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LIASON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.H.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.C. 394, U.S. Army

20 October 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub (on A.C. (M.H.I.A.)).

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 18

Period from 20 September to 20 October 45.

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received.

(b) In talking with Italian Army officers and soldiers, all were showing a great interest in the London Conference. All are interested in a settlement of international boundaries and an early return to their homes.

(c) Public morale is low due to the economic situation according to the High Commissioner's Report for the month of September, 1945. During the past month there have been a few strikes and demonstrations against the high prices. Because of the drought and grasshoppers the crops were below their former yield resulting in a short supply. Further, the prices of clothing and other necessary household equipment are extremely out of proportion with wages.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:

(a) According to High Commissioner's Report for September the Roman Weekly, "L'Uomo Qualunque" has brought strong reaction from the newspapers and propaganda organs of the political parties who denounce it as a new form of Fascism.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:

Nothing to Report.

4. Political Activities:

(a) The political situation has changed very little. The public shows a marked lack of interest due to the poor economic situation with constantly increasing cost of living. (High Commissioner's Report for September 1945)

5. Relations with and Attitude Toward Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline:

(a) Very satisfactory for Italian troops.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk - Breaches of Security:

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) The High Commissioner reports that there is increased unemployment due to the return of the ex-prisoners of war and refugees from the mainland. It is understood that the Government is going to allocate a sum of money for public works to relieve unemployment in Sardinia.

(b) On 4 October 1945 there was a general strike ordered in Cagliari Province as a protest against high prices. All the laborers quit work for two (2) hours at mid-day paralyzing communications and industry. Demonstrations were held but there were no incidents.

(c) On 9 October 1945 the bakers went on strike. There was no bread for civilians that day. There was a demonstration around the bakery that bakes Allied bread but no damage was done. There were other demonstrations throughout Cagliari that were more serious. Hotels were stormed and sacked. The market was stripped of all its food and carts were tipped over. In the evening hand grenades were thrown resulting in injuring a Questura Agent. It has been rumored that similar demonstrations will be held throughout the island.

(d) Public officials were concerned about the low wheat supply. However, a Liberty ship has just arrived loaded with wheat which should ease this situation.

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

2. Information (Black) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

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20 September 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (BMIA).

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 17

Period from 20 August to 20 September 45.

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received. The news of the end of the war in Japan was very enthusiastically received by both soldiers and civilians. The soldiers are looking forward to getting back to civilian life while the civilians feel that the economic situation will get better very shortly.

(b) According to the High Commissioner's Report for the month of August 1945, the public morale is low due to the economic situation. As a result, most of the more able men decline political appointments. This is also due in part to the unstable political situation.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:

Nothing to report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:

(a) The Mining Division, Carbonia, reports that explosives are being stolen from the mines for sale to the fishermen for use to illegally procure fish.

4. Political Activity:

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(a) The political situation appears to be normal. However, the parties are actively engaged in preparations for the coming elections.

5. Relations with and Attitude Toward Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline:

(a) Very satisfactory for Italian troops.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk - Breaches of Security:

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) AC Mining Officer reports that the men recently recruited from the continent were promised complete outfits of clothing and shoes and coal companies are not in a position to carry out these promises. In addition a large number of these recruits were clerks and clerks are not needed in mines. As a result, more than half of the men asked to return to the continent and this group has already been shipped back in order to prevent disorder.

(b) The High Commissioner reports that numerous demonstrations were held throughout the island for increased public works to relieve unemployment. The Ministers of Public Works and Post-war Relief have reviewed the situation and steps are being taken to relieve the situation.

(c) The local newspaper "La Voce Del Partigiano" has criticized the High Commissioner for Sardinia and other high ranking Italian Army and CC.RR. officers on the island. In my opinion some of this criticism is justified but the majority of it is just petty stuff.

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.

2. Information (Black) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.

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27 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No. 15

Period from 21 July 45
to 20 August 45.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 1944, subject report is submitted.

1. MORALE: As a whole the morale of the troops in Sicily remains good.
 2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR TRENDS:
Nothing to report.
 3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION:
Nothing to report.
 4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - PROPOGANDA - MONARCHISM:
Nothing to report.
 5. RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDE TOWARD ALLIED TROOPS:
From my own observations - good.
 6. DISCIPLINE:
As a whole - good.
 7. RUMORS AND INDISCREET TALK - BREACHES OF SECURITY:
Nothing to report.
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Monthly Intelligence Report No. 15 (Continued)

8. SUMMARY OF MILITARY SECURITY:

Nothing to Report.

for Edwin D. Snider, et al.
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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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20 August 1946

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission A.G. (MICA)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 10

Period from 21 July to 20 Aug. 46.

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received.

(b) Public morale is pretty low. According to the High Commissioner's Report for the month of July 1946, the people are worried about the economic situation. The economic depression has caused agitation especially in Sassari Province where due to food difficulties and unemployment public protests against the local administration are frequent. The G.I. handled this latter statement by informing us that five (5) public demonstrations in the Sassari Province have been held in the past month causing injuries to two (2) G.I.s and one civilian. Also demonstrations have been held in Iglesias, Olbia and Cagliari. The Cagliari demonstration demanded that prices of shoes and clothing be reduced.

(c) The Italian's declaration of war against Japan was accepted very favorably. The end of the war enthusiastically received by all. Everybody seemed to be relieved that the war had finally ended.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:
Nothing to Report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:
Nothing to Report.

4. Political Activity

(a) On the whole the political situation is normal. The parties are intensifying their propaganda in view of the coming administrative and political elections. Distrust against the Partisans' movement has been diminishing since the removal of Secretary Peron still under arrest. The man who has replaced Peron has shown himself to be more moderate and independent than the extreme leftist.

5. Relations with and Attitude toward Allied Troops

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline

(a) Very satisfactory for Italian Troops

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk; Breaches of Security

(a) Nothing to report

(b) No apparent breaches of security

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters

(a) A.D. Mining Officer reports that the labor situation in the mines is under control. The amount of laborers has been increased steadily. Recently about 500 workers arrived from the continent and no unfavorable reaction has been reported as yet.

(b) The labor situation is satisfactory on a whole. However, in Baschul unemployment among bricklayers has become acute. The High Commissioner's Office is studying to see if Public Works projects can be put through to relieve the situation.

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9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.
Attention Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference your letter 825/174/EC dated 12 April 1945 subject as above.

2. Inclosed are eight (8) copies of the Monthly Report for Sardinia for the month of July as reported by the High Commissioner for Sardinia.

3. Since letter 825/212/EC dated 25 July 45 has not been received by this office, this report has been completed in the manner of the previous reports submitted by this office. Request a copy of letter 825/212/EC be forwarded to this office.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 1945

POLITICAL REACTION AND PUBLIC OPINION

On the whole, the political situation is normal. The political parties are intensifying their propaganda in view of the forthcoming administrative and political elections. Among the most active are the Fascist Action Party, the Christian Democrat Party and the Communist Party. The discussions which are taking place in Rome regarding the unification of the Fascist Party with the Communist Party have had as yet no noticeable reaction on the island.

Public spirit is always depressed due to the difficult economic situation which is always becoming aggravated. The participation of Italy in the war against Japan, although it has been accepted favorably from an idealistic view point is causing anxiety that there may be a repercussions of an economic character.

The economic depression has caused agitations especially in Sassari Province, where, due to the food difficulties and unemployment, public protests against the action of the local administrations are frequent.

The activity of the new Ministry of Constituents, under the aspect of the constitutional reforms, is followed with a certain interest. For the moment it is not possible to render a statement on the exact sentiment of the population of Sardinia regarding this matter.

The distrust against the Partisan Movement, which has already been mentioned, has been diminishing after the removal of the Regional Partisan Secretary Porcu, still under arrest, and his substitution with another man who, until this moment, has shown himself to be more moderate and more independent from the movements of the extreme leftists.

The problem of handling and taking care of the Partisans and ex-POWs is becoming one of the most worrying, and concerning this matter you must take into consideration the island's closed economy which makes this problem more difficult to solve.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

During the first two days of July the Regional Council held its third session and discussed numerous administrative and economic matters regarding the island. Later the council held a special meeting at Macomer where they continued to discuss certain matters particularly those regarding the new dispositions for agrarian leases. The singular conditions of the island have brought about the necessity that it must be adjusted to local standards.

The question of farming in Sardinia, the provincial labor office

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The question of forming in Sardinia the Provincial Labor Offices has also been discussed. These offices have not functioned as yet, their affairs being handled by the Chamber of Labor who would not relinquish them very willingly. Anyway, the Chamber of Labor is not the most fit to handle these things which by virtue of their nature must not be under the influence of the political parties.

The Council voted that these new offices should not be formed until the situation is cleared up with the new Ministry of Labor.

The Council has again insisted that the Government expedite the shipment to Sardinia of the free cotton goods for the farmers, and this would be the only way, due to harvest failure and low "massic" prices, which would induce the farmers to turn in to the granaries the small quantities harvested.

In the Commune Administrations you can see the worry caused by the reflex of the forthcoming elections due to their uncertain positions and, most of all, due to the desperate financial situation of the local Communes.

Considering all the work that must be handled by the Prefectures and the Questures, these offices are short of personnel. The situation of the Communes will be the same because, due to the Communes' budget and in compliance with instructions received from the Ministry of Interior, all temporary personnel must be fired and of course this will further weigh on the unemployment problem.

In the local Administration the following changes have taken place in the month of July:

	No. of Communes	New Mayors	Commissary Prefects	Meetings	
				Prov. Adm. Assembly	Provincial Deputations
Cagliari Province	118	3	12	4	4
Sassari Province	72	1	4	3	1
Nuoro Province	69	3	17	2	1

The High Commissioner's Office is studying the question of re-establishing into Communes certain suburbs who lost their commune status during the Fascist regime. The populations concerned are following this matter with interest.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The situation of flour and grain, stated in equivalents of flour at the end of the month of July is as follows:

Consumed during June	59,827 qls.	5905
On hand 30 June	172,343 qls	
Furnished in to the granaries during the month of June	716 qls	
Imported Allied grain during month of July (71,210.60 qls of barley (2/3 Cannon) equivalent in flour to		
Consumption foreseen for July 78,350	45,574	
Foreseen on hand 31 July	145,533	

The state of the granaries, regarding the failure of the harvest, has confirmed the estimates foreseen. It is believed that 60,000 quintals of grain will not be assessed.

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ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The situation of flour and grain, stated in equivalents of flour at the end of the month of July is as follows:

Consumed during June	89,327 qls.	
On hand 30 June		172,343 qls
Returned in to the granaries during the month of June		718 qls
Exported Allied grain during month of July (71,210.40 qls of barley (2/3 Commas) equivalent in flour to		
Consumption foreseen for July 75,300		45,874
Foreseen on hand 31 July		145,533

The state of the granaries, regarding the failure of the harvest, has confirmed the estimates foreseen. It is believed that 60,000 quintals of grain will not be wanted.

OIL

The quantities of oil assessed as of 31 July is as follows:

Edible oil	23,772.18 qls
Acidity oil	1,018.19 qls

Less the quantities allotted, there remain available:

Edible oil	16,686.24 qls
Acidity oil	122. qls

With the opening of the Ardizzone refinery in Sassari 800 qls of acidity oil will be refined for edible purposes, besides larger quantities available of sulphurous oils, which must not be allowed to be exported to the refineries on the mainland.

SALT

During the month of July 6,022.2 tons of salt were exported.

LIVESTOCK

The situation of exporting livestock to the mainland is becoming normal. Only livestock to be slaughtered have been exported. Since it can be said that the livestock disease has been checked and the lack of pastures still persists, it would be necessary to export to the mainland livestock for breeding purposes. The High Commissioner's Office is now making arrangements with the competent government authorities on this matter.

During the month of July the following livestock were exported:

Cattle	8,574
Horses	307
Sheep	5,534.

FISH

Due to the adverse season the tuna catch this ^{year} was exceptionally low. During the season 3,137.53 qds of tuna were caught. 1,825.88 qds were conserved. Very small quantities may be exported, in any matter, not more than 500 qds.

Exportable Surpluses

Cheese is the only item which can be exported from Gardinia. All figures regarding this item are listed further on in this report.

COAL

During the month of July 50,021.00 tons of coal were mined compared with 44,100 tons in the month of June. 27,840 tons were exported to the mainland and 10,500 tons were consumed locally, but 5000 tons are under way of being drawn for the special allocation made for the necessities of the thermo-electrical industries. The quantity on hand as of 1 August is approx 31,705.00 tons.

The need for the month of August is 15,000 tons compared with which 10,800 tons have been allocated, because in Rome it is considered that the difference can be made up with the semi anthracite which though is not adequate due to its size, high production cost, and, above all, for transportation difficulties, due to the expense, the necessary petrol to effectuate the deliveries, that do not compensate the economy of 5000 tons of sulcis coal. The constant increase in production of sulcis coal could induce an allotment of a larger quantity, due to the fact that in the winter months a small consumption is foreseen because the hydro-electric plants will become operative.

Considering the small quantities available, the supply of foreign coal is normal. The quantity on hand is 8488 tons which will suffice until

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TOTAL

Due to the adverse season the tuna catch this year was exceptionally low. During the season 3,197.53 qts of tuna were caught. 1,625.33 qts were conserved. Very small quantities may be exported, in any matter, not more than 500 qts.

Exportable Surpluses

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The need for the month of August is 15,000 tons compared with which 10,500 tons have been allocated, because in Rome it is considered that the difference can be made up with the good anthracite which though is not adequate due to its size, high production cost, and, above all, for transportation difficulties, due to the expense, the necessary petrol to effectuate the deliveries, that do not compensate the economy of 5000 tons of sulcis coal. The constant increase in production of sulcis coal could induce an allotment of a larger quantity, due to the fact that in the winter months a small consumption is foreseen because the hydro-electric plants will become operative.

Considering the small quantities available, the supply of foreign coal is normal. The quantity on hand is 3688 tons which will suffice until 15 September.

IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION

Total imports to Sardinia for the month of July amount to 1,639.63 tons, 1,354.58 tons less than the month of June. The principal products exported are:

Sulcis coal	27,840 tons
Salt	6,022 tons
Various minerals	330 tons
Pine bricks material	3,500 tons
Various products	73 qts
Hides	838 qts
Cork	750 qts
Vegetable fiber	678 qts

Seeds and straw
 Cheese
 Cottage cheese
 Wool blankets
 Cattle
 Horses
 Sheep

750 qls
 3,882 qls
 15 qls
 625
 2,543
 307
 5,534

AGRICULTURE - FORESTRY - FISHERIES

It has been figured that 700,000 qls of grain will not be harvested on the island. The need of these not supplied is about 500,000 qls. of grain. The need of these farmers who were normally supplied by themselves has also been considered due to the failure of the harvest.

The quantity necessary for this need can be determined to be 500,000 qls of grain.

As a whole the general agricultural situation of the island is serious. The harvest has been a failure and the drought continues.

The price of fertilizers for the coming season is high compared to the financial conditions of the farmers.

The distribution of fertilizer is made difficult by the lack of roads.

The problem of utilizing the soil for sowing is complicated by the requests made by the farmers' cooperatives who are not financially and technically equipped to exploit reasonably the soil.

Forests

A few small fires broke out during the month of July. All necessary measures to prevent fires were taken. The Regional Council has settled the forest contracts. The Cameroonian President, by agreement with the Prefects, higher rents for the tracts of forests leased.

Fisheries

The amount of fish caught is still low due to the lack of proper fishing equipment.

LABOR

The unemployment problem is still stationary, except in the Province of Bassari where the unemployment among bricklayers has become acute. The High Commissioner's Office is studying to see if any Public works project can be put through to absorb unemployment.

Although there is unemployment on the island, it is difficult to hire labor for the mines and therefore for this purpose miners have been

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The quantity necessary for this need can be determined to be 528,000 qts of grain.

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Although there is unemployment on the island, it is difficult to hire labor for the mines and therefore for this purpose miners have been recruited from the mainland.

Nothing of importance to note on the labor question at Carbonia. Coal production has continued to increase.

The laborers are still continuing to ask for wage increases.

PUBLIC WORKS

The work on the Contagious Diseases Hospital at Is Mirrionis Barrades, Cagliari has been completed. The Cagliari Prefecture is preparing a list of all the provincial and communal roads which are to be repaired with the special funds which have been budgeted for this purpose. The special Roads and Highways Office has received 5 million lire to start repairing all State roads on the island.

There is still a great shortage of iron and lumber for construction purposes and this situation could be alleviated if all the lumber available belonging to the Military Administration could be utilized.

The work on the Cagliari Port is continuing regularly.

PUBLIC SECURITY

The prison problem is somewhat improved as a result of the departure of the prisoner Gariboldi for the mainland with a number of ex-convicts who had terminated their sentences but could not be released owing to the lack of transport.

The status of public security, on the whole, has not become worse except in the Province of Nuoro where there were reported the following cases: 6 attempted murders, 15 armed burglaries, 3 attempted burglaries. In Cagliari the campaign against false beggary and prostitution is continuing.

The public security situation as a whole is a bit more precarious due to the insufficiency of police strength available on the island. This deficiency is particularly obvious and dangerous during popular demonstrations which are spontaneously provoked by restless elements. These manifestations are verified with increasing frequency especially in the provinces of Sassari and Nuoro against the functioning of the Communal Administration. Most of the complaints are due to the food and financial crises of the regions.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Fortunately, notwithstanding the adverse climatic conditions and the deficiency of hygienic stores, till now no serious epidemics have been reported.

On the contrary, the question of assistance to tuberculars is very serious since the State has ceased to take care of some cases of T.B. and the local agencies have not the financial means of giving assistance and cure since the number of cases is larger than ever.

The seriousness of the situation has been communicated to the Ministry of the Interior by the High Commissioner. If urgent financial assistance is not forthcoming, a sum of approx 10 million lire, not only will new cases be decided assistance but many who are at present hospitalized must be released.

EDUCATION

The survey exams have been completed and the schools are closed. 5980

INFORMERS

During the month of July the following refugees left for the mainland:

- 359 Province of Sassari
- 67 Province of Nuoro
- 815 Province of Cagliari

Only a few hundred remain to be shipped.

During the month of July, 1084 refugees arrived and were immediately sent to their respective communes. Assistance to refugees is not all that is desired due for the most part to the lack of funds.

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- 250 Province of Sassari
- 67 Province of Nuoro
- 215 Province of Cagliari

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During the month of July, 1056 refugees arrived and were immediately sent to their respective provinces. Assistance to refugees is not all that is desired due for the most part to the lack of funds.

COMMUNICATIONS

Road Transport

The situation is worse now than ever before. The expected arrival of tires and tubes has not yet materialized and each day new services are paralyzed. The transport of foodstuffs is particularly impeded.

The allocation of fuel, which was always sufficient during the Allied Commission's stay in Sardinia, is now reduced and as a consequence is inferior to the minimum needs.

We requested 1,605 qts of gasoline, 3,300 qts of diesel and 2,086 qts of kerosene and were allotted 1,311, 2,577 and 2,010 qts respectively.

Rail Transport

Nothing new to report. One diesel locomotive was sent to the mainland which caused some reaction in some local political circles.

Water Transport

The water transport situation is as inadequate as ever. The necessity of having regular service between Olbia and central and Northern Italy are more apparent than ever. Awaited is the announced initiation of ferry service of the S/S Rosanigo between Olbia and Civitavecchia.

FOREIGN CONTROL

Nothing new to report.

Ferry difficulties is the guarding of imported foodstuffs in the ports along internal roads due to the limited number of Public Safety Agents and G.O.M. who are needed for other services.

FINANCE

The velocity of monetary circulation is below that of the mainland and the purchasing power of the lira is greater. The standard of living has not, however, improved much due to the failure of crops and the small volume of commercial exchanges with the mainland.

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SOLDIER WELFARE OFFICE

Ref.No.05675/B.S.

APO 3800, July 10, 1945

To: MINISTER OF WAR
UNDERSECRETARY OF WAR
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ITALIAN ARMYAbstract of report on the morale of the troops for
the month of June 1945

Abstract of the report from H.Q.s.	Remarks by this office
<u>MORALE:</u> In general, the state of morale may be described as still good in the Combat Groups and Supply Divisions in the rear of operational units, and not quite so good in the other units; every-where, however, soldiers evidence a high degree of sensitiveness and a great readiness to change their attitude, so that the situation may be described as extremely tense. The exultation which followed the liberation of Northern Italy has given way to a state of depression due to difficult living conditions in general: higher prices, shortage of materials and transport, destruction of property, unemployment; the men of the older classes are impatient to get out of the Army, after years and years of continuous service they feel the need to go back to their homes, they fear that all jobs will be taken by those who,	(1) This condition is readily noticeable through conversations with soldiers of all branches of the service, of all ranks, social strata and military classes. Particular attention should be called to the behavior of very many volunteers (irrespective of their military class) who are convinced that their obligation to serve should be regarded as limited to the 59. period of actual military operations. The Germans having been expelled from Italy, they consider that they are <u>entitled</u> to return immediately to civilian life. Mention should also be made of the impression - as reported also by the press - that some German units in the upper Adige and in some other areas in Italy are receiving a treatment which is considered preferential. Commanders and officers circulate freely in concentration

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some reason or other, have served in the Armed Forces, including the young ones; they feel that it is unfair to release men without taking into account the actual length of service, and they cannot grasp the fact that releases and the call-up of young men - both closely connected and inter-related cannot be improvised: they are more receptive to the various types of propaganda of the political parties; they are progressively less docile and sensitive to the remarks of their officers. The latter, on the other hand, especially Reinforcement officers - share, at heart, the feeling of their subordinates; while Regular Army officers are in a state of grave anxiety due to worry over their future and over the distressing economic conditions, particularly serious for those forced to maintain two homes.

The consequences of this general state of mental depression are evidenced by an increase in the number of desertions and absences without leave.

The fact, however, that many absentees without leave rejoin their units despite active propaganda to the contrary from both their families and from trouble makers of all nationalities and parties in their hometowns, proves that basically the great mass of soldiers still has a sense of discipline.

One of the HQ's. (212) calls out particular attention to the extremely active propaganda which is being conducted in the Leghorn area and which, under the guise of an anti-monarchist program, carries on a clearly subversive activity.

areas on motor vehicles many of which were requisitioned in Italy and seen to enjoy a prestige much greater than that of the Italian Commands themselves.

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REASONS FOR DEPRESSION:

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- Anti-militarist, subversive propaganda conducted by the press of the extreme left, which finds fertile ground among soldiers, or those retained in the service and among volunteers who wish to be returned immediately to civilian life;
- worry over the fact that any delay in their release might increase their difficulties in finding suitable work;
- the showiness and disorganization of the postal service, which makes it difficult for them to resume correspondence with their relatives;
- the persistent defamatory campaign against officers, conducted by a certain type of press and not suppressed by the responsible Government, which makes it extremely difficult to maintain discipline and unity in the Army.
- the persistent economic difficulties of officers, NCO's and their families, especially of those whose duties force them to live apart from their families;
- the complete lack of news from the provinces of VENEZIA GIULIA so far.

ACTION MOST URGENTLY NEEDED:

- A strengthening of authority through the adoption of drastic measures against the spreading of offenses which are becoming habitual (desertion, absence without leave, theft, unlawful dealings).
- plan and organize urgently a fast postal service to include

Postal service: lack of transport and consequent slowing down of the movement of soldiers who are being released or are going on furlough or are travelling on official business, and hardships, both physical and economic, at stopping places not sufficiently equipped; delays in the release of men due to failure to provide timely replacements have been the object of several communications and recommendations from this office, both in individual letters and previous reports.

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the Alpine regions, the upper
Adige and Venezia Giulia.

- speed up the measures concerning the release of older classes
- regulate and broaden the granting of furloughs to Sardinia, now reduced to a minimum due to a lack of means
- restore the 10 Lire ration supplement for non-mobilized troops, since the present supplement of 5 Lire is of no avail, considering the extremely high prices of foodstuffs on the open market;
- tackle and solve at the earliest possible moment the problem of clothing and footwear;
- allot a larger amount of soap, since the present ration is not sufficient to ensure a minimum of cleanliness, especially during the hot season;
- authorize officers and NCO's, who are unable to buy uniforms from the trade, to draw same from Army depots against payment;
- force the "Unione Militare" to act as a price-ceiling in favour of officers and NCO's;
- improve the quality of tobacco and increase the amount issued against payment;
- publicize through the press the part our soldiers have played in the war of liberation;

Despite a shortage of means, a lack of cooperation from civilian authorities and complete indifference on the part of the population, soldier welfare work is being tackled with determination.

As already mentioned in the previous report and in the pay

requisition for the new 3-month period, the end of hostilities underlines the advisability of extending allowances paid to Combat Groups as bonuses and subsidies for military personnel and their families, to Territorial Military Commands in equal measure, leaving to the Commands the initiative as to their use. It is advisable to eliminate all differences in the treatment of the various units under arms (Combat Groups, Administrative and Supply Divisions, Territorial Military Commands) since now there is a uniformity of position and of tasks.

Best care should be given sick soldiers at hospitals, regardless of the cause of such sickness: neither they nor their families should be given the impression that nobody cares. The more illness, the greater the amount of aid they should receive: at this time, unfortunately, the opposite is true.

The economic difficulties of officers and NCO's who, in order to live, are forced to make heavy financial sacrifices, have utterly negative moral repercussions; it is imperative to perform an act of justice in order to deter many officers and NCO's from giving up their Army career.

(Sgd): G.C. TAMASSIA
Brig. General.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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27 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME.

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No. 14

Period from 21 June 45
to 20 July 45.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 1944, subject report is submitted.

1. MORALE: As a whole the morale of the troops in Sicily remains good.
2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR TRENDS:
Nothing to report.
3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION:
Nothing to report.
4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - PROPOGANDA - MONARCHISM:
Nothing to Report.
5. RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDE TOWARD ALLIED TROOPS:
From my own observation - good.
6. DISCIPLINE:
As a whole - good.
7. RUMORS AND INDISCREET TALK - BREACHES OF SECURITY:
Nothing to report.

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8. SUMMARY OF MILITARY SECURITY:

Nothing to report.

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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LEADER OFFICE
1133 FORCES DIVISION
ARMED FORCES (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Berlin
A.F.O. 194. U.S. ARMY

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19 July 1945

To: Commanding General, Land Forces Bde Zone A.G. (231A)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Berlin.

Area Covered: Berlin

Report No. 15

Period From 21 June to 19 July 1945

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Berlin appears to be high. No complaints have been received. When inspections are made, conversations are held with officers and enlisted men, and grievances have been expressed. Now that the majority of the Italian soldiers stationed here, from the Northern part of Italy, have had a chance to go on leave, the griping has been reduced to a minimum.

(b) Public morale is just satisfactory. According to the High Commissioner's Report for the month of June 1945, the people are worried about the economic situation due to the bad wheat crop because of the dry season and grasshoppers and transportation difficulties.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-allied activities and trends: Nothing to report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition: Nothing to report.

4. Political activities:

(a) Political propaganda is being intensified due to the coming administrative elections. The arrest of the secretary of the Partisan Regional Federation, Piero Clavette, has produced a strong re-

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action among the population and it has been a satisfaction to those who see in the Partisan Movement the embryo of violent revolution. In some corners of the Province of Sassari (Tempio, Olbia) demonstrations by the Left Partisan were held against the administrations of the towns. The Prefect promptly intervened in each case. (High Commissioner's Report for June 1943).

6. Relations with and Attitude toward Allied Forces:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline:

(a) Very satisfactory for Italian troops.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security:

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) An Mining Officer reports that the labor situation in the mines is under control. Also that the Carabinieri are afraid that German Prisoners of War are coming over to work the mines. The local officials are afraid they will have any cause trouble.

(b) Col Guarini, CO.M. commanding officer in Cagliari, reported verbally that during the week July 3 - July 15 there were minor disturbances in Tempio, Olbia and Alghero. One Carabinieri was injured at Tempio. Reasons for demonstrations are general unrest and the food situation.

(c) The labor situation as a whole is better. However, there is an unemployment problem in the construction industry, office workers and forest industries.

3. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.

2. Information (Black) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.

Leslie H. Albert

LESLIE H. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Lt. Col. J. Taylor,

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Dear General I S

At the recent meeting of HLI G1's with Lt. Col. Howard it was suggested that each G1 write a DO letter to you giving the general picture of the Gruppo and its activities.

The 'Polgore' Gruppo at present is doing the job of frontier control, internal security and the guarding of Dumps in this area which extends from the Brenner Pass in the North to PIVA on Lake Garda in the South, and from Stelvio Pass on the Swiss border to Dobbiaco Pass on the East. Group HQ are situated at HESSANONE with the HLI in a villa about 1 mile South. 'S. Marco' Regt have their HQ in BOLZANO and control the area roughly from inclusive BRENNER down Route 12 to BOLZANO and thence West to Stelvio Pass also inclusive. The 'Nebo' regt have their HQ at DOMBIAIO and control the remainder of the sector in the North and come Southwards to the approx line of FIEVE di CADORO which is a small town about 15 miles SE of CORTINA. The Engineers are employed in an infantry role and have a sector to the East of BOLZANO with their HQ at CORTINA. The Arty Regt are in control of the Southern sector with HQ at LEVICO about 10 miles East of TRENTO.

We have recently been relieved of certain commitments in the PALLES and HELLING area by the 'Priuli' Gruppo and the Artillery Batteries relieved, three in number, are coming North to relieve certain elements of 'S. Marco' to enable the Gruppo to thicken up the troops in the BRENNER area where it is proposed to operate an intensive patrol system.

As you know, this area was at one time Austrian and the population here are largely German speaking. I don't know what the percentage of Italian speaking civilians is but I think comparatively small, especially in the North. The Gruppo were warned that the political situation would probably be difficult in this area on account of the mixed population and I think they have played up very well. There have been any number of incidents reported to me, but investigation usually reveals nothing other than that the information has probably come from a pro-German source with a view to discredit the Italian army in the eyes of the Allies and the Tyrolean population.

One unfortunate aspect at present is the anti-Italian feeling among certain of the American troops in the area who look down on the Italian soldiers and in many cases have been quite offensive even to fairly senior officers. This is now, I hope, under control as I have discussed this matter with the American authorities and we are organising 'get together parties' etc with a view to friendly relations. I have also been putting across the story of this particular Gruppo in the fighting which took place in the Spring, and now I feel that the American attitude is becoming tolerant even if not friendly.

The political situation within the Gruppo is quite satisfactory now. The acting commander, Colonel de Michelis is a good ~~man~~ and cooperates very well with us. The Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. de Martino, is an excellent man and really works very hard to maintain discipline and cooperates with us in everything. On the whole the officers in the Gruppo are quite good excepting a few senior officers who are very friendly but not particularly efficient. The junior officers are the main ~~problem~~.

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Gen. Morigi who has just been relieved of command was a very bad influence and already the difference in relations between Gruppo and RH is very marked.

Discipline is on the whole quite good although I feel that minor offenders are often not punished severely enough. Desertion and absence has been very low, due I think to the fact that the Regts of this Gruppo are units of long standing with a certain amount of tradition and not as in many cases just a collection of individuals.

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Our principal troubles at present are firstly the lack of organised transport for long distance leave. The present system of sending leave parties as far South as ROSE in unit transport is uneconomical and can very easily be abused. The other thing is lack of welfare facilities such as games of all kinds etc. Canteen items are in very short supply but I believe nothing can be done as most of these items come from British sources and the shortage is general. The transport and welfare difficulties were noted by Howard who promised to try to help.

The BLU has been very busy since we arrived in this area, sorting out all the problems which have been cropping up. I think on the whole everything is quite satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,

To : Maj Gen L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.
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SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME.

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No.13

Period from 21 May 1945
to 20 June 1945.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 1944, subject report is submitted.

A. 1. MORALE As a whole the morale of the troops in Sicily, remains good. However, something must be done soon to permit extended periods of leave for these troops to visit their homes in Sardinia. There are over 10,000 troops in Sicily, but only 28 ordinary leave passes are received each month. This is far below the authorized 5 percent authorized passes. The great majority of troops in Sicily have their homes in Sardinia and I feel that morale is going to take a decided drop unless something is done to permit them to go home.

2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR TRENDS

Nothing to report.

3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Nothing to report.

4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - PROPAGANDA - MONARCHISM.

a. Since the sending of Call-ups to the Mainland has stopped, they are being assigned to units within Sicily. It has been reported to me by the Deputy Chief of Staff that many of these men are indoctrinated with Separatist ideas and are disseminating their propaganda among the troops. No disturbances are reported, it is personally felt that such might follow after a period of time.

5. RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDE TOWARD ALLIED TROOPS

From my own observations - good.

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6. DISCIPLINE

As a whole, good.

7. RUMORS AND INDISCREET TALK - BREACHES OF SECURITY.

a. Nothing to report.

8. SUMMARY OF MILITARY SECURITY.

a. Nothing to report.

Walter E. Long
WALTER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

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25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence Report - Italian Troops with Fifth Army.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M&IA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference your file No. S/1/106/1 of 7 December 1944.

2. General Security:

- a. Morale: Since the liberation of Northern Italy and the termination of the war in Italy, morale among the Italian officers and men have been high. Was always lead to believe that they liked only peacetime soldiering, now I am convinced of it. Instead of ANOIs, 210 Division is consistently over its ceiling. Most of the troops are not now gainfully employed and appear to like it.
- b. Anti-Allied Activities or Trends: None that I know of.
- c. Illegal Storage of Arms or Ammunition: None
- d. Political Activity: No officer within my knowledge has been spreading any propaganda or taking any part in any political activity.
- e. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops: Very satisfactory as far as officers and soldiers are concerned.
- f. Discipline: No problem.

g. Summary of Military Security: Not important now.

3. Personalities:

a. Information on higher leaders:

- (1) General Officer, Commanding Territorial HQ No. 6, CERICA Angelo; appointment, General Staff, Lieutenant General; age 60. Reasonably cooperative, not obstructive, his political views are likewise no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers but he is not engaging in any political activity to my knowledge. I consider him an efficient, capable and trustworthy officer. Understand General Clark recommended him for the American Legion of Merit.

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- (2) General Officer, Commanding 210 Division, CORTESE Giuseppe; appointment, General Staff, Brigadier General; age 56. Reasonably cooperative, not obstructive, his political views are no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers but he is not engaging in any political activity to my knowledge. I consider him an efficient officer and possessing considerable energy. I recommend him for the Legion of Merit.

L. Conclusion: The above opinions and views are my own and based upon my own observations which of course are limited in scope. So far as I can determine, generally speaking, no serious disaffection, lack of loyalty or any other willful disloyal activity has or does exist among the Italian officers and men assigned or attached to Fifth Army which would be inimical to the interests of the Allies.

R.C. Van Kirk

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

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20 June 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm A.O. (SMA)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 14

Period from 21 May to 20 June 1945

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received. However, the soldiers here from the northern part of Italy are anxious to get home to see their families.

There are a number of Italian soldiers here from the northern part of Italy who were discharged from the Army upon securing employment locally. Now that their home has been liberated they left their job and are waiting to go home. Recently an incident was reported where a few of these ex soldiers went into a local restaurant, had dinner and then walked out without paying. The longer this group remains here the more of these incidents are bound to come up. The lack of shipping is the cause of this condition.

(b) Public morale is just satisfactory. There is considerable political activity and public spirit as a whole follows the activities of the political parties with indifference and seeks more than anything else a solution to the governmental crisis which may recognize the real interests of the country especially in the field of political economy and finances.

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2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:
Nothing to report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:
Nothing to report.

4. Political Activity:

(a) Political propaganda of the political parties is being intensified. The Communist Party held a regional assembly and numerous meetings at which time statements supporting the autonomistic aspirations of the Sardinians were made. The Sard Action Party is the largest political group on the island.

There have been some skirmishes between the Communists and adherents and Catholic organizations. The Bishops have taken a stand. So far there have been no serious incidents. On recent trip up the island I noticed a sign painted on the side of a house in a small town saying "Do Not Believe in the Priests".

5. Relations with and Attitude Toward Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline:

Very satisfactory for Italian troops.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security:

(a) Fascists are becoming more powerful in Sardinia.

(b) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) AG Mining Officer at Carbonia reports that the labor situation is under control. The miners, always ready to go on strike, have apparently reached an agreement resulting in an increase in coal output for the month.

(b) Workers of the Sard Electric Society, which holds a monopoly in distribution of electric power, asked for workers rights similar to power societies of Northern and Central Italy, wage increase and a seniority system which was refused by the Sard Society resulting in a partial strike. The High Commissioner intervened and agreement was reached.

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There has been an increase of unemployment due to the return of prisoners and evacuees and a tendency of employers to decrease their personnel by lengthening hours in order to decrease wages. A number of factories have had to close down because of lack of materials.

(c) An arrest was made by C.C.B. of a mounted civilian who speaks very good English, Di Bellis Luigi. He had no identification papers on his person. He claims that he was born in New York. He came to Sardinia with American troops as a laborer and quit over a year ago. He speaks Italian very well with a Sicilian accent. The C.C.B. are checking further.

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

2. Information (Black) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

Lester R. Albright

LESTER R. ALBRIGHT
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Security Intelligence Report - ITALIAN
ARMY - for period 7 April - 7 June 1945

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (AMIA)

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15 June 1945

TO : G-2 Section, Allied Force Headquarters (E)

1. The end of the War in Europe and the successes of the Italian Combat Gps caused great rejoicing in the Italian Army. The realization for so many that at least the North of Italy was free and that the long separation from par-
ents and homes was at an end caused widespread relief from anxiety and the ful-
fillment of the ardent desire for leave or demobilization.
2. The serious problem of partial disintegration owing to men going home both licitly and illicitly had to be faced. It was realized that the tired and, in many cases apathetic soldiers of the older classes would go absent, and the desertion rate would probably increase by leaps and bounds - at least temporarily. To meet the situation with a view to preserving the general good standard of morale and maintaining a reasonable standard of discipline, gradual demobilization of the older classes of men with homes in the North and an increase in the leave quota from 5 to 15 per cent, known as Liberation Leave, was authorized. In addition, many units granted leave freely, men went and came back; in other cases men stayed at home.

This situation, foreseen and, to a certain extent, allowed for, does not reflect seriously on the morale of the Italian Army generally, but rather is a natural sequence to the general war weariness of the Italians.

The situation is still delicate but it is hoped that it will right it-
self as in many cases men are returning to their units of their own accord and as a result of the steps taken. In addition reports from both Combat Gps and Service Units working for the Allies confirm that morale remains high. Allied Officers visiting Italian Units in the North give encouraging reports of good discipline, cleanliness and order in Italian Units. Allied Commanders employing Italian Troops give a good account of them.

3. During the first days of the liberation of the North a very noticeable hostile attitude was adopted by Partisans towards regular troops and Italian Officers from the South. According to many Partisans the North had been liber-
ated by them and the Italian Army had done nothing! There was much jealousy shown by Partisans towards the troops when they saw the good clothing, equipment and rations of the soldiers. This was particularly noticeable in the reluctance even animosity towards the establishment of the Italian Army Territorial HQ's organized and authorized for the North. The Patriot Leaders particularly did not like the idea of handing back their power and becoming servants where they had been masters.

2. The serious problem of partisan discipline was being solved, both licitly and illicitly had to be faced. It was realized that the tired and, in many cases apathetic soldiers of the older classes would go absent, and the desertion rate would probably increase by leaps and bounds - at least temporarily. To meet the situation with a view to preserving the general good standard of morale and maintaining a reasonable standard of discipline, gradual demobilization of the older classes of men with homes in the North and an increase in the leave quota from 5 to 15 per cent, known as Liberation Leave, was authorized. In addition, many units granted leave freely, men went and came back; in other cases men stayed at home.

This situation, foreseen and, to a certain extent, allowed for, does not reflect seriously on the morale of the Italian Army generally, but rather is a natural sequence to the general war weariness of the Italians.

The situation is still delicate but it is hoped that it will right itself as in many cases men are returning to their units of their own accord and as a result of the steps taken. In addition reports from both Combat Ops and Service Units working for the Allies confirm that morale remains high. Allied Officers visiting Italian Units in the North give encouraging reports of good discipline, cleanliness and order in Italian Units. Allied Commanders employing Italian Troops give a good account of them.

3. During the first days of the liberation of the North a very noticeable hostile attitude was adopted by Partisans towards regular troops and Italian Officers from the South. According to many Partisans the North had been liberated by them and the Italian Army had done nothing! There was much jealousy shown by Partisans towards the troops when they saw the good clothing, equipment and rations of the soldiers. This was particularly noticeable in the reluctance even animosity towards the establishment of the Italian Army Territorial HQ's organized and authorized for the North. The Patriot Leaders particularly did not like the idea of handing back their power and becoming servants where they had been masters. This however is serving itself out.

The prestige of the Italian Army might have suffered seriously but for two important facts:-

The first was that the worst elements amongst the Partisans were committing "treasonable" acts of every description under the pretext of anti-fascism and by force of arms, with complete lack of justice and decency in many cases, backed by much political intrigue. This has had its effect on the civil population.

Secondly, the highest praise given to the Italian Army by Field Marshal ALEXANDER and General CLARK, and both Army Commanders and made known to the Italian people in the North through press and radio, maintained the prestige of

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the Army. Through an intensive propaganda campaign for the Army supported by the Italian Government the Bersaglieri are beginning to realize that it is the 500,000 Italian Troops under Field Marshal ALKANDER's Supreme Command who have contributed far more than the Patriots to the liberation of Italy and who now help to maintain the Internal Security of the Country.

The net result is that Patriot stock is falling, while Italian Army stock is rising - which is all to the good and should continue, provided that the Patriots are no longer "Cried up" in the press and on the radio.

4. No serious breaches of Security have been reported and relations between Allied and Italian Troops continue to be good. There is a genuine attitude of co-operation between all ranks.

The guarding of the RUMBER Pass has been entrusted to the FELDER Op. This has been welcomed by the Italians and prominence was given to the hand over in the Italian Press. The remaining groups have been entrusted with Internal Security and Guard Duties in FLEMMONT and LOMMONT.

5. Some reports of subversive political activity by left wing elements and accusations in opposition newspapers against the "Loyalist Army" indicate a certain hostility towards the Italian Army. Morale generally has not suffered, however, and great stress has been laid on the "above party" qualities of the Army, led by Count CASATI who, with true patriotism has worked hard to restore much of the prestige of the Italian Army.

Internal: War Diary (2)

Major General
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Italian Army

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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25 May 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your S/I/106 of 7 December

1. This outstation has nothing to report for the period ending 25 May 1945.
2. In view of the cessation of hostilities, will you please inform this office if it is still necessary to make a monthly report.

George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.P.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

20 May 1946

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.I.A.)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 13

Period from 21 April to 20 May 1946

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received. The end of the war in Europe was enthusiastically received by all on the island. The soldiers ^{here} from the Northern Part of Italy are anxious to get home and see their families. A large number of parades were conducted and demonstrations held. However, no disturbances were reported. Everybody seemed to be relieved that the war was over.

(b) Phase II Recall has been completed. Even though the goal of 8000 was not reached, it appears that all the men available have reported.

(c) Public morale which was at a low ebb due to the prolonged war has as a result of the victorious conclusion of the war reached a new high. Particularly well received was the news of the rapid liberation of Northern Italy in which the partisans played an important and valorous part. On the other hand, the fact that Italy was not asked to participate in the San Francisco conference has caused considerable disappointment.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:

(a) The local Radio Station has been turned over to the civilians. Dr. Amerigo Gomez is in charge. The OWI representative in Sardinia has submitted a report indicating that Dr. Gomez is carrying on anti-Allied propaganda program. He is very bitter against MMIA for taking the Italian soldiers away that were running the station while it was under military control. He was responsible for an article in the local newspaper that the military personnel were being taken away because the Allies could not spare 50 rations. He has also made some broadcasts on this subject. A number of his broadcasts are anti-Allied.

There are some rumors about Dr. Gomez's background. It seems that he was the former announcer of all Fascist programs at the Radio Station in Florence. The local newspapers were going to attack him but at the last moment he was able to display a certificate that he had been a "patriot" before the German withdrawal. A more complete report has been sent to Press and Radio Censorship Branch, Unit #2, APO 612 by Lt Anthony V. Curatelo.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition

Nothing to Report.

4. Political Activity

Nothing to Report.

5. Relations with and Attitude Toward Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable

6. Discipline: Very satisfactory.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security:

(a) The following article appeared in the local newspaper "L'Unione Sarda" which according to CWS together with similar articles has caused a number of desertions:

"An extraordinary conference was held by the Cagliari section of the Partito Sardo D'Azione since it was noted that in spite of the war's having ended, the departure of servicemen from Sardinia still continues with a speedy cadence, even those rejected and those exempted for being students, for family reasons and because brothers were killed in action; they are bringing to the attention that while said departures are hindering the re-establishment of activities in all fields on the island, with particular regard to the agricultural and industrial ones, which always complained for shortage of manpower, they increase the discomfort of numerous families, already experienced to suffering and sacrifices, detracting politically and morally from the population of the island; they rise against the exploitation which continues in Sardinia,

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notwithstanding all the promises of equity and justice, in favor of other regions of Italy which necessarily have refused to adhere to the request of the Rome Government; invites the Regional Directorate to reach an immediate agreement with the other parties for energetic mutual action with the Rome Government as well as the Allied authorities so that this ignoble draft be discontinued and the Sardinian servicemen be permitted to return to their homes so that our population, no longer patient and obedient, will not be forced to adopt other means to have their rights and interests recognized."

(b) Fear of Fascists becoming more powerful.

(c) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) Phase II Recall has been completed and no incidents or demonstrations have been reported.

(b) On 4 May students paraded in Cagliari and all the principal cities on the island protesting the occupation of Trieste by Tito. They wish to fight in order to retain this territory.

(c) The coal miners are always ready to go on strike. Strikes of the slow down variety have occurred over wages. However, it appears that an agreement has been reached.

(d) According to the High Commissioner in the cities unemployment has increased while in rural districts there is a shortage of agricultural and pastoral labor due to the recall. 5955

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.
2. Information (Black) on higher leaders:
Nothing to report.

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1601

22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army
TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No.13

Period from 21 April
to 20 May 1945.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 44, subject report is submitted.

A. GENERAL SECURITY

1. Morale. The morale of the Italian troops as a whole remains good. It is reported that the troops of the Montegrano Alpini Battalion whose homes are in North Italy are, now that the war is over, becoming restless and demanding to be sent home as they are for the most part of the 1913 and older classes. The officers of the Battalion are laying great stress on this unrest and discontentment, however, it is not as yet noticeable on the outside. I do not look for much trouble from the Alpini troops because they are older men and are well disciplined.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or Trends.

a. Nothing has come from the investigation of Colonel Micaletti, Chief of Intelligence, Territorial Headquarters Palermo, and apparently the investigation has been dropped.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition.

a. Nothing to report from the Army.

4. Political Activity - Propaganda - Monarchism.

a. Nothing to report from the Army.

b. The Separatist movement in Palermo has fallen far into the background since the Republican-Democrats marched on the Separatist Headquarters and tossed all the furnishings into the middle of Via Maqueda.

The Communists were out in full force May Day and held parades, waved banners and made speeches all over town. No disturbances resulted.

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5. Relations with and Attitude toward Allied Troops.

a. From my own observations - good.

6. Discipline.

a. As a whole good.

b. On 25 April a few Military of Sardinian origin belonging to the 145th I.S. Regiment, located at Siracusa, suddenly began an unorderly protest demonstration because of the delayed payment of the increase of the Men's pay authorized by War Ministry as an advance payment for the months of January and February only.

In the course of these demonstrations a number of hand grenades, illegally taken from a Company storeroom, were thrown from the windows of the dormitories into the Barracks Yard, which was at that moment completely empty.

The immediate action of the Officers present in the Barracks, of Col. Salerno, Regimental Commander, and of General De Lorenzis, Commanding the 2nd. I.S. Brigade, straightaway re-established order.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet talk - Breaches of Security.

a. Nothing to report from the Army.

8. Summary of Military Security

Nothing to report.

9. The 51st Field Security Section, which was my main source of information has left the Island and it is a most difficult task to make a very full and comprehensive report. Other Allied intelligence agencies on the Island do not as a rule secure information on the Italian Army. The Italian Army Agencies do not render reports to this office nor will they do so, they themselves are not above suspicion.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
US ARMY

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8 May 1945

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence Report - Italian Troops with Fifth Army.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference your File No. S/1/106/1 of 7 December 1944.

2. General Security:

a. Morale: Since the liberation of Northern Italy and the termination of the war in this theater, the absences without leave and desertions have increased considerably but the Italian officers assure me that most of these men will return as soon as they have visited their folks. These absences are caused by a lack of discipline inherent in the Italian Army, and is not so much a question of morale. Much is being done to improve morale. Good food and clothes helps build up morale more than anything else. The distribution of reading matter, newspapers, and the establishment of recreation rooms also help.

b. Anti-Allied Activities or Trends: None that I am conscious of among the Italian officers and men with whom I come in contact.

c. Illegal Storage of Arms or Ammunition: None.

d. Political Activity: The Italian officers with whom I meet apparently fear a communistic Italy and probably favor continuing the war. No officer within my knowledge has been spreading any propaganda or taking any part in any political activity.

e. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops: Very satisfactory as far as officers and soldiers are concerned.

f. Discipline: Improving.

g. Summary of Military Security: Conditions here are very satisfactory.

3. Personalities:

a. Information on higher leaders:

- (1) General Officer, Commanding Territorial HQ No. 6, CBRICA Angelco; appointment, General Staff, Lieutenant General; age 60. Reasonably cooperative, not obstructive, his political views are likewise no doubt as indicated above.

Good food and clothes helps build up morale more than anything else. The distribution of reading matter, newspapers, and the establishment of recreation rooms also help.

b. Anti-Allied Activities or Trends: None that I am conscious of among the Italian officers and men with whom I come in contact.

c. Illegal Storage of Arms or Ammunition: None.

d. Political Activity: The Italian officers with whom I meet, apparently fear a communistic Italy and probably favor continuing the monarchy. No officer within my knowledge has been spreading any propaganda or taking any part in any political activity.

e. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops: Very satisfactory as far as officers and soldiers are concerned.

f. Discipline: Improving.

g. Summary of Military Security: Conditions here are very satisfactory.

3. Personalities:

a. Information on higher leaders:

(1) General Officer, Commanding Territorial HQ No. 6, CERICA Angelo; appointment, General Staff, Lieutenant General; age 60. Reasonably cooperative, not obstructive, his political views are likewise no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers but he is not engaging in any political activity to my knowledge. I consider him an efficient, capable and trustworthy officer. He is the officer who originally arrested Mussolini.

(2) General Officer, Commanding 210 Division, COITSE Giuseppe; appointment, General Staff, Brigadier General; age 56. Reasonably cooperative; not obstructive, his political views are no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers but he is not engaging in any political activity to my knowledge. I consider him an efficient officer and possessing considerable energy.

- (3) General Officer, Commanding 231 Division, MANHEI Mario; appointment, General Staff, Brigadier General; age 53. Have not had the contact with General MANHEI that I have had with the other two general officers in this area but he appears to be cooperative and capable.

4. Conclusion: The above opinions and views are my own and based upon my own observations which of course are limited in scope. So far as I can determine, generally speaking, no serious disaffection, lack of loyalty or any other willful disloyal activity exists among the Italian officers and men assigned or attached to Fifth Army which would be inimical to the interests of the Allied cause.

F.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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25 April 1945

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your S/I/106 of 7 December 1944.

1. This outstation has nothing to report for the
period ending 25 April 1945.

George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICE

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (AMIA)
 8 U.S. NOB PALERMO

No. 1575

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (AMIA) ROME

Copy to: M.O.F. Palermo

Out-Station - Sicily

Report No. 12

Area Covered - Sicily

Period from 21 March
 61 to 20 April 1945.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 44, subject report is submitted.

A. GENERAL SECURITY.

1. Morale. The morale of the Italian troops remains good.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or Trends.
 A Colonel Micaletti, Chief of Intelligence, Territorial Headquarters Palermo, is under surveillance by local Allied Intelligence officers. It has been reported to me that this officer has been observed in the company of persons whose viewpoints and activities are somewhat questionable. No definite Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or trends can be proven as yet against Colonel Micaletti. And for that reason the above information is passed on to your office for whatever information it may be worth to you. I have met Colonel Micaletti on occasions and although I haven't noticed anything pointing to an Anti-Allied trend, he is not generally liked by reasons by his fellow officers.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition.
 a. Nothing to report from the Army.

b. The belief that arms and ammunition were being smuggled into Sicily from the Island of Pantelleria has been discredited and that no arms have been taken from the island.

4. Political Activity - Propaganda - Monarchism.
 a. Nothing to report from the Army.

b. On Friday, 20 April 45, in a Palermo Cafe a number of Separatist Party attendees.

Report No.12

Period from 21 March 61 to 29 April 1945.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 44, subject report is submitted.

A. GENERAL SECURITY.

1. Morale. The morale of the Italian troops remains good.
2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or Trends.
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3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition.

- a. Nothing to report from the Army.
- b. The belief that arms and ammunition were being smuggled into Sicily from the Island of Pantelleria has been discredited and that no arms have been taken from the island.

4. Political Activity - Propaganda - Monarchism.

- a. Nothing to report from the Army.
- b. On Friday, 20 April 45, in a Palermo Cafe a member of the Separatist Party attacked a member of the Republican-Democrat Party. In retaliation a band of Republican-Democrats marched on the Separatist Headquarters in Via Maqueda, finding no one present they very obligingly tore down all Separatist posters, broke out all windows and threw typewriters, furniture, etc. out into the middle of Via Maqueda.

5. Relations with and Attitude toward Allied Troops.

- a. From my own observations - good.
- b. Captain Mooney, C-3 204 Sub Area, called at the office and showed me a report of the incident in Catania when an Italian soldier threw a hand grenade at a British C.M.P. and injured him. It seems that about 2300 hours, 1st April 45, two British and two Italian Military Police while patrolling a street in Catania approached two Italian soldiers who appeared to be drunk. The report shows that the soldiers were setting on a safety island in the street and when the MPs checked their passes they found a

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5. b. (continued).....knife on one of them which was confiscated. One of the soldiers drew a hand grenade from his pocket and threatened to throw it if the knife was not returned to his companion. The knife was returned and the police withdrew. The police shadowed the two soldiers and one of them (an MP) subsequently fired several shots at them. In retaliation the Italian soldier threw the hand grenade at the Military Police, injuring one of them about the head and hands. It was learned that the two soldiers belonged to the 1st. Bn., 1st Co., 45th Regiment, Sabauda Division and on 4 April 45 a stand to or parade was held in the company street and the two soldiers were identified by the MPs. The accused both made statements and were placed in arrest. The statements of the accused coincided with the story, that they had late passes, that although they were slightly intoxicated they were not molesting anyone nor causing a disturbance. That they willingly showed their passes, but the confiscation of the knife was resented. That they were returning to their barrack and when they were fired upon the hand grenade was thrown. The accused stated he had found the grenade at the Catania airport where he worked.

One of the Italian soldiers was given a sentence of eight years imprisonment and the other four years by a military tribunal.

6. Discipline

a. Good.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk - Breaches of Security.

a. Nothing to report from the Army.

8. Summary of Military Security.

Nothing to report.

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Major QMC
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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.O. 304, U.S. Army

20 April 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 12

Period From 21 March to 20 April 1945

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers continues to remain high. Attended the annual "Feast of the 59th Infantry Regiment" and in the speeches they expressed a strong desire to join combat with the Allies against the enemy at the front and redeem the name of Italy. Officers and enlisted men of 59th Regiment made good appearance in review.

(b) At the close of Phase III (Recruits) Call-up, there were an accumulation of desertions, considering these are young men and will be removed from their native Sardinia, it is not excessive.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:

See rumor below.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:

No doubt many individuals have small amount of ammunition because they use hand grenades (Red Devils) from time to time for fishing, but not thought to be on a large organized scale. (Opinion Intelligence Office, R.A.F., Elmas).

4. Political Activity:

Nothing to Report.

5. Relations with and Attitude towards Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline: Very satisfactory for Italian Troops.

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7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security

- (a) Rumored in Cagliari that British have 99 year lease on Elmas Air Field (Intelligence Officer R.A.P., Elmas)
- (b) Fascist becoming more powerful in Sardinia
- (c) Callups in Sardinia to go to fight Japan
- (d) Callups enrolled in Sardinia only, not on Mainland or Sicily.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

- (a) The Phase III (Recruits) of Callups about completed, and no incidents or demonstrations against the Callup been reported.
- (b) AC Mining office at Carbonia reports a continuance of "off and on" strikes and threats of strikes by miners. I have interviewed CC, RH and Italian Army officers and they are prepared to cope with any disturbance that might arise when called on by the Prefect.
- (c) The following taken from Colonel Pennyquicks, AC report of 2 April:

In the political field the principal event has been the resignation of Emilio LUSSU from the Sard Action Party. Reports indicate that the Sard Action Party are not so inclined towards the left as the Action Party of Italy of which LUSSU is the leader. The development may lead to a rift in the Sard Action Party, and later in the month LUSSU declared that he would remain a member of the CAGLIARI Section of the Sard Action Party. At the same time he disassociated himself from any separatist tendencies, he also expressed his admiration for the British two-party system saying that he hoped the Italian Action Party would become the Labor Party of Italy.

During the month a meeting was held of the Comitato di Liberazione in SASSARI with the Prefect's permission. The Christian Democrat and Liberal Parties did not participate. The principal speakers were Prof. IACONI of the Communist Party, Avv. PUGGIONI of the Sard Action Party and Avv. GESSINI of the Socialist Party. Sig. MISTRONI, the Communist from Carbonia, also participated. The speeches condemned the escape of General ROCCA in Rome, the Government and not the Carabinieri being held responsible. Anti-Monarchist views were also expressed.

Of the political parties the Sard Action Party appears to be the strongest, followed by the Christian Democrat Party as far as declared numbers are concerned. The Communist Party, though considerably smaller, is probably the best organized.

There have been no serious reactions to the increased price of bread so far. 16 Lire per kilo for bread and 21 Lire per kilo for pasta are the ruling prices in SARDINIA and are believed to be the lowest at present in Italy. A strike, however, occurred on the 20th March in which the price of bread was brought up in a demand for an increase in wages.

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B. Personalities

See our dossier on Italian officers of 20 April 1946.

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Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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SUBJECT: Security Intelligence Report - ITALIAN
ARMY - for month of March 1945.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
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6 Apr 45

Re : 2-2 Section, Allied Forces Headquarters (2) S.

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4. There is little to report on Political activity in the Italian Army. It is interesting to note, however, that during all his visits to Italian Units the Prince of Piedmont has been accorded excellent reception. He is most democratic and mingles and talks with the troops, which is much appreciated. No anti-monarchist incidents have been reported.

A skirmish between Communists and Separatists in Palermo on March 4 in the streets of Palermo (SICILY) arose when a group of Separatists carrying a flag met a group of Communists carrying a red flag. An enterprising urchin profited from the occasion by selling shillelaghs to both sides!

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The remnants of the GARIBOLDI Division (about 4500) returned from the Balkans, where of course they had been in touch with Communism. They wore their traditional red handkerchiefs and were not by Italian Communist women also wearing red scarves. The feeling of the Garibaldi soldiers is exemplified in the report that when one Communist woman (mistaking the purpose of the Garibaldi red handkerchiefs) greeted a soldier with the clenched fist salute, he seized her and said, "If I find my daughter is a Communist, I'll break her neck and I've a good mind to break yours!"

5. Evacuation continues in the Italian Army. Reports on Italian military with fascist tendencies have been passed to the War Minister for action and it can be said that good progress has been made and quick action taken against fascist sympathizers. Seditions and subversive influences likely to undermine morale were not reported by any source during March.

6. Relations and co-operation with the Allies continues to be good. The War Ministry is falling in line with Allied policy and methods and co-operating efficiently in all work which entails the call-ups, formation of units, supply and administration.

7. Security generally is improving. Although there is still much to be desired, the Italians are learning the value of security discipline. Courses run by Eight Army for the Italian P.S. Sections have already proved their worth and censorship reports show an improvement. The tendency for Italian troops to reveal military information to civilians is being counteracted by Security talks and the publication of translated Allied pamphlets on Security methods and discipline.

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SUBJECT:- Security Report (period Feb/Mar 1945)

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
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"At a conference held this morning with officers of the MAIELLE Bde, Major ZOPAC read a letter from 2 Polish Corps asking whether or not the MAIELLE Bde wished to continue to fight under Polish Command.

The situation having been put in these terms, the officers of the Bde, after a full discussion, replied unanimously that they would be very happy to continue to fight, as in the past, by the side of the brave Polish troops, on condition however that the rights and functions appertaining respectively to the Polish Bde and to the Italians were defined. This request was made in order to eliminate once and for all the serious difficulties which have recently arisen owing to the overbearing behaviour of the Polish personnel who are at present attached to the Brigade.

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behaviour which has resulted in a situation whereby the Italians are placed in a position of complete and absurd inferiority in their relations with the Poles. This inferiority, especially in the point of view of morale, the effects of which were immediately felt by the members of the Brigade, has produced an unhappy and unsatisfactory state of affairs, and has resulted in an appreciable slackening in the various services which have been now withdrawn for the first time from the direct control of the Italian Command of the Brigade."

Enemy Propaganda

Attached are specimen leaflets delivered to Combat Gps. They are of the normal type and play on the same old themes - are considered by all and sundry to be quite innocuous.

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It is probable that the practice of taking rations ("saved up" or otherwise) home by men going home on leave, is fairly prevalent.

(111) A case was recently discovered of a demobilised soldier of Cremona Gp carrying fifteen letters. The letters contained no breaches of security except occasional disclosure of location, but it has been found that this way of getting letters home quickly has been developed in some units into quite a "racket".

Miscellaneous

(1) A desire on the part of civilians and troops to see the tricolor flying side by side with the Allied Flags outside Government buildings has been expressed.

(11) "Ladies' hairdressers are still prevalent amongst the Italian Fighting Men". Attached to Army copy are one printed and

one handwritten bill exhibited in the FOGNANO area (99/191154) by men of the Friuli Gruppo. The printed bill endeavours to draw the attention of the "signorine" to the fact that the defloration of virginity should be a purely national industry. The Italians are quick at forgetting their own behaviour or that of their compatriots in other countries." (2 Corps F.S. Summary)

(iii) "A certain tendency has been noticed lately to bring influence to bear on Italian Armed Forces in this area.

On one occasion a group of five civilians broke into the strains of the "Red Flag" before a group of Italian military outside a canteen; this was followed by a short speech vilifying the Monarchy and all royal armed forces particularly the Carabinieri. The troops were urged not to fight to restore a Royal Government. Other similar small incidents have been reported.

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No ci possa fare trovare di fronte qualche nemico in armi.

Volete voi combattere per i vampiri anglo-americani? Volete aumentare i danni alla nostra Patria e portare voi stessi il lutto nelle vostre case? Meditate alla fine dei vostri camerati caduti nella illusione di non tenere vantaggiose condizioni dagli anglo-americani e di veder finire presto la guerra. Vi ricordiamo che siete su un terreno che potrà essere bagnato di molto sangue vostro.

RIPULITEVI - VINCI A NOI. QUI TRAVOLGATE PAPA, SAVOIR, L'AMERICA E LA CH

I vostri morti, nella zona del Frontone, del Foglia del Metauro, in seguito ai vostri blanchi cocheroni, fatti per evitare superiori distinzioni nella zona, da parte delle artiglierie inglesi, che si erano preposte di radere al suolo: Osimo - Ancona - Pesaro - Fano - Fossombrone - pur di aprirsi un varco senza perdite proprie, hanno avuto la nostra ammirazione. Ma volete voi seguirli, per la bella faccia dei soldati anglo-americani, che vi disprezzano pur avendo bisogno di voi. Vi ricordiamo la perdita del Vostro eroico comandante Capitano Colle, la cui notizia ha recato dispiacere a molti di noi che lo sapevano eroico combattente in A.O.I. alla testa dei suoi alpini ed indi con Voi della Nemo e della Folgore.

Facciamo appello al vostro Comandante Maggiore Pellagatti Vattorio, leale combattente per 5 anni in A.O.I. con i suoi granatieri ed ora, probabilmente suo malgrado, alle dipendenze del nemico della sua Patria ed ai diretti ordini di quell'Umberto di Savoia, nel quale non può più aver fiducia e di cui si vergognerà certamente di aver goduto le simpatie nel passato.

RIPULITEVI CAMERATI, E RIVOLGETEVI MOSTRATE AI FALSI LIBERATORI, CHE OR O AVETE VISTO LO MARI IN CAMMINO ALLA MISERIA, ALLA CORRUZIONE, ALLA FAME DELLA POPOLAZIONE DA LOGO "LIBERATE" VI SARETE INDIGNATI E SOSTINENDO ITALIANI

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POTETE FAR CAUSA COMUNE CON ENOI - RICEVERETE SUBITO ISTRUZIONI
ER VENIRE A NOI.

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P.c.c.; IL MAGGIORE AIUTANTE MAGG. B. 1°
f/to Vitorio Pelagatti

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Pace e ritorno alla famiglia! Fine della guerra e della morte!

Lasciapassare!

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IL COMANDANTE D'ARMATA

Traduzione tedesca:

Der italienische Soldat, der dieses Flugblatt überbringt, ist wie ein Kamerad zu behandeln und sofort aus der Gefahrenzone zu entfernen. Die Truppe hat ihn wie einen deutschen Soldaten zu versorgen und wenn nötig, ärztlich zu versorgen, und ihn dann dem Komitee «Heimführung italienischer Soldaten» bei der Division zu übergeben.

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Un Conto Inglese:

«Per formare un soldato occorrono vent'anni -
Per fabbricare un cannone, bastano pochi giorni!»

Dunque, è meglio risparmiare il sangue inglese e armare ausiliari Indiani, Negri, Australiani e Neozelandesi, con armi e uniformi inglesi e farli morire per l'interesse dell'Inghilterra.

Volete, anche voi soldati della divisione «Cremona», della divisione «Friuli» e «Ascoli-Piceno», appartenere alle truppe ausiliari inglesi?

La Patria vi chiama!

venite con questo salvacondotto oltre il Fronte e ritornate alle vostre famiglie, alle vostre case e al vostro Paese. Venite subito, le truppe tedesche sono informate e non correrete nessun pericolo!

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I Colori d'Italia ^{su} stoffa inglese?

Soldati della Divisione Cremona!

Non sapete voi ancora che l'uniforme che voi portate, nell'Italia
dionale, è diventato il simbolo della fame, della miseria, delle violenze
ed oltraggi?

Volete voi profanare i colori della vostra Patria, combattendo
essi per l'Inghilterra, che considera la vostra Patria
pedina nel suo gioco per il dominio del mondo?

Soldati!

Sapete voi, che il vostro Comandante, il
17 gennaio manda un telegramma al
Armata britannica, il ten. generale M.

Ognuno di noi s'impegna
all'ultimo sacrificio e se ne
della libertà della dem.

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Ma basta!

Hanno da essere sacrificati ancora migliaia di soldati italiani come in Grecia, Africa e Russia? Perché dei generali ambiziosi e dei Caga incapaci, nel rango di ufficiali superiori vogliono assolutamente raccogliere allora, invece di interessarsi della loro truppa e di provvedere ad una istruzione ed un addestramento adeguato e sufficiente?

Deve forse ripassare una nuova ondata di dolore e di strazio nei cuori delle madri e delle spose italiane?

Debbono piangere ancor più bambini in Italia, il loro padre?

Che ha, da essere finita la tua vita, sepolte le tue speranze, spento il tuo amore?

L'Italia ti chiama!

Al di là del fronte, ti attende il paese natto. Paese di ordine e di pace. La tua famiglia ha bisogno di te, la tua professione sta aperta dinanzi a te, e pure la terra ha bisogno della cura attenta ed amorevole delle tue mani. E se anche tu non risiedi nell'Italia settentrionale, c'è ugualmente pane, lavoro ed una sistemazione per te.

I tuoi camerati che passarono a noi, o che furono fatti prigionieri già i primi giorni dell'impiego della vostra Divisione, a quest'ora si trovano già a casa, insieme ai loro cari!

Non tardare! Vieni anche tu!

Lasciapassare puoi passare senza pericolo alcuno le linee tedesche. Osserva però l'elenco: 1. Gena le armi! 2. Di giorno, agitare il manifestino; 3. Di notte, un panno bianco! 4. Di notte chiamare «Cameratas!» 5. Andare in gruppi fino a tre uomini!

Lasciapassare!

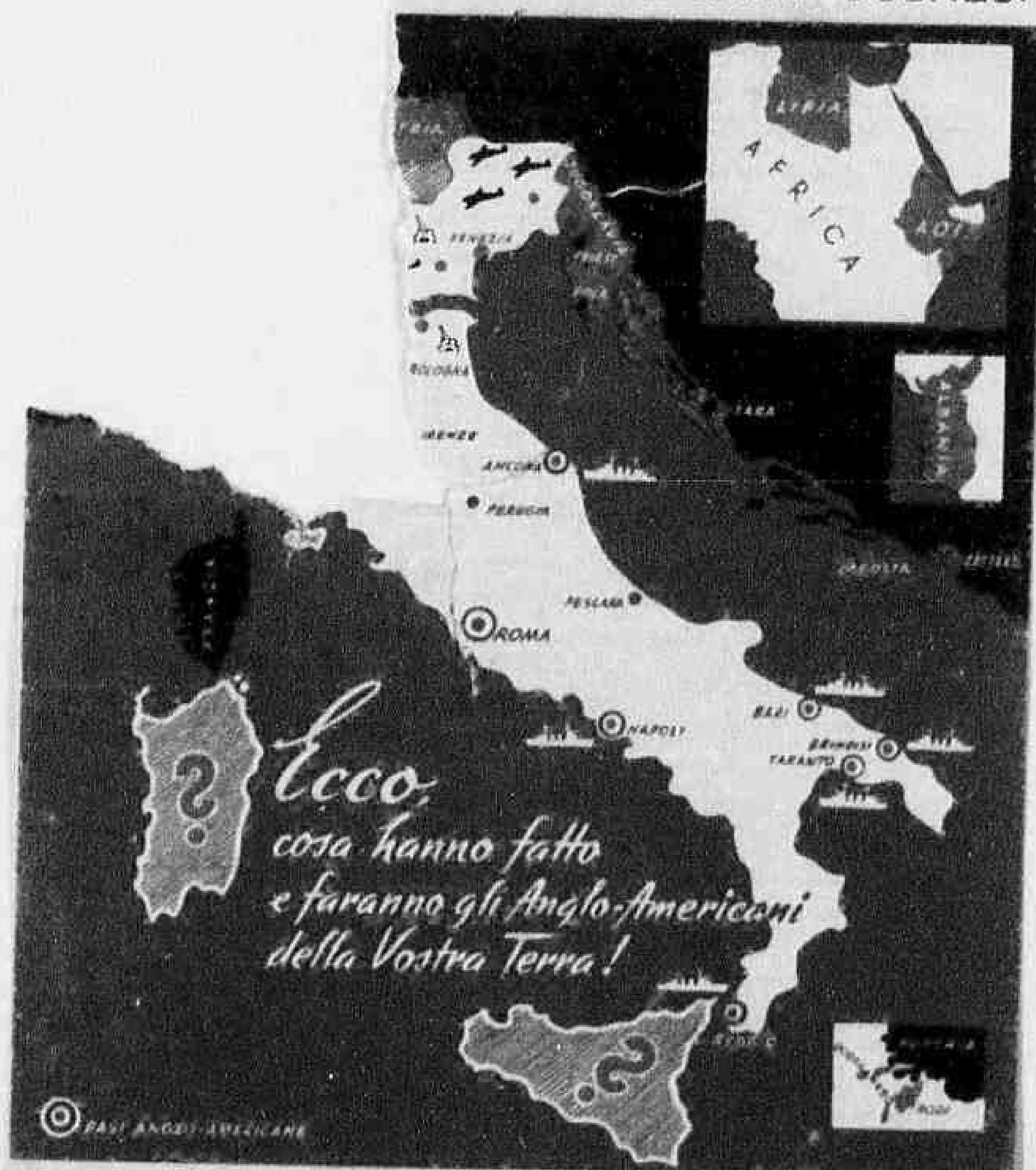
Questo manifesto è da frattare e da strappare subito dalla zona di pericolo. Come un soldato tedesco, o un sanitario, consegnarlo ai tedeschi. Italiani, tranne.

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BRE E LE SUE CONS^UGUENZE!



PERCHÉ COMBATTETE?
QUALI SONO LE CONDIZIONI D'ARMISTIZIO?

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SOLDATI DELLA DIVISIONE

L'Italia vi chiama! Voi ne avete abbastanza di ricordare le v
mettevano di liberare l'Italia, mentre in realtà l'hanno invasa co
I loro bombardieri hanno trasformato le belle città in rovine mac

Voi volete tornare a casa, tornare alle v

Volete tornare là dove c'è lavoro, un sostentamento bastan
se! Nell'Italia settentrionale nessuno è costretto al servizio mi

E come stanno le cose nell'Italia Set

Italiani e Tedeschi sono camerati, se c'è pace per l'uno c'è
anglo-americani e le truppe di colore portano la loro Morte an
tutto le vostre mogli come le hanno trattate a Bari, a Napoli
rispariano e rispettano le vostre mogli e danno a voi la pos
glio. Solo in seguito al tradimento della casa Savoia e di Ro
a combattere sul suolo italiano. Pure i tedeschi vogliono quel
tera ed indipendente! Ma a che non aiutino gli anglo-americ
Osservate la carta geografica a tempo, e vedete quello che in
Ma ne vale proprio la pena, lo merita la patria della vostra
per gli anglo-americani? Essi pensano solo agli interessi per
Voi, siete giusti buoni a dare la vita, a morire per noi.

Dunque riflettete, lu

Dimostrate ai falsi liberatori, col fatto, che avete inteso, ^{per il loro gioco e che non inten}
dete prestar mano nella distruzione della vostra Patria e che ^{non si pensate affatto a perdere la}
morte di un enorme interesse e stolto.

Salvate la vostra vita e occupate voi a salvare l'Italia.

Venite dunque e venite subito!

Le truppe tedesche sono informate di tutto questo ed accoglieranno i soldati italiani trattandoli
come amici.

Il lasciapassare su questo foglietto vi dà la possibilità di attraversare la frontiera senza peric
colo. Però anche senza foglio di via potete venire, senza incurre alcun pericolo.

Ricordatevi queste tre cose:

Già l'elmetto! Gettate le armi! Agitate il foglietto oppure un panno bianco!

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...bal una Schiappa che amabilmente ti
...di attendere l'avanzare precipitoso, dalla
...in stile apertissimo, sotto il pendente,
...infine trovar una casa ospitale come
...non conveniente.

...etta fratello della Peppe che tradotto l'Italia,
...and fatto di questi che portavano la
...fame e la infera la protezione nell'Italia, rivoluzionaria;
...di quelli che stiano e designano le vici, in più, romani
...avvicinando il paese. Non si metter al fianco di negri, infu
...e piovano.

Non dimentica nessuno, che una madre italiana ti ha
...dato la vita e che l'Italia era ti opprime.



Capri: Quale è l'isola che uno attendeva da tre anni.

(a destra) Un nallo ormai ritenuto "falso" è ritornato, dopo di grossa sorveglianza, agli occhi del mondo.

(nella foto) L'Atto sostiene il 15 divisi, il 16 gen-
rale. Gli altri rimangono. Questo giorno sarà sem-
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Soldati della Divisione »Cremona«!

Perché combattete? Per la liberazione della vostra Patria dagli orrori della guerra? Allora non cooperare alla distruzione d'Italia per mezzo dei bombardamenti terroristici degli Anglo-Americani!

Perché combattete? Per una Italia libera, nella quale regni l'ordine e la sicurezza? Allora vendicatevi di quelli che nell'Italia meridionale hanno portato il caos, la carestia e la fame e mirano all'Italia settentrionale dove regna l'ordine, la pace e dove c'è lavoro e pane per tutti!

Perché combattete? Per un'Italia forte ed indipendente? Allora non prestatevi ai traditori, che vogliono cedere la vostra Patria, parte alla Jugoslavia, parte agli Asburgo e parte alla Francia e che vogliono rubare le vostre Colonie e fare dell'Italia una loro base navale ed aeronautica!

Perché i Liberatori non vi palesano le condizioni di armistizio? Perché li cacciereste fuori dal vostro Paese se foste a conoscenza dell'umiliante soggezione in cui cadreste. Dunque, perché combattete? Combattete per un'Italia che dovrebbe essere libera sia dai Tedeschi che dagli Anglo-Americani. I Tedeschi non hanno nessun interesse in Italia, essi si difendono solamente contro la minaccia dei loro confini del Sud.

Alla fine della guerra nessun Soldato tedesco rimarrà più in Italia. Gli Anglo-Americani hanno bisogno delle vostre colonie e di basi in Italia per dominare l'Africa e il Mediterraneo e perciò vi vogliono rendere eternamente schiavi.

Venite a noi, le vostre donne e i vostri figli vi attendono, come il vostro mestiere e il vostro paese ha bisogno dell'opera vostra.

Dalla parte nostra nessuno è obbligato a combattere. Solo i volontari vengono armati contro gli Anglo-Americani oppressori dell'Italia.

Gli altri seguono il loro lavoro in pace.

Venite presto! Le truppe tedesche sono informate di tutto questo e accoglieranno i soldati italiani trattandoli come amici!

Il lasciapassare su questo foglietto vi dà la possibilità di attraversare la frontiera senza pericolo. Però anche senza foglio di via potete venire senza correre alcun pericolo.

Ricordatevi tre cose:

Giù l'elmetto! Gettate le armi! Agitate il foglietto oppure un panno bianco!

Venite singolarmente o a gruppi fino a tre uomini, venite presto!

Pace e ritorno alla famiglia! Fine della guerra e della morte!

Lasciapassare!

Il soldato italiano che porta questo foglietto non vuol più continuare a combattere per gli Anglo-Americani, oppressori della sua Patria. Egli è da trattare come un camerata e da allontanare dalla zona pericolosa. L'esercito lo deve fornire di vitto e se è necessario recargli soccorso sanitario e consegnarlo al Comitato della Divisione «Soldati italiani che rimpatriano».

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Soldati della Divisione Cremona!

Ecco uno di mezzo a voi, Luppi Gino. Egli è già a casa! Sta ora in voi soltanto, ad essere altrettanto felici! Sì, anche voi potete ritornare alle vostre famiglie, oppure, se non residenti nell'Italia settentrionale, potete però sempre porre termine alla guerra, almeno per voi personalmente, togliendo l'arma di mano e cessando di combattere e rischiare, oltre la vita per gli inglesi. Nell'Italia settentrionale c'è lavoro sufficiente per tutti gli italiani.



Di Caprio, Francesco
Negoni, Aldo
Pavoncelli, Achille
Valardi, Aldo
Faselli, Umberto
Cavallotti, Nicola
Pagnocelli, Piero
Leoni, Guido, Umberto
Santi, Carlo
Luppi, Gino
Bartorelli, Armando
Sargi, Angelo
Renzi, Luciano
Nuzzi, Augusto
Marfisi, Francesco
San, Lario
Mandini, Francesco
De Michelis, Ettore
Bazzetta, Antonio
Salasini, Florio
Ruschi, Mario
Gonzalez, Angelo
Romani, Attilio
Bordini, Severino
Ferrari, Aldo
Nardi, Carlo
Caporali, Tommaso
Molteni, Danilo
Andersson, Adriano
Diazzi, Renato
Villani, Giuliano
Del Pizzo, Luigi

Questo è Luppi Gino, della 7 Comp. del 2 Battagl. del 22 Regg. to.

Egli venne fatto prigioniero il 16 gennaio, assieme ad altri 36 soldati italiani, in seguito ad un attacco dei tedeschi al caposaldo di Giarol, 300 m ad est del Canale Naviglio, occupato da soldati italiani. I nomi dei prigionieri, fra i quali si trova pure quello del vice-comandante del Reparto, ten. Schinasi e del ten. Papetti della medesima Compagnia, li trovate su questo volantino.

Come ritornò Luppi dai suoi genitori?

Durante la sua prigionia, tra i tedeschi, il Luppi raccontò che era domiciliato a Cividale, Mirandola, al Nr. 15 di via Cava, e che era ormai molto tempo che non aveva più rivisto i suoi genitori. Il suo desiderio di ritornare a casa, venne appagato, ed ora egli si trova già contento in mezzo ai suoi cari.

Fu un giorno di festa per il villaggio intero, allorché ritornò un figlio suo.

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E che avvenne a Giazol?

Questa è la realtà! Intorno a questo caposaldo, occupato da una cinquantina di soldati italiani ed un ufficiale inglese, si accese un aspro ed accanito combattimento. Ci furono sei morti, parecchi feriti, nell'oscurità poi, altri presero la fuga. Il rimanente però venne fatto prigioniero. Tutti i prigionieri si espressero con la massima indignazione del fatto che il loro Battaglione non aveva inviato alcun rinforzo che pure era stato richiesto a mezzo Radio, rinforzo che da principio era stato anche assicurato. Infine però giunse soltanto l'intimazione dal predetto Comando, che il caposaldo era da tenere fino all'ultimo e di morire per l'onore della Patria.

L'ufficiale inglese, assegnato al Reparto, non ritenne però necessario di resistere «fino all'ultimo» ma già dopo il primo colpo di cannone, codardo si portò al sicuro, abbandonando gli Italiani al loro destino.

A Giazol ci rimasero però anche dei fortunati superstiti. Sono essi i prigionieri della 13 Compagnia del Battagl. del Genio e della 6 e 7 Compagnia del 2 Battagl. dell'22 Regg. to. I Tedeschi sanno che tutti i settentrionali, che sono ormai tanto tempo assenti dalle loro famiglie, vogliono ritornare a casa.

Nell'Italia settentrionale non regna la fame e nessuno è neppure costretto a prestar servizio militare, ma chiunque vuole, può dedicarsi alla sua professione.

Soldati della Divisione Cremona!

Volete essere voi, alleati di quegli inglesi ed americani che profanano le vostre città che minacciano le vostre famiglie con le loro bombe? Ricordatevi e ritornate al vostro orgoglio di Italiani e pensate all'Italia.

Ingegnatevi e cercate ora la via per salvare la vostra vita e terminate almeno per voi personalmente la guerra.

Non esitate più e venite presto!

Con questo lasciapassare puoi passare senza pericolo alcuno le linee tedesche. Osserva però 4 cose: 1. Giù l'elmetto! 2. Getta le armi! 3. Di giorno, agitare il manifestino, o altra carta bianca oppure un panno bianco! 4. Di notte chiamare «Cameratas»!

Venite singoli oppure in gruppi fino a tre uomini!

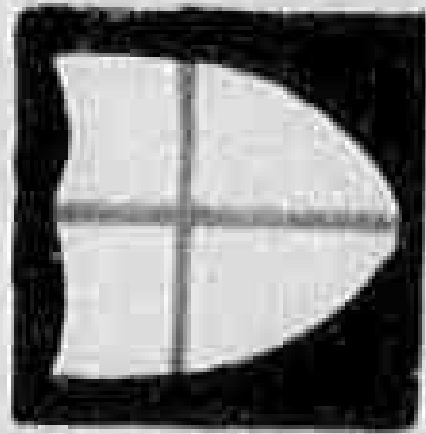
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Avete operato veramente bene!

Spero e confido che questo giorno, nel prossimo anno, vedrà già compiuta la disfatta finale dei Tedeschi. Voi della 228^a Divisione ci avrete aiutato a raggiungerla e, operando nelle file dell'8^a Armata, avrete bene servito il vostro Paese.

5 Aprile 1946.

R. L. McCreery

Tenente Generale
Comandante l'8^a Armata.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Security Intelligence Report - Italian Troops with Fifth Army.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MOTIA)
APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference your File No. S/L/106/1 of 7 December 1944.

2. General Security:

a. Morale: Absences without leave and desertions by Italian soldiers continue. The percentage of AWOLs among the US-ITIS is .0107, while the percentage for the ITI-ITIS in this area is .0081. These absences are caused by a lack of discipline inherent in the Italian Army, and is not so much a question of morale. Much is being done to improve morale. Good food and clothes helps build up morale more than anything else. The distribution of reading matter, newspapers, and the establishment of recreation rooms also help. In addition to the "La Patria" which is being distributed, 210 Division has a newspaper of its own which gives more local news and pertains just to 210 Division units.

b. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or Trends: None that I know of among the troops.

c. Illegal Storage of Arms or Ammunition: None.

d. Political Activity: The Italian officers with whom I come in contact, apparently fear a communistic Italy and probably favor continuing the monarchy. No officer within my knowledge has been spreading any propaganda or taking any part in any political activity.

e. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops: Very satisfactory as far as officers and soldiers are concerned.

f. Discipline: Improving.

g. Rumors, Indiscreet Talk and Breaches of Security: Very satisfactory.

h. Summary of Military Security: Conditions here are very satisfactory.

3. Personalities:

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(1) General Officer, Commanding Delegation T, CERICA Angelo; appointment, General Staff, Lieutenant General; age 60. Reasonably cooperative, not obstructive, his political views are likewise no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers but he is not mentioned in any other reports.

a. Lack of discipline inherent in the Italian Army, and is not so much a question of morale. Much is being done to improve morale. Good food and clothes helps build up morale more than anything else. The distribution of reading matter, newspapers, and the establishment of recreation rooms also help. In addition to the "La Patria" which is being distributed, 210 Division has a newspaper of its own which gives more local news and pertains just to 210 Division units.

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(2) General Officer, Commanding 210 Division, CORTESE Giuseppe; appointment, General Staff, Brigadier General; age 56. Reasonably cooperative; not obstructive, his political views are no doubt as indicated above for other Italian officers, but he is not engaging in any political activity to my knowledge. I consider him an efficient officer and possessing considerable energy.

(3) General Officer, Commanding 231 Division, NANNI Mario; appointment, General Staff, Brigadier General; age 53. Have not had the contact with General NANNI that I have had with the other two general officers in this area but he appears to be cooperative and capable.

b. Dossier of Italian Officers: Reference your TS/1/123 of 1 January 1945. Expect to complete within a week.

4. Conclusion: The above opinions and views are my own and based upon my own observations, which of course, are limited in scope. So far as I can determine, generally speaking, no serious disaffection, lack of loyalty or any other willful disloyal activity exists among the Italian officers and men assigned or attached to Fifth Army which would be inimical to the interests of the Allied cause.

R. C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
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Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army.

Outstation : LEGHANO Combat Group.

Report No. : 2 Period from 25 Feb 45 to 25 March 45.

A. GENERAL SECURITY.

1. Morale. The move to the line seems to have been welcomed by all ranks. There have been no reported cases of desertion since arrival in the present sector. The Combat Group is opposed by the 305th German Division, which is reputed to be of low quality and largely composed of ex-convicts. Shortly after the Gruppo had taken over in the line 1st Para Div "disappeared" from the front opposite 10 Ind Div and it was thought possible that an attack in strength might be launched by them down the IDICE valley in the sector held by Legnano Group; this possibility was met with general equanimity and in my opinion the Gruppo would have given a good account of itself had such an attack developed.

The forward troops are rather apt to call for DP fire on too slight provocation; I believe however that this is more in the spirit of wishing to give the enemy a knock than a question of "wind up".

Before leaving the training area the Gruppo received a visit from the Prince of Piedmont; he was well received on all sides and a half-hearted attempt at a Communist demonstration in one village met with the strong resentment of the troops.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied activities.
Nothing to report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Amm;
Nothing to report.

4. Political Activity.
Nothing of any importance;

5. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops.
Relations are cordial; the Gruppo is still very independent but co-operation is good.

6. Discipline;
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- 7. Rumours and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security.
Security has improved; no indiscreet talk, etc. to report.
- 8. Summary of Military Security situation.
Satisfactory.

B. PERSONALITIES.

Add to previous information (White):

Col. BRUNELLI. Comd. 11 Arty Regt. Very sound and decisive, extremely co-operative and a leader of high quality.

Thos. Brunelli
Major,
M.M.I.A. L.O.

25 March 45.

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SUBJECT:- Security Intelligence Reports.

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28 Mar 45

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC.
(M M I A) Rome.

Reference your S/1/106/1 dated 7 Dec 44.

Owing to the absence on leave of Maj. Thrupp, this office Security Intelligence Report for the month of Mar is held over until his return.

[Signature]
Major,
MMIA LO,
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (AMIA)
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No. 1529

23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (AMIA), ROME

Copy to: N.O.B., Palermo
Hq. 204 Sub-Area, C.M.F.

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No. 11

Period from 21 February
to 20 March 1945

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 Dec 1944, subject
report is submitted.

A. GENERAL SECURITY.

1. Morale. The morale of the Italian Troops remains good. The increased training program instigated by General Berardi is having a very noticeable effect upon the troops; their general bearing, neatness and military discipline is much improved.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities or Trends.

(a) Captain Capasso, Domenico, Italian Artillery Instructor who was arrested on suspicion of carrying out Fascist activities (see my report No. 10), was released after interrogation by the 51st Field Security Section. Nothing could be proven directly against this man. However he is still being kept under surveillance.

(b) Various other Fascist activities and demonstrations continue throughout the Island, but all reports show these to be of Civilian Instigation and not in any way connected with the Army.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition.

(a) Nothing to report from the Army.

(b) No further reports of smuggling arms and ammunition into Sicily from Pantelleria are being received.

(c) Large quantities of arms and ammunition remain in the hands of highwaymen and outlaws, but no serious disturbances from this quarter have been reported.

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(d) Both Socialists and Communists are bitter in their attacks on the CC.FR for carrying out perquisitions of houses in Piana Dei Greci. It is alleged that under the guise of searching for persons responsible for an attack on the house of a Carabinieri, a "Military Operation" was carried out by CC.FR terrorising the countryside for three days. The CC.FR claim, on the other hand, that they were carrying out a large scale search for illegal arms.

4. Political Activity - Propaganda - Monarchism.

(a) Nothing to report from the Army.

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(b) A skirmish between Communists and Separatists took place in the streets of Palermo on 4 March 45. No persons were injured and there were no repercussions. The incident arose when a group of Separatists carrying a flag met a group of Communists carrying a flag. An interprising urchin profited from the occasion by selling "Shillalahs" impartially to both sides.

5. Relations With and Attitude Toward Allied Troops.

(a) According to my own observations - good.

(b) Although it had been reported to me by the Commanding Officer, 204 Sub-Area that Italian Soldiers employed on guard duty, fail to pay compliments to Allied Officers (See my report No. 10), I find that for the most part the Italian Soldier is very complimentary and courteous.

6. Discipline.

(a) Remains good.

(b) In my report No. 10, mention was made of a disturbance during a football game at Syracuse, when some 200 Italian Soldiers turned on the Civilian Spectators and beat up all they could lay their hands on. Territorial Headquarters investigated this incident and their full and complete report was forwarded your headquarters (See my No. 1436 dated 10 March 1945).

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk - Breaches of Security.

(a) Nothing to report on the Italian Military

(b) Civilian rumors are;

(1) That 7 German Divisions are pulling out of North Italy;

(2) That Russia at Yalta demanded the use of Naval Bases at Bizerte and Oran;

(3) That Churchill has repudiated the principles laid down in the Atlantic Charter and;

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8. Summary of Military Security.

Nothing to report.

NOTE:--All information in this report comes from the 51st Field Security Section and my own observations.

George G. Grogg
Major, MC
L O Sicily

*Suggest Daily News studied more thoroughly! S 26/3

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

23 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 11

Period from 20 February to 20 March 1945

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received. When inspections are made, conversations are held with officers and enlisted men and no grievances have been expressed. The successes on all fronts have caused great interest and a feeling that the war in Europe will be over soon.

A number of desertions have been reported among the re-called men. This has been primarily due to the lack of shipping.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends:

Nothing to report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition:

Nothing to report.

4. Political Activity:

Nothing to report.

5. Relations with and Attitude towards Allied Troops:

(a) Continues to be favorable.

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6. Discipline: Very satisfactory.

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk: Breaches of Security:

(a) Nothing to report.

(b) No apparent breaches of security.

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters:

(a) The 2nd Phase of Re-call is under way and the response to date has been very satisfactory. So far no incidents or demonstrations against the Re-call have been reported.

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

2. Information (black) on higher leaders:

Nothing to report.

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GEORGE L. FOGGETT
Major, C.E.

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(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
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22 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA).

Ref MMIA letter S/I/100/1 dated 7 Dec 44.

this office.

Att. at Appx "A" is report No 4 from

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J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LG.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

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"A" Branch after G1 has seen.

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Appx "A" to LO/16/SD dated 22 Jan 45.

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army.Outstation: BARI
Report No 4.Area covered Apulia & Lucania.
Period from 22 Feb - 22 Mar 45.

A. General Security.

1. Morale. Average. Desertions from ~~Security~~ ^{Formed} units low. No subversive incidents noticed.
2. Racist, Pro German, Anti Allied activities and trends. NIL
3. Illegal storage of Arms & Ammunition. NIL observed.
4. Political Activity.

a) by the Military. Arrival of GARIBOLDI Div heralded by posters and enthusiasm from high officers. Population unaffected.

b) by Communist Party. A rally. Passed in excellent humour and no deep feeling. By other parties, none observed.

5. Relations with and attitude toward Allied Troops. No reported incidents. Relations friendly generally where men work together.

6. Discipline. Apart from speeding offences, good. A march through the town by Pioneers with rifles and bayonets was well received by the population. They marched well.

7. Rumours and Indiscreet Talk. The arrival of the GARIBOLDI was public property before the first troops landed. Placards were posted, and an attempt, on orders from the War Ministry, to publish notices beforehand in the newspapers, was blocked by the British Censor. Consider this a grave breach of security, especially as shipping was concerned, and also the removal of a Div from TITO's Order of Battle.
8. Summary of Military Security. Nothing further to report.

B. Personalities. Territorial H.Q. BARI.

1. Information (White) note: All ages are estimates.
General BOBILI - elderly 67-68 (or more) nothing further to report.
Col. PIAZZO (47) Capo di D.M. - quiet and efficient. I understand he is going to CESANO. A good officer.
- Ten. Col. BIANCHI. (42) Sotto Capo S.M. the main spring of Territorial H.Q. activity. Excellent disciplinarian. Gets things done. Always an intriguer, but knows which side his bread is buttered. Consider he would make an excellent Chief of Staff to a Combat Div. His best position would always be where issues are straightforward. He should be used where his undoubted efficiency are of more value. Used to be sotto capo of 51 Italian Corps. (comprising LEGNANO and PIGNO Divs)
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2. Information (Black) NIL.

3. Information (Grey)
 This is intended to convey non efficiency, and not non cooperation or other vices.
Colonello FOSSELLI (50) Heavy and I fear dull.
Colonello LA PIAZZA (46) In charge of Welfare, just arrived a month ago from Rome. Has ideas of what he is going to do now. Had the same ideas a month ago. Results NIL.
 250 Division.

- C. Personalities. (White) CAP 5M
Ten. Col. FOSSELLI (40) Sotto Capo. Extremely quiet, but knows all that goes on, and is always exact, immediate and efficient.
 Personalities (Black) NIL.

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NOTE: I find it difficult to sum up General VIVALDA. Apparently came
away from GARIBALDI Div in some disgrace as he refused to fight
originally, and his officers threw him out. His H.Q. however
works well and together. Prefer not to make a judgement yet.

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"Op. Add. Ord. & Mob." Office

Ref. No 2176/01

P.M. 72, 9 March, 1945.

Subject: Incident at "Sabauda" - Siracusa Foot-ball Match.To : M.M.I.A., LO, Sicily

Following close and immediate enquiries carried out on orders of this H.Q., also through the CC.RR., it has been discovered that during the Match mentioned above a slight incident did take place, caused by the fact that the civilians present at the Match shouted "Down with the Sabauda", but it was also found that the ready action of the Siracusa Garrison Commander and of other officers re-established order.

No word of encouragement approving the action of the Military or incitement to the said Military were spoken either by the officers present or less still by the Garrison Commander; and it was found that it was untrue that the Sailors of the "Doria" had shouted "Down with the King".

It was altogether an unimportant incident due to the supporters of the two Teams, and that it had no particular significance is proved by the fact that neither the R. Questura nor the CC.RR., had even mentioned it at the time.

It is therefore thought that the news of the informers have been artfully spread from sources that are not wholly disinterested, because they do not in any way correspond to the real facts.

By order,

Sgd. R. Griglio, Col, Chief of Staff

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Liaison Office, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MILA) & AC Sicily Region Hq.,
APO 394 10 March 1945

TO: G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MILA) Rome.

1. Attention invited to basic letter. My monthly intelligence report No. 10, para 6, dated 23 February, refers to this matter.

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MASTERS R. ARREST
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Incident of no
importance.

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