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MC BLANCH.Subject: MONTHLY REPORT.

1.

PERSONNEL: Officers.

Major R. Lambert left for U.K. on "Frlleave" on 29 Dec. 46.

2.

ORGANIZATION.

The strength of CO on 30 Nov 46 was 65454, this increase being mainly due to a large intake of recruits.

3.

ENLISTMENT.

During November 1120 recruits were enlisted, and a further 1300 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 CO in the public eye.

4.

DISCIPLINE.

The Operation 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:

30 Officers, 36 acquitted, 1 discharged, 1 referred to higher authority.

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Major R. Lambert left for U.K. on "Winkleave" on 29 Dec. 46.

2. ORGANIZATION.

The strength of CO on 30 Nov 46 was 53494. This increase being mainly due to a large intake of recruits.

3. RECRUITMENT.

During November 1120 recruits were enlisted, and a further 1300 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 CO in the public eye.

4. DISCHARGE.

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30 Officers. 36 acquitted, 1 discharged, 1 referred to Higher authority.
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NCOs 607. 21 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committee's decisions appear pleasant. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

5. TRAINING.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at Florence on the 15 November 46 and is being attended by 700 COs.

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2,000 recruits are undergoing training at Rome, Turin, Bari and Cagliari.

6. TRANSPORT.

During the month ending 23 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 M/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.

The improvement in CC transport situation due to action taken by MIA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:

	M/G	P/V	L/C	M/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1556	746	453	28	23
30 Nov. 1946	1925	910	1050	166	22
M.B.	2731	1006	2233	168	56

The figures do not give a true picture of the improvement because a number of the vehicles held on 31 March have since become BIR or have been derequisitioned. It is also pointed out that on 31 March only 61.5% of the total vehicles were efficient. On 30 Nov 46, 80.9% were efficient. This is due not only to increased service being provided by Territorial Command workshops, but also by the training of CC as mechanics and the installation of workshops in the Legions themselves.

Although it will be seen that the WAs have not nearly been reached, at least CC have been enabled to break out of the impasse in which they were before MIA took control, and their almost total dependence on civil transport has been greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated. CC greatly appreciate the improved situation which has strengthened their morale and added to their prestige.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

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

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Milan
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Florence
Naples

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Florence
Naples
Catanzaro
Messina

R/T equipment is now being installed at Palermo.
The high power transmitter and generator have now been brought from the ex Polish depot at Iesi and are being installed at GHQ.

8. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

The 3300 Beretta automatic pistols assigned to CC have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected

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from the Detached Artillery Section at Brescia. A further assignment of 3300 pistols has been made to CC. The latter have already been despatched from the Beretta factory to the Ministry of War.

9. AMMUNITION.

The public safety situation in Emilia has very greatly improved, and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobiles now under the command of Col. Borla (C.C. Bologna Legion).

C. HAYES.
Major, GSO II
CC Section

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3 Dec. 46

"Q" BIRTH

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT.

1. PERSONNEL.
M. H.

2. ORGANIZATION.
The strength of CC. at 31 Oct. 46 was 61,828, a small increase on the September figure. CC. have under consideration a plan for reorganization of the Mobile Battalions. 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 CC. plan is to have a small Mobile Company with each Legion, thereby abolishing the Battalions and effecting a considerable saving in man power. Under present circumstances no change is contemplated.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.
W/T Communication between C.H.Q. and other H.Q.s continues to make progress. The latest H.Q.s to be brought within the network are Bologna, Milan, Peschiera and Catanzaro, although the latter two stations are still in the experimental stage. Due to local disturbance, the Twin station is being moved to another locality near the city. The keenness and energy displayed by CC. in putting the W/T scheme into effect is highly encouraging. Courses of instruction for W/T operators are in full swing at C.H.Q.

4. TRANSPORT
Transport released to CC. from 4 November to 1 December inclusive is as follows:

	M/C	P/V	L/C	Jeeps	
Legions	: 72	2	21	1	
Mobile Battalions :	70	-	3	1	447

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	142	2	24	2	

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W/C	P/W	L/C	Jeeps	A/C	Other Vehs
366	25	655	267	168	6

Due to action taken by M.M.I.A. with the War Ministry, the total releases of vehicles to CC. since the formation of CC. Section are:

CC have received the tyres and tubes they ordered from the Pirelli firm and the greater part has now been distributed to the legions. As demonstrated in the last report, the majority of CC. vehicles off the road are insufficient only owing to the lack of tyres and tubes, so the last arrival of

this commitment will have a most beneficial effect on the transport situation. CC. have found that the Jeep in the most useful all-purpose vehicle but, as very few of them have spare tyres, it is feared that all will become immobilised unless a reserve of tyres is provided.

ARMED CARS.

The position has improved since the last report, owing to the arrival at C.A.R.S. Bologna, of a quantity of spare motors, etc., from the Polish Depot at ISI. Legion Commanders have been ordered to despatch all inefficient A/Cs to Bologna without delay. Further good news is that 20 A/Cs are being prepared and checked at Bologna by the Army for exchange with 20 inefficient CC vehicles. It is expected that 3 of these A/Cs will be handed over to Ross Mobile Battalion during the week.

So far, CC. have experienced very little tyre trouble with A/Cs, but as time goes on the position will become serious as ROMs of the 152 Squadrons are equipped with spare wheels and tyres. It is hoped that provision will be made for a considerable reserve of these tyres, otherwise the A/Cs will become immobilised in the not too distant future.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

5,300 Beretta 9 mm. pistols have now been assigned to CC. and they will be released as soon as G.H.Q. have decided on the distribution. This allocation is particularly satisfactory in view of the pressing needs of CC. for this weapon.

VISIT.

A visit was paid by Maj. HARRIS to 6 Brigade (Sicily). Both Legion Commanders complained of the difficulties of communication with outlying stations. Many stations are without telephone, and all others have to depend on the civil lines. Both Legion Commanders asked if A/T could be supplied to stations where trouble has previously arisen, or is likely to arise, but it was pointed out that this was not possible.

It was noted with satisfaction that both Legions had received stock of new tyres from G.H.Q.

Another general complaint was the lack of boots. Individual CC. were questioned as a result of which it appears that about only 50% have more than one pair of boots. This question will be taken up with G.H.Q.

Inspections were made of the H.Q.s at Palermo and Messina which were found to be satisfactory, particularly Palermo. Maintenance of vehicles was particularly noted here, and a good impression made by the cleanliness and conditions of the armoury and stores.

A visit was also made to the barracks at Partinico and CC. Station at Montelepre. These two stations are in the centre of the most lawless part of Sicily. (Early this year, 8 CC. were killed by bandits at Monte Lepore, and a CC. Lieutenant killed and two others wounded on the road between the two villages). The Lieutenant at Partinico said that he had 18 men to police this town of 2,000 inhabitants and that of the population, at least 2,000 were either armed or compromised in some way with them. He produced a list of about a hundred persons of the town whose arrests were sought but who were in hiding. Many searches have been made to affect these arrests and to discover arms, but without success. CC. receive no assistance from the population, and in fact, patrol work is not free from danger, particularly at night.

as time goes on the position will become moribund as more of the 152 Stagbonds are equipped with spare wheels and tyres. It is hoped that provision will be made for a considerable reserve of these tyres, otherwise the 4/Cs will become immobilised in the not too distant future.

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5,300 Perotto 9 mm. pistols have now been assigned to CC. and they will be released as soon as G.H.Q. have decided on the distribution. This allocation is particularly satisfactory in view of the pressing needs of CC. for this weapon.

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VISIT.

A visit was paid by Maj. HAYES to 6 Brigade (Sicily). Both Legion Commanders complained of the difficulties of communication with outlying stations. Many stations are without telephone, and all others have to depend on the civil lines. Both Legion Commanders asked if R/F could be supplied to stations where trouble has previously arisen, or is likely to arise, but it was pointed out that this was not possible.

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The district has been fairly quiet since last March and no large scale attacks by bands of criminals have been reported since then. This is probably due to the patrolling of roads by strong squads of military and CC., both on foot and motorised.

Considerable quantities of arms are known to be concentrated in the district, including machine-guns which have been used in several occasions.

Carabinieri stations in Sicily and throughout the whole of Southern Italy and Sardinia are generally deplorable. Men are overcrowded, sanitary conditions disgraceful, discomfort prevails, even the barest recreational facilities are lacking. Relapidated unsuitable buildings unfit for use as barracks

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and stations in need of repair and complete renovation complete the picture. The general impression of these stations is that they are damp, dark, cold and comfortable. Provision of accommodation is the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior, but it is obvious that the Ministry has completely failed to meet its responsibilities in this direction.

8. Pay

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

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. AC (MILIA) C.M.F.

6/6/9/12.

Nov. 46.

G.O.C. LAND FORCES SUB COM. MILIA.

SUBJECT: Monthly reports.

1. The monthly reports of this Section are forwarded herewith for your information.

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LAND FORCES SUB - COM, AC (MILIA) GMP

CC/G/6/9/11

4 NOV. 46

"G" Branch.

Subject:- MONTHLY REPORT.

1. PERSONNEL.

Officers:

The officer strength of this Section is now reduced to two Officers.

Other Ranks:

Pte. GARDNER returned from "Privilege" on 24th Oct. 46
L/Cpl. SIMONS departed for U.K. on release on 24th Oct. 46.

Civilian Personnel:

M. A. R.

2. ORGANISATION.

The strength of G.O. at 30 Sept. 46 was 63634, a decrease of nearly 400 on the previous month's figure. The hope of reaching anything in the neighbourhood of the 4/4 is very faint, and it becomes more and more obvious that under the present circumstances the maximum figure likely to be achieved is 65,000, the old 4/4. Despite unemployment and poverty, this service which offers free food and clothing still only attracts the poor peasant class of Southern Italy, whose standard of living is very low. Unless the pay is substantially increased, it seems probable that the loss due to releases etc., will soon exceed the intake of new recruits.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

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.N.Q. is now in communication with Genoa and Turin, and it is hoped that Milan will soon be brought into the network. Difficulties due to the lack of power of the transmitter at Rome will be overcome by the installation of a high power transmitter assigned to G.O. from the Polish Ordnance Depot, Tesi. Very little progress is reported in the extension of telephone facilities.

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Other Ranks:

Pts. GAWC009 returned from "privilege" on 24th Oct. 46
 T/Cpl. SIMONS departed for U.K. on release on 24th Oct. 46.

Civilian Personnel:

N. T. R.

2. ORGANISATION.

The strength of CO. at 30 Sept. 46 was 63654, a decrease of nearly 400 on the previous month's figure. The hope of reaching anything in the neighbourhood of the 4/5 is very faint, and it becomes more and more obvious that under the present circumstances the minimum figure likely to be achieved is 65,000, the old 4/5. Despite unemployment and poverty, this service which offers free food and clothing still only attracts the poor peasant class of Southern Italy, whose standard of living is very low. Unless the pay is substantially increased, it seems probable that the loss due to releases etc., will soon exceed the intake of new recruits.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

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4. TRANSPORT.

During the month of October, CO. received the following transport:

M/Cs	:	51
P/Vs	:	6
L/Cs	:	33
Jeeps	:	8

On the other side of the picture, due to requisition, vehicles "written off" in the need for heavy repairs, CO. have during the month lost the

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following vehicles:

M/Cs	:	86
P/Vs	:	16
L/Cs	:	10
Jeeps	:	5

Of all transport held by CC, 80.25% are efficient. Of those inefficient, the chief cause is lack of tyres and tubes. A typical example is Palermo region, figures for which are given below:

Total M/C inefficient:

M/Cs	:	60
M/C Comb	:	8
P/Vs	:	27
L/Cs	:	9
Jeeps	:	1

Inefficient for tyres only:

51
8
10
5
1

CC are now purchasing tyres direct from Pirelli, because the War Ministry has been of little assistance. An order has been placed for 900 tyres and tubes and it is expected that they will be received shortly.

5. ARMOUR CARDS:

The 20 brigades in workshops are still off the road. The position regarding urgently needed spares is far from reassuring, and it is hoped that they will soon be made available, otherwise further damage will be inevitable.

6. ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

1400 Beretta pistols have been assigned to CC, by the War Ministry. Welcome as it is, this assignment is a drop in the ocean, viz.

M/A Pistol Beretta:	73573
Mol. Charge " " :	23245
Efficiency " " :	50528

ammunition generally is in short supply.

CC has now received its full quota of 36 38s in the proportion of one to every four men, excluding the Mobile Battalions which have one per man.

7. TRAINING:
N. T. P.8. MORALE:

There is little change in the considerations put forward in Para 8 of the report of this section for August 1946. One matter, small as it may appear,

Total 2/1 inefficient:

M/Cs : 60
 M/C Comb: 3
 P/Vs : 27
 L/Cs : 9
 Jeeps : 1

CC. are now purchasing tyres direct from Pirelli, because the War Ministry has been of little assistance. An order has been placed for 500 tyres and tubes and it is expected that they will be received shortly.

5. ARMOURD CARS:

The 20 Staghounds in workshops are still off the road. The position regarding urgently needed spares is far from reassuring, and it is hoped that they will soon be made available, otherwise further wastage will be inevitable.

6. ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

1100 Beretta pistols have been assigned to CC. by the War Ministry. Welcome as it is, this assignment is a drop in the ocean, viz.

1/2 Pistol Beretta: 73573
 Holdings " " : 21243

Deficiency " " : 50324

Ammunition generally is in short supply.

CC. has now received its full quota of 338 mks in the proportion of one to every four men, excluding the Mobils battalions which have one per man.

7. TRAINING:
F. T. R.8. MORALE:

There is little change in the considerations put forward in Para 8 of the report of this Section for August 1946. One matter, small as it may appear, has caused bitterness and dissatisfaction throughout CC. This is the application of the "Premio della Repubblica" an award of 3000 lire to all employees. CC. received 1500 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 should be given to all, irrespective of their economic conditions, or such considerations as free clothing and rations.

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C. H. G. G.

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 CSO II
 CC. SECTION,
 M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, 40.
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G/6/2/10/CC.NR.

7 October, 1946.AD: "C" Branch.1. Personnel - Officers.

Major Fielding resumed duties after discharge from BRCS
Convalescent Depot, Velden, Austria, on 3 Sep. 46. Left for UK on release
8 Sep 46.

Major Greenough left for UK on release.

Major Lacey left for UK on release.

Major Lambert transferred from 10 MBU to Police Inquest, MIA, on

1 Sep 46.

Major Hayes left for UK on "Privilege" on 1 Sep 46. Reported for
duty on 30 Sep 46.

Other ranks.

Pte De Baardmaecker departed for UK on "Python".

Pte Gerwood left for UK on "Privilege".

Civilian personnel.

One civilian typist resigned.

2.Organisation.

Nothing to report.

3.Transport.

The improvement remarked on in the last report of release of MT
to CC.RR. has been maintained. During the three weeks ending 22 Sep 46,
MT has been released as shown below:-

M/C.....	nil
P/V.....	3
L/C.....	64
J/P.....	1
O/V.....	nil

4.Communications.

Telephone communications, particularly in the South, remain bad. ~~bad~~
many stations are still unconnected. The chief difficulty is the non-
availability of funds for this work.

Good progress has been made with W/T instruction. Six of the
Mobile Battalions have now been trained and equipped. W/T communication

8 Sep 46.

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1 Sep 46.
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Other Rankie
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2. Organisation
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3. Transport
The improvement remarked on in the last report of release of MT
to CO.HR. has been maintained. During the three weeks ending 22 Sep 46,
MT has been released as shown below:-

M/C.....	nil
F/V.....	5
L/C.....	64
S/Z.....	1
O/V.....	nil

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Mobile Battalions have now been trained and equipped. W/T communication
has been opened between Rome and Naples and reception is described as
very good. Tele-type equipment will be used in conjunction with the 52 sets.

5. Arms and Ammunition
During the month, 1170 Beretta SIGs have been received and
distributed to units. The pistol situation remains as bad as ever. Of
1,000 pistols produced by the Beretta factory for CO.HR., 500 are defective,
the remainder have been handed over to Venezia Giulia Police.

6. Armoured Cars
The position is deteriorating. Over 20 Stagbonds 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 those
ACs under repair, but have not done so.

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7. Initials
Nothing to report.

8. Initials
Nothing to report.

9. General
The strength of O.I.M. (effective) at 31 Aug 66 was 6,059, an increase of nearly 1,000 on the previous month's total.

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CHAVEZ, MAJ. GEN.
HQ II, O.I.M. Section
Lt. M. J. A.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

LAED FORCES ARE CONTINUED, AD.
H.M.I.A.

11/8/3/3/CC.HR.

3 September, 1946.

TO: W/ French.

1. Personnel - Officers.

Nothing to report.

Other Rank.

Nothing to report.

2. Activities.

Representations have been made to the Ministry of War regarding the slow delivery of equipment of all types to G.O.M., and a considerable improvement has resulted. Another matter which has been taken up is the neglect of Legionnaires of rank. Steps have been taken to ensure that in future these "peer cousin" Legions will receive their fair share of replacement of equipment, etc. Very unfavorable comment was made in Italy, for example, at the arrival of reinforcements from the north dressed in the new summer uniforms, while the two local Legions had nothing to compare with it.

3. Organization.

G.O.M. wish to increase the number of Legions on the grounds that some of the existing Legions are unwieldy, e.g. Legion city would consist of one Legion and a new Legion would be formed to supervise the four provinces previously controlled from Naples. The scheme does not have much to recommend it in that it merely entails superimposing a new "Comando Legione" over already existing groups, companies, etc. It is not thought that this scheme will succeed owing to the additional expense involved.

4. Communications.

W/ No. 15 is in note with accumulators, etc., have not arrived and the W/T equipment is at last complete. Courses 439 have been started and 48 men are under instruction. All equipment is

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Other Repts.
Nothing to report.

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3.

Expansion.

CC. FR. wish to increase the number of legions on the grounds that some of the existing legions are unready, e.g. Naples city would consist of one legion and a new legion would be formed to supervise the four provinces previously controlled from Naples. The scheme does not have much to recommend it in that it merely entails superimposing a new "Comando Legione" over already existing groups, companies, etc. It is not thought that this scheme will succeed owing to the additional expense involved.

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Communications.

100 to 150 sets with accumulators, etc., have now arrived and the V/T equipment is at last complete. Classes 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Transport.

Since the last monthly report, a considerable improvement in releases of transport has been made. 112 vehicles of all classes were released in July, and up to 15 August 45, 60 have been released. Some legions, notably Milan, have in

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excess of 21. These legions will have to surrender their weapons to other legions with little HT, and arrangements are being made to this end.

6.

Arms and Ammunition.

5,000 Beretta pistols Mod. 34 have been received but 3,000 have been delivered to Ministry of War and assigned to CC.M.

1,500 Beretta M1911 have been received and are being distributed. There is still a shortage of nearly 7,000.

Armoured Cars. Ministry of War have been asked to make available 18 Staghound ACs as a reserve for CC.M. The 16 Staghound ACs which were loaned to the Army School at Fort di Spinto have unfortunately been distributed to Army Divisions and are therefore no longer available, and in view of the fact that CC.M. are trained at this School, it is now proposed to ask for any of the ACs there, especially as they are now reduced to a minimum.

7.

Training.

A course has been started at Rome for training a number of men in the use of the mine detector, a consignment of which has been received. The detectors have been found to be extremely useful in tracing hidden stores of arms.

Other training continues as usual.

8.

Morale.

No change since last report.

9.

General.

The total strength of CC.M. is 63,102 (31 July 46). This shows a decrease of 1,011 on the previous month's total. Fluctuations are bound to occur, but it is obvious that recruitment is making little headway. It is the opinion of this Section that the 75,000 will not be reached.

The main cause of this failure are poor pay and uncertainty as to the future of the Corps. CC.M. take a more optimistic view and regard the falling off of recruiting as only temporary.

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7.

Training.

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Manila.

No change since last report.

9.

General.

The total strength of CO. HQ. is 63,400 (31 July 46). This shows a decrease of 1,311 on the previous month's total. Fluctuations are bound to occur, but it is obvious that recruitment is making little headway. It is the opinion of this Section that the 150 of 75,000 will not be reached.

The main causes of this failure are poor pay and uncertainty as to the future of the Corps. HQ. CO. HQ. take a more optimistic view and regard the falling off of recruiting as only temporary.

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6. Arms and Ammunition.

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1,800 Beretta Mitro have been received and are being distributed. There is still a shortage of nearly 7,000.

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7. Training.

A course has been started at Rome for training a number of men in the use of the mine detector, a consignment of which has been received. The detectors have been found to be extremely useful in tracing hidden stores of arms. Other training continues as usual.

8. Expenditure.

No change since last report.

9. General.

The total strength of CC.MR. is 63,100 (31 July 45). This shows a decrease of 1,311 on the previous month's total. Fluctuations are bound to occur, but it is clear that recruitment is making little headway. It is the opinion of this Section that the 11 of 75,000 will not be reached.

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No change since last report.

9.

General.

The total strength of G.I. is 63,422 (31 July 46). This shows a decrease of 1,211 on the previous month's total.

Fluctuations are bound to occur, but it is obvious that recruitment is making little headway. It is the opinion of this Section that the WE of 75,000 will not be reached.

The main cause of this failure are poor pay and uncertainty as to the future of the Corps. The G.I. take a more optimistic view and regard the falling off of recruiting as only temporary.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO: Army Branch.

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LAWD FINCHES SUB COMMISSION, AG.
R.M.L.A.
G/6/9/8/CC.RH.

1 August 1946.

1. Personnel - Officers.

Major Hills has left for U.K. on release.

Major Fielders has been transferred from 100 Gen Hospital to 1003 Convalescent Depot, Felden, Austria.

Other Rank.

No change.

Civilian personnel.

No change.

2. Activities.

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

3. Organization.

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

4. Communications.

With the exception of 149 IP sets, and electrolyte, CC.RH has its full wireless equipment. CC.RH are purchasing electrolyte direct from Kartocentini as none is available from Allied sources. Instructor Courses are shortly being started. 437

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Other Points.

No change.

Civilian personnel.

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4. Communications.

With the exception of 122 IP sets, and electrolyte, CC.HR has its full wireless equipment. CC.HR are purchasing electrolyte direct from Lantecchini as none is available from Allied sources. Instructor Courses are shortly being started for selected men from mobile battalions. Experiments have been made with No. 52 sets all over Italy with varying results, reception being poor in mountainous districts. Nineteen 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 service is in full operation.

Progress is being made with the installation of telephone communications in the north, but lack of funds in

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hampering proceedings.

5. TRANSPORT.

Reliance of transport by the War Ministry continues to be completely unsatisfactory, though vague promises have been made. The Ministry of War dropped a bombshell by suddenly producing a new plan, reducing ICS by over 700. Strong objection has been raised.

The War Ministry produced a mass of statistics in an endeavour to show that both Army and CC.MA have about 75% of their transport WAs. The statistics were so full of arithmetical and other errors as to be useless. Figures based on the new and reduced plan show that CC.MA possess 60% of their WAs, a reduction of 10% on the War Ministry's figure.

It is hoped that the strong recommendations made to CMA will result in the release of vital spaces for the Stagnant ACo.

6. Arms and Ammunition.

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

7. Training.

The work of the commander of CC.MA Training School at Turin can be described as excellent. With poor materials he has made a first-class establishment and the standard of work done is very high. The recruits present an excellent appearance of buoyance, alertness and discipline.

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The War Ministry produced a mass of statistics in an endeavour to show that both Army and CC.RR have about 75% of their transport Ws. The statistics were so full of arithmetical and other errors as to be useless. Figures based on the new and reduced III show that CC.RR possess 65% of their Ws, a reduction of 10% on the War Ministry's figure.

It is hoped that the strong recommendations made to GMR by WMA will result in the release of vital spares for the Stagbound Ws.

6. Arms and Ammunition.

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

7. Training.

The work of the commander of CC.RR Training School at Turin can be described as excellent. With poor materials he has made a first-class establishment and the standard of work done is very high. The recruits present an excellent appearance 43600 of keenness, neatness and discipline.

Rome Training School still has the misfortune to be saddled with GMR, and the latter are equally anxious to leave. The War Ministry has promised accommodation as soon as premises are derequisitioned and, as Allied troops are being withdrawn from several barracks, there is every prospect of some suitable building being allotted in the near future.

A total of 2,015 recruits are under instruction and 680 will be enrolled during the first fortnight of August. During July, 618 recruits finished their training and were posted to various Commands.

8. Morale.

The morale of CC.RR is probably higher now than at

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any period since the Revolution, 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. Recently, when Minister of the Interior, promised that the Corps would not be touched but, under the same Minister, they have observed the Publican Movement develop from 30,000 agents, mostly plain clothes men, into a powerfully armed semi-military force, equipped with armoured cars, jeeps, sub-machine guns, etc., and numbering over 50,000. The CC.RR regard this body as being controlled by the 'left' and feel that there is a strong possibility of their Corps being reduced to an impotent army unit with all their former functions and privileges transferred to the Agents. It is certain that no expense has been spared to bring the Publican Sicurores up to the same standard of arms and equipment as the CC.RR.

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SUBJECT Monthly Report.

LAND FORCES REG COMMISSION, AG.
P. M. I. A
CISM Section
CISM/6/6/9

1 July 1946

TO : "C" Branch.

1. Personnel Officers.

Major Gordon (CWO II) has left for UK on release.
Major Lacey (LO) has been transferred from Palermo to Milan to take over the duties of LO. Milan and Turin to replace Major Mills who is shortly to proceed to UK on release.
Major Lambert (LO. Naples) will take over duties of LO. Palermo in addition to Naples.
Major Polders is at 100 Gen. Hospital, Rome.

Other ranks.

Rfn Kavanagh has left for UK on release.
Pte Simmons posted to this branch on 5 June 46.

Civilian Personnel.

Two civilian typists have been discharged owing to reduction of establishment.

2. Activities.

The comprehensive report of the activities of this branch has been completed and it has now been submitted to the Chief Commissioner.

3. Organization.

Of the classes recently recalled for military service 1350 have already returned and are in service with C.O.M. A further 250 reservists have also offered their services and their cases are being examined. By the 15 July 46 1000 recruits will be leaving C.O.M. schools to enter the service, and it is anticipated that by the 15 July the effective strength will be approximately 6,200. Recruitment exceeds wastage due to retirement, non-re-engagement, etc by an appreciable margin. On 1 August 46, 1000 recruits will be taken into the schools.

4. 37 mm ammunition.

Palermo Mobile Bn has now received 2000 rds 42 and 1040 rds 88 for Staghound Armoured Cars.

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5. Communications.

Although the wireless sets have arrived, neither batteries nor electrolyte were issued N. 19 (LP) sets are not available, and additional LP sets will be issued.

6. Transport.

The release of transport to G.O.M. by the War Ministry is most unsatisfactory. During the past month no load carrying vehicles have been released. The matter is being investigated.

A P/O for Mobile In workshops has been produced and forwarded to Hqs. An G.O.M. possess very few mechanics, all Legions have been asked to make a return of suitable personnel. Rome Legion has sent 10 men for training at the Italian Workshops at Cecchignola, and Abruzzi Legion has 28 men undergoing practical training with private firms. The initiative displayed by these two Legions is encouraging.

Hqs. has offered to assist in training personnel and this has been brought to the notice of G.H. G.O.M.

7. Arms and Ammunition.

The position appears to be satisfactory. By now every G.O.M. station should have its quota of 2 Beretta carbines, and visits made to stations show that this distribution has been carried out promptly.

8. Training.

Repairs to G.O.M. school at Turin are proceeding and it is hoped that there will be shortly accommodation for the maximum number of recruits.

It has been a matter of great disappointment that every effort to find alternative accommodation for G.H. has been unsuccessful. G.H. occupies the space in Rome training school which would normally be occupied by 500 recruits, but representations to the Ministry of War have had no effect.

It was hoped to secure the ex-civilian barracks at Viale Romania when they were vacated by U.S. Signal Corps, but the Ministry of War turned them over to Rome Territorial Command, although the needs of the latter cannot be compared to those of G.H. G.O.M.

9. Morale.

The fall of the Monarchy, although unpleasant to G.O.M. has had no appreciable effect on morale and it can be said that all personnel remain loyal to their Corps.

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C. HAYES, Major.
GSOII CORR Section.
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Subject: Monthly Reports.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION HQ.
ROME.

OVER/6/9

1 JUNE 46.

'C' Branch.1. PERSONNEL OFFICERS.

Major. A. SIMS, GSO II at HQ, was transferred from this Branch to take up duties as GSO II, No. 14 MU, on 5 May 46.

Major COMBES L.O. Milan, left for UK for transfer to another theatre on 12 May 46.

Major R.C. LUBERT (L.O.), reported from LIAP on 15 May 46. As a consequence of the above, the following transfers have been made:-

- (a). Major. LUBERT, posted to NALES.
- (b). Major. HAYES, transferred from NALES to HOME.
- (c). Major. LACRE, transferred to BALMOR, to replace Major. GOODARRE, who went to UK last month.
- (c). Major. HILLS (L.O. JERIN), has taken over duties of L.O. at MILAN in addition to TURIN.

OTHER DATES.

Sgt. ROWLANDS, Chief Clerk, transferred to S.D. Branch

on 9 May 46.

RtM. KAVANAGH, posted to this Branch on 3 May 46.

Pte. GARNWOOD, posted to this Branch on 20 May 46.

Pte. DE BARNIMAN, posted to this Branch on 1 June 46.

2. ACTIVITIES.

Officers at Branch HQ have continued with the preparation of a comprehensive report respecting further re-organisation of OMR, and the report is now nearing completion.

Major. FIELDERS, now combines the duties of GSO II and those formerly carried out by DAAGG.

3. ADMINISTRATION CORR.

The recruiting of the additional 10,000 OMR as authorised has not come up to expectations. It was forecast that some 7,000 to 8,000 men could be re-enlisted from 'COMBINO' 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 notable, as retirements etc. have balanced enlistments, but the 1,000 Volunteers will be an actual increase when they are taken into effective strength. The HQ OMR are still confident that when the Recruiting Propaganda is more matured, and the result of the Elections are known that further Volunteers will be forthcoming.

As a consequence of the above, the following transfers have been made:-

- (a). Major. LINCOLN, posted to NAZES.
- (b). Major. HAYES, transferred from NAZES to ROMA.
- (c). Major. LACEY, transferred to PALERMO, to replace Major. GONDAVERI, who went to UK last month.
- (c). Major. HILLS (L.O. YERIN), has taken over Duties of L.O. at MILAN in addition to TURIN.

OTHER BANKS.

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Pte. CANNON, posted to this Branch on 20 May 46.
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2. ADMINISTRATION.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS.

A little progress is being reported from various Legions of repairs to telephone installations, but overall situation is still very 132 from satisfactory.

The release of the Wireless Sets has been made and they are now being off loaded at home.

5. TRANSPORT.

The Transport 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 Vehicles in the Legions. Shortage of load carriers is the biggest deficiency at present. This matter is receiving the active attention of the Branch.

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Motor Cycles are also in short supply, but it is hoped to start taking delivery in July of 500 new M/Cycles 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.

6. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

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 Stagboud Armoured Cars of the Mob. Bns. have received 100,500 rounds .300 Browning Ammunition per Mob. Bn. It is anticipated, that loading of 57 MM Ammunition for the Stagbouds will be commenced at Bari on 4 June 46. During May over 150,000 rounds of 9mm Am. for Beretta Carbines and 250,000 rounds of 9mm for Beretta Pistols have been delivered to Legions.

Major. FLEMMING, visited Bari to make arrangements concerning delivery of new lorries from Motor Mechanics in that Area.

7. TRAINING.

Major. MARSH, has visited the Training School at Bari, and found it to be functioning very well, though the Beretta are not equipped as they should be. However, the question of retaining this School which is a temporary one only, is under consideration.

8. MORALE

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

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GSO Y COMB Section.
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The Stagbowl Ammunition Base of the 1st Air Force, has been advised that 100,500 rounds .300 Browning Ammunition per Mob. Bn. It is anticipated, that loading of 37 M1 Ammunition for the Stagbowl will be commenced at Earl on 4 June 46. During May over 150,000 rounds of 9mm Am. for Beretta Carabines and 250,000 rounds of 9mm for Beretta Pistols have been delivered to Legions. Major. H. H. WILSON, visited them to make arrangements concerning delivery of new berries from Motor Factories in that area.

7. TRAINING.

Major. HANSEL, has visited the Training School at EARL, and found it to be functioning very well, though the Beretta are not equipped as they should be. However, the question of retaining this School which is a temporary one only, is under consideration.

8. NOTES

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

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LAWYER'S SUB COMMISSION. NO. 10000

MEMO

1 May 46.

1. Branch.

1. MEMBERSHIP. Capt. E. W. HARRIS (Mobile and Training), attached from Public Safety, has now been posted to this Branch and promoted Acting Major. W. O. F. 4th April 46.

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3. MEMBERSHIP. Further work has been accomplished on a new Order of Battle as a result of the 10,000 increase of strength, and copies of an amended (Interim) Order of Battle will be CO. H. H. orders respecting the posting into effect thereof have been forwarded to all 10th for information. The new Order of Battle provides for an increase of 20% increase of strength in 10th, and the assignment of the 10th to the 10th as Mobile Units with 10th, where there is no Mobile Unit. The new Ministry has paraded a degree calling back into service, CO. H. H. of the 1945-22 Classes, at present in "changed". Many of these men have expressed a desire to return to service. It is estimated that 7,000-8,000 men will be available for duty by the end of May. This branch continues to keep in touch with CO. H. H. regarding the compilation of a detailed and permanent Order of Battle. Agreement has been reached on W. O. F. 4th April 46, and a proposed W. O. F. 4th April 46 has been submitted. There are a total of 150,000 men in training.

4. MEMBERSHIP. Release has now been approved of a total of 400 W. O. F. 4th April 46. The collection data has not yet been received. When in operation the scheme suggested by this Branch should materially improve CO. H. H. communications. The data requested from CO. H. H. respecting the proposed scheme to limit activation of telephones to Germany is not yet complete.

5. MEMBERSHIP. The CO. H. H. report that some repairs and improvements have been carried out at Germany but progress is still slow, owing to lack of funds.

6. MEMBERSHIP. Major COCHRAN visited Berlin during the month of May, reference to the collection and distribution of the 10th COCHRAN's report, released to Mobile H. H., and it is anticipated that at the time of writing all 10th are in actual possession of their allotment. The distribution of 10th for the COCHRAN has been arranged and is in progress. The translation of 10th printing of instructional material respecting the vehicles is in hand. 43 10th and 10th have been referred to Mobile H. H. during the month.

Major T. G. BARNES (L.O. 80,000), has been granted compassionate posting to Base Establishment and left on 17th April 46.
Major W. H. MILLER (Dated 10) has been posted to No. 6, M.L. and will cease duties with this branch on the 2nd Inst.

2. ACTIVITIES. This Branch II has been instructed to prepare detailed recommendations respecting further re-organisation of the C.O. 20, and a comprehensive report is now in course of preparation.

3. STRENGTH. Further work has been accelerated on a new Order of Battle as a result of the 10,000 increase of strength, and copies of an amended, (interim) Order of Battle with C.O. 20. HQ orders regarding the putting into effect thereof have been forwarded to all L.O.s for information. The new Order of Battle provides for an approximate 20% increase of strength in Legions, and the employment of the 10,000 Legion as Mobile Units with Legions, where there is no Mobile Unit. The War Ministry has promulgated a decree calling back into service, M.L. 10, of the 1915-22 classes, at present in "congedo". Many of these men have expressed a desire to return to service. It is estimated that 7,000-8,000 extra men will be available for duty by the end of May. This branch continues to keep in touch with C.O. 20. HQ respecting the completion of a detailed and permanent Order of Battle. Agreement has been reached on M.L. for Mobile Unit, and a proposed M.L. for Legion workshops has been submitted. There are a total of 1505 recruits in training.

4. COMMUNICATIONS. Indiana has now been approved of a total of 450 W/T sets for C.O. 20. use, collection data has not yet been received. When in operation the scheme suggested by this branch should substantially improve C.O. 20. communications. The data requested from C.O. 20. regarding the proposed scheme to install private-line telephones to Legions is not yet complete.

5. ADMINISTRATION. The W.O. R. report that some repairs and improvements have been carried out at Caseros but progress is still slow, owing to lack of funds.

6. MOBILE UNIT. Major GILES visited India during the month with reference to the collection and distribution of the 153 90mm howitzers, (referred to as Mobile Unit), and it is anticipated that at the time of writing all 153 are in actual possession of their allotment. The distribution of armaments for the 300mm howitzer has been arranged and is in progress. The translation of printing of instructional handbooks regarding the vehicles is in hand. 45 W/Os and 3 Jeeps have been released to Mobile Unit during the month.

7. TRANSPORT. A total of 26 Load Carriers, 94 Jeeps and 1 M/L have been released on leave during the month. In view of the poor condition of the Jeeps on arrival at India, it was arranged that they should go to India workshops for inspection and repair as necessary before issue to Legions. Priority for this work was obtained, and the Jeeps are now being turned out in good condition, complete with spare wheel and tools. However it can be foreseen that the turn-out of 250 Jeeps promised will not be reached.

8. ARMS. Distribution has been made to Legions of 7,000 new automatic rifles. Total 30 from the 100mm and 100mm. Policy is continued with the remaining 3,000 promised, owing to lack of our large magazines. Personal visit by our L.O. has brought forth the promise of completion of the order by the middle of the month.

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9. CLOTHING. Major WHITE, MAJOR, visited and inspected NAZIS Legion, with special reference to clothing supplies. Following representations, the Ministry of War has made assignments of certain quantities of clothing and equipment to the NAZIS Legion.

10. TRAINING. Major MARSH, has just completed an inspection of the TRAIN and MAJOR'S Training Schools. The organization of the school at TRAIN has recently been increased by the transfer of several refugees, and it will be capable of doubling the intake of students within a short time. There is a marked improvement in training, particularly in the practical police duties, a policy which has been stressed by this Branch coupled with close personal liaison with School Commandants and instructors. The general appearance of the recruits is better and discipline good. 'Refresher' Courses are being given in some Legions, by organized classes at Group level, a system advocated by this Branch, being much more efficacious than the G.I.R. system of Mercantile giving instruction to 2 or 3 G.I.R. at each station.

11. REPORTS. Reports continue to be received from LAs and other sources, of the improved efficiency and morale of the G.I.R. The manner in which they are carrying out this difficult duty has produced high praise from all quarters.

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31 March 46.

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	GSO III	off	10/10
	GSO IV	off	10/10
	GSO V	off	10/10
	DAM	off	10/10

1. PENNSYLVANIA. Major W. SYMES, MA. was posted to this branch HQ as CPO II on 4 March 44.

2. ACTIVITIES The month of March has been full of activity, and what is more, some definite progress has been recorded.

Early in the month, a full Conference of CC.RR. Liaison Officers was held at this HQ when all Officers of CC.RR. Branch were able to get together and pool their knowledge and ideas. CSO I outlined a draft report which contained the assessment of information collected by LOs and this HQ, in the light of which it was proposed to submit an interim report and recommendations to GOC.MALTA. Considerable time was spent in discussing the recommendations, which were agreed to by the Conference.

Following the Conference, a detailed report with recommendations was submitted to GOC/MMA, and copies of the report have been submitted to Chief Commissioner AC, and other interested Higher Authorities.

5. STRENGTH. Another important result obtained is the approval for increase of strength of the CC.RR. by 10,000 men. This news has been received with great satisfaction by CC.RR. Hq. However, more men in themselves are not sufficient, the proper use, distribution and training of these extra men is a matter of real concern for this Branch and will be closely watched. It is estimated that about 22,000 - 3,000 extra men can be enlisted by JMB, several from CC.RR who are "in congedo", who have expressed a desire to return to the service. With these already trained men, and a number of Cadets soon to complete their initial training, many more Carabinieri should soon be out on duty with the Legions. CC.RR. Hq are working hard on the new establishment figures, on the basis of having no CC.RR. station with less than 7 men, with a reserve at Company HQ, from which casualties (sick, leave, etc.) at smaller stations will be replaced. It is intended to post the Cadets as non-specialists to Mobilo Bus, and the experienced men so replaced to be transferred to the smaller stations. This scheme has been discussed and agreed by this Branch. Hq.

4. WAR ESTABLISHMENTS. W.E. for C.C.R.R. Transport, arms and ammunition have been fixed and approved. This involved very much detailed study, calculation and consultation with interested authorities. It now remains for the War Ministry to

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6. ACCOMMODATION. Owing to the complete breakdown of the "Casermaggio" system, whereby equipment for Casermas is maintained by private contractors, it has been recommended that the War Ministry supply essential equipment as a temporary measure and action has been initiated to that end.

7. MOBILE BNS. The situation respecting Mobile Bns is much more satisfactory than last month. Of the 12 Bns., four are 100% up to WE in transport, four are 80%, and the remainder are 50% or less. The transport recently obtained is in good condition. Arms and Ammunition are satisfactory, and the Bns have now been supplied with 3.7.M.M. ammunition.

A new allocation of 168 STACHONDS A/Cars for Mobile Bns has been made, complete delivery being expected by the end of May. The allocation includes 24 for training, spares, weapons and wireless sets, etc., for 12 months. A conference to fix WE, has been held by the Officers of this Branch, CC.RR. HQ. and the War Ministry: agreement has been reached with the exception of one minor point. In agreement with this Branch, the G.O. CC.RR., has issued instructions to Legions on the use and deployment of the Bns.

Arrangements have been made for 160 CC.RR. to be trained as drivers of the STACHONDS during the month of April.

8. REPAIRS. A fortnightly Bulletin is being issued to all L.Os and will include all releases of vehicles, clothing, equipment, etc which have been been made available to Brigades.

This will enable L.Os to check issues and ensure that the items are reaching the Legions. The Bulletin will also include items of general interest to the L.Os. Copy of Bulletin No.1. is attached.

9. CRIME DETECTION. Major.RP.FISHERS. GSO II (Ops) has made a tour of the FLORION & BLANCH Area, making a detailed survey of methods of crime detection, finger-print methods, etc., and has submitted a report with recommendations.

10. TRAINING. Capt.T. MAREH. GSO III (trg), has made a very comprehensive survey of CC.RR. Training schools and Curricula; he has found very much room for improvement, and has made certain recommendations. An immediate anticipated result of the above is the training of a nucleus of CC.RR. at the Ministry of Interior Police Technical School in scientific methods of crime detection, with a view to their becoming CC.RR. Instructors.

11. EXTRAMOUS DUTIES. After determined efforts, it has now been possible to replace some CC.RR. on duty at MARSES Port by FINANCE Guards, and approx. 65 CC.RR. have thus been transferred to stations where there was a shortage of men.

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. AC.
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CCRR/8/6/9.

27 February 46.

"G" Branch.

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Provision of clothing and equipment for CC.RR. is being surveyed in relation to existing stocks and estimated requirements. The provision of domestic utensils, bedding, etc., for Casemas and the maintenance of the buildings, has been investigated and will be the subject of recommendations. Arms and ammunition scale agreed, confirmed by G (SD) and now in process of distribution.

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Many CC.RR. Stations have no telephone communications at all, while several have only a part-time service. This state of affairs detracts from the efficiency of the Police Service, and recommendations will be made. The consensus of opinion of L.O. and CC.RR. Officers is against the closing of any of the existing permanent stations.

Action has been taken by this Branch to have returned to proper CC.RR. duties certain CC.RR. now employed on guard duties with Allied Installations.

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SUBJECT: Jan Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

INT/207

2 Feb 46

TO : List 'A'
less serials 1,2,3,4,
9,18,19.

Ref this branch letter INT/207 of 4 Jan 46.

Branches are reminded that summaries of activities for the month of Jan for inclusion in the Monthly Report are required in INT office as soon as possible.

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C. C. R. R. SECTIONSUBJECT : January Monthly Report

G/6/9.

5 February 1946

TO : G. (Int.)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

1. This Section commenced duty on 12 January 46. Conferences were held with reporting personnel who were instructed in their duties and a directive issued, on which a report and recommendations are awaited.
2. All CC.RR. L.O.'s are now at their respective Hqs, excepting Naples Brigade Hqrs L.O., who is on his way.
3. Preliminary survey made of existing conditions in Carabinieri organisation and conference held with Commanding General of CC.RR. at which B.G.S. was present.
4. Detailed examination and enquiry regarding CC.RR. organisation commenced. Branch Officers in daily conference with corresponding Branch Officers at CC.RR. Command Headquarters.

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