking over of these barracks have been going on for the last week.
Parties carrying on these negotiations have been:-

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7 B.L.U.
Col. MOCK. P.B.S. Tel. Value 69
Capt. JAMES P.B.S. Tel. Value 69
Major OPPERLING P.B.S. Value 157

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When this has been done it is proposed to move the HQ. and 1 Bn. of 7 Ind.Regt. to SCANDICCI Barracks, this will allow GC.MR. to have the whole of RALEIGHERA barracks instead of sharing it with 7th Regt. as at present.

ROBERTSON CLUB. This was the British NAAFI but has been derequisitioned by the British. 7 T.C. are anxious to take over this excellent building but the present representatives of the old C.I.L. organisation are also anxious to have the building returned to them.
Negotiations are proceeding between Ministry of War and the relevant Italian Ministry.

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COMMERCIANO Barracks. During his visit to these barracks on 19 Mar, Gen. HE SIKKNS expressed to G S O I his intention of concentrating there, as soon as possible ALL the M.T. and Mech Units of 7 T.C. in view of the suitability of this accommodation for such units. Until alternative accommodation is available however, units of the FOLGORE Div. (REME Workshops, C.F.P. Eng. Coy, and GARIBALDI Regt. on its return) are to be accomodated in these barracks. 2479

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(vii) P.O.L. The monthly supply for 7 T.C. was not received, as C.I.P. did not receive their allotted quota from the M. of W. Transport has functioned, however, using only a small portion of P.O.L. reserve stocks.

(viii) Medical. Staff Er. 1 officer - 2 Sgt.Dispensers RAMC att 7 B.L.U.
Central Italian Depot of Medical Stores move from [redacted] ROME to ISTITUTO FARMACEUTICO MILITARE-RIPARTO FARESINA completed during the month.
Two rail trucks of captured medical stores arrived from NAPLES on M.H. now in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italians.
40 rail trucks arrived from MILANO containing Medical Stores and machinery for the Institute.
4 Large buildings at the Institute are at present occupied by [redacted].
These buildings are now urgently required by the Italian Military Authorities at the RIPARTI Institute for the purpose of installing the machinery and stores arriving from MILANO of which there are 400 rail trucks. expected.
Ministry of War should take early action in this matter.

C.A.R. medical organisation complete.

The "[redacted]" Hospital was turned into an isolation V.D. ward under the main Military Hospital.

From 15th. to 22nd. March Medical Inspections have been carried out on newly-joined recruits. M.O's at 7 C.I.R. have complained that not only is their parted staff insufficiently trained to deal with the considerable work of examining incoming recruits, but also that a large number of recruits are below the medical standard required, & have to be detained in hospital or rejected. It is indicated that medical inspections of recruits on call-up by Military Distric[illegible] are not thorough enough, and it is [illegible]

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suggested that as many "call-ups" complain
of so many ailments, in order to avoid
service, that the medical authorities
presume that all are malingering and
pass them on blpc as fit.

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ANNEX "A" to 2 HIJ Letter
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LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN CENTRAL, ITALY AS AT 2400 HRS 20 APRIL 1946
AND OR EQUIVALENT AS AT 24th APRIL 1946

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
		UK - UK
6 Provisional Gen. Hq.	Certaldo/Limonaia	
23 Hq. Service Bn.	Legnaia	
		UK - UK
7 Sta. "Gallo" Hospital	Florence	
283 Gen. Hq. Hospital	Lucca	
7 Repairs Units	Florence	
7 Inf. Regt. Hq.	Florence	
1st Bn. (ex 509 guard Bn.)	Florence	
2nd Bn. (ex 513 guard Bn.)	Pisa	
3rd Bn. (ex 512 guard Bn.)	Legnaia	
702 Refugee Center	Siena	
Training Centre (C.A.Fs)	Florence	
"Folgore" Inf. Division	Arezzo	
"Nembo" Regt. Hq.	Montevarchi	
1st Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	
2nd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	
3rd Inf. Bn.	Montevarchi	
184 Artillery Regt. Hq.	Venezia	
No 1 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	
No 2 25 - Pr Bty	Pistoia	
No 3 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	
No 4 25 - Pr Bty	Massa	
No 5 27 - Pr Bty Att	Pistoia	
No 6 40 - m/m A.A. Bty	Rosignano	
184 Engr. Bn. Hq. "Folgore"	Perugia	
184 Medical Coy.	Arezzo	
516 Fd. Hospital	Montevarchi	
517 Fd. Hospital	Castello	
204 S & T Coy	Florence	
Central School	Florence	
No 3 Brigade	Florence	
Hq. Hdq. Res Group	Florence	
Florence Legion	Florence	
Lucca Group	Florence	
Tuscan Group	Pistoia	
"Pistoia" Group	Arezzo	
"Arezzo" Group	Siena	
"Siena" Group	Legnaia	
"Legnaia" Legion	Legnaia	
CA/Z. Group		

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UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
CO.[illegible] Group CO.[illegible] Group CO.[illegible] Group	Pisa Grosseto Aquarius	TEX - TEX " " " "

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter
1031/20 dated 5 April 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

Office

No. 1 Piazza Stazione - FLORENCE

Lt. Col.	MAUGER	Room 458 - Excelsior Hotel. Tel.Florence 1434
Major.	GRIGSON	Room 446 " " " " "
Major.	HAMILTON	Room 345 " " " " "
Major.	[illegible]	Room 273 " " " " "
Capt.	SEELEY	Room 373 " " " " "
Capt.	NELSON	BOLOGNA

British O.R.'s in Annexe to VILLA PRIMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 1356.

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Appendix "B" to 7 RNR letter
RNR/20 dated 5 April 1946

STAFF LIST 7 B.L.U. as at 1.4.1946

General Staff.

GSO. I.	Lieut. Col. C.C. MARKES.	L. Fus.
GSO. II.	Major. H.W. HAMILTON	Buffs.

Branch of Adjutant General & Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major.D.S.L. GREGSON. MBE	5 Inns. D.G.

Services.

S & T	Capt. R.G. STRONG	RASC.
REME.	Capt. P.H. NELSON.	REME.

Attached.

CO.RR. Liaison Officer.	Major. W. GREENHOUGH.	G.L.
Medical- LO.	Capt. H.A. STEPHENS. MBE	RAMC

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Annex "D" to FM Letter No. III/20 dated 5 April 1946

Appendix to the List of Persons on duty with Z Interrogation Group Platoon

Rank	Name	Unit	Civilian Home	Appointment
Interpreters.				
Brig.Gen.	-	STRONG	GSI/WAMIS ✓	At Hqrs.
Interrogators.				
Brig.Gen.	-	PEARS	SEA/WAMIS ✓	Transferred to Interrog. Teams
Brig.Gen.	-	HAMILTON	CO/TPO ✓	Transferred to Army Reserve.
Brig.Gen.	-	ANDERSON	USO ✓	Transferred to Army Reserve.
Translators.				
Brig.Gen.	-	SHEPPARD	SEA/WAMIS ✓	Posted as C.O. of Infantry within the Territory.

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[illegible] G.O. No. 7 [illegible] dated 5 April 1946

The List of [illegible] as Set Forth in [illegible]

[illegible]	TYPE	CERTIFICATE NAME	APPOINTEES
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ✓	At Pleasure
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ✓	Transferred to Hong Kong, China
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ✓	Transferred to Army Reserve.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ✓	Transferred to Army Reserve.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ✓	Posted as U.S. or Military within the Territory.

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Annex "C" to TPU letter TPU/20 dated 5 April 1946

Assignments to the War Department Staff with Temporary Grade Promotion

RANK	ARM	NAME	ORGANIZATION PRIOR	ASSIGNMENT
Lieutenant Colonel				
Col.	Art.	HALAMEK	CHINO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	MATUSOVITZ	ARNOLDO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	RIVO	ADAMO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	D'ALBERTO (RETIRED)		At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	DE LUCENZI	DIEGO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Inf.	LEONTELLI	ROLAND	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Inf.	CUTAIA	ENZO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	MUSUMECI	MASSIMO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Cml.	D'ALESSANDRO	ALFREDO	At Disposal ? Terr.Cond.
Col.	Art.	BELLANTE	MARIO	Assigned to Military Mission, Athens
				C.O. "Volgore" Army Dept.
Lieutenant Colonel				
Col.	Inf.	PARODI	GIANLUIGI	Transferred to Terr.Cond. at Rome
Col.	Inf.	CAPPELLI	ETTORE	Transferred to Army Reserve
Col.	Inf.	MONTANI	GIOVANNI	Transferred to Army Reserve
Col.	Inf.	DE LUCA CARLO	CARLO	Transferred to Army Reserve
Col.	Art.	PACIFICATI	ELIA	Left the "Volgore" Army Dept. Command
Major				
Col.	Inf.	BARONI	GIANLUIGI	Posted C.C. 22nd Inf.Dept. Bari
Col.	Inf.	MENICHELLI	EMILIO	Re C.C. 7th Army Dept. At Disposal Terr.Cond.
Col.	Inf.	CAPPELLO	MARIO	Re C.C. La Spezia Gar. " " " "
Col.	Art.	PETRINI	GIUSEPPE	Posted C.C. C.A.I. Lateran Group
Col.	Inf.	QUARTICO	ACHILLE	Re C.C. C.A.I. Lateran Group - At Disp.? C.C.

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Annex "C" to 7 INF Letter IEW/20 dated 5 April 1946

Attention is invited to the fact that on duty with 7 CHEMICAL CO WAR SERVICE

ARM	NAME	CURRENT DUTY	REMARKS
Maj.	WALMSLEY	CHEMO	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Art.	LIEBERKNECHT	MEMO	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Art.	GEO	ADMO	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Art.	D'ALESSANDRO PETERSEN		At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Art.	DE RAYMOND	DUTY	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Inf.	HEADINGLEY	ENROLL	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Inf.	OLIVER	ENROLL	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Art.	HENDRICK	DISTRIBUTION	At Hayward 7 Term.Cond.
Med.	D'ALESSANDRO	DAIRIES	Assigned to Military Medical School
Art.	SHILLING	MESS	C.C. "Holgate" Army Dept.
Inf.	PARKE	CHEMICAL	Transferred to Term.Cond. at Hay
Inf.	CARTER	FILING	Transferred to Army Reserve.
Inf.	SCHMITT	CHEMICAL	Transferred to Army Reserve.
Inf.	DU PEN CHOLT	DUTY	Transferred to Army Reserve.
Art.	PATTERSON	LIAISON	Left the "Holgate" Army Dept. Command.
Maj.	BROWN	SERVICES	Visited C.C. 22nd Inf. Dept. Dept, Fla.
Inf.	FONTANA	ENROLL	Sat C.C. 7th Advantage. At Hayward Term.Cond.
Inf.	HOFFMAN	ENROLL	Via C.C. to Dyess Army
Art.	BRUCE	CHEMICAL	Posted C.C. 7th Inf. Infantry Corps
Inf.	STEELE	ENROLL	Via C.C. 7th Inf. Infantry Corps - At Hay. 7 T.C.

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Annex "C" to Z Training SOP/SO dated 5 April 1946

Assignments to the Unit of U.S.S. as per T/O & E [illegible] Infantry Battalion

UNIT	AGE	NAME	PERSONAL NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Headquarters				
Lt.Col.	Adj.	[illegible]	REQUIRED ✓	Military Govt. Institute - Florence.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	ALPHA	ESTIMATED ✓	Platoon - Military Medics
Headquarters				
Lt.Col.	Inf.	TRACE	CASAGRAND [illegible]	Headquarters.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	METRO	LIEUT ✗ [illegible]	Sent to Civil Govt.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	STELLA	LIEUTENANT ✓	Headquarters
Headquarters				
Lt.Col.	Inf.	CASAGRAND	SPECIFIED ✓	Rear Echelon Base Depot, Caserta - To Military Govt. of Caserta.

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Extract "C" SO 7 [illegible] 20 dated 5 April 1946

Awarded to the Bar of Merit, on date of G.O. indicated opposite name

RANK	INITIALS	NAME	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	REMARKS
Commander				
Capt.	Art.	GOSSETT	USNRF	Military Govt. Detail - Korea.
Capt.	Ind.	ATKINS	Quartermaster	Pistoia - Military Mission
Lieutenant Commander				
Lt.	Ind.	BAKER	Executive Officer	Discharged.
Lt.	Ind.	BERRY	Supply	Left for duty Korea.
Lt.	Ind.	DEVLIN	Engineer	Discharged
Lieutenant				
Lt.	Ind.	GILBERT	Physician	Also honored Bronze Star, Oakleaf - to Military Medical of Honor.

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Appendix "D" to 7 BLU letter
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SERIAL No.	MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	REF.	L.R.	H.R.	REMARKS
1	ALFA-ROMEO	4 STR	CAP/M 5938210	Yes	-	-	
2	CHEVROLET	HUP	M 5905872	Yes	-	-	
3	CHEVROLET	HUP	M 5905880	Yes	-	-	
5	WILLYS	JEEP	M 5661815	Yes	-	-	
6	FORD	15 CWT	Z 5428450	Yes	-	-	
7	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 350/ c/c	C 4562185	Yes	-	-	
8	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 500/ c/c	C 5123826	Yes	-	-	
	CHEVROLET	HUP	Z 5906050	Yes	-	-	Attached with RAMC personnel

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

SIGNED ..... Maj
for D.A.A.Q.M.G.

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BLU/20 dated 5 April 1946

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3	WILLYS	JEEP	M 5661815	Yes	-	-	
5	FORD	15 CWT	Z 5428450	Yes	-	-	
6	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 350/ c/c	C 4562185	Yes	-	-	
7	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 500/ c/c	C 5123826	Yes	-	-	
8	CHEVROLET	HUP	Z 5906050	Yes	-	-	Attached with RAMC personnel

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SIGNED .....
for D.A.A.-Q.M.G.

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Annx "F" to 7 MIS letter
MIS/20 dated 5 April 1946

Subject : C.A.L.R. [redacted] - End of Month Report as at 31 March 1946

1. Personnel. (a) Recruits. 2360 recruits had arrived, been medically examined and equipped.

(b) Permanent Staff. The serious shortage of Instructors will hinder training. To complete W.E. it will be necessary to post 81 C.M.'s and 12 NCO instructors. Remainder of staff is up to W.E. strength.

2. Accommodation. (a) Excellent work has been carried out in the short time available to ensure adequate accommodation of a high standard. Recruits sleep on wire spring beds (mostly double tier) and are issued with 3 blankets and 1 pair sheets each.

(b) Hot shower baths have been installed to ensure at least one bath per man per week.

(c) Kitchens and cooking equipment are modern.

(d) Dining halls are now fully furnished to accommodate maximum number of recruits. Clean and well run.

(e) Officers Messes and NCOs Messes are now completed and function well.

(f) During the visit of Col. [redacted] to Gen. [redacted] on Mar 22 the latter suggested the advisability, owing to shortage of accommodation at [redacted], of having one of the three C&R Battalions at [redacted], where accommodation is available. Col. [redacted] promised to take up the matter with H. of W. The General also reported that the C.A.L.R. had earned unpopularity in [redacted] through the occupation of a civilian hotel (single officers accommodation) and an ex-Orphanage ([redacted] Barracks)

3. Rations. (a) The ration scale is adequate. [redacted] serves as the basic meat ration and is unpopular - corned beef would be preferred.

(b) See also MIS/WT G 10 of 30 Mar 46, copy attached.

4. Clothing. The only serious shortage is fatigue uniforms (dyed green R.D.) Sufficient have been received to clothe about 30% of the recruits, remainder have been promised but are not yet to

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(f) During the visit of Col. KERR to Gen. DE GAULLE on Mar 22 the latter suggested the advisability, owing to shortage of accomodation at SIENA, of having one of the three CAR Battalions at AREZZO, where accomodation is available. Col. KERR promised to take up the matter with H. Q. The General also reported that the C.A.R. had earned unpopularity in SIENA through the occupation of a civilian hotel (single officers accomodation) and an ex-Orphanage (WAVE Barracks)

3. Rations. (a) The ration scale is adequate. CARNE GULLE [illegible] as the basic meat ration and is unpopular - corned beef would be preferred.

(b) See also MII/ST 6 10 of 30 Mar 46, copy attached.

4. Clothing. The only serious shortage is fatigue uniforms (dyed green B.D.) Sufficient have been received to clothe about 50% of the recruits, remainder have been promised but are not yet to hand.

5. Arms. (a) Have arrived in FLORENCE and will be despatched to C.A.R. in the next two days.

(b) No cleaning materials have been received but adequate arrangements have been made for cleaning with improvised materials.

6. Training. (a) Sites have been reced for all ranges necessary. These are on cultivated ground. Two open ranges are nearing completion and work has been started on another two open ranges and

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30 yd and miniature ranges.

(b) Training to the end of this month has been 2 ot drill, barrack room instruction, P.T. and recreational training.

7. Welfare.

(a) There is a canteen in each barracks for the sale of wine, cakes, cigarettes, writing paper, soap etc. at a cost of approx. 20% less than civilian shops.

(b) Reading and writing rooms are functioning in each barracks.

8. Inspections and Liaison.

(a) G.S.O. II (Maj. [redacted]) spent the period 26 Mar-1Apr. at 7 C.A.R. and accompanied Col. [redacted] on an inspection of the C.A.R. on 31 Mar.

(b) G.S.O. I and G.S.O. II made a complete inspection of C.A.R. on 19 Mar and were highly satisfied with all they saw, from "G", "A" and "Q" angles.

(Ref. para 3 (b) above.)

(Copy)

Ref: [redacted]/G 30

Florence, 30 March 1946

Subject : 7 C.A.R. - [redacted]

To : ADJT. Land Forces Sub. Comd. A.F.I. (H.Q.I.A)

1. The I & T officer of this H.Q.U. visited 7 C.A.R. on Tuesday 26 March 1946.

2. The rationing and messing arrangements appeared to be very satisfactory and the previously expressed opinion is confirmed that there is no object in opening a Food Distribution Depot in [redacted].

3. Messing appears to be of a high standard and a considerable interest in this matter is taken by senior officers of the C.A.R. ; it was urged that the current ration of salt and olive oil should be increased.

4. The inspecting officer was much impressed by the very healthy and cheerful appearance of the recruits; a fair proportion of them are said to be volunteers.

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(b) Reading and writing rooms are functioning in each barracks.

8. Inspections and Liaison.

(a) G.S.O. II (Maj. [redacted]) spent the period 28 Mar-1 Apr. at 7 C.A.R. and accompanied Col. PIDDUCK on an inspection of the C.A.R. on 31 Mar.

(b) G.S.O. I and G.S.O. II made a complete inspection of C.A.R. on 19 Mar and were highly satisfied with all they saw, from "C", "A" and "Q" angles.

(Ref. para 3 (b) above.)

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Ref: [redacted]/GT 0.30

Florence, 30 March 1945

Subject : 7 C.A.R. - [redacted]

To : ADMS. Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A)

1. The S & T officer of this H.Q.U. visited 7 C.A.R. on Thursday 28 March 1945.

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Signed R.G. STRONG

Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T. 7 MDI

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Appendix "N" to 7 MAU Letter
MAU/21 dated 5 March 1946

SENIOR MERCHANT OFFICER'S REPORT - NORTH SOUTH MARCH

1. Further Inspection carried out of No. 7 Repair Shop at Piazza di San Pancrazio.

2. Conference held with Col. Buccari regarding the following: -

(a) Anticipated transfer of Repair Shop to Bifredi (M.R. Sheet 11.577372.) Appointment made for an Inspection of the new Site. (See para 4.)

(b) System of Manufacture and Repair.

(c) Future submission to me of:-

i) Weekly Activity Reports.
ii) Weekly Tonnage Reports.
iii) Distribution and Grade of Personnel employed.
iv) Machinery in use.

3. Inspection of Central Test Laboratory - No. 7 Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Buccari and Major Baird I inspected the Chemical Test Lab. at No. 7 Repair Shop. The function of this Department is the testing of the materials, as supplied by Civilian Firms, used in the Manufacture and Repair of Clothing. Test carried out are: -

(a) Tension of Fibres.
(b) Microscopic Test.
(c) Water Resisting.
(d) Composition of Materials.
(e) Fibre Counting to conform to standard.

4. Inspection of Newly Approved Site. - No. 7 Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Buccari and Major Baird I inspected the newly approved site for No. 7 Repair Shop at Bifredi. The building is still being repaired but it is hoped that preparations will be completed by May.

(b) A considerable quantity of various items of Stores, such as, Cutlery, Cement Mixers, Anti Gas Capes, Fur Warm Boots and Captured German Special Winter Clothing are being sorted and repacked into crates according to their respective condition. This work is being done by Male and Female Italians and Male Prisoners the total of which is 46.

(c) The building will be admirable for the purpose, giving promise of an Ideal Lay-out. In this connection I have offered to assist Col. [illegible], giving him the benefit of my personal experience, in the Organisation and Planning of his new Shop.

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(a) Anticipated transfer of Repair Shop to Nitvedi (N.B. Sheet 11.57572)
Appointment made for an Inspection of the new Site.
(See para 4.)

(b) System of Manufacture and Repair.

(c) Future submission to me of:-

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(c) The building will be admirable for the purpose, giving promise of an Ideal lay-out. In this connection I have offered to assist Col. [redacted], giving him the benefit of my personal experience, in the Organisation and Planning of his new Shop.

5. Fire Fighting Equipment.

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(a) It is becoming increasingly apparent that an extreme shortage is being felt of adequate Fire Fighting Equipment within this Command. Can Ministry of Supply assist in this matter please?

(b) A Statement of deficiencies is being called for from each unit within the Command. Upon receipt these will be consolidated and the complete picture made subject to a special paragraph in a Later Report.

(c) The recommendations that I have made during my Inspections of Installations are already bearing fruit, an example of this is

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shown as Appendix "X" to this Report, but it is felt that to really break the back of this acute shortage of Equipment, further assistance must be sought from the Ministry of Supply.

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

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7 DIVISIONAL CONSOLS
FLORENCE

Ref: M.32/Serv.
Florence, 8 March 1946

Subject : Fire precautions for Quartermaster Depots.

To : 7 B.L.U. Florence

1. Ref. your GEN/6 dated 2nd March. Herewith position of Fire Fighting Equipment, as requested.

2. This HQ. requested a grant of L. 360.000 from Ministry of War, to repair and complete adequate Fire Installations in the Central Clothing and Equipment Depot, at PISTOIA.

3. We requested General Engineers Directorate for an assignment of Fire Extinguishers for Quartermaster Installations at LEGHORN. On the 3rd inst. we received, from 92nd Engrs. Repair W/Shop at PISA, 30 Extinguishers for use in No. 7 Milk Supply Depot and 78 Food Distribution Depot.

4. In order to complete the Fire precautions necessary to other Quartermaster Installations, HQ. Engrs. were required to supply Extinguishers, hosets, axes, and picks etc. and to repair existing hydrants.

5. It is requested that Leghorn and Florence Quartermasters be authorised to ask assistance from Allied Fire Unit in the event of exceptional necessity and when the Civil Fire Unit are unable to control a fire.

6. You are requested to notify our above suggestions to the Allied Authorities concerned.

For THE AF. Col. ADJT. CHIEF OF STAFF
Sgd. Col. Capitani.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/20

Florence, 18 Mar 1946

Subject : Reports and Returns, Mid-monthly

To : M.M.I.A

Ref. SD/113 dated 27 Dec.45.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following.

(a) Mid-month report ("G," A/Q" & "I") as at 15 Mar 46.

(b) App."A". Progress report on C.A.R. SIENA.

(c) App."B". OWD's mid-month report as at 15 Mar 46.

C.C. MARKES
Lt. Col.
G S O I

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: G/27/28
DATE: 6/2/3

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. Mid-month Report as at 15 Mar 46

"A/Q" 1. Casualties : Officers

(a) Lieut Col. C.C. MARKES (47218) arrived 5 Mar. and took up the duties of G S O I.
(b) Major H.W. HAMILTON (1655598) arrived 8 Mar. and took up the duties of G S O II.
(c) Capt. R.G. STRONG has been ordered to attend a 6 months RAMC Course in UK (GHQ letter 81110/7/AQ dated 11 March, copy to M.M.I.A refers) He will probably leave here 1st or 2nd April. If possibile, his successor should arrive to take over not later than 25 March.
(d) Capt. H.A. STRUTTON RAMC and SGTS

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7399424 ELLIOT A.B. RAMC

arrived on 15 Mar for attachment to 7 BLU(MMIA letter Q 204 dated 11 Mar refers). Vehicle M.U.P. Chevrolet Z 5906050 in which they arrived is attached to this HQ.

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(e) No.11409173 PTE GARDNER A.C.C. took to 7 B.L.U. left on Class "B" Release 4 Mar.
(f) No.14069298 Gnr. TWEED. K.R.A. joined 7 B.L.U. as a learner clerk on 12 Mar 46.
(g) See also 1 (d) above.

"G" 2. Liaison.

(a) Lt. Col. MARKES visited Genl DE SIENNE on 8 Mar 46 and Genl PIALORSI on some date. He was most cordially received by both the General and his C. of S. The former, in particular, gave the impression of being enthusiastic to make the SIENNA C.A.R. a "show piece" in the Italian Army. The visit to Genl PIALORSI was in the nature of a"re-union" luncheon at which many former and friendly contacts were renewed.
(b) Lt. Col. BLUNT, MMIA, visited FOLGORE W/Shops on 15 Mar 46 and made certain suggestions to G.S.O. I which will be sent to 7 T.C.
(c) Major W. GREENHOUGH (OC.RR.No.) left FLORENCE on 12 Mar to attend OC.RR. Conference at ROME 13/14 Mar.

"G" 3. Demonstration Platoons.

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"G" 4. Intelligence.

(a) There is no doubt that there is considerable uneasiness amongst Italians both civilians and Military, as to the possible out-come of TITO's movements in the North.

(b) Rumours as to movements of troops, Allied, Italian and TITO's are rife.

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(c) The first Sunday of elections has been absolutely quiet, and no incidents have disturbed the normal progress of the elections.

(d) Units of "FOLGORE" Division are progressively improving their relations with the population of Tuscany and in this last period, especially at MONTECATINI, several demonstrations of hearty sympathy and cordiality have taken place.

(e) On 14 Mar 46 the recruits of 1924 class started reporting to the Districts.
The operations of call-up were carried out according to plan.
No incidents were reported.

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"A/G" 5. Moves.

(a) The GARIBALDI Regt. have not yet rejoined FOLGORE Div. from Sicily and 7 Territorial Command have no information as to their movements.

(b) The following units have moved into COVERCIANO barracks
(54 Rest Camp)
(1) Artieri (Eng) Coy of FOLGORE Div.
(2) Mobile Workshop " " "

(c) The Depot party of the GARIBALDI Regt. move into these barracks on 18 March and it is the intention that the whole Regt. will be quartered here on their return from [redacted].

(d) The O.F.P. of the FOLGORE Div. will move into COVERCIANO in the near future.

(e) The advisability of moving 7 M.T. Repair Shops (from present accm. in FLORENCE FORTEZZA) into COVERCIANO and the plan to move there also the FOLGORE S & T COY complete, will be the subject of early discussion with 7 T.C.

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Appendix "A" to 7 BLU letter BLU/20
dated 18 Mar 1946

C.A.R. SIENA : Mid month Report as at 15 Mar 46

1. C.A.R. was visited by Majors DOWNING and GREGSON on 8 Mar 46, followed on same date by a conference with GSO I to discuss outstanding points and difficulties and on the following day by a conference with Col. CHIARIOTTI (Ass. C. of S.) and Col. BENEDETTI (Engineer Staff) at 7 T.C. Points discussed and action taken were as follows.

(a) RE Works. The outstannding works essential for the reception of new recruits must be carried out urgently and progressively as the recruits arrive (i.e. latrines, cook houses, ablutions etc.) The necessity for continuing work while recruits arrive has to be accepted. The C.A.R. Commandant (Col. COLLIVA) must be given authority to indicate to the Engineers on the spot what he considers to be priority of work in order to ensure progressively the conditions essential for daily reception of recruits.

(b) Messes. Owing to lack of funds, War Ministry are providing no Mess equipment (utensils etc.) for officers Messes of permanent Staff. Funds, in the form of cash advance, repayable by individual officer members, were hoped for in the near future for local purchase of Offrs Mess equipment. This appears unsatisfactory; a further report will be made after inspection of C.A.R. on 19 Mar 46.

(c) Married Quarters. No family accommodation for permanent Staff (Offrs or OR's has been provided for. Hotel accommodation already requisitioned (with grudging approval by War Ministry) will have to be occupied as single Offrs Quarters. It is hoped to find further space to accommodate families but at present the problem seems insoluble. It appears most important, if the permanent Staff are going to maintain morale, enthusiasm and efficiency that they should have their families with them. It is requested that this necessity be strongly represented to War Ministry.

(d) General. In spite of lateness in certain constructional work and of arrival of certain stores and equipment 7 T.C. were satisfied that the arrangements for the inflow and training of recruits, beginning on 16 Mar. were fully adequate.

2. C.A.R. was again visited on 14 Mar 46 by GSO I, GSO II (DOWNING) and D.A & Q.M.G., accompanied by Ass. C. of S. (Col. CHIARIOTTI) Commandant C.A.R. (Col. COLLIVA) and his Staff. Personnel of the Inf. Coy (7 Indep.Regt.) were made to represent newly-arrived recruits and a complete rehearsal of the arrival, documentation, clothing etc. of a batch of recruits was gone through.
The general impression made by this rehearsal, and by a subsequent tour of the whole C.A.R. (four barracks) was little short of excellent. All ranks connected with the C.A.R. appear keen and efficient.

3. Detailed observations on the visit ref. to in para 2 above are as follows.

(a) Demonstration. The documentation, reception and equipping of recruits was carried out with a squad of some 80 men of the Coy Para [illegible]

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CHIARIOTTI (Ass. C. of S.) and Col. [illegible] (Engineer Staff) at 7 T.C. Points discussed and action taken were as follows.

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(a) Demonstration. The documentation, reception and equipping of recruits was carried out with a squad of some 80 men of the Gen Duty Coy who are now installed in their quarters at LA MARMORA Barracks. Plans had clearly been made to cope with the arrival of recruits with the utmost speed, and from the moment of their hot cup of coffee on arrival they are marshalled, or led by their "Capo Squadra"s" in batches of 10, through the whole process with considerable slickness (No doubt the rawness of new recruits, when they do arrive, will add a brake and considerable noise to this process, but none the less it will surely function at least adequately).

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The issue of clothing and personal equipment(now excellently stored in Coy Stores) on a Coy basis will help greatly in speed.

(b) RE Works. These are in advanced state of completion and will certainly at least keep pace with the arrival of recruits. Most of the outstanding work is in the nature of plumbing and Minor Exterior repairs.Telephone wiring is completed but instruments have still to be installed.

(c) Accn.and Accn.Stores. Tables, forms, beds etc. are good and adequate. In general the accn. appears very good ; in one or two barracks-rooms, however, which are filled to capacity with double-tier bunks and with little window-space, it is considered that for hygienic and comfort reasons some thinning out will be imperative. This point will be watched.

(d) Medical. Hospital, M.I. Rooms, Sick Bays are established with complete Staff and Equipment. S.M.O. in charge stated himself satisfied with all Medical arrangements.

(e) Trg. Equipment-Arms - and Ammn.Arms Ammn. and Trg. Stores had not arrived by 1st Mar. but this matter has been pressed urgently by B.L.U. with the resultant news that weapons and arms are at last "on the way" by rail, under War Ministry arrangements. This BLU has already taken steps to acquire, from British Sources, at least sufficient target and frame materials, rifle rests etc. to provide specimens for local manufacture (The particulars and provision of these trg stores had not been given hitherto any great priority by 7 T.C.)

(f) General. It appears that 7 T.C. and the C.A.R. Staff have not spared their efforts to make the SIENA C.A.R. a success. Heavy calls on Engineers have been met, difficulties of transportation between FLORENCE and SIENA have been overcome.
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Appendix "B" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 18 Mar 1946

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S MID MONTH REPORT - MARCH 1946

1. Inspections were carried out of the following units: -

No. 7. Repair Shop.
No. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

2. No. 7. Repair Shop.

Both Manufactures and Repairs are being carried out here. The Shop is divided into three Sections as follows:-

(i) General Repairs Section.
(ii) Woollen Repairs only.
(iii) Boot Repairs only.

General Repairs Section. Executing Manufactures as well as Repairs.

Machines	-	Machines Sewing	- 50
Personnel	-	Machinists Female	- 50
		Hand Sewing Female	- 12
		Sorters Female	- 4

Woollen Repairs Section. Executing Manufactures of Socks as well as Repairs to woollen garments.

Machines	-	Mach. Manufacturing	- 15
	-	Winding	- 8
		Knitting	- 1
Personnel	-	Machinists Female	- 26
		Hand Sewing Female	- 12

Boot Repairs Section. Executing Light Repairs and Studding only.

Machines	-	NIL
Personnel	-	Boot Repairers - 25.

In addition to these there is a Pattern Cutters Room in which is employed Male Tailor Cutters - 10

Machines Cutting Pattern 1.
An Expense Store supplies the materials and spares etc. as required.

The system of Manufacture and Repair as adopted at present in this Repair Shop, does not, in my opinion, lend itself to speedy output. I propose to introduce in the near future, in conjunction with the O.C. Col. Bucceri and his assistant, Major Bardi, a more satisfactory system.

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At the moment this Store is divided and owing to its expected transfer, was only given the briefest of Inspections.
At the time of Inspection it had a holding of 150 Tons.

S/ Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer

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Rome. 6 March 1946

Subject : Records and Returns - End/Beginning Month Report.

To : H.Q.L.A.

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Reference HQ/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the followings -

(a) End/Beginning month report as at 1/3/46.

(b) As Appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 B.L.U. and complement to Location Statement of Italian Troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns. and equivalent Units.

(c) As Appx "B" is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.

(d) As Appx "C" is complement to Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command of the rank of Lt/Col. and above.

(e) As Appx "D" is Return of Mr. MT. held by this HQ.

(f) As Appx "E" is Progress Report on C.A.P. units.

(g) As Appx "F" is Report by CRD. W.O.

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FILE: E/3-7/7A
DATE: R/8/3

PA To Loc
DEP Comd
Con A/Q
B.G.S.

D.S.J. [illegible]
Major
7 BLU

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 March 1946

1. General. G.O.C. MELA visited FLORENCE on 22 & 23 Feb.1946.

(BLU) Capt.MUNSON - MERE - departed on LIAP on 16 Feb. His duties at C.A.R.E. BOLOGNA are being carried out by Lieut. FRANCHINI (It.)
Capt. GARDNER R.A.S.C. departed on Release on 20 Feb.
Lieut.Col. MORRIS has not yet joined the B.L.U.
Two learner clerks have joined 7 BLU, but the absence of trained clerks makes things difficult.

(IT) The preparation of the C.A.R. at SIENA is fully occupying 7 Territorial Command.
They appear confident that arrangements will be completed by 15 March.

II. General.

Organisation.

(BLU) A complete list of OR deficiencies has been forwarded to G 2 H (MELA letter ref A 360 of 23 Feb. refers)

(IT) Lieut. STRAUS has been posted to 7 BLU by 7 Territorial Command as an Interpreter. He will take the place of Lieut. GUERRANDERCA when the latter leaves the Army.
All personnel for the Italian Increment have been earmarked by 7 Territorial Command. The Increment will be fully implemented when we move into Villa PRIMAVERA.

(HR) There is now an AG representative in FLORENCE.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army Issue CC.HR.

7 Inf. Regt. 6th & 8th Coys employed on guard duties at LATERINA P.O.W. Camp.
5th Coy proceeding to C.A.R. SIENA shortly.

76 Admin.Regt. In process of disbanding.

6th Prov Group. Employed by P.B.S. chiefly as M.P. Coys.

(b) CC.HR. Normal duties.

(c) FLORENCE Div. CARABINIERI Regt. in FLORENCE.
2 Platoons being prepared for C.A.Rs at SIENA and BARI.

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II. General.

Consolidation.

(ALL) A complete list of OR deficiencies has been forwarded to G 2 B (SENA letter ref A 350 of 23 Feb. refers)

(IT) Lieut. BONAGE has been posted to 7 MAT by 7 Territorial Command as an Interpreter. He will take the place of Lieut. GHERARDESCA when the latter leaves the Army. All personnel for the Italian Increment have been earmarked by 7 Territorial Command. The Increment will be fully implemented when we move into Villa PRIMAVERA.

(NIL) There is now no AG representative in FLORENCE.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army Issue CC.MP.

7 Inf. Regt. 6th & 8th Coys employed on guard duties at LATERINA P.O.W. Camp.
5th Coy proceeding to C.A.R. SIENA shortly.

726 Admin.Regt. In process of disbanding.

6th Prov Group. Employed by P.B.S. chiefly as M.P. Coys.

(b) CC.MP. Normal duties.

(c) FLORENCE Div. GARIBALDI Regt. in SIENA.
2 Platoons being prepared for C.A.Rs at SIENA and BARI.
Remainder Training.

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Training. Army Issue CC.MP.

(1) 7th Inf. Regt. Training is difficult owing to dispersal of Units, but satisfactory progress has been made in individual training and range practices.
An instruction platoon has been started and reinforcements receive training in this platoon before being posted to Units.

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(IX) **TRAINING.** In nearly all Units individual training has been completed and collective training started. Specialist courses continue. W.T. Irving. Signals. All Units do a weekly route March and physical training.
In the artillery a 15 days course is being run for all reinforcements who arrive.

CIVIL. Specialist courses and manual training of Mobile Pns. proceeding satisfactorily otherwise practically no training being done.

Intelligence.

(a) Not known.

(b) Not known.

(c) Owing to the gradual withdrawal of Allied Troops, Italian Army barracks and buildings are being de-requisitioned and handed back to the Italians.
OVERCAMP barracks (Ex Base Camp) is a case in point.
This allows the Italian Army in its turn, to de-requisition civilian property, thus removing the only source of friction that has so far come to light in 7 Territorial Command.
Relations between TROOPS have, generally speaking improved steadily.

(d) Stated to be very unpolitically minded.

(e) One or two anti "call up" posters have been seen, but these are not considered serious.

(f) See CIVIL Report.

(g) The new rate of exchange seems to have had little or no effect on Italian cost of living.

(h) NIL.

IX. General.

Relations Officers.

(NIL) Lieut. Col. [illegible] not yet arrived.
S.A.O. XX not yet arrived.

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Intelligence.

(a) Not known.

(b) Not known.

(c) Owing to the gradual withdrawal of Allied troops, Italian Army barracks and buildings are being de-requisitioned and handed back to the Italians.
(CAVENDISH) barracks (9th Rest Camp) is a case in point.
This allows the Italian Army in the turn, to de-requisition civilian property, thus removing the only source of friction that has so far come to light in 7 Territorial Command.
Relations between [redacted] have, generally speaking improved steadily.

(d) Stated to be very unpolitically minded.

(e) One or two anti "call up" posters have been seen, but these are not considered serious.

(f) See G.S.I. Report.

(g) The new rate of exchange seems to have had little or no effect on Italian cost of living.

(h) NIL.

IX. General.

Decorations Officers.

(HQ) Lieut. Col. [redacted] not yet arrived.
G.S.O. II not yet arrived.

Exits. Cpl Clerk 1.
Other clerks 4. (2 Leaving clerks have joined 7 HQ)
Sgt.Com. Duties 1
Cook: AOC 1

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Leave. Capt. [redacted] left for UK on 16 Feb.

Visits.

Inspection.

7 Inf. Regt. NIL.

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716 Adm. Regt. Disbanding.

6 Para. Bn. Group. 30% over U.S.

PLOTON Div. Artillery 105's 7%. Others 5 %

XI.Mo. Up to U.S. but many withdrawn for contemporary duties.

7 T.C. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Mechanics.	10%
Artificers.	60%
Drivers.	10%
M/cyclists.	10%
Typists.	60%
W.T.	10%

PLOTON Div. Deficiencies in Specialist.

Drivers.	10%
W.T.	25%
Mechanics.	60%
Armourers.	25%
Fitters.	15%
Electricians.	15%
Carpenters	30%
Radio Fitters	25%
Electricians	50%

Discipline.

7 T.C. Satisfactory.

PLOTON Div. Gen. PLOTON reported to C.-in-C. MIDDLE EAST when he visited PLOTON. Went he was satisfied with the discipline of his Div.

XI.Mo. Satisfactory.

Leave Problem

(a) 7 T.C. (b) PLOTON. (c) XI.Mo. — Passes have been asked for from 13 Corps for individuals to enter VENEZIA GIULIA

Pay Problem.

(a) 7 T.C. (b) PLOTON (c) XI.Mo. — All pleased at the rise from L. 5 to L. 15 per day. It is too early yet to judge the effect of this. NIL

Remks.

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Mechanics.	10%
Artificers.	60%
Drivers.	10%
M/cyclists.	10%
Cyclists.	40%
W.T.	10%

PIONEER Div. Deficiencies in Specialist.

Drivers.	10%
W.T.	25%
Mechanics.	60%
Armourers.	25%
Fitters.	15%
Electricians.	15%
Carpenters	30%
Radio Fitters	25%
Blacksmiths	90%

Discipline.

7 M.C. Satisfactory.

PIONEER Div. Gen. PEARSON reported to G.O.C. NEA, when he visited PIONEER, that he was satisfied with the discipline of his Div.

CC.MC. Satisfactory.

Leave Problems.

(a) **7 M.C.** (b) **PIONEER.** (c) **CC.MC.** } Passes have been asked for from 13 Corps for individuals to enter VENETIA CURIA

Pay Problems.

(a) 7 M.C. (b) PIONEER (c) CC.MC. } All pleased at the rise from L. 5 to L. 15 per day. It is too early yet to judge the effect of this.

Morale.

7 M.C. I think this is improving.

PIONEER. Good. GENERAL left for HOME in excellent spirits.

CC.MC. Good.

Treasury.

(NIL) See Appx. "I"

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Accommodation.

(NAA) Telephones have been installed in most of the new offices taken over. Complete list of telephone numbers is: -

GHQ I Office	MAINGUR	2049
GHQ II	"	1130
NAA & GHS	"	1120
S.E.	"	1113
R.A.O.C.	"	2115
CC.'R.(L)	"	1117
Clerks	"	2122

Motor Transport.

2 T.C. & NAAFI Div.

See the three reports on the three Units inspected forwarded to ADMT NAA under 3M/29 dated 28 Feb. 1st March, 3 March.
CC.R. Still very short.
The whole subject was explained at length by C.O.C. NAA on his visit to 7 T.C.Hs explained difficulty of supply of tyres, spares etc. and in fact covered all MTMS and R.A.O.C. problems.

Clothing & Equipment.

We have been given fully how a new recruit arriving at a C.A.R. will be clothed and some of the equipment he will receive.
If all is up to the standard shown it will be most satisfactory.

No.2. [illegible] Legion still short of clothing but it is anticipated that it will be completed by mid-March.

Arms & Ammunition. Army less CC.R.

1 T.C. Up to W.E.

[illegible] Armaments complete.
Shortage of 1st & 2nd line ammunition.
7 T.C. have a reserve stock of Arms and Ammunition above W.E. This is being listed and the list will be forwarded.

Accommodation.

(NAA) 7 T.C. and [illegible] should be satisfactory when 2A Base

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12 A.G.C.	"	"	1115
22 T.R.(L)	"	"	1117
Clerks	"	"	1122

Italian Transport.

7 T.C. & [redacted] Div.

See the three reports on the three Units inspected forwarded to [redacted] under 3M/20 dated 28 Feb.
1st March, 3 March.
C.M.R. Still very short.
The whole subject was explained at length by C.O.C. [redacted] on his visit to 7 T.C.He explained difficulty of supply of tyres, spares etc. and in fact covered all [redacted] and R.A.O.C. problems.

Clothing & Equipment.

We have been shown fully how a new recruit arriving at a C.A.C. will be clothed and some of the equipment he will receive.
If all is up to the standard shown it will be most satisfactory.

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Arms & Ammunition. Army Issue G.M.C.

7 T.C. Up to W.E.

[redacted] Div. Armaments complete.
Shortage of 1st & 2nd line Ammunition.
7 T.C. have a reserve stock of Arms and Ammunition above W.E. This is being listed and the list will be forwarded.

Accommodation.

(JF) 7.T.C. and [redacted] should be satisfactory when St Rest Camp is fully occupied.

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C.O.'s. Many barracks still awaiting repairs. This necessitates O.R. being accommodated in civilian buildings.

R.C.'s.

7 T.C. are pleased with the new scheme of allotment which should be of great assistance to them.

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Sunday. XII.

Medical.

The MINER CLINIC Hospital has been closed and now forms a Section of S. CARLO Hospital.
Medical stores are arriving from the NAN Depot and going to the ORIGINAL ENCLOSURE - FLORENCE

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FLU/20 dated 6 May.

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 M.L.U.

Office

No. 1 Piazza Stazione - FLORENCE
Tel. FLORENCE 1629

Major GRIGSON — Room 363 - Excelsior Hotel. Tel. Florence 1434
Major GUNNERSEN — Room 446 - " " " " "
Major DOWNIE — Room 273 - " " " " "
Capt. WYSONG — Room 373 - " " " " "
Capt. NELSON — L.T.A.P.
Lt. FRANCIOSI — BOLOGNA (Vicksburg 119)

Capt. NELSON Sig. FLU/4M/34 refers

British CRs in Annexe to VILLA HEMMAVERA - Tel. FLORENCE 1356.

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Appendix "A" to 7 HLH letter
HLH/20 dated 6 March 1946.

ABBREVIATED TO LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND DOWN TO BNS OR EQUIVALENT

AS AT 1st MARCH 1946

DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
122 Monte Oliveto Hospital	Florence	TMI - TMI
"Garibaldi" Inf. Regt. HQ.	Citta' di Castello	" "
1st Bn. "Aosta"	Citta' di Castello	" "
2nd Bn. "Torino"	Perugia	" "
3rd Bn. "Venezia"	Citta' di Castello	" "

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APPENDIX TO LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 PERIPHERAL CORPS DOWN TO BTS OR EQUIVALENT

AS AT 1st MARCH 1946

DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
122 Monte Oliveto Hospital	Florence	XIX - XII
"Garibaldi" Inf. Regt. HQ.	Citta' di Castello	" "
1st Bn. "Aosta"	Citta' di Castello	" "
2nd Bn. "Torino"	Perugia	" "
3rd Bn. "Venezia"	Citta' di Castello	" "

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Appendix "B" to 7 M.U letter
MU/20 dated 6 March 1946

STAFF LIST 7 B.J.U. as at 1/3/46

GSO I	Not yet arrived
GSO II	Not yet arrived
MAA & QMG	Major D.S.L. GRIGSON
Capt. R.A.S.C.	Capt. R.G. STRONG
Capt. R.E.M.E.	Capt. P. NELSON (JJAP 16 Feb.)
Liaison CC.NZ.	Major W. CRETCHLEY

Attached : Major R. DOWDING.

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Appx "C" to 7 BLD letter dated 6 March 1946

Amendments to the list of GENERALS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND FLORENCE.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Amendments.				
Brig.Gen.	-	CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO	ALBERTO	at disposal 7 TERR. HQ. FLORENCE
Brig.Gen.	-	ARDERTINI	ENRICO	at disposal 7 TERR. HQ. FLORENCE
Brig.Gen.	-	LUPIDIANA	ANTONIO	at disposal 7 TERR. HQ. FLORENCE
Brig.Gen.	-	CAROSSINI	ETTORE	at disposal 7 TERR. HQ. FLORENCE

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Appx "Q" to 7 B.L.U. letter 8L0/20 dtd. 6/3/46

Amendments to the list of COLONELS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Col.	Inf.	CASCINO	ANGELO	at disposal 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE
Col.	Art.	DI PUCCIO	GUIDO	at disposal 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE
Col.	Inf.	CORSANI	AMELIO	at disposal 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE
Col.	Inf.	FERRARI	FERDANDO	at disposal 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE
Col.	Inf.	SONETTI	AGOSTINO	Promoved Colonnel.

Amendments.

Col.	Art.	D'AMICO	SALVATORE	Waiting medical cares.

Decreases.

Col.	Art.	STRONIERI	GUGLIELMO	Transferred to Terr. HQ. ROME.
Col.	Cav.	SPILIMBERGO	ENRICO	Transferred to MINISTRY OF WAR ROME.

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Appx "C" to 7 D.L.O. letter dtd. 6 March 46

Amendments to the list of LIEUT COLONELS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
Increases.				
Lt.Col.	Med.	BARBIERA	MAURANGELO	Assigned to the Military Hosp of FLORENCE
Lt.Col.	Med.	FLORIO	UGO	Coming back from sick leave.
Lt.Col.	Art.	ZITELLI	ANTONIO	Assigned to the Inf.Rgt."FULGORE"
Lt.Col.	Inf.	ORIOLI	ELIO	Assigned to "GARIBALDI" Rgt.
Lt.Col.	Med.	PIAZZA	GUIDO	Assigned to Mil.Medical Direct. FLORENCE
Lt.Col.	Med.	GALDI	FLORIANO	Assigned to Mil.Medical Dir. FLORENCE
Lt.Col.	Inf.	PACLICCHI	NELLO	Assigned to HQ. TERR. COMD. FLORENCE for "Cicognini" School.
Decreases.				
Lt.Col.	Inf.	SONETTI	AGOSTINO	Promoved Colonnel.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	LA FERLA	ROSARIO	Discharged.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	PANCRAZI	TORQUATO	Transferred to MIN. OF WAR ROME.
Lt.Col.	Inf.	LUCENA	GUIDO	Transferred to 7 TERR. HQ. FLORENCE
Lt.Col.	Inf.	PAPI	SANTE	Transferred to Mil. District PARMA

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Appendix "F" to 7 RM Letter
RM/20 dated 6 March 1945

SERIAL No.	MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	REP.	L.R.	H.R.	REMARKS
1	CHEVROLET	MUP	M 5905872	Yes	-	-	
2	CHEVROLET	MUP	M 5905880	Yes	-	-	
3	WILLYS	JEEP	M 5661815	Yes	-	-	
4	FORD	15 CWT	M 4905938	Yes	-	-	
5	FORD	15 CWT	Z 5428450	Yes	-	-	
6	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 350/ c/c	C 4562185	Yes	-	-	
7	B.S.A.	M/Cycle 500/ c/c	C 5123826	Yes	-	-	

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

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APPENDIX "F" to 7 BLU letter
BLU/20 dated 6 March 1946

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICERS REPORT - FEBRUARY 1946

1. INSPECTIONS.

Visits were made to the following Stores and Repair Shops: -

No. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DEPOT

(i) Clothing Stores.
(ii) Equipment Stores.
(iii) " " Repair Shop.
(iv) Armoury.
(v) " Repair Shop.

Inspections were carried out and Reports compiled on PROFORMAS attached as Appendix "A".

Report of my findings, together with my recommendations, were submitted to the appropriate departments. Copy attached as Appendix "B".

2. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Availability of Fire Fighting Equipment within the Territorial Command particularly being sought.

3. TONNAGE.

No Tonnage Records were being maintained in the Stores or Repair Shops. This is now being instituted.

In consequence of this no safe Tonnage Approximations could be furnished for PROFORMA Reports at Appendix "A".

4. REMARKS.

No. 7 Clothing & Equipment Depot is divided into the Departments as detailed in para 1. above. In addition to these there is a Boot Repair Branch, situated at another location, which is still to be inspected.

Other Units to be Inspected include:-

7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.
7 Salvage Depot

Inspections not carried out on the above Stores etc. owing to this ORD. Branch only recently being formed.

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S/CLR.
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER.

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NOTE

The Ord. Warrant Officer has, in-addition to his Ord. duties, been executing the duties of Chief Clerk of this B.L.U. owing to that individual being in hospital.

It is due to this that he has been unable to complete his Inspections.

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APPENDIX "A"

O.W.O.'s. M.M.I.A. PORT

"[illegible] OFFICER ON [illegible]'s REPORTS OF VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT No 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot. (CLOTHING)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 27th. February '46.
3. NAME OF OFFICER ~~etc.~~ i/c. Capt. Puglisi, Stefano.

STORES.

(a) Type of Building e.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Stores.

(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate

(c) Condition of (i) Clothing Italian and Grade three British. Good.

(ii) Equipment See Sheets 2 & 3.

(iii) Other stores Grease. (BOOT PRESERVATION) Candles.

(c) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.

(f) Method of preservation Napthelene

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage N.K.

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. In Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery
(b) Type of Repairs undertaken
(c) Any shortage of materials?
(d) Morale of employees

See attached Report in covering letter.

GENERAL REMARKS. No Fire Fighting Equipment or Instructions in use.

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(a) Type of Building
e.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Stores.

(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate

(c) Condition of (i) Clothing Italian and Grade three British. Good.

(ii) Equipment See Sheets 2 & 3.

(iii) Other stores Grease. (BOOT PRESERVATION) Candles.

(c) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.

(f) Method of preservation Naphelene

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage N.K.

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. In Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery

(b) Type of Repairs undertaken } See attached Report in

(c) Any shortage of materials? } covering letter.

(d) Morale of employees

GENERAL REMARKS. No Fire Fighting Equipment or Instructions in use.

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J. Fitzpatrick 5/052.

Signature ~~of Overseas Officer~~
of Warrant Officer.

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COL. ICE OFFICER OR P.C's REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT N° 7 Clothing & Equipment Depot (Equipment)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28th February 1946
3. NAME OF ~~Officer~~ Civilian i/c. FALCIANI, SILVIO.

STORES.

(a) Type of Building e.g. house, barn etc. - Barrack Stores.
(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate.
(c) Approx. Tonnage 180 TONS.
(d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL.
(ii) Equipment Good.
(iii) Other stores NIL.
(e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.
(f) Method of preservation By brushing only. No preservatives.
(g) Turnover, approx tonnage
(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Close detailed examination necessary
(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. In Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery Three Sewing Machines (HEAVY) Good.
(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation.
(c) Any shortage of materials? Leather, Saddle Canvas (Tela) Needles. Preservatives.
(d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS. An efficient Department, well organised and executing excellent work. No Fire Fighting Equipment or instructions. Inadequate lighting in Stores.

E. R. S/Ldr.

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e.g. house, barn etc. - Barrack Stores.

(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate.
(c) Approx. Tonnage 180 TONS.
(d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL.

(ii) Equipment Good.

(iii) Other stores NIL.

(e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.

(f) Method of preservation By brushing only. No preservatives.

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Does detailed examination necessary

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. In Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery Three Sewing Machines (HEAVY) Good.

(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation.

(c) Any shortage of materials? Leather, Saddle Canvas (Tela) Needles. Preservatives.

(d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS. An efficient Department, well organised and ~~existing~~ excellent work. No Fire Fighting Equipment or. instructions. Inadequate lighting in Stores.

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J. E. Saltmarsh, S/Sgt.
Signature of Ordnance officer of Warrant Officer.
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~~ALTERATIONS OF LIGHT OF A.C.I's~~ REPORTS OF VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT No. 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot (ARMS).
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28th February '46
3. NAME OF ~~OFFICER~~ CIVILIAN i/c. FALCIANI. SILVIO

STORES.

(a) Type of Building e.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Armoury.
(b) General condition of Building Good, but lighting inadequate.
(c) Approx. Tonnage 163 TONS
(d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
(ii) Equipment NIL.
(iii) Other stores Arms - Excellent.
(e) Are the items of part (d) stored separately? Yes.
(f) Method of preservation Mineral oil
(g) Turnover, approx tonnage
(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Good detailed examination necessary.
(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. On Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery NIL
(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation
(c) Any shortage of materials? Tools, Piston Spares and Preservative oils.
(d) Morale of employees Good. 2443

GENERAL REMARKS. A very good standard of efficiency in storage and repairs alike. A model department spoilt only by the lack of Fire Fighting Equipment and Instructions and the insufficient lighting.

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STORES.

(a) Type of Building e.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Armoury.

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(c) Approx. Tonnage 163 TONS

(d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL

(ii) Equipment NIL

(iii) Other stores Arms - Excellent.

(e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.

(f) Method of preservation Mineral oil

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Close detailed examination necessary.

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. Qn Italian only. Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures.

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery NIL

(b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation

(c) Any shortage of materials? Tools, Pistol Spares and Preservative oils.

(d) Morale of employees Good.

GENERAL REMARKS. A very good standard of efficiency in storage and Repairs alike. A model department spoilt only by the lack of Fire Fighting Equipment and Instructions and the insufficient lighting.

J. [illegible] Capt. R.A.S.C. S/O2.

Signature of ~~Ordnance Officer~~ or Warrant Officer.

T.E.L.O.

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Appx"B " O.W.O's MMIA REPORT

CRD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: CRD/6

Florence, 1 March 1946

Subject : Ordnance Warrant Officer Inspections

To : Direttore Artiglieria - 7 Territorial Command
Commissariato Directorate - 7 Territorial Command
Ufficio Servizi - 7 Territorial Command

1. On 27th and 28th February 1946 I carried out inspections of the following Storehouses and repair Departments.

7 Clothing Stores
7 Equipment Stores
Repair Department
7 Armoury.
Repair Depatrment

2. I was greatly impressed by the keeness and efficiency with which these Branches are executing their services. The storage and preservation of the various items of stores is very good. I was pleased to note that all items were carefully stored in racks, each item being segregated and bearing Stack Stock Cards.
The sorting and segregation of unserviceable and Repairable stores was also satisfactory. The Storehouses were both clean and tidy. Especial praise perhaps may be given to the Armoury wherein one meets, a very nearly, ideal store.

3. The accounting procedure appears to be quite satisfactory bu I hope to give closer attention to this subject at a later date.

4. I was also keenly interested in the Repair Departments wherein your transformation of a hardly recognisable object, into a brand new shiny Rifle or Saddle, gives proof in itself of the skill and hard work being executed there.

5. I forward the following recommendations for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) There is no Fire Fighting Equipment or Fire Fighting Instructions available for immediate use at any of the Storehouses or Repair Departments.
I would very strangly recommend that immediate actionbe taken to obtain this most essential equipment and, upon recipt, the setting up of Fire Points at places within easy access of all rooms and outhouses. 2442

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(b) Greater provision of Spares and Tools generally in the Armoury Repair Departments.

(c) Greater provision of Preserving minerals in all Repair Departments. Especially leather Preservatives.

(d) More lighiting in Storehouses and Repair Departments.

(e) Each Stack Stock Card should have the nomenclatures of Stores written both in English and Italian.

These points will later be made subject to separate letters.

6. In conclusion I would tender my sincere thanks for your kind coopertation and assistance to me during my Inspections. I look forward to rendering my favourable Report to HQ. MMIA

S/CER
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Florence

Confidential

REF: BLU/20

Florence, 18th Feb. 1946

Subject : Reports & Returns.

To : 1 M.M.I.A.

Ref. 20/113 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following.

(a) Mid-month report as at 15/2/46.

(b) Appx."A". Progress report on C.A.R.

(c) Appx."B". Short report on Local Package. Conditions.

PA-le Cmds
Dep Cmds
E & S.
Col H/Q

D.S.I.
Major

D.S.I. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

M.I.A.-1
FILE: G/37/7/A
DATE: 8/21/2.

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Subject : 7 B.L.U. Mid-month Report as at 15 Feb.1946

1. CASUALTIES OFFICERS.

(a) Lt.Col. C.C. MARKES (47218) S.O.S., W.e.f. 4 Feb.1946.

(b) Capt. R.G. STRONG (79883) R.A.S.C. arrived 13 Feb. to take over from Capt. GAUDEER, due for release.

ORs. S/Sgt. PATHENIDENS (7937122) R.A.O.C. reported for duty from 4 BLU on 4 Feb.
Cpl. A.J. MUNK (3/260164) R.A.S.C. proceeded on Release on 11th Feb.

2. PERSONNEL.(W.E.)

M.M.I.A. Signal ref A 595 dated 25 Jan.
Suggested that GHQ were going to assist in the very acute problem of OR. personnel for BLUs.
In this BLU at the moment, there is only one clerk.
Have GHQ given any answer or should BLUs take up again with OZS?

ACTION.
My BLU/2 dtd 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

3. LIAISON.

General DE SIMONE returned from ROME on 6 Feb.and a conference took place on 7 Feb.
At this conference all relative points raised at MMIA conference of 28 and 29 Jan were discussed.
Only main, urgent or points asked for by MMIA are mentioned in this report. Other points will be raised in the next end-beginning month report.

(a) Location C.A.R.

Made quite clear that all C.A.R. was to be at SIENA

(b) Demonstration Platoons

Foligno Div. to provide one for SIENA and to have a second in reserve in case wanted for some Territorial Command that has no Inf. Div.
Training was to begin at once and platoons to be ready by 10 March. Is 2nd platoon to continue training?

ACTION.
My BLU/35.R. dtd 19 Feb. 1946 refers.

(c) Courses.

Two officers and 3 NCOs to be selected [illegible]

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(b) Capt. R.B. [redacted] take over from Capt. GARDNER, due for release.

GRs. S/Cdr. PATTERSONS (7587122) R.A.O.C. reported for duty from 4 BLU on 4 Feb.
Cpl. A.J. MINK (3/260164) R.A.O.C. proceeded on Release on 11th Feb.

2. PERSONNEL.(W.E.)

M.M.I.A. Signal ref A 595 dated 25 Jan, suggested that GHQ were going to assist in the very acute problem of OR. personnel for HLUs.
In this HLU at the moment, there is only one clerk.
Have GHQ given any answer or should HLUs take up again with QMG?

ACTION.
My HLU/2 dtd 13 Feb. 1946 refers.

3. LIAISON.

General DE SIMONE returned from ROME on 6 Feb.and a conference took place on 7 Feb.
At this conference all relative points raised at MMIA conference of 28 and 29 Jan were discussed.
Only main, urgent or points asked for by MMIA are mentioned in this report. Other points will be raised in the next end-beginning month report.

(a) Location C.A.R.
Made quite clear that all C.A.R. was to be at GENOA

(b) Demonstration Platoons
Folgore Div. to provide one for GENOA and to have a second in reserve in case wanted for some Territorial Command that has no Inf. Div.
Training was to begin at once and platoons to be ready by 10 March. Is 2nd platoon to continue training?

ACTION.
My HLU/35.R.dtd 13 Feb. 1946 refers.

(c) Courses.
Two officers and 8 NCOs to be selected for course at GENOA, early March.

(d) Bands.

There is no Band in 7 Territorial Command and DE SIMONE stressed the difficulty of obtaining instruments and suitable uniforms for a Band.
FOLGORE Div. had had a Band and DE SIMONE would investigate possibilities of this being reformed.

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(c) P.O.Ls.

The impression I gained at the conference was that P.O.L. was allotted to a Territorial Command for all units in the Command, less CC.RE. It was then sub-divided to units under orders of Territorial Commanders.
At the moment a separate allotment is made to PALMIRE Div. by Ministry of War.
Is this correct?

ACTION.
My ST/G 5 dtd 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

(f) No scale of barrackstores, equipment etc. for C.A.R. had been received from Ministry of War, but requests for necessary items had been sent to Ministry of War by 7 Territorial Command.
DE SIMONE would ask for lists immediately.

4. RATIONS.

End-beginning month report as at 1 Feb.1946 (forwarded under Ref. HLH/20 dated 5 Feb.) para "other Q points" refers.
The PALMIRE Div. complaint that they have had no Rice issue for two months is correct.
There is Rice in the depots, but it is frozen by S.H.R.E. for some purpose unknown to 7 Terr. Command.
Is this correct?

ACTION.
My ST/G6 dtd 18 Feb. 1946 refers.

5. MOVEMENT.

Move of GARIBALDI Regt. to SICILY.
This has been completed and the Regt. has arrived in PALERMO.

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Annex. " to 7 BDU letter BDU/20
dated 7 Feb. 1946

PROGRESS REPORT C.A.R. SIENA as at 15 Feb. 1945.

1. The posting of a company for General Duties to SIENA (MMIA TMG/27 of 13 Feb. refers), has put a strain on the accommodation already budgeted for, and it has been necessary to take over the S. MARCO barracks to accommodate them.

2. These barracks were immediately inspected and estimates for necessary repairs etc. obtained.
These were passed to Ministry of War for approval but so far no reply has been received. However work commenced on these barracks on the 18 Feb.

3. I am somewhat afraid that they will not be completely finished by the 15th March, although I am assured that every endeavour is being made to have the work finished.

4. Ref. MMIA letter TMG/27 dated 7 Feb. 1946.
It is not anticipated that the rehearsal can take place much before March 10th.

5. Taking into consideration the large amount of work to be done, the difficulty in obtaining necessary materials, I am not sure that reports have made clear the magnitude of the task set 7 Territorial Command in having the C.A.R. ready and organised by March 15th.
I am convinced however that both Gen. DE SIENA personally and also his Staff have done and are doing their utmost to fulfill their obligations.

6. I am assured by 7 Territorial Command and am myself most hopeful that everything will be ready by the due date with the exception of the N.C.O.s Club. This is relatively unimportant as there are alternative facilities in LAMARMORA barracks.

7. Proformas are attached.

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APPENDIX "B" TO BLG/SO LETTER
OF 15 FEBRUARY 1946

	Brit. Prices	Italian Prices
Apples	80 L.per kilo	55 Lires per kilo
Oranges	80 " " "	60 " " "
Potatoes	ex B.S.D.	46 " " "
Spinach)		
Cabbage)	16 L.per kilo	10 " " "
Celery)		12-15" " "
Onions	ex B.S.D.	40 " " "
Garlic	=	100 " " "

Prices paid by Italian Units are the controlled prices paid in the market in Florence . Units purchasing outside Florence ie. Units of "Folgore" Div. should pay approximatly 15% less.

Above is sample of comparative prices paid for fresh fruit and vegetables by Italian Units and British local purchase Officer. These figures have been obtained from S & T Branch, Florence Command and HQ. 7th Territorial Command.

It will be observed that in Florence Area Italian Units are paying lower prices than the British local purchase organisation, although it is thought that in Leghorn prices are higher. At present, at any rate there seems to be no reason to alter the current procedure, but the situation will be reviewed from time to time and reccomendations made as they appear necessary.

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H-Q - Admin
Adm Coord
B.G.S.
Col A/Q W.P.

[illegible]

Florence, 5 Feb. 1946

Subject : Reports & Returns

To : H.Q.I.A.

Ref. 7/115 dated 27 Dec. 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are following: -

(a) End/beginning month report as at 1/2/46.
(b) At appx "A" is Location Statement of 7 HAU and Location of Italian troops in 7 Territorial Command down to Bns & equivalent Units.
(c) At appx "B" is Staff List of 7 HAU.
(d) At appx "C" is amendment to Staff List of all Italian officers in the command of the rank of Lieut Col & above.
(e) At appx "D" is return of Br. MT. held by this HAU.
(f) At appx "E" is the information asked for in HQIA Q/Ord. dated 14 Jan 1946.
(g) At appx "F" is covering letter to para 1 (e) above (appx D).
(h) At appx "G" is Progress Report on C.I.M. SUDA together with programme forwarded under HQIA letter Q 002 dated 11 Jan 1946.

2. A full report on CC.RR. activities is being forwarded by CC.RR. Liaison Officer, conversation [illegible] - CESENA of 4/2 refers.

[signature]
D.S.I. [illegible]
Major
7 HAU

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C o n f i d e n t i a l

Subject : 7. B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1 Feb '46

1. General.

(HQU) On the 17th, January 5 OR's arrived from 4 BHU and their arrival has been a great help. Unfortunately there was only one Clerk amongst them and with the imminent departure of Cpl. Monk on release, the Clerk situation is serious. I understand however that CMF are going into this matter. MEDIA signal A 595 dated 25 Jan '46 refers.
The B.O.W.O. from 4 BHU is joining this HQ, and is expected daily.
Major W. [redacted] Liaison Officer joined 7 BLU on 30 Jan '46.

(It) General DE [redacted] has been in [redacted] for a considerable part of the month, the nat. dealings have been with him 2 i/c Brig. [redacted] and the Chief of Staff.
All of them are worried at the prospect of a number of Polish troops coming to [redacted]. I discussed this with 7 T.C. and the Area Commander. The result of these discussions was telephoned to Lieut. Col. [redacted] on 30th Jan.

II.General.

Organisation.

(BLU) With the arrival of Major [redacted] and Capt. [redacted] a certain amount of organization has been possible.
We now have a S.T. Office and [redacted] Office.
Major DOWNING is acting as BMA & QMG. All typing and clerical work is still pooled owing to the shortage of clerks.

(It) One of the interpreters Lieut. [redacted] is due for discharge from the Army in about one months time. I have informed 7 T.C. that he may go when a suitable replacement has been provided.
7 T.C. do not appear to have ever received instructions from Ministry of War as to the formation of an Italian Increment to 7 BLU. The matter has been explained to them and they are earmarking the personnel.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army less [redacted].

7 Inf.Regt. Guard duties in 7 T.C.

716 Admn. Hqrt. 505 Line Section disbanded.
26 Engr Coy disbanding.

6th Prov Mr.Group. Under command MIA.
6 MP Coy has been disbanded.
5th 7th and 8th MP Coy's will shortly

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daily.
Major W. GREENHOUSE CO.MR. Liaison Officer joined 7 MLU on 30 Jan '46.

(It) General DE SIMONE has been in ROME for a considerable part of the month, the pur. dealings have been with His 2 i/c Brig. PICCARDI and the Chief of Staff.
All of them are worried at the prospect of a number of Polish troops coming to PALERMO. I discussed this with 7 T.C. and the Area Commander. The result of these discussions was telephoned to Lieut. Col. GIBBONS on 30th Jan.

II. General.

Organisation.

(MLU) With the arrival of Major GREENHOUSE and Capt. GARDNER a certain amount of organisation has been possible.
We now have a S.T. Office and C.M.P. Office.
Major DOWNING is acting as I.O. & Q.M. All typing and clerical work is still pooled owing to the shortage of clerks.

(It) One of the interpreters Lieut. CHIARAMONTE is due for discharge from the Army in about one months time. I have informed 7 T.C. that he may go when a suitable replacement has been provided.
7 T.C. do not appear to have ever received instructions from Ministry of War as to the formation of an Italian Increment to 7 MLU. The matter has been explained to them and they are earmarking the personnel.

Employment of Troops.

(a) Army less CO.MR.

7 Inf.Regt. Guard duties in 7 T.C.

716 Admn. Regt. 505 Line Section disbanded.
26 Mngr Coy disbanding.

6th Prov Pa.Group. Under command PBI.
6 MP Coy has been disbanded.
5th 7th and 8th MP Coy's will shortly come under command 7 TC. The 5th and 7th Coy's on 1st Feb and 8th Coy on 5th Feb.

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(b) CO.MR. Subject of Special CO.MR. Report.

(c) PEACES. Training and improvement of Billets.

Training. Army less CO.MR.

(I) Training Bat'n. C.A.R. in progress of completion.

(II) Other Troops. Individual training and range practice.

(III) POLCORPS. Platoon tactical training for old soldiers.
Section tactical and weapon training for

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MARINE.

MARCH Cont; Reinforcements. Specialist Corps. W/T. Intern. Artillery. Lecture for Officers.

XTIII. Subject of Special CIC Report.

Intelligence.

(a) Not known.

(b) Not known.

(c) There is undoubtedly quite a lot of feeling between T or and the civilian authorities owing to the necessary requisitioning of buildings for troops.
This could be almost entirely overcome if S. Rocco Camp (CREMONA) barracks), lately occupied by E...troops, but now empty, could be handed back to T or.
This was mentioned in the telephone conversation of XXth Jan (1st Call General - Grocco).
No incidents between civil population and troops have been reported.

(d) Nothing yet come to light.

(e) None known.

(f) [redacted]. See CC.PR. Report

(g) Several Italian agents in both Military and Civilian, have shown considerable interest in the devastation of the Lire against Sterling and Dollars.
They are undecided so far as to what effect this will have on the cost of living, but most of them consider that the effect will not be great.

(h) During his inspection of the MILANO Army Dept, General CAVIGLIA made them a speech, the gist of which was as follows :-

The Italian army as a whole and the Corps in particular had received a very poor press in the Italian newspapers.
A large proportion of the civilian population had no idea of the good work carried out by the Italian Army for the Allied Cause.
It was up to the Italian Army and the Corps in particular to show by their morale, behaviour and discipline, that the Italian army was not a thing of the past but something very much alive and one they for Italy to be proud of.
The future of the army and that of Italy as a whole rested very much in their hands.
The army should be above parties and politics, and should look on their duty as being to Italy as a whole.

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(c) There is undoubtedly quite a lot of feeling between 7 th and the civilian authorities owing to the necessary requisitioning of buildings for troops.
This could be almost entirely overcome if No. 1 Base Camp (CASERTA) Barracks, lately occupied by U.S. troops, but now empty, could be handed back to 7 th.
This was mentioned in the telephone conversation of 30th Jan (1.0 Col CHURCH - (illegible).
No incidents between civil population and troops have been reported.

(d) Nothing yet came to light.

(e) None known.

(f) [redacted]. See CC.FR. Report

(g) Several Italian spoken to, both Military and Civilian, have shown considerable interest in the declaration of War against Bulgaria and Italians.
They are undecided as far as to what effect this will have on the cost of living, but most of them consider that the effect will not be great.

(h) During his inspection of the FIFTH Army Front, General CLARK made then a speech, the gist of which was as follows :-

> The Italian army as a whole and the troops in particular had received a very good name in the Italian newspapers.
> A large proportion of the civilian population had no idea of the good work carried out by the Italian Army for the Allied Cause.
> It was up to the Italian Army and the troops in particular to show by their example, behaviour and discipline, that the Italian army was not a thing of the past, but something very much alive and one they for Italy to be proud of.
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This speech appeared to be well received.

Staff & Admin.

S.H.A.E.F. Mission visited HEADQUARTERS on 30th Jan and discussed communications with C.C.S. PARIS. No further complaints have been received.

III. Personal.

Reinforcements Officers.

"A"(HQ) 2nd Lieut still in hospital, he will be R.T.U. on 4 Feb as being been 21 days in hospital.
No 2/C is yet received.

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III General Cont;

O.R's. Although there are 12 OR's at present with this HQ they are not according to W.E. The full position was given on the proforma forwarded with 7 HQ letter HQ/2 dated 25 Jan'46.
I understand Capt NELSON is due for LIAP now, but by arrangement with Col HUNT he has postponed it till the BOLOGNA Workshops are functioning properly.

III Italian

Deficiencies.

(a) 7 TC.

7th Inf Regt. up to W.E.

716 Adm'n Regt. up to W.E. (Disbanding).

6 Prov Bn Gp. 10% over W.E.

FOLGORE Div. under W.E. Inf 20%. Arty 20%. Engr's 30%.

7 TC. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Mechanics;	15%
Artificers:	50%
Mechnics for S/boilers:	50%
Typists:	50%
Drivers:	15%
M/Cyclists:	20%

FOLGORE Div. Deficiencies in Specialists.

Drivers;	30%
Mechanics;	40%
W.T.;	30%
Typists:	25%

CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

Disciplins.

7 TC. Nothing of importance reported.

FOLGORE Div. G.O.C. Folgore, is not, satisfied with discipline of outlying Engineer Units. He wishes to concentrate Engineers in COVERCIANO barracks FLORENCE.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 TC. Mil. Leave still difficult to VENEZIA GIULIA.

(b) FOLGORE Mil.

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(a) 7 TC.

7th Inf Regt. up to W.E.

716 Adm'n Regt. up to W.E. (Disbanding).

6 Prov En Gp. 10% over W.E.

FOLGORE Div. under W.E. Inf 20%. Arty 20%. Eng'rs 30%.

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Discipline.

7 TC. Nothing of importance reported.

FOLGORE Div. G.O.C. Folgore, is not, satisfied with discipline of outlying Engineer Units. Hewishes to concentrate Engineers in COVERCIANO barracks FLORENCE.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 TC. Nil. Leave still difficult to VENEZIA GIULIA.

(b) FOLGORE. Nil.

(c) CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

Pay Problems.

(a) 7 TC.

(b) FOLGORE.

Both the above, are under the impression that the daily ration allowance was to be raised from 5 Lire to 15 Lire, from the 1st Feb. Gen.CADORNA actually stated this as a fact to the Folgore Arty Regt, when I accompanied him on his inspection of this unit.

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Pay Problems Cont:

CO. HQ. Subject of Special CO. I. Report.

Morale.

FOLGORE Div.

On 26 Jan '46 I accompanied Gen. CANEVA on his inspection of the FOLGORE Arty Regt. This was really the first opportunity of judging the morale at first hand.

I would say that the morale of both Officers and men of this particular Regt. was extremely high. The men looked hard and fit and evidently were proud of themselves, and their past exploits. There were a few grouses, chief of which were: -

(a) Delay in discharges from the army, in that all the best jobs would be taken by men who got away early.

(b) Difficulties experienced by wives and families to obtain sufficient food.

(c) Lack of meat in the ration, they said they were getting too much CHILI CONCARNE which was not solid enough for their taste.

The turn-out of this Regt. was first class, with the exception of some hundred and fifty reinforcements that had come from various units. Their turn-out was really pathetic, consisting as it did of a mixture of all kinds of uniforms.
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of the 7/46th Arty Regt. This was really the first opportunity of judging the morale at first hand.

I would say that the morale of both Officers and men of this particular Regt. was extremely high. The men looked hard and fit and evidently were proud of themselves, and their past exploits. There were a few grouses, chief of which were: -

(a) Delay in discharges from the army, in that all the best jobs would be taken by men who got away early.

(b) Difficulties experienced by wives and families to obtain sufficient food.

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He was agreeably surprised and considered the morale good.
Men were quite well turned-out, and their saluting was prompt and good.
Food was very fair, and a well organised canteen was being run in the barracks.
Except for a shortage in boots, uniform was neat, fairly clean and showed uniformity.
A central M.I. room was functioning, but the M.O. complained of a shortage of medical supplies.
Barracks were clean, but there was a shortage of beds.

CO.A. Subject of Special CO.A. Report.

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IV "Q" Transport

(BLU) See Appx "F".

Accommodation.

(a) The four Officers at present with 7 BLU are at the EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

(b) The British OR's are all billeted in the small villa in the grounds of Villa Primavera.
Telephone FLORENCE 1356.

(c) A further set of 5 rooms for offices has been taken over. These new rooms adjoin the present offices.

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(a) 7 TC and FOLGORE Div.

I will go into the equitable distribution, as mentioned at the conference, between these two units, during the current month.
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FOLGORE Div. worried about obtaining sufficient Tyres.

CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

REME Problems.

Capt NELSON discussing direct with Col. BLUNT.

RAOC.

Difficulty in obtaining Tyres.

Clothing & Equipment.

7 TC. No problems. Provision being made for clothing at C.A.R.

FOLGORE. Reinforcements being clothed in various dyed uniforms.

CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

Arms & Ammunition.

7 TC. A shortage of Automatic weapons.

FOLGORE Div. Armaments complete.
50% shortage in first line amunition, and no Training Ammo' has been received. Both these are being put in for.

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CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

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Telephone FLORENCE I356.

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C.E.M.

None received in January.

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IV "G" Cont;

Accommodation.

7 TC. See para (c) Intelligence, and 7 HLU signal HLU/56 dated 4 Feb'46.

FOLGORE Div. Improving owing to Divisional individual effort.
Some Eng'rs billets still poor.

CCRR. Subject of Special CCRR Report.

P.O.L.

7 TC. Say that their allocation is too small as regards the Repair Unit. They estimate that for testing purposes, this unit requires an additional 600 gals petrol and 400 gals Deisel per week.

FOLGORE Div. Nil.

Medical.

Sanitary installation for Refugee Centre TERENIA completed.
Sanitary arrangements for C.A.R. under way.

Moves.

7 TC have received warning orders of the move of the GARIBALDI Regt to PALERMO.
Details of dates and Port of embarkation to follow.

Other "G" Points.

Rations.

7 TC. Satisfactory. FOLGORE Div is supplied through 7 TC Depots.

FOLGORE. Complaints that they are not getting full meat ration owing to frequent issue of CHILI CONCARNE and M & V.

State that they have not had a Rice issue for two months, and that nothing has been issued in lieu.
Capt. RASC is investigating.

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Annex "A" 7 B.L.U. letter MJJ/20.
dated 5 Feb'45.

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

Office	No.1 Plaza Stanions - FLORENCE (5 extra rooms taken over) Tel. FLORENCE 1629
Major Gregson	Room 363 Excelsior Hotel.
Major Greenhough	Room 446 " "
Major Downing	Room 273 " "
Capt. Gardner	Room 271 " "
Capt. Nelson	MOVIGNA.

Tel. EXCELSIOR HOTEL, FLORENCE 1414.

British Offs in Annexe to Villa MIRAVERA. Tel. FLORENCE 1356.

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Appx "F" to 7 HQ Letter 1531/BD
dated 5th Feb'46.

STAFF LIST 7 B.A.U. as at 1/2/46.

GSO I	Not yet arrived
GSO II	Not yet arrived
MA & QMG	Major D.S.I. [illegible].
Capt. R.A.S.C.	Capt. D.M. [illegible].
Capt. R.E.M.E.	Capt. P. [illegible].
Liaison CC.TR.	Major [illegible].

Attached : Major R. [illegible].

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ATTX"A" 7 B.L.U. letter
BLU/20 dated 5 Feb. 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND
(NOTE TO BHS OR EQUIVALENT AS AT 1st FEBRUARY 1946

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
6 Provisional Gen. HQ.	Castiglioncello	US - ITI
2a HQ. Service Bn.	Leghorn	" "
716 Adm. Regt.	Florence	BR - ITI
7 St. Gallo Hospital	Florence	ITI - ITI
122 Montecliveto Mil.Terr.Hosp.	Florence	" "
193 Terr. Military Hospital	Lucca	" "
7 Repairs Unit	Florence	" "
7th Inf.Regt. HQ.	Florence	" "
1st Bn. (ex 509 Guard Bn.)	Florence	" "
2nd Bn. (ex 511 Guard Bn.)	Florence	" "
3rd Bn. (ex 512 Guard Bn.)	Pisa	" "
701st Refugee Center	Florence	" "
702nd Refugee Center	Leghorn	" "
C.A.R.	Siena	" "
"Folgore" Inf. Div.	Florence	" "
"Nembo" Inf. Regt. HQ.	Florence	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	" "
"Garibaldi" Inf. Regt.HQ.	Città di Castello (being moved to Palermo)	" "
	Città di Castello	" "
1st Bn."Aosta"	Perugia	" "
2nd Bn."Torino"	Città di Castello	" "
3rd Bn."Venezia"	Montecatini	" "
184 Artillery Regt. HQ."Folgore"	Pescia	" "
No 1 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
No 2 25 - Pr Bty	Pistoia	" "
" 3 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
4 25 - Pr Bty	Montecatini	" "
17 - Pr Bty Atk	Pistoia	" "
10 - m/m A.A. Bty		

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UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
184 Engr. Bn.HQ "Folgore"	Passignano	ITI ~ ITI
516 Fd. Hospital	Arezzo	" "
517 Fd. Hospital	Montecatini	" "
184 Medical Section	Perugia	" "
184 Supply Coy	Castello	" "
Central School	Florence	" "
HQ.3 Brigade	Florence	" "
HQ. Mob. Pns Group	Florence	" "
Florence Legion	Florence	" "
Intern Group	Florence	" "
Intern Group	Florence	" "
"Pistoia" Group CC.RR.	Pistoia	" "
"Arezzo" CC.RR. Group	Arezzo	" "
"Siena" CC.RR. Group	Siena	" "
Leghorn Legion	Leghorn	" "
CC.RR. Group	Leghorn	" "
CC.RR. Group	Grosseto	" "
CC.RR. Group	Apuania	" "
CC.RR. Group	Lucca	" "

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Appx "C" to 7 B.L.V. letter MAI/20 dated 5 Feb'46.

Amendments to the list of GENERALS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND INCLUDING CO.HR.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
INCREASES.				
Brig.Gen.	-	BERGONZI	ANGELO ✓	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
" "	-	MENCHINI	ALDO ✓	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
" "	-	MAYER	FRANCESCO ✓	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
" "	-	TOMASELLI	CIOCONDO ✓	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
DECREASES.		NIL.		

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Allgt "C" to 7 R.I.U. letter NAU/20 dated 5 Feb'46.

Amendments to the list of COLONELS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL, COMMAND INCLUDING GC.PG.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
INCREASES.				
Col.	Inf.	BARONE	CILENTO	at disposal 7 Terr.HQ. FLORENCE.
"	Art.	BERTON	GIUSEPPE	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	CAPELLI	PIETRO	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	DI PIETRA	RAIMONDO	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	GHERARDINI	GERARDO	C.O. Military District Apuania
"	Art.	SIMONCINI	GUGLIELMO	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
"	Art.	D'AMICO	SALVATORE	at disposal of 7 Terr. HQ. FLORENCE.
DECREASES.				
Col.	Inf.	PASCATTI	TITO	transferred to HQ. GENOA
"	G.M.	ASTORRI	FRANCESCO	discharged
TRANSFERS.				
Col.	Art.	MARADEI	GARIBALDO	previously at disposal of 7 Terr Comm now nominated Judge Mil. Tribunal of Florence.
Col.	Inf.	MANCINI	DINO	previously Judge Mil.Tribunal of Flore now at disposal 7 Terr Command.
Col.	Inf.	COLLIVA	CARLO	previously C.O. Mil.District SIENA - Assigned to C.A.R. - SIENA.

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Annex "C" to 7 B.J.M. letter MAI/20 dated 5 Feb'46.

Amendments to the list of OFFICERS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND INCLUDING CC.RR.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
INCREASES.				
Col.	Inf.	BARONE	GILBERTO	at disposal 7 Terr.Hq. FLORENCE.
"	Art.	BORTON	GUSTAVO	at disposal of 7 Terr. Hq.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	CARELLI	PIETRO	at disposal of 7 Terr. Hq.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	DI PIERRA	RAIMONDO	at disposal of 7 Terr. Hq.FLORENCE.
"	Inf.	GHERARDINI	GAMERO	C.O. Military District Apuania
"	Art.	SERONTERI	GUGLIELMO	at disposal of 7 Terr. Hq. FLORENCE.
"	Art.	D'ANCCO	SALVATORE	at disposal of 7 Terr. Hq. FLORENCE.
DECREASES.				
Col.	Inf.	PESCATORI	TITO	transferred to Hq. CREMA
"	G.N.	ASTORRI	FRANCESCO	discharged
TRANSFERS.				
Col.	Art.	MARABINI	CESARINO	previously at disposal of 7 Terr Command. now nominated Judge Mil. Tribunal of Florence.
Col.	Inf.	MANCINI	DINO	previously Judge Mil.Tribunal of Florence now at disposal 7 Terr Command.
Col.	Inf.	COLLIVA	CARLO	previously C.O. Mil.District SIENA - Assigned to C.A.R. - SIENA.

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RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ATTACHMENT
Col.	Inf.	PONTANA	MARIO	previously at disposal of 7 Army Command. Now sent on visit leave (150 days)
"	Inf.	MANTENT TENTI	LUCIANO	previously at disposal - Second C.C. Military District ROME.
2	Inf.	BUSSOLETTI	ORFEO	previously at disposal 7 Army Command. - Second C.C. Military District PERUGIA.

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RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Col.	Inf.	FORTUNA	MARIO	previously at disposal of 7 Corps Command. Now sent on sick leave (180 days)
"	Inf.	[illegible]	LUCIANO	previously at disposal -Second U.S. Military District [illegible]
2	Inf.	[illegible]	GAETANO	previously at disposal 7 Corps Command.-Second U.S. Military District [illegible].

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Appx "O" to 7 B.L.U. letter HQ/20 dated 5 Feb'46.

Amendments to the list of LIEUT COLONELS on duty with 7 TERRITORIAL COMMAND INCLUDING CC.RR.

RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
INCREASES.				
Lt.Col.	Inf.	PAPI	SAITE	Vice C.O. Regt."GARIBALDI"
" "	Inf.	PIGA ALFIERI	ANTONIO	Military District PISA
" "	Art.	CANDINI	AUGUSTO	Military District GROSSETO
" "	Art.	MENGU	ENRICO	Military District GROSSETO
" "	Inf.	ENRICO	VITTORIO	84th Inf. Regt. Depot FLORENCE
" "	Art.	PATRIZIO	RAFFAELE	7th Art. Regt. Depot PISA
" "	Inf.	RINZI	ANGELO	22th Inf. Regt. Depot PISA
" "	Com.	BUCCERI	GIUSEPPE	Commissary Directorate FLORENCE
" "	Engr.	BONI	ALBERTO	Engrs. 7 Terr. Command FLORENCE
" "	Med.	POSTASSA	SILVIO	Chemical Farm.Institute FLORENCE
" "	Med.	MASTROIANNI	DIGTO	Military Hospital FLORENCE
" "	Med.	DI CASTA	GIUSEPPE	Military Hospital FLORENCE
" "	CC.RR.	GRASSINI	GIULIO	C.O. CC.RR. Legion FLORENCE
" "	CC.RR.	CAGIATI	CARLO	C.O. CC.RR. Group FLORENCE
" "	Art.	DE SANTIS PIERUS	ALESSANDRO	Military District FLORENCE
" "	Inf.	GRIMALDI	UMBERTO	Military District FLORENCE
" "	Inf.	CALABRESE	GIUSEPPE	Military District FLORENCE
" "	Art.	CICERSA	MARIO	7 Territorial Comm. FLORENCE
" "				

DECREASES				
Lt.Col.	Inf.	LAZZERI	CARLO	discharged
" 1252	Inf.	DE LODI	GIUSEPPE	on leave (sick) (60 days)
"	Adms.	CHIARELLI	RAFFAELE	discharged

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RANK	ARM	NAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	APPOINTMENT
TRANSFERS				
Lt.Col.	MoC.	CETARA	GIUSEPPE	from Mil.Hosp."Montealiveto" to Mil.Hosp. FLORENCE
" "	CC.RR.	FADDO	FERNANDO	from CC.RR. Legion Florence to CC.RR. Central School FLORENCE
" "	Inf.	MASTRANGELO	GERARDO	from 716th Admn.Regt. to Military Prison, FLORENCE

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Appx "D" to 7 B.L.U. letter BLU/20 dated 5 Feb'46.

Serial No°.	MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	EFF.	LR.	BLR.	REMARKS
1.	CHEVROLET	HUP	M5905872	YES	-	-	-
2.	CHEVROLET	HUP	M5905880	YES	-	-	-
3.	WILLYS	JEEP	M5661815	NO	?	?	Bad clutch trouble - awaiting tech report from REME.
4.	FORDSON	4str.	M1560133	NO	?	?	Awaiting tech report from REME.
5.	FORD	15cwt.	Z4905938	NO	?	?	Awaiting tech report from REME.

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.
Certificate only applies to Serial 1 & 2.
Serials 3, 4, 5 full report will be forwarded on receipt from REME.

Signed.....
Cpl RASC

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Annex "F" to 7 [illegible] letter [illegible]/20
dated 5 Feb. 1946

[illegible]		[illegible]	CONTRACT No.	SERIAL No.
WOAC	Cdr Aviation	FORD	V 3935	5421996
C 3 A	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C 3 A	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	2275	354379
15 CAT.		[illegible]	N/A	N/A ENGINE No. V C 1-2-[illegible]

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Ref. is made to appx "y" (Return of Br. MT.)

1. This letter is forwarded to amplify & clarify the return referred to above.
From the return it would appear that this B.L.U.is well off for transport but this is not the case.

2. SERIAL 3. This Jeep is in a bad state & is quite unroadworthy at the moment. It has been sent to REME workshops & report is awaited.

3. SERIAL 4. In fair condition, awaiting workshop report.

4. SERIALS 3 & 4 were received from 3 BLU.

5. On the 28th Jan. the attd. letter (4/GE/10-60 of 24 Jan.) was received from 4 BLU.
The ALFA ROMEO is with Col. MARKES in BOLOGNA.
The 15 cwt Z 905938 arrived here and had to be towed into workshops. I understand it will in all probability be BER.
Report is awaited
The 3rd vehicle has not yet arrived.

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HQ 4 B.L.U.
Ref : 4/GB/10-60
24 Jan'46.

To : O.C. 7 B.L.U.
FLORENCE

1. Please note for your monthly return Appx 'D' to Progress Report, the following vehicles are SOS 4 BLU and should be TOS 7 BLU.

1. Alfa Romeo (4 str)	CAFM/5938210 (Lt.Col. MARKES)
2. Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS	Z5428450
3. Fordson 15cwt 4x2 GS	Z4905936

2. Trucks 2 & 3 are reporting to you ETA Tuesday 29 Jan'46.

R. PENN
Major
GS.

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Annx "G" 7 Bde H. letter H11/21
dated 3 Feb. 1946.

Gen. Hq. Visit of Feb. 1st. and general remarks on progress up to date.

1. Structural Repairs. are well in hand and much has been accomplished during the last fortnight, of necessity, work is confined so far to the major job of re-plastering and colour washing all internal walls. It is understood that materials are not of first quality.

2. The roof of "FLAVI" has been completely repaired.

3. Most of the plumbing has been checked and repaired.

4. Difficulty in finding sufficient glass to replace all windows is considerable.

5. Priority of works is laid down by Col. BONDIOLI, R.E. Col. of 7 Corps H.Q. Major MARINI, his representative lives in ROMA and is in constant contact with civilian contractors.
Generally, although work was slow at the start, the Corps Command have now really "put their teeth into the job".

6. Col. BONDIOLI, Adj. Major of C.A.R. is concerned chiefly with the shortage of transport. Lack of rail facilities between FLORENCE & ROMA makes extra demands on 7 Corps H.Q. and Officio Servizi are, as ever, worried about the petrol.
Adj. Maj. is endeavouring to acquire ten further buildings.

(1) HOTEL CENTRALE.

(2) CIRCOLO D'UNITA.

For use as Officers & Clubs.
7 Corps H.Q. have been advised to requisition these buildings.

7. Barracks previously called "CASERMA" have been renamed "CAVALRY" and will be referred to as such in all future reports.

8. Equipment etc. one platform attached.

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7th BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PARIS

C/37/7/A

Ref. BM/62.

Date. 18 Jan 46.

Subject : Reports & Returns

To : M.M.I.a.

Ref. 7B/115 dated 27 Dec 1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following:-

(a) Appx A. IRA - weekly report as at 12/1/46.

(b) Appx B. Irregular report on C.M.R.

2. In accordance with para 2 of the above quoted letter Appx A has been kept as short as possible & only main points mentioned.

3. As agreed (Tel conversation Col Cussen - Capt Bell). Appx B has been given in general terms only & not mentioned with Ref. letter Q 011 dated 11 Jan 1946, not used.

These returns will be used when submitting the reports as at 31/1/46.

P.A. to C. of C. [signature]

Dep Comdr. (1)

B.C.S. [illegible]

Col A/G [signature]

[illegible]

FILE: C/37/7/A

DATE: 2/2/46

[signature]

[illegible]

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Apps "A" to 7 NAD letter
7/SLS/60 dated 13 Jan. 1946

1. Casualties Officers

(a) Capt. C.M. Gardner (168351) RASC, reported for duty on 10/1/46. He is in Bologna Gr up 24.

(b) Lt Col Barnes, on his way to take over command of this H.L.H. went sick & was admitted to 59 (Br.) General Hospital-Bologna. He is suspected of having pneumonia & has malaria. He will be detained in hospital for at least a month.

(c) Capt Balcam, NAAK has established his office in Bologna & intends today occasional visits to Florence.

(d) I hear, quite unofficially, that Major Hill, CSO IX Sector of this NAD is still in England and has applied for a home posting.

Cpl No. 3677615 L/C. Maynard arrived from 9 H.R.U. as a Ration NCO. He is in Release Group 36 but is a D.F.

2. Liaison

Major Warren (U.S.) part of the A.C. office, Leghorn has arrived in Florence and expects to set up an A.C. office here in the near future.

3. Accommodation

In view of the probability of the H.Q. of the H.L.H. being implemented in the fairly near future I have been in treaty with 2/I Sub Area to take over further office accomodation.
I think this will be arranged & the new offices consist of 5 or six adjoining the present ones.

4. No 513 Guard Bn moved from Lucca on 11/1/46 to Rome (Prati)
This move was subject of a special report ref this HQ letter HQ/27 dated 12 Jan 46.

5. General

In the absence of Lt Col Barnes & Major Hill I am very tied to the office & cannot get out on inspection nearly as much as I should like.
Capt. Gardner has however started inspecting the various Food Depots.

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Appx "B" to 7 HQ letter
7/[illegible]/6) dated 18 Jan 1946.

1. General.

(a) The pushing forward of the plans for funding and housing the C.A.R. in SIENA has been given high priority here.
The 7th Territorial Command whilst willing, are finding things difficult. They need a good deal of pushing and will need more in the future.

(b) There are two matters still in doubt and these should be decided as soon as possible for planning is to a large extent dependent on them.

Firstly. Is the C.A.R. to be located wholly at SIENA or is part of it to be accommodated in AREZZO ?

Secondly. Are double tier beds being provided by Ministry of War and if so, how many ?

(c) A weekly progress report has been called for from 7th Territorial Command and members of 7 HQ will make frequent visits to SIENA.

2. W.E. for C.A.R. not yet received.

3. PROGRESS.

Barracks. On 16th Jan the Chief of Staff 7 Territorial Command visited SIENA and a precis of his report is given below.

(a) La MAGNA Barracks. Contract signed with Contractors, work to commence within next few days.

(b) STAFF Barracks. Work started Jan 10th.

(c) MASSETI Barracks. Work started Jan 10th.

(d) CASA DEL FASCIO. Recently derequisitioned by Allies and taken over by 7 Territorial Command.
It is the intention to use this as an Officers Club and Ors Club & Canteen.

(e) S.CHIARA Barracks. Present intention is to leave SIENA District H.Q. in these barracks and not use them for C.A.R. Inside, documentation etc., would be carried out here.
The use of these barracks for C.A.R. is of course dependant on the answers to the questions in para 1 (b) above.

(f) Negotiations are still in progress to acquire the Hotels MINERVA & Pensione BASTIANI. These have been requisitioned by the Allies.

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(b) There are two separate points in this and these should be decided as soon as possible for planning is to a large extent dependent on them.

Firstly. Is this O.A.R. to be located wholly at SIENA or is part of it to be accommodated in ASSISI ?

Secondly. Are double tier beds being provided by Ministry of War and if so, how many ?

(c) A weekly progress report has been called for from 7th Territorial Command and members of 7 AGU will make frequent visits to SIENA.

2. W.E. For C.A.R. not yet received.

3. PROGRESS.

Barracks. On 16th Jan the Chief of Staff 7 Territorial Command visited SIENA and a precis of his report is given below.

(a) IL MANCIA Barracks. Contract signed with Contractors, work to commence within next five days.

(b) VIAVE Barracks. Work started Jan 10th.

(c) MARTINI Barracks. Work started Jan 10th.

(d) CASA DEL BALILLA. Recently derequisitioned by Allies and taken over by 7 Territorial Command. It is the intention to use this as an Officers Club and Other Ranks Canteen.

(e) S.CHIARA Barracks. Present intention is to leave SIENA District H in these barracks and not use them for O.A.R. Intake, documentation etc., would be carried out here. The use of these barracks for O.A.R. is of course dependent on the answers to the questions in para 1 (b) above.

(f) Negotiations are still in progress to acquire the Hotels EXCELSIOR & Pensione RATTAZZI. These have been derequisitioned by the Allies.

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4. PERSONNEL. W.E.F. 7 Jan the following nucleus has been formed :-

COMMANDANT. VICE COMMANDANT.
ADJUTANT
Certain Administrative personnel.
Medical and other Services personnel under consideration.

5. TRAINING AREAS. Reserve made and areas selected.

6. CLOTHING. Clothing for 5,000 will be sent to NIGERIA during Feb. Some of this being manufactured at present.

7. ACCLIMATIZATION STORES.

All available ones are being repaired in various units in TOBRUK.
Ministry of War have been asked for cooking utensils etc.

8. MEDICAL STORES.

Necessary material to equip a hospital of 50 beds, expandable to 75 beds, has been sent to NIGERIA.

9. TRANSPORT.

(a) Four Vehicles have been assigned to the C.-in-C. These will report to NIGERIA shortly.

(b) Arrangements have been made to send darts and pack transport to NIGERIA and a request for the necessary animals made to [illegible] Imperial Depot.

10. MISCELLANEOUS etc. In process of collection.

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5. WAR THE AIRS. Recces made and areas selected.

6. CLOTHING. Clothing for 1,000 will be sent to KENYA during Feb. None of this being manufactured at present.

7. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

All available cars are being repaired in various units in KENYA. Ministry of War have been asked for Cooking Utensils etc.

8. MEDICAL STORES.

Necessary material to equip a hospital of 50 beds, expandable to 50 beds, has been sent to KENYA.

9. TRANSPORT.

(a) Four Vehicles have been assigned to the C.A.F. These will report to KENYA shortly.

(b) Arrangements have been made to send Carts and pack transport to KENYA and a request for the necessary Animals made to GOVERNMENT Nearest Depot.

10. TENTAGE etc. In process of collection.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
F L O R E N C E

Ref/T.L.U./60
Jan. 4th. 1946

Pack Loc Lew
Dep Cond K
BGS MMM
Col A/Q WP

Subject : Reports & Returns.

To : H.Q.I.A.

Ref. BG/113 dated 27 Dec.1945.

1. Attached (in quadruplicate) are the following :-
(a) End/beginning month report as at 1/1/46.
(b) At Appx A is location statement of 7 B.L.U. & Italian Tps in the Territorial Command down to Bns & equivalent units.
(c) At Appx B is Staff List of 7 B.L.U.
(d) At Appx C is Staff List of all Italian Officers in the Command of the rank of Lieut.Col. & above.
(e) At Appx D is return of Br. Mt. held by this B.L.U.

2. It must be realised that some of the information given in 1(a) above has been accepted direct from Italian sources & that there has been no opportunity of checking it.

D Thompson
Maj for B.S.L. GRESSON
7th B.L.U.

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Pa & Loc
Dep Cmd
BES
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(e) At Appx D is return of Sr. NCO. held by this S.L.U.

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Major D.S.L. GRIGSON
7th S.L.U.

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SUBJECT : 7th B.L.U. End/Beginning Month Report as at 1/1/46.

1. General.

(BLU) At the moment there are only two officers, Major GRIGSON & Captain DOWDING with this BLU & most of the work has been ordinary day to day business with the arrival of the "FOLKORE DIV." taking up a good deal of time.

(It.) General DE SIMONE & his Chief of Staff & in fact all the officers contacted at 7th Terr. HQ appear at first sight to be cooperative & keen on their job. I think they are slightly worried at having the "FOLKORE" thrust upon them but things are settling down well. It is a little difficult to make "FOLKORE" realise that their Channel of Approach must be through 7th Terr. Command, but they are beginning to do so and I feel that within the fairly near future matters will as laid down in O/2 of 5 Dec.'45, ie with DE SIMONE taking his proper place as "boss".

2. G.

Organisation

(BLU) Owing to shortage of officers & ORs this B.L.U. is acting very much in the way that MMIA Liaison officers worked and no real organisation is possible until more people arrive.

(It.) There are two Italian Liaison Officers both of whom appear to be good and hard-working, one, Lieut. ARCIPOLI, exceptionally so.
No CC.RR. Liaison officer has reported as yet.
(MMIA G/S dated 24 Nov.45 refers)

Employment of troops.

(a) Army Less CC.RR.
7th Inf Regt. employed on guard duties throughout the Command.
716 Admin. Regt. 505 Line Sec is disbanding & 26 Coy Camps are awaiting to do so.
6th Prov Sp. Group, is under US control and

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II. G.

Organisation

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No CC.RR. Liaison officer has reported as yet.
(MMIA G/8 dated 24 Nov.45 refers)

Employment of troops.

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7th Inf Regt. employed on guard duties throughout the Command.
716 Admin. Regt. 505 Line Sec is disbanding & 26 Coy Engrs are awaiting to do so.
6th Prov Bn. Group. is under DE control and is I understand employed on Guard duties, traffic control, fire fighting etc.

(b) CC.RR. Normal duties.

(c) FOLGORE DIV. Moving to new area.

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II. 4. (cont'd)

Training

(a) Army Issa CC.RR.

(i) Trm Kata not yet in existence but will be established at BIRMA in the near future.

(ii) Other tps. Individual Training and range practices.

(iii) FOLGORE DIV. Suspended owing to move.

(iv) CC.RR. Regruit training being carried on in the various Depots. Central School FLORENCE is training NCOs.

Intelligence.

(a) Not known.
(b) Not known.
(c) There was an is a certain amount of nervousness on the part of the FLORENCE civilians at the arrival of the "FOLGORE" but both Dr SIRONI & PIALORSI tell me that at all other places where the "FOLGORE" are stationed they have had a warm and sincere welcome. There has been a certain sount of feeling at the necessary requisitioning of buildings for the "FOLGORE" but I believe that has already died down.

(d) I am informed that for Italians, the "FOLGORE" are extraordinarily un-politically minded & as yet have had no chance of ascertaining the political currents amongst other troops in the Command.

(e) None come to light sofar.

(f) Appears to be satisfactory. Have had two conferences with Comdr 211 Sub-Area and a new public Security Scheme has been drawn up which is sound and workable.

(g) Not yet known.

(h) There was an incident on the night of

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(f) Appears to be satisfactory. Have had two conferences with Comdr 211 Sub-Area and a new public security Scheme has been drawn up which is sound and workable.

(g) Not yet known.

(h) There was no incident on the night of 27 Dec.'43. This was reported in the Union Jack and was without doubt grossly exaggerated. It was really a question of a few local youths "trailing their coats" at the few "FOLGORE" who were in town, who rather naturally accepted the challenge.
I discussed the matter at length with Comdr 211 Sub-Area and he is of exactly the same opinion as myself.

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Intelligence (cont'd)

(h) The local American police took every possible precaution but I think used the incident as good training for their trainees at the local police school!
I discussed the matter with both PIALORSI & DE SIMONE neither of whom were worried, but both are determined to stamp out any of this sort of thing. DE SIMONE at my request has already spoken to both Florence Civilian Authorities and the FOLGORE about their mutual relations and I hope it will have the desired effect. There is no doubt, however, that elements of the FOLGORE are "touch" and that their reputation came with them.

Discussed G.O.C.'s letter G 92 of 14 Dec'45 with DE SIMONE and his Chief of Staff and they assure me that the lawlessness prevailing in BOLOGNA is non existent in this Command.

Other G Points.

FOLGORE are not satisfied with existing telephone communication between Div.HQ & outlying units.
I discussed this with S.O.S. sigs MAIA on the telephone & he is coming up to investigate. ACTION

III. (SIU)

Reliefs of Officers.

There are at the moment only Capt DOWSING & myself. Capt NELSON arrived on the evening of 2nd but has gone off after a brief ins action to BOLOGNA with Col. BLUNT. Col BLUNT'S plan is for him to spend the major portion of his time in BOLOGNA. Capt NELSON is returning to FLORENCE on 7th or 8th Jan.

CRs.

Only two here at moment WOSM NELSON & Cpl MOSS, clerk.
Both these men are in Release Group 26

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ORs.

Only two here at moment CPSM HOLDSON & Cpl MONK, clerk.
Both these men are in Release Group 26 & will probably leave during the 3rd week of January. It is essential that at least one successor to Cpl MONK is sent here as soon as possible.
Cpl. MONK is himself new here & unless another clerk is sent to understudy him for at least a week before he goes, what continuity there is at moment will be done away with. ACTION

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CRs. (Cont'd)

For the same reason it will be advantageous for Capt DOWNING to be left here as long as possible. ACTION

LEAVE.

None due so far as is known here. Leave position as regards Capt NELSON not yet known.

III. Italian

Deficiencies

(a) 7th Territorial Command.
7th Inf Regt. Up to strength
716 Admn. Regt. Up to strength
6 Prov Bn Gp. Overstrength
Deficiencies in Specialists in 7th Terr. Cmd.
Mechanics 15%
Artificers 50%
Steam Mechanics 50%
Typists 50%
Drivers 10%
Motor Cyclists 10%

(b) FOLGORE DIV.
About 8% under strength but reinforcements are being sent.

Specialists	Deficiencies.
Drivers	30%
Mechanics	40%
W/T	36%
Typists	25%

(c) CC.RR. Up to strength throughout.

Discipline.

Not yet known except that the local CC.RR. appear well disciplined and their turn out is the best I have seen in Italy.
M.Ps of the FOLGORE seen in FLORENCE are well turned out.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 Territorial Command
Leave difficult to obtain for VENEZIA GIULIA especially 68th legion.

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M.Ps of the FOLGORE seen in FLORENCE are well turned out.

Leave Problems.

(a) 7 Territorial Command
leave difficult to obtain for VENEZIA GIULIA especially POLA Legion.

(b) FOLGORE. NIL.

(c) CC.RR. NIL.

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III. Italian (cont'd)

Pay Problems

(a) 7th Territorial Command. NIL.

(b) POLGOMS. - May feel keenly the loss of pay consequent on their recent change of status.

(c) CC.RR. NIL.

Morale.

(a) 7th Territorial Command.
Have as yet had no opportunity of judging but that of the officers met at Terr Comd appears to be good.

(b) POLGOMS.
From what I have seen I should say extremely high except for dissatisfaction at reduction in pay.

(c) CC.RR.
No opportunity of judging as yet but I am told it is high.

IV. B.A.M.G.

Transport

The only MT vehicle here at the moment is one M.T.P. No. 1005860.
Territorial Comd have lent me a car temporarily.

Accommodation.

Capt. DOWLING & myself are at the Excelsior Hotel. I have inspected the Villa "IRIHAVERA" which is first class & could accomodate all ranks of the B.A.M.G.
It strikes me however as being much more a Summer residence than a Winter one as the problem of heating & hot water would be a big one.
It could not be occupied until at least a large proportion of the OR strength has arrived & considerably more transport is available, as the villa is some 3 miles from the office.
My own opinion is that if ORs can be attached to local units, it should be wise for officers to stay at the Excelsior until March or April.
CC.RR will no doubt give a decision on this point when he arrives.

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(b) POLICE.
From what I have seen I should say extremely high except for dissatisfaction at reduction in pay.

(c) CC.RP.
No opportunity of judging as yet but I am told it is high.

IV. S.L.U.
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Transport

The only MD vehicle here at the moment is one H.U.E. No. 5905880.
Territorial Cond have lent me a car temporarily.

Accommodation.

Dept. DOBBING & myself are at the Excelsior Natal. I have inspected the Villa "PRIMAVERA" which is first class & could accomodate all ranks of the S.L.U.
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CC MD will no doubt give a decision on this point when he arrives.
The two ORs are attached to No.2 Coy 16 L.C.O. Signals for accommodation, rations & pay.

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IV. G. (Cont'd)

Italian transport

(a) 7th Territorial Command
No complaints so far.

(b) POLNERS.
Owing to the cessation of S.I.R. vehicles being replaced and no further spare parts being forthcoming from British Stocks, they are deficient as follows :-
Heavy trucks 20%
Tracks (Carriers) 25%
M/Cs 33%

(c) CC.RR.
In bad condition. They have only about 40% of their authorised vehicles & only 2% of M/Cs. This entails vehicles being constantly on the road & gives very little time for maintenance.
They are also short of spare parts & tyres.

RASC problems.

Will be dealt with on arrival of Capt. WILSON.

RAOC.

POLNERS have difficulty in getting tyres, replaced, as have the CC.RR.

Clothing & Equipment.

7th Territorial Command.
3,000 uniforms have arrived from ROME for disposal by Terr. Comd.

POLNERS.
Are at present dressed in British battle-dress etc.
They are most anxious to know future policy as regards clothing etc. and what will happen during the transition stage as all British uniforms will not wear out at the same time and there may be a mixture of British & Italian uniforms.

CC.RR.
There is a shortage of clothing in the [illegible] Legion. 20% of strength are in civilian clothes.

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(c) CC.RR.
In bad condition. They have only about 40% of their authorized vehicles & only 2% of W/Cs. This entails vehicles being constently on the road & gives very little time for maintenance.
They are also short of spare parts & tyres.

RENE problems.

Will be dealt with on arrival of Capt. NELSON.

RAOC.

FOLGORE have difficulty in getting tyres replaced, as have the CC.RR.

Clothing & Equipment.

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3,000 uniforms have arrived from ROME for disposal by Terr. Comd.

FOLGORE.
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They are most anxious to know future policy as regards Clothing etc. and what will happen during the transition stage as all British uniforms will not wear out at the same time and there may be a mixture of British & Italian uniforms.

CC.RR.
There is a shortage of clothing in the LEGHORN legion, 20% of strength are in civilian clothes. 2405
In the FLORENCE legion the situation is satisfactory. A large stock of clothing is awaited from ROME. ACTION

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W. D. (Cont'd)

Arms & Ammo.

7th Territorial Command.
State they are short of Automatic Weapons.

FOLKSTONE.
No complaints.

CC.RE.
Their armament is not yet complete. There is a shortage (approx 1000) of pistols. Machine guns are also short. This shortage is especially applicable to LEGHORN Legion.

C.I.N.

Large stocks have been handed over to 7th Terr Comd. by P.B.S. I will investigate this as soon as possible.

Accomodation

7th Territorial Command.
Satisfactory.

FOLKSTONE.
Satisfactory as far as known.

CC.RE.
Difficulty is being experienced in finding Stabling near Riding School for the 100 horses being sent from ROME.
I think this will be solved within the next fortnight.

P.C.I.

7th Territorial Command.
Complain that their petrol allotment is insufficient and that they require more for workshops, testing etc.
I have not had time to investigate as yet but will go into it during the current month.

FOLKSTONE.
No complaints.

CC.RE.
No complaints.

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No complaints.

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C.R.M.

Large stocks have been handed over to 7th Terr Comd. by C.R.M. I will investigate this as soon as possible.

Accomodation

7th Territorial Command.
Satisfactory.

FOLIGNO.
Satisfactory as far as known.

CC.RR.
Difficulty is being experienced in finding Stabling near Riding School for the 100 horses being sent from ROME.
I think this will be solved within the next fortnight.

M.O.I.

7th Territorial Command.
Complain that their petrol allotment is insufficient and that they require more for workshops, testing etc.
I have not had time to investigate as yet but will go into it during the current month.

FOLIGNO.
No complaints.

CC.RR.
No complaints.

MEDICAL

165 Mil. Hospital LEGHORN being closed.
"VILLA BATAIJA" Mil Hospital FLORENCE being closed.
"MONTE D'ORO" Mil Hospital FLORENCE being closed.
A new department of the Principal Hosp. is being opened to deal with Venereal diseases and infectious diseases.

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IV. G. (Cont'd)

Nov.

(a) Heavy baggage of FOLIGNE now arriving and it is hoped that the complete Div. will be "in Situ" by the end of the week.

(b) 513 Guard En is due to start moving on 4/1/46.
Capt. DOWLING is going to AREZZO and will furnish a report on the move.
(M.M.I.A. signal SD/3113 of 29 Dec'45 refers)

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(b) 517 Guard Bn is due to start moving on 4/1/46. Capt. DOWNING is going to AREZZO and will furnish a report on the move. (A.M.I.A. Signal SD/5113 of 29 Dec'45 refers)

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Appx "A" 7 B.L.U. letter
7/BLU/60 dated 4 Jan. 1946

LOCATION STATEMENT 7 B.L.U.

Office — No.1 Piazza Stazione - FLORENCE
Tel. Florence 1629

Major Gregson — Room 271 -Excelsior Hotel
Capt. Downing — Room 273 - " "

Tel. Excelsior Hotel Florence 1414.

Villa "Primavera" is requisitioned for 7 BLU, but not yet occupied.

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APPX "A" 7 B.I.U letter
7 BLU/60 dated 4 Jan. 1946

Command

LOCATION STATEMENT OF ALL UNITS IN TERRITORIAL HQ. DOWN TO BNS OR EQUIVALENT AS AT 1st JANUARY 1946

UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
6 Provisional Gen. Hq.	Castiglioncello	US - ITI
28 QM Service Bn.	Leghorn	" "
716 Adm Regt.	Florence	BR - ITI
7 St. Gallo Hospital	Florence	ITI - ITI
122 Montesliveto Military Terr. Hospital	Florence	" "
183 Terr. Mil. Hospital	Lucca	" "
7 Repairs Unit	Florence	" "
7th Inf.Regt. HQ.	Florence	" "
1st Bn.(ex 509 guard Bn)	Florence	" "
2nd Bn.(ex 511 guard Bn)	Florence	" "
3rd Bn.(ex 512 guard Bn)	Pisa	" "
513 Guard Bn.	Laterina	" "
701st Refugee Center	Florence	" "
702nd Refugee Center	Leghorn	" "
"Folgore" Inf. Division	Florence	" "
"Nembo" Inf. Regt. HQ.	Florence	" "
1st Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	" "
2nd Inf. Bn.	Arezzo	" "
3rd Inf. Bn.	Cortona	" "
"Garibaldi" Inf. Regt. HQ	Città Castello	" "
1st Bn."Aosta"	Città Castello	" "
2nd Bn."Torino"	Città Castello	" "
3rd Bn."Venezia"	Perugia	" "
184 Artillery Regt.HQ	Montecatini	" "
No 1 25 - Pr Bty	Pescia	" "
No 2 25 - Pr Bty	Lucca	" "
No 3 25 - Pr Bty	Pistoia	" "

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UNIT	LOCATION	CATEGORIES
No 4 25 - Pr. Bty	Lucca	ITT - ITI
No 5 17 - Pr. Bty Atk	Montecatini	" "
No 6 40 - m/m A.A. Bty	Pistoia	" "
184 Engr Bn HQ "Folgore"	Passignano	" "
516 Fd. Hospital	Arezzo	" "
184 Medical Section	Perugia	" "
517 Fd. Hospital	Montecatini	" "
Central School	Florence	" "
HQ 3 Brigade	Florence	" "
Hq. Mob. Bns Group	Florence	" "
Florence Legion	Florence	" "
Extern Group	Florence	" "
Intern Group	Florence	" "
"Pistoia" Group	Pistoia	" "
"Arezzo" Group	Arezzo	" "
"Siena" Group	Siena	" "
Leghorn Legion	Legnorn	" "
CC.RR. Group	Leghorn	" "
CC.RR. Group	Pisa	" "
CC.RR. Group	Grosseto	" "
CC.RR. Group	Apuania	

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dtd 4th Jan. 1946

Staff List 7 SLU as at 1/1/46

GSO I	Not yet arrived
GSO II	" " "
DAA & QMG	Major D.S.L. Gregson
Capt. R.A.S.C.	Not yet arrived
Capt. R.E.M.E.	" " " (See para III.(SLU) of report)

Attached : Capt. R. DOWNING.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	H. U. P.	Z 5905880	Yes	No	No	None

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 405 have been inspected and found correct.

19 Signed .....

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