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DESPATCH RUNNERS.

ITALIAN ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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The Italian Army introduces a new championship class for infantry officers.

The competitors are supplied with a numbered armband and--

--sent off on foot over a trying course, and a--
--sticky course, to carry a report to a distant post.

The test route is full of--

--natural obstacles. Here's the next man wading--

--through mud and climbing slippery slopes, which by the way are two-thousand feet above sea--

---level. This exercise is a severe test in endurance as well as speed. Three miles are--

--covered before the objective is reached and the report delivered.

The officer first reporting is--

--proclaimed as champion foot tactics officer in the old nasty war game.