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as at 1st January 1947

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Emp of Tps

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5. Emp of tps on I.S. duty decreased during the month . Tps stood by during the riots in BARI on 27 Dec, but were not actually involved in quelling the disturbance .

Trg

6. Preparatory to the next course 9 CAR have carried out trg cadres for NCO's.

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7. In 9 Inf Regt the build up of trg continues, following the previous programme for soldiers entering 2nd and 3rd trg cycles.

8. (a) A series of trg lectures for officers of the garrison is in progress . A programme of indoor and outdoor trg exercises is scheduled for Jan.

(b) Course attendance state :- See Appx "F"

Int

Political

9. Increased public support for rival extremist factions is noticeable.

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Tps from NOVARA and TURIN are reported to have leftist sympathies.

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One officer in [illegible] reported to have strong communist tendencies acquired while POW in Russia.

Tps from NOVARA are reported to have leftist sympathies.

CC

11. CC are critical of the ineffectiveness of repressive measures regulated by decree 704 of 10 Aug 44 relating to limitation in powers of arrest.

Public Security

12. CC report continued agitation in MATERA province.
The following crime figures for PUGLIA are reported for Dec.

Murders	24	with	13	arrests
Thefts	44	"	21	"
Extorsions	2	"	1	"
Arson	579	"	271	"

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Public Relations

13. Public relations continue to develop on the lines laid down in last months report .

Reaction to suggestions put forward by the PRU have been very satisfactory . In particular the management of the main cinemas in BARI have offered a 25% reduction on admission charges to tps . One box in the PICCINNI theatre has also been put at the disposal of hospital patients.

A command football team is being organised and has played friendly matches with two local civilian clubs . It will also take part in a provincial tournament in Jan.

PART III - "A"

Domestic

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Italian - Army

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218 recruits	to "Ariete" Div
782 recruits	to "Folgore" Div
346 recruits	to "Calabria" Bde
382 recruits	to IX Comilitar
684 recruits	to 9 Inf Regt
166 recruits	to PALERMO Air Force Gp
12 recruits	to 3 ZAT ROME
62 recruits	to 4 ZAT BARI
74 recruits	to Air Force Unit BARI

16. Release, rft and personnel deficiencies - See appx "I"

- one S/t Maj deferred release under terms of CMF letter 49002 of 22 Jun 46.

17. Tradesmen and specialists deficiencies - See appx "J"

18. Discipline state - See appx "H"

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17. Tradesmen and specialists deficiencies - See appx "D"

18. Discipline state - See appx "F"

19. Hospital and sick state - See appx "G"

20. Leave state - See appx "E"

21. Welfare

All canteens functioned normally during the month , daily attendance averaging 2500 . Canteens are still hampered by lack of funds and high prices . For this reason application has been made to Min of War for an increase of funds allocated to casa del soldato, BARI.

Ent has continued to be provided by the Casilitar theatrical coy . A cinema projector has been allocated to 9 Terr Comd by Min of War .

Tps get one free performance a week at local cinemas and a reduction 25% in charges when they pay .

CAF has continued welfare work in hospitals .

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22. Pay

The annual bonus of an extra month's pay was received during the month by officers , senior NCO's and civilian employees.

PART IV - "G"

Domestic

Maint

23. During the first half of the month certain units for local maint were started . DAA & QMG visited Piedimonte and Caserta Enclave .

Two months hard rations were drawn and the alternative methods of drawing fresh rations were examined (i.e. Italian Army and local purchase) . The possibility of drawing from Barletta U.K.F. camp was also gone into. Meanwhile the unit continued to draw some fresh items from the RAF reserparty at the Airport .

24. Tpt

Situation much improved with the two jeeps and 3 tonner causing little trouble . The Hillman utility was off the road most of the month .

Italian

25. General

Liaison with Italian units on "G" side was considerably reduced during month due to :-

(1) DAA & QMG's absence in Caserta and Naples on occupation with problems of local maint during first half of month.

(2) Christmas and New Year holidays and consequent absence on leave of some Italian officers during second half of month .

26. Tpt

Employment of Tpt decreased considerably due to smaller POL allocation with consequent improvement in maint situation .

Lack of spare parts continues to hamper workshops as also the cutting off of current two days a week . In the latter connection application has been made to the War for a generator set .

27. Clothing and Equipment

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Distribution of khaki uniforms pattern 46 to units out of Bari has been started . 4000 uniforms are being accumulated for the recruits of the Jan intake.

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Italian

25. General

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Blouses, bd, khaki, pattern 46	1316
Trousers	1355
Hats	5140
Misc items	4614

It has not been possible to manufacture khaki greatcoats due to deficiency of material .

28. Ammunition

Despatch of allied ammunition to all Ghalliters under War Min Letter 61/53/155000 of 21 Mar 46 continues and should be completed by the end of Jan . Despatch of allied ammunition to all CAR's for trg of 2nd batch of recruits is in course of completion .

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29. Weapons

S&L letter 82742/19594 of 21 Nov has proposed the substitution of 1902 Lee Enfield rifles 01 for the existing Washington rifles 03 held by 9 Inf Regt .

30. Accn

(a) Allied dorequisitions to the Army

The following properties have been dorequisitioned during the month .

University of Economics building
Imperiale Hotel
Polyclinic
Redipuglia Camp
Ex Nav Morland Camp
53 PTC Camp

(b) Works carried out by civil contractors

Bari Engr works at Porcelli barracks . Works are under at " S.Chiara" and "Milano" barracks are in advanced completion .

Brindisi Engr works at "Carafa" and depot are continuing .

Lecce Drainage of the [redacted] barracks is in course of completion .

31. POL

1. Allocation of POL to this Comd in Dec was :-

Petrol	22.500 Kilos
Gasoil	30.000 "

2. Consumption was :-

	Petrol	Gasoil
for trg	7.000	4.500
for veh mov	34.544	23.383
for cooking	-	-
for heating	-	-
Totals	41,544	27.883

32. Supplies

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Type Kilos Consigned

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The u/m consignments have been received :-

From Milan Commissariat

2045 kilos coffee on 28/11/46
100 quintals sugar on 30/11/46

From Naples Commissariat

100 quintals tomato sauce on 5/12/46 .

33. Medical Services

Nothing to report.

34. Movements

(a) 1 special train of 30 wagons transported recruits to Northern

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61 's during the month .

(b) A further 1053 recruits went to Northern OAR's in 52 was as attached to various passenger trains .

(c) Other movements of mil personnel in ordinary trains totalled 4561 men .

(d) Total ry stock employed was :-

Passenger wagons	126
Goods "	445
Flat tops	29

35. FT's

A total of 1498 FT's passed through 901 and 904 FT camps.

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APPENDIX "A"

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNITS and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

To amendment to Appendix "A" to 9 BLU Portal Htly report no. 1 of 1st Jan 1946.

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APPENDIX "B"

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

General Staff

GSO II		Major J.MILLER	HLI
TAG		Major J.FISHER	QUEENS

Branch of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster General

D.A. & Q.M.G.		Major F.S.TIPPER	WORCS REGT

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ALLEGATO "O"

STAFF LIST - 9 TERR COMD

(Lt Cols and above)

as per Order of Battle

HQ 9 Terr Comd

Commander	Gen di Div	Ugo TAVELLINI
Chief of Staff	Col	D. FIALETTI IRNTO
Deputy Chief of Staff	Ten Col	G. POLI
At Disposal	Gen di Brig	G. CASTELLANO
Chief O.C.I. office	Ten Col	L. FUSCO
Ops and Trg	Ten Col	G. MOVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V. DELL'ANNO
V C.I.	Ten Col	G. [illegible]
Int	Ten Col	G. CIAMAZZO
Records	Ten Col	R. SERVADEI
Personnel	Ten Col	G. TRECCIOLI
Terr Affairs	Col	G. LA FARA
Asst	Ten Col	T. CILLO
Asst	Ten Col	R. SCOTESE
Secretary	Ten Col	P. CESSO

Mil Academy - Lecce

Commandant	Gen di Brig	G. VERNA
Vice Commandant	Col	R. SCALETTARI
Geog and Phisics Inst	Ten Col	P. TARANTINI
Adjutant	Ten Col	G. PRIVITERA
PT Inst	Ten Col	T. SALAZAR
Admin Officer	Ten Col	A. ANTONANTE

9 Terr Mil Tribunal - D type - BARI

President	Gen di Brig	G. DI LUCA
Judge Advocate	Col	G. CHILLI
Judge Advocate	Col	F. TRAVERSA

9 CAR - BARI

Commander	Col	V. DE SETTIMI
Vice Commander	Ten Col	P. DI TO
At disposal	Ten Col	[illegible] SCIOTTI

9 Inf Regt

Commander 9 Inf Regt	Col	G. DI PAOLO

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Commander	Col	D. TRASELLI TRUTO
Chief of Staff	T. Col	G. TOLLI
Deputy Chief of Staff	Gen di Brig	S. CASTELLANO
At disposal	Ten Col	A. PESCE
Chief O.C.I. office	Ten Col	G. MOVATTO
Ops and Trg	Ten Col	V. DELL'ANNO
Org	Ten Col	G. [illegible]
V C/I	Ten Col	G. GRANAZZO
Int	Ten Col	P. [illegible]VACCA
Records	Ten Col	G. TRUCCOLI
Personnel	Col	G. LA PENNA
Terr A Pairs	Ten Col	T. CIULLO
Asst	Ten Col	D. CORTESE
Asst	Ten Col	F. GRECO
Secretary		

M.I. Academy - Lecce

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Judge Advocate	Col	G. CAPELLI
Judge Advocate	Col	L. TRAVERSA

9 CAR... - BARI

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Vice Commander	Ten Col	D. [illegible]LINO
At disposal	Ten Col	G. SCIASCIA

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9 Inf Regt

Commander 9 Inf Regt	Col	G. DI POLLO
CO 1 Bn	Ten Col	P. [illegible]ANZI
CO 3 Bn	Ten Col	V. [illegible]INSETTA
At Disposal	Ten Col	[illegible]. [illegible]UCOLI

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil District (Class 2)

Commandant	Col	C. MICCIANI
Records	Ten Col	F. CORTELLI
Stores	Ten Col	V. COUNZO
PW office	Ten Col	V. GIULIANI
CO Dist Unit	Ten Col	D. SUPPO
Deputy Officer	Ten Col	G. NOBILE

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4. Sil District (Class 5)

Commandant	Ton Col	L. AFFAJ
Admin Officer	Maj Col	B. GRACU TI

5. Sil District (Class 5)

Commandant	Col	S. GALINSKI
Admin officer	Ton Col	C. PAUL
Chief Dist office	Ton Col	S. ILLANO

30 Sil Dist (Class 5)

Commandant	Col	L. [illegible]
Recruits	Ton Col	P. [illegible]
Supply officer	Ton Col	S. [illegible]

64 Sil District (Class 5)

Commandant	Col	L. [illegible]
Records	Ton Col	G. [illegible]
Mil Education	Ton Col	C. [illegible]

72 Sil District (Class 5)

Commandant	Col	G. [illegible]
Admin officer	Ton Col	[illegible]
Records	Ton Col	[illegible]
PW Section	Ton Col	[illegible]

46 Sil District (Class 4)

Commandant	Col	G. [illegible]
Records	Ton Col	L. [illegible]

TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS

24 Town Depot

OC	Ton Col	L. [illegible]
Admin Officer	Ton Lt	D. [illegible]

25 Town Depot

OC	Col	[illegible]

29 Town Depot

OC	Ton Col	G. [illegible]

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6d Mil Dist (Cl ass 3)

Commandant	Col	A. [illegible]
Records	Lt Col	[illegible]
Deputy officer	Lt Col	[illegible]

6f Mil District (Class 3)

Commandant	Col	[illegible]
Records	Lt Col	[illegible]
Mil Station	Lt Col	[illegible]

7f Mil District (Class 3)

Commandant	Col	[illegible]
Admin Officer	Lt Col	[illegible]
Records	Lt Col	[illegible]
PW Section	Lt Col	[illegible]

4f Mil District (Class 4)

Commandant	Col	[illegible]
Records	Lt Col	[illegible]

TRAINING AND PUBLIC

24 Repl Depts

CO	Lt Col	[illegible]
Admin Officer	Lt Col	[illegible]

25 Repl Depts

CO	Col	[illegible]

29 Repl Depot

CO	Lt Col	[illegible]
Records	Lt Col	[illegible]
PMCO Commission	Lt Col	[illegible]

32 Repl Depot

CO	Lt Col	[illegible]

48 Repl Depot

CO	Lt Col	[illegible]

MEDICAL SERVICE

9 Port POE Directorate

Director	Col	[illegible]

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STAFF LIST (contd)

ADH	Ten Col	L. AMBROSI
AD Legal	Ten Col	L. GRAZIA

9 Principal Term Hospital

Director	Ten Col	R. GIORDANO
President CMC	Ten Col	S. LEPANTINO
Secretary	Ten Col	... LAVORE
Observation Wing	Ten Col	P. PARAGONA
Officers Sect	Ten Col	... PERRELLI
Chief Pharmacist	Ten Col	R. DEI BENEDICTIS
Surgery Sec	Ten Col	M. PAPAGNO
" "	Ten Col	P. GAGLIARDI

Secondary Hospital (Type A/2)

Director	Ten Col	A. MANCINI

9 Mod Organization War Formations

President	Ten Col	G. PECORARO
Assistant	Ten Col	C. DE CARL

COMMUNICATION ZONE

9 Mil Commissariat Directorate

Director	Col	G. OCCHIPINTI
Vice Director	Ten Col	A. [illegible]
CO DSD	Ten Col	M. VITELLI

ARMY SERVICE

HQ 9 Terr Arty

Commander	Gen Mil Rank	[illegible]
Chief Arty Officer	Ten Col	E. SARTORI
Asst	Ten Col	V. GIANCOLA
		E. DE SANTIS

9 Arty Directorate

Director	Col	G. GRANDE
Vice Director	Ten Col	A. CERMINO
Secretary	Ten Col	G. SAPONELLI
Asst	Ten Col	P. CARMINO

Det Arty Sec BARI

CO	Ten Col	G. SCOTTO

Det Arty Sec BRINDISI

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	Ten Col	R. GAGLIARDI

Sec Hosp Mil Hospital (Type A/2)

Director	Ten Col	A. MANTICA

2 Med Commission War Pensions

President	Ten Col	S. PISCITELLI
Assistant	Ten Col	C. DE CARO

COMMISSARIAT SERVICE

2 Mil Commissariat Directorate

Director	Col	G. OCCHIETTI
Vice Director	Ten Col	A. ZALEI
OC ISD	Ten Col	M. VITELLI

ARMY SERVICE

HQ 2 Corps Arty

Commander	Gen di Brig	E. SELLERI
Chief Arty Officer	Ten Col	V. CILOCCA
Asst	Ten Col	E. DE SANTIS

2 Arty Directorate

Director	Col	G. GRADI
Vice Director	Ten Col	A. CILURZO
Secretary	Ten Col	G. SANTARELLI
Asst	Ten Col	P. CARDO

Det Arty Sec BARI

CO	Ten Col	C. SCOTTO

Det Arty Sec BRINDISI

CO	Ten Col	R. TANESE

Ammo Depot TARANTO

CO	Ten Col	G. CARBERROGLIO

MOTORIZATION SERVICE

2 Repair Unit - Bari

Director	Col	V. SPONZILLO

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Requisitioning officer	Ten Col	G. POLI

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Chief Engr Officer	Col	C. LUCCHINI

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Asst	Ten Col	S. PIERRO
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MISCELLANEOUS

901 PW Transit Camp

CO	Ten Col	D. NUOVO

904 PW Transit Camp

CO	Col	E. LEZEI

MOVEMENT CONTROL SERVICE

CO	Ten Col	C. COLOSIMO

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APPENDIX "D"

DEFICIENCIES OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS DURING MONTH OF DEC 1946

TRADESMEN	9 CAR	9 Inf Regt	Misc Units
carpenters	1		
bricklayers	2		13
cooks	3		13
blacksmiths	1	3	
taylors		4	1
barbers		6	
linemen		21	14
cobblers			2
orderlies			1
storeman			1
% to total str	23.33	55.38	21.17

SPECIALISTS			
clerks	6	1	1
typists	11		
drivers	2	165	45
telephone operators	5	61	12
armourers		9	
accountants			
wireless operators		87	23
mechanics		22	
hospital orderlies		13	
motorcyclists		55	14
nurses			1
arty mechanics			0
electricians			1
motor mechanics			9
vulcanisers			1
radiator mechanics			2
blacksmiths			1
turners			1
motor fitters			1
diesel nors			4
mechanics / motor pumps			3
gas fitters			
miners			

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carpenters	1		13
bricklayers	2		13
cooks	3	3	
blacksmiths	1		
taylors		4	1
barbers		8	
linemen		21	14
cobblers			2
orderlies			1
storeman			1
% to total str	23.33	55.50	21.17

SEMI-SKILLED

clerks	6	1	1
typists	11		
drivers	2	185	45
telephone operators	5	61	12
armourers		9	
accountants	1		
wireless operators		87	23
mechanics		22	
hospital orderlies		13	
motorcyclists		55	14
nurses			1
arty mechanics			8
electricians			1
motor mechanics			9
vulcanisers			1
radiator mechanics			2
blacksmiths			1
turners			1
motor fitters			1
designers			1
mechanics, motor pumps			4
gas fitters			3
miners			4
telephone mechanics			2
teletype operators			3
trumpeters			1
% to total str	44.82	80.65	25.56

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APPENDIX "F"

DISCIPLINE STATE FOR DEC 46

	9 CAR PS	9 CAR Recruits	9 Inf	Misc Units
Absent, over 7 days	4	-	1	5
Courts martial	2	-	8	2
Regt Crime	31	-	70	25
% to total str	3	-	2	2.04

APPENDIX "F"

HOSPITAL AND SICK STATE FOR DEC 46

	9 CAR PS	9 CAR Recruits	9 Inf	Misc Units
Admissions	16	15	32	45
Discharges	11	12	5	22
Unit sick	180	60	17	197
% to total str				
Admissions	0.30	2	2	7
Discharges	0.20	2	0.20	5.67
Unit sick	4	6	1	24

APPENDIX "G"

LEAVE STATE FOR DEC 46

	9 CAR	9 Inf	Misc Units

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Rept Crime	31	-	70	25
% to total str	3	-	2	2.04

APPENDIX "B"

HOSPITAL AND SICK STATS FOR DEC 46

	9 CAR PS	9 CAR Recruits	9 Inf	Misc Units
Admissions	18	15	32	43
Discharges	11	12	3	22
Unit sick	180	60	17	197
% to total str				
Admissions	0.30	2	2	7
Discharges	0.20	2	0.20	5.67
Unit sick	4	6	1	24

APPENDIX "C"

LEAVE STATS FOR DEC 46

3002

	9 CAR	9 Inf	Misc Units
Officers	50	12	54
NCO's	125	30	98
Ptes	43	150	144
% on total str			
Officers	55.55	12	12.02
NCO's	6.3	16	10.06
Ptes	8	10	9.04

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ANNEXURE "I"

[redacted], 1ST AIR DIVISION STATUS FOR JUNE 1945

	9 GAR	9 Inf	Misc Units
KILLED			
Officers	1	-	1
Senior NCO's	-	5	5
Junior NCO's	71	31	31
Ptes	111	174	320
WOUNDED			
Officers			
Senior NCO's			
Junior NCO's		NIL	
Ptes			
MISSING			
Officers	25	-	25
Senior NCO's	-	-	10
Junior NCO's	49	33.13	11
Ptes	-	-	36

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APPENDIX "I"

COURSE ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR DEC 1946

COURSES	9 CAR			9 Raf			Other Units		
	Offrs	NCO's	Ptes	Offrs	NCO's	Ptes	Offrs	NCO's	Ptes
Drill course for CAR personnel held at CAR during periods 29 Nov - 10 Dec and 11 Dec - 20 Dec							AG	76	119
Course for employment of mine detectors held at [illegible]							1		6
81 mm mortar course.							2		4
Course on new weapons for senior officers held at CAR HQ.							1		
Course for new arty units held at [illegible]							1		
Motor mechanics course.									
Course on weapons and their tactical employment, held at 9 CAR.							20	10.	35
Signal course held at CECCHIGNOLA and CIVITAVECCHIA schools.								5	20 6
Maint of MT held at 9 Autoreparto.								1	19

APPENDIX "J"

TRANSLATION

FROM :- Commander 9 Torr Card

To :- Maj J. MILLAN
O.C. 9 FBU

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Course on new weapons for senior officers held at CAR HQ				1			
Course for new duty units held at BRESCIANO .				1			
Motor mechanics course.					3		
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Signal course held at CECCHIGNOLA and CIVITAVECCHIA schools .						5	28 6
Maint of MT held at 9 Autoreparto.							1 19

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T R A N S L A T I O N

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FROM :- Commander 9 Torr Gard
To :- Maj J. SULLIVAN
G.C. 9 BLU

In referring to your letter of 30 Dec in which you notified me of the imminent closing down of 9 BLU , I can really say [illegible] by way for the decision which terminates the active collaboration now existing between 9 BLU and my HQ is sincerely and fully reciprocated by myself and the officers under my command.

It has been the aim of my HQ to stimulate the spirit of mutual consideration and confidence which is indispensable to a moral and material reconstruction . In this delicate task the efficiency and understanding shown by yourself and your officers has greatly contributed to this purpose .

Finally, together with the feeling of esteem of myself and all my officers, I wish to convey my best wishes for your good fortune and a sincere hope for the greater collaboration between our countries in a free and peaceful world.

With much cordiality,

U. TORRIGIANI

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SUBJECT: Periodical Report No. 17 - Amendments.

9 British Liaison Unit
BAR#

Ref : 4/61

13 Dec 1946

HQ BMIA (SC)
10 BLU

MINISTRY OF WAR
FILE G/37/9A
DATE 13th Dec 46

Please amend Periodical Report No 17 as under:

Para 6 (b) second line : for '46' read '2b'

Appx "D" : for '9 Engr Coy' read '9 Sig Coy'

'9 Sig Coy' read '9 Engr Coy'

Appx "F" : 'Rifles 303' against def read '= 6'.

(J. MILMAN) Major,
Comd 9 BLU.

Distribution: G/37/9
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'Q'

Amended.
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as at 1st December 1946 No 14 follows it. We received the Report

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FILE 2/37/9/A
DATE 17.12.46

2 BDU INSPECTION REPORT - Bns 2 Inf Regt

1. Visits were paid to all bns 2 Inf Regt during the period 26 Nov - 3 Dec 1946. This report deals with points noted and cover org, adm and trg.

Re-org

2. Re-org of MG pls in accordance with SHE letter 4427/Org/1 of 15 Sep involved reduction of MG pls to str 38. This reduction has not taken place and MG pls remain at str 40 build up of nor pls to str 38 has been achieved by transfers as under

SD/103 folio 45 Para 2 III.

From Recce Pl	3
" Int Sec	1
" Sq Servisi	2

SD/103 folio 80A cover III.

Some problems were stated to exist in connection with the re-org called for in War Min 5090/Org/1 of 17 Oct 46 particularly in regard to the proposed reduction in the number of Rifle coys and MG pls and in the selection of the appropriate employments for elimination in HQ orgs (incl Regt HQ).

Officers of the BDU will be pleased to advise in any problems as required, or in representing to MMLA any difficulties which may arise.

Employment of Tns

4. A survey of str states of 2 and 3 Bns showed the following situation : the number of pers from 2 Bn employed on grn duties appear to be rather high.

Posted Str	Offr	S/O	Tr
2 Bn	28	67	471
3 Bn	25	54	534
Grn Gds and ex Bn camp			
2 Bn	4	21	178
3 Bn	1	12	97
Tem/absent (hospital, leave, courses)			
2 Bn	6	3	68

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Employment of Tps

4. A survey of str states of 2 and 3 Bns showed the following situation : the number of pers from 2 Bn employed on fn duties appear to be rather high.

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Tps/absent (hospital, leave, courses)			
2 Bn	6	9	65
3 Bn	6	10	72

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5. Trg

As local trg areas are few in number and the time available for fd trg amounting to four days per month for each coy is very limited, it is desirable that the greatest economy of time is exercised. To meet this necessity an alteration in daily routine on fd trg days is required. The normal routine hours of morning trg 0700 - 1030 necessitate tps returning by 1030 for their meal . As trg areas are some distance away the time

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spent in actual trg on the ground is very short.

On fd trg days it would seem preferable therefore that, the ration situation permitting, tps should have some food before leaving barracks, carry a light ration on them for a midday meal and stay on the trg ground for a longer period than is possible at present.

6. As regards the detailed org of trg there is a tendency for squads under instruction to be too large. The shortage of junior instructors amounting to approx 50% is appreciated and strenuous efforts to produce these by implementing the cadres is necessary.

7. In order to increase the competitiveness of individual trg maintenance in coys of a fuller record of individual trg results would be of value. A system whereby a careful record of individual trg tests are posted up on coy notice boards is recommended, and can be used as the basis for an -nal competition.

The DLU trg major can provide any further details as required.

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9. GOC ... has stressed the importance of expanding during 1947 the 1946 trg policy outlined in War Mdn 4446/B/4 of May 46 and lays particular emphasis on offr tac trg and the carrying out of fd exercises at Bn or higher level.

Officers of the DLU are at disposal to assist in the preparation of trg discussions, exercises etc if and when desired.

10. Care and maint of weapons in general use is satisfactory.

There appears to be a shortage of rifle oil and flannel and in consequence attention to the system for care and maint of arms in store is most important. If weapons in store are cleaned and inspected once per week the needs of economy in cleaning materials and care of arms would be reconciled.

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Welfare

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The lack of daily and weekly papers, books, indoor games and sport eqpt is very noticeable.

The only funds at disposal of CO's appear to accrue from unit canteen profits averaging approx 10,000 lire monthly part of which may be used for family assistance.

12. On the other hand considerable effort is devoted to concert i.e. live and cinema shows and "Casa del Soldato"; but the conclusion reached is that too much emphasis is placed on collective ent and not enough support given to unit welfare.

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The following facts appear to relate to the situation.

- War Min grant a quarterly allotment of 750,000 lire to Terr Comd.
- A theatrical coy composed of 22 mil pers and 24 civilian artists is maintained.
- Excess of quarterly expenditure over income on this coy averages 500,000 lire.
- Average quarterly attendance is 60,000.
- Average overall str of 9 Terr Comd is 11,000 approx
- Thus an average attendance of 6 shows per man per quarter represents the individual soldiers share in the 500,000 excess expenditure.
- Wages of 3 CAF pers, misc extra duty payments and family assistance are additional charges against the balance of 250,000 lire.

15. In general therefore it appears desirable that either a different dist of funds between collective ent and unit welfare is required or that collective ent should be made self-supporting ; also that the further development of unit canteens should be considered.

Medical

14. Unit MO's complain of lack of sulphs drugs. Investigation of similar complaint in Aug revealed that adequate stocks of these drugs were held at "BONOMO" hospital.

Hygiene and San .

15. Cook-houses are in general well scrubbed out and clean but more attention to the exclusion of flies from food stuffs is required.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT NO. 17

as at 1st December 1946

M.M.I.A. - 'G'
FILE S/37/9/A.
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PART I - GENERAL

Domestic

1. During the first half of the month the tpt situation had deteriorated to a point at which visiting and inspection was brought to a stand still. This period was used for examining various aspects of org and adm and for preparation of a programme of inspections.

With the easing of the tpt problem by the receipt of two new vehicles, a programme of visits in the second half of the month was carried out as shown below.

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Italian - Army

3. The "Mostra dell'Esercito" was on show in BARI from 17 - 24 Nov . 9 Inf Regt marched past at a parade arranged for the opening ceremony.

CC

4. 3 Nov Gen Silvio ROLLINO comd 3 div visited HQ Foggia MP .

12 - 14 Nov Gen MANCA Arodeo comd 5 Bde visited HQ's and Dets at SAN SEVERO, BARLETTA, TRANI and BARI.

14 Nov Gen Ugo TABELLINI comd 9 Terr Command (Army) inspected BARI legion barracks.

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17 Nov One coy took part in the military parade at the opening of the Army exibition.

PART II - "G"

Re-org - Army

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9. Str and location state of 9 Engr and 9 Sig Coy are shown at appx "D". Para 12 MELA 1007 of 1 Oct 46 refers.

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CC

10. Dets of Mob In up to coy str have been despatched on IS duties to outlying parts of the province for varying periods.

Trg - Army

11. After reaching coy level in Oct, trg in 9 Inf Regt degenerated during Nov owing to release and rft consequent on conclusion of CAR trg of 2nd intake.

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Attention has also been drawn to the need for In exercises the scope of which awaits further discussion.

14. 9 CAR is carrying out various instructional cadres in the interim period preparatory to the next course.

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16. No further information has been received here on the scheme for affiliation to Inf Div outlined in BMA Trg/28/1 of 23 Aug 46. This would be particularly valuable now in view of the situation regarding ex PW noted ref above, if the general standard in Inf Div is higher than Ind Regts. Action Trg/28/ 22 Aug

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18. Cond MRI legion reports that trg of both Legion and Mob Bn has been limited to individual trg . In addition the Mob Bn has carried out various specialist courses/drivers and sigs.

19. The recruit trg est awaits the arrival of new recruits prior to commencing a new course.

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Political

20. Municipal elections were held in Bari on 24 Nov and passed off without undue disturbance. The Democratic block in which "Uomo Qualunque" were strongest was elected by a 4000 majority over the combined Communist, Socialist and Action party opposition.

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22. There is NO change from previous reports in either the internal economic situation or in the opinion of the population on international affairs . Communist aims are not well supported generally in PUGLIA except in TARANTO and ANDRIA.

Army

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Riots	15
Arson	539 cases with 181 arrests
Armed Robbery	22 cases with 27 arrests

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Public Relations

25. Attendance at the "Mostra Dell'Esercito" exhibition is stated to have exceeded 100,000.

26. Connection with local civil press and radio authorities is fairly well established .

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Local newspapers are cooperative with the exception of "LA VOCE" (communist) .

Agreement has been reached with the Italian Radio Corp for broadcasting of important military functions and for inclusion of items in the radio news broadcasts .

Relations with the civil authorities are cordial, but do not yet extend to the point where wealthy bodies such as the Camera di Commercio could demonstrate their interest by presenting a trophy or other financial support for the benefit of their city Regt or CAR. Terr Comd are being urged to work up such an interest if possible .

Some ent shows of the Terr Comd theatrical coy are open to the public (See also para 34 below).

There is some attempt to participate in sport with civilian clubs . 9 Terr Comd are being urged to give more attention to the whole aspect of sport.

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Domestic

Personnel

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Italian - Army

28. Str states as at 30 Nov 46 :-

	Off	S/O	Tr
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NOTE :- 9 Inf Regt state that overall authorised str after re-org will be 107 off , 197 S/off and 1346 trupps.

28. Deficiency state of tradesmen and specialists as at 30 Nov 46.

	Tradesmen	Specialists
9 Inf Regt	9 - 20%	454 - 81%
Misc Units	13 - 6%	119 - 20%

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29. Discipline State for Nov 46

	9 CAR PS	9 CAR Recruits	9 Inf	Misc Units
Absent over 7 days	86	24	6	5
Courts Martial	4	1	7	2
Rept Crime	31	89	69	229
% to total str	7.7%	0.39%	1.7%	8.53%

30. Hospital and Sick State for Nov 46.

	9 CAR PS	9 CAR Recruits	9 Inf	Misc Units
Admissions	86	108	35	15
Discharges	61	94	24	14
Unit Sick	602	1248	60	101
% to total str				
Admissions	0.51	0.12	2	5
Discharges	0.36	0.12	1.4	4.33
Unit Sick	3.58	1.45	3.5	20

31. Leave State for Nov 46.

	9 CAR	9 Inf	Misc Units
Officers	6	19	54
NCO's	6	24	57
Pte's	128	233	223

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% on total strength			
Officers	7.5	19	12.06
NCO's	3.63	10	6.4
Ptes	3.93	15	10.59

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32. Attention of HQ 9 Torr Command is drawn to the fact that being
9 CAR has the highest absence and lowest leave rate of all units.

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33. Str State as at 30 Nov 46

	WE	Posted Str	Deficient	Remarks
Legion	2933	3775 (1)	-	(1) Incl formations attached to various Army Units
Mob Bn	537	537	-	
Allievi	300	54	Recruits who will attend the next course are arriving	

Welfare - Army

34. (a) Collective ent (i.e. live and cinema shows) is well organised with the exception of Grn canteens (case del soldato) but War Min policy by which the comparatively large amount of money at disposal of Terr Comds is allocated to collective ent at the expense of Unit welfare seems to miss the main object of welfare.

The following details illustrate the position in this Terr Comd:-

- A quarterly allotment of 750.000 lire is made to Terr Comd
- A theatrical coy composed of 22 mil personnel and 24 civilian artists is maintained.
- Excess of quarterly expenditure over income on this coy averages 500.000 lire.
- Average quarterly attendance is 60.000
- Average overall str of 9 Terr Comd is 11.000
- Thus an average attendance of 6 shows per man per quarter represents the individual soldiers share in the 500.00 lire excess expenditure.
- Wages of three CAF personnel, misc extra duty payments and family assistance are additional charges against the balance of 250.000 lire.

The fact that cinemas and music halls exist in adequate quantity in most grn towns and that mil pers are admitted at reduced charges should also be considered.

Although used to a considerable extent "Case del Soldato" are of inferior quality and require further development, but to an even greater extent the development of unit canteen amenities would appear to be highly desirable.

By comparison with the effort expended on collective ent, the standard of unit welfare is very low despite strenuous efforts of CO's to promote canteen amenities . Accn in general is good and well developed.

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Newspapers, books, indoor games and sport eqpt in units are either conspicuous by their absence or in very short supply.

Therefore it appears that either a better distribution of funds between collective ent or unit welfare is required, or that collective ent should be made self-supporting.

(b) A SAPRI offrs shop has opened in BARI. At the moments sales are limited to wines and food stuffs, but will be expanded shortly to include other items.

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PART IV - "G"

Domestic

Maint

35. The unit continues to draw rations here from RAF and has NAAFI supplies in hand for another 3 weeks.

36. Tpt

The following vehicles were received during Nov :-

1 FORD 5 cwt 4 x 4

1 DODGE 3 ton 4 x 2

Italian

Tpt - Army

37. State of 9 Reports as at 30 Nov 46.

	W/C's	Cars	Trucks	Ambulances	Light W/Esp
Holding	19	19	75	20	-
Deficiency on WE	1	-	5	-	1
Surplus on WE	-	2	-	-	-

Also held surplus to WE are :-

1 car for officers visiting Lecce Academy
1 truck for Centre Confezioni e Recuperi
1 mobile cinema
1 bus
1 mobile bath and refuelling trailer
7 trucks for FV camp MILANTO
1 cars truck for Mil Prison, Barletta

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38. Owing to shortage of petrol this month vehicles have been off the road and more time has been given to maintenance but the spare part situation continues to be difficult. Even spare gears for a well known truck such as FIAT 626 are unobtainable from

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The following vehicles were received during Nov :-

1 FORD 5 cwt 4 x 4

1 DODGE 3 ton 4 x 2

Italian

Tpt - Army

37. Strength at 9 Reports as at 30 Nov 46.

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38. Owing to shortage of petrol this month vehicles have been off the road and more time has been given to maintenance but the spare part situation continues to be difficult. Even spare pears for a well known truck such as FIAT 616 are unobtainable from the Turin factory.

Shortage of tubes and tyres is still the most acute problem.

39. There is a shortage of drivers at 9 Reports and this will become worse when 60 more are released shortly. The deficiency will be made good in time but new drivers are not usually found efficient for a month or two.
Driving school started in Sept is still functioning when petrol can be spared.

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40. Tpt state of CC as at 30 Nov 46.

	Deficiency on WE			Vehs received during the month		
	M/C's	Cars	Trucks	M/C's	Cars	Trucks
Legion	99	19	31	6	1	4
Mob Bn	53	-	8	18	-	-

41. Clothing and Eqpt

Distribution of khaki uniforms (b/dress pattern 46) has been completed. The late CAR was equipped with the new b/dress before closing down in the middle of the month. Material for greatcoats is still not available.

Arms and Ammunition

42. On 29 Nov a visit was paid to 9 Arty Directorate at TARANTO. This HQ is responsible for all ammo in the Comd. In addition to the TERLIZZI depot ammo stores are located as follows :-

TARANTO (5)
BRINDISI (3)
LECCE (1)
S MICHELE DI BARI (1)

A list of all holdings at these depots both British and Italian is being prepared. When completed it is suggested that a British technical expert should visit this area to inspect British ammo an report on storage. MMIA 1390 of 19 Nov refers.

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45. The standard of care and maintenance of weapons in daily use is quite good.

9 Inf Regt complains of a shortage of rifle oil and flannellette and that it is difficult to keep care and maint of weapons in store up to the same standard.

46. The armourers of 9 Inf Regt are completely deficient of tools and eqpt.

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Accn

47. Engineering work services have been done during the month at :-

PORCELLI Barracks Bari	Electrical and plumbing
Ex Mil Hospital BARI	Officers quarters
MILANO Barracks BARI	- " -
LECCE	Drainage

48. The situation as regards married families accomodation continues to improve slowly.

In this connection two reasons were recently given for not moving the Bns of 9 Inf which have been in their present locations over a year.

(a) The difficulty in moving the married families around.

(b) The fact that every officer receives a grant of 4500 lire and senior NCO's 2500 lire for each move he has to make.

Supplies

49. Wef second fortnight in Nov, 11 days fresh and 2 days tinned meat have been issued . Rations for the remaining 2 days have been bought locally by the Coml to the extent of 40 lire plus 15 (supply allowance) per head per day.

Cheese ration (in substitution for meat) has been increased from 60 to 75 grams.

POL

50. Petrol allocation to this Coml in Nov was 22.500 kilos or about half normal and stocks were drawn on to the extent of about 26.000 kilos .

Medical

51. An increased wood fuel ration has been allotted to hospitals and for ablutions . MO's in units have complained (on recent inspection) of a shortage of sulpha drugs.

Nov

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Mov

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Following ry stock was used for mil purposes during Nov.

Passenger coaches	196
Goods waggons	361
Flats	10
Tankers	60

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53. PW

126 PW's passed through 901 and 904 PW Transit camps during Nov (Note :- Latest PW arrivals from Yugo-Slavia are not incl in this figure).

54. 9 Terr Comd Location List — See Appx "A"

55. 9 BIU Staff List — See Appx "B"

56. 9 Terr Comd Staff List — See Appx "C"

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(J.MIBLIN) Major GS
Comd 9 BIU

6 Nov 1946

Dist

	Copy No.
MIIA	1 - 4
10 BIU	5
BARI Det Air Force Sub Commission	6
G2	7
D/S	8
Trg	9
Filo	- 10
Sparc	11 - 12

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APPENDIX "A"

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

No amendments to Appendix "A" to 9 BLU fortnightly Report No. 1 of 1st Jan 1946.

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APPENDIX "E"

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

General Staff

GSO II	Major J. MILMAN	HLI
TRG	Major J. FLEMING	QUEENS

Branch of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster General

DAA & QMG	Major P.S. TIPPLE	WORCS Regt

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APPENDIX "B"

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

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TRG	Major J. FLEMING	QUEENS

Branch of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster General

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APPENDIX "C"

Amendments to APPENDIX "C" to 9 BIU Periodical Report No. 15 of 1st Oct 46.

Mil Academy - Lecce

Commander	delete :-	Col.	BELARDINI	Roberto
	add :-	Brig. Gen	VITTA	Gildo
Vice Commander	add :-	Col.	POLLASTRINI	Remo
OC Cadets' Bn	delete :-	Ten Col	TEMBAJOLO	Nicola
OC Depot	delete :-	Ten Col	SILLA	Mario

HQ 9 Terr Engr

Commander	delete :-	Col	TANTERNA	Mario

3 Mil District

Adjutant	add :-	Ten Col	NOBILE	Giacinto
		(ex judge advocate at 9 Mil tribunal)		

4 Mil District

Commander	delete :-	Ten Col	GRAZIANI	Enrico
	add :-	Ten Col	ARPAIA	Luigi
Admin Officer	add :-	Ten Col	GRAZIANI	Enrico

30 Mil District

Adjutant	add :-	Ten Col	TARONA	Tommaso

76 Mil District

EW Branch	add :-	Ten Col	ENRICO	Filippo

FERTILIZZI Area Depot

OC	add :-	Ten Col	CANDEROGLIO	Giulio
		(ex OC Potenza stores)		

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Commander

Vice Commander

CC Cadets' Bn

CC Depot

HQ 9 Terr Engr

Commander

3 Mil District

Adjutant

4 Mil District

Commander

Admin Officer

38 Mil District

Adjutant

78 Mil District

Bn Branch

TERLIZZI Area Depot

CO

add :- Brig. Gen VERRA Gildo

add :- Col. PONZASTRINI Remo

delete :- Ten Col FERRAJOLO Nicola

delete :- Ten Col SERRA Mario

delete :- Col TAMPIERI Mario

add :- Ten Col NOBILE Giacinto
(ex judge advocate at 9 Mil tribunal)

delete :- Ten Col GHAZLANI Enrico

add :- Ten Col AMBRA Luigi

add :- Ten Col GHAZLANI Enrico

add :- Ten Col IARONA Tommaso

add :- Ten Col ELICO Filippo

add :- Ten Col CARNEVALI Giulio
(ex CC Potenza stores)

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APPENDIX "D"

Sig

9 AIR CCU - Str and Location State as at 30 Nov 46

Str	Offr	S/U	Tr
WE	4	9	113
Posted Str	4	28	49
Location			
Spy HQ	3	11	20
BARI Sig Centre	1	13	11
TARANTO Sig Centre		2	7
BRINDISI Sig "		1	6
LECCE Sig "		1	5

Eng

9 SIG CCU - Str and Location State as at 30 Nov 46

Str	Offr	S/U	Tr
WE	4	5	125
Posted Str	4	10	90
Location			
BARI	4	8	70
LECCE		1	5
TRANI		1	5
BRINDISI			7
GIOIA			2

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Location

Coy HQ	3	11	20
BARI Sig Centre	1	13	11
TARANTO Sig Centre		2	7
BRINDISI Sig "		1	6
LECCE Sig "		1	5

Eng
2 SIG COY - Str and Location State as at 30 Sep 46

Str	Offr	S/U	Tr
HQ	4	5	125
Posted Str	4	10	90

Location

BARI	4	8	70
LECCE		1	5
TRANI		1	5
BRINDISI			7
GIOIA			2
MANCAVILLA			1

Note :- Personnel out of sta are employed mainly as storemen.

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APPENDIX "B"

INSTRUCTORS STATE AS AT 20 NOV 1946

9 CAR	6 offrs	- 97 senior NCO's	- 109 junior NCO's
9 Inf	27 "	- 42 " "	- 94 " "

COURSE ATTENDANCE STATE FOR MONTH OF NOV

	9 CAR			9 Inf			Misc Unit		
COURSE	Offrs	NCO's	Ptes	Offrs	NCO's	Ptes	Offrs	NCO's	Pte
Pre course carried out at CAR	1	1	12						
D & M course carried out at 9 Rep Unit							All the Nat Sc CC		
Arms and tactics course for senior offrs and Capts held at Cesano				3					
Course for Arty NCO's for onward transmission to arty regts, held at Bracciano school.					6			12	
Course for arty instructors (offrs and NCO's) held at Civitavecchia school.									
Cyphers course held by Int Branch SHE								2	
PT course for instructors held at Rome.			1						
3rd coy cmds course for offrs and NCO's of Inf Regts not belonging to Divisions, held at Cesano				1	4				
1st mortar course for offrs									

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COURSE ATTENDANCE STATE FOR MONTH OF NOV

COURSE	9 CAR Offrs	9 CAR NCO's	9 CAR Ptes	9 Inf Offrs	9 Inf NCO's	9 Inf Ptes	Misc Unit Offrs	Misc Unit NCO's	Misc Unit Pte
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D & M course carried out at 9 Rep Unit							All the Hdqrs Bn CC		
Arms and tactics course for senior offrs and Capts held at Cesano				3					
Course for Arty NCO's for onward transmission to arty regts, held at Bracciano school.					6			12	
Course for arty instructors (offrs and NCO's) held at Civitavecchia school.								2	
Cyphers course held by Int Branch SHE							2		
PT course for instructors held at Rome.	1								
3rd coy comds course for offrs and NCO's of Inf Regts not belonging to Divisions, held at Cesano				1	4				
1st mortar course for offrs and NCO's of Inf Regts held at Cesano				2	4				

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APPENDIX "F"

2 Inf Bde Weapon State as at 30 Nov 46

	Scale	Holding	Def	Remarks
30 Nov	149	-	149	
TSMG	523	518	5	
Rifles 303	1596	1602 (a)	6	(a) Type F1A to be exchanged for F1B
Sniper rifles	21	-	21	
PIAT Mor	45	49	-	
2" Mor	27	-	27	
3" Mor	18	-	18	
MMG	24	24	-	

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SUBJECT :- 9 BLU Periodical Report No. 16

9 British Liaison Unit
BARI
4/51
9th Nov 1946

TO :- LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (4)

10 PLU (1)

Please amend as under :-

Para 1 (b) for 5th Oct
read 5th Nov

(J. MILLAN) Major,
Cmd 9 BLU.

MMIA - 'G'
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as at 1st November 1946

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10 October Capt. JONES R.A.S.C. 10 B.L.U. visited BARI and inspected supply units and depots in BARI, TARANTO and FOGGIA accompanied by D.A.D.L. & Q.M.G.

22 October Capt JONES visited BARI en route to inspect supply units and depots at LECCE.

2. Italian

Gen TAMBURINI inspected 9 Inf Regt and took the salute at a march past on the occasion of the annual Regtl day.

Mario Bianco

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PART II - G

Employment of troops

3. Army Ass C.C.

One coy of 9 Inf Regt was sent to IRSINA MATERA province on 29th Sep to prevent disturbances by strikers returning 3 Col. There were NO incidents.

4. C.C.

No variation from routine in their employment.

5. Training

Army Ass C.C.

(a) More information is required concerning training policy action so that directives etc of 9 Corps HQ and lower formations ref my 23/12 of 4 Nov and units can be compared.

(b) 9 Inf Regt

Both individual training and platoon and coy field training has been carried out . Bns carried out the following exercises.

1st Bn

The platoon mopping up a group of houses by all coys.

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3rd Bn

See formations by all coys.

See training in defence attack etc by all coys.

Pl field firing exercise by 3 pls of 11 Coy.

Mortar Coy

A certain amount of tactical training with the mortar has been carried out but the greater portion appears to be individual training with rifles etc.

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(c) C.A.R.

The training of the C.A.R. has been progressing satisfactorily in spite of the shortage of instructors (See appendix D), the programme laid down having been strictly adhered to with little alteration owing to bad weather. The recruits of this course are showing greater promise probably owing to their coming from the North and the greater experience of the instructors after the first course.

(d) Weapons

The Inf Regt has not yet received the 38 pistols or Snipers Rifles or the 60% deficiency of bayonets for the U.S. Washington Rifles.
They have not received any 2" or 3" mortars up to the present and have no information as to whether they are going to receive them or not.
The above naturally affect the training of the regiment.

6. C.C. - Hob Bn.

Courses for wireless operators, mechanics and drivers and cars have been carried out.

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8. Public Security

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No major incidents occurred during the month. An N.C.O. from C.C. LATERA despatched to TURIN for [illegible]

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There have been 779 cases of ordinary robbery; 229 arrests were effected. In 26 cases of armed robbery 10 arrests were made.

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P A R T III - A

Domestic

9. Personnel

(a) Officers — Major FLEMING J. (QUEENS) T.O.S. 10 Oct as Trg Officer

(b) O.R.'s — Strength increases :- Pte CASH J. HONS TOS (Dr) 1st Oct ex 169 Bde

Pte MILES C. R.SUSSEX (Dr) TOS 1st Oct ex 169 Bde

Strength decreases :- 4554411 Cpl MACKAY W. (R.F.) Gp 41.

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T/39769004 Dr HALL D.W.(RASC) Gp 43 SOS 28 Oct and proceeded on "A" release.

Note :- Both a/m soldiers were overdue through being detained for hospital treatment .

The Unit is now short of 1 Cpl. Clerk.

10. Italian

Personnel	Tradesmen	Specialists
W.E.	[illegible]	1103
Deficiency	15.14%	37.2%

11. Disciplino

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P A R T IV - Q

Domestic

12. Maintenance

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PART IV - Q

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POL is now being drawn by us direct from the C.I.P. installations.

(b) Vehicles . Considerable work has had to be done on this Unit's vehicles during the month, some at the Airport and latterly at 9 Reparto due to imminent closing of Airport and to pressure of work there. The unit now has only two " runners" i.e. the Hillman and Jeep, the former being unreliable due to the old age. The units 15 cwt can now be written off unless a new differential can be obtained.
This has been fully explained in our 71/17 of 3rd Oct 1946.

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Italian

13. Transport

(a) Army Loss C.C.

(1) Vehicle Maint. The system of 40% inspections was not in operation during the month as no instruction booklets had been received : vide our 71/1/19 of 17 Oct. The great majority of the trucks in 9 Transport Coy are FIAT 623, 626, 634, 524 and vary in age from 8 to 11 years.

The provision of spare parts continues to improve with the exception of tyres and tubes which are still urgently required. Quality of oil has improved during the month.

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(2) Personnel. Drivers who arrived in Sep were efficiently trained but lack experience in actual driving. There is a natural aversion to using them as the availability of the state does not afford of accidents to vehs.

14. Clothing and Equipment

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Future Requirements. On the assumption that a new C.A.R. of 4000 will assemble at the beginning of January , it will be necessary for a further 11.000 metres of cloth to arrive here by about mid-November if uniforms are to be ready to clothe them on arrival.

15. Arms and Ammunition

Issues of ammo for Inf Regts for arms of allied pattern have been completed.
Instructions have been received from Min of War concerning issue of Allied ammo to C.A.R.'s in order to complete the second cycle of training.
It is planned to use Nissen huts (ex Polish barracks) for ammo at present stored in the open at TERLIZZI.

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16. Accomodation

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The situation of married officers and N.C.O.'s who have no quarters seems to be improving slowly. For example at C.A.R. out of a total of 67 Officers - only 12 married officers have not yet found living quarters in BARI. Out of 160 N.C.O.'s only 15 married men have not yet found quarters.

17. Supplies

W.e.f. 11 October fresh meat has been issued instead of fresh. Wine allowance to trps (when wine is N.A.) has been increased from 50 to 60 litre. Issues of margarine in place of olive oil are NOT liked by troops. Training and active units continue to claim that rations are insufficient.

During the month the E.S.D. (Italian) at Bari and D.I.D's(Italian) at Taranto and Foggia were inspected by a rep of 9 D.I.U. with

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Capt. Jones S. & T. officer 10 B.L.U.
The D.I.D. at Foggia was found to be in a dirty state ; at the same time building is very insuitable.
9 Terr Comd have been contacted on the matter.
The other two stores at Bari and Taranto were clean and well kept.
The D.S.D. at Bari is scheduled to perform the duties of a D.I.D. as well as D.S.D. It is not yet certain whether this will work satisfactorily.
Inspections of all the a/a depots and installations as well as the bakery at Bari were carried out during the month in company with Capt. Jones (S.& T.) whose more detailed reports have been already forwarded.

10. Medical

Nothing to report except that attempts are being made to get more fuel for water heating for the troops.

(J. HIGHAM) Major C.S.,
Comd 9 B.L.U.

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APPENDIX "A"

2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

No amendments to Appendix "A" to 9 D.L.U. Form dtly
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APPENDIX "B"

2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

General Staff

GSO II — Major J.HELMAN — H.L.I.
TRG — Major J.FLEMING — QUEENS

Branch of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster General

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. — Major P.S.TURNER — TORCS Regt.

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No amendments to Appendix "D" to 9 L.L.U. for the fifty Report No. 1 of 1st Jan 1945.

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D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	Major P.S.TIPPLE	WORCS Regt.

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APPENDIX "C"

Amendments to APPENDIX "C" to 9 B.L.D. Periodical Report No 15 of 1st Oct 1946

78 Mil District

Commandant — delete :- Col. AGNITORI Guglielmo

add :- Col. CURATOLO Giuseppe

9 Principal Terr Hospital BARI

Medical Officer — add :- Ten Col. PARAGNO Michele

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APPENDIX "D"

9 B.A.F. INSTRUCTORS STATE AS AT 1st NOV 1946

Officers and N.C.O.'s	W.E.	STRENGTH	DEFICIENCIES
Officers	66	51	15
N.C.O.'s	289	213	76

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2. Italian

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PART II - G

Employment of Troops

3. Army (less CC)

9 Inf Regt has been employed on normal garrison duties and guards.

M.M.L.A. - G2
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4. C.C.

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Training

5. Army less CC

(a) 9 Inf Regt.

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

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(b) 9 C.A.R.

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

(c) Military Academy

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

6. C.O.

Intelligence

7. Political Activity

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No variation.

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10. Public Security

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

11. Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to Report.

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12. Public Relations

This continues on the lines previously indicated.

13. Reorganisation of Genio.

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

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

PART III - A

Domestic

14. Personnel

(a) Officers Maj. FERRO S.O.S. 7 Sep on posting to 1 B.L.U.

Maj. TIPPLE T.O.S. 1 Sep on posting as DAA & QMG

Maj. MILMAN From DAA & QMG to GSO 2 7 Sep

(b) O.R.'s Strength increases Cpl. MACKAY R.F. TOS 1st Sep ex HQ 3 District

Pte. ROWBOTHAM RASC (Clerk) TOS 7 Sep ex U.K.

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

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

15. Personnel - Italian

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Deficiency	18½ %	43%

16. Discipline

No variation.

PART IV - Q

Domestic

17. Maintenance

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

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

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

Italian

18. Transport

(a) Army less CC

(1) Veh Deficiencies

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

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

1 motor cycle
12 trucks
1 mob. wkshop

(2) Personnel

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(3) Veh Maint

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(b) C.C.

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18. Transport

(a) Army less CC

(1) Veh Deficiencies

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

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

1 motor cycle
12 trucks
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20. (a) The tailoring store in this Command now has approx. 15,000 metres of cloth for the new winter battledress. Approx. 1200 had been made by end of Sep and it is expected that the balance of 4.300 will be completed by the end of October. This total of 5.500 will be sufficient to put the entire C.A.R. and 9 Inf. Regt into battledress.

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

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(b) cont.

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

21. Arms and Ammunition

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

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

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

24. Following complaints from the locality a visit was paid to the old road from Giovinazzo to Molfetta known as the "BURMA" Rd. (Map Ref. P.2289 Italy 1:200,000 Sheet 20).
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The situation presents a considerable fire risk in this dry climate. The 9 COMLITER are aware of the position. On the other hand it appears that A.R.A.R. or U.L.M.E.R. or both have been negligent in the matter.

Accomodation - Italian

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

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

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27. POL

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

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

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

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

31. Medical

Nothing to report.

32. Movements

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

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

4 October 1946

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4th October 1946

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

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

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Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST

General Staff

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

Branch of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General.

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

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

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

Remarks.

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

Date

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Part I - General.

1. Domestic.

Nothing to report.

2. Italian.

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

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Part II - G.

3. Employment of Troops.

(a) Army.

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

(b) CC.

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

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

4. Training.

MMIA - 'G'
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DATE 18/9/46

Army.

9 Inf Regt.

Individual training was begun in the second half of Aug. British arms have not yet been received and training is therefore incomplete.

9 C.A.R.

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

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

Army.

Nothing to report.

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5. Intelligence.

(a) Political Activity.

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

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

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilans.

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

(c) Morale.

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

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

(d) Public Security.

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

(e) Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to report.

6. Public Relations.

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

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

(ii) Military concerts and entertainment open to civilians,

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

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Part 3 - A

7. Domestic.

Strength increase

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

8. Italian.

(a) Deficiencies

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

Discipline

Discipline is satisfactory.

Part 4 - Q

9. Domestic.

(a) Transport

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

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

10. Italian.

Transport.

(a) Army less CC.

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

(b) C.C.

Nothing to report.

Maintenance

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

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Tyres.

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

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11. R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

12. R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

13. Clothing and Equipment.

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

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

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

14. Arms and Ammunition.

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

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

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

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

15. Accommodation.

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

16. P.O.L.

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

17. Supplies.

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(a) The bread ration has been [illegible]

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17. Supplies.

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

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

18. Medical.

Nothing to report.

19. Movements.

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

(J. Milman) Major GS,
Coord. 9 B.L.U.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

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

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Appendix 'B'

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General Staff.

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

Branch of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General.

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

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Appendix 'C

9 Territorial Command

STAFF LIST.

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

9 Territorial HQ			
Deputy Chief of Staff	Delete	Ten.Col.	A.PESCE
	Add	Ten.Col.	G.POLI
Chief O.A.O.M.Office	Add	Ten.Col.	A.PESCE
Deputy Commander	Delete	Gen.di Brig	G.CASTELLANO
Asst	Delete	Ten.Col.M	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Gen.di Brig.	C.CASTELLANO
Deputy Ind.H.C.	Add	Ten.Col.	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Col.	V.VASCO
9 Military Tribunal			
President	Add	Gen di Brig.	G.FOLLINI
Administrator	Delete	Ten.Col.g.m.	A.MAGGI
Advocate	Add	Ten.Col.art.	G.NOBILE
Depots			
24 Terr Depot - Lecce			
Commander	Add	Ten.Col	L.ROBERTI
Chief Matriculation Officer.	Add	Ten.Col.	R.CHELINI
28 Terr Depot			
Commander	Delete	Colonnello	V.VASCO
Admin.Officer	Delete	Ten.Col.	G.FERRI
Military Academy - Lecce			
Deputy Officer	Add	Ten.Col.art.	A.ANTONANTI
9 C.A.R.			
Vice - Comd.	Add	Ten.Col.	P.PINTO
Military Districts			
3 Military District			
Commander	Add	Colonnello	C.SICLARI
4 Military District			
Commander	Delete	Colonnello	A.RUGGIERO

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Deputy Commander	Delete	Gen.di Brig.	G.CASTELLANO
Acgt	Delete	Ten.Col.M	N.MORGESE
At Disposal	Add	Gen.di Brig.	C.CASTELLANO
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Commander	Add	Colonnello	E.GRAZIANI

5 Military District

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

46 Military District

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

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Pro - Forma

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

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

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

3 September 46.

Signed

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Pro - Forma

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N°	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Effivient	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks.
63179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.	-	-	-
31573	27200	No Record	WM20-35227	E.	-	-	-
98699	No Record	" "	S 1443	E.	-	-	-
04210	" "	" "	7145779	E.	-	-	-

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Signed_____ Major.

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Part I - General

1. Domestic

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

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

2. Italian

Nothing to report.

PA TO GOC x NP x
DEP COMD x (7) x
BGS wwww x wwww x
COL A/A x WP x

Part II - G.

3. Employment

(a) Army

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

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

(b) CC.

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

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

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4. Training

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

Routine training took place in July.

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DAP TOMO x (7) x
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4. Training

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

No other training took place in July.

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

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5. Intelligence

(a) Political Activity.

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

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Good.

(c) Morale.

Morale of both troops and carabinieri continues to be good.

(d) Public Security.

No change.

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Part III - A.

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6. Domestic

(a) Release.

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

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

(b) Appointments.

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

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7. Italian

(a) Deficiencies.

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

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

(b) Discipline.

Continues to be good.

Part IV - Q.

8. Domestic

(a) Transport.

Repairs and spare parts for unit transport will in future be the responsibility of 9 Repair Unit, which is more reliable with Italian or civilian vehicles than with British military vehicles. It is considered that the holding of two civilian cars against WE, in lieu of a 15 cwt and a light utility car, is highly advisable. 52 Sub Area has no suitable civilian cars which can be transferred and they would require to be allotted from the A.C. Transport Pool. Action 71/180 of 1 Aug refers.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

9. Italian

Transport.

(i) Army less CC.

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Transport.

(i) Army less CC.

Nothing to report.

(ii) Carabinieri.

Nothing to report.

10. R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

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11. R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

12. Clothing and Equipment.

Nothing to report.

13. Arms and Ammunition.

(a) DAA & QMG visited TERLIZZI Amm Depot on 21 July 46. Considerable disorganisation was apparent, resulting from the big intake of Amm from 501 B.A.D., which had exceeded the capacity of the TERLIZZI depot to handle on the spot. This situation is now being remedied, and the reorganisation necessary should be completed during August.

(b) The despatch of ammunition from TERLIZZI to Divisions is proceeding.

Approx 400 tons of all types of ammunition were despatched during the period 1-21 July.

TERLIZZI depot has been requested to render a weekly return showing a detail of ammunition despatches to each Div, and this information will be forwarded in the Weekly Ammunition Progress Report.

14. Accommodation.

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

15. P.O.L. Problems.

Nothing to report.

16. Supply Problems.

Nothing to report.

17. Medical Problems.

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17. Medical Problems.

Major L.J.Harvey, DAMS MMIA, visited medical installations Bari on 29 & 30 July.

18. Movements.

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

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

5 August 46.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT and 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

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

Appendix 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

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

Branch of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG	Major J. Millman	H.L.I.	2951

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Appendix 'C'

9 Territorial Command

STAFF LIST.

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

9 Territorial HQ

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

9 Military Tribunal.

President	Delete	Colonello	C.SALVO

9 Inf Regt.

H.Q.

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

3rd n.

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	V.INSINNA

9 C.A.R.

Vice Commander	Delete	Ten Col	L.CILLI

Depots.

24 Terr Depot

Chief Records Office	Add	Ten Col	C.TERZI

25 Terr Depot

Chief Records Office	Add	Ten Col	

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Military Districts.

3 Military District

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

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4 Military District			
Commander	Delete	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI
Chief Records Office	Insert	Colonello	A.RUGGERO
	Add	Ten Col	E.GRAZIANI
78 Military District			
Commander	Delete	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE
Admin	Insert	Colonello	G.ACANFORA
	Add	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE
Medical Services			
9 Principal Terr Hosp.			
Director	Delete	Ten Col	G.FISCHIETTI
	Insert	Ten Col	R.CIODARO
9 Terr Med War Pensions Comm.			
Member	Add	Ten Col	G.FISCHIETTI
Miscellaneous			
90 POW Transit Camp			
Commander	Delete	Colonello	G.ACANFORA
	Insert	Ten Col	E.TEZZI
Vice Commander	Delete	Ten Col	E.TEZZI
At Disposal	Add	Ten Col	D.ANCIANI
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Italian Liaison Sec. att 52 Sub Area			
Chief	Delete	Ten Col	P.BRANCATI
711 Admin Rect (disbanded)			
Commander	Delete	Colonello	A.RICCIARDI

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Commander	Delete	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE
	Insert	Colonello	G.ACANFORA
Admin	Add	Ten Col	R.DE CESARE

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Miscellaneous

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

N°	Vehicle Type.	Reg N°	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Efficient	Local Repai
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.	-
2.	Chev.8cwt H/U 4x4	M.5906866	FR. 4017086	No Record	4844520085	E.	-
3.	B.S.A. 500cc M/C	G.1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.	-
4.	Dodge 3/4 ton 4x4	M.5310905	No Record	" "	No Record	E.	-

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

5 August 46.

Signed

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5663179	GPW 79013	V. 9013	No Record	E.	-	-	-
5906866	FR. 4017086	No Record	4844520085	E.	-	-	On loan from 10 BLU.
1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.	-	-	-
5310905	No Record	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	-

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Signed_____Major.

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N°. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

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

Remarks.

(1) Departs on Release 21 August.

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gliola Ferulli.				

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Date 5 August 46.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT Nº.12

as at 1 July 46.

Part I - General.

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One officer and two ORs left this unit during the month. The remaining two ORs are due to leave during July (vide para 6).

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Thus the prospective strength of 9 BLU at the end of July is Major Ferro and a blonde typist..

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

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

(b) CC.RR.

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

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

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4. Training.

(a) Army.

(i) 9 Inf Regt.

Training was chiefly for small arms competitions and assault course.

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

(ii) C.A.R.

The C.A.R. course will be completed by the 6 July with the exception of hand-grenade throwing and PIAT practice. The money grant for training facilities at Altamura only arrived in June, and the plan for accommodating each battalion there for one week had to be abandoned. There was no other place suitable for hand-grenade and PIAT practice.

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Nothing to report.

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(b) Political Activity among Troops.

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

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

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((b) cont).

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

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Good.

(d) Morale.

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

Officers are now chiefly concerned with the compulsory retirement of officers down to establishment. If they could be reassured that the selection of officers to remain will be done without political bias, their morale would benefit considerably.

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A report on this incident and an apology from the FOGGIA PM are attached at Appendix 'D'.

It is considered that a letter of regret from American MP central HQ would be necessary to eliminate the hard feeling that has survived the PM's apology.

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(e) Public Security.

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

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

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Part III - A.

6. Domestic.

(a) Release.

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

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

(ii) The following are due to leave :-

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

(b) Leave.

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

7. Italian.

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Tradesmen	248	4.4%
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(b) Discipline.

The appointment in April-May of Lt.Cols to replace the majors in command of the three Inf Bns has resulted in an improvement of discipline. A genuine attempt has been made to improve the men's meals and well-being. Military Tribunal offences were further reduced to 10, 5 of which were desertions.

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Part IV - Q

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Action.
My 71/154 of 27 June refers.

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(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

9. Italian.

(a) Transport.

(i) Army less CC.RR.

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

9 Amb Scc is deficient of 1 truck.

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

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

(b) CC.RR.

No change from last month.

Maintenance continues to be good.

10. R.E.M.E.

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11. R.A.O.C.

Nothing further to report.

12. Clothing and Equipment.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

One summer uniform is in the course of being issued to each soldier, in khaki for C.A.R. personnel, and in grey for all others. C.A.R. recruits are issued with two sets; other soldiers are issued with one.

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CC.RR are also being issued with khaki clothing.

13. Arms and Ammunition.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

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

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

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((a) cont).

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

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

Loading parties have been detailed from 9 Terr Cd.

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

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

under authority GHQ 4001/Q1 of 17 June 46.

(b) CC.RR.

37 mm Ammo was drawn from 501 BAD.

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

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Three 'Caserme' have lately been released to the Italian Military Authorities, in Bari, Campobasso and Foggia. Their utilisation will enable 9 Terr HQ to release various houses occupied as offices back to the Civilian Authorities.

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Nothing to report.

16. Supply Problems.

Nothing to report.

17. Medical Problems.

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18. Movements.

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

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

5 July 46.

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APPENDIX 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

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

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

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Branch of the Adjt General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG - - - - -

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APPENDIX 'C'
I July 46.

9 Territorial Command
STAFF LIST.

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

9 Territorial Headquarters.

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

ENGINEERS

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate

Asst	Add	Ten Col	G.Carrasi

DEPOTS

27 Terr Depot

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

MILITARY DISTRICTS

46 Mil Dist

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

MISCELLANEOUS

604 POW Transit Camp

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

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APPENDIX 'D'

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI.

Ref 2C/46

27 June 46.

To : HQ. Allied Commission,
Bari.

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

1. On the night 24/25 June, a CC.RR. road-block was patrolling the Foggia-Lucera road, with the object of catching bandits in Motor-cars who had been active there.
The patrol consisted of 9 CC.RR. under a Sergeant-Major, mounted in a three-ton lorry.
The American M.P. had not been informed of the patrol.

2. At 0230 (approx.) on 25 June, the CC.RR. truck stopped and signalled an approaching car to stop. The signal was made by flashing a torch. The car slowed down as it drew near, then accelerated and went by at speed.
The CC.RR. fired a burst in the air from a Beretta automatic rifle, in an attempt to make the car stop.

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

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

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

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At 0500 hrs. the CC.RR. Officer i/c Foggia detachment went to the American station, and was dealt with similarly to the sgt-major.
At 0830 hrs. the same CC.RR. Officer reported the incident to the Adjutant, Foggia Air Base, who said he would inform the Provost Marshal.
At 1030 hrs., 25 June, the 10 CC.RR. were released from the detention room, with apologies.

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

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

HF/gf

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

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Translation.

APP. 'D'

529th AIR SERVICE GROUP
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 786 U.S. ARMY

FOGGIA, 27 June 1946.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pro - Forma

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

Ser N°	Vehicle Type.	Reg N°	Engine N°	Contract N°	Chassis N°	Efficient
1.	Ford 4/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	V.9013	No Record	E.
2.	Chev.Cwt H/U 4x4	M.5906866	FR.4017086	No Record	4644320085	E.
3.	B.S.A. 500cc M/C	C.1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	E.

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

5 July 46.

Signed _____

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M.5663179	GPW 79013	W.9013	No Record	M.	-	-	-
M.5906866	FR.4017085	No Record	4844520085	M.	-	-	On loan from 10 BLU.
C.1431573	27200	" "	WM20-35227	M.	-	-	-

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Signed _____ Major.

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	1 Pte.	Pte Rawlings O.P. 6018925	(2)	27 (Deferred)	
Batman/Dvr.					
M/Cyclist.					
Civilians.					
Batman/Dvr.					
Cooks.	2	Maria Montenegro.		Di Fonte Carmela.	
Mess Orderly.					
Gen.Duties.	1	Gigliola Ferulli.			

Remarks.

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

Date 5 Jul

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25-31 July.
25-31 July.

Date 5 July 46.

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9 BEU PERIODICAL REPORT No 11
as at 1 June 46.

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Part I - General.

1. Domestic.

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

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

Pa To Loc ✗ ✗
DEP Loms ✗ (A) ✗
B.G.S ✗ ✗
Col A/Q ✗ ✗

Part II - G.

2. Employment.

(a) Army.

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

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

(b) CC.RR.

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

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

MIL A - 'G'
FILE G/37/9A
DATE 2/11/6

3. Training.

(a) Army.

This consisted of the following :-

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3. Training.

(a) Army.

This consisted of the following :-

(i) 9 Inf Regt.

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

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

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

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(ii) C.A.R.

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

(b) CC.RR.

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

4. Intelligence.

(a) Political Activity.

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

(b) Political Activity Among Troops.

No activity is apparent.

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Relations continue to be good between the two.

(d) Morale.

O.Rs.- Morale remains satisfactory.

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

(e) Frontier Activity.

Nothing further since last month's report.

(f) Illegal Immigration.

CC.RR with British Military Police aid made a successful raid on a D.P.Camp in this area, and as a result a considerable quantity of [illegible]

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(g) Public Security.

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

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Part III - A.

5. Domestic.

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

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

Replacements are urgently required for the above.

(b) Leave - Nothing to report.

6. Italian.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen - 6.6% - (WE-75)

Specialists - 16.4% - (WE-559)

(b) Discipline.

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

Part IV - Q.

7. Domestic.

(a) Transport.

Truck 8 cwt is not required at the moment owing to the likely lack of drivers during the first half of June.

10 BLU letter H/T/1 of 25/5 (copy to 9BLU) refers.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

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8. Italian.

(a) Transport.

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

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

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(ii) CC.RR.-

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

(b) Supply.

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

9. R.E.M.E.

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

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

10. R.A.O.C.

(a) Socks.

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(b) Boots.

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

(c) Ammunition.

(i) For CC.RR Legions.

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APc - 6543
HE - 2378
Can. 2520

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

APc - 3579
HE - 8250
Can.- 2520

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(ii) Italian Armed Forces.

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

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

11. Medical.

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

12. Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

13. Movements.

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

560 wagons wereused for the transit of 45000 men during the month.

Major GS.
Cond. 9 B. .U.

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Appendix 'B'

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Branch of the Adjt General and Quartermaster General.

DAA & QMG — Major J.B.AYLWARD. — RTR.

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

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	1 Pte. Pte Rawlings.O.P. 6018925	(1)	27	
Batman/Dvr.	1 Pte. Pte Tessyman.L. 3715206	(2)	31	
M/Cyclist.	1 Pte. Dvr Rose.E. T/10697077	(3)	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks.	2 Rota Luigina. Brandoline Geny.			
Mess Ordely	1 Di Fonte Carmela.			
Gen;Duties	1 Ferulli Gigliola.			

Remarks.

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

Date 4

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A 374 of 8 Jan 46.

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

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e Tessyman.L. 3715206	(2)	31		
r Rose.E. T/10697077	(3)	44		

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Gentlemans Agreement. (Departs in June)
(On Release)
(On Python)

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Z.P.D. - Forms

[illegible]

Ser No.	Vehicle Type.	Reg No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Attachments.	Remarks.
1.	Ford 4/4 ton Cab	A.563479	GEF 72013	No Record	T.5013	N	
2.	Ford 15 cwt Van GS	A.623479	T.5013	" "	No Record	N	
3.	S.S.A. 300 cc M/C	C.163473	27300	[illegible]	" "	N	

Certified that the above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that all M/C have been inspected and found correct.

Z. [illegible]

Signed

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RETURN OF VEHICLES ... AND ET 3 CAPTIN LEAVING U.K.

... No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Effected.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
3079	[illegible] 72013	No Record	T.5013	"	—	—	—
[illegible]3379	T.5013	"	"	No Record	"	—	—	—
[illegible]3073	[illegible]7004	[illegible]5(m-25)7	"	"	"	—	—	—

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A 712 and ... and Local Orders.

Signed N. Fowler ...ajor.

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Subject: Periodical Reports.

9 British Liaison Unit,
BARI
4/1/4
10 May 46

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

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

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

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DEP Comd x D/RM x
B. G. S. x [illegible] x
Col A/Q x [illegible] x

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

Part I - General.

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

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

PA To GOC X AP ✓
DEP Comd x ✓
Part II - G. B. G. S. x ✓
Con A/Q x ✓

3. EMPLOYMENT.

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

One coy provided train guards and fatigue squads.

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

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

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

4. TRAINING.

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Part II - G. B. G. S. ✗ ✓
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Training was as follows :-

Small Arms - rifle, automatic rifle, pistol, with 6924 practices on miniature and S.A. ranges. 1 Bn. completed handgrenade tg. on the ranges.

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

Ceremonial Drill

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

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

Officers - lectures by senior officers Weds. and Fris.

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

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

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

5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Political Activity.

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

(b) Political Activity among Troops.

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

(c) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

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

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

(d) Morale.

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

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O.Rs - morale remains satisfactory.

Recruits - morale is good.

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(e) Frontier Activity.

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

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(f) Illegal Immigration.

Nothing to report.

(g) Public Security.

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

(h) Additional Political Activity.

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

Part III - A.

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) War Establishment now correct.

(b) Leave - Nothing to report.

7. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen - Up to W.E.

Specialists- 34.69 %

(b) Discipline.

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

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Part IV - Q

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Nothing to report.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to report.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

Deficiencies on W.E. :-

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

10. R.E.M.E.

Lack of tyres and spare parts are becoming increasingly acute, and unless these supplies are forthcoming at an early date, the transport situation will become serious.

Action. 71/106 of 29/4 refers.

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

11. R.A.O.C.

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The present scale per man is two pairs. This should be

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(a) Socks.

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

NEIA 2991 of 16/4 refers.

(b) Boots.

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

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(e) Ammunition.

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

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

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

12. ACCOMMODATION.

Nothing to report

13. MOVEMENTS.

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Appendix 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

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

Appendix 'B'.

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

General Staff.

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Appendix 'B'.

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Appendix 'C'
1 May 46.

9 Territorial Command
STAFT LIST.

Amendments to App 'C' to 9 ELU Periodical Report No.4 of 1 Feb 46.

9 Territorial Headquarters.

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

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Chief Engr Offr	Delete	Colonello	A.PISANI

MILITARY ACADEMY

9 O.A.R.

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

DEPOTS

30 Terr Depot.

Amend to read :-

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

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil Dist

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

4 Mil Dist.

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

66 Mil Dist

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

1 POW Recep Centre

Attached	Delete	Ten Col	G.NOBILE

3 POW Recep Centre

Comd	Delete	Colonello	E.BELLANTE

MEDICAL

9 Principal Terr Hospital

Opthalmic Wing	Delete	Ten Col	G.TREROTONI

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Pro - Forma

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

Ser N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair
1.	Ford 4/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-
2.	Ford 15cwt 4x2 GS	Z.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E	-
3.	B.S.A. 500 CC.M/C.	C.1431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E	-
4.	Standard 2str 4x2	M.6175574	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?

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

Signed

Date 4 May 46

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Appendix 'D'

Pro - Forma

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

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Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair	Beyond Local Repair	Remarks
5663179	GPW 79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	-
4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E	-	-	-
4431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E	-	-	-
4175574	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf. not received

ve vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and inspected and found correct.

Signed _____ Major

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

Authorised WE		Ors and Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group ORs held surplus to WE	Civil
Clerks GD RASC.	1	Cpl. Cpl.Good.A. 6297658 (1)	36	
	1	Pte. A/L/Cpl Rawlings.C.F. 6018925 (2)	27	
Batman/Dvr.	1	Pte. Pte.Tessyman.L. 3715206 (3)	31	
M/Cyclist.	1	Pte. Dvr.Rose.R. T/10697077 (4)	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks	2	Rota Luigina.		
Mess Orderly	1	Cacucci Elena		
Gen;Duties	1	Brandolino Geny.		

Remarks.

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

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N°. 9 B.L.U. (B Type)

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Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Group Offs held surplus to WE	Civilians held surplus to WE
L.Good.A. 6297658 (1)	36	
L/Cpl Rawlings.C.P. 6018925 (2)	27	Ferulli Gigliola
.Tessyman.L. 3715206 (3)	31	
.Ross.E. F/10697077 (4)	44	

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Date 4 May 46

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Appendix 'E'
7 May 46.

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

Arrival of Recruits.

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

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

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

Training Programme.

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

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

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

They gained only a fair knowledge of discipline, hygiene and regulations: a deficiency due partly to the poor standard of instructor and partly to the very low social and educational standard of the recruits.

7. The recruits would benefit if the programme for the first phase were extended by one week.

Instructors.

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8. Instructors on the whole were poor. The instructors course they attended did not appear to have eradicated old ideas and habits: the success of the few exceptions who were good instructors indicates that the weakness was due to the quality of the instructor rather than to faulty training. Instructors generally improved as the course proceeded. Those that did not have been reported on as unsuitable: they include 2 Bn Comds., 4 subalterns, 4 NCOs, and 13 'graduati'.

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

A. The uncertainty of their future.

B. The lack of lodgings for their families.

C. Their pay.

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

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

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

Training.

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

Stores.

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

Services.

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

16. Rations - The local markets were not always able to provide the required quantities of fresh vegetables and fruit that go with the ration. 4,317

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

The clothing repair service functioned well.

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

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

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

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

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(H.Ferro) Major CS.
Cmd. 9 B.L.U.

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT No 9

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: ~~G/37/9A~~
DATE: 8/12/4

as at 15 April 46.

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GENERAL.

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

PA TO GOC
DEP COMD
BGS
COL A/Q

C.A.R.

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

2. Recruits.

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

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

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

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

3. Accommodation.

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FA to Loc
DEP Comd
BGS.
Col A/G.

C.A.R.

1.

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

2. Recruits.

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

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

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

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

3. Accommodation.

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

Officers.

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

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4. Equipment.

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

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

5. Selection Committee.

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

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9 BLU PERIODICAL REPORT No.8

as at 31 March 46.

Pa To GOC
DEP COMD
BGS
Col A/Q

I GENERAL

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

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II 'G'

3. ORGANISATION.

Nothing to report.

4. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army.

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

(b) CC.RR.

Nothing to report.

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6. INTELLIGENCE.

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

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilians -

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

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

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

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

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III 'A'

7. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies against W.E.

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

(b) Leave.

No report.

8. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies.

Tradesmen	5.5%	(WE - 376)
Specialists	32.4%	(WE - 1008)

(b) Discipline.

Has improved, especially in the case of those units undergoing training and those where efforts are made to improve welfare.

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

(c) Leave Problems.

No report.

(d) Pay.

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9. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Nothing to report.

(b) Accommodation.

Nothing to Report.

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TO. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport.

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

Deficiencies on W.E. are:-

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

(ii) CC.RR.

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

(b) REME Problems.

Lack of tyres is still the most pressing problem.

(c) RAOC Problems.

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(d) Clothing and Equipment.

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

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The issue of sheets has been restricted to hospitals and CAR. All ranks living in barracks are affected by this order, which seems to have caused some dissatisfaction.

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

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

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Cleaning material for these weapons has also been received.

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

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

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Breda Aut Rifles 38	- 66	- with 80 rds per gun.
Handgrenades	- 100	-
Tanks 'M 15'	- 12	- (4 on the road and 8 in W/Shops).

(f) C.E.M.

Nothing to report.

(g) Accommodation.

The situation [illegible]

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The situation has improved slightly during the month as 305 accommodation was vacated by Allied troops.

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

(h) P.O.L.

Supplies from CIP are reported to be working smoothly.

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(i) Supply Problems.

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

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

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

(j) Medical Problems.

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

	Allotment.	Required.	Remarks.
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Soap	250 grams	400 grams	per head monthly

(k) Movement Problems.

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

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APPENDIX 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT.

No amendments to Appendix 'A' to 9 BLU Fortnightly Report No.4 of 1 January 46.

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON STAFF LIST.

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

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APPENDIX 'C'

1 April 46.

STAFF LIST.

Amendments to APPENDIX 'C' to Periodical Report No4 of 1 Feb 46.

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Commander	Delete	Ten.Col.	P.TURINO
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ENGINEERS

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	Insert	Colonello	C.LIGGERI

DEPOTS

27 Territorial Depot.

Records	Add	Ten.Col.	P.CHELINI

24 Territorial Depot.

Commander	Add	Colonello	C.SICLARI

MILITARY DISTRICTS

38 Mil Dist.

QM	Add	Ten.Col.	G.GARBEROGLIO

MEDICAL

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Orthopedic Wing	Delete	Ten.Col.	F.DE RAFFAELE
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TRANSPORT

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Requisitioning Offr.	Add	Ten.Col.	G.PESCE

LEGAL

9 Military Tribunal.

Judge Advocate	Delete	Ten.Col.	C.SCOTTO

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PROGRESS REPORT ... T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks		
A.1.	Name and Location of Barracks (with M.R.).	Caserme Falange, Milano and S.Pasquale, at Bari. M.R. 142004.		
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accommodated	4500		
A.3.	Sleeping accommodation - number of :-			
	Single bunks	3300		
	Double bunks	—		
A.4.	Condition of Buildings	Falange	Milano	S.Pas
		Completed	1/3 completed. 2/3 soon to be vacated by Aviazione on 1 April. This part of the barracks is in fairly good condition and shall require minor repairs only.	Work c begun contra are in not li occupa April.
	Percentage weatherproof	100%	100%	

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PROGRESS REPORT ... Term: CAR ..... T.F.C. ... Nr 8 ... Appx. Fa

	Remarks
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number that ccommodated	4500
ccommodation - f :- unks	3300
unks	—
n of Buildings	Falangn: Completed Milano: 1/3 completed. 2/3 began to be vacated by Aviazione on 1 April. This part of the barracks is in fairly good condition and shall require minor repairs only. S.Pasquale: Work on complete overhauling begun on 16 Mar.46, by a contractor from Rome. Barracks are in poor condition and are not likely to be ready for occupation before the end of April.
ge weatherproof	100% / 100% / 100% except doors & wind.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
A.5.	Has satisfactory accommodation been found for :-	
	(a) Stores	In Cmp. Falanga - stores for the whole C.R.
	(b) Armoury	Accomodation earmarked in Cmp. Milano.
A.6.	General Condition and State of readiness, i.e. percentage complete :	Falanga / Milano
	(a) Cook Houses	90% / 30% (temporary cook-h... in use)
	(b) Latrines	100% / 50%
	(c) Ablutions	100% / 50%
	(d) Recreation Rooms	90% / 50%
	(e) Institute	75% (in use) / 50%
	(f) Messes	MCO's 100% / 50%
		Officers not furnished yet. / require re-decorating and furniture.
A.7.	Provision of :	90% / 6 small plots of gro... in use.
	(a) Parade Grounds	one range begun on 1 Apr; one range work begun... on a 20 day programme of work.
	(b) 30 Yards Range	Ground available for minor tactical t...at Beri...
	(c) Other Training Facilities	300 m. range at Altamura being built under sup...

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t	Remarks
tisfactory odation been found	
ores	In Cas. Palanga - stores for the whole C.A.R.
ncury	Accomodation earmarked in Cas. Milano.

	Palanga	Milano	S.Pasquale
Condition and State iness, i.e. percentage e :			
k Houses	50%	30% (temporary cook-house is in use)	Taken down completely for renewal by end Apr
rines	100%	50%	30%
utions	100%	30%	30%
reation Rooms	50%	30%	30%
titute	75% (in use)	50%	30%
ses	NCO's 100% Officers not furnished yet.	require re-decorating and furniture.	30%
on of :	90%	6 small plots of ground in use.	3 small plots of 50x30 yds in use.
ade Grounds	one range begun on 1 Apr: on a 20 day programme of work.	one range work begun	one range-work begun.
ards Range			
er Training Facilities	Ground available for minor tactical tg.at Bari and Altamura. 900 m. range at Altamura being built under supervision of Genio.		

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PROGRESS REPORT .2.Tpr.Coy..... T.T.C. No 5

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

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	Remarks
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PROGRESS REPORT Terr. CAR ..... T.T.C. No 6

Serial	Subject	Remarks
C.	Brief Notes on progress made on :	
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	(b) Lighting	C.Fulenga - complete. In the other two Caserme there is barrack rooms occupied: barrack huts (temporary) at Cas. supplied with lamps.

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

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	Remarks
progress to date n of necessary - pplies	Working smoothly.
Stores	The open grates, used until cook-houses are ready, consume a great deal of wood fuel. The allotment shall be sufficient when all cook-houses are in working order.
y Stores	Complete. Complete.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
E.	Permanent Staff :	
	(a) Married Accommodation	Not yet available.
	(b) Single Quarters	Officers and NCOs are accommodated in the space available gradually moved as successive barrack blocks are comple
	(c) Officers Mess	Is to be in Cna. Kilimo, when the quarters have served At present officers use the Mess of [illegible] Corps. Rations by them.
	(d) Sergeants Mess	[illegible]-Mess at Cna. Kilimo is in use. The cook, of the food from the men's cookhouse and use a barrack room
	(e) General	The permanent staff is deficient of 1 officers and 1 NCO's are used by comparison with the junior NCO's, who not really suitable as instructors.

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	Remarks
t :	
ccmmodation	Not yet available.
ers	Officers and NCOs are accommodated in the space available, the situation being gradually eased as successive barrack blocks are completed.
ss	As to be in Dec. Allens, when the Artesians have moved out (3 April). At present Officers are billeted at 3 Farr.Gesund in Bari, to which they go by tram.
ers	Sgts.Mess at Dec. Polonia is in use. The mess of the other two Bns. get their food from the men's cookhouse and use a barrack room as a dining room.
	The permanent staff is composed of 15 Officers and 161 NCOs. The senior NCO's are paid by comparison with the junior NCO's, about 1/3 of whom are not really suitable as instructors.

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FMO -- FORM A

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

Ser.N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Loc Rep
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.3663179	GPW.7013	No Record	V.5013	E.	-
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	Z.4959372	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.	-
3.	B.S.A. M/Cycle	G.1431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E.	-
4.	Standard 2 str 4x2	M.6173674	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?

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

Date....5 Apr....1945

Signed...

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APPENDIX 'D'

FRO - FORCE

RETURN OF BRITISH A.F.V.D BY 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

	Reg.No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
	M.5663279	GPW.7013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	
39.	Z.4[illegible]37[illegible]	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	
	0.1431573	27200	WM20-39227	" "	E.	-	-	
42	M.617[illegible]574	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf.not yet received.

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9 BSU PERIODICAL REPORT No.7

As at 15 March 46.

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PA To GOC ✓
Dep Com D ✓
BGS ✓
Con A/Q ✓.

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C.A.R.

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

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

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

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

5. Work was resumed on 15 Mar 46.

Italian Air Force.

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

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

BGS letter on this
copy for signature & will show Col Tilt air force Liaison Comm
I have my copy of this

Situation.

Ans'd

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9. The arrangements are as follows :-

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

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

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

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Delay.

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

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

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(H.Ferro) Major.
GS.

16 March 46.

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APPENDIX 'E'

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REPORT

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

GENERAL.

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

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

INSTRUCTION.

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

4. The classes seen were common to all cadets. Lessons were being given on Hippology, where the anatomy of a horse was being explained, Military History, Geometrical Drawing and Social Sciences. The latter subject was explained as being 'the history of the various political creeds' which would give the future officer sufficient knowledge to correct and guide the ideas of his men.

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

5. In a lesson on equipment an Italian 75 mm. gun was being described. The Commandant stressed the urgent need for the British equipment, which was included in the syllabus: he requires one specimen for instructional purposes of each of:-

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PA to G.O.C.

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Dep: Comp. (K) ×
COL A/Q. WP ×
B.G.S. ×

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

The bulk of the equipment taught is obsolete.

ACCOMMODATION.

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

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P.T. and GAMES.

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

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

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

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

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"The subjects for courses must essentially consist of:-

A. The various military subjects.

B. Subjects basic to science, distributed thus:-

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APPENDIX 'E' (cont).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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9 BLU PROGRESS REPORT N°6

As at 1 March 46

2 Mar 46

PA To GOC
DEP Comd
Col A/Q
B.G.S.

PART ONE - GENERAL

1. No Report.

PART TWO - G.

2. Employment of Troops.

(a) Army - 9 Inf Regiment continued its training programme, and supplied men for train guards and fatigues.

711 Adm Regt continued to be employed with British units, while some units are being disbanded. 2 Officers and 100 ORs of 774 Art Works Coy were retained at Brindisi for a fortnight after the disbandment of the parent unit, at the request of the C.R.E.

(b) CC.RR.- In addition to their normal duties the Bari legion had 2 Officers and 112 CC.RR. at Palermo, and supplies personnel for the combined night patrols with the C.M.P.

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

3. Training.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

(i) C.A.R.- Revision of the Cesano programme is carried out for five hours daily under the senior Bn. Comd. All instructors are practised in instructing.

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

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

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

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

(iv) Military Academy - A report on Major Ferro's visit is attached in Appendix 'E'.

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Training was conducted on the same lines as last month. The CC.RR. LO. from 10 BLU is due to arrive on 2 March, when the question of CC.RR. training will be examined.

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(a) Political - During Major Ferro's visit to the Military Royal Academy, anecdotes that were related to him and the conversation of the Commandant and Senior Officers at lunch time, indicated an intense monarchist attitude on the part of the staff. It was encouraged by the 9 Terr Comd. and his C of S who accompanied Major Ferro. The subject of Social Science on the syllabus was explained by the Commandant as consisting mainly of the history of the various creeds: there was no evidence that it is used as a medium for propaganda.

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

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

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(c) Internal Security.

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

The number of unemployed in February was 85000.

PART THREE - A.

5. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies against W.E.

O.Rs.- Cpl. clerk and Pte. Clerk.
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(b) Leave - Nil.

6. ITALIAN.

(a) Deficiencies.

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Specialists	34%	(W.E. 1024)

(b) Discipline.

An analysis of the 92 Military Tribunal cases during the month, shows:-

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(c) Leave Problems - No Report.

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

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

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PART FO - 2.

7. DOMESTIC.

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

(b) Accommodation - No report.

8. ITALIAN.

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

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

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

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

(c) RAOC Problems - No report.

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

(ii)CC.RR.- No report.

(e) Arms and Ammunition - (i) Army less CC.RR.- The Ministry of War order to arm infantry troops with Mod.91 rifle, and all other troops with the Mod.91 musket, is being carried out. Grenades are now being issued on a scale of 2 per infantry-man, and 30 per depot and military distric

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

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

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

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

(c) RAOC Problems - No report.

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(ii)CC.RR.- No report.

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

(g) Accommodation - No urgent problems have arisen.

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

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

(j) Medical Problems-(i)The daily ration of 800 gr of wood per patient in military hospitals is considered only just adequate for cooking purposes, and inadequate for heating baths as well.
(ii)The Orthopedic Wing of 9 Principal Terr Hospital is overcrowded with cases waiting for artificial limbs, of which the local supply does not meet the demand. 9 Terr HQ has proposed the evacuation of some of these cases to other hospitals in districts where more artificial limbs are available.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND LOCATION STATEMENT

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

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

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

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APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT STAFF LIST.

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

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APPENDIX 'C'

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STAFF LIST.

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

9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.

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

ENGINEERS.

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate.

Assistant	Insert	Ten Col	N.FERRAJOLO

INFANTRY.

9 Inf Regt.

Attached	Insert	Ten Col	A.BIANCOLI

ER-ITIS.

711 Adm Regt.

OC 774 Engr Coy	Delete	Ten Col	G.PAPPALARDO

MILITARY ACADEMY.

Physics Instr.	Insert	Ten Col	T.SALAZAR

9 C.A.R.

Commander	Delete	Ten Col	A.BIANCOLI
	Insert	Colonello	V.ROSETTINI

DEPOTS

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

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DEPOTS

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25 Terr Depot.

Admin	Insert	Ten Col	G.D'ANDREA

26 Terr Depot.

Commander	Delete	Colonello	A.MANIERI

27 Terr Depot.

Records	Insert	Ten Col	S.MA[illegible]

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APPENDIX 'C'

Staff List Amended (cont).

MILITARY DISTRICTS.

38 Mil Dist.

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

66 Mil Dist.

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

46 Mil Dist.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

1 POW Recep Centre.

Attached	Insert	Ten Col	C.NOBILE

MEDICAL.

9 Principal Terr Hospital.

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

124 Terr Mil Hosp.

Director	Delete	Ten Col	L.BARNABA

LEGAL.

9 Military Tribunal.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
A.1.	Name and Location of Barracks (with M.H.)	Caserma FALANGA, MILANO, San PASQUALE. MR. 2420804
A.2.	Maximum number that can be accomodated	4300.
A.3.	sleeping accomodation- number of:	
	Single bunks	3900.
	Double bunks	-
A.4.	Condition of buildings	Work at Gait was ceased on the 20 Feb. when the 10,000 the War Ministry had been expanded. Authorisation t was granted after a visit to Rome by the Deputy Genie re-commenced on the 28 Feb. The situation therefore from that shown in Progress Report as at 15 Feb 46.
	Percentage weatherproof	Lost time is to be made up by increasing the number o

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PROGRESS RECORD...9 FOR DAY ENDING 24 March 46.

	Remarks
ion th N.R.)	Generms FALISSA, SILANO, San PASQUALE. RR. W420804
tual ated	4500.
ndation-	3900.
ildings	Work at CAR was ceased on the 20 Feb. when the 10,000,000 lire authorised by the War Ministry had been expended. Authorisation for further expenditure was granted after a visit to Rome by the Deputy Genio Comd. and work was re-commenced on the 28 Feb. The situation therefore has altered little from that shown in Progress Report as at 19 Feb 46.
mproof	Lost time is to be made up by increasing the number of workmen employed.

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PROGRESS REPORT...2 FOR CAR ON AT 1 MARCH 46.

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

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PROGRESS REPORT...2 TANK CAR as at 1 March 46.

	Remarks
Found	
	Yes
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s	As in last report
Facilities	No change No change No change

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

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TEU CAN as at 1 March 46.

	Remarks
scales are the of stores e maximum received, ages to dates	
tores	100% received, except for kitchens and messes.
	10% in course of preparation.
tion	None
	100%
	100% at scale of one pair per man.

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 Tank Car as at 1 March 46.

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

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PROGRESS REPORT...9 TAC CAR as of 1 March 45.

	Remarks.
ress	
	No change
	No change

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

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PACKING REPORT...2 TON CAR as of 1 March 45

	Remarks
...ms to date ...necessary -	
...s	Commissariat report they are complete.
	do do do do
...s	One month's supply.
...es	Complete.

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Serial	Subject	Remarks
E.	Permanent Staffs	
	(a) Married accomodation	None.
	(b) Single quarters	Same as last report.
	(c) Officers Mess	Awaiting approval by Min. of War.
	(d) Sergeants Mess	do do do do
	(e) General	Sufficient accomodation will be available for th arrive. The programme now contemplates completi

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Progress report...9 Tank Bn as at 1 March 45.

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

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PRO - FORMA

RETURN OF BRITISH MT. HELD BY 2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

Ser.N°.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5563179	GPT.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	T.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.
3.	B.S.A. M/Cycle	C.1431573	27200	WM20-35227	" "	E.
4.	Standard 2 ctr 4x2	M.6175674	No Record	No Record	" "	?

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

Signed...

Date.....2 Mar.....1945

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PRO - FORMA

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

	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
4	M.5663179	GPT.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	
Gs.	M.4959379	V.9013	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	
	C.1431573	27200	W620-35227	" "	E.	-	-	
4x2	M.6175674	No Record	No Record	" "	?	?	?	Inf.not yet received.

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

Authorised WE.		ORs & Civilians employed within WE.	A/S Gp.	ORs held surplus to WE. Civil
Clerks GD RASC.	1 Cpl 1 Pte			Ferr
Batman/Dvr.	1 Pte	Dvr.Rawlings.C.F. T/6018925 (1)	27	Pte.Pace.G. (2)
M/Cyclist.	1 Pte.	Dvr.Rose.R. T/106977077	44	
Civilians.				
Batman/Dvr.	1			
Cooks.	2	Rota Luigina.		
Mess Orderly	1	Rota Maria.		
Gen. Duties	1	Brandolino Geny.		

REMARKS. Date : 1 [illegible]

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

(2) Returns shortly to MALTA.

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

ORs & Civilians employed within VE.	A/3 Gp.	ORs held surplus to VE.	Civilians held surplus to

Ferulli Gigliola

Dvr.Rawlings.C.F. T/5018925 (1)	27	Pte.Pace.G. (2)
Dvr.Rose.R. T/10697077	44	

Rota Luigina.
Rota Maria.
Brandolino Geny.

REMARKS.

Date : 1 March 46.

- deferred one month
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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

PERIODICAL REPORT No5.
as at 15 Feb 46.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PA to Corps
Asst Comd
G.S.

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

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

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PROGRESS REPORT .S.Tarr..... T.T.C.

SERIAL N° 5

	Remarks.
tion with M.R.)	Caserme FALANGA. MILANO, S.PASQUALE. M.R. P 420804.
r that odated	3900
mmodation -	3900 (including staff). Double bunks were made of woods They were old and unhygienic. With the increased accomodation available in S.Pasquale, they are no longer required and have been returned to store.
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PROGRESS REPORT .....9..T.E.R.R.....T.T.C.

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

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SERIAL No 5

	Remarks.
een found	C.A.R. Ration store in C.Falanga; bn.ration stores in each barracks. Clothing store in C.Falanga. In C.Falanga. Request to include Armoured in W.E. has been made to Min.of War.
n and state e. percentage	FALANGA: 50% / 80% / 80% / 50% / 50% / 80% MILANO: 30% / 50% / 50% / 30% / 30% / 30% S.PASQUALE: 30% / 10% / 10% / 30% / 30% / 30% Officers & Sgts. messes are without furniture.
Rooms	
unds. ange ning facilities	Falanga 80% ready- The other two still have to be levelled. The civil contractors were requested on the 13 Feb. to put more men on the job; 35 are at present employed here. 6 sites have been earmarked and 'Genio' has made plan for work. Same as for last report:in addition arrangements are being made for bayonet fighting, gym, and fencing for officers.

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PROGRESS REPORT .....9.IER.R.....T.T.C.

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

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PROGRESS REPORT .....9.TER.R.....T.T.C.

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SERIAL No. 5

bject	Remarks.
ve the following scales en received, and are the ppropriate number of stores proportion to the maximum mber of men been received, , if not, percentage to date:	
) Accomodation stores	Same as last report.
) Training stores	None. Terr.H.Q. are awaiting allotment from Min.of War.
) Arms and ammunition	None. do do
) Clothing	3600 sets and 3600 part worn, have been received. Some of the uniforms are too small to be worn by any man; Commissariato is arranging for replacements.
) Boots	100%. One pair per man is considered insufficient: 20% over present scale is required to enable repairs to be carried out. Terr. H.Q. have asked Min. of War for 2 pairs for each man.

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 9 Tnn. T.T.C.

Serial	Subject	Remarks.
c.	Brief notes on progress made on:	
	(a) Heating.	Preparations for heating water in bathrooms have be C.Falenga. In the other two Casernes, boilers have
	(b) Lighting	FALANGA: 50% complete MILANO: 50% complete 30%. were in t room of t

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PROGRESS REPORT ..... 9 Tcr. ..... T.T.C.

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SERIAL No 5

Subject	Remarks.
Brief notes on progress made on:	
a) Heating.	Preparations for heating water in bathrooms have been completed in C.Falanga. In the other two Caserne, boilers have yet to be overhauled.
b) Lighting	FALANGA: 50% complete MILANO: 50% complete S.PASQUALE: 30%. Wires and plugs were removed by burglars, in the unoccupied barrack rooms, i.e. in two thirds of the Caserma.

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

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

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

	Remarks.
...rage progress to date ...rision of necessary -	
...ood Supplies	Same as last report.
...nel	Terr. H.Q. are awaiting allotment from Min. of War; in the meantime a supply is being held in reserve.
...dical Stores.	100%
...nitary Stores	Indented for.

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PROGRESS REPORT ... g Terr ..... C.A.R.

As at 15 Feb.1946.

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

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	Remarks.
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od Accomodation.	The Prefect is unable to supply accomodation until it is released by the Allies. Buildings are starting to be released gradually as troops leave the area.
e quarters	Same as last report.
rs Mess	The C.A.R. Officers Mess is in the Caserma Milano. The question of furnishing it has yet to be decided by Min. of War. The present policy of doing so at the officer's expense is not feasible.
Mess	Accomodation has been earmarked for a Bn.Sgts.Mess in each of the 3 Caserme.
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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

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PA to CDL
Dep Comd
B.E.S.
Comd A/R

1. GENERAL - Nil.

2. 'G'

Employment of Troops.

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

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

100 men were employed on fatigues in the Command.

The remainder continued the training begun in December.

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

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

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

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

Training.

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

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

54 Area Commander has personally investigated the question of the Caserma S.Pasquale and has now arranged to hand it over by the 1st March, as requested.

Four Officer instructors have reported to 9 Terr HQ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Intelligence.

Relations between troops and populace continue to be friendly.

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

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3. L.

(a) DOMESTIC.

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

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

Leave.- T/10698077 Dvr.Rose.R., on seven days local leave returned 1st Feb.

(b) ITALIAN.

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

Discipline.- No Report.

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

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

Morale.- Conditions as reported last month remain constant.

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

4. Q.

(a) DOMESTIC.

Transport.- 9 BLU is still deficient of one M/C.

Accomodation.- No Report.

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

Discipline.- No Report.

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4.Q.

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Transport.- 9 BLU is still deficient of one M/C.

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Accomodation.- No Report.

(b)ITALIAN.

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

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

REME Problems - No report.

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RAOC Problems.- No Report.

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

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

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

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

C.E.M.- No Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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Arms and Ammunition.- Army less CC.RR.- No Report.
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Military hospitals outside the W.E. are suffering greatly from inadequate rations and lack of essential medecines, with which the civilian authorities are not able to supply them.

Movement Problems.-No Report.

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APPENDIX 'A'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

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

APPENDIX 'B'

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 3.

General Staff.

GSO 11	Major H.R.FERRO.	RMA.

Branch of the Adjt General and Quartermaster General.

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

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S T A T E L I S T

Italian Lt.Cols and above with
9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Commander	Gen di Div	O ROSELLI
Deputy Comdr	Gen di Brig	G CASTELLANO
Asst	Colonello	F SFORZA
Asst	Ten Col	M MORGESE
Chief of Staff	Colonello(SC)	V PERITTI
Deputy C of S	Ten Col(SC)	V INSIGNA
Ops & Trg	Ten Col(SC)	C ROVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V DELL'AGLIO
V & R	Ten Col	G ENTRONA
Records	Ten Col	P SELVAGGI
Services	Ten Col	B CORTESE
Transport	Ten Col	N GALLETTI
Intelligence	Ten Col	G GRAZZIO
Personnel	Ten Col	F GRECO
Army Res Offrs	Ten Col	F TRETROTOLI
Terr Affairs	Colonello	G LARENZA
Asst	Ten Col	T GILLO
Camp Comdt	Ten Col	R DUVIA

ARTILLERY

9 Arty Terr HQ

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

901 Arty Directorate

Director	Colonello	G GLANDE
Secretary	Ten Col	G SANTELLI
Asst	Ten Col	P CARENO

903 Detached Arty Gen

Commander	Ten Col	F TURINO

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Gen Terr HQ

Commander	Colonello	A TANFERNA
Chief Engr Offr	Colonello	A PISANI

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Chief of Staff	Colonello(SC)	V PETITTI
Deputy C of S	Ten Col(SC)	V INSINNA
Ops & Trg	Ten Col(SC)	C ROVETTO
Org	Ten Col	V DELL'ACQUA
V & R	Ten Col	G INTRONA
Records	Ten Col	P SELVAGGI
Services	Ten Col	B CORTESE
Transport	Ten Col	M GALLERELLI
Intelligence	Ten Col	G GRAMAZIO
Personnel	Ten Col	F GRECO
Army Res Offrs	Ten Col	S TREROTOLI
Terr Affairs	Colonello	G LAPENNA
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903 Detached Arty Sec

Commander	Ten Col	F TURINO

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Commander	Colonello	E TANFERNA
Chief Engr Offr	Colonello	A PISANI

9 Wks Services & Engrs Stores Directorate

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

INFANTRY

9 Inf Regt

Commander	Colonello	R MICALETTI
CO 1 Bn	Ten Col	F MANZI

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Staff List (cont).

BR-ITIS

711 Adm Regt.

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

MILITARY ACADEMY.

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

9 T.T.C.

Commander.	Ten Col.	A.BIANCOLI.

DEPOTS.

24 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Ten Col.	L.ROBERTI.

25 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	D'CICCIMARA.

26 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Colonello.	A.MANIERI.

27 Terr Depot.

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

28 Terr Depot.

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

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Commandant.	Colonello	R.BELLADINI.
Cadet Bn Comdr.	Ten Col.	L.MORRICA.
Inst Geog & Physics.	Ten Col.	F.TAPPARINI.
CC Depot.	Ten Col.	M.SERRA.
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Commander.	Ten Col.	P.GABALLO.
Admin.	Ten Col.	V.DONADEO.

28 Terr Depot.

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

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29 Terr Depot.

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

30 Terr Depot.

Commander.	Ten Col.	A.ANTONATE.

31 Terr Depot.

32 Terr Depot.

Commander	Ten Col	A PERNICE-CARIGLIA

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Staff List (contd)

3 Terr Depot(contd)

88 Terr Depot	Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

MILITARY DISTRICTS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MEDICAL

9 Med Direct Terr HQ		
Director	Colonello	R DE MARTINO-ROSAROL
ADH	Ten Col	L AMBROSI
ADLegal	Ten Col	L GARZIA 2864
9 Principal Terr Hospital		
Director	Ten Col	G FISCHIETTI
President CMO	Ten Col	S INFANTINO

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5 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	C GARRISI
Admin	Ten Col	G FABI
38 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A NIGRO
Admin	Ten Col	F RINALDI
66 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Ten Col	G COZZOLI
Asst	Ten Col	A MUSCETTOLA
78 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Ten Col	R DE CESARE

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Chief LO 52 Area		
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9 Principal Terr Hospital		
Director	Ten Col	G FISCHIETTI
President CMO	Ten Col	S INFANTINO
Secretary	Ten Col	A PAVONE
Ophthalmic Wing	Ten Col	G TREROTOLI
Observation Wing	Ten Col	P PARAGONA
Medical Wing	Ten Col	N CARRARA
Chief Pharmacist	Ten Col	R DE BENEDICTIS
Orthopaedic Wing	Ten Col	F DE RAFFAELE
124 Terr Mil Hosp		
Director	Ten Col	L BARNABA
166 Terr Mil Hosp		
Director	Ten Col	D DE CATA

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Staff Lists (contd)

MEDICAL (contd)

222 Terr Mil Hosp Director	Ten Col	A MANIERI

COMMISSARIAT

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

PAY

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

TRANSPORT

9 Terr Adm Tpt Coy Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

LEGAL

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

MOV CONTROL

609 Mov Control Area	Ten Col	G COLOSIMO

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COMMISSARIAT

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

PAY

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

TRANSPORT

9 Terr Adm Tpt Coy		
Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

LEGAL

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

MOV CONTROL

609 Mov Control Area	Ten Col	G COLOSIMO

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PRO - FORMA

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

Ser.No.	Vehicle Type.	Reg.No.	Engine No.	Chassis No.	Contract No.	Efficien
1.	Ford 1/4 ton 4x4	M.5663179	GPW.79013	No Record	V.9013	R.
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4x2 GS.	M.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	R.

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

Date...5 Feb.....1946

Signed:

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PRO - FORMA

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

	Reg.N°.	Engine N°.	Chassis N°.	Contract N°.	Efficient.	Local Repair.	Beyond Local Repair.	Remarks.
	M.5663179	OPW.79013	No Record	V.9013	E.	-	-	
28.	Z.4959379	V.5019	" "	No Record	E.	-	-	

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Signed: L. Fraser. Major.

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

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	Remarks.
ocation s (with L.R.)	Group of three barrack blocks - Cusarma FALANGA, ATLANO and S.PASQUALE - the last of which has yet to be released by 54 Area. L.R. - P 420804
ber that mmodated	4500.
ccommodation - ks ks	Correct figures are not available until S.Pasquale barracks have been released.
or buildings.	Windows damaged and without panes; lavatories, latrines, kitchen out of order and requiring repairs and fittings. Electric light absent.
ve therproof	90%

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

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

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

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	(b) Training stores	None.
	(c) Arms and ammunition	None.
	(d) Clothing	100%
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C.	Brief notes on progress made on:	
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D.	Percentage progress to date on provision of necessary -	
	(a) Food Supplies	Commissariate is in a position to supply rations to Arrangements are complete to draw from reserves unt authorises the quota for C.A.R.
	(b) Fuel	Terr HQ have asked Ministry for allotment.
	(c) Medical Stores.	Direzione Sanith has been ordered to prepare for v inoculations and has now reported it has all the st They also have stores ready for issue to 2 M.I.Room barracks) and a 20 bed infirmary.
	(d) Sanitary stores	Direzione Sanith is preparing stores.

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	(b) Single quarters	Accomodation is being prepared in C.A.R.
	(c) Officers Mess	In C.A.R. an estimate of expenses involved is b submission to Min. of War, with the object of pr of their ruling that the expense for furnishing Officers concerned
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General.	The establishment of O.Rs. allowed on the Staff is found to be insufficient in view of the duties being spread among three barracks. Terr.H.Q. is preparing an appreciation of minimum requirements for Min.of War.

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9 British Liaison Unit — CONFIDENTIAL

Periodical Report No 3
As at 15 Jan 46

Part I - GENERAL

NIL

Part II - "C"

1. Training

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9 BLU 5/20
of 16 Jan
refers

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ACTION
9 BLU 55/6
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Part III 'A'

NIL

Part IV 'Q'

FILE: G13-14/A
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Italian

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Part III 'A'

NIL

Part IV 'Q'

FILE: G 3/4/A
DATE: 2/2/44
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Italian

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

(H FERRO) Major
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Serial No 2

9 British Liaison Unit

FORTNIGHTLY REPORT

For period ending I Jan 1946

G - (Two)
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I. GENERAL

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

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Hd to Board
Dep Comd
Res. mmh
Col A/Q WP

2. G

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Office work increases,unless the officer concerned can get about on visits and efficiency is bound to deteriorate over a period.
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ACTION

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Terr HQ has given two reasons against altering this system. They are:-
(i) It can only be altered by authority of the Min of War.
(ii) The officers of the Terr Staff are not reliable enough for them to be given the responsibility.

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

(i) Decentralising responsibility down to heads of branches (Capi d'ufficci) SECTION

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

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

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

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F. I.T.C (contd)

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

(b) CC RR - On the I8 Dec, 300 recruits were mustered ~~to~~ Carabinieri, on completion of their course.
The standard of arms drill, on the passing out parade was high.

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

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G (Contd)

Intelligence

(a) Ascertainable activities of Italians viz a viz with other countries.

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

On 21 Dec MARINO Guiseppe was arrested at Tursi (U 18) for the same reason. Enquiries are continuing.

(b) Frontier Activity- Nothing to report.

(c) Relations between troops and populace.

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The troops of 9 Terr Cd are on friendly terms with the populace.

(d) Political current among troops.

What has been seen up to date conveys the impression that they have no particular political leaning, but are vaguely anti-communist. This line has lately been fostered by reports from repatriated prisoners from Russia, who tell of privations and ill-treatment received.

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Order was restored by the police who made a few arrests.

(f) Public Security - is at a disadvantage owing to the number of bandits in the area, operating singly or in small bands of 2 to 6 men, and nearly all armed with pistols, rifles or automatic weapons.

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Intelligence (contd)
Public Security

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

(g) Economics

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

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3. A

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

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

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

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

(b) Italian

Deficiencies - no report

Discipline - no report

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

Pay Problems - All ranks look forward to improved rates of pay in the future.

Morale - The allotment of a BLU to the command has given rise to an air of expectancy of better things to come, with all ranks.

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

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A (contd)
Italian morale

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

4 Q

Domestic - Transport- 9 BLU now has all its ~~xxx~~ transport, except one moter-cycle, which is being provided by ADOS 54 Area.
Accommodation - ORs are well accommodated in a building 50yds away from the office building.
Officers - no suitable building has yet been found for an officers Mess. Officers are living in 54 Area 'B' Mess, until a suitable flat will be available.

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From cannibalisation.
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Units do not send in vehicles for routine inspection: the number of repairs made for dented mudguards radiators etc;, indicates a low standard of driving discipline.
A mobile repair shop has just been authorised by the Min of War. It should prove useful in dealing with miner repairs, thereby leaving the Repair Unit free to deal with major repairs.

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Italian - Transport (contd)

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

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

REME problems - vide Army Transport, above.

NAAC problems nothing to report

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Army - The soldier is issued with one suit of uniform and one pair of boots. When an article is in need of repair he hands it in and receives another in return, from the Central Depot.
In practice the system has several disadvantages
(i) The cloth of which uniforms are made is of a quality that tears easily. The soldier has no means of repairing minor tears, so he goes on wearing the uniform until it is torn badly enough for exchange.
(ii) The exchanged articles from the Central Depot are generally badly repaired and soon get U/S
(iii) The soldier wearing his one suit continuously has little chance of keeping it smart: in fact he is generally quite shabby in appearance

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

2. OC units will be responsible for the service-ability of the articles for a period of one year.

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

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

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CC RR - nothing to report

Arms and Amn - nothing to report

C.E.M. - nothing to report

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

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

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

Medical - nothing to report.

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Appendix "A"

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT AND 9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

LOCATION STATEMENT

(For troops down to Bns or equivalent units).

9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT — BARI

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

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9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

STAFF LIST No 2

General Staff

GSOII Major H.A.R. PEDRO RHA

Branch of the Adjt General & Quartermaster General

DAAG&QMG

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Italian Lt Cols and above with

9 TERRITORIAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

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

ARTILLERY

9 Artillery Terr HQ

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

901 Arty Directorate

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

ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Commander Chief Engr	Colonello	A TANFERNA

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Deputy C of S	Ten Col (SG)	V INSINNA
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ENGINEERS

9 Engr Sec Terr HQ

Commander	Colonello	M TANFERNA
Chief Engr Officer	Colonello	A PISANI

9 Wakos Services & Engrs Store Directorate

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

INFANTRY

9 Regiment

Commander	Colonello	R NICALETTI
OC 1 Bn	Ten Col	P MANZI

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OC 711 Admin Regt	Colonello	A RICCIARDI

MILITARY ACADEMY

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

2 T.T.C.

Commandant	Ten Col	A BIANCOLI

REPOTS

24 Terr Dep

Commander	Colonello	E ROSSI
Admin	Ten Col	L ROBERTI

25 Terr Dep

Commander	Colonello	D CICCIARRA

26 Terr Dep

Commander	Colonello	A MANIERI

27 Terr Dep

Commander	Ten Col	F GABALLO
Admin	Ten Col	V DONADEO

28 Terr Dep

Commander	Colonello	V VASCO
Admin	Ten Col	G PURRI

29 Terr Dep

Commander	Colonello	M PERRONI
Admin	Ten Col	G ALOSI
Records	Ten Col	M ABBADESSA

30 Terr Dep

Commander	Ten Col	A ANTONATI

32 Terr Dep

Commander	Ten Col	A PERNICE CARICLIA

MILITARY DISTRICTS

3 Mil Dist

Commandant	Colonello	A DIMONTE
Records	Ten Col	F CONTINI
Stores	Ten Col	V CUONZO

4 Mil Dist

Commandant	Colonello	A RUGGIERO
Mobilisation	Ten Col	E GRAZIANI

5 Mil Dist

Commandant

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Commandant	Ten Col	A BIANCOLI
DEPOTS		
24 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	E ROSSI
Admin	Ten Col	L ROBERTI
25 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	D CICCIARRA
26 Terr Dep		
Commander	Colonello	A MANIERI
27 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	P GABALLO
Admin	Ten Col	V DONADEO
28 Terr Dep		
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Admin	Ten Col	G FERRI
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Admin	Ten Col	G ALOSI
Records	Ten Col	[illegible] ABBADESSA
30 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	A ANTONATE
32 Terr Dep		
Commander	Ten Col	A PERNICE CARIGLIA
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3 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A DIACINTO
Records	Ten Col	F CONTINI
Stores	Ten Col	V CUONZO
4 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	A RUGGIERO
Mobilisation	Ten Col	E GRAZIANI
5 Mil Dist		
Commandant	Colonello	C GARNISI
Admin	Ten Col	G FABI
Balkan Returnees	Ten Col	M STAGNI
38 Mil Dist		
Commandt	Colonello	A NIGRO
Admiral Dist	Ten Col	F RINALDI
Commandant	Ten Col	G DELLA VALLE
Records	Ten Col	L IACAMPO

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Military Districts

60 Mil Dist

Commandant	Colonello	R QUARANTA
Records	Ten Col	G DONZOLI
Aegean Returnees	Ten Col	A MUSOLTOLA

78 Mil Dist

Commandant	Colonello	G ACAMPORA
Admin	Ten Col	R DE CESARE

POW Reception Centres

1 Centre

Commandant	Ten Col	G DE TERZIS

3 Centre

Commandant	Colonello	S BELLANTE
Welfare	Ten Col	N RAFFEI

"Duker" Camp

Commandant	Colonello	C SIGLARI
Vice-Cmdt	Ten Col	V SANTA

Chief Liaison Officer 52 Area	Ten Col	F BRANCATI

Requisitions for ALLIED	Ten Col	F DE A

MEDICAL

9 Med Direct Terr Hq

Director	Colonello	R DE MARTINO-ROSAROL
Asst Director	Ten Col	L ARBORI
Asst Director	Ten Col	L GARZIA

9 Principal Terr Hosp

Director	Ten Col	G FISCHETTI
President -C.O.	Ten Col	S INFANTINO
Secretary	Ten Col	A PAVONE
Ophthalmic Wing	Ten Col	G TERROTOLI
Pharmacy Wing	Ten Col	A DE BENEDICTIS
Orthopaedic Wing	Ten Col	F DE RAFFAELE

166 Terr Mil Hosp "Delitia"

Director	Ten Col	E CARRARA

Mil Hosp "S Del Frate "Bari"

Director	Ten Col	L BARNABA

Reserve Mil Hosp - Bisceglie

Director	Ten Col	D DE GATA

Reserve Mil Hosp - Lecce

Director	Ten Col	A MARTINI

Reserve Mil Hosp - Nocera

Director	Ten Col	L SOLLA

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3 Centre		
Commandant	Colonello	G BALLESIO
Welfare	Ten Col	F CAPPUI
"Tuber" Casp		
Commandant	Colonello	G GIGLIO
Vice-Comdt	Ten Col	V MANNA
Chief Liaison		
Officer 52 Area	Ten Col	P BRANDATI
Requisitions for		
ALLIES	Ten Col	F DUCA

MEDICAL

9 Med Direct Terr HQ		
Director	Colonello	R DE MARTINO-ROSAROL
Asst Director	Ten Col	L AMBROSI
Asst Director	Ten Col	L GARZIA
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President -C.O	Ten Col	G INFANTINO
Secretary	Ten Col	A PAVONE
Ophtalmic Wing	Ten Col	G TRENTOLI
Pharmacy Wing	Ten Col	R DI BENEDETTO
Orthopaedic Wing	Ten Col	F DE RAFFAELE
156 Terr Fd Hosp "Balilla"		
Director	Ten Col	R CARRARA
71 Hosp "C del Prete "Bari"		
Director	Ten Col	L BANDERA
Reserve 71 Hosp - Biscoglie		
Director	Ten Col	D DE CATA
Reserve 71 Hosp - Lecce		
Director	Ten Col	A MANIERI
Reserve 71 Hosp - Caserta		
Director	Ten Col	L ROLLA

COMMISSARIAT

9 Comm Directorate Terr HQ		
Director	Colonello	G OCCIPINTI
Vice - Director	Ten Col	A [illegible]
9 Military Bakery		
Consignor	Ten Col	E DIAMANTAULO
9 Food Dist Depot (Hosp)		
Consignor	Ten Col	R VITELLI

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Staff List (contd)

PAY

9 Pay Directorate

Director	Ten Col	H RUGGANDI
Vice-Director	Ten Col	A APOLLINI

MOTOR TRANSPORT

9 Terr Adm Tpt Coy

Commander	Ten Col	G POLI

LAW

9 Military Tribunal

Judge advocate	Colonello	G GRILLI
Judge advocate	Colonello	P TRAVERSA
Judge ~~advocate~~ ADMIN TRIBUNAL	Ten Col	A LAGGI
Judge ~~advocate~~	Ten Col	C SCOTTO

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[illegible] OF BATTERY [illegible] HEADQUARTERS [illegible] ANTI-AIRCRAFT BRIGADE [illegible] ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNIT.

Ser.No	Vehicle Type	Reg No	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (L.R)	Beyond Local Repair (B.L.R)
1.	Ford Cwt 4 x 4	W.5033179	E	-	-
2.	Ford 15 cwt 4 x 2	W.4959379	E	-	-

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

Signed.

Date 1 Jan 1945

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APPENDIX "J".

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REPORT OF BATTERY ... HELD BY 3 BATTALION UNIT.

Reg No	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (L R)	Beyond Local Repair (B.L.R.)	Remarks
.3[illegible]379	E	-	-	
2 4.4358379	E	-	-	

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that ... have been inspected and found correct.

Signed ... Major ...

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