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OCT. 1946 - AUG. 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Land Forces BranchTel: 489081  
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~~Mar 47~~Subject: Intelligence Summaries.

Owing to the closing of outstations, the Monthly Intelligence Summaries, previously prepared by this Branch (formerly MMIA), are now suspended.

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Major General,  
Director.Distribution: AFHQ (G-5) (G-3)  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Land Forces Branch  
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Director: Major General E.H. GOULBURN DSO.

ILFB Report No. 2. - Activities during the month of April 47.

1. ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH

Main HQ - ROME (22 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (8 Offrs) at UDINE  
Type 'B' Liaison Unit + (6 Offrs) at BOLOGNA  
No. 12 Liaison Unit (5 Offrs) at ROME

41 Offrs

+ incl. three attached

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st April 47 was as follows:-

|              | Actual Strength |
|--------------|-----------------|
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## 4. Q.

The transfer of Surplus Military Equipment to the Italian Army continued. The following was released during the month of April :-

1460 tons of Tontage.  
19 tons of part worn P.D.  
19 1/2 tons Miscellaneous and Clothing, etc.

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5. CARABINIERI

(a) Reorganisation

Transport is being transferred to Padova Legion from other Legions to cope with the heavy additional commitments of this Legion when it will have to undertake frontier guard duties on the new frontier.

(b) General

The following is a summary of Carabinieri activity for the year 1946.

| Offences reported |           | Total   | Persons arrested or reported |          | Total   |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Crimes            | Offences: |         | Arrested                     | Reported |         |
| 306,431           | 80,074    | 386,505 | 108,443                      | 232,508  | 340,951 |

Crimes included 2159 murders, 1849 manslaughters, 19,822 wounding and 9238 armed robberies.

At the request of the Magistrature, Carabinieri have taken action in 439,477 cases. These include interrogations, identifications, searches, seizures of goods, etc.

23,242 arrest warrants have been executed as a result of which 23,822 were arrested. Over 17,000,000 lire has been collected by CC. for payment of fines in 37,000 cases.

The escort of prisoners, always a duty of the Carabinieri, was carried out 276,361 times during the year.

Action was taken in 58,561 cases serious infraction of the law regarding fishing, hunting, social behaviour, etc.

9,918 deserters or those failing to respond to the call-up were arrested.

The results obtained by the Carabinieri in the suppression of the black market are impressive, particularly as it is not their normal duty:-

| Persons  |          | Goods seized       |           |            |                          |
|----------|----------|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|
| Arrested | Reported | Corn, etc quintals | Rats qtls | Sugar qtls | P.O.L. Monopoly qtls     |
|          |          |                    |           |            | Various other goods qtls |
| 7,249    | 39,866   | 1,218,730          | 24,474    | 972        | 3,014 1,951 25,934       |

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| Arms                            |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Guns (44).....                  | 21        |
| Mortars.....                    | 81        |
| Heavy MGs.....                  | 416       |
| Light MGs.....                  | 719       |
| SMGs.....                       | 1,431     |
| Rifles.....                     | 7,398     |
| Carbines.....                   | 3,980     |
| Grenades.....                   | 22,139    |
| Explosives (quintals).....      | 679       |
| Ammunition (various rounds).... | 2,429,060 |

(++) Calibres varying from 20 mm. to 88 mm.

One of the most important sides of police work is the supply of information and reports on various subjects to such bodies as Ministries, military HQs, Prefects, Magistrature, etc. 13,267,603 reports were supplied during the year. Enquiries were made more difficult owing to the destruction of archives.

Movement of Carabinieri as reinforcements in the preservation of public order has employed 111,715 men for a total of 885,005 days. The Mobile Battalions have been of great service in this direction. Finally, 56 Carabinieri were killed and 160 wounded in armed conflict with criminals; 45 died and 488 wounded as a result of operations other than combat.

## 6. IPOW

- (a) During April the Italian Section of the PW Accounts Office CME was abolished, and all files and records were taken over by this office. Direct communication is now maintained with all British Commands abroad and in the UK; it is hoped that this will bring about a speedier conclusion to the settlement of the accounts.
- (b) The Italian Government was notified of credits in respect of Italian Prisoners of War in British Custody for the total amount One thousand four hundred and thirty seven pounds (£1437). These credits represent final Credit Balances due to Italian PW repatriated from British Custody, or remittances made by the PWs to their families or Banks in Italy.
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*Attilio Monti*  
for Major General. CS  
Director.

6 May 47

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*Attest*  
for Major General. G3  
Director.

6 May 47

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421

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Ext: 218

22 Aug 47.

Subject:- Monthly Reports

Reference G-3 AFHQ/132 dated 1 March 47.

1. Owing to the non-availability of matter of reportable interest the Monthly Activities Reports previously prepared by this Branch are now suspended.
2. Quarterly Historical Reports will continue to be submitted in accordance with AGI 655/46 and GHO 562/46.

*for* *Major General*  
Major General,  
Director.

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To:-

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I.L.F.B. A.F.M.Q.ROMEC.M.F.Return Address:- GHQ 2nd Echelon CMF  
OZE/WD

OZE/WD/RECEIPT.

Date 11-8-47Subject:- Historical Reports.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following  
Quarterly Historical Reports in respect of the unit  
under your command.

ORIGINAL for Qtr Ending 30 June 47DUPLICATE for Qtr Ending 30 June 47.W. Palmer Taylorfor Lt-Col,  
AAC,  
GHQ 2nd Echelon CMF.

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## QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

OF ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH - AFHQ  
(formerly MILA)

For the Quarter Ending 30 June 47.

1. Locations HQ ROMA. Outstations: UDINE 5 BUJ  
BOLOGNA 6 BUJ  
ROME 12 BUJ (attd ITALIAN Central  
Military Schools)

2. Strength.

|             |       | <u>At beginning of Quarter</u> |    | <u>At end of Quarter</u> |     | <u>Reduction</u> |     |
|-------------|-------|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| HQ          | Offrs | CRS                            | 76 | Offrs                    | CRS | Offrs            | CRS |
|             | 22    | 76                             | 34 | 6                        | 45  |                  |     |
|             | 19    | 45                             | 19 | 2                        | 26  |                  |     |
| Outstations | 41    | 121                            | 50 | 3                        | 71  |                  |     |

3. Employment

The steady diminution of activity reported at the end of March has been maintained.

4. Administration

(a) HQ and Outstations steadily being reduced in numbers owing to releases etc. See Para 2 (above).

(b) Signal received (ARMY EX76571) that this Branch would close and disband without further orders of R Day.

5. Miscellaneous

(a) The Handbook of the Italian Army has been completed and distributed.

Documents for handover have been passed to Military Attache and Post Treaty Enforcement Committee.

(b) Permission for handover of Land Lease Vehicles in the ITALIAN guarded Depots at FULI & SAN FELICE has now been received. (CRS Signal 300597 of 2 August). Excellent work is being done to assist at these Depots by 6 BUJ

Further AMERICAN aid has been given by turnover of certain items from US Depots in IMBHAM Area. (ARMY Signal 400291).

|       |     |       |     |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Offrs | CRS | Offrs | CRS |
| 22    | 76  | 31    | 45  |
| 12    | 45  | 12    | 26  |
| 41    | 121 | 50    | 71  |

### 3. Deployment

The steady diminution of activity reported at the end of March has been maintained.

### 4. Administration

- (a) HQ and Outstations steadily being reduced in numbers owing to redeployments etc. See Para 2 (above).
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- Further AMERICAN aid has been given by turnover of certain items from US Depots in INHUMAN Area. (AMHQ Signal 490291).
- A BRITISH representative is with 500 AEC CRAZ to assist ITALIAN Army representatives in search for and despatch to ITALY of material useful to ITALIAN Army and surplus to BRITISH requirements.
- (c) MANTOVA & PULGORE Divisions have moved up to allotted areas in VENEZIA CUELLA and are preparing for the takeover of frontier duties. During July 10 Barracks were handed over to the ITALIANS.

### 6. Training

Training up to Bde (Regt) level has taken place in Regts of Combat Divisions.

June 47.

Major General, W. Col G.S.  
Director.

S.D.S.

To:- C.O.

Platoon Lead Forces Branch  
AF.H.Q. CMFReturn Address:- GHC 2nd Echelon CTF.  
C2E/WD

C2E/WD/REMINDER.

Date 28-7-47Subject:- Historical Reports.

Reference ACI 633/46 and PRO 362/46.

The following Quarterly Historical Reports in respect of the unit under your command have NOT been received at this Headquarters.

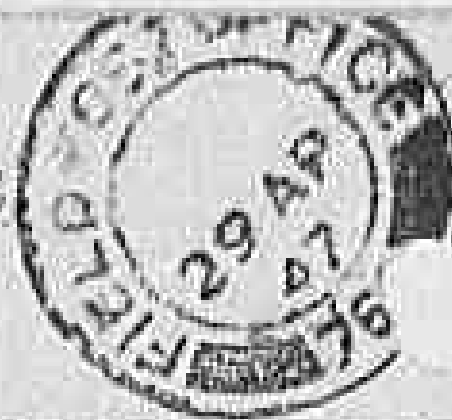
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R. Palmer Laytonjr Lt-Col,  
AAG,  
GHC 2nd Echelon CTF.

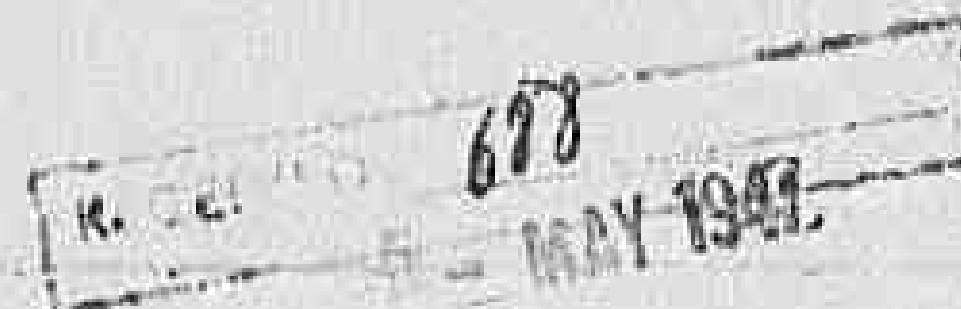


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Italian Land Forces Bch, A.F.H.Q.

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Return address GHQ 2nd Echelon CMT.



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Date: 29 Apr 47

Subject: Quarterly Historical Reports.

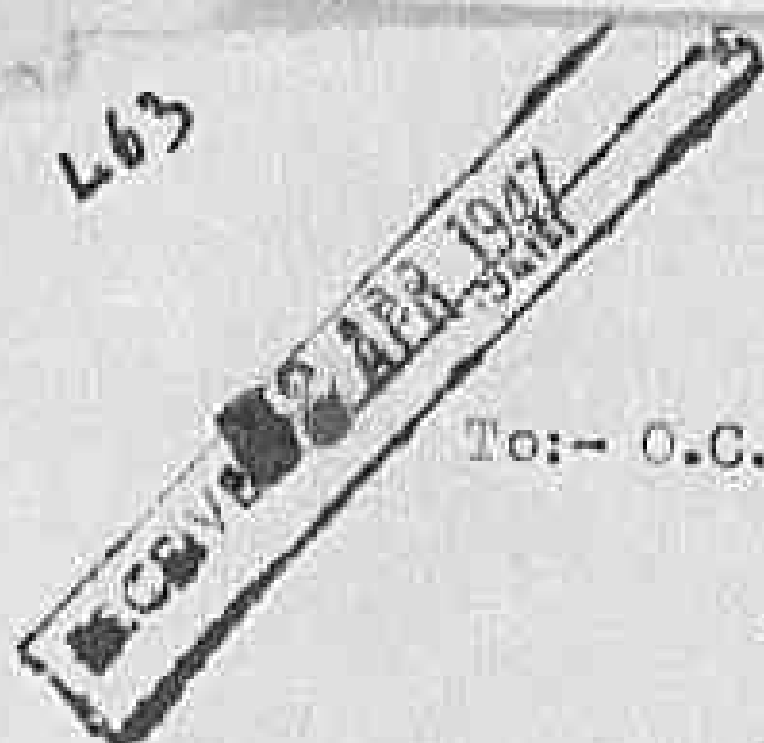
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| DATE: R/6/5/47. |

*Adelstein*  
*Carl*  
 Colonel,  
 Col 'A',  
 GHQ 2nd Echelon CMT.



A.P.S.



To:- O.C.

X Italian Land Forces Branch, X A.F.H.Q.

C.M.F.

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Return address GHQ 2nd Echelon C.M.F.

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Date. 15 Apr 47.

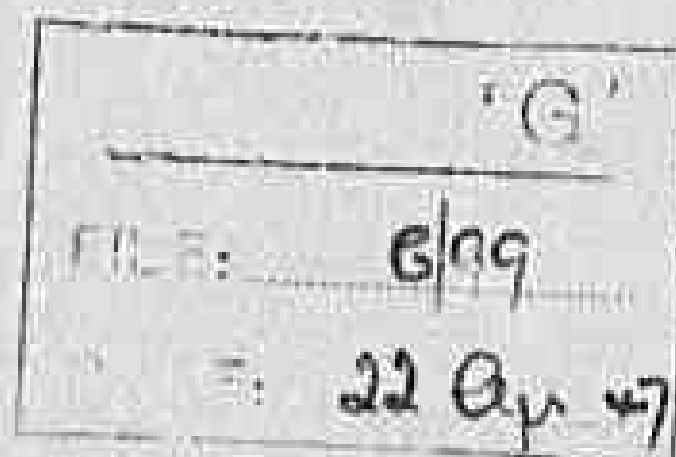
Subject:- Quarterly Historical Reports.

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Historical Reports in respect of the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL for qtr ending: 31 Mar 47.

DUPLICATE for qtr ending:

*Nicholson*  
Colonel,  
Col 'A',  
GHQ 2nd Echelon C.M.F.



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QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT  
OF ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH A-2  
(Formerly MILIA)

For the quarter ending 31 Mar 47

1. Locations: HQ, ROME - Outstations: VITERBO 5 HLU  
BOLIGNA 6 HLU  
ROME 12 HLU (attd. ITALIAN Central Military  
Schools)

2. Strength

|             | At beginning of quarter | At end of quarter |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|             | Offrs                   | Offrs             |
| HQ          | 31                      | 22                |
| Outstations | 124                     | 76                |
| Total       | 155                     | 98                |

3. Deployment

- (a) There was a steady diminution of all activity during the quarter.  
(b) Negotiations continued for transfer of surplus equipment from B T A to the ITALIAN Army.  
(c) Detailed recess for the take over of VENEZIA CITILIA by the ITALIAN Army were completed.  
(d) The ITALIANS sought steadily less advice on matters of organization and training.

4. Administration

- (a) HQ and outstations were progressively "streamlined" in officers and OEs (see para 2 above)  
(b) Orders were received that the Mission would be required to be closed and close by R + 7.  
(c) On 1 Feb MILIA became Land Forces Sub Section of DMS  
On 15 Mar LFS became ITALIAN Land Forces Branch, AMHQ.

5. Miscellaneous

Preparation of a new Handbook of the ITALIAN Army reached the penultimate stage.  
Preparation continued of documents to hand over to Military Attaches and Peace Treaty Enforcement Commissions.

6. Appendices

|        |                 |            |          |
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| Appx A | Int Summary     | - No 13    | - Dec 46 |
| B      | Activity Report | - No 33    | - Jan 47 |
| C      | Activity Report | - LFS No 1 | - Feb 47 |
| D      | Activity Report | - LFS No 1 | - Mar 47 |

Note

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| D          | Activity Report | - ILLS No 1 | - Mar 47 |

#### Note

Int summaries were suspended on the closing of all outstations except 5, 6 and 12 HLA.

12. Apr 47.  
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*Assistant*  
for  
Major General,  
Director.

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Historical Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MFA)

(489081 Ext. 401)

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Oct 46

TO : Hist 'A'

Attached is copy of Appendix to ACI 653 of 26/6/46 for  
information & guidance in rendering returns.

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*R. C. I. M. S. D. Major*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

## APPENDIX

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## QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

of the ~~1st Airborne Division~~ *1st Airborne Division* (with *outlet*)  
 (Headquarters, unit or establishment)  
 for the quarter ending ~~30 Sep 1946~~ *30 Sep 1946*

1. Location (giving map reference) *ROME (HA)*
2. Strength:- *186* Officers *143* Other Ranks.
3. How employed (with notes on important training exercises carried out, appreciations and recommendations of the commander).
4. Administration (particularly administrative difficulties encountered and action taken to overcome them. Any other important administrative matters, such as changes in establishment, alteration of designation, etc., with dates and authorities).
5. Miscellaneous (including comment on morale, notes on important visits paid and received by commanders and senior staff officers, with reasons for such visits and decisions taken).
6. Appendices as applicable.

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Mil Mission to Italian Army  
C.M.F.

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C.F.E./WD/Receipt

Date. 14.2.47.

Subject:- Quarterly Historical Reports

Receipt is acknowledged of the following Quarterly Historical Reports, forwarded in respect of the Unit under your command.

ORIGINAL for Quarter Ending:-

DUPLICATES for Quarter Ending:- 31 Dec 46.

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Colonel,  
C.F.E.  
CHQ and Post Office.

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To:- O.C.

Military Mission to Italian Army,

C.M.F.

22 Dec 1947

Return Address:- C.M.F.

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Date. 20 Jan 47

Subject:- Quarterly Historical Reports

Receipt is acknowledged of the following Quarterly Historical Reports, forwarded in respect of the Unit under your command.

ORIGINAL for Quarter Ending:- 30 Dec 46

DUPLICATE for Quarter Ending:-

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| BGS          |  |
| GSO I (SD)   |  |
| DEP. C. III  |  |
| GSO II (SD)  |  |
| GSO III (SD) |  |
| GSO II (I)   |  |
| GSO II (L)   |  |

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*[Signature]*  
Colonel,  
Col 'A',  
GHQ, 2nd Echelon C.M.F.

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CONFIDENTIALQUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE MISSION(Including Outstations)For the period Oct - Dec 46

1. Location - HQ. BASE - Outstations:- VENICE, GENOA, MILAN, BOLOGNA, UDINE, TRIESTE, VERONA, ROME, RAVENNA, PALERMO.

2. Strength.

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Offs         | ORs        |
| 34           | 134        |
| 62           | 98         |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>232</u> |

3. Employment

No change during the Quarter. The following have been the main activities:-

- (a) The requirements of the INTERM and Projected Post Treaty ITALIAN Army in weapons, 'A' Vehicles, equipment and munition have been tabulated. Some 100,000 tons of stores in 557 BMD were handed over to ARMA. MILA assisted the Ministry of War to procure from ARMA a first refusal on much of this quantity and MILA representatives assisted the ITALIAN to catalogue and sort the equipment.
- (b) Negotiations were undertaken for obtaining further stores from ALLIED surpluses in 500 BMD (AUSTRIA).
- (c) In pursuance of the re-organization of the ITALIAN Ministry of War, arrangements for a party of ITALIAN Officers to visit GNG and study the workings of BRITISH Services and of the BRITISH Staff system were made.
- (d) Acting on orders concerning the evacuation of ALLIED troops from ITALY on the Ratification of the Peace Treaty, preliminary plans were made for the operational and administrative take over by the ITALIAN of VENETIA CHILIA.

4. Administration.

- (a) Orders were received on 24 Dec 46 to close all outstations less, 5 REMAINDER, 6 REMAINDER and 12 REMAINDER (Central Military Schools, NMS).
- (b) Preparations were begun for "standstill" and finally closing the Mission after the Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

5. Intelligence.

Various methods have taken root in the ITALIAN military mentality as exemplified by the Ministry of War's desire to purchase some 200,000 worth of BRITISH training films, and to send a party of Officers to study BRITISH Staff and Services system. Official relations continue between members of the Mission and their ITALIAN opposite numbers.

6. Appendix.

Appendix 1 - Intelligence Summary No 10 - Sep 46  
Appendix 2 - Activity Report No 15 - Oct 46

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- (b) Negotiations were undertaken for obtaining further stores from ALLIED supplies in 500 BOD (AUSTRIA).
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- (d) Acting on orders concerning the conversion of ALLIED troops from ITALY on the Ratification of the Peace Treaty, a preliminary plan was made for the operational and administrative take over by the ITALIANS of VENEZIA GIULIA.
4. Administration.
- (a) Orders were received on 24 Dec 46 to close all establishments less, 5 BOD (UNITED), 5 BOD (AUSTRIA) and 12 BOD (Central Military Schools, BODS).
- (b) Preparations were begun for "downsizing" and finally closing the Mission after the Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

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5. Miscellaneous.

BRITISH methods have taken root in the ITALIAN military mentality as exemplified by the Ministry of War's desire to purchase some 200,000 worth of BRITISH training films, and to send a party of OFFICERS to study BRITISH Staff and Services system.

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6. Appendices.

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| " 3        | Intelligence Summary | No 11 - Oct 46  |
| " 4        | Activity Report      | No 36 - Nov 46  |
| " 5        | Intelligence Summary | No 12 - Nov 46  |
| " 6        | Activity Report      | No 37 - Dec 46. |

Intelligence Summary No 13 for month of December will be forwarded when completed.

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for Major General, GOC, MILA.  
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To: - O.C.

*Military Mission to Italian Army*  
*E. M. '47*

Return Address: - DE CMT

ACE/WD/Receipt

Date. 10 JAN 1947

Subject: - Quarterly Historical Reports

Receipt is acknowledged of the following Quarterly Historical Reports, forwarded in respect of the Unit under your command.

ORIGINAL for Quarter Ending: - Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 46.

DUPLICATE for Quarter Ending: - \_\_\_\_\_

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*[Signature]*  
Col. 1st  
Cdt. 2nd Battalion

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Telephone:  
Rome 489081 ext 359

LAND FORNERS SUB COM AG (NHIA) CHW

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7 Jan 47

CHW, 2nd Echelon CHW

Subject: Quarterly Historical Reports

Ref your 022/1700/46 dated 31 Dec 46.

Herewith additional copy of Quarterly Historical  
Reports for quarter ending 30 Sept 46.

TMR/xx

*Stanley L. ...*  
for Major General,  
GOC, NHIA.

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CONFIDENTIAL

QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

of the MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY (Including OUTSTATIONS).  
for the quarter ending 30 Sept 1946

1. Location:- ROME(HQ) 17/F 7566

2. Strength:- 106 Officers 143 Other Ranks

3. How Employed

Employed in giving advice to the ITALIAN Army on organisation, equipment and training, and in obtaining any available ALLIED equipment for this purpose.  
The most important points under discussion during the period have been:-

(a) The reorganisation of the ITALIAN Ministry of War along the lines of the BRITISH Army Council.  
A considerable measure of agreement in principle has been reached. Executive action is being urged.

(b) The method of training future Regular Officers for the ITALIAN Army.

(c) The elimination of some three thousand ITALIAN Officers at present held on strength but now surplus to the WE requirements of the Army. Delay has been caused by failure of the ITALIAN Treasury to agree with the War Ministry on adequate pension rates.

4. Administration

Administration of the unit has been difficult during this period because of:-

(a) Personnel deficiencies e.g.,

Constant changes due to releases,  
Lack of replacements,  
Poor quality of replacements.

(b) Vehicle deficiencies e.g.,

Wear and tear on old vehicles,  
Lack of repair facilities,  
Lack of replacements.

5. Miscellaneous

Morale has been good but efficiency and output somewhat low due to natural causes such as:-

End of War inertia,

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#### Miscellaneous

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Lack of skilled or qualified personnel,  
Prospects of release.

The functions of the Mission has similarly been affected by the slow working of the Peace Conference and lack of any policy for the future coupled with internal uncertainty in ITALY. In spite of this some progress has been made and sufficient enthusiasm exist to make a success of the ITALIAN Army if its future can be decided soon.

11 October 1946.

(sgd) G.H. Goulburn  
Major General,  
GOC. MMIA.

OZE/1700/WD

31 Dec 46

9/99

Deputy Comd,  
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA),  
C.M.F.

Subject:- Quarterly Historical Reports.

Reference your G/99 dated 27 Dec 46.

The Original Historical Report for the quarter ending 30 Sep 46 in respect of MMIA has not been received at this Headquarters.

Your reference to our receipt is not understood, our acknowledgements to Historical Reports are not signed by a Major and further there is no such appointment as M.I.4.C. in this Headquarters.

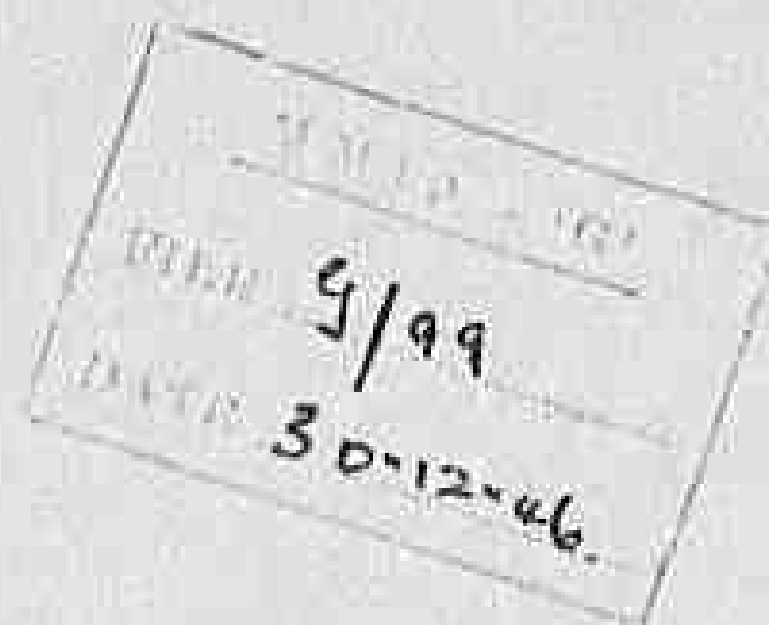
Your Duplicate Report for the period 1 Jul - 30 Sep 46 was received and acknowledged 1 Nov 46, it is presumed therefore that the Original copy has been wrongly delivered.

Reports for the last quarter are urgently required to complete our records, will you please forward another copy of the above quoted Historical Report as soon as possible.

NAB

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JAN 1947

Colonel,  
Col 'A',  
GHQ, 2nd Echelon C.M.F. 4751

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 LAST INSTRUCTION RECEIVED WAS G/99 OF 30 AUG 46 WHICH  
 ABSOLVES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE  
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LAND FORCE SUB COM. AC (MIA) GEF

6/99

27 Dec 46

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Subject: Quarterly Historical Reports

Ref your O23/WD/Reminder of 13/12/46.

A copy of the Q.H.R. for quarter ending 30/9/46 was despatched to you 11 Oct 46, the receipt of which is held at this HQ. Signed "???" Major M.I.4.C.

Will you please verify.

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*H. Channing*  
Colonel,  
Deputy Comd.

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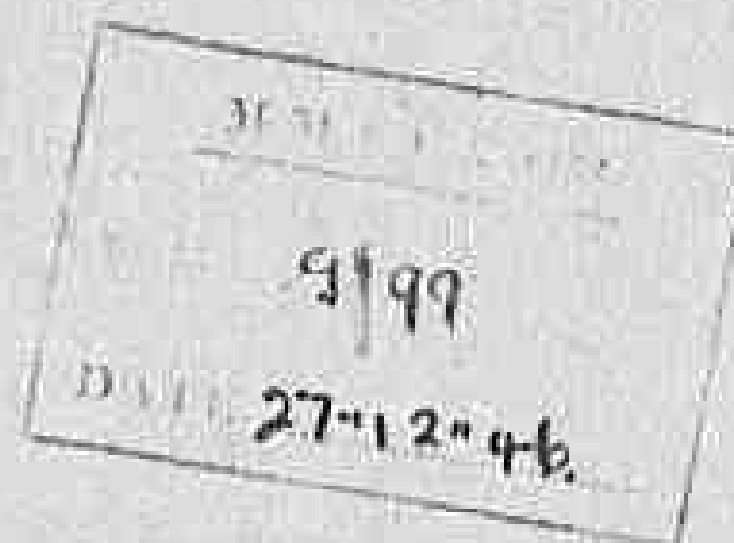
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GHQ 2nd Echelon  
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Land Forces Sub Commission AC.  
(MIA) ROME ('G' Branch)



Reference your OZE/WD/Reminder dated 13 Feb 46.

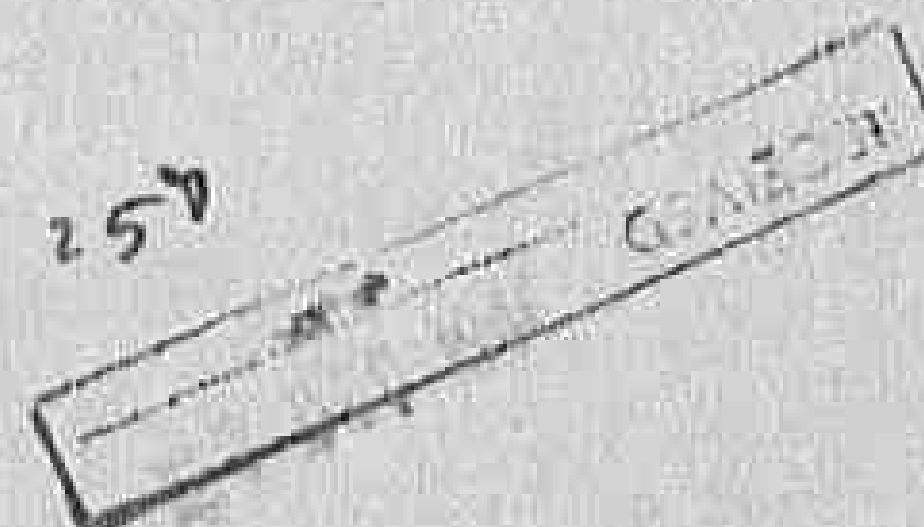
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2. No action is therefore possible, by this unit, on your a/q letter.

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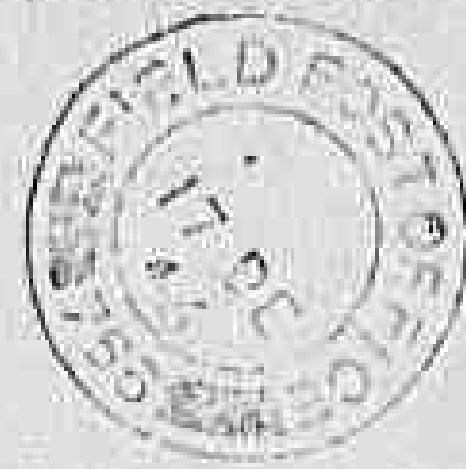
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To:- O.C. Military Mission to Italian Army.C.M.F.Return address:- CMF

O2E/WD/Reminder.

Date 13 Dec 46SUBJECT:- Quarterly Historical Reports, - Reminders.

Reference AGI 633/46 and GHO 562/46.

The following Quarterly Historical Reports for the unit under your command have not been received at this Headquarters.

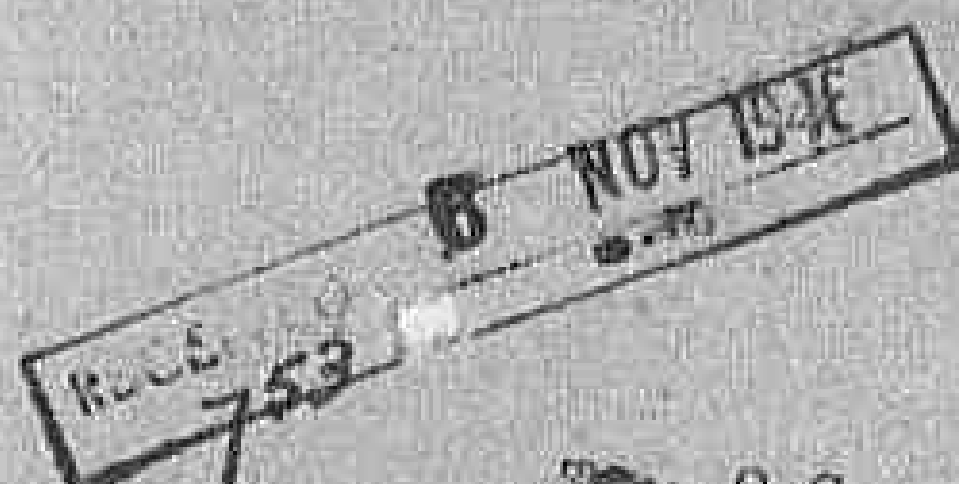
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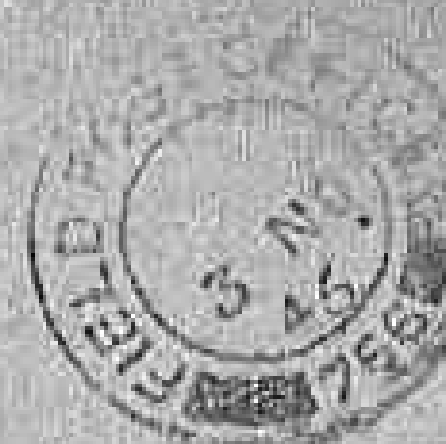
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Colonel,  
Sol 'A',  
GHO 2nd Echelon, CMF.

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A.P.S.



To - O.C.

*Military Mission to Italian Army.*  
*G.M.F.*

Return address - OZE GMPSUBJECT: - Historical Reports.

OZE/AD/Receipt.

Date 2 NOV 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the  
 following Historical Reports for the  
 unit under your command.

ORIGINAL

DUPLICATE

*July - Sept 1946*

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| DATE       | <b>6 NOV 1946</b> |

*Manuel J.*

C.M.P.

Colonel,  
 Col 'A',  
 CHQ 2nd Echelon. **4746**

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## RECEIPT FORM.

6/99 Army Form A16  
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To be completed and  
returned immediately in  
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G(SD) Land Force Sub Comm A.C.  
M. M. I. A.  
APO. S/551 CMF

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned:—

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| Quarterly<br>Historical<br>Report | Original         | —               |              |
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Signed..

A. D. Jones, Maj

Address ..

M. I. C.

Date... 25 Oct. 1946

## REMARKS.

September Intelligence Summary  
referred as separate copy read earlier, 2045  
air sent 9 Oct 46

Note: The title of a Secret or Confidential Document must not be written on this Form.

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Historical Report.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC.  
M.M.I.A. ROME.

G/6/14/1/CC.RR.

// October 1946. *6/99*

TO: "G" BRANCH.

QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE CARABINIERI  
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING  
30 SEPTEMBER 1946.

1. LOCATION. ---
2. STRENGTH on 15 Sept 46:-  
1,397 Officers. 62,430 ORs.
3. EMPLOYED on general police duties.
4. ADMINISTRATION. No change.
5. MISCELLANEOUS.

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- (1) Morale. Generally good. The fall of the Monarchy has been more than counterbalanced by loyalty to the Corps, and no defections have been noted. Morale is adversely affected by the following considerations:-

- (a) Difficult economic conditions due to rise of cost of living and low pay. This has been somewhat offset by the tripling of the public safety allowance and the proposed increase in lodging allowance.
- (b) Large numbers of officers and men are still awaiting enquiry by the Epuration Commission. These proceedings drag on interminably, and the morale of the personnel concerned is seriously affected.

- (2) Visits. This section, now consisting of only two officers, is in daily contact with Carabinieri GHQ and visits are frequently exchanged. The Carabinieri, except in the operational sphere, are controlled by the War Ministry, and the purposes of the visits

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include assisting CC in their dealings with the Ministry and smoothing out difficulties in the supply and use of Allied equipment.

6.

GENERAL SITUATION.

The assistance received by CC through the efforts of MMIA has been of very great value. Transport, arms, clothing, W/T equipment, etc. have been provided and CC have never previously been so well equipped, except for clothing which is far behind pre-war standards.

Wireless equipment sufficient for all the major needs of CC has been issued and the mobile battalions have been trained in its use. W/T communication has also been opened between Rome and Naples.



C. HAYES, Major.  
GSO II, CC.RR Section,  
M. M. I. A.

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- (a) Headquarters of field and static formations. It is left to the discretion of commanders whether reports are rendered by each branch of staff or whether one consolidated report is prepared.

For this purpose the term "unit" or "establishment" will be interpreted as a "formed body" (other than a formation) which has a War Establishment and is self accounting.

3. A unit or sub-unit which is not self contained administratively will not render a Quarterly Historical Report. Relevant information concerning such units will be recorded in the report of the parent headquarters which is responsible for their administration.

4. Quarterly Historical Reports will be completed and forwarded to reach GCM 2nd Echelon before the following dates:-

|            |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
|------------|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|
| Original:  | 15 Oct | - | 15 Jan | - | 15 Apr | - | 15 Jul |
| Duplicate: | 1 Nov  | - | 1 Feb  | - | 1 May  | - | 1 Aug  |

5. All copies of the Quarterly Historical Reports will be checked before despatch to GUK 2nd Echelon to ensure that they are complete and contain complete sets of appendices.

6. Top Secret appendices will be forwarded to GPO, 2nd Echelon with Quarterly Historical Reports and both will bear the security classification "TOP SECRET" boldly marked on stamped in.

They will be forwarded under double cover, the inner cover also bearing the security classification.

327/45 is hereby cancelled

(Applicable to UK and Colonial Troops)

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ACI.633/46. HISTORICAL RECORDS- INTRODUCTION OF  
QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORTS IN SUBSTITUTION  
FOR WAR DIARIES

1. As time passes, the value of the War Diary in its present form is becoming reduced, and it is considered opportune to introduce in substitution for it a form of Historical Report, with the primary object of providing a record of the activities of the occupational forces and to ensure that the observations and recommendations of commanders on subjects such as the run-down of the Army to its post war organisation and the working of the Release Scheme, are preserved.
2. Since it is not possible, at present, to revert to the peace time procedure laid down in Kings Regulations, 1940, paras 1728 to 1730, it has been decided that with effect from 1st July 46, Quarterly Historical Reports shall be rendered in substitution for the present War diaries in a form as shown in the Appendix to this ACI. The form is designed on the simplest possible lines, with the object of eliminating all unnecessary matter, and it is left to the discretion of the commanders to include as Appendices such papers as they consider suitable. Commanders of all Grades are encouraged to include in the Quarterly Historical Report any ideas, opinions and recommendations, based on experience, which may be of benefit for army research as well as material likely to be of value later for the record of the occupational phase of the post war period.

To whom the Quarterly Historical Report will be rendered.

- 3 The Quarterly Historical Report will be rendered by:-

- (a) At Home (i) Headquarters of Commands, including London and Northern Ireland Districts.  
(ii) Mobilised formations, and units commanded by an officer not below the rank of Lieut Col.  
(iii) The medical branches of the formations referred to at sub-para (i) and (ii) above.  
(iv) No.3. Company RAMC(hospital ship and train staffs)
- (b) Overseas (i) Headquarters of field and static formations. It is left to the discretion of the commanders whether reports are rendered by each branch of the staff or whether one consolidated report is prepared.  
(ii) Units and establishments commanded by an officer not below the rank of Lieut Col.  
(iii) Heads of services and their representatives.  
(iv) Officers holding special appointments, e.g. Military Missions, etc.,

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Disposal of Quarterly Historical Reports

5. (a) Overseas. Original copies of Quarterly Historical Reports will be forwarded by the originators to 2nd Echelon, followed 14 days later by duplicate copies. 2nd Echelon will transmit the original reports, in bulk, to the Under Secretary of State, The War Office (Records (C.7) WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1., to arrive not later than 15th November, February, May and August annually. Duplicate copies will be despatched 14 days after the originals, to the Os i/c records of units, or, if no record office is applicable, to:-

The Under Secretary of State  
The War Office(Records)  
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6. Security Classification. Quarterly Historical Reports will be normally classified "Restricted", but this classification will be raised to a higher level of security if the contents in the main body of the report or in the Appendices justify such a course being taken. In such cases, the normal rules regarding the handling of classified material will apply.

7. A.C.Is 934 and 1299 of 1944 and 33 and 167 of 1946 are hereby cancelled. Field Service Regulations, Volume I, 1930, Chapter XVIII, Section 174; Field Service Pocket Book, Part I Pamphlet No 13 1943 and unit Guide to Documentation in a Theatre of War (Overseas), 1944, Section 6, para 31, will be regarded as modified accordingly.

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## QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

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| 3. How employed (with notes on important training exercises carried out, appreciations, opinions and recommendations of the commander)                                                                                                               |                                       |
| 4. Administration (particularly administrative difficulties encountered and action taken to overcome them, Any other important administrative matters, such as changes in establishment, alteration of designation, etc. with dates and authorities. |                                       |
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