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| **I WAR REPORT** | | |
| **CATEGORIES** | **QUOTES** | **MEANINGS** |
| Skills and actions | * "The Italian fronts were explained with a clearness that made maps unnecessary."(pag. 7) * “They are hard people habituated to handling hard stuffs, and, I should imagine, with a sense of property as keen as the Frenchman’s.”(pag.11) * “The innumerable grey-green troops in the bright fields moved sympathetically among the crops and did not litter their surroundings with rubbish.”(pag.11) | The reporter exploited the categories of “skills” and “actions” in order to create a positive image of the Italian soldiers, which are characterised as strong people and hard workers right from the beginning of the report. They are also defined by a great spirit of organisation and teamwork, and their knowledge about their lands. |
| Setting | * “A stranger’s eyes could make out nothing except one sheer rampart of brooding mountains - ‘like giants at hunting’ – all along the northern horizon. (pag.8) * “The glass split them into tangled cross-chains of worsted hillocks, hollow-flanked peacks cleft by black or grey ravines, syreches of no-colured rock gashed and nicked with white, swavage thumbmails oh hard snow thrust up above cockscombs of splinters, and behind everything an agony of tortured crags against the farthest sky.”(pag.9) * “Higher mountains showed streaks of snow in their wrinkles.”(pag.8) | The setting of the war report underlines Italian soldiers’ skills because they have to overcome all the difficulties due to the hostile conditions of work that mountain areas implies. |
| Comparison with other troops | * “They are hard people habituated to handling hard stuffs, and, I should imagine, with a sense of property as keen as the Frenchman’s.”(pag.11) * They seem supple in their collective movements and less loaded down with haberdashery than either French or British troops.”(pag.11) * “If the Matoppos had married the Karroo they might have begotten some such abortion of stone-speckled, weather-hacked dirt.”(pag.13) | The comparison between Italian soldiers and other troops (such as British and French ones) has the purpose of characterize them. It is about:   1. Land → in Italy there are river-beds where people extract gravel, solid mountains and stones, while French soil and British one are less hostile. 2. Skills → They differ from the other troops because of their strength, flexibility, teamwork and sense of duty. |
| Sense of duty | -“There were many fights. Whole regiments lie there- - and there – and there. Some of them died in the early days when we made war without roads, some of them died afterwards, when we had the roads but the Austrian had the guns. Some of them died at the last when we beat the Austrian.”(pag.13-14) | Italian soldiers are also characterized by their sense of duty and their attitude towards their job. |
| Condition of war | -“The mines exploded in orderly line, and it being impossible to run away over the stones, one had to watch them with the lively consciousness that those scores of thousands of dead beneath and around and behind were watching too. A pneumatic drill chattered underground, as teeth chatter.”(pag.18-19)  -“It was the first obstacle Italy found at her own threshold, after she had forced the b road uneasy Isonzo, ‘where troops can walk, though the walking is not good’. It seemed enough.”(pag.20) | Italian soldiers have to face difficult situation not only because of the environment, but mostly because of what war implies: precarious living conditions, fear, pain and death are commonplace but nevertheless, Italian soldiers are willing to sacrifice for their country and they never give up. |
| Dress | “The innumerable grey-green troops in the bright fields moved sympathetically among the crops” (pag.11)  “They have their own pattern of steel helmet, which differs a little from ours, and gives them at a distance a look of Roman Legionaires on a frieze of triumph.”(pag.11) | Their clothing makes possible to distinguish Italian soldiers from the others and also allows to understand how they protected themselves from the attacks of enemies and the weather. |

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