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SUBJECT :- Progress Report

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Land Forces Sub-Commander AG.,
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10 British Liaison Unit
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H. M. Jones
for Lt Col,
GS.

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Appx "A" to 10 BLU Progress
Report No 18 dated 14 Jan 47

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
1.	10 BLU (Type "A")	POSILLIPO NAPLES	

ITI-ITI

2.	10 Mil Terr HQ	NAPLES
3.	Incr. to 10 BLU	NAPLES
4.	Terr Military Trib. Type A	NAPLES
5.	10 Territorial Training Centre	AVELLINO
6.	10 Service Coy for Terr Training Centre	AVELLINO

INF

7.	10 Inf Regt HQ	CATANZARO
8.	Mortar Coy	NAPLES
9.	1 Inf Bn	COSENZA
10.	2 Inf Bn	NAPLES
11.	3 Inf Bn	SALERNO

MILITARY DISTRICTS

12.	27 Mil Dist (Class 1 B)	NAPLES
13.	39 Mil Dist (Class 2)	SALERNO
14.	19 Mil Dist (Class 3)	CATANZARO
15.	21 Mil Dist (Class 3)	REGGIO CALABRIA
16.	26 Mil Dist (Class 3)	CASERTA
17.	37 Mil Dist (Class 3)	COSENZA
18.	50 Mil Dist (Class 3)	AVELLINO
19.	80 Mil Dist (Class 3)	NOLA
20.	25 Mil Dist (Class 4)	BENEVENTO
21.	103 Mil Dist (Class 4)	AVERSA

TERR DEPOTS

22.	11 Territorial Depot	SALERNO
23.	14 Territorial Depot	VIBO VALENTIA
24.	15 Territorial Depot	NAPLES
25.	16 Territorial Depot	CASERTA
26.	19 Territorial Depot	CASERTA
27.	22 Territorial Depot	S. MARIA C.V.
28.	23 Territorial Depot	NAPLES
29.	87 Territorial Depot	

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3.	Incr. to 10 BLU	NAPLES
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MED

30.	Principal Mil Hospital (Type I/1)	NAPLES
31.	Secondary Mil Hospital (Type I/2)	CATANZARO
32.	Thermal Establishment	ISCHIA
33.	Local Infirmary	MADDALONI
34.	Medical Depot of Principal Mil Hos	NAPLES
35.	Medical Mob Store of Principal Mil Hos	NAPLES
36.	Medical Mob Store of Secondary Mil Hos	MADDALONI
37.	Medical Ord Store of Principal Mil Hos	NAPLES

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	MED		
38.	Medical Ord Store of Secondary Mil Hos	MADDALONI	
39.	HQ 10 Medical Coy	NAPLES	
40.	10 Hygiene Sec	NAPLES	
41.	Terr Med War Pensions Comm	NAPLES	
42.	Terr Med War Pensions Comm	CATANZARO	
43.	General Stores Depot	MADDALONI	
44.	Med Inspect Board	NAPLES	
	COMMISSARIATO SERVICE		
45.	Commissariat Section	CATANZARO	
46.	10 Supply Coy	NAPLES	
47.	Port Detachment	NAPLES	
48.	Bulk Supply Depot	NAPLES	
49.	10 Military Bakery	NAPLES	
50.	10 Principal General Supply Depot	NAPLES	
51.	63 Secondary General Supply Depot	AVELLINO	
52.	64 Secondary General Supply Depot	CATANZARO	
53.	10 Central Clothing & Eqpt	NAPLES	
54.	10 Main Barrack Stores	NAPLES	
55.	10 Clothing & Eqpt Wksps	NAPLES	
	ARTY SERVICE		
56.	10 Artillery Directorate	NAPLES	
57.	Detached Arty Sec	COSENZA	
58.	Arsenal Section	NAPLES	
59.	Explosive Sec	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	
60.	Pirtecnico E.	CAPUA	
61.	10 Bomb Disposal Unit Sec Type A	NAPLES	
62.	Bomb Disposal Unit Sec Type B	COSENZA	
63.	Detached liquidation office Type B	NAPLES	
	MT SERVICE		
64.	10 MT Coy	NAPLES	
65.	10 Efficient Veh Park	NAPLES	
66.	10 Repairs Unit I class	NAPLES	
67.	10 Light Workshop for MT	NAPLES	
68.	Service Station	COSENZA	
	ENGR SERVICE		
69.	10 [illegible]		

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70.	Engr Works Det Sec	CATANZARO
71.	Engr Works Det Office	REGGIO CALABRIA
72.	Pre-armistice liquidation office Type B	NAPLES
73.	10 Terr Signal Coy	NAPLES
74.	10 Fd Engr Coy	NAPLES
75.	Requisitioning office Type A	NAPLES
76.	4 Requisitioning Sections	VARIOUS
77.	Requisitioning Office Type D	CATANZARO
78.	Requisitioning Section	REGGIO CALABRIA
79.	5 Mine Clearance zone	CAPUA

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	VET & REMOUNT SERVICE		
80.	Remount Depot	PERSANO	
81.	Terr Vet Station	NAPLES	
82.	Terr Vet Station	CATANZARO	
	MOVEMENT CONTROL SERVICE		
83.	Movement Control Area	NAPLES	
84.	Military Station Type A	NAPLES	
85.	Military Embarkation and Disembarkation Office	NAPLES	
	MISCELLANEOUS		
86.	1001 POW Transit Camp (Type A)	NAPLES	
87.	Detention Barrack Type A	NAPLES	

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3. TRAINING

Training Establishments

(i) 10 CAR put on two courses during the month for Officers and NCO's of 10 Regt.

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(ii) 30 NCO instructors of 10 CAR were instructed in the courses who had not had the benefit of CESANO instruction. Results were satisfactory.

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(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE

Officers - One - DAA & QMG

OR - 1 Sjt Veh/Mech REME - 1 Cfn Veh/Mech held in lieu
1 WO I RAOC

(b) Leave

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return

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(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future

Lt col W.A. VENOUR DSO	Privleave combined with SEWLROK
Major W.P.G. TAYLOR RA	Sick leave 1 to 2 months after discharge from 92 General Hospital about 20 Jan 47
Dvr HOUGHTON E.	Privleave
L/cpl CHEETHAM S.	Privleave
Cfn REDFERN G.R.	Privleave

(c) Release and PYTHON

Details of all ranks due for Release or PYTHON in the near future

Major M.M. DAVIE DWR	PYTHON
Captain L.N. JONES RASC	PYTHON
Captain N.W. CLARKE RAOC	PYTHON
Sjt de MELVIN R.V. RASC	Release A/S Group 46
L cpl THOMSON D. RAOC	DVG& (monthly) Married scheme 'B' wife expecting baby end Jan 47.

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This latter information is presumably in MAIA hands already as it has been authorised by Ministry of War, but is reported here as it is not clear whether this will affect permissable "ceiling".

(b) Morale

Little change to report. The prospect of the departure of Allied troops and the Military Mission in particular is

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regarded with pessimism by many officers of Right Political Sympathies.

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PART IV - "G"

7. DOMESTIC

(a) Transport

List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix "D".

(b) Accommodation

Villa RUFFO referred to in last month's report will not now be available. Villa FATTORUSSO (Air House) has been taken over but not yet occupied owing to news of disbandment and general uncertainty of future. The requisition is however being retained for the present until the future is more clear.

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It was observed, in addition, that a considerable number of the breakages occurring to small arms, notably rifle No 1, could be avoided with a little more careful handling. A letter, pointing out these defects and suggesting their prevention, is attached as Appendix "F".

(b) RAOC

557 BOD was finally handed over to Italian Government by Ministry of Supply. In preparation for this a conference

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was held at 10 Territorial Command on 11 Dec, when all points regarding selection of stores for Italian Army were discussed.

As a result of this, the OC went to ROME 12 - 18 Dec in order to clarify various matters which arose. After discussions this visit culminated in a conference at the Italian War Ministry, at which it was agreed that all branches of the service would segregate 18 months supply of stores pending the allocation of funds by the Treasury.

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The creation of a central Commissariato Depot in each of these two Port cities, incorporating the distribution of bedding, clothing, forage etc, as well as food would seem to be of value as it would facilitate control.

General

(a) The reduction in the bread ration from 355 grams to 334 grams per day with the proportionate increase in the pasta ration has not caused any noticeable reaction.

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(b) The issue of roasted coffee beans to individual units is found to be eminently satisfactory.

At one time complaints had been received regarding the issue of ground coffee, a negligeable amount of which had been received ex Allied sources.

(d) Accommodation

(i) During the month the major part of the Island of SANTA LUCIA has been derequisitioned by Allies. This has freed the CASTEL DELL'OVO to Italian services. The whole of the premises will not be available to Italian Army as Ministry of Marine has some claim to parts of it and in fact have always occupied a part of it even during British requisition. 10 Territorial Command are undecided at the moment how to use it but intend to use part at any rate as flats for married families.

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
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"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - MT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - MILITARY PERSONNEL treated in hospitals under
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"F" - RELE DIRECTIVE TO 10 CAR

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STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

GENERAL STAFF

GSO I	Lt col	W.A.	VENOUR DSO	MANCH
GSO II	Major	M.M.	DAVIE	DWR

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

SERVICES

ST	Capt	L.N.	JONES	RASC
ORD	Capt	N.W.	CLARKE	RAOC
REME	Capt	W.S.	RINDL	REME

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Appendix
Report

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1 JAN 47.

Ser No (a)	Type (b)	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BIR (h)	Remarks (j)
1.	SERMANKULN FORDWERKE 3 ton (German)	5A CAP 351 - 1	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate HS from 3 District
2.	DODGE 3 ton	L 5653154	-	91086007	E			HQ MELF letter Q 204 dat
3.	Jeep Willys	M 5662552	Ser No 341924	MB341594	E			Made efficient from Jeep
4.	Jeep Willys	M 5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E			
5.	Chevrolet 8 cwt H/Utility	Z 5905624	SM6407	4B445201156		LR		GHQ CMF MEC No 255 of 11
6.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 5100489	S1443	1560489		LR (ROME)		3 District letter 636/1
7.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 4776757	E/5014	1443757				3 District letter 631/20 (Stolen) Awaiting Writo
8.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 5100521	124383	156092			BIR	Awaiting BIR Certificate 25 July 46 refers
9.	Fordson 4 X 2 H/U	M 4508564	W4150/4	W4150/4		LR		MELA letter Q/T/10 dated
10.	Humber Car	M 4778687	N/A	N/A	E			Allotted by 3 District before allotment by HQ Authy 631/60 of 11 Oct receiving Fordson
11.	BSA 500 cc Solo C	1431905	23/S1048	66 - 1223	E			WE/3M/1130/1 dated 15
12.	Water Trailer 100 Gall 2 Whld	5161690	-	-	E			3 District letter 636/1

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

Signed .....(W)

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AP 351	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate MS 114 dated 18 Sep 46 held from 3 District
53154	-	91086007	E			HQ MEA letter Q 204 dated 25 Oct 46 refers
62552	Ser No 341994	MS341994	E			Made efficient from Jeep M 5661635) Held in lieu
62375	Ser No 324565	MS324565	E			) of cars
05624	S6407	42445201156		LR		CHQ CMP MEC No 255 of 11 Jan 46 refers
00489	S1443	1560489		LR (ROME)		3 District letter 636/10 dated 7 Oct 46 refers
76757	X/5014	1443757				3 District letter 631/20 dated 14 Aug 46 refers (Stolen) Awaiting Write Off
00921	124303	156092			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate. MEA Signal Q 1018 of 25 July 46 refers
08564	V4150/4	V4150/4		LR		MEA letter Q/T/10 dated 23 Oct 46 refers
78687	N/A	N/A	E			Allotted by 3 District to fill increase in WE before allotment by HQ MEA of Fordson (3 District Authy 631/20 of 11 Oct 46) Received 1 Nov, after receiving Fordson
1905	23/S1048	66 - 4223	E			WE/CM/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45 refers
90	-	-	E			3 District letter 636/10 dated 7 Oct 46 refers

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Signed .....

Date 10 JAN 47

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Return showing Military Personnel treated in hospitals under NAPLES Territorial Command during the month of Dec 46 :-

Military Hospital NAPLES and others under command of NAPLES Hospital	4836
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 13 PAGANI and others under commend	538
Principe di PIEMONTE Hospital	300
Military Hospital CATANZARO and others under commend	268
Military Hospital MADDALONI	450
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 6 COSENZA	NIL
Red Cross Hospital POZZUOLI	105
Bathing Establishment ISCHIA	NIL
Total	6497

The above mentioned number of personnel come from :-

Repatriated POW	773
Hospital trains under observation from sick leave	5310
From Units under command	414
Total	6497

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Appendix 'F' to 10 BLU Progress
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Directive to 10 CAR dated 13 Dec 46

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Catches, safety broken.	It is essential that the bolt be fully closed before applying the safety catch. The projection on the bolt locking engaging the cocking piece, in being broken may damage the trigger mechanism.
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Barrels.	Whenever possible boiling water should

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Barrels.	Whenever possible boiling water should be used for cleaning barrels after firing in preference to gauze. Cold water is better than no water at all. If, after firing, a rifle is cleaned out with boiling water in sufficient quantity, all that is necessary on subsequent days is to pull the rifle through with an oily piece of 4 X 2.

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Defect	Prevention
	Whereas if the rifle is only cleaned with gauze, this process has to be repeated every day for a considerable period. In addition it is pointed out that to remove burnt gases with gauze is detrimental to the life of the barrel.
Excessive cartridge head space.	If this space is too great, decreased range and hence loss of accuracy will result. Ultimately, it is hoped, you will be in possession of gauges; until then our armourer can classify your rifles if required. The bolt should close over the .064" No 1 gauge but not over the .074" No 1 gauge. When using the latter gauge, light thumb pressure only should be applied to the knob of the bolt. If excessive cartridge head space is found, a new bolt-head has to be fitted.
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Gas regulators - blocked up.	All fouling must be removed from the holes with the reamers provided.
Fouling on piston-head.	To clean the front face of the piston gently tap the fouling with the copper hammer provided on the combination tool.
Projector, Infantry, anti-tank	
Incorrect seating of rear-end-cap in shoulder piece.	This occurs through faulty uncocking. If the stud does not enter the bayonet slot it tends to form a false groove in the shoulder piece.
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2. ITALIAN

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle (Appendix 'A') not received from Territorial HQ.

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1st course 2-12 Dec
2nd course 13-22 Dec.

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Each course to consist of :-

8	Capts
18	Lts
9	WOs
35	Sjts
70	Total

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Training Establishments

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Sjts	21
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A further 46 L cpls, who should have arrived in time for the above course, reported to 10 CAR on 27 Nov and are under instruction on a separate course which will last one week longer to make up for lost time.

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PART III - "A"

6. DOMESTIC

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE

Officers - One - DAA & QMG

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OR - 1 Sjt Veh/Mech REME - 1 Cfn Veh/Mech REME held in lieu
1 WO RAOC
1 L cpl clerk RAOC - replacement due 2 Dec 46

(b) Leave

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return

Captain L.N. JONES RASC	Privleave 27 Oct-30 Nov not yet returned
Cpl BUNGAY K.E. MONS	Privleave 29 Oct-30 Nov not yet returned
Pte ALLEN H.J. RASC	Privleave 24 Nov-27 Dec

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Lt col W.A. VENOUR DSO	local leave
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(c) Release and Python

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(d) Staff List attached at Appendix 'B'.

7. ITALIAN

(a) Deficiencies in strengths

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ACTION

The position as regards replacements for US-ITI units requires clarification.

Ref this HQ letter
GAP/G/60 of 17 Sep

The present position as reported by 10 Territorial Group

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The present position as reported by 10 Territorial Command is as follows :-

To fill vacancies in establishment of 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione when class 24 are released as they should be by end of Nov, 200 men from BARI who are surplus to establishment in 9 Territorial Command have been posted to the above two US-ITI units.

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These 200 are not nearly sufficient to fill the vacancies. A further 1358 men are required to fill up 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione.

It is understood that Ministry of War have replied that these numbers are not available. 10 Territorial Command have suggested the posting of ex POW who are held in this area and who cannot at present be released and sent home because their homes are in NORTH AFRICA, ERITREA etc.

Ministry of War have agreed to this proposal but 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione are not willing to accept them for obvious reasons. In any case the number of ex POW available in this way is insufficient, being only approximately 800 leaving a further 500 approximately, vacancies to be filled.

It is understood that the Americans have suggested two solutions. First, the disbandment of 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione at the end of the year and the retention of their class 24 men until then. Second, the reduction of 2 Gp Bn from 8 Coys to 5 Coys.

10 Territorial Command are very concerned at the thought of retaining a part of class 24 beyond their release date, and have requested that a decision be made early in December.

(b) Morale

Morale of Junior NCOs and OR remains good in spite of present uncertainty. Morale of Officers and Senior NCOs remains affected by their economic situation.

(c) Pay Problems

The rise in basic pay has not ameliorated living conditions as was hoped, because prices of the necessities of life have risen in proportion.

Examples of the hardships suffered by officers, owing to the poor rates of pay, are constantly being quoted to officers of this BLU. In many cases married officers have now got to the end of their private resources of money, securities or saleable possessions and are getting desperate.

A recent strike by unskilled workers for a wage of 21,000 lire per month was commented on with great volubility by GOC 10 Territorial Command. The gist of his remarks being that his own basic pay was only 19,000 lire per month and that of his officers considerably less. They could not strike for more pay and how could he expect good work and reasonable turn out from his officers under these conditions.

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because their homes are in NORTH AFRICA, ERITREA etc.

Ministry of War have agreed to this proposal but 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione are not willing to accept them for obvious reasons. In any case the number of ex POW available in this way is insufficient, being only approximately 800 leaving a further 500 approximately, vacancies to be filled.

It is understood that the Americans have suggested two solutions. First, the disbandment of 2 Gp Bn and 3 Gp Aviazione at the end of the year and the retention of their class 24 men until then. Second, the reduction of 2 Gp Bn from 8 Coys to 5 Coys.

10 Territorial Command are very concerned at the thought of retaining a part of class 24 beyond their release date, and have requested that a decision be made early in December.

(b) Morale

Morale of Junior NCOs and OR remains good in spite of present uncertainty. Morale of Officers and Senior NCOs remains affected by their economic situation.

(c) Pay Problems

The rise in basic pay has not ameliorated living conditions as was hoped, because prices of the necessities of life have risen in proportion.

Examples of the hardships suffered by officers, owing to the poor rates of pay, are constantly being quoted to officers of this BLU. In many cases married officers have now got to the end of their private resources of money, securities or saleable posessions and are getting desperate.

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(d) Welfare

(i) Welfare Officer 10 Territorial Command approached this HQ for help in obtaining NAAFI/EFI surplus goods for sale in canteens, SAPAM shop etc.

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The result of enquiries into the possibilities revealed that any such deal would probably have to be at Ministry of War level.

This HQ letter ref 19 AG of 21 Nov 46 refers.

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PART IV - "Q"

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List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix 'D'.

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9. ITALIAN

(a) REME

Though a number of Allied type small arms spares are expected to come from the PONTECAGNANO depot when the actual release of these items is authorised, few - if any - tools or gauges for small arms will come forth.

The sorting out of serviceable and unserviceable small arms at CRICIGNANO is carried out entirely without any gauges and thus cannot possibly be up to a required standard of safety and accuracy.

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It is therefore suggested that a number of sets of small arms gauges be manufactured at, for example, the TURIN Arsenal, and these sets then distributed to the various CAR's, Regiments and Workshops dealing with British small arms.

One set of gauges for each type of arm dealt with per establishment would help a great deal.

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The hand over of 557 BOD will still entail a vast amount of work for many months as thousands of tons of stores have to be checked and sorted. It is anticipated that this work will be commenced next week when final clearance is due from the CDO.

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(d) Accommodation

(i) ANNUNZIATA Barracks at MADDALONI has been handed over by Allies to Italian Army on 22 Nov and is to be used to accommodate a Military Medical Stores.

(ii) Caserma Funzionale NOCERA which is to be used to accommodate one Bn of 10 CAR for the next call up has been inspected.

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A certain amount of Engineer work is required to put these in order for reception of recruits in Jan 47. The necessary money for immediate work such as water, sanitation, light and weather proofing has been allotted from 10 Territorial Command resources, but as yet no actual work has started. 10 Territorial Command have been pressed to get on with it to ensure that the work is done before the arrival of recruits and not, as has happened in the past, during or after their arrival.

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(e) Medical

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - MT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - MILITARY PERSONNEL treated in hospitals under 10 Territorial HQ

"F" - (i) RETURN OF RECRUITS OF 10 CAR - INFANTRY

(ii) RETURN OF RECRUITS OF 10 CAR - AIR FORCE

"G" - "IL CORRIERE DEL 10 CAR"

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STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

GENERAL STAFF

GSO I	Lt col	W.A.	VERDUR DSO	HANCH
GSO II	Major	M.M.	DAVIE	DWR

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

SERVICES

ST	Capt	L.N.	JONES	RASC
ORD	Capt	N.W.	CLARKE	RAOC
REME	Capt	W.S.	RIDDL[illegible]	REME

ATTACHED (for ORDNANCE and RADAR Equipment Duties)

Capt	C.D.	MOLINEJX	RA
Lt	E.R.	LLEWELLYN	RA

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Ser No (a)	Type (b)	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BER (h)	Remarks (j)
1.	SERIANKULN FORDWERKE 3 ton (German)	5A CAP 351 - 1	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 11 from 3 District
2.	DODGE 3 ton	L 5653154	-	91086007		LR		HQ MMIA letter Q 204 dated
3.	Jeep Willys	M 5661635	N/A	N/A			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate
4.	Jeep Willys	M 5662552	Ser No 341994	MB341994			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate))
5.	Jeep Willys	M 5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E			
6.	Chevrolet 8 cwt H/Utility	Z 5905624	SM6407	4B445201156	E			GHQ CMF WEC No 255 of 11 Ja
7.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 5100489	S1443	1560489	E			3 District letter 636/1Q d
8.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 4776757	Y/5014	1443757	E			3 District letter 631/2Q d
9.	Hillman Car 4 X 2 L/U	M 5100921	124383	156092			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate. 25 July 46 refers
10.	Fordson 4 X 2 H/U	M 4508564	V4150/4	-	E			MMIA letter Q/T/10 dated 23
11.	Humber Car	M 4778687	N/A	N/A		LR		Allotted by 3 District to before allotment by HQ MMI Authy 631/6Q of 11 Oct 46) receiving Fordson
12.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C 5548015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223			BER	HER Certificate not yet rec
13.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C 1431905	23/31048	66 - 4223		LR		WE/CM/1130/1 dated 15 Nov
14.	Water Trailer 180 gall 2 Whld	5161690	-	-	E			3 District letter 636/1Q d

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 4 inspected and found correct.

Signed..

Date..4 Dec

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	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BER (h)	Remarks (j)
551	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 18 Sep 46 held from 3 District
54	-	91086007		LR		HQ MMIA letter Q 204 dated 25 Oct 46 refers
55	N/A	N/A			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate
62	Ser No 3241994	3241994			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate) Held in lieu of cars
75	Ser No 3245?5	3245?5	E			)
24	S16407	4245201156	E			GHQ CMF WEC No 255 of 11 Jan 46 refers
89	S1443	1560489	E			3 District letter 636/1Q dated 7 Oct 46 refers
57	Y/5014	443757	E			3 District letter 631/2Q dated 14 Aug 46 refers
21	124383	156092			BER	Awaiting BER Certificate. MMIA Signal Q 1018 of 25 July 46 refers
84	V4150/4	-	E			MMIA letter Q/T/10 dated 23 Oct 46 refers
17	N/A	N/A		LR		Allotted by 3 District to fill increase in WE before allotment by HQ MMIA of Fordson (3 District Authy 631/6Q of 11 Oct 46) Received 1 Nov, after receiving Fordson
15	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223			BER	HLR Certificate not yet received
05	23/S1048	66 - 4223		LR		WE/CM/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45 refers
00	-	-	E			3 District letter 636/1Q dated 7 Oct 46

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Signed ..... Lt Col.

Date 4 Dec 46

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Return showing Military Personnel treated in hospitals under NAPLES Territorial Command during the month of Nov 46 :-

Military Hospital NAPLES and others under command of NAPLES Hospital		4518
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 13 PAGANI and others under command		176
Military Hospital CATANZARO and others under command		206
Military Hospital MADDALONI		373
Red Cross Hospital POZZUOLI		31
	Total	5304

The above mentioned number of personnel come from :-

Repatriated PW		627
Hospital trains under observation from sick leave		4339
From Units under command		338
	Total	5304

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Appendix 'F' to 10 BLU Progress
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(i)

Return of the distribution of Infantry Recruits of 10 CAR

Unit and Locality			Recruits allotted	Recruits who left	Recruits who did not leave for various reasons
87. Rgt ftr. "FRIULI"	-	BOLZANO	146	139	7
88. " " "	-	TRENTO	145	134	11
Quartier Generale Div."CREMONA"			16	14	2
Gruppo Esplorante " "	-	PINEROLO	118	105	13
I/21. Ftr. "CREMONA"	-	TORINO	85	74	11
II/21. " "	-	ALESSANDRIA	85	74	11
III/21." "	-	NOVI LIG.	90	83	7
I/22. " "	-	BIELLA	110	97	13
II/22. " "	-	NOVARA	110	98	12
III/22." "	-	VERCELLI	110	97	13
1. Rgt. Granat. II btg.	-	VITERBO	70	67	3
46. rgt. fanteria	-	MESSINA	10	9	1
10. rgt. ftr. - cp. mortai	-	NAPOLI	25	24	1
10. reggimento fanteria	-	NAPOLI	25	22	3
I/10. rgt. ftr.	-	COSENZA	221	205	16
II/10. " "	-	NAPOLI	169	154	15
III/10." "	-	SALERNO	145	122	23
10. reggimento ftr.(10 per ciascun btg)			30 (1)	-	30 (1)
Quartier Generale Comiliter	-	NAPOLI	20 (2)	12	8 (2)
Nucleo Ausiliario 10. BLU	-	NAPOLI	4	3	1
10. CAR	-	AVELLINO	154	154	-
Carcere Militare Giudiziario	-	NAPOLI	13 (3)	4	9 (3)
1001 Centro Alloggio	-	FUORIGROTTA	92 (4)	71	21 (4)
Distretto Militare	-	AVELLINO	2	2	-
" "	-	AVERSA	3	3	-
" "	-	BENEVENTO	2	2	-
" "	-	CASERTA	4	3	1
" "	-	NAPOLI	2	1	1
" "	-	NOLA	4	4	-
" "	-	R. CAJANIELLO	5	5	-
" "	-	SALERNO	3	3	-
" "	-	COSENZA	5	4	1
Deposito 15. Fanteria	-	SALERNO	3	3	-
" 31. "	-	NAPOLI	2	2	-
" 10. Genio	-	S. MARIA CV	1	1	-
" 10. Autieri	-	NAPOLI	1	1	-
TOTAL			2030	1796	234

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Return of the distribution of Air Force Recruits of 10 CAR

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Aeropresidio	CATANIA	144	134	10
Aeropresidio	PALERMO	96	88	8
Scuola Pilotaggio	LECCE	77	73	4
Squadriglia Volo	GIOIA DEL COLLE	19	16	3
3. Reparto Tecnico	GIOIA DEL COLLE	48	46	2
TOTAL.....		384	357	27

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Def Gp x
Col A/Q x
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24 Oct - Sjt de MELVIN R.V. RASC Chief Clerk TOS on returning from Privleave.

Major M.M. DAVIE DWR proceeded to ROME on liaison duties 12 BLU returning 30 Oct.

27 Oct - Captain L.N. JONES RASC SOS this unit on proceeding to UK on Privleave.

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23 Oct - Lieut E.R. LLEWELLYN RA reported for Ordnance duties and inspection of RADAR equipment.

2. ITALIAN

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle (Appendix 'A') not received from Territorial HQ.

(b) Staff Lists Italian (Appendix 'C') not received from Territorial HQ.

PART II - "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC

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(a) [illegible] received from Territorial HQ.

(b) Staff Lists Italian (Appendix 'C') not received from Territorial HQ.

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(ii) Difficulty is being experienced in erecting the 12 NISSEN huts which are old material. Assistance is being sought from RE sources for advice. Comdr 10 CAR will use his own labour.

(iii) A considerable number of training films have been obtained by this HQ from AKS NAPLES on long loan to 10 CAR. The local English speaking officer is translating the sound production and the English version will be cut off and the

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Italian spoken through a microphone to syncronise with the movement of the film.

(iv) A good 2 inch mortar range has been taken into use at TAVERNOLE some 18 km from AVELLINO. The range is very suitable. The target areas are good and have variety. The firing points are also good and realistic. The great distance from AVELLINO necessitates an MT move which allows for the 2 inch mortar men only to be trained on this area which is also very suitable for section field firing exercises.

(v) The question of barracks has again come up. The CAR have at this moment taken possession of Caserme Funzionali in NOCERA and intend to use these barracks for one Bn next call up. The question of CAR accommodation is dealt with in Part IV "Q".

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(c) Amongst the Army there appears to be no anti-British feeling in regard to the Missions re-organization programme for the Italian Army. The officer class, especially the younger officers realise the necessity of being re-organized especially after loosing the war. They consider that should the Allies withdraw the Mission the Russians will step in.

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PART III - "A"

6. DOMESTIC

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against WE

Officers - NIL

OR - 1 Sjt GD
1 Sjt Veh/Mech REME
1 Cpl Armourer REME
1 L cpl Clerk RAOC

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(b) Leave

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return

Captain L.N. JONES RASC	Privleave 27 Oct-30 Nov
Cpl BUNGAY K.E. MONS	Privleave 29 Oct-30 Nov

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future

Major W.P.G. TAYLOR RA	local leave
Cpl YATES W.H. RASC	Privleave Nov
L cpl BAXTER J.E.L. MONS	Privleave Nov
Pte ALLEN H.J. RASC	Privleave Nov

(c) Release and Python

Details of all ranks due for Release and Python in the immediate future

Sjt LEWIS E.E. RAOC	Python Nov

(d) Staff List attached at Appendix 'B'.

7. ITALIAN

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(ii) Welfare Hostels

A welfare hostel exists in NAPLES and is patronized by serving personnel in NAPLES or on leave. No sleeping accommodation is provided. A cinema is available free of charge each night. A bar provides coffee, vermouth, ice cream, pastries and fruit. A three monthly grant by the

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I shall suggest the welfare at War min keep in the north and road to the South

War Ministry enables the price of these commodities to be reduced.

There is also a Barber's Shop free of charge, reading room and games room.

Lack of funds prevent the completion of the billiard room, showers, lavatories and terraces.

Such articles as soap, shaving soap, razor blades, shoe polish, toothpaste, toothbrushes and knives are priced so high that these articles are not put on sale for the troops.

I think Commissariat do something about this and will take up with Pelizzo

It is suggested that cigarettes be made available at controlled prices by the War Ministry, to supplement the 7 a day issue. The soldier at the moment is forced to buy in the black market which is prohibited. It is understood the War Ministry has been approached previously on this matter.

(iii) Voluntary Welfare Workers

I will discuss with Col Ferracin

There is no Voluntary Welfare Workers organization. This is unknown and does not appear to fit in with the Italian mentality of this area. There are however organizations for entertaining the troops such as

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(d) Various entertainment companies give their services free

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The provision of further capital funds would have to be at very low rate of interest which at the present does not seem possible. Further investigations are proceeding.

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War Ministry is dealing with this.

(v) Hospital Welfare

All hospitals are provided with radios. Films, musical entertainments, recitals etc are organised occasionally as opportunity offers.

I will discuss above with matters from other BLV's at a Welfare meeting with Col Terrana and others at War Ministry on 19 or 20 Nov.

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PART IV - "Q"

8. DOMESTIC

(a) Transport

(i) List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix 'D'.

(b) Accommodation

(i) The BLU is still resident in TORRE DEL GRECO. Accommodation has however been found in NAPLES and the BLU will move as soon as the buildings become vacant which is hoped to be before the end of Nov.

(ii) Accommodation for married families has, in part, been solved. Two houses and one flat have been offered and accepted. One more house is still required.

9. ITALIAN

(a) Equipment

Army less CC

See RAOC - Clothing and Equipment attached at Appendix 'E'

(b) REME

See REME report attached at Appendix 'F'

(c) RAOC

See RAOC report attached at Appendix 'G'

(d) S & T

The following Depots have been visited during the month of October :-

SICILY

PALERMO

No 11 Territorial and Admin Tpt Coy

No 11 Food Distribution Depot

No 11 Military Bakery

MESSINA

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MESSINA

68 Food Distribution Depot

CATANIA

65 Food Distribution Depot

CALTANISSETTA

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ITALY

BARI

No 9 Territorial and Admin Tpt Coy

No 9 Bulk Food Depot

No 9 Military Bakery

No 9 Food Distribution Depot

No 9 Supply Company Depot

TARANTO

No 51 Food Distribution Depot

FOGGIA

No 55 Food Distribution Depot

LECCE

No 55 Food Distribution Depot

MONOPOLI

Petrol Depot

Comments on these Supply and Transport installations are attached at Appendix 'H' ((i) and (ii)).

Full inspection reports are with S & T Branch MMIA.

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(iii) In view of this new development, Comdr 10 CAR was asked to

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(iii) In view of this new development, Comdr 10 CAR was asked to give his priorities in accommodation. They are as follows :-

1. All CAR at CASERTA

2. NOCERA one Bn
SALERNO two Bns and HQ

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3. AVELLINO two Bns and HQ
NOCERA one Bn

4. CASERTA one Bn and HQ
AVELLINO two Bns

(iv) Information has now been received that the two barracks at CASERTA (ANDOLFATO and Scuola Scientifica di Polizia Barracks) which were to be released to Italian Army will NOT now be available for an indefinite period, probably not while AFHQ is at CASERTA.

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NOCERA one Bn.

(f) Medical

Return showing military personnel admitted in hospitals under 10 Territorial HQ is shown at Appendix 'I'.

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WAV/ea

Internal :-

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - MT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT

"F" - REME REPORT

"G" - ORDNANCE REPORT

"H" - (i) COMMENTS on S & T INSTALLATION 9 BLU BARI

(ii) COMMENTS on S & T INSTALLATION 11 BLU SICILY

"I" - MILITARY PERSONNEL treated in hospitals under
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STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

GENERAL STAFF

GSO I	Lt col	W.A.	VENOUR DSO	MANCH
GSO II	Major	H.H.	DAVIE	DWR

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DAA & QMG	Major	W.P.G.	TAYLOR	RA

SERVICES

ST	Capt	L.N.	JONES	RASC
ORD	Capt	N.W.	CLARKE	RAOC
REME	Capt	W.S.	RINDL	REME

ATTACHED (for ORDNANCE and RADAR Equipment Duties)

	Lt	E.R.	LLEWELLYN	RA

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st NOV 46

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Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	HLR (h)	Remarks (i)
1.	SEMMANKULN FORDWERKE 3 ton 5A CAP 351 (German)	- 1	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 114 from 3 District
2.	FORD 15 cwt 4 X 2	25428777	S12485	119881	E			
3.	Jeep Willys	M5662552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E			Held in lieu of cars
4.	Jeep Willys	M5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E			
5.	Chevrolet 8 cwt H/Utility	5905624	SM6407	4814520115G	E			GHQ CMF WEC No 255 of 11 Jan
6.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100489	S1443	1560489	E			Authy :- 3 District letter 6
7.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	4776757	Y/5014	1443757		LR		3 District letter 631/2Q dat
8.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100921	124383	156092	E			MILA Signal Q 1018 dated 25
9.	FORDSON 4 X 2 H/Utility	M4508564	N/A	N/A	E			MILA letter Q/T/10 dated 23
10.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C5548015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223			BLR	
11.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C1431905	23/S1048	66 - 4223		LR		WE/CL/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45
12.	Water Trailer 180 gall 2 Whld	5161690	-	-	E			Authy :- 3 District letter 6

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

Signed...

Date...

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st NOV 46

Appendix "D" to 10 ILU Progress Report No 16 dated 3 Nov 46

No	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BLR (h)	Remarks (i)
P 351	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 18 Sep 46 held from 3 District
777	SM2485	119881	E			
552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E		)	
575	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E		) Held in lieu of cars	
24	SM6407	484452011156	E		)	
489	S1443	1560489	E			Authy :- 3 District letter 636/1Q dated 7 Oct 46
57	Y/5014	1443757		LR		3 District letter 631/2Q dated 14 Aug 46 refers
621	124383	156092	E			MMA Signal Q 1018 dated 25 July 46 refers
564	N/A	N/A	E			AMA letter Q/T/10 dated 23 Oct 46 refers
015	294/23/35209	66 - 4223			BLR	
005	23/31048	66 - 4223		LR		WE/C4/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45 refers
90	-	-	E			Authy :- 3 District letter 636/1Q dated 7 Oct 46

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 406 have been correct

Signed. [signature]

Date. 5 Nov 46

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CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The following items have been issued to the Italian Army by road from No 8 BRI-ITI Clothing Depot FRATTAMAGGIORE :-

Shirts Woollen	Quantity	31200
Drawers Woollen	"	11696
Vests Woollen	"	25000
Blouses BD	"	6000
Trousers BD	"	6000
Shirts Cotton	"	4252

Authority Q/OS/512 dated 25 July 46 and Q/OS/513 dated 1 Aug 46

The following Tools and Equipment as listed below were collected from GRICIGNANO and FRATTAMAGGIORE Depots by 12 BLU for onward transmission to Central Military Schools :-

Gauge Plug Bore	Quantity	11
Case Gauge	"	3
Gauge Measure Bore No 13	"	1
" " " " 23	"	1
" " " " 10	"	1
Rods Measure Bore Grad	"	8
Screwdrivers Inst Makers sets	"	1
" Elec & Sigs 2½	"	6
Shears Tinm Snip 10" Straight	"	11
Micrometers English Outside 2"-3"	"	6
" " " 3"-4"	"	9
" " Inside 2"-12"		3
Spanners Various	"	853
Lamps Brazing 5pt	"	1
" " 1pt	"	5
Gauges Feeler 4"	"	49
Hammers Copper 3 lb	"	30
Funnels Oil 6"	"	20
Handspikes 7ft	"	1

Authority DOS/7209 dated 17 July 46

The following vehicles were withdrawn from 9 Vehicle Park CAPUA and taken to 10 Efficient Vehicle Park BAGNOLI

MT CODE	Item	Class	Quantity
6204/10	Lorry 30 cwt 4 x 4 FORD CANADIAN	1	3
6242/00	Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 GS THORNYCROFT	1	2
6176/00	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 MORRIS WIRELESS	1	2
6222/00	Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 LWB GS	1	2

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Authority ESD 81/39 of 27 June 46

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REME Report

PALERMO

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Documentation

Usual Italian type and appeared to be functioning well. One form kept for each vehicle; this is in the shape of a file-cover and houses several minor sheets such as the

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Unit's receipt on their collection of the vehicle, the original job card etc. All repairs done, and all spares used, are entered in the first mentioned form.

In addition a book is kept, one vehicle to one line, giving In and Out dates and the main details of repairs done.

Type of Repairs

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There is good racking, the spares being subdivided by vehicle types.

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When a spare is required by Workshops, a voucher is sent across. These vouchers are kept for three months in the stores and entered into the ledger quarterly. The vouchers are then filed.

The spares consist mainly of those salvaged from broken-up vehicles and others bought directly from civilian firms in ROME, TURIN and MILAN.

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Capt MAUTHE, the Workshop officer, is very obviously the man who runs the workshop; he appeared extremely keen and proud of his shop and was not afraid of dirtying his hands.

There seems to be good co-operation between him and Capt PICCINATO, OC of the Transport Coy, with good results.

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MESSINA — Director of Artillery - Col FUSCO
OC Artillery Workshop - Lt col MOLLICA

Artillery Workshops

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Railway Waggons

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Small Arms

Department seemed very busy. No British weapons are handled.

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Problems

As at PALERMO - Tyres and Engine oil. It appears, also, that CIP has never made an issue of Buffer and recuperator oil, and the workshops just do not possess any of this kind.

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Brake oil, as issued from CEP, is very unsatisfactory, in that it rots the rubber hosing and sealing-cups and washers.

It is very uneconomical to buy iron and paint locally, because of the high price and the difficulty of obtaining them. The paints most used are khaki-green and red lead - the latter for the railway waggons. Issues from the mainland of these comodities would be greatly welcomed.

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5 light trucks	- SPA L39
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Appendix 'G' to 10 BLU Progress
Report No 16 dated 5 Nov 46

ORDNANCE REPORT

All work has been concentrated on preparation for the withdrawal of stores from 557 BOD for the Italian Army after the final handover by the CDO.

7-9 Oct ADOS visited 10 BLU.

10 Oct CI and OO visited 10 Territorial Command and held a conference with Italian officers concerned in the handover of 557 BOD. Various suggestions were put forward for the easier control of the work.

18 Oct GOC MMIA and Col PIDSLEY visited 557 BOD. A quick tour of all sections of the depot gave the GOC a good picture of the work entailed taken in conjunction with the various letters and reports of conferences held which had already been forwarded to HQ.

28 Oct Lt E.R. LLEWELLYN RA reported to 10 BLU to assist OO in handover.

Arrangements have been made with ADOS 3 District for the withdrawal from 3 BOD of a quantity of clothing for use of MMIA after the closing of District Dump.

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Appendix 'H' (i) to 10 ELU Progress
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Supply and Transport Installations
9 ELU BARI

9 Territorial Admin Tpt Coy and Ambulance Car Section

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Instruction in correct compilation was given.

Cleanliness of cookhouse, ration-store and dining quarters could be improved.

ABs 412 were not completed.

Vehicles on detachment are visited at regular intervals and changed weekly.

Suggested that fire-buckets (sand and water) should be distributed within the depot.

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This depot is operating satisfactorily.

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Sleeping accommodation, dining and cooking facilities are not good. A strong effort will be made to improve them.

51 DID TARANTO

This is a well organised depot, commanded by a conscientious type of officer.

Store rooms and issue points were clean, stacking was good.

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Sleeping quarters and dining, cooking and welfare facilities were of a satisfactorily high standard.

55 DID FOGGIA

This depot is housed in a very old and dilapidated building.

There will be improvement in the standard of the depot and morale of its personnel when more suitable accommodation is found. Major P.S. TIPPLE DAA & QMG 9 BDU is taking steps to secure this.

It was recommended that guards should be increased and guard orders revised accordingly.

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Ablutions were hygienic and hot and cold showers are installed.

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Petrol Depot MONOPOLI

This is a reserve Depot holding :-

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Diesel	-	72 Tons 17000 galls (approx)
Lubricants	-	6 Tons 1400 " "

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The installation situated on the coast road 25 miles South of BARI affords excellent accommodation and spacing, the buildings and store rooms being of modern construction.

Sleeping accommodation and cookhouse and dining facilities could be much improved.

Fire precautions were adequate.

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Appendix 'H' (ii) to 1C BLU Progress
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Supply and Transport Installation
11 BLU SICILY

PALERMO

11 Territorial and Admin Tpt Company

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Further instruction on compilation of 406 inspections has been given.

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RE Works

A flyproof department for meat is to be made, work commencing in a few days.

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11 Military Bakery

A well run installation.

A flour mill is operating within the depot. This mill at one time belonged to the Italian Army, but has now been leased by the Italian Government to Societa' Esercizi Mulini for 360.000 lire per year.

Relevant correspondence giving reasons justifying the return of the mill to the Italian Army was submitted to S & T Branch MMIA by DAA & QMG 11 HLU (Major S.E. SNEEZUM). Letter reference ST/9 dated 25 Jun 46.

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Appendix 'I' to 10 ELU Progress
Report No 16 dated 5th Nov 46

Return showing Military Personnel treated in hospitals under NAPLES Territorial Command during the month of Sept 46 :-

Military Hospital NAPLES and others under command of NAPLES Hospital	4432
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 13 PAGANI and others under command	247
Principe di PIEMONTE Hospital	218
Military Hospital CATANZARO and others under command	312
Military Hospital MADDALONI	439
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 6 COSENZA	589
Red Cross Hospital POZZUOLI	114
Bathing Establishment ISCHIA	10
Total	6361

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Herewith amendment No 1 to Appendix 'A' and Appendix 'C' to 10 BLU Progress Report No 13 dated 6 Aug 46.

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Reference 10 BLU Progress Report No 15 dated 5 Oct 46 - Part I General Para 2 (a and b).

Herewith amendment No 1 to Appendix 'A' and Appendix 'C' to 10 BLU Progress Report No 13 dated 6 Aug 46.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

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Under (c) BR-ITI

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STAFF LIST (ITALIAN)

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Lt col ALBERGHINI ETTORE "A" Dept

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21st (Whole Section)

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Under MEDICAL DIRECTORATE - Delete

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Page 8. Under TRANSIT CAMP- Delete

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Page 10. Under (b) US-ITI - Delete

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(b) Staff Lists Italian (Appendix 'C') not received from Territorial HQ.

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PART II - " G "

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC

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This move should improve the control of the Regt Commander over his Bns which from the present location is difficult and at times almost impossible.

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This matter has been the subject of a separate letter reference No CAR/G/60 dated 17 Sept 46.

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All CC notes have been passed direct to GSO II CC Branch MLTA.

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(iv) In conjunction with the two 30 yard ranges referred to in sub para 3 (iii) above, two minor Assault Courses have also been constructed. The obstacles are not difficult but serve their purpose sufficiently well.

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(v) The problem of wet weather instruction facilities is being tackled and some assistance has been given by 10 HLU by the "acquisition" of 12 Nissen huts for use as class rooms. This does not solve the problem completly but has eased it considerably and has been much appreciated by the Commander 10 CAR.

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OR - 1 Sjt Veh/Mech REME
1 Cpl Armourer REME

on amendment 2 dated 19 Aug 46 to WE CM/1112/2.

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(b) Leave

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return

Major M.M. DAVIE DWR	Local leave	7 Oct
Sjt de MELVIN R.V. RASC	Privilege leave 22 Sep	26 Oct
L cpl CROSSLEY E. RASC	Privilege leave 3 Oct	7 Nov

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PART IV - "Q"

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NAPLES Area have been asked to do their utmost to provide suitable accommodation by the end of Oct and a reconnaissance of certain buildings, expected to be vacated shortly and possibly suitable for offices, OR accommodation and officer's mess, will be carried out within the next week.

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Accommodation for the four married families of this unit is affected by two considerations :-

(i) All ORD and RE furniture and fittings are being withdrawn by 8 Nov 46 for use in the North, thereby considerably reducing the availability of suitably furnished accommodation.

(ii) All families are, as far as possible, being concentrated in hotels with a view to derequisitioning as much civilian accommodation as possible.

It has been pointed out to NAPLES Area that, as this unit is expected to continue long after hotels under military management have been closed, it is essential that married families of this unit should be installed in already requisitioned civilian property before the process of derequisition has been commenced.

It is not considered that any immediate assistance is required from MMIA provided that GHQ are willing to implement the terms of MMIA letter Q 290 dated 6 Sept 46 para 3.

It is not yet known whether any such instructions have been issued by GHQ.

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See RAOC - Clothing and Equipment attached at Appendix 'H'.

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A full list of all their deficiencies was sent to MMIA attached to Sitrep REME 4 of the 18 Sept 46.

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(iii) Armourers tools

Two consignments of these were collected from 16 Base Workshops REME on the 17 Jul and 26 Jul 46 respectively for the Italian Army (GHQ authorities 8159/Q1 of 16 May 46, DOS 7209 of 2 Jun 46 and 10 Jul 46).

These are still on 10 ELU premises awaiting collection by Italian Army.

Collected 9 Oct WP

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It is believed the Italian Army are in great need of these types of tools at such establishments as CAR's and Central Military Schools.

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AQMS WILL REME arrived on the 27 Sept 46 from CARE, BOLOGNA to help earmarking spares for the Italian Army at Depots in the PONTECAGNANO area recently handed over by ORD to ARAR.

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The OO visited ROME 13 Sept 46 for discussion of final 557 BOD handover with ADOS.

The OO visited GRICIGNANO Depot on 3 Sept 46 and 20 Sept 46 to check on handling of British Army weapons. It was found that the cleaning and greasing of weapons prior to despatch was not being done due to staff shortages. Arrangements made with 10 Territorial Command for extra staff, including armourers to be posted for this purpose.

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557 BOD was visited at various times to check on final handover. The RADAR TX quantity 4 not yet collected were transferred to 3 Infantry Battalion (Italian), SALERNO.

Agreement was reached for ARAR and Ministry of War Commission jointly to check depots, starting 26 Sept 46.

(d) Accommodation

(i) In view of MMIA letter TRG/17 dated 23 Sept 46, see part II - 'G' para 4 (v) reference accommodation for 10 CAR.

(ii) The accommodation of III Bn 10 Inf Regt was inspected on 18 Sept 46.

This Bn is accommodated as follows :-

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These barracks are old and in very poor condition. It is understood that Territorial HQ is unwilling to authorise any engineer expenditure, and ablution arrangements are of the most primitive.

They are definitely considered unsuitable as Winter quarters.

(b) Two companies in the accommodation previously occupied by 101 DID at PASTENA. This consists of two large two storey garages and a few huts. These are in good condition and very adequate for Summer occupation but would be unsuitable for Winter use.

It is desired to concentrate Bn HQ and all four companies in the Caserma FUNZIONALE in PASTENA.

This HQ signal 10 dated 1 Oct 46 refers.

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(ii) 10 Petrol Depot

A reserve depot working satisfactorily. Fire precautions and security are adequate.

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(iii) Lt col J.D.A. HARDIE ADST MMA and Lt col W.A. VENOUR DSO GSO I 10 BLU, accompanied by Col LANDOLFI, Director of Direzione Commissariato visited the following installations on 24 Sept 46 :-

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No 10 Military Bakery (Panificio Militare)

No 10 BSD (Deposito Centrale Viveri)

No 10 Supply Company (Compagnia Sussistenza)

No 10 Transport Company (Compagnia Trasporti Amministrativi).

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Supplies

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(b) The use and importance of drainage not being fully understood by OC depots.

(c) Cleanliness and hygiene in general could be improved - especially with the machinery used in the Military Bakery, particularly mixers.

(d) Centralisation of the BSD and its four subsidiary depots in accommodation near to a railhead would make control and guarding of commodities easier and alleviate labour and transport difficulties.

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(b) An improved layout of cooking facilities was recommended.

(v) Action taken on above

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(c) Machines to be scraped and washed after each mixing.

(d) No progress has been made as no other accommodation is at present available.

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Transport

(a) Recommendations to be carried out for improved cookhouse.

W.C. Taylor
Lt Col,
GS.

WAV/ea

Internal :-

GSO I
GSO II
DA & QMG
S & T
REME
ORD (2)

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WLV/ea

Lt Col,
GS.

Internal :-

GSO I
GSO II
DAA & QMG
S & T
RE
ORD (2)

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - MT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - STATEMENT of RECRUITS received at 10 CAR for second Call up.

"F" - STATEMENT of DESTINATION of specialist recruits transferred to central schools and units for advenced training to follow.

"G" - STATISTICS of PATIENTS admitted to Italian Hospitals.

"H" - ORDNANCE REPORT.

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STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

GENERAL STAFF

GSO I	Lt col	W.A.	VENOUR	DSO	MANCH
GSO II	Major	M.M.	DAVIES		DWR

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DAA & QMG	Major	W.P.G.	TAYLOR	RA

SERVICES

ST	Capt	L.N.	JONES	RASC
ORD	Capt	N.W.	CLARKE	RAOC
REME	Capt	W.S.	RINDL	REME

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IT HELD BY 10 BLU

Appx
Repo

Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BLR (h)	Remark (i)
1.	SEMMANKULN FORDWERKE 3 ton (German)	5A CAP 351 - 1	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS from 3 District
2.	FORD 15 cwt 4 X 2	25428777	SM2485	119881	E			
3.	Jeep Willys	M5662552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E			Held in lieu of cars
4.	Jeep Willys	M5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E			
5.	Chevrolet 8 cwt H/Utility	5905624	SM6407	48445201156	E			GHQ CAF WEC No 255 of 11
6.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100489	S1443	1560489	E			Retention Certificate NS1 from 3 District
7.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	4776757	X/5014	1443757		LR		3 District letter 631/2 Q
8.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100921	124383	156092	E			MEILA Signal Q 1018 dated
9.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C5548015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223		LR		
10.	BSA 500 cc Solo	C1431905	23/S1048	66 - 4223	E			WE/C1/1130/1 dated 15 Nov
11.	Water Trailer 180 gell 2 Whld	5161690	-	-	E			Retention Certificate NS from 3 District

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

Signed.....

Date.....

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MT HELD BY 10 BLU

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No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BLR (h)	Remarks (i)
AF 351 1	527840	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 18 Sep 46 held from 3 District
8777	SM2485	119881	E			
2552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E			Held in lieu of cars
2375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E			
624	SM6407	48445201156	E			GHQ CMF WEC No 255 of 11 Jan 46 refers
0489	S1443	1560489	E			Retention Certificate NS114 dated 2 July 46 held from 3 District
757	Y/5014	1443757			LR	3 District letter 631/2 Q dated 14 Aug 46 refers
0921	124383	156092	E			MMIA Signal Q 1018 dated 25 July 46 refers
3015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223			LR	
1905	23/S1048	66 - 4223	E			WE/CL/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45 refers
590	-	-	E			Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 2 July 46 held from 3 District

vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 406 have been correct

Signed ..... Major

Date ..... 5 Oct 46

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Organization and Training

Recruit situation at the end of the Preliminary Training

a)	Recruits, class 1925 arrived at Centre		No 4072
b)	Lost on strength because sedentary, reformed or sent back for other Army call	No 202	
c)	Transferred to other Units because of former Army service	" 350	
d)	Deceased	" 1	
e)	Sent to specialised training schools or to various corps to accomplish advanced training	" 1323	
	Totals	1876	4072
			- 1876
	Effective strength at Centre destined for the Infantry		No 2196

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Return showing Military Personnel treated in hospitals under NAPLES Territorial Command during the month of Aug 46 :-

Military Hospital NAPLES and others under command of NAPLES Hospital	4792
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 13 PAGANI and others under command	335
Principe di PIEMONTE Hospital	375
Military Hospital CATANZARO and others under command	335
Military Hospital MADDALONI	640
KNIGHT of MALTA Hospital No 6 COSENZA	595
Red Cross Hospital POZZUOLI	199
Bathing Establishment, ISCHIA	60
Total	7331

The above mentioned personnel come from :-

Repatriated POW	4792
Hospital trains	82
Under observation from sick leave	2123
From Units under command	334
Total	7331

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ORDNANCE REPORT.

Clothing and Equipment

The following items have been issued to the Italian Army by road from No 8 BRI-ITI Clothing Depot, FRATTAMAGGIORE :-

Anklets Web	Pairs	4400
Trousers KD	Quantity	2000

Authority Q/OS/512 of 25 Jul 46.

The following items of clothing have been issued to Italian increment, 10 BLU by No 8 BRI-ITI Clothing Depot, FRATTAMAGGIORE :-

Boots Ankle	Pairs	10
Trousers KD	Quantity	20
Shirts KD	Quantity	10
Shorts KD	Quantity	20
Socks	Pairs	80
Laces	Pairs	80
Drawers Woollen	Quantity	20
Vests Woollen	Quantity	20

Collection of Equipment

The following equipment was collected by road from RSD 557 BOD and taken to GRICIGNANO Depot. The mortars are incomplete and a full list of discrepancies will be submitted when stores have been checked :-

Mortars 2"	Quantity	208
Magazines BREN Gun	Quantity	2000

Authority DOS/7209 of 24 Jul 46.
8159/Q1 of 9 Aug 46.

Collection of Artillery Equipment

The following equipment was collected from MONTECORVINO Gun Park by 12 BLU and taken to ROME by road for onward despatch to CIVITAVECCHIA :-

OBL 5.5" equipments	Quantity	5

Authority DOS/7209 of 6 Jun 46.

Collection of Radar Equipment

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The following equipment was collected from MONTECORVINO Gun Park and taken to 3 Infantry Battalion (Italian) SALERNO and will be transferred to CIVITAVECCHIA as soon as the necessary lift can be arranged :-

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Radar No 1 TX	Quantity	4

Authority DOS/7209 of 6 Jun 46.

Collection of Signals Equipment

The following items were collected from 3 Sub Depot 557 BOD PONTECAGNANO by road and taken to GRICIGNANO Depot pending disposal instructions :-

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Telescopes Signalling	Quantity	24
Binoculars Prismatic No 2	Quantity	213

Return of Vickers Equipment

The following items have been returned to 3 Sub Depot, 557 BOD PONTECAGNANO :-

Wallets Vickers 303 MG Mk I, empty	Quantity	649
Cases spare parts, empty	Quantity	649
Cans Oil MG Mk I	"	650
Plugs clearing	"	650
Rods cleaning	"	650
Tubings condenser steam Vickers (Metallic flexible)	"	650
Cans half pint Mk I	"	1306
Tools combination Vickers MG Mk II	"	652
Wallets Vickers 303 MG Mk I, filled	"	460
Cans condenser steam, Vickers	"	1378
Guns, Vickers 303-in Mk I	"	553
Cases spare parts and tools, filled	"	648
Covers casing barrel	"	575.

Return of Artillery Equipment

The following equipments intended for 6 Italian Div PISTOLA were returned to MONTECORVINO Gun Park, 557 BOD by GRICIGNANO Depot before authority for their retention had been received from GHQ :-

QQF 6 Pdr equipments	Quantity	9.

The guns were demilitarised before arrangements could be made to have them returned to GRICIGNANO Depot.

NWC/ea

Capt,
Ordnance Officer.

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10 CAR
ORGANISATION and TRAINING

Numerical list of recruits of the various services and Arms who have left for advanced training.

SCHOOL or UNIT	COMILITER NAPLES						Inf Div CREMONA					Inf Div FRIULI					TOTAL
	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	Commissariat	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	
Quadruped Supply Centre PINEROLO	11																11
Infantry School CESENA (2)	2						5					5					12
Artillery School BRACCIANO (3)								21					2				23
Arty School CIVITAVECCHIA (4)								55					31				86
Direction Arty Comiliter ROME (5)		6						1					1				8
Engineers Signals School ROME CECCHIGNOLA)			28	1				24	54				10	15			132
Eng. Pioneer School CIVITAVECCHIA (7)			15						36					7			58
ROME Motorization School (8) CECCHIGNOLA		4	2	88				13	6	88			3	3	29		236
Direction Commissariat MILAN (9)						31											31
7 Arty Regt TURIN (10)								203									203
144 Eng Bn TURIN (10)									56								56
44 Transp. Vet.Regt TURIN (10)										21							21
1 Sanity Unit TURIN (10)											48						48
35 Arty Regt TRENTO (10)													74				74
Combined Eng Bn LEVICO (10)														32			32
HQ FRIULI Div (LEVICO) (10)															7		7
4 Sanity Unit VERONA (10)																29	29
Detached Arty Sect COSENZA		6															6
Direction of Arty NAPLES		6															6
Arsenal Section NAPLES		1															1
110 Eng Signals Unit NAPLES			14														14
110 Eng Services Unit NAPLES			23														23

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	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	Commissariat	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	Infantry	Artillery	Engineers	Motorization	Sanitation	TOTAL
...e PINEROLO	11																11
... (2)	2						5					5					12
...IANO (3)								21					2				23
...HA (4)								55					31				86
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...l (8)																	
...HIGNOLA		4	2	88				13	6	88			3	3	29		236
...HILAN (9)							31										31
								203									203
									56								56
...IN (10)										21							21
...)											48						48
...)													74				74
...(10)														32			32
...(10)															7		7
...0)																29	29
...NZA		6															6
...3		6															6
		1															1
...PLES			14														14
...APLES			23														23

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Dep Comd ✗ (2) ✗
BGS ✗ [redacted] ✗
Col A/a ✗ WP ✗

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10 Eng Regt S.M. CAPUA VETERE			1														1
10 Transport Unit NAPLES				48													48
10 Repairs Regt NAPLES (AGNANO)				10													10
10 P.V.E. FUORIGROTTA NAPLES				4													4
10 Sanitation Unit NAPLES					143												143
Total	13	23	83	151	143	31	5	317	152	109	48	5	121	57	36	29	1323

REMARKS

1) For ferriers, drivers, orderlies.
2) For drivers track-laying carts.
3) For Artillery workers, specialised in firing, mechanical pieces.
4) For 6 lb gun crew, for 17 lb gun crew and for 40 m/m gun crew.
5) For mechanics, bomb-finders.
6) For wireless operators, switchboard operators, telephone operators, morse operators, and specialised signals men.
7) For Pioneers, bricklayers, carpenters, etc.
8) For mechanics, fitters, mechanical adjusters, auto-drivers and various specialised personnel.
9) For various commissariat services (supply services).
10) Various services.

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10 British Liaison Unit
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7/ Sept 46

SUBJECT :- Progress Report - Amendment

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(MMIA) ROME

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(1). Reference 10 BLU Progress Report No 14 dated 6 Sept 46 - Para 10 (a)

Please add the following :-

See RAOC - 'Clothing and Equipment' attached at Appendix 'G'.

CMF
RVLi/ca.

W.C. Lyle
Major,
GS.

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W.C. Lyon 6.9.46
Lt Major,
GS.

Commanding 10/8/46

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As at 1 Sept 46

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2. ITALIAN

(a) Col MAGLIARI-GALANTE Luigi was presented with the 'Bronze Star' on 31 July 46. Appendix 'E' gives extract from CORRIERE DELL'IRPINIA an AVELLINO organ.

(b) Location Statement and Order of Battle (Appendix 'A') not received from Territorial HQ.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE G/34/10
DATE 12/9/46

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(c) Staff Lists Italian (Appendix 'C') not received from Territorial HQ.

PART II - " C "

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC

(i) 10 Regt HQ will move in the near future from CATANZARO to NAPLES. Accommodation has been allotted with the II Bn.

(ii) The Regt Mortar personnel have been concentrated with II Bn NAPLES.

(iii) The issue of small arms to the 10 Regt commenced during the last half of August.

(iv) About 80 personnel of II Bn have been released from ARAR guard duties and these, with the Regt Mortar personnel, have been formed into a cadre and instruction in small arms commenced on 26 August 46.

(b) CC

The CC LO was called to ROME as short notice leaving 10 BLU 1 Sept 46. He is in possession of all CC notes.

4. TRAINING

Training Establishments

(i) 10 CAR will be even more crowded than previously when all recruits present themselves, as a further 200 recruits have been added to the establishment.

(ii) The bearing and physique of the recruits is much higher than the previous intake. This is due to the bulk of the recruits coming from the North.

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3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less CC

(i) 10 Regt HQ will move in the near future from CATANZARO to NAPLES. Accommodation has been allotted with the II Bn.

(ii) The Regt Mortar personnel have been concentrated with II Bn NAPLES.

(iii) The issue of small arms to the 10 Regt commenced during the last half of August.

(iv) About 80 personnel of II Bn have been released from ARAR guard duties and these, with the Regt Mortar personnel, have been formed into a cadre and instruction in small arms commenced on 26 August 46.

(b) CC

The CC IO was called to ROME as short notice leaving 10 BLU 1 Sept 46. He is in possession of all CC notes.

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(iv) Two 30 yards ranges are in process of construction in the barrack area. As soon as sufficient earth has been placed in the butts these should be safe.

(v) The Commander 10 CAR has put all specialist labourers from the recruits, on to the reconstruction of the barracks and

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much greater progress has been made than by the Engineers. Cookhouses are now adequate.

(vi) Newspaper report on General ROMANO's visit to 10 CAR is given at Appendix 'F'.

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(iii) The Celere is said to resemble the old Fascist Militia.

(iv) This increase in Police has not helped to close the Black

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Market or eliminate gangsterism. In other words the Celere is increasing in numbers whilst the CC and Army remain the same and no improvement in the country can be seen.

(v) The Celere is better paid than the CC or Army which is bound to cause friction.

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The first phase of the Ministry of War reorganization plan has been completed. Officers and NCOs most competent in Engineering, Signals and Works, have been posted to those services respectively.

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Dvr/mech

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Pte POTTS A (ACC) Privilege leave 7 Oct

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future

Major M.M. DAVIE DWR local leave Sept

Sgt de MELVIN RV RASC privilege leave 17 Sept-21 Oct

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(c) Staff List attached at Appendix 'B'.

8. ITALIAN

(a) Deficiencies in strengths

Units are in some difficulties owing to lack of specialists. Old and well trained soldiers recently released are being replaced by only partially trained recruits and the latter are not coming forward in sufficient numbers.

As an example, 10 MT Company released 65 drivers on 15 Aug and to date, has received only 16 recruit drivers in replacement. The delay appears to be due to the retention of recruits at CECCHIGNOLA.

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The same principle applies in general to other units.

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There is a demand for British Films at 10 CAR. The two cinemas in AVELLINO showing Italian films are too small to accommodate more than a small proportion of the recruits.

Good British Films in Italian are available and three per week are allotted to the Italian troops 'Soldiers House' in NAPLES. Application has been made to UNRRA for the extention of this loan to 10 CAR.

PART IV - "Q"

9. DOMESTIC

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(i) List of Unit transport attached at Appendix 'D'.

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(b) Accommodation

OR accommodation is not considered satisfactory due to its proximity to unhygienic civilian dwellings. A further attempt is being made to find alternative accommodation and in the meantime the entire quarters have been re-sprayed with DDT.

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10. IT/LIAN

(a) Equipment SEE RAOC 'CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT' ATTACHED AS APPENDIX 'G'

(i) Army less CC

(ii) CC

See para 2 (a) with reference to LO's report.

(b) Inspection of 10 C/R

10 C/R at AVELLINO was visited on 26 Aug 46 and the accommodation inspected. The following points were observed:-

(i) Barrack rooms, although clean and tidy, were overcrowded, the beds being much too close together. It was recommended that the 'head to tail' system of sleeping be instituted.

(ii) In addition to the central MI room each block has a Bn MI room. These do not contain running water.

Running water is laid on in the central MI room but is frequently cut off owing to water rationing in AVELLINO.

(iii) The ration stores are adequate and clean but no meat store exists. At present the meat issue of 750 kilo per day is held in cold storage by the local butcher, from whom it is obtained, and drawn as required.

(c) RE&E

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(d) R.AOC - Inspections and visits

The work again this month was spent in supervising the collection of stores from British Depots for Italian Army - details given in Appendix 'G'.

The Ordnance officer visited ROME 1 and 26 Aug to discuss with ADOS and 'Q' Branch, policy matters in connection with handling of British stores released to the Italian Army.

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ADOS MILA visited NAPLES from 12 to 17 Aug in order to visit 557 BOD and 3 District Ordnance installations.

The OO visited O/RE at BOLOGNA on 19 Aug to check MT Spares Depot. The importance of the signing and return of vouchers was stressed.

A Mission from the Ministry of War visited NAPLES 29/30 Aug to discuss handling of stores in 557 BOD after handing over of Depot to AR/R. A conference was held at 10 Territorial Command on 29 Aug and arrangements made to visit 2 Sub Depot on 30 Aug. The impossibility of giving any quantities of items available was stressed but stacks of stores, of interest to the Italian Army were seen, and a possible starting date of handover to AR/R given as 20 or 22 Sept.

(c) Accommodation

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AVELLINO

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(b) General Remarks

Supplies

(i) The supply installations are running satisfactorily.

(ii) The ration store at 10 C.A.R is especially to be commended for its cleanliness and good order. Stacking of commodities and turnout of issuers being of a high standard.

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(iii) It is observed that the bread made this month at the Italian Military Bakery keeps fresh for a longer period, is whiter in colour and of better quality than before.

This is due to 15% impurities being removed from the flour during the process of refining instead of the 9% in previous months.

It is reported that in the North of Italy a 20% extraction is being made.

(iv) The "miglioramento rancio" or the 15 lire per day allowance to soldiers to augment the normal ration scale by unit local purchase is considered to be insufficient owing to the great differences between the prices of commodities in the North of Italy and the South. The great difference in purchasing power is illustrated in the following table :-

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Fruit and Veg.	" "	25 "	40 "
Sausage	" "	330 "	680 "

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Transport

(a) There appears to be difficulty in carrying out the correct cycle of vehicle inspections.

AB 406 inspections have not been carried out for some considerable time, a reason put forward being the heavy commitments which have been undertaken.

The completed action necessary in AB 406 inspections has not been fully understood vis Workshops officers observations, Section officers action and OC remarks.

AB 412 (vehicle log books) are not completed regarding POL consumption, mileages and monthly averages. This makes it difficult for the OC unit to assess periodically the mechanical efficiency of his vehicles.

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Recommendations have been sent to Territorial Headquarters suggesting that the correct procedure should be implemented.

(b) There is a general shortage of tyres, but it is considered that the function of the transport section composed of 29 vehicles is of sufficient importance to justify an extra allocation of tyres from the Ministry of War.

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POL

(a) The following were collected from 302 BPSS NAPLES, between 29 Jul and 1 Aug 46 - authority GHQ letter 2905/Q1 dated 16 Jul 46 :-

1307 x 200 litre barrels ex POL
237 x 300 litre " " "

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W/Major,
GS.

MMD/ec.

Internal :-

GSO II
DAA & QMG
S & T
REME
ORD (3)

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MRG/ea

Internal :-

GSO II
D.M.I. & QMG
S & T
RE.E
ORD (3)

MRG 10-7-40

W. Major,
GS.

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APPENDICES

"A" - LOCATION STATEMENT and ORDER OF BATTLE
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"B" - STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

"C" - STAFF LIST - ITALIAN
(not yet received from Territorial HQ)

"D" - HT HELD BY 10 BLU

"E" - PRESENTATION OF 'BRONZE STAR' TO COL MAGLIARI GALANTE
- 30 July 46

"F" - VISIT OF GENERAL ROLLINO - GOC 10 Territorial HQ - to 10 CAR

"G" - ORDNANCE REPORT

"H" - ACCOMMODATION (copy of 10 BLU letter 1Q dated 5 Sep 46)

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STAFF LIST - 10 BLU

GENERAL STAFF

GSO I GSO II	Major	M.M.	DAVIE	DWR

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DAA & QMG	Major	W.P.G.	TAYLOR	RA

SERVICES

ST	Capt	L.N.	JONES	RASC
ORD	Capt	N.W.	CLARKE	RAOC
REME	Capt	W.S.	RINDL	REME

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MT HELD BY 10 BLU

Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	BLR (h)
1.	SEMMANKULN FORDWERKE 3 ton (German)	5A CAP 351 - 1	527840	-	E		Retention Certifi from 3 District
2.	FORD 15 cwt 4 X 2	25428777	SM2485	119881	E		
3.	Jeep Willys	M5662552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E		Held in lieu of c
4.	Jeep Willys	M5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E		
5.	Chevrolet 8 cwt	5905624	SM6407	48445201156	E		GHQ CMF WEC No 25
6.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100489	S1443	1560489	E		Retention Certifi from 3 District
7.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	4776757	Y/5014	1443757	E		3 District letter
8.	Hillman car 4 X 2 L/Utility	M5100921	124383	156092	E		MAL Signal C 101
9.	BSA. 500 cc Solo	C5548015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223	E		
10.	BSA. 500 cc Solo	C1431905	23/S1048	66 - 4223	E		WE/CM/1130/1 date
11.	Water Trailer 2 Whld 180 gall	5161690	-	-	E		Retention Certifi from 3 District

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

Signed.

Date. 5

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MT HELD BY 10 BLU

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	WD No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient Local Repair BLR (f) (g) (h)	Remarks (i)
ton 5t C&P 351 - 1	527840	-	E		Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 2 July 46 held from 3 District
	25428777	SM2485	119881	E	
	M5662552	Ser No 341994	MB341994	E	Held in lieu of cars
	M5662375	Ser No 324565	MB324565	E	
cart	5905624	SM6407	48445201156	E	GHQ CMF WEC No 255 of 11 Jan 46 refers
ity	M5100489	S1443	1560489	E	Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 2 July 46 held from 3 District
ity	4776757	X/5014	1443757	E	3 District letter 631/2 Q dated 14 Aug 46 refers
ity	M5100921	124383	156092	E	MMIA Signal Q 1018 dated 25 July 46 refers
olo	C5548015	294/23/S5209	66 - 4223	E	
olo	C1431905	23/S1048	66 - 4223	E	WE/CM/1130/1 dated 15 Nov 45 refers
all	5161690	-	-	E	Retention Certificate NS 114 dated 2 July 46 held from 3 District

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Signed W. J. Riddle Capt

Date 5th Sept 46

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PRESENTATION OF 'BRONZE STAR' TO COL MAGLIARI - GALANTE - 30 July 46

EXTRACT FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPER
CORRIERE DELL'IRPINIA - AVELLINO

MEDAGLIA AL VALORE

Motivazione per la medaglia "Stella di Bronzo" conferita al Colonnello Magliari-Galante Luigi il 31 luglio 1946 in Caserta dal Ten. Gen. Lee, Comandante Supremo delle Truppe Alleate del Mediterraneo.

"Il Colonnello Luigi Magliari-Galante, dell'esercito italiano, quale comandante del 2 Gruppo Provvisorio italo-americano, della Peninsular Base Section (sezione della base peninsulare), in Italia dal settembre 1944 allo Agosto 1945, con la sua spiccata capacita', riuscì a portare i suoi battaglioni autieri e portuali al piu' alto grado di rendimento. Egli elevo' al massimo il morale e le qualita' caratteristiche dei suoi reparti, tanto da meritare lodi per l'organizzazione e l'azione di comando.

I suoi sforzi contribuirono materialmente ad accelerare le operazioni di carico e scarico nell'8 porto di imbarco".

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VISIT OF GENERAL ROMANO - GOC 10 TERRITORIAL HQ - TO 10 CAR

EXTRACT FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPER
CORRIERE DELL'IRPINIA - AVELLINO

NEL 10 CAR

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All'ombra di un platano qualche cosa divorsa palpita : non crediamo di essere indiscreti, ci avviciniamo, e' una giovane recluta dall'animo ardente che sussurra parole d'amore alla bella del cuore che ha conosciuta appena da qualche giorno.

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ORDNANCE REPORT

Clothing and Equipment

The following items have been issued to the Italian Army from No 8 BRI-ITI Clothing Depot, FRATTAMAGGIORE :-

Anklets Web	Pairs 20000
Trousers KD	Quantity 14570
Shirts KD	Quantity 6000

Authority Q/OS/512 of 25 July 46.

The remainder will follow as soon as transport is available.

Vehicles for Italian Army

The following vehicles have been collected from 9 Vehicle Park CAPUA and taken to 10 Efficient Vehicle Park BAGNOLI :-

MT code	Item	Class	Quantity
6176/00	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 MORRIS wireless	I	17
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6204/10	Lorry 30 cwt 4 x 4 GS FORD WOT 6	I	13
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6204/10	Lorry 30 cwt 4 x 4 GS CHEVROLET	I	2
6241/00	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 ALBION	I	2
6241/00	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS FORD (CANADIAN)	I	1
6242/00	Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 ALBION	I	10
6242/00	Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 LEYLAND	I	34
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Total collected to date :- 87

Authority Q.202 dated 29 July 46.

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Authority Q 137 dated 22 June 46.

Collection of Wireless Equipment

The following Wireless Equipment was collected from 3 Sub Depot PONTECAGNANO and sent to Comando Generale Carabinieri ROME :-

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Wireless Sets No 19 complete	Quantity 93
Batteries Secy Port 6v 85AH Mk II	Quantity 372

7 wagons :- (Weight - 80 tons)

Authority DOS/7209/PLANS dated 31 July 46.

Collection of MT Stores

The following MT Stores were collected from 1 Sub Depot PONTECAGNANO and sent to 10 Reparto Riparazioni AGNANO :-

Ropes Towing - Medium	Quantity 208
Ropes Towing - Light	" 39
Levers Tyre 12"	" 28
Spanners Wheel	" 9

2 x 3 Tonners :- (Weight - 4 tons)

Authority 1 Sub Depot signal of 7 August 46.

The following MT Stores were collected from 1 Sub Depot PONTECAGNANO and sent to CARE BOLOGNA :-

Wheel Assy Adjusting Truck	Quantity 48
Wheel Assy Bogie	" 335
Radiators	" 39
Radiator Cores	" 74
Truck Section Assys	" 348
Beadlock for 900 x 16	" 1
Wheels	" 38
Wheel Nuts	" 4
Differentials	" 6
Flats 8,25" ID	" 4
Covers Outer 900 x 16	" 21
" " 600 x 20	" 10
" " 900 x 13	" 11
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5 wagons :- (Weight - 20 tons)

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Collection of Tools and Equipment

The following stores were collected from 3 Sub Depot PONTECAGNANO and taken to GRICIGNANO Depot :-

Gauge Plug Bore	Quantity 11
Case Gauge	" 3
Gauge Measure Bore No 13	" 1
" " " No 23	" 1

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Authority DOS/7209 dated 17 July 46, 3 Sub Depot signal P3/5870 dated 12 August 46.

The following Tools and Equipment were collected from 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD and are now held at No 8 Depot FRATTAMAGGIORE pending disposal instructions :-

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Screwdrivers Inst Makers sets	Quantity 1
" " Elec & Sigs 2½"	" 6
Shears Tinm Snip 10" Straight	" 11
Micrometers	" 18
Spanners Various	" 853
Lamps Brazing 5 pt	" 1
" " 1 pt	" 5
Gauges Feeler 4"	" 49
Hammers Copper 3 lb	" 30
Funnels Oil 6"	" 20
Handspikes 7 ft	" 1

Authority DOS/7209 dated 17 July 46. These items are vouchered to Central Military Schools.

NWC/ea

Capt,
Ordnance Officer.

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Appendix 'H' to 10 BLU Progress
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ACCOMMODATION

(Copy of 10 BLU letter 10 dated 5 Sept 46)

1. The following review of accommodation, which has been applied for by Territorial HQ NAPLES, is compiled from the latest information available from NAPLES Area and CASERTA Enclave.

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These barracks were empty, only a small workshops of the AKS remaining, and it was hoped to obtain their release in toto. NAPLES Area has now decided, however, to move three units from two schools and a part of the poorhouse into the Artillery Barracks in order to derequisition the former properties and to concentrate British troops in Italian State owned property. No estimate can be given of the length of tenure by these units.

Territorial HQ wish to use these barracks for 10 (Artillery) Repair Unit, 10 MT Unit and for the offices of the Directorate of Artillery.

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(ii) PIEDMONT Barracks

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At present occupied by a British Reception Centre and 'Z' German Hospital.

'Z' German Hospital serves the various SEP Units in the area and is expected to remain until December. If the American increment to GHQ, who employ a quantity of German labour, are remaining in CASERTA this would appear to be a fair estimate.

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Again, IF GHQ move is sanctioned 02E expect to release all four barracks completely by approx 20 Oct 46.

(ii) Fodder Factory

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