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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. A.C.

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CC.RR. Bulletin No. 7.

NOTE:-

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1. ORGANISATION. Since 15 April 46, when permission was given for the increase in W/E of CC.RR, 2450 men have been recruited: 690 will go into training during the first two weeks of August and with a total of 1303 reservists who have volunteered to return to the service, the total intake is 4443. 2815 recruits are undergoing training. During July, 618 recruits finished their training and joined their various commands.
2. DOMESTIC. Major POWELL and Major HILLS have left for U.K. on release.
Major FIELDERS has been transferred to BRCE Convalescent Depot, Telden, Austria.
3. ARMS. Production of Beretta Pistols and "Mitra" appear to be almost nil and there is yet no sign of the promised 10,000 Mitra.
4. W/T EQUIPMENT. With the exception of 148 No. 19 LP Sets, the whole of the equipment has been withdrawn. Tests have been made with it all over Italy; in mountainous districts the results are poor. Courses are being started to train selected men from mobile battalions as instructors.
Owing to the lack of experienced personnel, it will be some time before the scheme is in operation. The Officer in charge at GHQ is extremely keen, and is a wireless expert himself. There is no doubt that he will put the scheme into operation as soon as possible.
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the increase in W/E of CC.Mt, 2400 men have been recruited; 300 will go into training during the first two weeks of August and with a total of 1303 reservists who have volunteered to return to the service, the total intake is 4443. 2645 recruits are undergoing training. During July, 618 recruits finished their training and joined their various commands.

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6. GENERAL. Reports indicate that the feeling of insecurity as to the future of the Corps and of all ranks is general. The three main reasons are stated to be:-

(i) Uncertainty as to what form operation will take. When Italy declared war on Germany, Officers and NCOs in German occupied Italy were in a difficult position. They had to make the difficult decision in the absence of instructions as to whether as soldiers they should take up arms against the enemy, or as Police Officers they should remain at their posts in the interests of the people.

(ii) A recent decree states that all army (including CC.PR) 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 Publica-
 Siquez, 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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3rd. August, 1946.

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C. H. H. H., Major,
 C.S.O. II.
 for Major General,
 M. H. I. A.

REMARKS

Ref. CC.RR. Bulletin No. 6 Page 2 last sentence of Para 7 (a) and (b).
 For "Territorial Legion Workshops" read "Territorial Command Workshops".

Distribution:-

List A less 18, 19, 20.

List B

All CC.RR. L.O.s.

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TOTAL RELEASES = JULY 46.

APPENDIX "A"

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	=	=
Ancona Legion	=	=	5	=	=
Florence Legion	=	=	10	=	=
Lazio Legion	=	1	4	=	=
Bari Legion	=	1	=	3	=
Turin Legion	=	=	2	=	=
Palermo Legion	=	=	4	2	=
Abruzzi Legion	=	=	=	3	=
Rome Legion	=	=	=	2	=
Giants Legion Rome	=	=	4	2	=
GHQ Rome	=	=	1	2	=
Cagliari Mob Bn	=	=	4	=	=
School in Florence	=	=	2	=	=
School at Moncalieri	=	=	3	=	=
Grand Total	12	3	65	32	=

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CC.RR. BULLETIN No 6.

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1. ORGANISATION. The recruiting of the extra 10,000 men is progressing slowly. Since the authority was granted, 1107 men have been recruited. The effective strength of the Force is now 63,454. Since the beginning of this month, 161 recruits have left the various schools to join the Legions, and a further 564 should leave in August.

Representations have been made to the War Ministry to amend the conditions under which the men can re-enlist, and the provision of a gratuity.

2. DOMESTIC. Lt. Col. Mighall, GSO I, has left for UK on release. Major C. Hayes (L.O. Rome) is combining duties of L.O. and in this Branch H.Q..

3. 17 m.m. AMMUNITION FOR MOBILE BATTALIONS. Delivery has been made to the following Legions of 37 m.m. for Mobile Battalions: - Lazio, Rome, Florence, and Gari. It has been dispatched to Palermo. Orders have already been given for an amount to be sent to Milan for breaking down amongst Genoa, Turin, Milan, Padua and Bologna. All the ammunition should be delivered within the next few days.

4. INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKS. It is hoped that the Instructional Books on wireless and vehicle maintenance will be ready in the very near future.

5. RADIO SETS. Complete delivery of all the sets ordered for release has not yet been made, and some time must elapse before any practical use of the scheme can be made.

6. TRANSPORT. The following vehicles have been released to the CC.RR. from S.V.P.S.:-

Lazio Legion	Load Carriers:	Jeeps:
Abruzzi Legion	5	2
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7. MOBILE BATTALIONS - WORKSHOPS. On the question of workshops for Mobile Battalions, the following proposals have been recommended to the Ministry of War, and are now under discussion.

(a) Immediate formation of light workshops for Mobile Battalions in areas where Mobile Bn. H.Q. and Legion H.Q. coincide. The Mobile

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(a) Immediate formation of light workshops for Mobile Battalions in areas where Mobile Bn. H.Q. and Legion H.Q. coincide. The Mobile Battalion Workshops being charged with the duty of also repairing Legion vehicles.

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

PADOVA
CAGLIARI
PALERMO
BARI
NAPLES
ROME

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TORIN
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
ANRUZZI
ALESSANDRIA
MESSINA
BOLOGNA
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. P. Powell

B. POWELL, Major,
G.S.O. III
For Major General,
M. E. I. o.

RP/am

13 June 1946

Distribution:

- List A less 17, 18, and 19.
- List B.
- All CC.RR. I.O.s.
- For Diary (2)
- Public Safety Sub-Commission, n.c.
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CC.RR. BULLETIN No. 5.

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1. AMMUNITION. 100,000 rounds of .300 Browning small arms ammunition should have reached each Mobile Battalion by the end of May, 1946. 200,000 rounds of .37 mm. ammunition for the Staguard Amoured 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 14th 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 Amcar piercing and 200 rounds of H.E. per Mobile Battalion, except Palermo which will get a double allocation. Will CC.RR. I.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 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 shortage. 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.

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 be put into service until the end of the year.

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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 I.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 stationery allowance. Legions will have to

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

8. TUBES AND TUBES. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has made available 235 tubes 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 HQ, a further letter has been sent to all Legions and Mobile Battalions by Carabinieri HQ, 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.O.s on 21st May. (Ref. No. GCAR/01/2.) 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.P.s.

Week-ending 19th May, 1946.

	<u>Motor cycles.</u>	<u>Loadcarriers.</u>	<u>Jeeps.</u>
Rome Legion.		1.	
Treviso Legion.		2.	
Lazio Legion.		3.	
Naples Legion.		3.	
Abruzzi Legion.			4.
Genoa Legion.			5.
Alessandria Legion.			5.
Turin Legion.			3.
Parma Legion.			3.
Palermo Legion.			2.
Lezlo Mobile Battalion.	5.		
Florence Mobile Battalion.	5.		

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Legion Allievi Roma. (one trailer)
(one winter carrier.)

Week-ending 26th May, 1946.

Lazio Legion.
Milan Legion.
Genoa Legion.
Palermo Legion.
Naples Legion.
Lazio Legion.
Alessandria Legion.
Turin Legion.
Genoa Legion.

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Rome Legion.
Leghorn Legion.
Lazio Legion.
Naples Legion.
Abruzzi Legion.
Genoa Legion.
Alessandria Legion.
Turin Legion.
Bologna Legion.
Piemonte Legion.
Asiatic Mobile Battalion.
Florence Mobile Battalion.

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London Allievi Road. (one trailer)
(one Weber Cartier.)

Week-ending 26th May, 1946.

Lazio Legion.
Milan Legion.
Genoa Legion.
Palermo Legion.
Naples Legion.
Lazio Legion.
Alexandria Legion.
Tunis Legion.
Genoa Legion.
Lazio Mobile Battalion.
Genoa Mobile Battalion.
Lazio Alghero, Rome.

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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.

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1st June, 1946.

Distribution :-

- List A less 17, 18 and 19.
- List B.
- Gen CC.RP. 1.00.
- War Diary 2.
- Public Safety Sub-Commission.40.
- File.

H. MICHELL, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. B. I. a.

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M. M. I. A.

CC.RR. Bulletin, No. 4.

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1. ADMINISTRATION. It now appears that the forecast of CC.RR. GHQ. to be able to recruit approximately 7000 - 8000 men by the end of May has no possibility of being successful. While it is admitted that only about three weeks have elapsed since the scheme was circulated to Legions, only about 100 men from "congedo" have offered themselves. It is stated that the reason for lack of volunteers is that enlistment involves, (1) serving where directed, (2) no tenure of service, (i.e.) can be dismissed at discretion of the War Ministry when the emergency period has passed, and (3) poor rates of pay coupled with conditions (1) and (2), plus uncertainty caused by the possible outcome of the elections.
2. A very small increase can be expected monthly from returning P.O.'s, possibly 200 - 300 per month.
3. Another small contribution may be from men now becoming due for discharge and who may elect to continue in service. No firm estimate can be made of these figures. There is normally an annual wastage of 2000 - 3000 spread over the whole 12 months, but it must be remembered that a number of these men have already remained in service and are forming the 12 Special Guard Companies. On the other hand 743 left during April, so it can be seen that very few can be expected from this source.
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5. It therefore appears that even if the 1922 Class is completely 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 Writter joined 6 B.L.U.

Major Sykes joined 11 B.L.U.

Major Coxhead, CORR. I.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 Linbert has arrived from England and is

shortly to take up duties as CORR I.O. with 10 B.L.U.

Major Hayes, CORR L.O. with 10 B.L.U. will take

over CORR L.O. duties with 8 B.L.U., while Major Lacey at present

with 8 B.L.U. will go to Palermo and become CORR L.O. with 11 B.L.U.

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 rounds of 9 mm. ammunition for the Beretta automatic rifles (mitras) has just been released to the Carabinieri. Details of distribution will be notified shortly to CORR L.Os.

8. ARMS. The following consignments of Beretta automatic rifles, model 36, Cal. 9 mm. (mitras) are at present being distributed:

Bari Legion.	671 automatic rifles.
Cagliari Legion.	512 "
Palermo Legion.	142 "
Abruzzi Legion.	485 "
Ancona Legion.	379 "
School, Rome.	571 "
Verona Legion.	73 "
Genoa Legion.	167 "

9. The War Ministry is supplying each Mobile Battalion with 521 Beretta automatic rifles from existing stocks. Most Mobile Battalions are already in possession of at least 200 Beretta automatic rifles and the War Ministry is making up the difference.

10. MOBILE BATTALIONS. The W/E for the Mobile Battalions is at last settled and agreed. It has been printed and translated and copies have been dispatched to all CORR L.Os.

11. TRANSPORT. One hundred S.F. lorries from the factory in Turin are now in the course of distribution as follows:--

Genoa Mobile Battalion.	9 lorries.
Turin "	9 "
Milan "	"

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Genoa Mobile Battalion.	9 lorries.
Turin "	9 "
Milan "	9 "
Bologna "	9 "
Florence "	9 "
Rome "	9 "
Lazio "	9 "
Naples "	9 "
Cagliari "	9 "
Bari "	10 "
Palermo "	9 "

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

	<u>Jeeps.</u>	<u>Motor cars.</u>	<u>M/cycles.</u>
Catanzaro Legion.			4
Lazio Mobile Bn.	2		
Lazio Legion.		1	
Abruzzi Legion.		1	
Naples Legion.		1	
CHQ. CORR. Rm.		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 lead carriers.
Rome Legion. 1 three-wheeled motor cycle carrier.
Lazio Legion. 1 light truck.

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

	<u>Jeeps.</u>	<u>Motor cycles.</u>	<u>Lead Carrier</u>
Abruzzi Legion.	4		5
Catanzaro Legion.	3		5
Bologna Legion.			6
Naples Legion.		4	
Bologna Legion.	4		
Florence Legion.	3		
Livorno Legion.	2		
Lazio Legion.	4		
Turin Legion.	2		
Alessandria Legion.			
Lazio Mobile Battalion.		5	
Rome Mobile Battalion.		5	

14. Will CORR L.Os. please check in every case that vehicles are being received, both from the SPI factory and D.V.Ps. and inform this office.

Catanzaro Legion.
 Bologna Legion.
 Lazio Legion.
 Florence Legion.
 Naples Legion.
 Turin Legion.
 Livorno Legion.
 Genoa Legion.
 Alessandria Legion.
 Ancona Legion.

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Fl.rence school. 2 land 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:-

	<u>Jeeps.</u>	<u>Motor cycles.</u>	<u>Land Carrier</u>
Abruzzi Legion.	4		5
Catanzaro Legion.	3		5
Calzano Legion.		4	6
Naples Legion.			
Bologna Legion.	4		
Florence Legion.	3		
Livorno Legion.	2		
Lazio Legion.	4		
Turin Legion.	2		
Alessandria Legion.	2		
Lazio Mobile Battalion.		5	
Rome Mobile Battalion.		5	

14. Will CCRB L.Os. please check in every case that vehicles are being received, both from the SPA factory and E.V.Ps. and inform this office.

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15. CCRB. CHQ. has again been advised to issue fresh orders to Legion and Mobile Battalion Commanders to send all broken

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own 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 for two many broken down vehicles lying about in Carabinieri Caserms. Will CCRN L.Os. continue to press their Brigade Commanders to see that the orders of CCRN HQ. are carried out and these inefficient vehicles turned in.

RFR/cc

17th May, 1946.

Distribution:

- List A lose 17, 18 and 19.
- List B.
- All CCRN. L.Os.
- War Diary 2.
- Public Safety Sub-Commission. AC.
- File.

Richard Fitch
Capt. MICHAEL Lt. Col. Major
For Major General,
M. R. I. A.

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M. M. I. A.

CC.F. Bulletin. No 3.

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

1. ADMINISTRATION. A recommendation to change the method of supply to CC.F. is to be made by this Headquarters. It is the intention that War Ministry be responsible for maintaining Legions etc., through existing Army channels, each Army Territorial Command within whose territory the Legion is situated, to collect supplies from appropriate Army Depots, and Legions to collect in bulk from Territorial Commands. Legions to break bulk at Headquarters and arrange collection or delivery to dependent sub-units. Supplies involved as follows: arms, ammunition, clothing, equipment, rations, petrol and vehicles. An exception to this method may be made in the case of the GILBERT Legion in view of port requirements: it may be more suitable to administer via NAILES Territorial Command and not NCMB.

2. ARMS. Of 10,000 new automatic rifles Model 38 assigned to CC.F. from the MILITARY Arms Factory BRISOL, 7,000 have already been distributed to Legions. Some difficulty has been experienced regarding the supply of cartridge magazines for the remainder, but it is understood that the position has now improved and complete delivery is to be expected by the middle of May 1946.

3. AMMUNITION. Ammunition for EMERGENCY armoured Cars is in the course of distribution and LOs have been notified of quantities involved by letter.

4. CLOTHING. Investigation proved that the clothing situation regarding NAILES Legion was generally more acute than that of others. GHQ, CC.F. have requested to give urgent assistance, and Ministry of War assigned the following quantities:

New Boots	1,000 prs
Shirts w-collars	5,000
Trousers cotton	2,000 prs
Socks cotton	1,200 prs
Ties black	5,000

Additionally, certain items of equipment urgently needed were assigned. GHQ state that cotton vests are not likely to be issued in the future,

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3. AMMUNITION. Ammunition for STAGHORN Armoured Cars is in the course of distribution and LORs have been notified of quantities involved by letter.

4. CLOTHING. Investigation proved that the clothing situation regarding MARLES Legion was generally more acute than that of others. GHQ, CC.MT. were requested to give urgent assistance, and Ministry of War assigned the following quantities:

New Boots	1,000 pairs
Shirts w-collars	3,000
Trousers cotton	3,000 pairs
Socks cotton	1,200 pairs
Ties black	3,000

Additionally, certain items of equipment urgently needed were assigned. GHQ state that woollen vests are not likely to be issued in the future, owing to approaching hot weather and general shortage.

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

GAULIERI	10	Jeeps	8
ADRIANI	3		-
CALABRANO	3		-

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The following vehicles were released on EVPs week ending 28 April 46.

	Land Cruisers	Jeeps
LAZIO	-	2
LAUREZI	-	4
MACRENE	-	4
BOLOGNA	10	6
LAKE	10	-
LAUCH	10	2
LECHON	-	2
QUINARO	-	2
TOBIN	-	4
LESSMIRAL	-	2
GENO	-	2
NILES	-	2

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

	W/Cs (Allied)
CALIERI	12
REYES	10
PALERMO	10
RAVI	10

Each Mobile Bn should now be in possession of 12 STAGIOND 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.BR.

No. 9.	70
No. 19 (HP)	148
No. 52	19
No. 19	108
No. 58	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 "C" to this Headquarters letter CCR/4/12 of 19 March 46.

Collection date will be notified immediately it is received.

Quercia 581

(h) Mobile Pns. The following vehicles were released on EV's week ending 24 Apr. 46.

SALEMAN
W.P. ES
F. LEROY
BART

E/Cs (allied)
12
10
10
10

Each Mobile En should not be in possession of 12 ST. GROUND Armoured Cars. Instructional Handbooks for these vehicles have been translated and are now being printed. They will be distributed to Mobile En's when completed.

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

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No. 12 (KZ) 148
No. 352 19
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No. 38 144.

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WAW/ter
1 May 46.

Approved 6581

H. MICHAM, Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Distribution

List 'A' (less 17, 18 and 19).
List 'B'
All CC.RR. LOs.
War Diary. 2.
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CC.RR. BULLETIN. No.2.

Note:-

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

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1. ADMINISTRATION. GHQ. CC.RR. have agreed that personnel returning from internment and not likely to be actively employed in the near future, shall not be clothed from CC.RR. stocks, but by the "CENTI ALLOGGI".

The serious position regarding supply of stationary and office equipment, is appreciated by this HQ. It was hoped that some assistance would be given from Allied sources but investigation showed that supplies in this country were equal to, if not better than those at home. It is presumed therefore, that finance is again the problem. Obviously CC.RR. administration will suffer seriously if these essentials are lacking. LOs should discuss this problem with Legion Commanders, and if they consider the position as grave as has been stated verbally, Legion Commanders should submit their complaints in writing to GHQ. Suitable pressure will be applied by this HQ for practical assistance to be given to Legions. Copies of GHQ replies to Legions should be forwarded to this office for information.

In a letter dated 9th APRIL, addressed to GHQ, it was stated that the present method of distributing FUL was considered uneconomical. It was recommended that POL supplies within Legions be drawn by the sub-unit concerned, (Groups, Coys, Tenancies etc.) from C.I.P. pumps or depots, and that coupons be supplied for this purpose; the existing method of supply for Mobile Bns. to remain. Acceptance of this recommendation is awaited.

HQ.CC.RR. state that it is confident that about 50% of the personnel of the 10,000 increase can be enlisted from CC.RR. at present in 'Congo', by the end of MAY. These CC.RR. have expressed the desire to return to service; they will be recruited locally by Legions, and as they are ex-CC.RR. should be immediately available for duty when re-enlisted. Another 1300 are expected from returned POW sources. Legion stocks, which will have the effect of slowing down new issues and replacements of clothing to CC.RR. at present in service.

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In a letter dated 9th APRIL, addressed to GHQ, it was stated that the present method of distributing PCL was considered uneconomical. It was recommended that PCL supplies within Legions be drawn by the sub-unit concerned, (Groups, Coys, Tenancies etc.) from O.I.P. pumps or depots, and that coupons be supplied for this purpose; the existing method of supply for Mobile Bns. to remain. Acceptance of this recommendation is awaited.

HQ.CC.RR. state that it is confident that about 50% of the personnel of the 10,000 increase can be enlisted from CC.RR. at present in 'Congedo', by the end of MAY. These CC.RR. have expressed the desire to return to service; they will be recruited locally by Legions, and as they are ex-CC.RR. should be immediately available for duty when re-enlisted. Another 1300 are expected from returned POW sources. Until more clothing is available, they will be clothed from ~~existing~~ Legion stocks, which will have the effect of slowing down new issues and replacements of clothing to CC.RR. at present in service.

By the end of MAY the strength of small stations should be not less than 7 men. Orders have been given by CC.RR. HQ for all personnel dispersed from Mobile Bns to be returned to Mobile Bn Hqs.

It is also proposed by GHQ.CC.RR. to use CC.RR. of the TRIESTE Legion (until if/and when required to be activated at TRIESTE) as reserve Companies of about 350 strong at Group Hqs at: ALESSANDRIA, BALZANO, VERONA, LIVORNO, ANCONA, PERUZZI, CATANZARO and MESSINA. As load carrying vehicles become available, these Companies will be in the nature of a reserve (mobile) force.

Ordinary recruiting is proceeding satisfactorily.

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2. VEHICLES. (c) Legions. The following vehicles were released ex EVPs, week-ending 7 April

Legions	Load Carriers	Jeeps.
LAZIO	-	2
GENOA	-	4
FLORANCE	-	2
TURIN	-	6
ALESSANDRIA	10	2
ABRUZZI	5	4
NAPLES	-	1
CATANZARO	5	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>

The following vehicles were released ex EVPs week-ending 14 April, 46.

Legions	W/As	L.C.	Jeeps
LEGNORNI	-	10	-
BOLOGNA	-	10	4
GHQ	1	-	-
CATANZARO	-	-	4
LAZIO	-	-	3
ANCONA	-	-	3
TURIN	-	-	4
ALESSANDRIA	-	-	4
GENOA	-	-	4
NAPLES	-	-	4
	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>

In view of the poor condition of Jeeps which arrived at ROME, it was decided that all vehicles would be sent to ROME workshops for inspection and repair as necessary, before issuing to Legions, and they should be fitted with spare wheel, complete and essential tools. Priority was given to this work and 70 Jeeps have been prepared ready for delivery between 10 and 15th of this month, and a further 15 have been promised during the next 10 days.

The War Ministry have agreed the issue of new vehicles, ex Italian Motor Industry, as under :-

At the end of April	120 load carriers
by the 15th of May	75 " "
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Delivery of new Motor Cycles will commence in JULY.

There appears to be some doubt as to whether new vehicles will be complete with tyres and tubes. This matter is receiving considerable attention by this HQ.

ending 14 April 46.

Regions	M/Cs	L.C.	Jeeps
LEGHORN	-	10	-
BOLOGNA	-	10	4
GHQ	1	-	-
CANTUZZARO	-	-	4
LAZZIO	-	-	3
ANCONA	-	-	3
TURIN	-	-	4
ALESSANDRIA	-	-	4
GENOA	-	-	4
NAPLES	-	-	4
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(b) Mobile Bus. The following vehicles are released ex EVPS, week-ending 7 April 46.

Jeeps

PADUA Mobile Bn	2.
MILAN "	1.

The following vehicles were released ex EVPS week-ending, 14 APRIL 46.

LAZIO	M/Cs
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168 STAGHOUND armoured Cars have been allotted to CC.RR. and are being collected from MARLES, FERRARA, BOLOGNA and FORLÌ. Mobile Bns should be in physical possession of these Vehicles by the end of APRIL. Ministry of War has been informed it is considered light tanks and obsolete armoured cars at present held by Mobile Bns should be handed in for disposal within 7 days of receipt of STAGHOUNDS. LOS are requested to assist by hastening as possible.

3. WAR ESTABLISHMENT. W.E. for Mobile Bns has been agreed and copies will be forwarded to LOS under separate cover.

Ministry of War has been requested to promulgate a varying number of vehicles held by each Legion HQ. In view of the that three types of War Establishment be implemented, so be known as types A, B and C, based on total holdings. Implementation in the near future is unlikely.

4. AMMUNITION. It is understood that Legions are not in possession of .9mm ammunition for MITRA rifles which have been released recently. GHQ.CC.RR. states that this ammunition is in the possession of local artillery Directorates, and Legions should be told to contact these, as necessary.

Ammunition for STAGHOUND armoured Cars has been released by GHQ, distribution will take place in the near future.

WHW/ter
16 April 46.

[Signature]
H. MICHELLE, Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. I. A.

Distribution:

- List 'A' less 17, 18, 19)
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- All CC.RR. LOS
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- P.S. Sub Commission...C.
- File.

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WHW/ter
16 April 46.

[Signature]
H. H. I. A.
Major General.
for Lt. Col.

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Subject:- CLOTHING

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13th. April 1946

ROME

To:- LT.COL.H.MIGHALL,
CC.RR Section, F.I.I.A.

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With reference to CC.RR bulletin (no. 1, para 2, the items of clothing mentioned there as being destined for the Legions of Rome, Lazio and Abruzzi, have now all been received by the Legions concerned.

W.A. Lacey

W.A. LACEY, Major.

CC.RR L.O

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GSO VI		
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CO. RR. BULLETIN No. 1.

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

1. ADMINISTRATION. In accordance with the request made by Liaison Officers at the conference held at this Headquarters 15/14 Mar 1946, GHQ.CO.ER 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 requests submitted by them should represent the exact position of requirements at the date of indenting, based upon a standard personal scale throughout COER. In this policy is implemented, it will mean that once monthly, the total requirements for clothing of COER 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 Legions, represent one hundred per cent entitlement by Legions, despite the fact that Legions are ordered to list the number of personnel still in civilian clothes as at 1 Feb 46, in the M.I.

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 authorized official strength. GHQ have been requested therefore, to give an assurance that future issues of clothing will not be made to such personnel unless they are to be actively employed within six weeks of issues being made. Legions are requested to give this matter their attention, and ensure as far as possible, that this situation is affected.

It has now been decided to make a detailed survey of all clothing placed at the disposal of COER by the Ministry of War and other sources, and it is apparent that, bearing in mind the date requirements as stated by G.M. BRUNETT at a conference held at this Headquarters 3 Jan 1946, sufficient clothing had been placed at their disposal in order to operate at an economical scale. Lack of transportation, and lack of storage, wastage, accountability 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 a solution to be given so as to ensure availability are put to their utmost use. Legions are asked to bear in mind, if cases occur whereby administrative difficulties arise, to be specifically and immediately due to lack of transportation, assistance should be requested from Territorial Commands, by the Legion Commanders concerned.

It is the opinion of this Headquarters that the Legion methods of storekeeping and accounting is a backward one. Legions employed in all three Legions reviewed have been on a similar basis, and all the same cannot be accepted as conclusive, no common wastage is observed. It is hoped that this situation can be improved, and so far as can be

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It is the opinion of this Headquarters that a certain wastage of clothing has occurred by failure to ex-ECW who are not to be absorbed within the authorized official strength. GIG 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. IOs are requested to give this matter their attention, and ensure as far as possible, that this suggestion is collected.

It has now been decided to make a detailed survey of all clothing placed at the disposal of CCAR, Ministry of War and other sources, and it is apparent that, having in mind the immediate requirements as stated by GEN. PRUNETTI at a conference held at this Headquarters 5 Jan 1946, sufficient clothing had been placed at their disposal in order to operate at an economical scale. Lack of transportation, maintenance, wastage, accountable and unaccountable, would be a serious factor in the root of the trouble. This matter is being further pursued with CCAR and it is hoped that some conclusive facts will emerge, which will enable a decision to be given as to ensure availabilities are put to their utmost use. IOs are asked to bear in mind, if cases occur whereby administrative action is required for one known to be specifically and immediately due to lack of transportation, maintenance should be requested from Territorial Commands, by the Legion, by mail or otherwise.

It is the opinion of this Headquarters that the 1st Legion methods of storekeeping and accounting has been found to be unsatisfactory. It is suggested that a review of the methods employed in all three Legions be carried out. It is suggested that the methods cannot be accepted as conclusive, as certain wastage is not accounted for. The system is rigid, and so far as can be ascertained, the likelihood of the system being otherwise illegally disposing of clothing, is not accounted for.

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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 distribution.

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

4,000 Tunics Khaki.
4,000 Trousers "
4,000 Caps "
300 Evesches "
2,500 Pns. new boots.
4,000 Shirts, khaki with collars.
4,000 Towels.

MESSINA
3,000 Shirts G.V. with collars.

PARI
7,200 metres cloth khaki for uniforms
4,230 " lining for same.

NAPLES
10,800 metres cloth khaki for uniform
6,845 " lining for same.

ROME
3,318 metres cloth for khaki uniforms
1,974 " lining for same.
2,000 overalls short.
(this material to be used by personnel of stations just outside city boundary)

LAZIO
4,800 metres cloth for khaki uniforms
2,200 " lining for same.

ABRUZZI
70 Pns new boots.
500 " part worn boots.
319 Overcoats.
100 Pns trousers GV.

Note:- For the purpose of calculation, 2.38 metres of cloth is required to manufacture one uniform.

Certain other release have also been made during the month of March, and have now been received by Legions.

3. M.I. TRANSPORT. (a) Legions 9 load carriers were allotted to ECUONA and 5 to FLORENCE Legions from E.V.Ps during period 3 Feb to 4 March.

Other releases up to 24 March.46 were made as under:-

GENOA	3 M/Cs
	5 load carriers
ROME	1 load carrier

MESSINA

3,000 Shirts G.V. with collars.

BAZI

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4,230 " lining for same.

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3. M.I. TRANSPORT.

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Other releases up to 24 March 46 were made as under:-

GENOA

3 W/Cs
5 load carriers

ROME

1 load carrier

NAPLES

1 Motor car.

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Information regarding other releases of vehicles from EVPs during month of March is not available. Recommendations for the distribution of vehicles is made to GHQ by this branch according to considered operational priorities (Vide this HQ letter 023/9/1/2 of 29 March 46).

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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 OCRR/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 Ens. During January, 57 load carrying vehicles were issued by EVFs to Mobile Ens., 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.

APHQ on 15 March, released direct to the Italian Army, sufficient Staghound Armoured Cars to equip all Mobile Ens., together with 12 months spares for vehicles, weapons and W/T sets. Ammunition to sole 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.

4. MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS. In a letter 24460/EM of 7 March 46 addressed to Territorial Commands, War Ministry stated that priority was to be given to all OCRR vehicles, which were taken to Repair Units for servicing. In another circular from the same source, under reference 25600/EM of 24 Feb, also addressed to Military Territorial HQs, permission was given for minor and in some cases major repairs, to be carried out by civilian firms. Permission for the purchase of civilian tyres from the open market was also included in this circular. LOs should ensure that the utmost use of these arrangements is being made.

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 or OCRR. 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.

OCRR.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 OCRR 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.

6. HORSES. 200 horses were offered to the Ministry of War, but after vetting it was decided that only 160 were fit for purchase. Of this number, 50 were despatched to Poples, and the remainder distributed locally.

4. MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS. In a letter 24460/IM of 7 March 46 addressed to Territorial Commands, War Ministry stated that priority was to be given to all CCR vehicles, which were taken to Repair Units for servicing. In another circular from the same source, under reference 23600/IM of 24 Feb, also addressed to Military Territorial HQs, permission was given for minor and in some cases major repairs, to be carried out by civilian firms. Permission for the purchase of civilian tyres from the open market was also included in this circular. LOs should ensure that the utmost use of these arrangements is being made.

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 or CCR. One (6 x 4) 5 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.

CCER.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.

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6. HORSES. 300 horses were offered to the Ministry of War, but after vetting it was decided that only 160 were fit for purchase. Of this number, 50 were despatched to Naples, and the remainder distributed locally.

7. WAR ESTABLISHMENT. Approval for the increase in strength of CCR 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 discussion were finally settled. The Ministry agreed to the provision of mortars for Mobile Battalions and HML to the formation of

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three motorised Coys. and one arm'd. 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 ADST. 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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