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MONTHLY STRENGTH STATE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

Strength State as at 1 Jan 47	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
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BR-ITI	107,000	144	87
ITALIAN ARMY	140,000	135,563	115,213
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	66,115

Strength State as at 1 Feb 1947	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
US-ITI	83,000	3,919	4,636
BR-ITI	107,000	144	82
ITALIAN ARMY	140,000	135,889	137,583
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	66,290

Strength State as at 1 March 1947	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
US-ITI	83,000	2,481	2,945
BR-ITI	107,000	144	71
ITALIAN ARMY	140,000	135,075	156,107
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	65,656

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421 : G/105

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 ACI 65/46 and GRO 562/46.

for Major General,
Director.

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"G" Branch.-

Subject : Situation Report - Carabinieri.-

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(3) Breda LMG: 6.992

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It will be noted that the present W/Es are not the same in all cases as those originally agreed upon between MMIA and the War Ministry. The main effect of this has been to concentrate heavier transport at higher legion formations (Group) and to deprive "Tenenze" and below of transport other than motor cycles.

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In the lists below, the old W/E is placed in brackets beside the new W/E:

TYPE	EFFICIENT	NON EFFICIENT	TOTAL	W/E	DEFICIENCY
P/V:	696	161	857	969 (982)	112
L/C: (30 cwt-3 ton)	834	132	966	1188 (915)	222
L/C: (over 3 ton)	46	10	56	168 (67)	112
Light van:	86	20	106	142 (897)	36
3-wheel carrier:	92	28	120	42 (NIL)	-
M/C:	1572	377	1949	3299 (1951)	1350

These figures include Mobile Battalion transport.

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CC also possess a few assorted vehicles such as tractors, busses, water and petro carriers.

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5. STAGHOUND A.Cs and MOBILE BATTALIONS:-

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the 12 Mobile Battalions are the only effective force on which the government can absolutely rely in the event of serious and widespread disorders.

6. FRONTIER DUTIES:-

The establishment of the Udine-Group, Bolzano Legion has been increased by 19 stations for the protection of the new Italian frontier. Personnel for the Gorizia Group (to be formed) has been trained and collected at Visco. These number 572. On ratification of the treaties, the Turin Mobile Battalion will be moved to Gorizia and a separate mobile company will be stationed at Monfalcone, which is regarded as a trouble centre. (A new mobile battalion will be formed at Turin, and the Ministry of Defence has already given authority for this.)

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8. WIRELESS:-

All Legions are now in wireless communication with G.H.Q. 10 Groups have been equipped, also 2 companies and 2 stations. (The latter in the Udine - Gorizia area). 12 more groups will shortly be similarly equipped. This is a remarkably fine achievement considering that CC started from scratch in October 1946 with no trained personnel, no previous experience, and with a large quantity of Allied equipment literally dumped on them.

9. MORALE:-

The German occupation of Italy after the Armistice caused the almost complete disruption of the Carabinieri system. In the German occupied zone, CC were left without instructions as to their future conduct. Some thought it their duty, as soldiers, to resist the Germans, others considered that their duty as police officers necessitated their remaining at their posts; others threw in their lot with the republican government, and the result was chaos.

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CC think that no communist rising is likely unless and until Russia is involved in a war. Should this occur, they believe that the highly organised Emilia communists will attempt to drive a wedge across Italy, cutting the North off from the centre and south. They say also that CC stations in the smaller communes will be swamped, more especially in the North and that the whole brunt of resistance will pull on the Mobile Battalions and Group HQs where apart from the Mobile Nuclei there are always a number of men employed. They therefore consider it of the utmost importance that the Mobile Battalions are kept fully equipped and ready for any emergency.

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GSO I
CC Section

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4 March 1947.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Director, Naval Sub-Section.
Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.
Director, Air Forces Sub-Section.

1. Copy of letter G-3 AFHQ/132 dated 1 March 1947, same subject, is forwarded to you for compliance.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief
Italian Military Affairs Section

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1 March 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Chief, IMAS

References:

a. Letter, your Headquarters, subject as above, dated 15 February 1947 and addressed to Directors, each Sub-Section, IMAS.

b. Letter, G-3 AFHQ/131/1 "Abolition of Italian Military Affairs Section, AFHQ", 21 February 1947.

1. It is desired that the monthly reports referred to in reference a above continue to be prepared by the sub-sections after they become branches of this Headquarters.

2. They should be addressed to Allied Force Headquarters, Attention G-3 AFHQ.

3. Will you please so instruct the individual Directors.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

T. S. AIREY
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Office of the Chief of Branch CONFIDENTIAL

Ref. : LACAB/8503/14/OB

19 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Section
DIAS.

It is notified for your information that this Branch does not require copies of your monthly report.

The Report for January is returned herewith.

Brigadier, G.S.
Chief of Branch.

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18 Feb 47

Subject:- Co-ordination with US/UK Embassies.

To: Major General.E.H. GOULBURN, DSO
Director, Land Forces Sub Section

1. Although the detailed arrangements have not yet been made to give effect to the suggestion made in Acting SACMED's letter dated12 Feb 1947 to the British and American Ambassadors, I think it would be helpful if you would send to both Embassies (in the case of the American-Embassy it should be marked "For the Military Attache") copies of all Land Forces Sub Section Monthly Reports, and in particular a copy of your letter to AFHQ, SD/109/1/LF of 13 February 1947 and Land Forces Sub Commission AC letter SD/109/2 of 11 Jan 47 which was addressed to General Headquarters G(SD).

(Sgd) ELLERY.W.STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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15 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

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TO : Director, Naval Sub-Section.
Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.
Director, Air Forces Sub-Section.

1. The monthly reports of the former three service Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission will continue, without breaking continuity, as reports of the Sub-Sections of IMAS. The same distribution will be made as formerly, except that Chief of IMAS will be substituted for Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

2. Where applicable, appropriate reference in the report will be made to provisions of the Peace Treaty. (As an example, strength of personnel of the Italian Navy will be shown, having regard to the provisions of Article 60 of the Peace Treaty.)

ELLERY W. STONE
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Director : Major-General E.E. GOULBURN, DSO

MMIA Report No 38 - Activities During the Month of Jan 47

1. LAND FORCES SUB SECTION

Main HQ - ROME (34 Offrs)

Outstations

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Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 Offrs) at BOLOGNA

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at ROME

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Total	185,110

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5. SIGS

(a) Re-building and repair at the ITALIAN Signal School at CECCHIGNOLA is progressing satisfactorily.

(b) Courses were completed and new courses commenced during the month. Refresher courses for Arty and Inf Officers and NCOs are well attended and should prove beneficial.

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(b) Enlistment

4,450 recruits are under trg at the various schools, of which 800 have only recently been called up, and the schools now have 380 recruits over their WE of 4,100. There is now no shortage of

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The incorporation of the GORIZIA - MONFALCONE portion of Zone 'A' in ITALIAN Territory has necessitated the form of a new Gp in PADOVA Legion. This Gp will have its HQ at GORIZIA where two companies and one tenenza will be est. There will also be one coy and one tenenza at CORMONS and GRADISCA. In view of the greatly increased responsibilities of the PADOVA Legion, GHQ are considering a plan whereby HQ PADOVA Legion will be moved to UDINE and PADOVA province will come under the jurisdiction of VERONA Legion.

(b) Enlistment

4,430 recruits are under trg at the various schools, of which 800 have only recently been called up, and the schools now have 380 recruits over their WE of 4,100. There is now no shortage of recruits, and a further 1,200 will be called up in Apr to begin trg. Trg in the ROME Cadet Legion is badly hampered by insufficient space, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of sufficient barracks space being made available to house all four Training Schools.
The present str is 66,115 (31st Jan 47). GHQ hope to persuade the Ministry of Defence to allow them to reach the total of 75,000 which of course will have to be at the expense of the Army.

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7. (Continued)

(c) Epuration

The two Epuration Committees have worked hard to break the back of the large number of cases to be dealt with, and it is estimated that the matter should be finished by the end of Apr. This however, does not apply to a number of Officers and NCOs against whom allegations of a serious nature have been made. These will be tried by Military Tribunals.
The posn at 4th Feb 47 was :-

Officers

Total number denounced	515
Total cases decided	428
Total cases under estimation	72
Total cases awaiting trial	15

NCOs

Total number denounced	6,007
Total cases decided	4,702
Total cases under estimation	605
Total cases awaiting trial	300

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7. (Continued)

(f) Arms and Ammn

TWO 3,300 Beretta pistols referred to in the last report have for the most part been received by the Legions to which they were allotted.

(g) General

GHQ CC have received instructions from the War Ministry that a bn of Carabinieri will be sent to GORIZIA on the withdrawal of ALLIED Tps. The duties of this bn have not been specified. GHQ CC has requested permission from the Ministry of the Interior for this move and has also instructed TURIN Mob Bn to prepare for an immediate transfer to GORIZIA. GHQ CC considers the move as an unwelcome weakening of the forces of public order at a critical period. GENOVA Mob Bn has been ordered to undertake duties in the TURIN area in case of emergency.

8. I.PW

(a) Numerical State of Repatriation

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OTHERS	827,300	51	7,817
Grand Total	1,350,127 +	17,546	16,569

Note + Includes 123,751 US held - now repatriated.

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The repatriation of all BRITISH - Empire-Held ITALIAN PW will be virtually completed by the end of Feb 47. The last shipload of IPW left S.AFRICA on 31st Jan 47, leaving only 106 "escapees" in the Union. The last shipload has left S.AFRICA leaving 145 "escapees" to be apprehended and repatriated by the first available ship. The approximate 7,000 IPW shown against AUSTRALIA are now at sea in three large ships.
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8. (Continued)

(c) Finance

Remittances/Final Credit Balance dealt with	£ 21,756
Valuables & Impounded Properties	514
Financial Claims dealt with	239

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DISTRIBUTION

WAR OFFICE MIA LONDON	- 1
CHIEF OF BRANCH, ILLS	- 45
5,6 and 12 DLLs	- 3

INTERNAL

PA TO DIRECTOR	- 1
DEP DIRECTOR	- 1
HISTORICAL REPORTS	- 2
CIRCULATORS	- 2

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MONTHLY STRENGTH STATE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

Strength State as at 1 Nov 46	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
US-TTI	83,000	4,525	4,486
BR-TTI	107,000	144	102
ITALIAN ARMY	140,000	137,399	139,299
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	63,828

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. HQ. (M.L.)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.13.

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 31 Dec 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

There has been a noteworthy falling off of items which might come under the heading of "political friction". Even such places as the VAL D'AOSTA and the BOLOGNO areas have recorded no untoward incidents. Political activity amongst the troops has been almost negligible. In TURIN a certain somewhat natural sympathy has been shown with Left wing propaganda against compulsory military service, whilst in BARI a "Communist phobia" appears to be manifest amongst officers who are apprehensive over the possible extension of Communist activities after the withdrawal of the Allies in general and the closing down of the BLUs in particular.
Relations between troops and civilians continue good throughout and the CC. have further enhanced their popularity. The Press has devoted little attention to the army, but any adverse criticisms have been promtly dealt with. Morale remains generally fairly good.
Big efforts have been made to improve conditions for the troops. The high cost of living and the imminent departure of the Allies are the two factors which militate against morale being higher.
Bad weather has been mainly responsible for the slackening in Frontier activities, though the "Guardia di Finanza" have had to cope with the perennial clandestine traffic of smugglers.
A certain number of illegal arms have been discovered and sequestrated in the North and a particularly surprising haul is said to have been in TRIESTE, where 14 cases of arms and ammunition, all marked with red crosses, were discovered on the premises of an Insurance Office.

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4. RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS.

. TURIN - Feeling between troops and civilians remains good and between Police and civilians, has improved. The CC. have always been held in esteem and general opinion would like to see their numbers increased. The behaviour of the troops at NOVARA recently, when the HQ of the U.Q. was damaged, was favourably reported upon in the Press.
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Conditions in many barracks remain lamentable. In some cases there is still a lack of glass in the corridors. Recent low temperatures have made the situation difficult. Sanitation is in many barracks very mediaveal.
The way in which the ITALIAN soldier puts up with these hardships is most praiseworthy.

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5. MORALE (continued)

GENOA - Morale amongst troops remains good, and there is no evidence of subersive activities. Genuine efforts are being made to improve welfare. There is however no change in morale of officers and NCOs and it is not likely to improve until salaries are raised and cost of living drops.

BOLZANO - Morale of the troops remains good. Quite a lot was done in units to give those soldiers who could not get home on leave, a decent Christmas.

UDINE - Good.

FLORENCE - Morale satisfactory considering the high cost of living.

ROME - The inopportune propaganda of a certain section of the Press against the army is causing depression, particularly at this particular time when everyone should be helping to rebuild the nation.

NAPLES - Little change to report. The prospect of the departure of Allied troops and the Mil. Mission in particular is reported with pessimism by many officers of Right Wing Political sympathies.

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This news was subsequently denied by the ITALIAN Foreign Office.
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7. PUBLIC SECURITY

TURIN - Has improved.

BOLZANO - Crimes in the area are on the increase, especially those committed by some ex-partisans who still hold arms and ammunition.

BOLOGNA - Continues to improve in this zone and murders decrease mainly because there are less committed for political reasons. The strength and activity of the police and CC in the area keeps public disorder well in hand.

BARI - CC. report continued agitation in MATERA Province. The following crimes statistics for REGGIA are reported for Dec.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

Commander: Major General E.H. GOULBURN, DSO

Report No 37 - Activities during the month of December

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - Rome (51 offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (6 offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE

Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO.

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 offrs) at ROME
32 offrs on establishment

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength state of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 46 is as follows:

	Actual Strength
US-TPI	4,01
UK-TPI	75
ITALIAN ARMY	119,267
CARABINIERI	65,494

3. ORG

There have been no alterations to ITALIAN War Establishments.

4. RE

(a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the Axis held stores at CANCELLO.

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HQ 1 Air Force - ROME (31 Offrs)

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5. SIGS

(a) Training of Signal Personnel at ITALIAN School of Signal is progressing satisfactorily, as is also, the re-building and re-conditioning of class rooms and mess room.

(b) Visits to Signal School and War Ministry have been successful and suggestions for improvement of training were made.

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6. CC.RR.

(a) Organisation.

The strength of CC.RR. on 30 November 46 was 68,494, this increase being mainly due to a large intake of recruits.
During November 1,120 recruits were enlisted and a further 1,300 are being enlisted. It is gratifying to note that recruiting is progressing more satisfactorily and it may be taken as an indication of the markedly improved prestige of the CC.RR. in the public eye.

(b) Epuration.

The Epuration Committees are working hard to complete their task and despite the difficulties of obtaining evidence, a considerable number of cases are dealt with. During October and November the following cases were dealt with:-

36 Officers: 35 Acquitted, 1 discharged, 1 referred to higher authority.
307 NCOs : 21 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committees decisions appear clement. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at FLORENCE on 15 Nov.46 and is being attended by 700 CC.RR.
2,400 recruits are undergoing training at, ROME, TURIN, BARI, and CAGLIARI.

(d) Transport.

During the month ending 25 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 M/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by MMLA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	M/C	P/V	L/C	A/C	O/V
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Although it will be seen that the WEs have not nearly been reached, at least CC.RR. have been enabled to break out of the impasse in which they were before MMIA took control and their almost dependence on civil transport has been greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated. CC.RR. greatly appreciate the improved situation which has strengthened their morale and added to their prestige.

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(e) Communications

GHQ ROME is now connected by wireless to the following Legion HQs:-

Turin
Milan
Bologna
Florence
Naples
Catanzaro
Messina

W/T equipment is now being installed at PALERMO. The high power wireless transmitter and generator have now been brought from the ex Polish Depot at BESI and are being installed at GHQ.

(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 5,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.RR have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at CASERTA. A further assignment of 5,300 pistols has been made to CC.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the BERETTA factory to the Ministry of War.

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The public safety situation in SICILIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobile Bns. under the command of Col.ROMEA(CC.RR. BOLOGNA Legion).

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(a) The ALLIED Medical Store at FLORENCE continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

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8 cases of Typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at PALERMO during November.
Of 10,047 hospital beds equipped, 5,244 were occupied on 30 NOV.45.

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Country Holding	No. of PW at beginning of repatriation (b)	No. repatriated during December (c)	No. still to be repatriated (d)
(a)			
BRITISH	399,085	21,229	17,416
		2,747	7,868

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Depot at LESI and are being installed at GAETA.

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OTHERS	827,300	2,747	7,868
GRAND TOTAL	1,350,134+	23,976	27,286

+ Includes 123,781 US held - now repatriated.

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Agreement was reached with GHQ.MELF for the return of 2,300 IPOW who were voluntarily deferred for six months; these POW will be available at PORT SAID in early January and will be picked up by ITALIAN shipping in two lifts, probably 10 and 20 January.
Nearly 24,000 IPOW were repatriated during the month of December; most of these were from various parts of the BRITISH EMPIRE. It is estimated that only 20,000 IPOW are now in BRITISH hands and that they will be returned to ITALY by late February or early March.
A further 3,000 IPOW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA during December; it is reported that these men arrived in fairly good condition.

(c) Finance.

During the month of December 1946 the remittance passed through this office by IPOW held in BRITISH custody, to their families, totalled £1,266. Statements of Account in respect of ITALIAN PWs repatriated from BRITISH custody, amounting to £2,268, were forwarded to the ITALIAN Government for payment.
Following AFHQ orders since December 1st 45, no more matters concerning IPOWs ex US custody will be dealt with by this office.

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for Major.General.
CCC. MMIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

Commander: Major General.E.H.GOULBURN, DSO

Report No.36.- Activities during month of November

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1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME	(31 Offrs)	
Outstations		
Type 'A'Liaison Units	(6 Offrs)	at TURIN, MILAN,BOLZANO FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE.
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No.12.Liaison Unit	(11 Offrs)	at ROME.
	93 Offrs	on establishment.

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Nov is as follows:-

	Actual Strength
US - ITI	4,486
BR - ITI	102
INTERIM ARMY	139,292
CARABINIERI	63,828

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3. ORG

(a) On 27 Nov., all MMIA War Establishments were reviewed at CHQ. The increment to MMIA was deleted in toto, and a few minor adjustments were,in consequence, made to the HQ Establishment. It was recommended to the War Office that establishments should otherwise remain unchanged.

(b) The following Italian War Establishments were approved:-

Inspectorate of Infantry
Increase to School of Administration
Increase to Medical School.

4. RE.

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(a) War Ministry were approached with list of stores to be released from PAVIA and obtained from ARAR's holding at CANCELLO. War Ministry have asked ARAR to quote prices for equipment.etc., required from CANCELLO. Action was taken to release stores at PAVIA.

(b) GHQ have now notified release of one set of Bailey Pontoon equipment for Italian Engineers. Arrangements for collecting and railing from MESTRE are now in hand.

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5. SIGS

(a) Works continue to make good progress at the Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGNOLA.

(b) The disposal of all communications from HQ MMIA to its BLUs and vice versa, of security classification CONFIDENTIAL and below, through Italian channels, is working satisfactorily.

(c) The Italian working party at PONTECAGNO has been engaged throughout Novemeber and is still engaged in identifying and concentrating material.

6. CC.RR.

(a) Organisation.

The strength of the Carabinieri at 31 Oct.46 was 63,828, a small increase on the September figure.
Carabinieri have under consideration a plan for reorganisation of the Mobile Bns. When and if normal conditions return to Italy the existence of the Battalions will be of doubtful value in their present form. 6,000 men are now wholly employed in the Battalions where they have little to do except in the rare cases of large scale disorders. The Carabinieri plan is to have a small Mobile Company with each Legion, thereby abolishing the Battalions and effecting a considerable saving in manpower. Under present circumstances no change is contemplated.

(b) Communications

W/T connection between GHQ and other HQs continues to make progress. The latest HQs to be brought within the network are BOLOGNA, MILAN, MESSINA and CATANZARO, although the latter two stations are stillin the experimental stage.
Due to local disturbance, the TURIN station is being moved to another locality near the city. The keenness and energy displayed by Carabinieri in putting the W/T scheme into effect is highly encouraging. Courses of instruction for W/T operators are in full swing at GHQ.

(c) Transport.

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Transport released to Carabinieri from 4 November to 1 December inclusive is as follows:

	M/Cs.	P/V	L/C.	Jeeps.
Legions	72	2	21	1
Mobile Bns.	70	-	3	1
	142	2	24	2

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566	25	655	267	168	6

Carabinieri have received the tyres and tubes they ordered from PIRELLI firm and the greater part has now been distributed to the Legions.

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(c) Armoured Cars.

The position has improved since the last report, owing to the arrival at CARE BOLOGNA, of a quantity of spare motors,etc., from the Polish Depot at IESI. Legion Commanders have been ordered to despatch all inefficient A/Cs to BOLOGNA without delay. Further good news is that 29 A/Cs are being prepared and checked at BOLOGNA by the Army for exchange with 20 inefficient Carabinieri vehicles. It is expected that three of these A/Cs will be handed over to ROME Mobile Battalion during the week.

(e) Arms and Ammuntion.

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(f) Pay.

Carabinieri pay has been increased but owing to the rapidly rising cost of living, little or no benefit is felt.

7. MEDICAL.

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About 50 tons were received during the month and are now being priced and handed over to the Italian Army.
No report has yet come to hand as to whether MERANO captured stores Depot has completed move to FLORENCE.

(b) Health.

There was nothing of special interest to note during the month in connection with the health of the Italian Army.
Of 10,578 beds available,6,206 were occupied on 31st Oct 46.

8 I.POW

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TOTAL	1,359,136 +	18,437	48,203

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Plans were received during month to repatriate the remaining 48,000 Italian POW held in various parts of the BRITISH Empire. Less than 38,000 await repatriation as at 1st Dec 46 and it is estimated that the last Italian PW will have left BRITISH custody by 31st Jan 46. This means that the target date for the return of these POW to ITALY will be March 1st 1947.
Over 6,000 ITALIAN POW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA last week; they arrived at ANCONA and verbal reports indicate that they were in fairly good condition.

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(f) Finance.

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in BRITISH hands through this Division totalled 22,758 pounds.
In view of the proposal to hand over all work in connection with US held POW to PBS., it is interesting to note that during November, 40% of work related to US held POW, and 60% to BRITISH held POW(Finance only).

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(M.M.I.A.)

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REPORT No 35 - Activities during month of October

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Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 Offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO

No 12 Liaison Unit (16 Offrs) at ROME

106 Offrs on Establishment

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Oct is as follows:-

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US-ITI	83,000	4,651	4,433
BR-ITI	107,000	160	118
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	125,712	136,474
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	65,654

3. DISBANDMENT (BR-ITI)

(a) 471 Mobile Workshops have now been disbanded. This leaves three BR-ITI Units. Numbers of personnel have not altered, as those disbanded have been sent to 852 and 833 S/L detachments.
861 Pool of Liaison officers remains at a strength of 30.

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(b) With effect from Nov 5, HQ Central Military Schools will cease to exist. The Administrative functions concerned will be taken over by No 8 Territorial Command HQ, while the Training side will be the responsibility of the various Inspectorates.

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The School of Cooperation will come directly under S.M.E.

(c) W/Es
An Infantry Inspectorate has been formed - the Establishment has been decided on and passed, and will be issued when printed.

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4. G Branch

4. Developments and activities of this section during the month are as follows:

(a) All Engrs Stores in the E.S.D.D. at Cancello were handed over by G.E.O. to A.R.A.R.

(b) An Italian Engrs Officer visited the Depot at Cancello and noted Engr equipment available. The War Ministry were given first list of stores etc. for which they should bid before disposal by A.R.A.R. begins

5. (a) The consignment of Signal stores received from POMEZIA/CAGNANO during July is in process of being distributed. 557 B.O.D. Sub-Depots at POMEZIA/CAGNANO and LA MICCOLA were visited on 23 and 25 Oct and 1st and 2nd Nov with a rep of the "Direzione Generale del Genio" in order to earmark the signal equipment which the Italian Army will take before A.R.A.R. begins to sell in the civilian market. A working party under an Italian officer is now engaged in concentrating this material so that it can quickly be moved to Rome when the release is received.

(b) Permission has been received from G.H.Q. to dispose of all messages and letters of classifications CONFIDENTIAL and below to the DLOs via the Italian Ministry of War Signal Office. The Ministry has already agreed to grant the necessary facilities. A.R. Signals NCO will be on duty at the Ministry of War Signal Office from 0800 to 1200 hrs daily in order to maintain a separate Signal Register and to facilitate the rectification of errors in routing etc.

6. CC.RR.

Organisation

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Communications

(b) The training of personnel in W/T and the installation of equipment continues to make good progress under the direction of Col Celli, himself a wireless enthusiast. G.H.Q. is now in communication with Genoa and Turin, and it is hoped to

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(c) Of all transport held by CC., 80.25% are efficient. Of those inefficient, the chief cause is lack of tyres and tubes. CC. are now purchasing tyres direct from Pirelli. An order has been placed for 900 tyres and tubes and it is expected that they will be received shortly

Armoured Cars

(d) The 20 Staghounds in workshops are still off the road.

Arms and Ammunition

(e) 1100 Beretta pistols have been assigned to CC. by the War Ministry. This still leaves a deficiency of 50.328 against entitlement.
Ammunition generally is in short supply.
CC. has now received its full quota of B 38 SMGs in the proportion of one to every four men, excluding the Mobile Battalions which have one per man.

Morale

(f) One small matter, as it may appear, has caused bitterness and dissatisfaction throughout CC. This is the application of the "Premio delle Repubblica" an award of 3.000 lire to all employees. CC. received 1.500 lire only, and even this was scaled down in the case of single men. CC. regard the "Premio" as a gift to employees to mark the founding of the Republic, and consider it should be given to all, irrespective of their economic conditions, or such considerations as free clothing and rations.

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A quantity of Italian Medical Mobilization Equipment and captured (German) Medical Equipment at MERANO, remains to be sent to FLORENCE.

Visits. DADMS visited 1,2,3,4,7 Territorial Commands during the period 20th to 31st Oct. 46.

8. POW

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East Africa	42,857	4,946	13,031
West Africa	1,000	-	-
South Africa	40,285	681	14,741
Middle East	58,520	-	-
India	33,302	499	5,924
Australia	17,667	2,796	13,728
Gibraltar	541	-	15
Persia	2,000	-	-
TOTAL	397,343	8,922	47,474

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(Contd) TOTAL	397.343	8.922	47.474
OTHERS			
French N. Africa	37.300	-	-
Russia	20.000	8	7.487
Germany & Switzerland	635.000	-	-
France	35.000	-	-
Balkans	100.000	35	9.560
TOTAL	827.300	43	17.047
GRAND TOTAL	1.348,394 +	8,965	64.521

+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held - now repatriated.

(b) (i) Although ports in the Med are now closed to Allied shipping generally, authority has been obtained for all ships carrying Italian PW to off-load at Naples

(ii) Reports received through Italian reps in London indicate that a plan has been formed for the mass repatriation of the remaining 48,000 IPW.
No official information has yet been received from the British War Office. The report received states that it is planned to complete repatriation from India by mid-December and to repatriate 70% of the remainder by the end of Febraury 1947.

for Major General,
GOC, MMIA

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GRAND TOTAL	1.348,394 +	8,965	64.521

+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held - now repatriated.

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No official information has yet been received from the British War Office. The report received states that it is planned to complete repatriation from India by mid-December and to repatriate 70% of the remainder by the end of Febraury 1947.

for Major General,
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(M.M.I.A.)

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REPORT No 34 - Activities during month of September

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Disbandments BR-ITI Units

(b) There have been no further disbandments in this category, and the number still remains at four.

General

(c) Now that BR-ITI Units are reduced to four, and US-ITI Units steadily diminishing, the designation "ITI-ITI" is to be discontinued.
ITALIAN Gps other than BR-ITI or US-ITI will be referred to plainly as "ITALIAN Army".

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4. TRG

Visits and Inspections

G.O.C. visited BARI Area and watched a Bn exercise at the Cadet Academy POTENZA and training in progress at the CAR.

GSO I Trg together with Wing Commander GRECE of the Air Force Sub Commission, inspected the Air Force recruits undergoing basic instruction at the CAR Bari.

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Arms and Ammunition

(c) During the month, 1170 Beretta SMG have been received and distributed to units. Of 1,000 pistols produced by the Beretta factory for CC.RR., 500 are defective, the remainder have been handed over to Venezia Giulia Police.

Armoured Cars

(e) The position is deteriorating. Over 20 Staghounds are in Army Workshops and there is no prospect of their return unless, and until, spares are forthcoming. The Ministry of War has been requested to replace these Armd Cs under repair, but have not done so.

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11. PW

(a) Numerical state of repatriation

Country Holding	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No repatriated during September 46	No still to be repatriated
BRITISH			
England & Scotland	158,029	24	35
North Africa	43,152	164	--
East Africa	42,857	1,096	17,735
West Africa	1,000	17	--
South Africa	40,285	52	15,747
Middle East	58,520	6,996	--
India	33,302	52	6,425
Australia	17,657	500	16,524
Gibraltar	541	--	15
Persia	2,000	--	--
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMTA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 9

Based on periodical reports from BMs att to ITALIAN Territorial Regions up to 31 Aug 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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GENOA - Although relations of Italians with the AMG have not yet improved as they were two months ago they have slightly improved since last month.

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GSO II (SD)	
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2. Political Friction (cont'd)

BOLZANO - The Sud Tirolesian Demo-Christian Party at MERANO is attracting new members but the controversy in the German and Italian press has diminished.
Fires representing the NAZI Cross were lit on the outskirts of MERANO at Alta BASSA, the VAL PASSURIA and SARENTINO probably by SPLITTACHT and S.S. POWs released from the camps at MADRUM and LATERINA.

UDINE - The proposed move of Terr Comd HQ caused great discontent nevertheless the relations between British and Italian officers remained as friendly as before.
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3. Political Activity among Tps

TURIN - Tps appear to be non-political and the latest recruits seem to be better disciplined than the previous ones, also the economic situation is causing men to enlist to avoid being unemployed.

BOLOGNA - The Socialist and Communist parties devote much time to convert tps to their ideas and some people fear a definite threat against the power of the State will be made. Tps are reported to be eagerly awaiting developments.

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FLORENCE - The local press published several favourable articles on the call-up of the 1925 class.

ROME - Reported good and improving probably due to resentment against the fascist methods adopted by the Partigiani. The new intake of recruits was well and favourably reported on.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians (cont'd)

BARI - Relations between tps and civilians continue friendlyand those posted from the Northern C.Rs mix with the local population and are popular. The Liaison Service Army Nation U.C.S.P. is trying to foster interest in the Army by arranging sporting events between military, civilians and Allies also by military concerts and entertainments. Although arrangements have been made with the GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO to publish articles of military interest these only appear after the editor has been pressed.

NAPLES - General ROMMO's visit to 10 C.R and his address to the new recruits was favourably reported in the AVELLINO newspaper and so was the presentation of the Bronze Star to Col MACKLARI-CARLONE.

PALERMO - Relations between tps and population have deteriorated due to the arrival of the new recruits and the posting of men from the C.Rs to regts as all these men are from the North and many are Communists.
The new recruits are more particular about their food and are more politically minded. They prefer to stay in barracks rather than mix with population thus causing a greater strain on welfare.

5. Morale

TURIN - Morale of the married officers and NCOs is very low due to the economical situation Officers resent the slanderous campaign of certain left papers which endeavour to make the people believe that whatever may happen in the Army is due to the inefficiency of the officers.

GENOA - The morale and disciplinary standard of the present intake is higher than the former and the morale of the tps is generally surprisingly high considering the economicand political difficulties.
Officers and men continue to complain about pay and cost of living. The better type of man will not serve on after his term thus the Army loses the men necessary for its vitality and continuity.

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NAPLES - General ROL.MO's visit to 10 C.R and his address to the new recruits was favourably reported in the AVELLINO newspaper and so was the presentation of the Bronze Star to Col MAGLIANI-[illegible].

PALERMO - Relations between the civil population have deteriorated due to the arrival of the new recruits and the posting of men from the C.Rs to regts as all these men are from the North and many are Communists.
The new recruits are more particular about their food and are more politically minded. They prefer to stay in barracks rather than mix with population thus causing a greater strain on welfare.

5. Morale

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ROME. - Morale of recruits is good whilst at C.R.U. The Peace Treaty terms caused a feeling of uncertainty and frustation among the older soldiers. The increases of pay granted to workers and the concessions made to the Partisans has increased the discontent of tps regarding their pay.
The continued attacks against officers in the press and public speeches is creating a feeling of apathy and futility in them.

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5. Morale (cont'd)

BARI - Morale was improved by the arrival of the recruits from the North and discipline is satisfactory.

6. Frontier Activity

TURIN - Large scale activity on the MONCENISIO and MONGINEVRO passes where people try illegally to cross into FRANCE and are generally stopped by the FRENCH Police if they have evaded the CC. Smuggling has increased on FRENCH and SWISS borders particularly drugs, but large quantities of wheat have gone into FRANCE.

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Armed hold-ups continue and a gang of five operating in the PAVIA-VIGEVANO-NOVARA area are led by a man reported to wear an Allied uniform and speaking bad Italian.

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BARI - The Carabinieri have captured all members of the bandit gang in the FOGGIA province, but there is no decrease in crime.

NAPLES - There is a well equipped and well armed "Celere" unit in the NAPLES area. The army distrust and dislike the "Celere" because it used its arms and was responsible for the deaths in the recent disturbances, for which the Army was blamed; no enquiry was held to ascertain whether the seven dead were justly killed.

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7. Public Security (cont'd) NAPLES (cont'd)

- Men of the "Celere" who helped to quell the riot received Lire 7,000 each, prize money, and they are better paid than the Carabinieri or the Army. Although the Police forces including the "Celere" are increased Black Market and crime does not decrease.

8. Illegal Arms

MILAN - At CESANO MADERNO 2 mortars 81mm, 44 rifles, 3 MGs, 1 heavy MG, 26 hand grenades, 4 Russian rifles, 4 German bombs, several hundred cartridges and about 3½ lbs of gelatine were found.

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(c) General
A new Orbat has now been completed, and is expected to be issued in the very near future.
On Aug 8 and 9 the "six monthly" BLU conference was held - full minutes were published and sent to all concerned.

4. TRG

(a) General
An Italian Mobile Trg Team has been formed to carry out inspection of trg methods employed at CARs, Schools and Centres with the object of improving and standardizing instruction and employment of time. This team was trained by 13 Corps, on the lines of British Mobile Teams.

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GSO I Trg visited the CAR at COMO and reported that the trg and administration were satisfactory.

(c) Schools
Progress continues to be made at all Schools.
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(d) Div Trg
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(c) Comn
196 No 19 Set Sets with accumulators etc have now arrived and the W/T eqpt is at last complete. Courses have been started and 48 men are under instruction.

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(d) Tpt
Since the last monthly report a considerable improvement of releases of tpt has been made. 112 vehicles of all classes were released in July, and up to 25 Aug 46, 62 have been released. Some Legions, notably Milan, has MT in excess of W/E. These Legions will have to surrender their surplus to other Legions with little MT, and arrangements are being made to this end.

(e) Arms and Amn
No Beretta pistols Mod. 34 have been received but 5,000 have been delivered to the Ministry of War and assigned to CC.
1,800 Beretta Mitra have been received and are being distributed.
There is still a shortage of nearly 7,000.
Ministry of War have been asked to make available 28 Staghound ACs as a reserve for CC.

(f) Morale
No change since last report.

(g) Trg
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(h) General
The total strength of CC is 63,109 (31 July 46). This shows a decrease of 1,011 on the previous month's total. It is obvious that recruitment is making little headway. The main causes of this failure are poor pay and uncertainty as to the future of the Corps. GHQ, CC take a more optimistic view and regard the falling off of recruiting as on ly temporary.

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7. SIGNALS

Good progress continues to be made at the Italian School of Signals, Cecchignola.

The Signal Controlled Stores situation is still in process of being sorted out. Full details will be given when a complete census is available of the stores received from BOD and subsequently issued to the various subordinate formations. It can be stated now, however, that no serious shortages are anticipated,

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7. SIGNALS (cont'd)

The question of nomenclature of signal trades has been discussed with the Ispettorato del Genio and full agreement has been reached.

It has been decided that the Italian Ministry of War will assume responsibility for codes and code-signs in the Italian Army w.e.f. 1 Oct 46. The necessary books and documents have been prepared by the Ministry or are in the course of preparation.

8. ENGR

(a) Representation was made by Comd S.M.E. concerning the inadequate state of MT at the School for fulfilling administrative and trg needs. This resulted in the School being allotted 3 more Italian lorries and the situation has now improved.

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(c) UK

1,445 PW out of 158,029 are left in the UK. This virtually completes the UK repat programme, since some hundreds of IPW have voluntarily deferred their repat to assist in agriculture.

(d) Australia

The "MORETON BAY" arrived at the end of Aug in Naples with 500 PW (sick and compassionate cases). The "KATOOMBA" is expected shortly with 600. No further information has been received regarding repat in large numbers.

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(b) Disbandments

Disbandment of BR-ITI units has been proceeding satisfactorily. The following have been disbanded during the month:-

1051	Maintenance Pl	(w.e.f. 15 July)
60	Incr to 60 Forestry Gp	(w.e.f. 15 July)
85	E & M Pl	(w.e.f. 15 July)
816	Incr to 182 Pro Coy	(w.e.f. 15 July)

Only six BR-ITI units now remain. Application for disbandment of three of these has already been made. The remainder are employed on guarding PW at RHINE.

Disbandment of US-ITI units is slow and is behind programme.

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(i) The Terr Inf Regt has now the same est as that of the Inf Regt in the Inf Div.

(ii) The IS Div has now become an IS Bde of two Regts, organised on the same lines as the Terr Inf and Inf Div Inf Regt.

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Pending the arrival of a second intake of recruits a series of courses is in progress to improve the standard of the instructors.

(b) Schools

(i) The training of the first intake of recruits in specialist subjects has been almost completed.

(ii) Refresher courses for the School Instructors and courses for Regtl Instructors and Personnel are at present in progress.

(iii) The arrival of 50 tons of equipment during the past month has greatly increased the scope of the Engn School. A proposal to change the location of this School is under discussion.

(iv) Preparations are almost complete for the arrival of the students for the Tactical Course at the Armd Car School. A great deal of excellent work has been put into the preparation of Lecture Rooms and Model Rooms at this School.

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5. CC.MR

(a) Activities

The tpt situation of CC. has been gone into very thoroughly and a comprehensive report submitted.

(b) Organisation

GHQ, CC. are preparing a report making recommendations for the reorganisation of the Corps, a copy of which will be forwarded to [illegible] It is understood that in several ways the views of GHQ CC. coincide with the views of [illegible] e.g. abolition of divisional commands.

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(c) Comn

With the exception of 148 LP Sets, and electrolyte, CC. have their full wireless equipment. CC. are purchasing electrolyte direct from Montecatini as none is available from Allied sources.
Instructor courses are shortly being started for selected men from mobile bns. Experiments have been made with No 52 Sets all over Italy with varying results, reception being poor in mountainous districts. 19 petrol driven charging sets have been received and a further 38 are being made available.
Owing to lack of personnel with any knowledge of wireless, it will be a considerable time before the scheme is in full operation.
Progress is being made with the installation of telephone comns in the north, but lack of funds is hampering proceedings.

(d) Tpt

Release of tpt by the War Ministry continues to be unsatisfactory. Figures based on the new and reduced WE show that CC. possess 65% of their WE.
It is hoped that the strong recommendations made to CHQ by MLIA will result in the release of vital spares for the STAGHOUND Armd Cs.

(e) Arms and Amn

Continued strikes at the Beretta Factory appear to have completely held up the production of pistols and 'mitra' 9mm.

(f) Morale

The morale of CC. is probably higher now than at any period since the Armistice, but there remains one disturbing factor. Reports from all areas indicate that there is a strong and growing apprehension in all quarters and among all ranks as to the future of the Corps. Romita, when Minister of the Interior, promised that the Corps would not be touched, but, under the same Minister, they have observed the Pubblica Sicurezza develop from 30,000 agenti, mostly plain clothes men, into a powerfully armed semi-military force, equipped with armd cars, jeeps, sub-machine guns, etc. and numbering over 50,000.
The CC. feel that there is a strong possibilty of their Corps being reduced to an impotent army unit with all their former functions and privileges transferred to the Agenti. It is certain that no expense has been spared to bring the Pubblica Sicurezza up to the same standard of arms and equipment as the CC.

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6. AD.

(a) Legal Policy

The draft decree on regtl Courts Martial and a letter explaining the plan and purpose of the decree to the Council of Ministers, has been received and examined by this HQ.

It is felt that, although the proposed decree goes a very long way towards implementing the plan originally put forward by the Mission in 1945, certain provisions, particularly those relating to appeals, might jeopardise the functioning of the system.

A further meeting is to be held to discuss those points.

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(b) Public Relations
Opinion in Terr Cords on the question of whether a whole time or only a part time P R Officer should be appointed is divided, a small majority being in favour of a whole time Public Relations Officer.
PRO is generally functioning well throughout the Army.

(c) Morale
N.T.R. Generally speaking appears to be unaffected by result of referendum.

7. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores
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During the month approximately 30 tons of stores were received and are in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italian Army.
Vouchers for approximately 60 tons are in possession of this HQ and stores awaited.
Medical Stores and Machinery continue to arrive at FLORENCE from MERANO.

(b) Health Notes
There has been nothing of note in the Health picture of the Italian Army during the past month.
Of 11,796 beds available, 6,474 were occupied on 30 June 46.

(c) Welfare
The question of increased Welfare facilities for patients was taked up with the Medical Directorate - results of proposals made are not yet available.

8. POW

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From BRIT hands	30,243
From other sources	793
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(c) UK

There are no difficulties in respect of repatriation from the UK. Progress was maintained during July, and with the arrival of two ships early in August and the continued railway service CALAIS-VERONA, it is anticipated that all prisoners will be repatriated by 21 Aug 46.

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(d) Australia

As a result of the action taken by the Chief Commissioner, (vide para 11(c), Report No 31, Activities during month of June) two ships have been allotted to repatriate 1,100 sick PW and PW whose early return had been requested on compassionate and hardship grounds. These ships leave FREMANTLE 3 August. Further efforts are being made to obtain ships in order that mass repatriation can begin.

(e) Middle East

Six Italian ships are still running between PORT SAID and NAPLES/TARANTO. Other ships make occasional lifts at PORT SAID, which ensure the maintenance of the monthly repatriation rate.

(f) Others

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LAND FORCES SUB COM., A.C. (MMIA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to July 31 46.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

The published terms of the peace treaty have disappointed Italians and caused a cool, even hostile, feeling to the Anglo Americans in the whole country. The Communist and Socialist press distorts the reports in such a manner that the British and Americans appear to be responsible for the harsh terms. Army officers are now in many cases only frigidly polite and are generally very ignorant about international affairs, particularly the senior officers. There have been very few hostile demonstrations against the Allies but a few "Alexander Certificates" have been returned. Troops generally show no political tendency although the recruits in some districts are distinctly "Left". The subversive organisations, LEGA ASSISTENZA UFFICIALI CONGEDO (LAUC), FEDERAZIONE ANTI-MONARCHICA FORZE ARMATE (FAFA), and CENTRO ASSISTENZA REDUCI SOLDATI (CARS) are dying. The relations between the Troops and civilians continue to improve and some "Left" papers now discuss Army matters, but in general the press is against making propaganda for the Army, as is also Radio TURIN. The popularity of the Carabinieri is increasing. Inadequate pay is seriously worrying officers and NCOs, and to a lesser extent the rank and file. The peace terms have also upset the officers, but generally morale and discipline are good. There is a great deal of smuggling and illegal crossing of all frontiers, particularly on the Adriatic coast. Except in the area south of NAPLES and in SICILY public security has improved.

2. POLITICAL FRICTION

TURIN - The pro-French movement in the VAL DI SUSA has greatly decreased.

GENOA - Although there have been no disturbances, nor demonstrations, nor hostile acts a frigid attitude of the people toward men in Allied uniform is noticeable. BLU officers visiting the Territorial Commands are received with cold politeness and the cordial relations which existed hitherto have been temporarily upset by the peace treaty negotiations. The senior officers of Territorial Command are surprisingly ignorant of international affairs. From the trend of remarks made by Italian officers to British on the occasion of pre-announced visits to units it would seem that the attitude of the Italians was governed by a central policy, as when unexpected visits are made the relations are cordial as before. The ORs do not appear to be affected.

MILAN - The public appears to be silently hostile to the Allies and eager to see their departure, although the anti-Allies feeling seems to be less than

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- The terms of the peace treaty disappointed Italian officers but there was no hostility to Allied personnel. The BLU commander and the G II were warmly welcomed by the Regimental Commander of the 8 Alpini Regiment and by the Commander of the L'AQUILA Bn when they visited those units.

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4. Political Friction (cont'd) UDINE

- At PADUA an anti-Allies demonstration was organised by students who insulted the Allies and burnt "Alexander" certificates. There were no other demonstrations
An armed band believed to be JUGOSLAV partisans attacked the guard on the RIO DI LAGO arm dump. Several shots were fired but there were no casualties.

BOLZANO - The local German press is still fostering separatist ideas and the return of the district to AUSTRIA notwithstanding that the "Sudtiroler Volkspartei" offered to collaborate with the Italian Authorities who accepted the offer. The bulk of the population are resigned to the decision of the Foreign Ministers.

BOLOGNA - In EMILIA the people are bitter over the terms of the Peace Treaty and the blame for the harsh terms is placed on the ANGLO-AMERICANS by the Communists and Socialists who predominate in the district. These parties have organised strikes and demonstrations to protest against the peace terms. There is a great deal of feeling against the Allies under the surface which is strengthened by the continued occupation of schools and other public buildings by Allied Tps. The better educated people consider this hostility to be temporary and that ITALY will soon side with the Western Allies, both economically and politically. There is a strong feeling against the POLES because of their behaviour.

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3. Political Activity among Tps

TURIN - There is practically no political tendency among tps. On July 12 2 offrs and 12 ORs of the 6 Gp 7 Arty Regt returned the certificates they received from the 8th Army to the BRITISH Consulate in TURIN and although this anti-BRITISH incident was greatly exaggerated in the press which gave it considerable publicity, investigation showed that only 25% of one Gp of the Arty Regt CHERMONT had acted in this manner due to the influence of the 2 officers.

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3. Political Activity among Tps (cont'd)

BOLOGNA - Tps are not politically conscious but the recruits at the CAR are rather left and made no attempt to hide their satisfaction over the results of the election. There are still reactionaries in certain units but the activities of the officers have killed the anti-army feeling they tried to foster.

NAPLES - LEGA ASSISTENZA UFFICIALI CONGEDO (LAUC), FED RAZIONE ANTI-MONARCHICA FORZE ARMATE (FAFA), and CENTRO ASSISTENZA REDUCI SOLDATI (CARS), are dying a natural death.
100 recruits, mostly communists, en route to SARDINIA from the north passed through NAPLES and walked out of the GRANILI Barracks on the day they arrived. They returned the following morning and are now in SARDINIA.
The Communist press praised the Commander of the CAR but accused the Bn Commanders of Black Market dealings in oil alleging that considerable quantities of oil were transported in military vehicles returning from the south with tps after the elections.
An ITALIAN Officer repatriated from RUSSIA stated that some ITALIAN PW Officers attended a communist course in MOSCOW and then lectured in ITALIAN PW camps.
During the train journey from RUSSIA to ITALY 50 ITALIAN Officers attacked 15 others who had become communists. The fifty were taken off the train at SIGHET in RUMANIA, sent to VIENNA and finally repatriated.

4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians

TURIN - Relations between tps and population continue to improve and the respect of the people for the CC increases daily. In PINEROLO men who had served in the Alpini offered to give their Alpini hats to recruits to enable them to be dressed as Alpini, and at a ceremony when a wreath was laid on the War Memorial the Alpini hats were blessed.
The efforts of the Public Relations Officer to interest the press in the ITALIAN Army have failed. The politically biased press refuse to have anything to do with army propaganda and the alleged Independent press made vague promises to publish articles which have not been fulfilled. Radio TURIN refused to broadcast Army news. The passing out parade of recruits at CASALE MONFERRATO was however very favourably reported in the local newspaper.

GENOA - The "MEDAGLIA d'Oro" was presented to the mother of a Genoese partisan, executed by the GERMANS, at a full dress parade at the STURLA Barracks. Although many invitations were sent to the civilian bodies very few attended and the ceremony was poorly reported by only one newspaper the next day. A great deal of work will have to be done before really friendly relations between

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MILAN - Good and tending to improve. The Leftist papers are beginning to discuss problems affecting the future organisation of the Army and the press in general is more willing to publish official communications on military matters.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians (cont'd)

BOLZANO - The relations between the carabinieri and the population continue good.

BOLOGNA - The Carabinieri are respected by the population for their loyalty to the state and the public.

FLORENCE - The attitude of the press towards the Army is improving and contacts are maintained with it and the civil authorities.

ROME - The appearance of the new 1st Granatieri Regt in their summer uniform has made a favourable impression in ROME and raised the popularity of the Army.

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PALERMO - Good. The smarter appearance and better trg of the recruits is making a good impression on the public.

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FLORENCE - The peace treaty is a source of worry and sorrow to all. Discipline is reported to be slowly and steadily improving.

ROME - Slight improvement because the recruits find themselves in steady employment and men previously resentful of military service now due for discharge fear to return to the uncertainties of civil life. Discipline also slightly improved due to release of old class and improvement of dress.

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5. Morale (cont'd)

BARI - Morale of tps and Carabinieri is still good, also discipline.

NAPLES - Discipline and morale of the Carabinieri has been good generally, but there is still some resentment at the title "REALI" being discontinued.

6. Frontier Activity

TURIN - ITALIAN workers attempt to cross into FRANCE and those in FRANCE are returning to the VAL D'AOSTA to spend their holidays. A great deal of smuggling is reported across the ITALO-SWISS frontier.

MILAN - The intense traffic in foods, particularly grain and rice which has been going on for some time across the land and sea frontiers has been denounced in the press. An Italian smuggler was killed by Swiss frontier guards at GANDRIA on 27 July.

BOLZANO - Some 90 arrests were made for illegal crossing of the frontier but very little contra band was found.

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(ii) A recent decree states that all army (including CC.RR) Officers and NCOs who have been punished for collaboration with the enemy shall be dismissed. Many of the Corps have been punished for minor acts of collaboration by loss of rank, detention, etc., and if the decree is put into force they will all be dismissed.

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(iii) CC.RR. see the growing power and influence of the Pubblica Sicurezza, and fear that the Corps will be reduced to an Army Unit with all its former privileges and powers transferred to the Agenti.

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UNIT	M/C	P/V	L/C	JP	O/V
Naples Legion	=	1	9	7	=
Catanzaro Legion	4	=	6	5	=
Cagliari Legion	=	=	2	6	=
Genoa Legion	8	=	1	=	=
Leghorn Legion	=	=	4	=	=
Milan Legion	=	=	2	=	=
Verona Legion	=	=	2	=	=
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Cadets Legion Rome	=	=	4	2	=
GHQ Rome	=	=	1	2	=
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School in Florence	=	=	2	=	=
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Based on periodical reports from ELOs att to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to June 30 46.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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MILAN - Press reports stated that the S-79 aircraft stolen from the FORLANINI aerodrome near MILAN eventually reached JUGOSLAVIA and that ITALIAN ex-pilots were offered from 50 to 400,000 lire if they would enlist in the JUGOSLAV Air Force, at a monthly pay of 90,000 lire.

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2. Political Friction (cont'd)

BOLZANO - Election period passed without incidents. A new South TYROLESE party the "Democratic Sudtirolese Union" in opposition to the "Sudtiroler Volkspartei" has been formed with the scope of uniting the population of the ALTO ADIGE regardless of racial prejudice to rebuild the life and economy of the TYROL.
The 88 Inf Regt held a celebration at RIVA on 30 June when officers and men lunched together in the same hall and sang together "TRIESTE" at the end of the meal.

BOLOGNA - The Allies are becoming unpopular and the decisions of the PARIS Conference as well as the prolonged stay of Allied tps in ITALY are causing resentment.

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GENOA - The subversive activities among tps appear to be negligible.

MILAN - Many of the tps voted for the Republic believing that they would be sent home should this be formed. The senior officers stuck to their posts although they regard the future with foreboding.
The activities of subversive elements appear to have died down.

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3. Political Activity among Tps.(cont'd)

BOLOGNA - The effect of the referendum on the Army is difficult to appreciate but it appears that the sympathies of the regular officers and NCOs are equally divided between the monarchy and the republic, whereas the conscript NCOs and tps are mainly republican. The loyalty of the Army to the state does not appear to have been seriously affected and the opinion is that it will do its duty.

ROME - The new Government's assurance that the integrity and traditions of units would be respected and preserved has had a good effect on the Army and CC.RR.
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Commencing in the first week July the FLORENCE Broadcasting Company will arrange daily a half hour radio programme during which soldiers can send short messages to their families.

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4. Relations between Tps and Civilians (cont'd)

BARI - Relations between Tps and civilians continues to be good.

PALERMO - Relations good.

5. Morale

TURIN - Morale of officers and tps continues to be depressed by the serious economical situation and they are perturbed by the manner in which the Government have treated personnel who compromised with the Nazi-Fascists.

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Discipline in three Inf Bns has improved since Lt Cols re-
-placed the majors commanding them.

NAPLES - The Army officers were depressed over the results of the ref-
-erendum but remained calm and had a soothing effect on the men.
The ruling of the Ministry of the Interior that the CC.RR are now to be styled "Carabinieri" is greatly resented by the Force.

PALERMO - Morale of hospital patients is very low and there is no welfare in hospitals.
Discipline in Army unit s much below BRITISH standards.

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6. Frontier Activity

TURIN - A great deal of movement is reported across the MONCENISIO and MONGINEVRO passes by Allied personnel and civilians possessing regular passports. The FRENCH are sending back to ITALY, ITALIANS who have resided less than six months in FRANCE and partisans who had illegally emigrated to that country from the VAL D'AOSTA have returned to their homes.

BOLZANO - Owing to desperate food situation in AUSTRIA people are continually illegally crossing the frontier. The POLES are implicated in this black market frontier traffic and UNRRA officials are also alleged to have helped undesirables to cross the frontier. The CC.RR and GUARDIA di Finanza have insufficient personnel to control the frontier. There is no change in sectors controlled by the Allies.

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Several neo-fascists were arrested during the month, ex P/W unemployed demonstrated in MILAN on 12 and 27 June and there was a small rebellion in BRESCIA Prison on 26 June.
Banditry continues, particularly on the Aut strade at night.

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BOLZANO - The security service from the Allied point of view will not be so efficient as the BRITISH F.S.S. Units 51 and 311 have been disbanded [illegible]

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At the request of the civil authorities troops of 3 Terr-
-itorial Comman took part in the popular demonstration for the Republic which was held in the cathedral square, MILAN, on 11 June.
Several neo-fascists were arrested during the month, ex P/W unemployed demonstrated in MILAN on 12 and 27 June and there was a small rebellion in BRESCIA Prison on 26 June.
Banditry continues, particularly on the Aut strade at night.

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BOLZANO - The security service from the Allied point of view will not be so efficient as the BRITISH F.S.S. Units 51 and 311 have been disbanded and there remains only the AMERICAN C.I.C. Unit which has not been reinforced.

BOLOGNA - Conditions good and generally improving except in the MODENA and REGGIO EMILIA provinces where the situation is deteriorating mainly for political reasons. The latter province is considered unsafe after dark. It is reported that civilians still hold large quantities of arms and ammunition.

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8. Public Security (cont'd)

NAPLES - Public Safety has been adversely affected by political situation and there has been no decrease in normal crime. Gangs of robbers are still very active in the MATERA and GARGANO districts.

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Newspaper reports of serious incidents in PALERMO were unfounded.

9. Illegal Arms

MILAN - Arms and amn continue to be discovered and the largest quantity was found in CREMONA.

UDINE - Soldiers of the 88 U.S. Div raided a village in CIVIDALE area and found many arms.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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Commander: Major General E.M. GOULBURN, D.S.O.

REPORT NO 31 - Activities during month of JUNE

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.
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The position appears to be satisfactory. By now every CC.RR station should have its quota of 2 Beretta carbines, and visits made to stations show that this distribution has been carried out promptly.

(d) Morale
The fall of the Monarchy, although unwelcome to CC.RR has had no appreciable effect on morale and it can be said that all personnel remain loyal to their Corps.

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SIGNALS

(a) Stores
The Signal controlled stores for the Italian Interim Army have now been received and are in the hands of the Ministry of War who are accepting this HQs advice regarding distribution. Up to now it has not been possible to commence distribution owing to the slowness of some of the Divs in rendering returns of stores held, but these have now all been received and issues will begin in the very near future.

(b) Brit Signal Facilities
The system of Brit military communications in Italy continued to de-generate throughout the month, and communications to Sicily have ceased to exist. In consequence this HQ has to rely on the Ministry of War for the despaton of official mail to Sicily. The whole question of external communications for this Mission will be reviewed as soon as possible.

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The Public Relations Office is now established and functioning. Good use is being made of the press, and a full explanation of the purpose of this office and its set up was recently published as a front page article.

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9 EQUIPMENT, ACCN & AMN

On the administrative side the work is chiefly centred round the issue of equipment and maintenance stores for the Italian Army from Allied surplusses. Releases of suitable vehicles, armaments, tyres and spare parts having been provided in principle, are taking a long time in practice and a certain lack of efficiency is to be expected in the meantime.
The sorting out of accn as between the Italian Army, the Allied Army and DPs and refugees is proceeding slowly and exchanges have taken place during the month in accordance with the main plan.
The issues of ammo suitable for Allied weapons in the hands of the Italian Army as required for training purposes, have been approved by GHQ and are now being made.

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10. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores
The Medical Stores at FLORENCE continues to receive stores from CMF, MEF and East Africa Command.
During the month approximately 40 tons of stores were received and are in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italian Army. Vouchers for a further 105 tons (approx) are in possession of this HQ and stores awaited. Advice notes for 5 tons of stores were received during June.
Medical stores and Machinery continue to arrive at FLORENCE from MERANO. UNRRA replaced the balance of medical stores loaned to them in SARDINIA.

(b) Health Notes
There has been nothing of note in the health picture of the Italian Army during the month.
Of 12,014 beds available, 6,392 were occupied on 31 May 46.

11. POW

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	43,717

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

M. M. I. A.

CC.RR. BULLETIN No 6.

NOTE : The contents of this bulletin are primarily for the information of the Carabinieri Liaison Officers with the Carabinieri Brigades, and are intended to offer a general appreciation of the situation regarding the reorganisation of the Carabinieri, together with items of specific interest.

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Mobile Bn Workshopd to be formed in the following order of priority:

PADOVA
CAGLIARI
PALERMO
BARI
NAPLES
ROME

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G (I)	
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LAZIO
TURIN
MILAN
GENOA
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE

Territorial Legion Workshops to be prepared to undertake additional commitments on behalf of Legions and Mobile Battalions.

(b) Subsequent formation of Legion Workshops in areas where there are no Mobile Battalions in the following order of priority: -

ANCONA
ABRUZZI
ALESSANDRIA
MESSINA
BOLZANO
LIVORNO
VERONA

Vehicles of these Legions being catered for in the meantime by Territorial Legion Workshops.

(c) Formation at a later date of Legion Workshops for Legions in (a) above.

B. POWELL, Major,
G.S.O. II
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQS up to May 31 46.

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1. GENERAL SUMMARY

In the PIEMONTE the pro FRENCH parties have increased their activities and large sums of FRENCH currency have been found in the VAL di SUSA. In the "ALTO ADIGE" only the extreme TYROLESE element is agitating. Smuggling and gun running is going in between CHIOGGIA and the ISTRIAN Coast, JUGOSLAV agents continue to arrive in SICILY and pocket submarines were sighted off the SICILIAN Southern Coast. Political activity among the tps increased during month. The Left parties are active in PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA where they have affected the discipline of the recruits. Subversive elements exist in all units in LOMBARDY and many units in SICILY. Communists in AVELLINO are still very active particularly among Air Force recruits. The tps areeverywhere more popular with the people and the prestige of the CC.RR continues to increase. Discipline in general appears to have improved and morale, though good, is being affected by the political situation. GERMANS still cause crime and tro-uble in BOLZANO area, and the MAFIA has re-started in SICILY. Crime is still increasing in the NAPLES and BARI regions, has not decreased in Central ITALY, and is slightly less in the North.

2. Political Friction

BOLZANO - The decision not to return the "ALTO ADIGE" to AUSTRIA caused little public comment but the extreme TYROLESE element cont-inues its propaganda and has also organised many demonstrat-ions, poorly attended, but no incidents have occured.

TURIN - FRENCH propaganda is entirely carried on in the VAL D'AOSTA by local people and those residing in FRANCE. Smugglers are active politicallly as well as dealing in contraband.
Large sums of FRENCH currency found in the VAL di SUSA ind-icate that a pro FRENCH annexation campaign will soon be re-sumed, and there are signs of a similar campaign in the VAL CHISONE where placards of the G.A.D. have been posted. In the CERVIERE-BRIANCON area 1,000 Maquisards are reported.
In the DOMODOSSOLA area the MONTECATINI plant has engaged 150 foreign unskilled workers notwithstanding the large num-bers of local unemployed.
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SLAVS are present in the VAL VIGEZZO and VAL GRANDE.

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-uble in BOLZANO area, and the MAFIA has re-started in SICILY. Crime is still increasing in the NAPLES and BARI regions, has not decreased in Central ITALY, and is slightly less in the North.

2. Political Friction

BOLZANO - The decision not to return the "ALTO ADIGE" to AUSTRIA caused little public comment but the extreme TYROLESE element cont-
-inues its propaganda and has also organised many demonstrat-
-ions, poorly attended, but no incidents have occured.

TURIN - FRENCH propaganda is entirely carried on in the VAL D'AOSTA by local people and those residing in FRANCE. Smugglers are active politically as well as dealing in contraband.
Large sums of FRENCH currency found in the VAL di SUSA ind-
-icate that a pro FRENCH annexation campaign will soon be re-
-sumed, and there are signs of a similar campaign in the VAL CHISONE where placards of the G.A.D. have been posted. In the CERVIERE-BRIANCON area 1,000 Maquisards are reported.
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Pre-election period was quiet except for 3 bomb incidents at BOLOGNA and 1 at RAVENNA; nobody was hurt and damage was slight.
The report of the ALLIES intention to leave ITALY was favour-
-ably received.

FLORENCE - On 19 May during the ceremony held in the Piazza della SIGNORIA in comemoration of the battle of GRIZZANO at which men of the ex-partisan GARIBALDI were decorated, an ex soldier, wearing the Gold Medal for Valour, ended his speech with the cry "Viva UMBERTO II" thereby creating an unpleasant incident. Later a small group of Monarchists were attacked by the crowd who burned two of their flags. A few people were injured and the prompt action of the police prevented further disturbances.
No incidents occured during the election period.

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3. Political Activity among Tps

TURIN - Left parties have carried out a violeht campaign to obtain soldiers' votes for Republican and Left parties. People are lead to believe that as a result of the election the army will be disbanded. On 8 May an unsuccessful attempt was made to induce the recruits of 2 Bns of No 1 CAR stationed in the CASERMA FUNZIONALI at CASALE MONFERRATO to desert. Many of the recruits have civilian clothes as they believe they will be released after the elections.
An incident took place at NOVI between an Army Lieut and the Communist ULISSE, who was once a fascist. No subversive elements have been reported among the tps.
Tps appear apathetic about the elections.

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BARI - No activity is apparent.

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Gen NOBILE gave an anti-Monarchist speech at AVELLINO which was applauded by Air Force recruits, who later attempted to interrupt a pro-Monarchist speech.
GUERRIERO GUIDO an ex regular officer cashiered some 10 years ago, now residing in VAELLINO, has been app-ointed leader of the Air Force recruits by the Commun-ist Party.
There is an officer in the CAR who is a communist.

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3. Political Activity among Tps (contd)

PALERMO - A few subversive elements are known to be in Army units particularly in the "Autocentre" where civ- carry out propaganda.

4. Relations between Tps and Civilians

TURIN - The people's interest in the soldiers is increasing as well as the campaign of the political parties among them.
The CC.RR enjoy the complete trust of the people who now fear that the elections may affect the strength and efficiency of this corps which is the only safe- -guard in maintaining public order.

GENOA - Relations between tps and civilians is good.
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The popularity of the CC.RR has increased and even the leftist press is favourably disposed towards them.

PALERMO - Relations good. The "Fronte Giovanile Repubblicano" organises dances for tps and promises reduced term of conscript service with increased family allowances should the republicans be successful. The majority of the tps are reported to be monarchist.

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5. Morale

GENOA - ORs apparently believe that they will be absolved from their oath of allegiance to the Army if a republic is formed.
The parades of the MANTOVA Div and the CC.RR Mob Bn have impressed the public and raised the morale of the tps.
Discipline is fairly good and there has been no trouble during the election period.

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FLORENCE - Morale is affected by the present uncertain situation; discipline is gradually improving and is generally satisfactory.

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7. Illegal Immigration

BARI - CC.RR aided by BRITISH MPs raided a DP camp in this area and recovered a considerable quantity of drachmas which are part of a consignment stolen after a plane crash.

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7. Illegal Immigration (contd)

PALERMO - Reports state that JUGOSLAV agents continue to arrive in SICILY, mainly in CATANIA, arriving in vessels coming from the DALMATIAN Coast.
Fisherman confirm having seen recently pocket submarines off the Southern SICILIAN Coast.near SIACCA.

8. Public Security

MILAN - Minor incidents occured in the Cathedral Square MILAN and in other parts of the city. Behaviour of Auxiliary Police was unsatisfactory as they did nothing to prevent incidents and prohibited the publishing of King UMBERTO's proclamation in certain parts of the city. Common crime has slightly increased. On 21 May a plot was discovered to provoke incidents involving ALLIED officers including attempts on their lives.
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8. Public Security (contd)

PALERMO - The "MAFIA" has re-started operations killing nightly four to five known criminals. Whereas the Social ist Mayor of PALERMO was stopped by the "MAFIA" and re-lieved of everything, a party of Monarchists passing the same place a few minutes before were unmolested.

9. Illegal Arms

MILAN - CC.RR found an arms and amn dump in SONDRIA province of some 80 quintals consisting of 5 Mortars, 18 heavy MGs, 18 LMGs, 70 boxes of amn and 2 wireless trans-mitters.

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REPORT NO. 30 - Activities during month of MAY.

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4. ORG

(a) The following WEs for Italian Inf divs, IS Divs and Ind Inf Regts, have been approved by the Italian WE Committee:-

Inf Regt	HQ	
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Engineer	Bn	Applicable to Inf Divs only.
Signals	Bn	" " " " " .

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(b) Disbandments
Disbandments of US-ITI and BR-ITI units continue satisfactorily.

5. EQPT

GHQ CMF have now authorised the release of all outstanding eqpt demands for the Interim Italian Army.

6. TRAINING

(a) CARs (Territorial Trg Centres)
During the month Nos 1,2,9 and 10 CARs were visited by Staff Offrs of this HQ and were found to be generally satisfactory.

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(c) Schools
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7. COMD

The following changes of Comd have been made, wef 3 May:-

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The recruiting of the additional 10,000 CC.RR as authorised has not come up to expectations. It was forecast that some 7,000 to 8,000 men could be re-enlisted from 'CONGEDO' by the end of May, but the latest information indicates that only about 1,000 have offered themselves for re-enlistment.
The actual increase of strength since the authorised Establishment was raised has not been noticeable, as retirements etc have balanced enlistments, but the 1,000 volunteers will be an actual increase when they are taken onto effective strength. HQ CC.RR are still confident that when the recruiting propoganda is more mature, and the result of the elections are known, that further volunteers will be forthcoming.

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(b) Comm

A little progress is being reported from various Legions of repairs to telephone installations, but the overall situation is still very far from satisfactory

The release of the wireless sets to scale has been made and they are now being off loaded at ROME.

(c) Tpt

The tpt situation continues to improve, but new vehicles from the Italian motor industry are not being distributed in the anticipated numbers. There is still about a 66% deficiency in load carrying vehs in the Legions. Shortage of load carriers is the biggest deficiency at present. This matter is receiving active attention.

MCs are also in short supply, but it is hoped to start taking delivery in July of 500 new MCs from the Italian motor industry.

During May 2,000 new bicycles have been distributed to Legions, and another 4,000 new bicycles are expected during the course of the next few months from the Italian cycle industry.

(d) Arms and Amn

The first 10,000 Beretta automatic carbines have now actually been distributed to Legions. The remaining 10,000 are expected from the factory during June - July according to War Ministry statement. When this second consignment is received, Legions and Mob Bns will be armed up to scale.

The STAGHOUND Armd Cs of the Mob Bns have received 100,500 rounds .300 Browning Amn per Mob Bn. It is anticipated that loading of 37 MM amn for the STAGHOUNDS will be commenced at BARI on 4 June 46. During May over 1,500,000 rounds of 9 MM amn for Beretta carbines and 250,000 rounds of 9 MM for Beretta pistols have been delivered to Legions.

(e) Morale

Though much remains to be achieved, what has been done in providing arms, tpt, clothing, etc during the past few weeks has become evident in an improved standard of morale throughout the CC.RR.

9. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores

Stores and machinery are still arriving at FLORENCE from MERANO but difficulty is being experienced in getting the plant working as part of the institute is occupied by ENDIMEA. This matter is still being negotiated by the Medical Directorate with the Ministry concerned.

The War Ministry are now attempting to obtain further supplies of penicillin from the UK.

UNRRA has started to replace the stores issued to them from the Italian Army sources in SARDINIA. These stores were issued during the latter part of 1945.

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(b) Italian Medical Units

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During May 2,000 new bicycles have been distributed to Legions, and another 4,000 new bicycles are expected during the course of the next few months from the Italian cycle industry.

(d) Arms and Amn

The first 10,000 Beretta automatic carbines have now actually been distributed to Legions. The remaining 10,000 are expected from the factory during June - July according to War Ministry statement. When this second consignment is received, Legions and Mob Bns will be armed up to scale.
The STAGHOUND Armd Cs of the Mob Bns have received 100,500 rounds .300 Browning Amn per Mob Bn. It is anticipated that loading of 37 MM amn for the STUCH UNITS will be commenced at BARI on 4 June 46. During May over 1,500,000 rounds of 9 MM amn for Beretta carbines and 250,000 rounds of 9 MM for Beretta pistols have been delivered to Legions.

(e) Morale

Though much remains to be achieved, what has been done in providing arms, tpt, clothing, etc during the past few weeks has become evident in an improved standard of morale throughout the CC.RR.

9. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores

Stores and machinery are still arriving at FLORENCE from MERANO but difficulty is being experienced in getting the plant working as part of the institute is occupied by ENDIMEA. This matter is still being negotiated by the Medical Directorate with the Ministry concerned.
The War Ministry are now attempting to obtain further supplies of penicillin from the UK.
UNRRA has started to replace the stores issued to them from the Italian Army sources in SARDINIA. These stores were issued during the latter part of 1945.

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(b) Italian Medical Units

519 Evacuation Hospital 520 " " Medical Stores, MAGLIANO No 1 M.A.C.	Disbanded during the month.

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10. POW

(a) Italian POW as under were repatriated during the month of May:-

From BRIT hands 36,835

From other sources..... 9,011

45,846

(b) General

(i) INDIA. From a total of 33,302, 15,738 POW have now been repatriated.

(ii) UK. 75% of all Italian POW in UK have now been repatriated, 12% will arrive at NAPLES in June.

(iii) FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. Repatriation is now almost complete.

(c) Finance

Continued detailed attention has been given to the settlement of credits outstanding in respect of ex-POWs released from US custody.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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CC.RR. BULLETIN No. 5.

NOTE :- The contents of this bulletin are primarily for the information of the Carabinieri Liaison Officers with the Carabinieri Brigades, and are intended to offer a general appreciation of the situation regarding the reorganisation of the Carabinieri, together with items of specific interest.

1. AMMUNITION. 100,500 rounds of .300 Browning small arms ammunition should have reached each Mobile Battalion by the end of May, 1946. 200,100 round were sent to Palermo. Through circumstances beyond the control of M.M.I.A. the 37 mm. ammunition for the Staghound Armoured cars could not be delivered at the same time as the .300 ammunition. It is hoped, however, to commence loading 37 mm. ammunition into railway wagons at Bari on 4th June, 1946, so that all Mobile Battalions should receive their 37 mm. ammunition during the month of June, 1946. The allocation is 1000 rounds of Armour Piercing and 520 rounds of H.E. per Mobile Battalion, except Palermo which will get a double allocation. Will CC.RR. L.Os please acknowledge the receipt of this ammunition.

2. ARMS. The whole of the first consignment of 10,000 Beretta automatic carbines have now been delivered to Legions and Mobile Battalions. The War Ministry state that the second consignment of 10,000 Beretta automatic carbines should be delivered from the factory during June and July, 1946. With the last distribution of this second 10,000 completed, the Carabinieri will be armed up to scale; except for pistols, of which there is still a very great short... Until they can be manufactured in larger quantities the Legions and Mobile Battalions will continue to be largely without pistols, or armed with many different types of pistols and revolvers.

3. CYCLES. 2000 new cycles from factories in the north of Italy have been distributed to Legions during the month of May. A further 4,000 new cycles have been promised by the War Ministry and these are now awaited from the factories.

4. CLOTHING. The Carabinieri have received 60,000 shirts from the War Ministry and these are now being distributed to the Legions. 2964

5. RADIO SETS. The radio sets for the Carabinieri Legions and Mobile Battalions arrived in Rome on 29th May 1946. There are many technical details to be settled and still not enough operators trained, so that it is not expected that the sets will reach all Legions very quickly, or will all be in operation at an early date.

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6. INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKS. Instructional books in Italian for the different types of radio sets, and also for the Staghound armoured cars, are at present being prepared and printed by the War Ministry. They will be despatched as soon as they are printed.

7. STATIONERY. Requests are being made by Carabinieri L.Os for increased allowances for stationery for Legions. This matter has been carefully gone into by this Hqs with the War Ministry, and for the moment, for reasons of economy, it is impossible to increase the stationary allowance. Legions will have to

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continue to carry on as best they can with their limited resources.

8. TYRES and TUBES. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has made available 235 tyres and 165 tubes to the Carabinieri. They are of several different sizes. This is insufficient for the Carabinieri needs, and efforts are being made to get a further allocation from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

9. INEFFICIENT and BROKEN DOWN VEHICLES. At the request of this HQs a further letter has been sent to all Legions and Mobile Battalions by Carabinieri GHQ; again giving instructions for all broken down and inefficient vehicles to be turned into Territorial workshops. A copy of this Carabinieri letter was sent to all Carabinieri L.Os on 21st May. (Ref. No. CGRR/Q/1/2.) It is hoped that this new order will have the desired effect.

10. TRANSPORT. The following vehicles have been released to the Carabinieri from E.V.Ps.

Week-ending 19th May, 1946.

	Motor cycles.	Loadcarriers.	Jeeps.
Rome Legion.		1.	
Leghorn Legion.		2.	
Lazio Legion.		3.	
Naples Legion.		3.	
Abruzzi Legion.	4.		4.
Genoa Legion.			5.
Alessandria Legion.			5.
Turin Legion.			3.
Bologna Legion,			3.
Palermo Legion.			2.
Lazio Mobile Battalion.	5.		
Florence Mobile Battalion.	5.		
TOTAL	14.	9.	22.

Legion Allievi Rome. (one trailer)
(one water carrier.)

Week-ending 26th May,1946.

Lazio Legion.		3.	
Milan Legion.		3.	
Genoa Legion.		3.	
Palermo Legion.		3.	2.
Naples Legion.		6.	
Lazio Legion.		5.	
Alessandria Legion.		3.	
Turin Legion.		2.	
Genoa Legion.		4.	

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Alessandria Legion.		3.	
Turin Legion.		2.	
Genoa Legion.		4.	
Lazio Mobile Battalion.	14.		
Rome Mobile Battalion.			1.
Legion Allievi, Rome.			1.
TOTAL	14.	32.	4.

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11. All the load carriers issued to the Carabinieri during the week-ending 26th May, 1946, are new vehicles from the Alfa-Romeo and SPA factories.

12. In spite of all the lorries issued to the Carabinieri in recent weeks, the total number is far below that promised in time for the Election, and the shortage of load carriers is still the greatest need of the Carabinieri Legions, so far as equipment is concerned. One half of all the Legions still have less than 18 load carriers each. It is hoped that larger numbers of load carriers will be made available to the Legions during the next few weeks.

H. MICHALL. Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. a.

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1st June, 1946.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.5

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att
to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to Apr 30 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

There appears to have been less activity by the pro FRENCH parties in PIEMONTE and LIGURIA. Illegal emigration into FRANCE and SWITZERLAND continues and contraband enters LOMBARDY from the last named country. The attitude of the Southern Tyrolese to ITALIAN officials is now less hostile. The CC.RR and Frontier Guards complain that they are inadequately armed to cope with frontier activity between AUSTRIA and ITALY. The celebrations in commemoration of anniversary of Liberation went off well but clashes were reported in MILAN and MERANO between Communists and other parties, and in AVELLINO, troops were involved in a minor disturbance. Although troops appear to take little or no interest in politics, disturbances have occurred in several CARs, which, by the similarity of their nature, of the demands made, and of the period they occurred, tend to prove that they were engineered by some political organisation. The most active anti-military centre appears to be EMILIA where the response to the call-up was bad, the recruits ill-disci-plined and the morale of the officers low. The relations between the troops including the CC.RR and the civilian pop-ulation is everywhere good although the prestige of the CC.RR has fallen in the BARI area because of the increased crime. The morale of the troops and recruits is generally good but low rates of pay and insufficient family allowances are causing dissatisfaction. The morale of the officers and NCOs is det-eriorating practically everywhere mainly owing to their economic difficulties, but also to the uncertainty of their future depending on the result of the elections, and also because the War Ministry set at liberty certain officers and NCOs who collaborated with the GERMANS and YUGOSLAVS. In SICILY conditions are much quieter but a considerable number of foreigners, mainly Slavs are reported to have entered the Island clandestinely. Crime appears to have increased during the month and is part-icularly bad in the southern regions.

2. Political Friction

TURIN - The pro-FRENCH annexation movement in the VAL D'AOSTA receives assistance and funds from FRANCE. Several people involved in the demon-stration in AOSTA on 26 Mar have been arrested. Situation in VAL D'AOSTA is normal again and no incidents connected with pro-FRENCH activity have occured in VAL di SUSA.

GENOA - On 4 Apr 1014 Jews, mainly Polish arrived at La

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GENOA - On 4 Apr 1014 Jews, mainly Polish arrived at La SPEZIA in Allied vehicles to embark in Italian schooner "FEDE" for PALESTINE. Matter investi-gated by FSS & SIB.
Ex Partisans and RUSSIANS received most of the praise for the liberation of GENOA at the cele-brations held on the anniversary of the event in the city. No mention was made of the part played by the Combat Groups with the ALLIES.

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3. Political Activity among Troops (Contd) GENOA

Situation on the FRENCH Frontier is satisfactory. Pro-FRENCH slogans posted on buildings in PIGNA were erased by order of ITALIAN authorities and there was no comment nor incident. The Left Wing Parties are reported to be preparing an armed insurrection in GENOA Province when the elections take place in June. Arms coming from YUGOSLA--VIA are landed on the ADRIATIC coast and among the organ--isers are RUSSIANS and YUGOSLAVS. This information was given by the investigating squad of the CC.RR Legion, GENOA.

MILAN - On 25 Apr during the Liberation celebrations in the Arena, MILAN, Monarchist and Demo-Christian Partisan formations carrying flags with the SAVOIA shield were insulted by the Communists, and blows were exchanged.

BOLZANO - Both AUSTRIANS and ITALIANS desire an early peace treaty and although there was propaganda urging the Tyrolese to fight for the return of South Tyrol to AUSTRIA, the sent--iment of the people of AUSTRIAN origin towards the ITALIAN has recently changed. The AUSTRIAN element now begins to feel that they may get a just treatment under the new ITALIAN regime. The Liberation Day celebrations made the people happy but a Communist demonstration took place at MERANO on 28 Apr in which there was some fighting but nothing serious.

FLORENCE - On 1 Apr whilst a train carrying ITALIAN PWs repatriated from RUSSIA was standing in FLORENCE railway station a PW pulled down the Communist flags over the HQ of the "Con--gresso Socialista". Civilians resented this and a serious disturbance was avoided by the departure of the train.

PALERMO - E.V.I.S. (Bandits) organisation is now extinct; however there have been a few bandit attacks in the MONTELEPRE and PARTINICO areas in which some CC.RR were wounded. During a strike in CATANIA the Prefettura and the Consorzio ware-house were attacked and 1 CC.RR was killed. Land-owners houses were attacked during a strike at LENTINI. However the situation in the Island is much quieter. The Separ--atist movement no longer exists but its members are now known as the MOVIMENTO INDIPENDENZA SICILIANA (M.I.S.) The Communist Party is reported to be planning a big dem--onstration in the near future.

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GENOA - There is little political current among tps although some men, among them recruits, visit the Communist Party. Terr--itorial HQ suspect subversive activity within the units and that civilians induce service-men to broadcast their propaganda for them, consisting of the well known griev--ances on pay, lodging, family allowances etc.

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Political Activity among Troops (Contd)

MILAN - On 4 Apr recruits of the CAR detachments in BRESCIA created a disturbance in front of the HQ of the CAR demanding:- increase of pay and rations, a laundry service as existed pre-war, better clothing, extension of leave and off duty hours, adequate allowance for families, and to know the reason and duration of the call-up as most men in the 1924 class had already done military service.
On 9 Apr recruits of the COMO CAR detachment also created a disturbance and made demands similar to the above.
It is suspected that these disturbances are engineered by elements outside the Army as similar incidents have occurred at other CARs.
Troops generally have no deep rooted political opinions and are anti-Communist.
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FLORENCE - The fortnightly newspaper "ESERCITO E POPOLO" published in SIENA, apparently anti-Monarchist and edited to spread subversive propaganda among CC.RR and troops, is being distributed to those in SIENA, PISTOIA and FLORENCE, to-gether with anti-Monarchist hand-bills addressed speci-fically to the CC.RR. It is reported that the ORs in the FOLGORE Division and in several other units in TUSCANY have the impression that should the country favour a Republican Government the soldiers will leave the Army and return to their homes.

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Political Activity among tps (Contd)

ROME - In SARDINIA Officers are definitely Royalist. One of the Socialist Leaders in INGLESIAS, MELONI is suspected of using UNRRA supplies to influence the elections and of attempting to run down the Army.

BARI - There is no apparent political activity among the tps or recruits but there is a moderate interest in the referendum. Colonel TANFERNA commanding 9 Terr Engrs was relieved of his appointment more on account of his communistic sympathies than the unsatisfactory progress of work in the CAR as officially stated.

NAPLES - According to an unconfirmed report General AZZI, Head of the Federazione Anti-Monarchica Forze Armate, (FAFA) visited BARI to make a speech.
In AVELLINO the Youth Front Movement is trying to create friction between tps and civilians and on one occasion some recruits were attacked by communist agitators when a fight ensued but no arms were used. Another fight took place at a Public Meeting of Democratic Party when a Communist attempted to move the stars from the lapels of a soldier. In its edition of 25 Apr, "L'UNITA" published an article on the disturbances which took place in AVELLINO on Palm Sunday, imputing the blame on the Military and attacking the Commander and Officers of 10 CAR. Again in AVELLINO a soldier in the CAR, who is a Communist, was found distributing pamphlets, passing reports to the Communist Party on the morale of Officers and men in the CAR, and making reports on the personnel who are Monarchists. The pamphlets did not interest the tps who destroyed them.
CARS (Centro Assistenza Reduci Soldati).
The president in NAPLES is CARLO ANTONIO OBICI, not an Officer. The soldier introduced into this association has to be substituted by a Sjt-Major who is observing CARS activities.
CAUC. (Centro Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo)(See Int. Summary No.4, last lines of Page 4.)
The correct title of this organisation is LAUC (Lega Assistenza Ufficiale Congedo)but the local president is still onknown.

PALERMO - There are no strong political feelings or marked activities among tps. The "FRONTE DELLA GIOVENTU' REPUBBLICANA." distributes propaganda to the tps with the object of gaining their sympathy and instigating them against their officers. The main points are, reduction of size of Army, increase of soldiers allowances, guaranteed employment for soldiers on their

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NAPLES - According to an unconfirmed report General AZZI, Head of the Federazione Anti-Monarchica Forze Armate, (FAFA) visited BARI to make a speech.
In AVELLINO the Youth Front Movement is trying to create friction between tps and civilians and on one occasion some recruits were attacked by communist agitators when a fight ensued but no arms were used. Another fight took place at a Public Meeting of Democratic Party when a Communist attempted to move the stars from the lapels of a soldier. In its edition of 25 Apr, "L'UNITA" published an article on the disturbances which took place in AVELLINO on Palm Sunday, imputing the blame on the Military and attacking the Commander and Officers of 10 CAR. Again in AVELLINO a soldier in the CAR, who is a Communist, was found distributing pamphlets, passing reports to the Communist Party on the morale of Officers and men in the CAR, and making reports on the personnel who are Monarchists. The pamphlets did not interest the tps who destroyed them.
CARS (Centro Assistenza Reduci Soldati).
The president in NAPLES is CARLO ANTONIO OBICI, not an Officer. The soldier introduced into this association has to be substituted by a Sjt-Major who is observing CARS activities.
CAUC. (Centro Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo)(See Int. Summary No.4, last lines of Page 4.)
The correct title of this organisation is LAUC (Lega Assistenza Ufficiale Congedo)but the local president is still onknown.

PALERMO - There are no strong political feelings or marked activities among tps. The "FRONTE DELLA GIOVENTU' REPUBBLICANA" distributes propaganda to the tps with the object of gaining their sympathy and instigating them against their officers. The main points are, reduction of size of Army, increase of soldiers allowances, guaranteed employment for soldiers on their release.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians

TURIN - Not withstanding anti-militarist campaign by socialist press there is no hostility between tps and civilians. Respect for CC.RR increases and they have recently arrested several dangerous criminals.

GENOA - Relations between tps and people remains fairly good.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians (Contd)

MILAN - Relations between tps and civilians continues to be good. . The intake of the 1924 Class proceeded smoothly when the anti-militarist propaganda ceased, although unemployment and high cost of living may have induced the men to report. The Army detachment attending the ceremony in the Cathedral Square on 25 Apr was welcomed by the crowd. Military, CC.RR and Police Agencies were criticized for their actions in the S.VITTORE Prison riot but CC.RR continued to be popular.

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PALERMO - Relations between tps and populace are good.

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5. Morale

TURIN - The economical situation of officers and NCOs is getting worse as their savings and funds are almost exhausted. The morale of the officers is still further depressed by the anti-militarist campaign in the press directed particualrly against them.
They also resent certain individuals who where compro-mised with the Nazis and Fascists joining the Army again. Morale of troops, which was not high, remains the same.

GENOA - There is discontent owing to the impossibility of providing welfare and financial assistance because no funds were received during first quarter of 1946 . Inadequate pay and accommodation is affecting morale.

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On 28 Apr, the 2nd Bn NEMBO Regt celebrated their victory at the battle of GRIZZANO by a Church Parade, presentation of decorations, a public address and a march past in the Via ROMA, AREZZO. Gen DE SIMONE presented the decorations and took the salute. The very good relations between mil-itary and civilians was particularly noticeable.

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Morale (Contd)

ROME - On 25 Apr, a public Thanksgiving Mass was held in CAGLIARI in commemoration of Liberation Day which was attended by Generals PINNA, MACCARIO, SCALABRINI and POLVERINI, also by the local ex-Partisan leaders. Tps of the 59 Inf Regt provided the Guard of Honour and the relationship between the troops and civilians was good. Discipline within the CAGLIARI Division is good. The majority of officers are living near and training their own units and tps are accommodated in barracks outside of the large towns. Some 200 men have been released from prison and returned to their units. They may not affect morale but they are not desirable elements.

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BOLZANO - The frontier is now crossed mainly in the S. CLAUDIO Area by contraband agents and political emissaries.
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7. Illegal Immigration

PALERMO - During Apr a large number of foreigners, mainly SLAVS have entered SICILY and are reported to be organising the Communist Party.

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8. Public Security

TURIN - Situation still serious. Population fear the Public Safety agents are unable to maintain order and they are not popular.

GENOA - Armed bandits have been active recently, but CC.RR have acted promptly and arrested many wanted men.

MILAN - Disturbances occurred in the Civil prisons of PAVIA, LODI, BUSTO, CREMONA, PIZZIGHETTONE and MILAN (S. VITTORE) which was the most serious.
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5. It therefore appears that even if the 1922 Class is compulsorily recalled, the maximum increase from all classes will be about 2000 during the next 2 or 3 months, even provided the 1922 Class is recalled immediately.

6. DOMESTIC. Considerable changes have taken place in the Carabinieri Section of M.M.I.A.

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Major Writer joined 6 B.L.U.
Major Sykes joined 11 B.L.U.
Major Coxhead, CCRR. L.O. with 3 B.L.U. has left this theatre and returned to England. Major Hills has taken over the duties of Major Coxhead as well as his own with No.1 B.L.U.

Major Limbert has arrived from England and is shortly to take up duties as CCRR L.O. with 10 B.L.U.

Major Hayes, CCRR L.O. with 10 B.L.U. will take over CCRR L.O. duties with 8 B.L.U., while Major Lacey at present with 8 B.L.U. will go to Palermo and become CCRR L.O. with 11 BLU.

7. AMMUNITION. The General Artillery Directorate is making available 250,000 rounds of 9 mm; ammunition for the model 34 pistol. A further consignment of 1,599,209 round of 9 mm. ammunition for the Beretta automatic rifles (mitra) has just been released to the Carabinieri. Details of distribution will be notified shortly to CCRR L.Os.

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12. The following vehicles were released from E.V.Ps. the week ending 5th May, 1946 :-

	Jeeps.	Motor cars.	M/cycles.
Catanzaro Legion.			4
Lazio Mobile Bn.	2		
Lazio Legion.		1	
Abruzzi Legion.		1	
Naples Legion.		1	
GHQ. CCRR. Rome.		1	
Abruzzi Legion.	4		
Catanzaro Legion.	2		
Bologna Legion.	4		
Lazio Legion.	4		
Florence Legion.	4		
Naples Legion.	2		
Turin Legion.	4		
Livorno Legion.	2		
Genoa Legion.	2		
Alessandria Legion.	2		
Ancona Legion.	2		

Florence school.	2 load carriers.
Rome Legion.	1 three-wheeled motor cycle carrier.
Lazio Legion.	1 light truck.

13. The following vehicles were released to the Carabinieri from E.V.Ps. the week ending 12th May, 1946:-

	Jeeps.	Motor cycles.	Load Carrier
Abruzzi Legion.	4		
Catanzaro Legion.	3		5
Bolzano Legion.			5
Naples Legion.			6
Bologna Legion.		4	
Florence Legion.	4		
Livorno Legion.	3		
Lazio Legion.	2		
Turin Legion.	4		
Alessandria Legion.	2		
Lazio Mobile Battalion.	2		
Rome Mobile Battalion.		5	
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Bologna Legion.	4
Lazio Legion.	4
Florence Legion.	4
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down and inefficient vehicles into the Italian Army Territorial Workshops. The War Ministry has undertaken to give the Carabinieri first priority on repairs. At the present time there are still far too many broken down vehicles lying about in Carabinieri Casermas. Will CCRR L.Os. continue to press their Brigade Commanders to see that the orders of CCRR.GHQ. are carried out and these inefficient vehicles turned in.

Richard Fitch
for MICHAEL. Lt. Col. Major
for Major General,
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CC.RR. Bulletin. No 3.

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5. VEHICLES. (a) Legions. The following vehicles were released ex EVPs week ending 21 April.

	Load Carriers	Jeeps
CAGLIARI	10	8
ABRUZZI	3	-
CATANZARO	3	-

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	Load Carriers	Jeeps
LAZIO	-	2
ABRUZZI	-	4
FLORENCE	-	4
BOLOGNA	10	6
BARI	10	-
ANCONA	10	2
LEGHORN	-	2
CAVRIANARO	-	2
TURIN	-	4
ALESSANDRIA	-	2
GENOA	-	2
NAPLES	-	2

(b) Mobile Bns. The following vehicles were released ex EVPs week ending 21 Apr. 46.

	M/Cs (Allied)
CAGLIARI	12
NAPLES	10
PALERMO	10
BARI	10

Each Mobile Bn should now be in possession of 12 STAGHOUND Armoured Cars. Instructional Handbooks for these vehicles have been translated and are now being printed. They will be distributed to Mobile Bns. when completed.

6. W/T SETS. Release has been approved of the following W/T sets for CC.RR.

No.9.	70
No.19(HP)	148
No.C52	19
No.19	108
No.38	144.

The C52 has approximately double the performance of a No.9, and the No.19 High Power has an equal performance to the No.9. Instructional pamphlets in respect of each set have been requested and when received, will be handed to GHQ for translation and later distribution. Possession of the above sets will allow adoption of the proposal set out in Appendix "G" to this Headquarters letter CCRR/G/12 of 19 March 46.

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for Major General.
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All CC.RR. LOs.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref: 8281/EC. 12 April 1946.

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SUBJECT : Reports

TO : Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA).

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1. My attention has been drawn to Intelligence Summary No.3 (Int/207/1 dated 15 Mar 46) issued by your Sub-Commission.

2. This summary contains reports or headings on Politics, Public Security, Fascist Activity, and the activity of some (but not all) Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, which have only an indirect bearing on the Italian Army. Such reports which have a wide external distribution should be included in the monthly report of the Allied Commission and should not emanate from a Sub-Commission. It may well be, for instance, that the reports of the BLU's are at variance with those of the Chief Liaison Officers. It is important that we should collate all the information possible but that we should coordinate such information before dissemination.

3. I should be glad, therefore, if you would confine the reports in your summary to matters affecting the Italian Army, e.g., Political Activity among Troops, Relations between Troops and Civilians, Morale, Frontier Activity, and would pass to the Executive Commissioner reports received from BLU's on other subjects of general interest, e.g., Activity of Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, Public Security, for inclusion in the main report of the Allied Commission.

4. I note that a copy is sent direct to War Office, London but not to War Department Washington, and to US Embassy ROME but not to the British Embassy. Finally, no copy is sent to any section of your parent body the Allied Commission. This seems anomalous.

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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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5. No copy has previously been sent to AC because it was understood that all countries represented on AC would have access to any such copy and it was the wish of AFHQ that certain countries should NOT have access to portions of the summary which might concern them.

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6. The source of the information contained (Monthly Reports from BLUs) is clearly stated at the head of each Summary. The degree of reliability of the information is therefore apparent and would of course not enter into competition with that provided by AC Chief Liaison Officers.

7. It is requested therefore, that the Summary in present form should continue to be sent to the present addressees. and the political trends explained as being of most interest when considering the political forces with the Soviet Union and Communist parties in other countries

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8. It is suggested, however :-

(a) That a copy should in future be sent to AC, such copy to be treated as a SECRET Document, for perusal by British and American Officers only;

(b) That paragraphs containing any information considered by this HQ unsuitable to be seen by all countries represented on AC be sidelined by this HQ;

(c) That the ~~e~~nclusion of any information contained in the Summary in the AC Monthly Report be at your discretion.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (M/TA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4

Based on periodical reports from BIUs att to
ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 28 Mar 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

The Fascist movement which was active in Bologna and parts of Sicily in February appears to have decreased in March. The Communists are gaining ground in central Italy, - Bologna and Florence, - where they are trying to influence troops. In Naples two organisations for this purpose have been discovered one of which is directed by an ex under-secretary of the War Ministry. An anti-monarchy organisation also exists in Naples which was founded by a dismissed Army General. The pitiable condition of Ps/W returning from Russia has caused a reaction against the Communists as well as some disturbances in various parts of Italy. In Sicily the Democratic Christian party, which is increasing, is combatting Communism. The Left Wing parties are now becoming less anti-Army but more anti-clerical. The separatist movement in Sicily, which was increasing during the last two months, has died down.

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In Southern Italy and Sicily robberies, murders and demonstrations have increased and are causing nervousness. Although the principle bands of bandits are dissolving in Sicily brigandage is still rampant practically all over the island and the CCRR are suffering considerable casualties.

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3. Communist Activity (Contd)

ROME - The Communist party have distributed thousands of copies of Stalin's reply to Churchill's Fulton speech thus giving a distorted impression of the matter reviewed.

PALERMO - Communist party is still increasing and is thought responsible for recent strikes in Palermo and Messina.

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BOLZANO - The report in the foreign press that there is no Alto Adige problem to be solved, is interpreted as meaning that the Austrian claim to the territory has been rejected, and Italy's right recognised which has pleased the people of Italian origin.

UDINE - Great interest taken by population in Allied Comm--ission's tour of Venezia Giulia. The return of 1500 Ps/W from Russia, some in [illegible] condition caused a reaction against the Communists. Some Ps/W held political discussions which lead to Communists among the audience being beaten. Recent demonstrations in Trieste area were markedly pro-Italian.

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6. Political Friction (Contd)

BOLOGNA - The Italian officers are pessimistic about the success of democracy in Italy and state the Allies blundered in granting political freedom too soon. They are cynical about sincerity and patriotism of their politicel leaders and frequently express forcibly their distaste of the political battle for power and its attendant machinations.
They are also very anti-slav, fear the Communist party in Emilia, which is strong and pro-Russian, and feel that the aggressive policy of Russia will bring her into conflict with the Western Powers. To combat this the Western maritime powers should strengthen Italy which they consider the bastion of the Mediterranean flank against Russian aggression.
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Nevertheless there is much unrest due to the low wages and high cost of living which may cause another bigger general strike very soon.
Strikes and demonstrations occured in Messina on the 23 March, during which the Questura building and offices were attacked, and in some cases burnt, stores were looted and records destroyed.

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Political Friction (Contd)

PALERMO (Contd) - A Royal Naval truck was also attacked. The 6 Inf Regt took part in restoring order. Bandits ambushed the CCRR at Centuripe on the 23 March killing 2 and wounding 2 and on the same day they killed 1 CCRR and wounded another at Partinico also in an ambush attack. On the 27 at Monreale bandits ambushed CCRR killing 1 and wounding another.
At Montelepre a bus was attacked and 1 CCRR was wounded. Such incidents, occuring daily promote unrest among the population.
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Political Activity among Troops (Contd)

NAPLES (Contd) - These organisations are branches of the Communist Party. A branch of the Communist Party with HQ in Genoa controls three sub-branches dealing in Propaganda, Information and Penetration respectively.
Propaganda produces pamplets, books and slogans which are passed to Penetration and Information. Two such books are:

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2. Aiuti dei Marinai Francesi ai Marinai Russi nel mar Nero.

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GENOA - Troops demonstrated in the Piazza De Ferrari to protest against decision of the municipal transport authorities that they should pay fares on trams and buses. CCRR intervened efficiently and prompt conciliatory action was taken by civil authorities. CCRR are on good terms with everyone and the good work they did at the elections increased their prestige; however their outstations are not treated with great respect. Relations of population with Army are good, and have considerably improved recently.

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Relation between Troops and Civilians (Cont?)

MILAN - Population shows increasing trust in the CC.RR, who are held in high esteem and as some requests for military protection during the elections have been made, it is evident that there is also confidence in the Army. The relations between CC.RR, troops and population are generally very good.

BOLZANO - Relations between CC.RR and population continue satis-factory.

UDINE - Owing to the strong feeling against Tito the anti-army propaganda in the press has decreased and the section of the public which was against the army is changing its views as it considers that an army will be necessary when the Allied troops go. The call-up is proceeding well and the recruits are a good type, generally well educated. The building for the soldier's Welfare club at Sacile was presented to the C.A.R. by the major and citizens and is very well appointed.
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Call-up proceeded satisfactorily and there were no incid-ents at the elections.

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9. Morale

TURIN - Nothing to report.

GENOA - Morale and discipline of new recruits excellent. Morale should improve generally now that the 1921 class has been released. Morale of officers still poor on account of their accommodation, pay and domestic worries.

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9. Morale (Contd)

MILAN - Release of 1921 has had a satisfactory effect on morale. All troops now realize that a release scheme is working and that their turn will come. On 30 March the Soldier's Welfare Centre, Milan was officially in-augurated by a dance which was well attended by all senior Italian office

UDINE - Morale of recruits at Sacile is excellent. Tito's activities have caused a certain keenness among officers and awakened a patriotic feeling among the population which has had a good effect on the recruits.

FLORENCE - Morale high among recruits who are favourably impressed by the welfare organisation for their benefit at the C.A.R.

ROME - Morale at the C.A.R. is excellent.

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Many officers are depressed about the very low standard of living of themselves and their families.
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10. Frontier Activity

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Smuggling is increasing in the Southern part of the Swiss Frontier and in the Novara area especially in the Ribella and Val Canavino passes. Several arrests have been made.

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12. Public Security

TURIN - Crime continues unabated and many crimes are committed by the civilian police. The civilian police failed in preventing and quelling the disturbance at the Carignano Theatre and other places of amusement in Turin on 28 Feb. Order was eventually restored by the CC.RR. The people's distrust of the civilian police has considerably increased since this incident.

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Public Security (Contd)

TURIN (Contd) - the CC.RR have been frequently called up to maintain public order and on 2nd March their intervention stopped the rioting in the Turin prisons.
Armed gangs are still committing robberies but the CC.RR have arrested numbers of armed bandits including the Villa-arbasse murder gang.

GENOA - Public security remains good, although minor incidents have occured in outlying districts. Apprentice Warders have deserted because Government have decided to reduce their wages w.e.f. from October last and oblige them to refund the excess received. Outbreaks in prisons have increased.

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NAPLES - Roads unsafe at night and robbery frequent in the country. Unemployment and high prices have produced a crime wave of serious proportions. Returned Ps/W are being forced into criminal activities through necessity.
About 1,000 returned Ps/W are domiciled in North Africa are being held in Naples pending Allied ruling on their repatriation to that territory. This number will increase with each shipload of Ps/W. 9 CC.RR are under arrest in connection with theft of 35 tyres at TORRE ANNUNZIATA (ARAR Depot).

PALERMO - There is no improvement in Public Security.

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13. Illegal Arms

MILAN - On 20 Feb the CC.RR of Milan found 269 cases each containing 1,600 rounds calibre 8 model 35, 62 muskets and 37 miscellaneous grenades in the underground premises of Milan Central Railway Station.

14. Addition to Political Activity

General MORIGI, who at one time commanded the FOLGORE Division, has now joined the Socialist Party. General Morigi was released of his command not for his political views but for conduct prejudical to military discipline. He now has an appointment under the War Ministry.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
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REPORT NO 20 - Activities during month of MARCH

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28.

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Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations

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2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

(a) Strengths as at 1 Mar 46:

	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
US-I/T	83,000	4,252	5,197
BR-ITI	107,000	3,611	3,300
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	129,666	125,342
CO.RR	75,000	75,000	62,309

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3. ORGANISATION - HQ MMIA

The WE of HQ MMIA and the Increment to HQ MMIA were reviewed by GHQ CMF WE Committee on 11 Mar and the following amendments were made regarding offrs:

(a) HQ MMIA (CW/241/5)
Wef 11 Mar 46 add Deputy Assistant Director Mechanical Engineering..... 1

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(b) Increment to HQ MMIA (CM/1111/2)

Wef 11 Mar 46 delete	General Staff Officer 2nd Grade	1
	General Staff Officer 3rd Grade	2
	Staff Captain 'A'	1
	Staff Captain S.T.	1
Wef 15 Apr 46 delete	Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport	1

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6. GC.RR

(a) A detailed report with recommendations was submitted to GOC MMIA and copies of the report have been submitted to Chief Commissioner, AC, and to other interested higher authorities.

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7. ARMS AMN

On 22 Mar 46 GHQ Q(AS) release for the 60-day maint pack was received. This will enable outstanding repairs to be made to a great number of arms that have become inefficient since the Italian Army reverted to the Italian Government on 15 Nov 45.

A large quantity of amn has also been released for the C.A.Rs (Recruit Training Centres); this amn should reach the C.A.Rs about the middle of Apr.

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Progress continues with the repatriation of Italian POW, figures for the month of MARCH being:-

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. A.C.
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CC.RR. BULLETIN No.1.

Note:- The contents of this Bulletin is primarily for the information of CCRR Liaison Officers with CCRR Brigades and is intended to offer a general appreciation of the situation regarding the re-organisation of CCRR, together with items of specific interest.

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1. ADMINISTRATION. In accordance with the request made by Liaison Officers at the conference held at this Headquarters 13/14 Mar 1946, GHQ.CC.RR was requested to acknowledge demands for clothing made by Legions, irrespective of whether items were available or not. Further, GHQ was instructed to inform Legion HQ's that all indents submitted by them should represent the exact position of requirements at the date of indenting, based upon a standard personal scale throughout CCRR. If this policy is implemented, it will mean that once monthly, the total requirements for clothing of CCRR will be available. Legions must be discouraged therefore, from over-demanding. In this respect, it is interesting to note, that several demands for clothing which have been forwarded by LOs., represent one hundred per cent entitlement by Legions, despite this HQ being informed that the number of personnel still in civilian clothes as at 16th Feb. was NIL.

It is the opinion of this Headquarters that a certain wastage of clothing has occurred by issues to ex POW who are not to be absorbed within the authorised organical strength. GHQ have been requested therefore, to give an assurance that further issues of clothing will not be made to such personnel unless they are to be actively employed within six weeks of issues being made. LOs are requested to give this matter their attention, and ensure as far as possible, that this instruction is effected.

It has now been possible to make a detailed survey of all clothing placed at the disposal of CCRR from Ministry of War and other sources, and it is apparent that, bearing in mind the immediate requirements as stated by GEN. BRUNETTI at a conference held at this Headquarters 3 Jan 1946, sufficient 332 clothing had been placed at their disposal in order to operate at an economical scale. Lack of transportation, mal-distribution, wastage, accountable and unaccountable, would therefore appear to be the root of the trouble. This matter is being further pursued with GHQ, and it is hoped that some conclusive facts will emerge, which will enable direction to be given so as to ensure availabilites are put to their utmost use. LOs. are asked to bear in mind, if cases occur whereby administrative difficulties are known to be specifically and immediately due to lack of transportation, assistance should be requested from Territorial Commands, by the Legion Commander concerned.

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1. ADMINISTRATION. In accordance with the request made by Liaison Officers at the conference held at this Headquarters 13/14 Mar 1946, GHQ.CC.RR was requested to acknowledge demands for clothing made by Legions, irrespective of whether items were available or not. Further, GHQ was instructed to inform Legion HQ's that all indents submitted by them should represent the exact position of requirements at the date of indenting, based upon a standard personal scale throughout CCRR. If this policy is implemented, it will mean that once monthly, the total requirements for clothing of CCRR will be available. Legions must be discouraged therefore, from over-demanding. In this respect, it is interesting to note, that several demands for clothing which have been forwarded by LOs., represent one hundred per cent entitlement by Legions, despite this HQ being informed that the number of personnel still in civilian clothes as at 16th Feb. was NIL.

It is the opinion of this Headquarters that a certain wastage of clothing has occurred by issues to ex POW who are not to be absorbed within the authorised organical strength. GHQ have been requested therefore, to give an assurance that further issues of clothing will not be made to such personnel unless they are to be actively employed within six weeks of issues being made. LOs are requested to give this matter their attention, and ensure as far as possible, that this instruction is effected.

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An investigation of local Legion methods of storekeeping and accounting has been made. The methods employed in all three Legions reviewed have been excellent, and although it cannot be accepted as conclusive, no common wastage is apparent. The system is rigid, and so far as can be ascertained, the likelihood of individuals selling or otherwise illegally disposing of clothing, is to be entirely discounted.

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2. CLOTHING. Considerable quantities of clothing have recently become available, and during week-ending 30 March, the following amounts have been issued or are in the course of distributuion.

PALERMO. 2 train waggon loads despatched from ROME. 28 March, containing the following items:-

4,000 Tunics Khaki.
4,000 Trousers "
4,000 Caps "
500 Breeches "
2,500 Prs. new boots.
4,000 Shirts, khaki with collars.
4,000 Towels.

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1,974 " lining for same.
2,000 drawers short.
(This material to be used by personnel of stations just outside city boundary)

LAZIO 4,800 Metres cloth for khaki uniforms
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500 " part worn boots.
319 Overcoats.
100 Prs trousers GV.

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The first consignment of jeeps have arrived at ROME and 18 are being allotted immediately, in accordance with this HQ letter CCRR/Q/1/2 of 30 March. The condition of the majority of this consignment leaves much to be desired, and it may well be that distribution will be retarded as certain essential repairs will have to be effected before issues are made.

(b) Mobile Bns. During January, 57 load carrying vehicles were issued by EVPs to Mobile Bns, and a further 25 during February. It is considered that the position is now considerably relieved, and SMRE have been asked to give priority to Legions.

AFHQ on 15 March, released direct to the Italian Army, sufficient Staghound Armoured Cars to equip all Mobile Bns., together with 12 months spares for vehicles, weapons and W/T sets. Ammunition to scale has also been released, and approval given for the issues of 37mm. ammunition. The Central School CESANO, training quota, is in the course of delivery, and some vehicles, have already arrived. The removal of HUMBER Armoured Cars is likely to take place two weeks after the first 50 STAGHOUNDS have been received.

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Recommendations for a small Mobile W/Shop with Legion HQs have been made and accepted in principle. The question of War Establishment is being investigated, and such personnel as may be within its frame work, will count against the W.E. of the Legions concerned, whether civilians of CC.RR. One (6 x 4) 3 Ton Machinery Lorry, Type 'M', is to be included. In view of the type of vehicles with which Legions will be equipped, no specialised type of recovery equipment (vehicle) is considered necessary.

CCRR.GHQ have agreed the policy to hand back all requisitioned vehicles, as replacements become available. It is to be borne in mind that standardisation of makes and types of vehicles should considerably assist their maintenance and repair. LOs are requested to ensure that unserviceable vehicles entirely beyond repair, are disposed of forthwith. The collection of junk is to be discouraged, though any serviceable spares should first be salvaged. Requisitioned vehicles awaiting spares, should be handed back to owners forthwith.

5. PEDAL CYCLES. The establishment of pedal cycles is 12,474. Of this number CCRR hold 1,656 in serviceable condition, and a further 2,962 which are in need of tyres or tubes. The Ministry of Industry has been requested to supply 5,000 tyres, and War Ministry have promised a further 2,000 new bicycles by the end of June '46.

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7. WAR ESTABLISHMENT. Approval for the increase in strength of CCRR has already been notified to LOs.

On Mar. 20, a conference was held between members of Land Forces Sub-Commission and representatives of the Italian Ministry of War, in an attempt to reach a final settlement of a War Establishment for Mobile Bns. The two main points of dissension were finally settled. The Ministry agreed to the provision of mortars for Mobile Battalions and MBIA to the formation of

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three motorised Coys. and one armd. car Coy. per Bn. instead of the three composite Coys. previously advocated. Although it is probable that one or two minor points will still have to be settled, the agreement reached should permit the equipment and training of Bns. to proceed as quickly as resources and materials become available. If these Bns. are to be ready for possible service at the Elections to be held June 2nd, great progress must be made in the short time at our disposal.

8. DOMESTIC. A case recently occurred whereby a L.O. took up the question of provision of transport direct with DST. Although this particular question was unimportant, L.O.'s are requested to forward all similar matters through this Branch, and not to deal with Heads of Services direct. If questions should emanate from Heads of Services, copies of replies should be forwarded to this office, in order that up to date information is maintained.

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For Major General,
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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 28 Feb 46.

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6. Political Friction

TURIN - In the valleys of NOVARA Slav elements are in close touch with ITALIANS of the extreme left parties, and illegal wireless transmission is going on in the area.
In the VAL DI SUSA active propaganda pro annexation to FRANCE continues. Dissatisfaction caused by the food problem, inefficiency of public services, high taxes and bad economical conditions are exploited. There are twelve known propaganda agents in the VAL DI SUSA.
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GENOA - Very little political activity is evident. Attempts made to provide an equivalent of ABCA are having a good effect. No outward signs of subversive elements.

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MILAN - Politics begin to find hearing among tps, but it is chiefly the 1921 and 22 classes who listen to accusations against the Ministry of War and their subordinates, voiced by the extremist Left Wing elements who attempt to undermine the confidence of the tps in their comds. These attempts have recently been successful and only the release of the above classes will rectify the situation.
The daily "UNITA" uses any incident to abuse offrs and War Minister in its attempts to upset the confidence of the soldier in his superiors. An unknown party called a demonstration on 3 Mar in MILAN to protest against call-up.

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FLORENCE - The de-requisitioning of civilian property by the Italian Army has removed the only source of friction between the Army and the population. Relations between the FOLGORE Div and the civilians have steadily improved.

ROME - Unchanged.

BARI - A spectator who loudly made insulting remarks about the Army during a ceremonial march of the 3/9 Inf Regt through BARI was arrested by order of the bn comd and handed over to the CC.RR. The local paper reported the incident as "displeasing behaviour" on the part of the spectator.
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A Royal Navy flotilla engaged in mine-sweeping in this locality has upset the propaganda.
The Paper "IL LAVORO NUOVO " of GENOA reports that the inhabitants of VENTIMIGLIA desire to be under FRANCE.
A report states that FRENCH offrs of the Repatriation Gp were stopped on the ITALIAN side of the frontier and their vehicles and baggage searched.

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BOLZANO - Secret crossing of the frontier continues; many arrests have been made, and organisation of Finance Guards is improving.

11. Illegal Immigration

Nothing to report.

12. Public Security

TURIN - Crime is still increasing in PIEMONTE. Another armed robbery has been carried out by auxiliary police agents and public security will never be assued in this region until these bad elements, mostly undesirable ruffians, are removed. The population fears disturbances at the future elections. Two well-known gangsters, arrested for concealing arms dumps in the BACENO area and now released on parole, are reported to be in the VALLE ANTIGORIO area. An ex leader of the Action Party and a cond of a Communist Bde have also arrived in the same area.

GENOA - Decrease in robberies and murders, increase in thefts and petty crimes. Special police stations formed in GENOA where mobile squads can be called up by dialling a number on the automatic phone are working well.

MILAN - Situation good. Outstanding case of banditry cleared up. Personnel of Questura of MILA. completely changed and changes in the personnel of other provinces in the area will be made immediately.

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GENOA - Decrease in robberies and murders, increase in thefts and petty crimes. Special police stations formed in GENOA where mobile squads can be called up by dialling a number on the automatic phone are working well.

MILAN - Situation good. Outstanding case of banditry cleared up. Personnel of Questura of MILA completely changed and changes in the personnel of other provinces in the area will be made immediately.

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TURIN - Illegal traffic in arms continues in the NOVARA area, particularly in the VAL SESSARA, VAL GRANDE, PIEVE DEL CONTE, PIEDIMELERA and VOGOGNA, and in those localities without tps or police.

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REPORT NO 27 - Activities during the month of FEBRUARY.

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Ref Maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28.

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations

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3. GUARD DUTIES

Particular attention has been given to the release of ITI-ITI troops from Guard duties at Allied installations and their concentration for training.

4. INFANTRY DIVISIONS

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5. ORGANISATION

(a) WEs of all Adm Units and of C.A.Rs passed the ITALIAN W.E.C. and are now in the press.

(b) Disbandment of US-ITI and BRI-ITI units continued satisfactorily.

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6. CC.RR

Remain seriously deficient of transport. Mobile bns are still in most cases in fact not mobile.

7. FOOD SUPPLY

The full ration has been maintained for the Interim Army with the exception of rice and cheese.

A loan of flour was made from BRIT Army stocks on assurance of repayment in kind from YT financed imports by 28 Feb.

There are signs of better consideration for the War Ministry on the part of the Food Ministry. The supply of foodstuffs for the ITALIAN Army is improving.

8. MEDICAL

(a) Agreed handover to UNRRA of medical stores in SARDINIA has been completed.

(b) The Central Depot at NAGLIANA closed on 28 Feb, and reopened at FLORENCE on 1 Mar.

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REPORT NO 26 - Activities during the month of JANUARY 1946

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BR-ITI	107,000	5,519	7,452
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CC.RR	65,000	65,000	66,028

NOTE: + = In view of reorganisation of Interim Army, WE strengths are liable to fluctuate during transition period.

3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

The AOSTA Alpine Battalion took over Internal Security duties from 530 Guard Battalion at AOSTA and the latter battalion moved to join the LEGNANO Division. FELTRE Alpine Battalion was released by 7 Territorial Command from duty in AREZZO area and moved to ESTE to join 5 Alpine Regiment.

In general efforts have been made to concentrate Alpine and Infantry Battalions.

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5. EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY

Verbal agreement has been given by GHQ, CMF that the Italian Army, less CC.RR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons. The necessary weapons, with the exception of Pistols and 2" Mortars, are available in this theatre. Priority of issue is being made to C.A.R.s (Recruit Training Centres).

CC.RR will be equipped substantially with weapons of Italian pattern. The policy regarding vehicles is not yet firm. Negotiations are in progress between GHQ and MTOUSA.

6. C.A.R.s (Recruit Training Centres)

(a) General

The proposed Training Directive and Training Syllabus has been received from Ministry of War and with one minor adjustment the latter has been approved.

(b) Accommodation

Work is progressing favourably and despite difficulties in the following areas it is anticipated that all C...R.s will be ready for the first intake:-

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7. SCHOOLS

Considerable difficulty has been experienced with reconciling the proposed WEs of Schools with the estimated number of students to be trained annually. Consequently each establishment is now being reconsidered in detail by a mixed British and Italian Committee and it is hoped that by early February all est-
-ablishments will have been passed by the WE Committee.

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Plans are being made to continue the demobilisation of the older age classes as new intakes are recieved from call-ups. This together with the voluntary enlistment of certain specialists should keep the Italian Army at approximately the strength required.

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Progress is now being made with the return of Italian prisoners of war in British hands, some 32,000 being repatriated during January together with some 19,000 from other hands.

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10. CC.RR

The Carabinieri have been given a high priority in the provision of arms, transport and clothing, and although stocks of these items are not large considerable quantities have been issued during the month towards the new scales approved.

11. PERSONAL SERVICES

The conditions of pay, privileges, discipline and legal procedure are constantly under review and some progress is being made towards standardisation and improved conditions.

12. ACCOMMODATION

Efforts towards recovery by the Italian Army of War Ministry Barracks and other buildings have been pursued to meet with some success. Allied troops are slowly vacating these buildings all over Italy. The principal Italian Army requirements, i.e. Training Centres, have now been met com-pletely.

13. SUPPLIES

The food situation has been precarious and only met by loans from Allied stocks; negotiations are still proceeding to ensure adequate government allo-cation. The ration scale is being modified as necessary.

14. TRANSPORT

The vehicle situation remains serious and difficulty is being encountered in release of M.T. spares and tyres from C.M.M. stocks. Negotiations regard-ing maintenance of British vehicles held by the Italian Army are proceeding. Additional motor cycles have been issued to the CC.RR from British sources.

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Equipment is being provided slowly; much seems to be available in Italy, but the means of allocation has yet to be settled.

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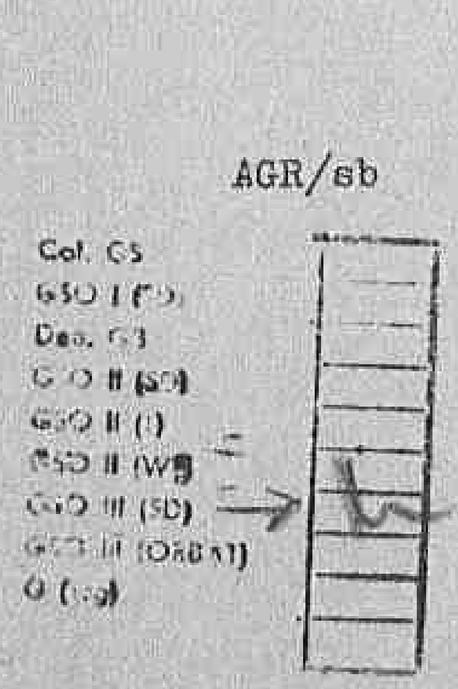

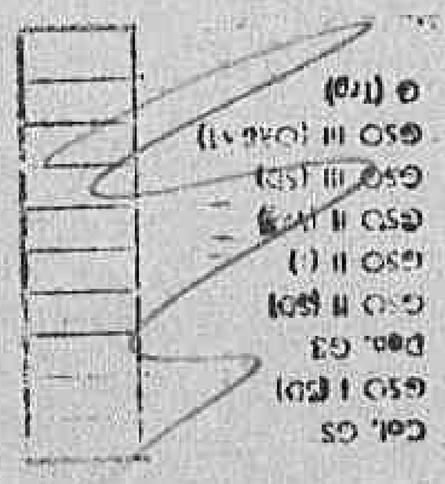

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Disposition of Infantry Divs:

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CREMONA HQ	TURIN	7/J 0330
LEGNANO HQ	BERGAMO	5/K 6587
FOLGORE HQ	FLORENCE	Q 8068
MANTOVA HQ	VARAZZE	10/O 6844

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

The Italian Ministry of War renamed the Internal Security Regts as ALPINE and INFANTRY Regts. The position is now as follows:-

LOCATION	REGIMENT
TURIN area	1 Alpine Regt
GENOA area	2 Inf Regt
MILAN area	3 Inf Regt
BOLZANO area	4 Alpine Regt
UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
BOLOGNA area	6 Inf Regt
FLORENCE area	7 Inf Regt
ROME area	8 Inf Regt
BARI area	9 Inf Regt
NAPLES area	10 Inf Regt

5. TRAINING

(a) Centri Addestramento Reclute (Territorial Trg Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the CARs. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable accn is still occupied by ALLIED tps. The pos-ition at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLZANO:-

UDINE: It has been proposed by Ministry of War that the CAR (TTC) be divided between SACILE and MODENA. This division is against the principles as laid down by this HQ but offers the only solution until more accommodation is released.

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(b) Schools

The organisation and siting of schools has progressed favourably during the month and much headway has been made in preparing for the arrival of the sel-ected recruits for specialist training.

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MILAN area	3 Inf Regt
BOLZANO area	4 Alpine Regt
UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
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(c) Cadet Training

This has been discussed fully during the month and it is expected that in early January a decision will be reached as to the method by which this important training will be carried out.

6. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT

Captured Enemy Material

CEM dumps in N. ITALY were visited in Dec and found to contain a large amount of German and Italian signal equipment.

The possibility of equipping the CC.RR with CEM wireless sets is now being investigated.

Arrangements have already been made for the issue of Italian signal equipment from the CEM dumps in N. ITALY to the Italian Army, and this work will commence within the next few days.

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7. CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT

(a) Interim Army

The Italian Commissariato have submitted to their War Establishment Committee their proposal for clothing and equipment installations for the Interim Army, after previous agreement with Q AMLA.

(b) Carabinieri

The CC.RR continue to receive priority in distribution of clothing and equipment.

8. ARMS and AMMUNITION

Survey of stocks

On request from AFHQ a survey of all British and Italian arms and ammunition held by all categories of the Italian Army has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

9. R.E.M.E.

(a) Base Repair Workshops

GHQ have approved in principle the installing of Base Repair Workshops by Italian Army in O.A.R.E. at BOLOGNA. This will handle all Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

Armoured Replacement Group are in occupation of Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito at BOLOGNA. 2 District and this HQ are looking for accommodation for A.R.C. vehicle parks etc in order to permit a "phased" de-requisitioning of the O.A.R.E. which will enable the Base Repair Workshops to commence operation.

(b) Artillery and Motorizzazione Directorate

COC MMIA has proposed to War Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and Motorizzazione Directorate now be definitely separated and operate independently.

10. ACCOMMODATION

(a) Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito

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See 9(a) above.

(b) Centri Addestramento Reclute (territorial Training Centres)

(i) Territorial HQs 1,2,7,8,9,10 and 11 have no further important

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Armoured Replacement Group are in occupation of Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito at BOLOGNA. 2 District and this HQ are looking for accommodation for A.R.G. vehicle parks etc in order to permit a "phased" de-requisitioning of the O.A.R.E. which will enable the Base Repair Workshops to commence operation.

(b) Artillery and Motorizzazione Directorate

GOC MTL has proposed to War Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and Motorizzazione Directorate now be definitely separated and operate independently.

10. ACCOMMODATION

(a) Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito

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See 9(a) above.

(b) Centri Addestramento Reclute (territorial Training Centres)

(i) Territorial HQs 1,2,7,8,9,10 and 11 have no further important difficulties and preparations are in hand.

(ii) Territorial HQs 3,4 and 5. Accommodation for CARs (TTCs) not yet fixed because of Allied occupation of barracks required. GHQ support in principle Italian Army claims to barracks concerned but final de-requisitions have not yet been made owing to various Allied commitments which require the barracks concerned. Matter under negotiation.

(iii) No. 6 Territorial HQ is to be fixed shortly in barracks not occupied by Allies.

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(c) Cecchignola

The schools are now operating. Conditions of occupancy during the period of negotiation by C.M.L.C. and A.R.A.R. (Italian Government) have been conveyed to the War Ministry.

(d) Cesano

The clearance of CESANO Camp of all civilians is being pressed with higher authority. Existing plans may continue if War Ministry agree.

11. POSTAL

With effect from 31 Dec 45 all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the civilian postal authorities.

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(a) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles

Good progress has been made in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles from those recaptured in the North of ITALY. It has been possible to remedy the serious deficiency in Admin Transport Jeeps but the general situation is still unsatisfactory.

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War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

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15. P.O.L.

(a) Bids for POL

POL for December was bid for through G Branch, and the same procedure will apply for January 46. The Ministry of War now bid for the Carabinieri Mobile Bns.

(b) Distribution

An improvement in the C.I.P. distribution system was noted during the month.

16. NUMERICAL STATE OF REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN P.O.W.

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INDIA	33,500	2,616	30,884
AUSTRALIA	17,000	630	16,370
GIBRALTAR	600	-	600
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000
U.S.A.	51,000	25,123	25,877
U.S. HELD IN:			
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	34,998	8,002
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	7,000	7,000	-
FRENCH NORTH AFRICA	37,300	7,665	29,635
RUSSIA	20,000 +	10,432	9,568
TOTAL	553,400	164,662	388,756 913
INTERNED			
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GRAND TOTAL	1,248,400	902,093	410,238

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The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging Centres and Commands in ITALY.

+ = The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 is the correct number.

//= Estimated figure only.

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17. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING, ITALIAN PW.

(a) French North Africa

The French authorities have agreed to release their total of 29,600 Italian PW still held in French North Africa.

However, 12,000 of these will have to be replaced by German PW. We have been notified by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it is planned to exchange healthy German PW now held in America, for sick German PW from France.

A proposal has been put forward to AFHQ that 12,000 German PW from America be taken to French North Africa, thus releasing the 12,000 Italian PW held there. No decision has yet been made on this proposal.

Following the visit of the Chief of IPW Division to French North Africa arrangements were made to ship 11 tons of Red Cross Stores to IPW in French hands in North Africa. This was shipped on the Italian cruiser Duca d'Aosta on Dec 6th '45 for consignment to the International Red Cross representative at Oran.

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Reports are constantly being received of alleged ill-treatment of IPW in Jugoslavia.

The Chief of IPW is awaiting clearance permission to make a personal visit to clear up these allegations.

Food for IPW has been sent to the base at Ragusa.

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USFET report that all IPW have been repatriated from their area. Date of completion was about 12 Dec 45.

(d) "T" Camp Taranto

The conditions of this camp have been causing great concern to the Italian authorities in the recent bad weather owing to the lack of adequate drainage on the site, and shortage of suitable tents.

Sufficient 180 lb tents to accomodate 3,000 have been requested, and additional accomodation has been obtained in the ROSSAROL and GARIBE Barracks, Taranto, each holding about 1,000.

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360 envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

(c) Claims

166 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for inspection and payment where possible. 108 claims against the Allied authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

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19. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE, IPW

Correspondence involving 576 Compassionate cases was dealt with, resulting in authority being given for release in 66 cases.

806 Welfare cases were dealt with covering forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families.

20. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, IPW DIVISION

Headquarters A.C. Executive Order No. 85 attaches IPW Division to Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) for duty.

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331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals, having completed their tasks with Public Health Sub Commission, A.C., are no longer required and have been disbanded w.e.f. 8 Dec 45.

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Soviet Representative, A.C. - 1
Brig Gen BRADY, Mil Attache, U.S. Embassy - 1

INTERNAL: MA to GOC
War Diary - 2
Deputy Comd

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3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

The five Italian Inf. Divs continued in their role of internal security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

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H.Q. "CREMONA" Inf. Div at TURIN, with Regts at ASTI, VERCELLI, and CHIERI.

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H.Q. "FOLGORE" Inf. Div at BRESSANONE, with Regts at DOBBIACO, BOLZANO and COLLE ISARCO.

("FOLGORE" Inf. Div will be moving as soon as possible into area south of the Appenines in the Northern part of British 3 District).

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H.Q. "MANTOVA" Inf Div at VARAZZE with Regts at SAVONA, COMO and PIACENZA.

4. INTERNAL SECURITY REGIMENTS.

The formation and regrouping of internal security regts continues and the position is now as follows:-

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GENOA	2 " "	503 518	Forming with 2 MP Bn
MILAN	3 " "	502 520 527	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505 508 514	
UDINE	5 " "	513 516 517	On loan to 7 Terr HQ FLORENCE under comd 13 Corps
BOLOGNA	6 " "	507 522 523	
FLORENCE	7 " "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Regt.
ROME	8 " "	521 528 529	Forming from Gd Coys 4939 Forming from Gd Coys
BARI	9 " "	501 510 524	
NAPLES	10 " "	504 506 525	Under Comd 3 District

4. G (Trg).

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4. G (Trg).

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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

1. New system of supply of clothing for BR-ITIS in Italian Army introduced in Adm. Instruction No. 29 - control of stocks now for Italian Army rests with the War Ministry, less quantities frozen for issue to BR-ITI. Further inter-category provision of clothing is not to take place.

2. Italian Army to be still issued with M.T. spares and controlled stores temporarily - G.H.Q. authority. Final directive on all equipment ex British ORD. held by War Ministry transferred from BR-ITI still awaited from G.H.Q.

3. Manufacture of uniforms by War Ministry for Italian Army is well under way.

4. The CC.RR have now priority in boots and clothing and should already be feeling the benefit of releases now made.

5. Complaints have been received that lack of dyed B.D. is holding up the discharge of ex-Combat Division Troops. This is chiefly the fault of the Divisions in not advising the Adm. Div H.Q. of their future requirements.

6. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

1. The Ministry of War is preparing a grand specchio of their total requirements in arms and ammunition, which will furnish G.H.Q. with a basis on which to calculate how much remains to be provided from Allied sources or from local manufacture.

2. Here again, CC.RR are getting priority.

3. The ammunition located last month in Austria has all been moved to Arty Directorate, VERONA.

7. R.E.M.E. REPAIRS.

1. Endeavours to install British M.T. spares depot and to expand No.6 Repairs Unit at BOLOGNA so far unsuccessful.

8. RECOVERY.

1. Approximately 350 vehicles are being recovered from Austria.

2. Arrangements being made for recovery of approximately 1,600 vehicles from Ministry of Transport in lieu of equivalent tonnage in Army vehicles held by civilians.

9. MOVEMENTS.

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10. ACCOMMODATION.

1. A.F.H.Q. Adm. Memo. No. 48 of 2 Nov, 45 set out policy re return of Italian Army Barracks to Italian Army.

2. Accommodation for T.T.C's 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Territorial Comds has not yet been found owing to Allied occupation of barracks.

3. Cecchignola Barracks. Blocks handed over are now occupied by the Italians and Schools are being set up.

4. Mobilisation Transit Centres are being set up in all towns - accommodation may require B.L.U. assistance in many instances.

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11. CHEMICAL WARFARE STORES.

1. An expert from War Ministry has visited all dumps of chemical warfare stores North of ROME. Arrangements have been made for a similar tour South of ROME (including SICILY), after which G.H.Q. will give disposal instructions

12. E.F.I.

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13. SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance on the Interim Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing flour and preserved meats and Fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the New Year.

US-ITIs are being maintained from US QM Depots and BR-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DST, GHQ had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BR-ITIs ex British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFC 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.L.Os are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CAGLIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at those two points.

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14. TRANSPORT

(a) RCL

Allocations for the month of November were on a similiar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to

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US-ITIs are being maintained from US QM Depots and BR-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DST, GHQ had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BR-ITIs ex British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFG 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.L.Os are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CAGLIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at those two points.

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14. TRANSPORT

(a) POL

Allocations for the month of November were on a similiar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient. Owing to the shortage of lubricants in CIP Depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources. Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of POL and the allotment for December is slightly higher.
As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bill on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the SHAE.

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14. (Continued- para (a))

Allocation will be made to SMRE to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by BLUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited. The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory.
BR-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied sources.

(b) Transport

Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples E.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into E.V.Ps has been noticeable.
The 450 vehicles at Leghorn are still in the process of being taken over, and approximately 50 of these have been moved to Florence for repairs prior to distribution.
The anticipated handover by A.O. of a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

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2. Territorial Directorates were informed in a circular of the latest position regarding supplies of penicillin. Whilst supplies to the Italian Army can not yet be made, applications to the nearest British authorities for help can be made where life is at stake. Against the time when penicillin would be available to the Italian Military, application was made to GHQ for three Italian surgeons to receive training in its use at British Hospitals and an opportunity given for studying the latest developments in British Surgical Technique.

3. ADMS visited Florence and Bolzano Territorial Command HQs. At Merano a tour of inspection was made of the Feltre German Depot of Medical Stores which, it was understood, contained much of the machinery, stores and equipment of the Italian Military Pharmaceutical Institute removed to Merano from Florence by the Germans. An application on behalf of the Italian War Ministry was submitted to GHQ requesting the release of all equipment and stores of Italian origin for return to the Pharmaceutical Institute in Florence.

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4. With the handover of the Italian Army to the Government, provisioning of medical stores for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force will henceforth be undertaken by the Italian War Ministry from indigenous resources, surplus disposal agencies and civil import programme.

5. 331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals which have been working for the Allied Commission at Merano in connection with Displaced Persons and Repatriates were released when this task, commended on their work, and are about to be disbanded being surplus to requirements of the Interim Army.
479 Italian Field Hospital was also released from duty with the Displaced Persons and Public Health Sub Comm and is to be disbanded.

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6. One military case of smallpox was reported during the month from Avellino. The case, a Carabinieri, has been isolated and all precautionary measures have been taken.

7. Ceiling figures of the Medical Services of the Italian Army in the Interim Army were agreed with the Italian War Ministry as being 5,447 all ranks.

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for A.R. Gourlay
Major General, G.S.C.
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SUBJECT: December Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Com, AC (MAIA)

INT/207

4 Jan 46

TO : List 'A'
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1. Branches are requested to subrit to G(INT) a typewritten summary of their main activities during the month of Dec for inclusion in the MAIA Dec Monthly Report.

2. These summaries should consist of about 10 to 12 paragraphs giving policy changes, directives, results of any important conferences etc set out in chronological order and narrative form.

3. Summaries, which are consolidated by G(INT) for submission to AC, GHQ CMF, London and Washington, should reach G(INT) not later than 8 Jan 46.

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Subject: Monthly Liaison Letter.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
INT/107.
11 Dec 45.

To: ALL BLUs.

1. It is hoped that monthly conferences will be held between M.M.I.A. H.Q. and the B.L.Us, therefore the Monthly Liaison Letter will be discontinued as from 1 January, 1946.

2. In order that B.L.Us may be kept informed of the latest political situation arrangements are being made to include B.L.Us on the distribution list for the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

A.H. Landon Lt Col
(for Major General
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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter and Monthly Report.

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

INT/107.
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TO: ALL BRANCHES, MMIA.

1. Branches are reminded that points for the November Monthly Liaison Letter are now due. It is intended to curtail drastically the length of the Liaison Letter and to eliminate from it all duplicated material. Branches are therefore requested to confine themselves to points of which the B.L.Os have not already been informed or matters which require fuller clarification than they have perhaps received in the normal correspondence of the month.

2. The material for the Monthly Report is due on the 5th Dec. It would be appreciated if this were rendered separately from the Liaison Letter material as the field covered is rather different, being a resume of the main events of importance during the month.

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DATE: 8/8/42.

R.G.A. Grove-Lewis Capt
for Lt-Col, G.S.

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SUBJECT: OCTOBER Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
INT/107.

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TO: (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

The summary of the main events and activities of your branch has not yet been received.

In order to save time the summary already rendered by you for the Monthly Liaison letter to MMIA LOs can be used for the monthly report provided you have nothing to alter or add.

R.G.A. Stones-Lavin
for Lt-Col. Capt
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Commander, Major-General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

Report No 19 - Activities during the month of JUNE 1945

Ref Maps: 1:250:000 ITALY, Sheets 27 - 28

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. MMIA LOCATIONS

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Outstations — Naples, Bari, Rear 5 Army, 5 Army (Br Incr) Rear 8 Army, Lt Col ALBERT in Cagliari, SARDINIA; Major LONG in SICILY. Also MMIA LOs with Eighth Army, 54 Area, HQ 1 District HQ 2 District, HQ 3 District, 56 BLU and NW Italy.

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Except for certain Frontier Areas in N.W. ITALY censorship of Italian military mail has been lifted. Allied censorship at ROME and NAPLES is to cease and Nos. 7 and 9 Base Censor Offices at NAPLES and ROME respectively will be closed. All mail requiring censorship will pass through Allied Censorship Control Offices. Consequently the whole Italian Army Postal system will function more speedily and civilian channels will be used wherever possible.

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II. ITALIAN ARMY - COMBAT - STRENGTH (Contd)

(e) Control of Movement

The Security Control Line has now moved to the Western Boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA. The Province of UDINE is thus open to mil--itary movement except in the Frontier Zone. The UDINE Territor--ial HQ is functioning with its full staff.

III. CEILINGS AND CATEGORIES

(a) Transfer of Cooperators (Italian Service Units)

In accordance with AFHQ AG 387.4/079 GCT-O of 15 June action was taken to transfer some 17,000 Italian cooperators serving in ITALY from POW to BR-ITI status as from 1 July. Of those 17,000 about 6,000 are of demobilisable age. It was decided by AFHQ that these could only be demobilised with the agreement of employing units who were instructed to forward nominal rolls to MMIA of personnel who could be demobilised and those who could not. The nominal rolls are forwarded to the Ministry of War who have instructions to forward them to the Admin Divs.
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i. Contacting each cooperator unit to explain the meaning of the change of status.
ii. Assure travel orders and necessary documents to that personnel due to be discharged.
iii. Screen all officers and Regular Army non-commissioned officers.

The above was duly accomplished efficiently.
On 1 July former cooperator units passed under administrative control of 212 Italian Command and 205 Administrative Div HQs. Approximately 7,900 men will be demobilised when released by the employing unit.

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(d) Demobilisation
Demobilisation of the first four months of the 1914 and older classes proceeded. At the end of the month it was estimated that 20,000 out of 50,000 still remained to be demobilised. With the influx of US-ITI's as replacements there will now be released quickly. It was recommended to AFHQ that the rest of the 1914 class should be demobilised forthwith, and other classes later, depending on the reduction in the services required.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES

(1) Italian Postal Services

Owing to the lifting of postal censorship except in certain Frontier districts in the North, postal services were reorganised Approval was given for the formation of a Base P.O. at BOLOGNA and AFHQ raised no objection to Italian military postal services operating the mail delivery through the three principal POs at ROME - NAPLES and BOLOGNA utilising to a far greater extent the civil postal system. British and US APS will accept Italian mail in areas where Italian transport facilities are not available.

(2) Officers Shops

MMIA was informed by AFHQ on 1 June that no special issue of new KD to Italian Offrs of 231 Adm Div in the BR-ITI Service Category would be made. Offrs would purchase from the authorised Italian Officers Shops, bulk allotment of clothing for these offrs shops operating in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas was completed during the month.

(3) Accomodation

(a) Owing to the large numbers of repatriates arriving at TUKER camp accomodation proved inadequate It was decided that no further soldiers were required and AFHQ was notified that personnel could be dispersed to their homes as civilians.

(b) The Italian Army barracks in TURIN were temporarily allocated to AC as a Refugee Centre for Allied Nationals. The CASTELLA MONCALIERI Barracks were handed back to the Italian Army by AC in exchange. The BACCIO Hospital in MILAN was occupied temporarily by the Allies as it was not required by the Italian Army. The Allies will provide for the safe storage of moveable equipment.

(4) Italian Army Horse Transport

A Conference was held at MMIA 9 June with War Ministry reps to discuss future holdings. War Ministry estimated that some 9,000 animals, in addition to those at present held by ITI-ITI Units, will be required. The preliminary move to establish units required by the War Ministry will be the disbandment and conversion of existing Pack Tpt Units.

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(5) Black BD

Owing to short supply of black dye only 3000 sets of black BD are available for issue to demobilised BR-ITI troops. MTOUSA decided to demobilise troops in clothing already held and AFHQ gave auth-ority to demobilise men in their oldest part worn green BD.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES

(6) SUPPLIES

Local Resources

(a) Contracts for macaroni by British Forces discontinued w.e.f. 1 July. Arrangements for the manufacture of above will become ITI-ITI or BR-ITI responsibility. Flour to be issued in lieu.

DST AFHQ (Local Resources) have arranged a contract that will enable them to supply all tomato paste required by BR-ITI's from Italian tomato crop. When cooperators and US-ITI's become BR-ITI's they will be still be able to supply. Delivery will be in barrels and thus make considerable saving in tinning.

(b) Arrangements have been made w.e.f. 1 July that all cooperators becoming BR-ITI will go on to Italian Army ration scale and draw from ITI-ITI Depots where possible; where not possible they will draw from DID's but on Italian Army ration scale and indent on ST/8.

Bulk Depots

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(b) The distribution of forage will also be made on similar lines in the very near future and will probably be based on Dist Depots. Firm figures for final holdings and location of quadrupeds required first.

(c) Italian Navy rations now delivered direct from British BSD BRINDISI by pack train to TARANTO. Italian portion of the ration from Italian Bulk Depot BARI.

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(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT

(a) Organisation of Units

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IV. "Q" SERVICES

(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT (Contd)

(b) No 6 Efficient Vehicle Park was established in TURIN by 1 June and No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park moved to MILAN on 2 June.

Proposed Establishment of cooperator Tpt Units were revised in oder to ascertain their suitability on conversion to ER-ITI status.

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MILA LOs reported difficulty in obtaining replace--ments for British vehicles in use by ER-ITI service troops. It was confirmed, however, by AFHQ that any replacements required should be demanded in the usual way through British channels. LOs were advised accordingly.

(b) The quantity of Italian Army Tpt recovered in the North up to the end of June was negligible; the only Command which had made any appreciable progress in this direction being GENOA, who reported their holding as:

30 Load Carriers
8 Cars
10 Motorcycles.

Registration

(a) As a result of discussions with the Ministry of War and CC.RR, it was agreed that requisitioned vehicles bearing civilian targa numbers, operated by CC.RR, should, in addition to their civilian registration number, bear a separate number plate displaying the letters "CC.RR", in order that they could be easily recognised by military repairs Units as entitled to military repair facilities.

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(a) Estimates were prepared to show the probable future requirements of POL by the Italian Army. These were based on the assumption that all Italian Army Units

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MMIA LOs reported difficulty in obtaining replace--ments for British vehicles in use by BR-ITI service troops. It was confirmed, however, by AFHQ that any replacements required should be demanded in the usual way through British channels. LOs were advised accordingly.

(b) The quantity of Italian Army Tpt recovered in the North up to the end of June was negligible; the only Command which had made any appreciable progress in this direction being GENOA, who reported their holding as:

30 Load Carriers
8 Cars
10 Motorcycles.

Registration

(a) As a result of discussions with the Ministry of War and CC.RR, it was agreed that requisitioned vehicles bearing civilian targa numbers, operated by CC.RR, should, in addition to their civilian registration number, bear a separate number plate displaying the letters "CC.RR", in order that they could be easily recognised by military repairs Units as entitled to military repair facilities. 4896

POL

(a) Estimates were prepared to show the probable future requirements of POL by the Italian Army. These were based on the assumption that all Italian Army Units with the exception of BR-ITI and US-ITI service tps would be required to draw from CIP depots against a bulk allotment given to the Italian Government. Hitherto only ITI-ITI Units have drawn POL in this manner, BR-ITI and US-ITI Tpt being provided from Allied sources.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES (Contd)

(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT (Contd)

POL

(b) By the end of June, C.I.P. depots were functioning in all the Territorial Commands, and in most of the Provincial Capitals. Authority which had been obtain-ed as a temporary measure, for some ITI-ITI troops to draw POL from Allied sources, in the absence of CIP depots, lapsed on 30 June 45.

V. MOVEMENTS

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(3) Sardinia Shipments

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VI. MEDICAL

(1) Inspection tours of Italian medical units in the North were carried out during the month by the ADMS who found conditions satisfactory. The principal Italian matron inspected nursing and hospital conditions in Northern Italy, calling in at the newly opened hospital of 100 beds at GENOVA.

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VI. MEDICAL (Contd)

(2) A forecast in requirements of medical supplies for the next 6 months was submitted to AFHQ. During the month 50 tons of supplies were received from UK and the Middle East.

(3) Five Italian Army Evacuation hospitals were released to AC for the use of repatriates in N. Italy. Two more hospitals will be released shortly.

VII. WELFARE

(1) During the month nine Italian offrs attended a welfare course at the Italian Army Welfare Training Centre.

(2) Two vehicles were released for mobile cinemas and one for a mobile theatre.

(3) During the month three mobile canteens were despatched from ROME fully staffed by volunteers of the CAF for servicing Italian troops. A canteen for Italian troops was opened at UDINE.

(4) The "Casa di Soggiorno" in ROME ceased to function as a rest centre for Combat Tps. It is now a rest house for Italian servicemen operating upon supplies from Italian sources.

VII. HANDING IN OF ARMS BY PARTISANS

While undoubtedly large quantities of arms have been handed in, there is equally no doubt that large quantities (particularly automatics) have been hidden. The firmest action is necessary now to ferret out hidden arms and by proclamation and convictions to frighten people into giving up their arms or informing the CC.RR privately where such are hidden.

It is obvious that this matter presents a new and I fear permanent (as in the case of EIRE) problem in Italian life. Only the sternest measures now and in the future can, in my opinion, keep it in check.

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