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Translation.

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From S.M.R.E.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref No 695 D

23rd January 1945.

Subject:- Organisation of Calabria.

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Further to letter 12264/OP. dated 24 Nov 1944 from this S.M.-

Please make the following changes to letter 01/1768 of the 13th Nov 1944 of Military H.Q of Calabria sent to L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A) further to the above mentioned letter.

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Cancelling the following reading:-

11/5° "Aosta" and 11/46° "Labanda"

and substitute with the following:-

1/60° "Calabria" and 111/60° "Calabria".-

Sgd
(ALESSANDRO SANTI)

(L. Marsanich)

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

g.a. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 693 prot. Op. P.M.3800, li 23 gennaio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: istruzione operativa nr.11 del 3° Distretto all'oggetto: "Organizzazione della Calabria".= S/P

Opr Instruction No 11 of 3 Dist
Subject Organization of Calabria

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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Translation.

From:- SMRE. NP 3811
To:- 2MMIA.

Ref:- 112.6/Op. C/17/104
Date:- 26th Nov. 44.

Subject:- Operation Instructions N° 11 from N° 8 District headed "Calabria Organization"

Further to amendments brought to various services in the formation of the U/S "Mantova" Combat Group, and new information issued by N° 8 District, herewith in triplicate copy, letter 01/1768 dated 18th inst. issued by HR Calabria to defendant units which substitute letter 01/819 dated 22nd Sept 44 forwarded to 2MMIA with letter 10340/Op. dated 1st Oct. 44.

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(Sgd) Gen. A. SANTI.

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Sgt. FASCE

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Domestic — Teletype

To: [illegible] CHAMBERLAIN Way

From: C/AFE (Undisguised)

Ref. 8554/DIR

Date: 18 Nov. 1954.

Reference Letter No. 379/M, of 30 Oct, we inform that we have not said that strength of II/49a and II/5a internal security Bns must not at all exceed that planned by W/E and agreed with AMIA. In view of above condition we authorize disbanding Operation Plans. KENNISH, and CROTONE. We forward data for prescribed sanctions.

C/AFE.

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Translation

From: CALABRIA Hq. Ref.: 00/1872/N
To: S.M.R.E. Date: 20 NOV. 1944

Subject: Personnel of "MANTOVA" to be still disengaged from territorial service in "CALABRIA".

This follows my letter 00/1817/N and my telegram 00/1871/N of today.

1) The three per attained strength of the II/5th Inf. Regt. "IOSLI", of 25 Off. and 1009 E.M., is insufficient, as per my above letter, to completely disengage the "MANTOVA" from the CALABRIA territorial services.

2) There still remains engaged of the above C.Gr., the personnel as per enclosed table, a total of 6 Off. 454 and 121 E.M. O/R's.

Furthermore, at REGGIO CALABRIA, the 16th Inf. Regt. furnishes an average of 50 men daily requested by the Allies for train guards, unloading foodstuffs, etc.

3) Therefore, at the time of the "MANTOVA"'s departure, they will have to leave 6 Off. and 170 E.M. in CALABRIA, unless your S.M. has a like number of personnel sent in from another unit.

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The practice is followed (?)
by Mobilization.
S/Lt. Col. SAPÒ (?)

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Transcription

From: CALABRIA Mq
To : SMRE

Ref: 06/1817/N
Date: 20 Nov. 1944

Subject: Guard and protection services in CALABRIA.

Ref: Teletype No. 8554/Od. of the 17 inst.

1- Internal security Bns employed in CALABRIA.

The two battalions now in CALABRIA, the II/46° Inf. Regt. "SABAUDA", and II/5° Inf. Regt. "AOSTA" are employed:

- the former in SILA, for protection and guarding the hydro-electric establishments (as per defense project, sent to Operation Office, S.M. by letter 01/1529 of the 19 Oct. 4533);
- the latter in the whole territory of CALABRIA, for protection and guarding of ex-treasuries, depots, stores and for labor and guard-duty for Allied use.

2- Actual strength of Bns and services which they disengage.

1) The II/46° Inf. Regt. "SABAUDA" has assumed the W/E strength (5 Coys.) and the planned strength for the internal security Bns. (Actual strength: 17 Off.- 382 E.M.)

The above strength is totally employed for protection and guarding of the SILA establishments as per above-mentioned defense plan.

2) The II/5° Inf. Regt. "AOSTA" (on the basis of 4 Coys.), with a strength of 250 Off. and 1009 E.M. disengages the services as per enclosed table.

(over)

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The difference between the strength of the Bn. and that employed in the above services is formed by parts of the "MANTOVA" Group, which have still to be disengaged, and which, so far, it has been impossible to replace.

C) - Organization of II/5th Inf. Rgt. "MANTOVA".

From the above it appears evident the the 2nd Bn., 5th Rgt. "MANTOVA" cannot, considering the tasks allotted to it, keep within the W/E strength limits of the internal security Bns.

And therefore:

- either the II/5th must keep its present strength, considering anything above W/E Off. and 426 E.M. (established W/E of September directive) as overhead;
- or the II/5th must divide into two Rgts. Internal Security Bns. which will share the strength and tasks so far assigned to the one Bn. in question.

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	Off.	NCOs	O/R	Remarks
COSENZA				
Coy. Hq + Hq Plt.	2	2	30	13
Bridge guard, CRATI River		1	7	
Motor Patrol Pump guard - VILLA BONDINI		1	14	
" Depot " - COSENZA.		1	4	
Labor for loading + unloading ammo. at PAOLA, AMANTEA, SCALEA.			6	
Feed stores guard - COSENZA			10	
" " "			4	
Telephn. Lines " "			4	
Aquarium feed stores " "			8	
Telephn. Lines guard - STEZZANO ACQUAFREDDA	1		10	
Distbn. Center COSENZA Quartermaster			3	
Fixed stores guard, COSENZA		1	10	1
			4	
CASTROVILLARI	3	6	108	14 Total
Coy. Hq + Hq Plt.	2	2	30	13
Bridge Guard, River CRATI		1	7	
" " " TRONTO			7	
Personnel for Remount Pool, TRE DITALE		1	10	
" " " SPEZZANO-ALBANESE		1	10	
Petrol Dump Guard, ROSSANO	1	1	14	
Fuel Store " CASTROVILLARI			4	
Engr. " " "			7	
Quartermaster Stores "			4	
Personnel for Telephn. Exchange "			3	
Distbn. Center Quartermaster "		1	10	
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RECAPITULATION	3	7	100	13 Total
Area of CATANZARO	10	25	283	24
" " REGGIO-C.	2	19	270	18
" " CROTONE	2	7	148	9
" " COSENZA	3	6	108	14
" " CASTROVILLARI	2	7	100	13
Total	22	64	1013	78

Reggio Calabria

	Cp/Pln	NCO	Men	Guard
– Coy HQ and HQ pl. – Reggio Calabria	1	2	30	15
– External Guard:– Bruzzano Zeffirio Tunel (North & South)		1	14	
Modena Ammo Depot			7	
Metramo Bridge			4	
Petrace "			4	
– At Allied Authorities disposal:–				
Arch Fuel Depot Guard			8	
Palmi " " "		1	10	
Gioia Tauro Transit Park staff		2	10	
R. Calabria Fuels depot Guard		2	7	
Drivers		1	28	
Food stuff processing			9	
Docks Labourers			120	
Docks Guard	1	2	24	
Car Park Guard		1	14	
– Garrison Duties:–				
Guard & Gen duties		4	36	
at Genio Detachment disposal			10	
at Recovery Office disposal		1	10	
Guard & Gen duties at "Stazione" Bks		2	20	
Drivers & Garrison duties			5	5
	3	19	370	18

Crotone

	1	2	12	4

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Drivers			9	
Food stuff processing			120	
Docks Labourers	1	2	24	
Docks Guard		1	14	
Car Park Guard				
— Garrison Duties :-				
Guard & Gen duties		4	36	
at Genie Detachment disposal			10	
at Recovery C/Fire disposal		1	14	
Guard & Gen duties at 'Steare' Pos		2	20	
Drivers & Garison duties			5	5
	3	19	370	18
Crotone				
Detachment H.Q	1	2	12	9
Guard on railway bridge at Tacina River	1	1	7	
" " " " " N.C.O. "			7	
" " " " " "		1	14	
Tunnel Guard, Cutro (North & South)		1	14	
Dock yards Guard (A. Authority)	1	1	34	
Crotone Garrison duties (Guard etc)		2	20	
Capo Rizzuto Island Labourers & Airfield Guard	1		49	
	3	7	148	9

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Appendix ____

List of duties & ranks of II/3 Posts Inf. Regt. Calabria

	Officers	NCOs	Men	Animals
Catanzaro				
– Bn. HQ and HQ pl. (establishment includes security Bn.) – Catanzaro	5	3	34	4
– Coy. HQ and HQ pl., Catanzaro	2	2	30	13
– ~~Bridge~~ Guard, Amato		1	7	
– -do- , Corace		1	7	
– -do- Soveria		1	7	
– -do- Ancinale	1		7	
– Tunnel Guard, Stalletti (half a dozen months)		1	16	
– " " Amato (" " ")		1	13	
– Fiume Amato Transit Park & Staff (A. Cattle)	1	2	25	
– Soveria Mann. " " " (" ")		1	10	
– Fiume Angitola " " " (" ")		2	18	
– Fiume Amato, Barrack Guard			8	
– M. Soverato " "		1	6	
– Ponte Grande " "		1	6	
– Tiriolo Car Repair Park Staff	1	1	6	
– Chiaffini Fuel Depot staff		2	22	
– Gagliano " " "			4	
– Chemical Stores Depot, Guard, Serrastretta		1	8	
Garrison duties, Catanzaro.				
a/ "Pepe" Barracks Guard		1	8	
		2	24	

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– Fiume Mann. " " " (" ")		1	10		
– Fiume Capitolo " " " (" ")		2	18		
– Fiume Amato, Barrack Guard ——			8		
– M. Lovrato " " ——		1	6		
– Ponte Grande " " ——		1	6		
– Tirolo Car Repair Park staff ——	1	1	6		
– Chiattini Fuel Depot staff ——		2	22		
– Gagliano " " " ——			4		
– Chemical Store Depot Guard, Senastretta		1	8		
Garrison duties, Catargaro.					
a) "Pepe" Barracks Guard ——		1	8		
b) Food, forage & fuel etc Depot Guard –		2	24		
c) Garrison duties		[illegible]	17	4	
	10	25	283	24	

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From :- HQ Calabria
To :- as detailed in Letter

Ref :- 01/1768
Date :- 13th Nov 44.

Subject :- Operational Duties — HQ Calabria

Instructions contained in letter 01/819 dated 22nd Sept. 44 from this HQ, following the formation and after employment destination of 'Mantova' Combat Group, the formation of the II/46 and II/5 Security Units, Amendments issued by Allied Authorities and to new instructions received from HQ 3 District (attached), are substituted by the following instructions :—

1) As from midnight of the 5th Nov., Calabria Territory included and comes under the jurisdiction of 52 Area having its HQ at Taranto, comes under the dependance of HQ 3 District, ceases to be under the jurisdiction of 70 Sub Area. The City of R. Calabria remains included in the territorial jurisdiction of 70 Sub Area (ref. 7P/G dated 4th Nov. received from 3 District.).

2) Operational duties, issued by HQ 3 District to this HQ with reference to Operational Instruction No 11 dated 21st Aug. 44, as follows and will be carried out by units as detailed :—

I) Protection of Axis installations (Calabria).

To be carried out by II/46 'Abruzzi' Inf Regt in accordance with the defence plans issued by this office ref. 01/1930 dated 19th Oct 44.

II) Protection of Railway Bridges, Wooden Bridges and Railway Tunnels.

As shown in appendix No 1 of this Letter. To be carried out by II/5 "Aosta" Inf Regt.

III) Protection of Customs Port installations.

To be carried out by II/5 "Aosta" Inf Regt. (1 officer and 35 ORs).

IV) Protection of C. Rizzuto Island Airport installation.

To be carried out by II/5th "Aosta" Inf Regt. (1 officer and 49 ORs) until the S.M. for the Air Force, who has already been told by SMRE through this HQ, ~~HQ~~ supply Air Force units for the ~~duty~~ duties in question.

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V / Guards for Cosenza Depots

C. el. :- 4 ORs, for Villa Bombini, Cosenza :- 1 NCO x 14 ORs; for Rossano :- 1 NCO x 14 ORs and for Palmi :- 1 NCO x 9 ORs.

From II/5 "Aosta" Inf. Regt.

VI) Various Guard duties and Labour duties at R. Calabria. (1)

To be carried out by II/5 "Aosta" Inf. Regt.

VII) Organization of Car Parks.

For C. Amato, Sovena Mannelli, Lagosano Albanese, Castelluccio, Trebisacce and Gioia Tauro :- To be carried out by the Dirig. Aut. Ufficio Calabria for the functioning, to Garrison HQs of Catanzaro, Vibo Valentia and Crotone Plain, for discipline, to HQ II/5 Inf. for administration (see 01/1587 dated 1st Nov. 44 from this HQ.)

VIII) Traffic Organization.

C. Brigata Bridge (1 NCO x 17 ORs) to be carried out by II/5 Inf. until it will be handed over to the Ufficio Speciale del R. Gendarmerie (being dealt with).

IX) Wooden Bridges Maintenance and ~~R. Calabria~~ R. Calabria roads.

Naples & R. Calabria - Taranto. To be carried out by NCOs of the HQ. Ufficio Speciale R. Gendarmerie will have the duties of control & Guard.

Notes:- (1) British Car Park Guard :- 7 men.
Docks Guard :- 26 "
City Guard :- 28 "
Town Major Disposal :- 21 "
Allied Cond. Disposal 4 "
Docks Labourers when required :- 125

Total 218 men.

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X) Public Woks

To be carried out by Cranisa 1 CRs of Catanzaro, Cosenza R. Calabria, Vibo Valentia, Castrovillari x Crotone as allowed by the strength.

XI) Transport duties for Allied Authorities. Labour and duties for Crotone and Guard duties as well as escorts for Trains.

Respectively, to be carried out by 66 Autogruppo, 101 Forest Coy. and 550 Train Guard Coy.

Instructions contained in letter 01/819, No 3 paras IV, V, and VI are to be considered valid.

Ack receipt.

(Sgd) Gen E. CORONATI.

Aff. 1 to letter 01/1728 d/13 Nov 44.
from 11A Calabria.

Permanent Guard to the following works of art.

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1) Bridges Ferr. in Ferro:-

– on F. Trionto	V. 3615	(Map Ref. 1:100.000 f.230 Rossano)
– on F. Neto	2.6871	(" " " f.238 Crotone)
– on f. Tacina	2.5742	(Map Ref. 1:100.000 f.242 Catanzaro)
– on F. Corace (I)	2.2627	
– on F. Soverato	2.2014	
– on F. Angitola	2.2111	
– on F. Crati		

2) Wooden Bridges for vehicles.

– on F. Amato	2.0736	(Map Ref. 1:100000 f.241 Nicastro)
– on F. Corace (I)	2.0660	
– on F. Mutras	D.7590	

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(Sgd) Gen. E. CORONATI.

Aff. 1 to Letter 011728 d/13 Nov. 44
from 11B Calabria.

Permanent Control to the following works of art.

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- on F. Coraci (I) — 2.0660
- on F. Mottrama — D.7590
- on F. Petrace — D.6581
- of ~~Lucci~~ Graci — 2.0560 (Mil Ref. 1:100000 f.236 Cosenza · M.t of Sorenia M).

3/ Railway Tunels.

Bruzzano Zeffirio — D.8860 (Mil. Ref. 1:100.000 f.212 Locri)
Stalettì — 2.7220 (" " " f.242 Catanzaro)
Soverato — 2.2113 (" " " f. 241 ")
Cutro — 2.5752 (" " " f. 238 Crotone).

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N.B — For each bridge the guard is formed:- 1 NCO & 6 men
For each tunnel the guard is formed 1 NCO & 13 men.

(1) The guard is the same for both bridges being of the same size :- 1 NCO & 9 men

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Cb.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

G. 16/c.

N. 12264 prot. Op. — P.M.151, li 24 novembre 1944

Allegati 3

Risposta al foglio N. ....

del ....

OGGETTO: Istruzione operativa n.11 del 3° Distretto all'oggetto: "Organizzazione della Calabria".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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In conseguenza delle soppressioni e riduzioni apportate a taluni servizi d'interesse A.A., della costituzione del II/5° rgt.ftr. "Aosta", che ha assunto quasi per intero i servizi assolti prima dal Gruppo di Combattimento "Mantova", e di nuove comunicazioni avute dal 3° Distretto, si trasmette, in triplice copia, il foglio 01/1768 in data 13 corrente, diramato ai reparti dipendenti dal Comando Militare della Calabria, il quale sostituisce il foglio 01/819 del 22 settembre u.s. trasmesso a codesta Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.(MMIA)

del

OGGETTO: Istruzione operativa n.11 del
3° Distretto all'oggetto: "Organizzazione della Calabria".-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Banti -

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= S E G R E T O =

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
S.M.-Ufficio Operaz.Addestr.e Mobil.
Sezione II^ Operaz.ed Addestr.

N. 01/1768 di prot. P.M.II4,li 13 OTT. 1944

OGGETTO: Compiti operativi del C.M.C.

Alleg. 1

AL COMANDO GENIO DEL C.M.C. = S E D E
ALLA DIREZ.AUTOM/CA DEL C.M.C. = S E D E
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = CATANZARO
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = COSENZA
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = REGGIO CAL.
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = VIBO VALENTIA
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = CASTROVILLARI
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE = CROTONE
~~AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE~~ = ~~COTRONEI~~
AL COMANDO II/46° FTR."SABAUDA" = COTRONEI
AL COMANDO II/5° FTR. "AOSTA" = CATANZARO
AL COMANDO 101^ COMP.FORESTALE = CROTONE
AL COMANDO 505^ COMP. G.T. = REGGIO CAL.

e,per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO GR. COMBATT."MANTOVA" = P.M. 104
AL COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR. = CATANZARO

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Le disposizioni contenute nel foglio 01/819 del 22 settembre di questo comando in seguito all'approntamento e destinazione ad al=

Alleg. 1

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e,per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO GR. COMBATT."MANTOVA" = P.M. 104
AL COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR. = CATANZARO

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Le disposizioni contenute nel foglio 01/819 del 22 settembre di questo comando in seguito all'approntamento e destinazione ad altro impiego del Gruppo di Combatt."Mantova", alla costituzione del II/46° e II/5° di sicurezza, alle avvenute soppressioni e riduzioni di vari servizi per conto degli A.A. ed a nuove comunicazioni del Comando Alleato 3° distretto, sono sostituite dalle disposizioni seguenti:

1. Il territorio della Calabria dalla mezzanotte del giorno 5 novembre è compreso nella giurisdizione della 52^ Area (Zona) con sede Taranto, posta alle dipendenze del comando alleato 3° distretto, cessando di far parte della giurisdizione della 70^ Sub Area (Sottozona). La città di R.Calabria rimane compresa nella giurisdizione territoriale della 70^ Sub-Area(comunicazione avuta dal 3° Distretto con foglio 72/G del 3 novembre).
2. I compiti operativi affidati dal comando alleato 3° distretto a questo comando militare, con l'istruzione operativa n. 11 del 21 agosto c.a., sono i seguenti e saranno assolti dai reparti a fianco indicati:

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I) Protezione impianti silani: dal II/46° rgt.ftr."Sabauda", come da piano di difesa trasmesso da questo comando con foglio n. 01/1330 il 19 ottobre c.a.

II) Protezione ponti ferroviari, ponti in legno e gallerie ferroviarie indicati nell'allegato n. 1 al presente foglio: dal II/5° rgt.ftr. "Aosta".

III) Protezione impianti portuali di Crotone: dal II/5° rgt.ftr. "Aosta" (1 uff. e 35 militari di truppa).

IV) Protezione impianti Aeroporto Isola C.Rizzuto: dal II/5° rgt. ftr. "Aosta" (1 uff. e 49 militari di truppa) sino a che lo S.M.R.Aeronautica, già interessato dallo S.M.R.E., tramite questo comando, non avrà provveduto ad affidare tale compito a reparti della R.Aeronautica.

V) Guardia ai depositi c.el.AA di Cosenza (4 mil.di truppa), Villa Bombini di Cosenza (1 sottuff. e 14 mil.di truppa), Rossano (1 sottuff. e 14 mil.di truppa) e Palmi (1 sottuff. e 9 mil. di truppa): dal II/5° rgt.ftr. "Aosta".

VI) Guardie varie e manovalanza a Reggio Cal.: (1) dal II/5° rgt. ftr. "Aosta".

VII) Organizzazione parchi sosta AA: f. Amato, Soveria Mannelli, Spezzano Albanese, Castelluccio, Trebisacce e Gioia Tauro: è affidata alla Direz.Automobilistica C.M.C. per il funzionamento, ai comandi presidi Catanzaro, Vibo Valentia e Castrovillari per la parte disciplinare, al comando II/5° ftr. per la parte amministrativa (vedi foglio 01/1537 dell'1 nov.1944 questo comando).

VIII) Organizzazione traffico ponte su f.Angitola (1 sottuff.e 17 mil. di truppa): dal II/5° ftr., sino a che non sarà passata all'Ufficio Speciale del R.Genio Civile (pratica in corso).

IX) Manutenzione ponti in legno e delle rotabili Reggio Cal.- Napoli e Reggio Cal.-Taranto: dal comando genio C.M.C., esclusive=

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IV) Protezione impianti Aeroporto Lecce S.Nicolito: dal II/5° rgt. ftr. "Aosta" (1 uff. e 49 militari di truppa) sino a che lo S.M.R.Aeronautica, già interessato dallo S.M.R.E., tramite questo comando, non avrà provveduto ad affidare tale compito a reparti della R.Aeronautica.

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IX) Manutenzione ponti in legno e delle rotabili Reggio Cal.- Napoli e Reggio Cal.-Taranto: dal comando genio C.M.C., esclusivamente per quanto riflette l'azione di controllo e di vigilanza, essendo detto compito devoluto all'Ufficio Speciale R.Genio Civile.

NOTA: (1) -guardia autoparco inglese: 7 u.
-guardia alla porto : 26 u.
-guardia e servizio in città 28 u.
-a disp.di Town Major : 21 u.
-a disp.del c/dc alleato : 9 u.
-manovalanza al porto quando richiesta : 125

Totale 218 u.

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X) Ordine Pubblico: dai comandi di presidio di Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia, Castrovillari e Crotone per quanto è consentito dalla situazione della forza.

XI) Servizio trasporti per conto A.A., servizio di manovalanza a Crotone e servizio di scorta e guardia treni: rispettivamente dal 66° Autogruppo; 101^ cp.forestale e 550^ cp.Guardia Treni. Rimane in vigore quanto disposto con citato foglio 01/819 al n. 3 capi IV, V e VI.

SEGNARE RICEVUTA

COMANDO MILITARE della CALABRIA

IL COMANDANTE MILITARE
(Gen. Emilio Coronati)

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IL COMANDANTE MILITARE
(Gen. Emilio Coronati)

Alleg.1 al f.n. ('1768 - data
del C.M.C. - S.M. Ufficio Cperaz.ed Addestr.

= VIGILANZA PERMANENTE ALLE SEGUENTI OPERE D'ARTE:

1°) PONTI FERR. IN FERRO:

su f.Trionto	U	3615	(carta 1:100.000 f.230 Rossano)
su f.Neto	Z	6871	(" " f.238 Crotone)
su f.Tacina	Z	5142	
su f.Corace (I)	Z	2627	
su f.Soverato	Z	2014	(" " f.242 Catanzaro)
su f.Angitale	Z	2111	

su f. Crati

2°) PONTI ROTABILI IN LEGNO:

su f.Amato	Z	0736	(carta 1:100.000 f.241 Nicastro)
su f.Corace (E)	Z	0660	
su f.Metramò	D	7590	
su f.Petrace	D	6581	
di .Coraci	Z	0560	(carta 1:100.000 f.236 Cosenza -N.E. di Soveria M.)

3°) GALLERIE FERROVIARIE:

Bruzzano Zeffirio	D	8840	(carta 1.100.000 f.222 Locri)
Staletti	Z	2220	(" " f.242 Catanzaro)
Soverato	Z	2113	(" " f.242 ")
Cutro	Z	5752	(" " f.236 Crotone)

N.B. Per ogni ponte la guardia è costituita da 1 graduato e 6 militari di truppa.

Per ogni galleria la guardia è costituita da 1 sottuff. e 13 militari di truppa.

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su f.Amato	Z	0736	(carta 1:100.000 f.241 Nicastro)
su f.Corace (I)	Z	0660	
su f.Metramò	D	7590	
su f.Petrace	D	5581	
di [illegible].Corraci	Z	0560	(carta 1:100.000 f.236 Cosenza -N.E. di Soveria M.)

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(1) La guardia è unica per tutti i due ponti, essendo uno adiacente all'altro. Forza: 1 graduato e 9 militari di truppa.

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Italian Military in CALABRIA

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
O/17
12 Nov 44

TO : Hq 52 Area

Copy to: MMLO 52 Area (Your T L/6 of 8 Nov refers)

1. In answer to your G 70 of 7 Nov, the following information is given:

(a) Staging facilities in CALABRIA. Staging areas are at

GIOIA TARO	(D.6683)
AMATO RIVER	(2.0736)
SOVERIA MANNELLI	(2.0557)
SPEZZANO ALBANESE	(2.9822)
CASTELLUCCIO	(T.6858)
TREBISACCE	(K.1544)

Each has approx 20 all ranks, incl Med and CCRA personnel, one tractor and one light truck. Those at SPEZZANO and CASTELLUCCIO have snow plows, belonging to the Civil Road Company.

(b) Italian Mil Forces and Units in CALABRIA. See our inclosed O/11 of 27 Oct, Order of Battle of the Italian Army.

(c) The security org in CALABRIA. Comando Militare Calabria at CATANZARO controls all Italian troops in the region, at the moment some 10,000 strong. When the MANTOVA Group has left, this strength should be reduced to approx 5,000. The set-up will then be as follows:

Comando Militare Calabria

Guard and Internal Security Units (2 Bns) 4322
Service Units
Depots

The Guard Bn set-up is:

2 Bn 4e Regt	Hq COSENZA	
2 Bn 5 Regt	Hq and one coy	CATANZARO
	Det Coys	CROTONE

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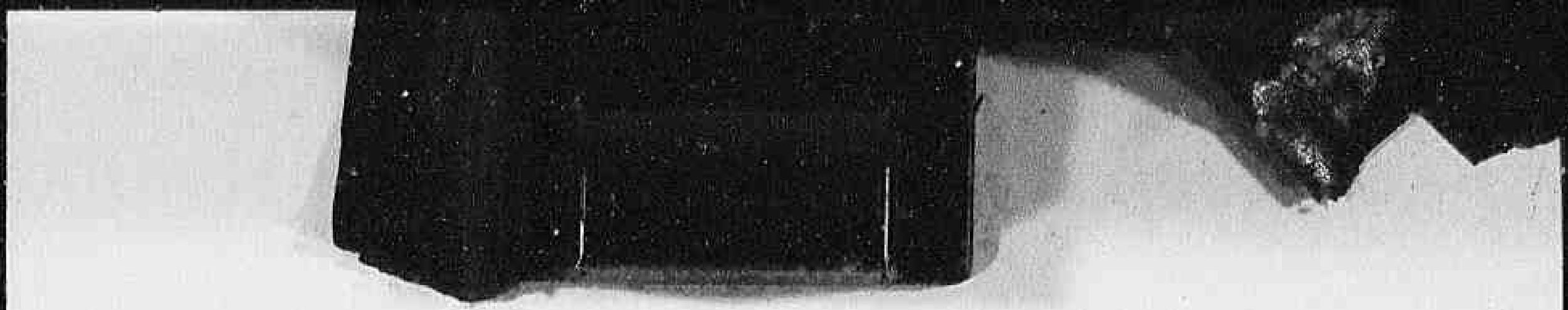
On 5 Nov two copies of the Italian defense plan dated 15 Oct for the "SILA Installations" were forwarded to Hq 3 Dist. Perhaps you should secure one of these copies.

REP

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Incl: one copy of G/11 of 27 Oct
(Order of Battle)



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SECRET 101

SUBJECT:- Defence of the SILA Installations.

3 District
Ext 8
39/1/G

13 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
MMIA

G/17 13/11

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter ref G/17 dated 5 Nov 44, enclosing Italian defence plan for the SILA Installations.

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(RB SPRAY) Major
for Lt col
G S

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Subject:- CATABRIA.

To: HQ, MMIA.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
TPD/6

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Copy 52 Area's G 70 of 7 Nov 44 is forwarded to you for necessary action.

W.R.A. Crawford
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

8 Nov 44

Copy to: 52 Area

14 Nov Answered RER

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Subject:- CATABRIA.

WWTE I.O. TARANTO

HQ 52 Arm a CMF
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7 Nov 44

1. The Province of CATABRIA passed to under comd this HQ at 0001 hrs 6 Nov 44.

2. Please forward to this HQ such of the following infm as is in your possession :

(a) Staging facilities in CATABRIA (It is understood that there are no Brit or Allied Staging Camps)
(b) A list of Italian Mil Fmns & Units in CATABRIA
(c) The security org in CATABRIA.

Ref 4517
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SECRET

3 District
Ext 8
70/3/G
4 Nov 44

SUBJECT: CALABRIA

Distribution: below

Ref this HQ 70/3/G of 2 Nov 44.

1. Town of Reggio remains under military comd of 70 Sub Area.

2. 3 District Operation Instruction No 11 (not held by all) will be amended as necessary.

(RB SPRAY) Major
for Lt col
G S

RBS/KJ

Distribution:-

52 Area (2)
70 Sub Area
MMIA
MMIA LO (For transmission to Commando Militare CALABRIA)

Copy to:
3 Dist Eastern Det
54 Area (2)
56 Area
94 Sub Area
64 Garrison
67 Garrison
Rome Area (G3 Br)
MC & MG Sec HQ AC
Sicily Region AC
Southern Region AC
AFHQ (G3-Org-Br) (6)
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15 L of C Sigs
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C A L A B R I A

(Report by MMIALC 3 Dist 30 Oct - 2 Nov 44)

GENERAL

With the departure of Nov REGGIO, the only British unit now in CALABRIA is 274 Wks Sec RE at CROTONE. Representatives of AC remain at CATANZARO, COSENZA and REGGIO.

COMANDO MILITARE CALABRIA (Gen CORONATI) at CATANZARO controls all Italian tps in the region, at the moment some 10,000 strong. When the MANTOVA Gp has left, this strength should be reduced to approx 5,000. The set-up will then be as follows:

Comando Militare Calabria
- Guard & Internal Security Units (2 bns)
- Service Units
- Depots

MANTOVA GROUP

This formation has now been completely relieved of all duties and will be ready to move w.e.f. 10 Nov. The three regts have concentrated as follows:

Gp HQ & 114 Inf Regt	COSENZA
76 Inf Rgt	REGGIO
155 Arty Regt	CROTONE

1 Bn 119 Inf Regt now calls itself 3Bn 76 Regt. All over-age and category men have been weeded out and drafted into gd units.

GUARD DUTIES & INTERNAL SECURITY

1 Bn 46 Inf Regt (SABAUDA) came over from MESSINA 6 weeks ago 5 a strength of about 800 all ranks, and relieved 75 Regt (MANTOVA) guarding the SILA Hydroelectric installations. This bn has been split to form 2 bns (2/46 Regt and 2/5 Regt Aosta) which between them are now taking over all gd duties.

The SILA defence scheme has been revised and the job previously done by two very weak bns is now done by 2 Bn 46 Regt with a strength of 450.

2 Bn 5 Regt composed partly of men from 1 Bn 46 Regt and prtly of MANTOVA over-age men is providing dets in various centres in CALABRIA.

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GUARD UNIT SET-UP :

2 Bn 46 Rgt	HQ	COTRONEI
2 Bn 5 Rgt	HQ and one Coy	CATANZARO
	Det Coys	REGGIO
		COSENZA
		CROTONE

I visited HQ 2Bn 46 Rgt at COTRONEI. On paper the defence scheme is simple and involves three Coy Sections, each providing a number of posts.

The men of this Bn are of good type and are reasonably clad. Their boots, however, are bad and urgently require replacement before the snow sets in.

The question of guards at REGGIO was raised by Capt. TURNEULI, Town Major. Apart from certain number of standing commitments in the town, such as Offices of Town Major and RNO, AC Car Park, Oil and Food Depots, CIP Depot, Power Sta etc, there have been in the past occasional demands for remount escorts and guards for crashed aircraft etc. Altogether he estimates that 150 effectives can do the job. This can be provided by the Coys of 2 Bn of 5 Rgt. The substitution of guards by CCRR on AC Installations is a matter to be decided with AC.

STAGING AREAS ("Parchi Sosta") :

These have not yet been handed over to civilians. The process of finding suitable locals and vetting them being, apparently, lenghty and laborious. It was estimated that the change-over will have taken place by the end of Nov. At first a WO will be in charge.

Staging Areas are at :

GIOIA TAURO	(D. 6683)	4514
ALTO River	(Z. 0736)	
SOVERIA MANNELLI	(Z. 0557)	
SPEZZANO ALBANESE	(T. ~~6858~~ 9822)	
CASTELLUCCIO		(T. 6858)
TREBISACCE	(U. 1544)	

Each has approx. 20 All ranks, incl Med. and CCRR personnel, one tractor and one 1t truck. Those at SPEZZANO and CASTELLUCCIO have snow ploughs, belonging to the Civil Road Company.

I visited the first two of these Staging Areas and they appeared to be well kept up.

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There is also a Control Post ("Posto di Blocco") maintained at the ANGITOLA River, where the diversion crosses the river by a steel ry br.

BRIDGE GDS :

Guards are still maintained on ry and temporary brs over the rivers PETRACE , AMATO , CORACE , CRATI , NETO , TRIONTO TACINA and ANCINALE.

Those on five additional brs of minor importance are being cancelled.

A number of brs are still under construction by the Civil Authorities; the Italian Military Engineers are responsible solely for the maintenance and the repair of existing wooden structures.

MOVEMENTS :

The new system has not been finally decided on, but in all probability the Italian Movement Organisation, "615 Delegazione Trasporti", (HQ At REGGIO), will from now on be responsible for rail movement in CALABRIA, under orders of MOVAIT, through Maj. BLAIR AC Transportation Sub-Commission (REGGIO).

615 Delegazione has RTOs in all the main stations in the region. Italian civilian interpreters who worked with MOV REGGIO are being kept on at each Station. 615 Delegazione will also work the ferry at the REGGIO end.

550 Train Guard Coy is remaining at REGGIO, and will continue to find guards for all trains moving north as before. Should it be removed, there will be no Italian troops available for this duty.

Movements training Depot is shortly opening a school at REGGIO.

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TIMBER :

I visited 274 Wks Sec RE CROTONE (OC Maj. HOLLAND). This unit continues to control the supply of timber from the zone allotted to British Forces i.e. the East Slopes of the SILA PICCOLA; the area is also used by an American officer trading in pit-props.

10,000 to 12,000 tons of timber are despatched from CROTONE every month, a proportion of which goes by rail. The timber is brought down from the sawmills by British and Italian MT and by the narrow-gauge rys.

274 Wks Sec have 101 Italian Forestry Coy under comd, with a full strenght of some 230 men. Of these 150 are employed by the

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British Coy// on a variety of duties incl. some local unit// guard. There is no military labour at the port of CROTONE, althougt 101 Forestry Coy are called to provide a squad for timber loading in an emergency. The Italian Coy was stated to be useful and reliable, and altogether preferable to civilians.

The Italian MT used for transport of timber is provided by a sec of 294 Autoreparto. This Sec. has at the moment only 30 runners. (See M.T.).

ITALIAN MT

All Italian MT in CALABRIA except MANTOVA forms part of 66 Autogruppo which consists of the following units:-

- 179 Autosezione: all sup and maint duties; only 20 runners at moment.
- 294 Autoreparto: all MT in use by Allied and Civil Authorities:
  (a) CROTONE under 274 Wks Sec ---47 vehs
  (b) CAMIGLIATELLO BIANCHI (Z.0985) under American unit working timber production---13 vehs.
  (c) COSENZA under civil rd authorities ---- 8 vehs.
  (d) Staging Areas --- 6 lt trucks & 6 tractors.
- 31 Sezione Autoparco: Wksps and stores unit.

Included in the tpt of 294 Autoreparto are 26 trucks and 6 tractors which belong to MANTOVA Gp. In view of instructions issued that MANTOVA was to take with it all its runners, I told Comando Militare that unless instructions were recieved to the contrary, MANTOVA tpt employed as above should remain behind.

The MT spares and tyres situation in CALABRIA is acute, shortage of tyres particularly being responsible for a high proportion of the non-runners. 4512

Preparations are being made for the inevitable MT shortage by supplying detached units by mule-cart.

CLOTHING

The clothing of Italian tps in CALABRIA is, with certain exceptions, in a poor state (I saw some soldiers on duty dressed almost entirely in civilian clothes). There is reported to be a certain amount of clothing in the depot - 1,000 suits of BD for instance still remain of a consignment from SICILY - but

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releases requested have not yet been authorised. There are no boots and a large number are urgently required, particularly for those tps doing gd duties in the mountains.

Gen CORONATI suggested that all tps in his command clothed in dyed BD might have this exchanged for Ttalian outer clothing in order to make the BD available for tps under Allied comd. I said I thought this was not necessary.

PERSONNEL IN DEPOTS

The reduced establishment for depots has now been put into effect. All surplus men awaiting assignment have been or are being sent to 55 Arty Depot VIBO VALENTIA which is being used as the rft depot. On 3 Nov approximately 400 replacements for 212 Command and 120 men for FRANCAVILLA FONTANA should have left VIBO.

REMOUNTS

119 animals (75 horses & 44 mules) recently selected and brnded by British Remounts are still awaiting movement. They are being concentrated at VIBO VALENTIA, COSENZA and CROTONE. Movement of these animals early is desireable as they are being looked after by personnel of MANTOVA Gp.

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Distribution:-
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Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
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SUBJECT:- Defence of the SILA Installation

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MMIA)

G/17

5 Nov 44

HQ 3 District

1. Enclosed are two copies of the Italian defence plan for the "SILA Installations". It is assumed you will fwd one copy to your appropriate sub-HQ.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

REP

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for Major General
M M I A

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

PE. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 21694 prot. OP. P.M. 151 li 4 Novembre 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: piano di difesa degli impianti Silani.

Defense plan for Silani Plants

ALLA M. M. I. A.
- Sottocommissione Esercito - ROMA

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Seguito foglio 10340/Op. in data 1° ottobre di questo S.M.-

Si trasmette, in triplice esemplare, il nuovo piano di difesa degli impianti Silani, il quale sostituisce quello allegato al foglio suddetto che si prega distruggere.=

La forza impiegata per l'attuazione del citato piano è pari a un btg. di sicurezza, tratto dallo

del

OGGETTO: piano di difesa degli impianti Silani.

Defense plan for Silani Plants

ALLA M. M. I. A.
- Sottocommissione Esercito - R O M A

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La forza impiegata per l'attuazione del citato piano è pari a un btg. di sicurezza, tratto dallo sdoppiamento del I/46° "Sabauda".=

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for 3 Div
5 Army RCP

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Alessandro Santi-

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Allog.n. 1 al f.n. 31/1329 -data 15-10-944

SEGRETO

CONANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
S.M.-Ufficio Operaz.Addestr.e Mobil.
Sezione 1^ - Ufficio Oper.ed Add.

= PIANO DI DIFESA DEGLI IMPIANTI SILANI =

T E S T O
(2 allegati a parte)

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= PIANO DI DIFESA DEGLI IMPIANTI SILANI =

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COMANDO MILITARE della CALABRIA ★

15 ottobre 1944

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- DESCRIZIONE DEGLI IMPIANTI -

Gli impianti silani utilizzano l'energia idroelettrica del bacino del Neto e dei suoi affluenti Arvo ed Ampollino.

Gli impianti attualmente comprendono due serbatoi regolari:
a) -uno sul fiume Arvo (serbatoio Arvo-Ecosolle) a metri 1278,50 sul livello del mare, della capacità utile di 67,5 milioni di mc.;
b) -l'altro sul fiume Ampollino (serbatoio Ampollino-Trepidò) a metri 1271, della capacità di 64,5 milioni di mc.

Un terzo serbatoio secondario è costituito dal bacino del Savuto le cui acque vengono sopraelevate nell'Ampollino, attraverso una condotta forzata sotterranea.

L'acqua del primo serbatoio (Arvo) viene immessa - durante il periodo di magra e quando le sole acque dell'Ampollino non sono più sufficienti per alimentare le centrali - nel secondo (Ampollino) mediante condotta sotterranea.

Dal serbatoio Ampollino-Trepidò l'acqua con un salto di metri 470, in condotta forzata allo scoperto, discende nella centrale "Orichella" a metri 800.

La restituzione avviene in un bacino di compenso, della capacità di 200 mila mc., nel quale giungono anche le acque del Neto e dell'eccedenza di quelle del f. Arvo - col suo affluente Garga - regolate da un serbatoio (serbatoio Neto -Iumtura) della capacità di 18 milioni di mc.

Dal predetto bacino di compenso l'acqua precipita con un secondo salto di metri 540, in condotte forzate scoperte, nella centrale di "Timpa Grande" a metri 257.

Dal bacino di restituzione di quest'ultima parte un canale che con un terzo salto di metri 140, in condotta forzata, scoperta, scende alla centrale "Calusia" a metri 110.

La potenza complessiva delle tre centrali è di 210.400 HA. 4507

Le tre centrali (Orichella-Timpa Grande-Calusia) sono collegate con tre linee a 150.000 volt a Napoli, alle Puglie e a Terole-

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L'acqua del primo serbatoio (Arvo) viene immessa - durante il periodo di magra , quando le sole acque dell'Ampollino non sono più sufficienti per alimentare le centrali - nel secondo (Ampollino) mediante condotta sotterranea.

Dal serbatoio Ampollino-Trepidò l'acqua con un salto di metri 470, in condotta forzata allo scoperto, discende nella centrale "Orichella" a metri 800.

La restituzione avviene in un bacino di compenso, della capacità di 200 mila mc.,nel quale giungono anche le acque del Neto e dell'eccedenza di quelle del f. Arvo - col suo affluente Garga - regolate da un serbatoio (serbatoio Neto -Buntura) della capacità di 18 milioni di mc.

Dal predetto bacino di compenso l'acqua precipita con un secondo salto di metri 540, in condotta forzata scoperta, nella centrale di "Timpa Grande" a metri 257.

Dal bacino di restituzione di quest'ultima parte un canale che con un terzo salto di metri 140, in condotta forzata, scoperta, scende alla centrale "Calusia" a metri 110.

La potenza complessiva delle tre centrali è di 210.000 HP. 4807

Le tre centrali (Orichella-Timpa Grande-Calusia) sono collegate con tre linee a 150.000 volt,a Napoli,alle Puglie e a Perolet - dove avviene la cessione dell'energia alle ferrovie,- e con tre linee a 60.000 volt,a Catanzaro, Cosenza e Cotrone.

Allo stato attuale gli impianti silani sono gli unici importanti in funzione nell'Italia liberata, essendo gli altri distrutti o trovandosi nell'Italia occupata.

Ne consegue la necessità di una difesa adeguata.

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I. - IMPIANTI DA DIPENDERE

1. Lago Arvo:
   - -a) diga
   - -b) finestra condotta in galleria Arvo-Ampollino.

2. F.Savuto:
   - -a) diga
   - -b) sottostazione esterna di trasformazione
   - -c) finestra condotta forzata in galleria per sollevamento acqua.

3. Lago Ampollino:
   - -a) diga
   - -b) finestra condotta in galleria.

4. Casa Pasquale:
   - -a) pozzo piezometrico
   - -b) camera valvole
   - -c) condotta forzata scoperta

5. Orcihella:
   - -a) condotta scoperta
   - -b) centrale
   - -c) diga

6. Chianetta:
   - -a) camera valvole
   - -b) condotta scoperta

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7. Timpa Grande:
   - -a) condotta scoperta
   - -b) centrale
   - -c) diga

8. Calusia:

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-e) finestra condotta forzata in galleria per sollevamento acqua.

3. Lago Ampollino:
   -a) diga
   -b) finestra condotta in galleria.

4. Cuba Pasquale:
   -a) pozzo piezometrico
   -b) camera valvole
   -c) condotta forzata scoperta

5. Orichella:
   -a) condotta scoperta
   -b) centrale
   -c) diga

6. Chiaretta:
   -a) camera valvole
   -b) condotta scoperta

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7. Timpa Grande:
   -a) condotta scoperta
   -b) centrale
   -c) diga

8. Calusia:
   -a) vasca di contenimento
   -b) pozzo piezometrico
   -c) camera valvole
   -d) condotta scoperta
   -e) centrale.

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II. COMPITO DELLA DIFESA

Proteggere gli impianti silani dall'offesa terrestre; in particolare impedire atti di sabotaggio agli impianti, tenuto presente che il pianoro a sud. del f. Savuto e lago Ampollino è particolarmente idoneo ad atterraggio di paracadutisti e ad aviosbarchi.

III. FORZE A DISPOSIZIONE

I/46° rgt.ftr. su organici del btg.di sicurezza interna:
-c.do di btg. e pl. comando
-due compagnie fucilieri
-una cp.armi d'accompagnamento.

N.B. la cp.a.d'a. del btg. ha attualmente 2 pl. da 47/32, anzichè i due pl.mitraglieri previsti dalle formazioni e organici provvisori della div. di sicurezza interna - Ediz. sett. 1944.

IV. D I F E S A

(lucido allegato n. 1).

(Comandante: C/te I/46° rgt.ftr.

Posto comando: I/46° rgt.ftr. - Cotronei

La difesa è organizzata in tre settori:
1. occidentale: Arvo - Savuto - Ampollino
2. centrale : S.Pasquale - Crichella
3. orientale : Chianette - Timpa Grande - Calusia.

Al primo settore provvede la 1^ cp.fucilieri; al secondo la 2^ cp. fucilieri; al terzo la cp. a.a.

Un plotone mitraglieri della 2^ cp. fucilieri è a disposizione del c.do di btg. quale reparto di manovra.

= Organizzazione della difesa:

1^-Settore occidentale (1^ cp.I/46° ftr.)

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-due compagnie fucilieri
-una cp.armi d'accompagnamento.

N.B. la cp.a.d'a. del btg. ha attualmente 2 pl. da 47/32, anzichè i due pl.mitraglieri previsti dalle formazioni e organici provvisori della div. di sicurezza interna - Ediz. sett. 1944.

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La difesa è organizzata in tre settori:
1. occidentale: Arvo - Savuto - Ampollino
2. centrale : S.Pasquale - Crichella
3. orientale : Chimette - Timpa Grande - Caccia.

Al primo settore provvede la 1^ cp.fucilieri; al secondo la 2^ cp. fucilieri; al terzo la cp. a.a.

Un plotone mitraglieri della 2^ cp. fucilieri è a disposizione del c.do di btg. quale reparto di manovra.

= Organizzazione della difesa:

1°-Settore occidentale (1^ cp.I/46° ftr.)

Comandante..... C/te 1^ cp.
Posto comando settore: Bivio Trepidò (lago Ampollino).
a) =protezione impianti "Lago Arvo":
-compito.....:difesa della diga e delle finestre della condotta tra Arvo ed Ampollino.
-reparto.....:un plotone fuc. della 1^ cp.
-forza.....: 1 uff. - 2 sottuff. - 23 truppa.
-sentinelle....: di giorno: 1 alla finestra della condotta e 1 pattuglia (1 graduato e 1 uomo) che percorrono la diga.
di notte : 2 alla diga, 1 alla finestra di condotta.

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b) =Protezione impianti "bacino del f.Savuto":
- compito.....:difesa della diga,della sottostazione di trasformazione e della finestra del= la condotta forzata per sollevamento ac= qua.
- reparto.....:una squadra fucilieri della 1^ cp.
- forza.....: 1 sottuff. - 14 truppa
- sentinelle.....:di giorno: 1 alla condotta e diga
  di notte : 1 alla condotta, 1 alla diga.

c) =Protezione impianti "Lago Ampollino":
- compito.....:difesa della diga e della finestra del= la condotta in galleria
- reparto.....:plotone comando - plotone mitraglieri e 1 squadra fucilieri della 1^ cp.
- forza.....: 4 uff. - 6 sottuff. - 68 truppa.
- sentinelle.....:di giorno: 1 alla diga, 1 alla condotta, 1 (piantone) all'ingresso
  di notte: 2 alla diga, 2 alla condotta.

2°-Settore centrale (2^ cp. I/46° ftr.)

Comandante.....C/te 2^ cp.
Posto comando settore.....: Casa Pasquale.
a) =Protezione impianti "Casa Pasquale":
- compito.....:difesa del pozzo piezometrico,della camera valvole e della condotta sino al 6° vertice compreso.
- reparto.....:plotone comando - 1 pl.fuc.della 2^ cp.
- forza.....:3 uff. - 4 sottuff. - 58 truppa
- sentinelle.....:di giorno: 1 al pozzo piezometrico,1 alla camera valvole,3 alla condotta
  di notte: 1 al pozzo piezometrico, 1 alla camera valvole,2 alla condotta.

b) =Protezione impianti "Orchella":
- compito.....:difesa della condotta,della centrale e della diga.
- reparto.....: 1 pl.fuc.della 2^ cp.

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- compito.....:difesa della diga e della finestra del= lo condotta in galleria
- reparto.....:plotone comando - plotone mitraglieri e 1 squadra fucilieri della 1^ cp.
- forza.....: 4 uff. - 6 sottuff. - 68 truppa.
- sentinelle.....:di giorno: 1 alla diga, 1 alla condotta, 1 (piantone) all'ingresso
di notte: 2 alla diga, 2 alla condotta.

2°-Settore centrale (2^ cp. I/46° ftr.)

Comandante.....C/te 2^ cp.
Posto comando settore.....: Casa Pasquale.
a) =Protezione impianti "Casa Pasquale":
- compito.....:difesa del pozzo piezometrico, della camera valvole e della condotta sino al 6° vertice compreso.
- reparto.....:plotone comando - 1 pl.fuc.della 2^ cp.
- forza.....:3 uff. - 4 sottuff. - 58 truppa
- sentinelle.....:di giorno: 1 al pozzo piezometrico, 1 alla camera valvole, 3 alla condotta
di notte: 1 al pozzo piezometrico, 1 alla camera valvole, 2 alla condotta.

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b) =Protezione impianti "Orchella":
- compito.....:difesa della condotta, della centrale e della diga.
- reparto.....: 1 pl.fuc.della 2^ cp.
- forza.....: 1 uff.-2 sottuff.-28 truppa
- sentinelle.....:di giorno:e di notte: 1 alla sottosta= zione di trasformazione, 1 alla diga , 1 alla finestra sotto la diga, 1 al tor rente Bazoni.

3°-Settore occidentale (cp. A.A. del I/46° ftr.)

Comandante.....C/te cp. A.A.
Posto comando settore.....:Timpa Grande.
a) =Protezione impianti "Chianette":
- compito.....:difesa della camera valvole e della condotta.
- reparto.....:1 pl. da 47/32 della cp.A.A.

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- forza.....: 1 uff. - 3 sottuff. - 43 truppa
- sentinelle.....: di giorno e di notte : 1 alla condotta; 1 alla camera valvole.

b)=Protezione impianti " Timpa Grande ":
- compito.....: difesa della condotta, della centrale e della diga
- reparto.....: pl. c/de della cp. A.A.
- forza.....: 2 uff. - 4 sottuff. - 54 truppa
- sentinelle.....: di giorno e di notte: 1 alla condotta, 1 all'ingresso della centrale; 1 all'uscita della centrale, 1 pattuglia mobile alla condotta, 2 piantoni alle baracche.

c)=Protezione impianti "Calusia" :
- compito.....: difesa della vasca di contenimento del pozzo piezometrico, della camera valvole, della condotta e della centrale
- reparto.....: 1 pl. da 47/32 ed 1 pl.m. 81 della cp. A.A.
- forza.....: 2 uff. - 6 sottuff. - 46 truppa
- sentinelle.....: di giorno e di notte: 1 alla camera valvole, 1 alla vasca di contenimento, 1 alla centrale.

4°=Reparto di manovra (costituito da :
-pl. c/de di btg.
-1 pl. m. 81 della cp. A.A.
-1 pl. mitr. della 2^ cp. fuc.)=

Deve essere tenuto in potenza per poterlo tempestivamente spostare - autotrasportato - in rinforzo ed un presidio eventualmente minacciato e per impiegarlo contro paracadutisti e uomini aviosbarcati. Eventualmente per sostituire militari dei reparti impiegati colpiti da malaria.

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V. PRESIDI DELLA SILA

Il comando di tutti i presidi della Sila è affidato al comando I/46° ftr. in Cotronei, da cui dipendono:
- presidio di Trepidò (Lago Ampollino), retto dal c.do I^ cp. I/46° ftr.
- presidio di Gran Pascuale retto dal c.do 2^ cp. I/46° ftr.

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della centrale, 1 pattuglia mobile alla condotta, 2 piantoni alle baracche.

c)=Protezione impianti "Calusia" :
- compito.....: difesa della vasca di contenimento del pozzo piezometrico, della camera valvole, della condotta e della centrale
- reparto.....: 1 pl. da 47/32 ed 1 pl.m. 8I della cp. A.A.
- forza.....: 2 uff. - 6 sottuff. - 46 truppa
- sentinelle.....: di giorno e di notte: 1 alla camera valvole, 1 alla vasca di contenimento, 1 alla centrale.

4°=Reparto di manovra (costituito da :
-pl. c/da di btg.
-1 pl. m. 8I della cp. A.A.
-1 pl. mitr. della 2^ cp. fuc.)=

Deve essere tenuto in potenza per poterlo tempestivamente spostare - autotrasportate - in rinforzo ed un presidio eventualmente minacciato o per impiegarle contro paracadutisti o uomini aviosbarcati, eventualmente per sostituire militari dei reparti impiegati colpiti da malaria.

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Il comando di tutti i presidi della Sila è affidato al comando I/46° ftr. in Cotronei, da cui dipendono:
- presidio di Trepidò (Lago Ampollino), retto dal c.do 1^ cp.I/46° ftr.
- presidio di Casa Pasquale, retto dal c.do 2^ cp.I/46° ftr.
- presidio di Pimpa Grande, retto dal c.do cp.A.A. I/46° ftr.

VI. ZONA DI SERVITU' MILITARE

In un raggio di 500 metri delle opere nessun si può avvicinare ad eccezione dei civili addetti agli impianti stessi e degli

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ufficiali ed agenti della forza pubblica, previa presentazione di documenti.

Le tabelle vietanti l'accesso saranno collocate su tutte le strade che conducono agli impianti ed intorno agli impianti stessi a distanza di 500 m. almeno.

VII. COLLEGAMENTI

- Risultano dall'allegato n. 2 -

VIII. L A V O R I

Sono ridotti a quelli strettamente indispensabili per la protezione delle opere più importanti e per la sistemazione e la sicurezza del personale.

IX. S E R V I Z I

1°. Servizio di Sanità:

a) =Infermerie:
-all'Arvo.....: posti letto 10
-a Casa Pasquale.....: posti letto 6
-a Cotronei.....: posti letto 10

b) =Sgombero feriti e ammalati:
-per le forme lievi, presso le infermerie silane
-per gli altri casi agli ospedali di Crotone e Cosenza a mezzo autocarri.

2°/ Commissariato:

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a) =Magazzini speciali viveri:
-a Casa Pasquale per i reparti dislocati tra L'Arvo ed Orichella compreso

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2°/ Commissariato:

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a) =Magazzini speciali viveri:
-a Casa Pasquale per i reparti dislocati tra l'Arvo ed Crichella compreso
-a Timpa Grande per i reparti dislocati tra Crcihella escluso e Calusia incluso
-a Cotronei per i reparti di Cotronei.

I magazzini vengono riforniti mensilmente a cura della Direzione di Comm/to del C.R.C.-
Per fabbisogno viveri e foraggi provvede il magazzino viveri e foraggi di Crotone.

b) =Panificazione:
Rimangono in funzione:
-forno in muratura Lago Arvo
-forno privato al Savuto
-forno in muratura a Trepidò

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- forno in muratura a Cotronei.

Se é possibile il personale militare, impiegato ai forni, sarà sostituito dai civili del posto.

3°. Trasporti :

a) = a traino animale :

- c.do di btg.
- c.do 1^ cp.
- c.do 2^ cp.
- c.do cp. A.A.

} carrette e quadrupedi che cederà al btg. il 76° rgt.ftr.

b) = automobilistici :

- c;do di btg.
- c.do 1^ cp.
- c.do 2^ cp.
- c.do cp. A.A.

} autocarri, autocarrette e motocicli che cederà al btg. il 76° rgt.ftr.

4°. Postale e telegrafico :

- Il I/45° ftr. si serve della P.M.114.=
- Il servizio retemoto é esteso a Cotronei con servizio trisettimanale.=
- Telegrafo civile di Cotronei per comunicazioni urgenti.=

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- c.do 2^ cp. } al btg. il 76° rgt.ftr.
- c.do cp. A.A. }

b) = <u>automobilistici</u> :

- c;do di btg. }
- c.do 1^ cp. } autocarri,autocarrette e motocicli
- c.do 2^ cp. } che cederà al btg. il 76° rgt.ftr.
- c.do cp. A.A. }

4°. <u>Postale e telegrafico</u> :

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= Riepilogo forze impiegate :

			Uff/li	Sottuff.
I = SETTORE OCCIDENTALE	Protezione impianti	"Lago Arvo".....	1	2
	" "	Bacino del F.Savuto.....	=	1
	" "	Lago "Ampollino".....	4	6
		Totale.....		
II = SETTORE CENTRALE	Protezione impianti	"Cesa Pasquale".....	3	4
	" "	"Orichella"	1	2
		Totale.....		
III = SETTORE OCCIDENTALE	Protezione impianti	"Chiaraette".....	1	3
	" "	"Timpa Grande".....	2	4
	" "	"Calusia"	2	6
		Totale.....		

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TOTALE COMPLESSIVO

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mpiegate :	Uff/li	Sottuff.	Trupp.		
one impianti "Lago Arvo ".....	1	2	23		
" Bacino del F.Savuto.....	=	1	14		
" Lago "Ampollino".....	4	6	68		
Totale.....				5	9 105
one impianti "Case Pasquale".....	3	4	58		
" "Orichello"	1	2	28		
Totale.....				4	6 86
one impianti "Chiesette".....	1	3	23		
" "Timpa Grande".....	2	4	51		
" "Calusia"	2	6	46		
Totale.....				5	13 120
i servizi sanitari.....				2	
Cotronei				4	11 75
TOTALE CONSUNTIVO				20	39 386

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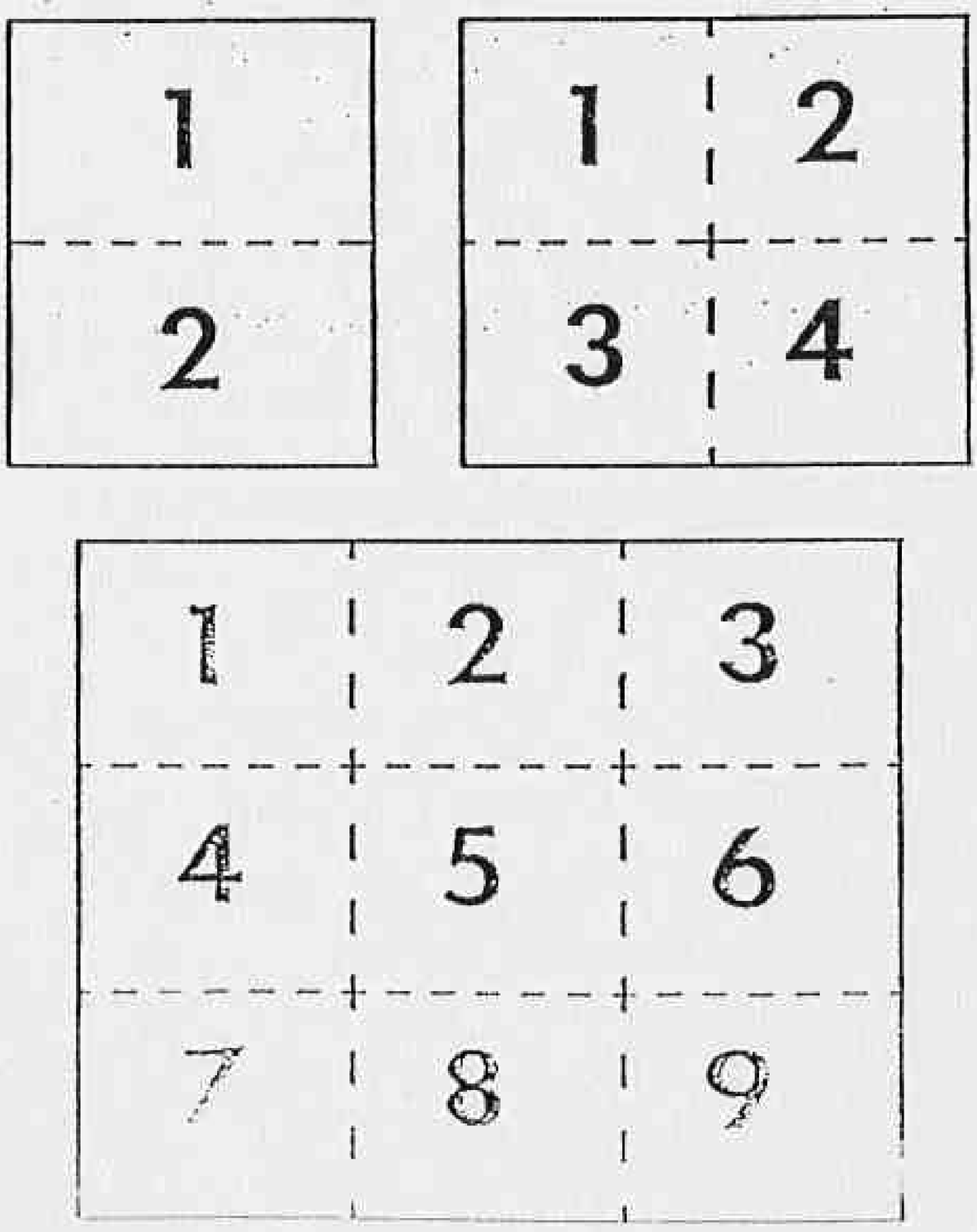

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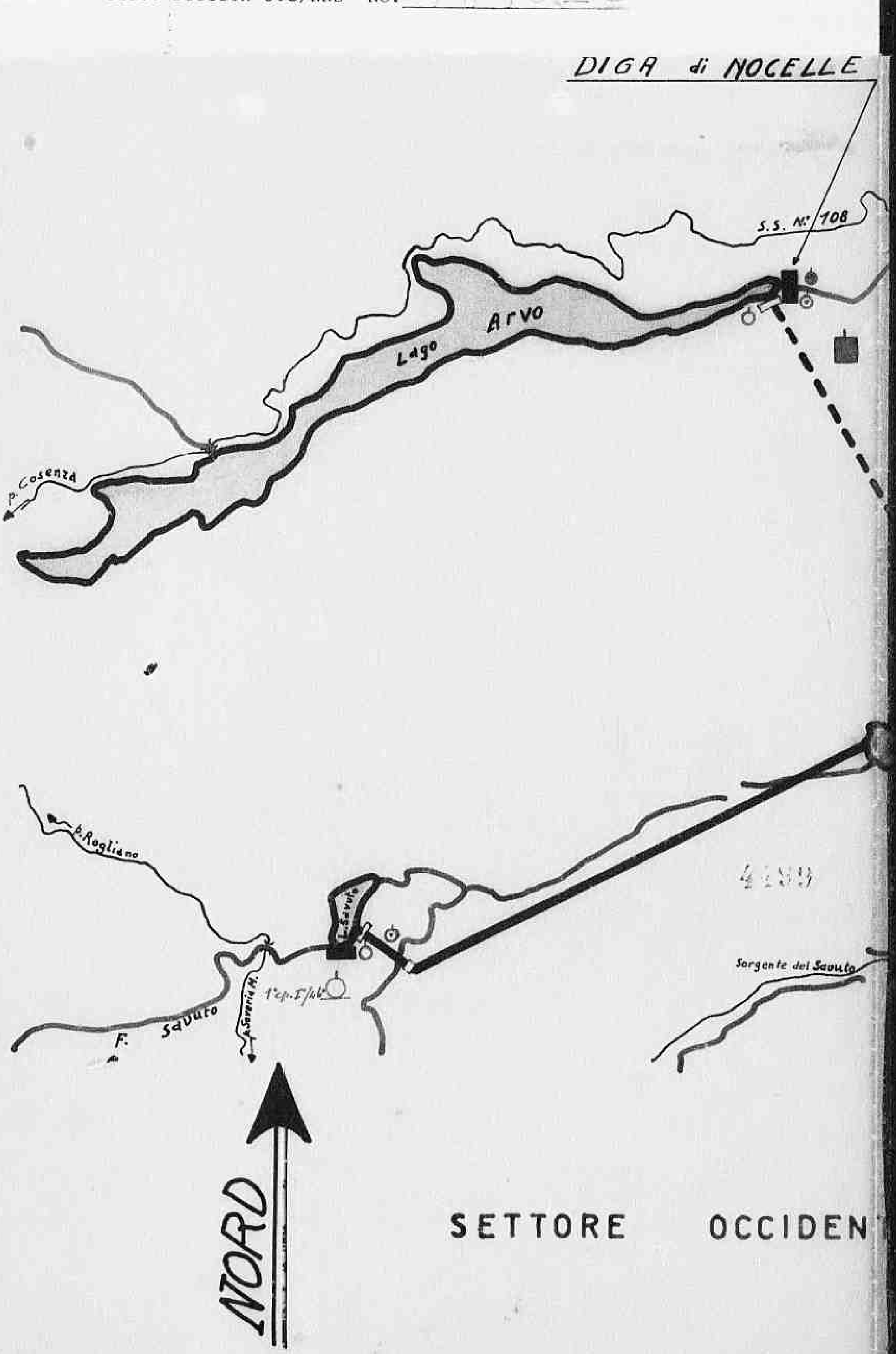

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...IGA di MOCELLE

...RE OCCIDENTALE ... SETTORE

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F. Arvo

F. Gargà

S. Giovanni in Fiore

CENTRALE ORICHELLA

F. Neto

DIGA di TREPIDO'

2ª cp. I°/46°

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F. Ampollino

Tom. Bruni

C. Pasquale

1ª cp. I°/46°

cdo.

Bivio TREPIDO'

SETTORE CENTRALE

SETTOR

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F. Gargà

S. Giovanni in Fiore

CENTRALE ORICHELLA

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Torr. Barone

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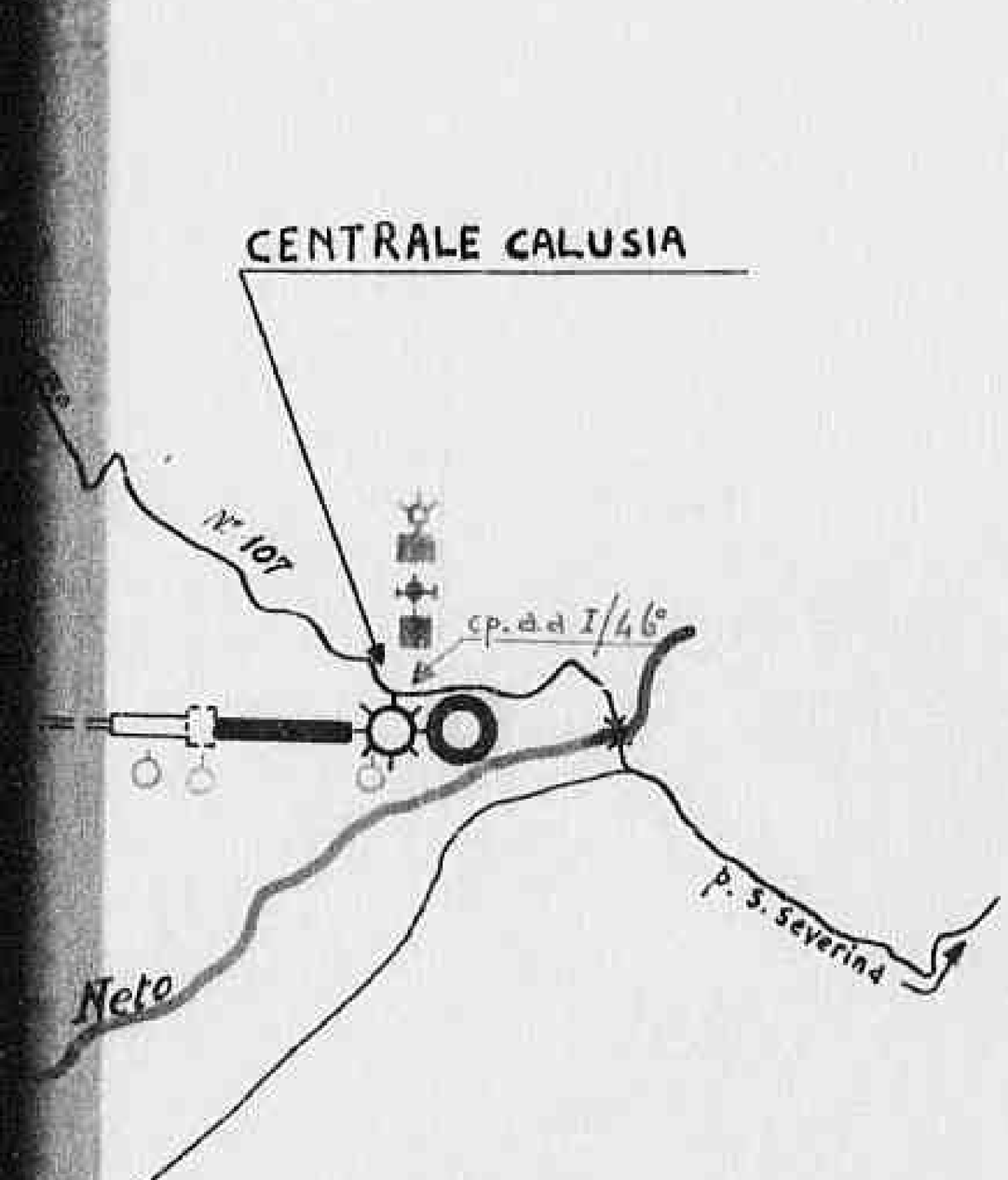
I° btg. 46° rgt.ftr.



- Diga
- Condotta in galleria
- Condotta forzata
- Condotta scoperta
- Finestra
- Camera valvole
- Vasca di contenimento
- Centrale
- Pozzo piezometrico

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IMPIANTI SILANI

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Allegato N°1

al piano di difesa del 15-10-944

...e degli Impianti Silani

SEGRETO

6ª rgt. ftr.

▬	Diga	○	Sentinella fissa
▬ ▬	Condotta in galleria	⊙	" solo di notte
▬	Condotta forzata	◻	Piantone
= = =	Condotta scoperta		Pattuglia (solo di giorno)
▭	Finestra		
▭	Camera valvole		
▭	Vasca di contenimento		
☼	Centrale		
◎	Pozzo piezometrico		

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IMPIANTI SILANI Scala 1:50000

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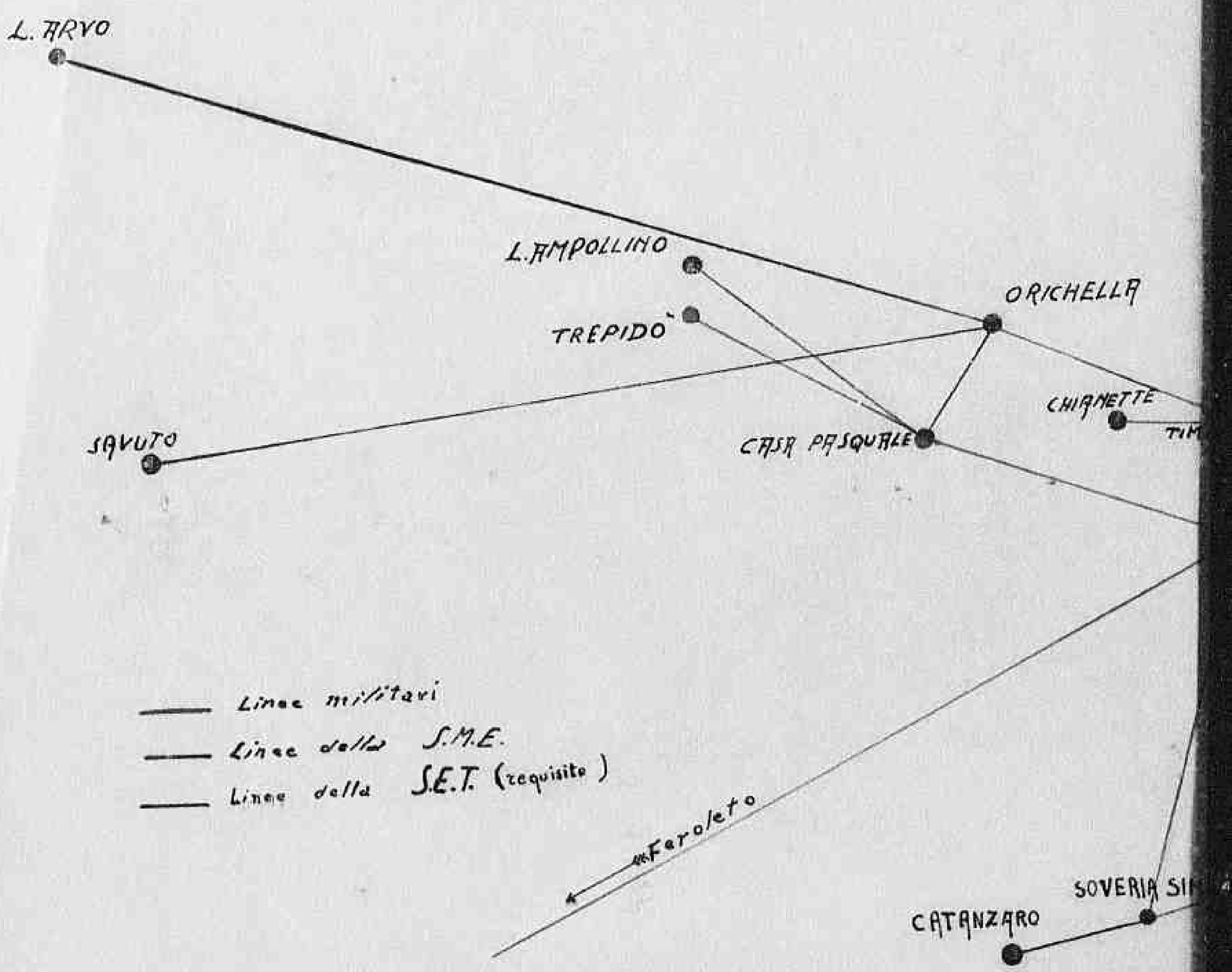

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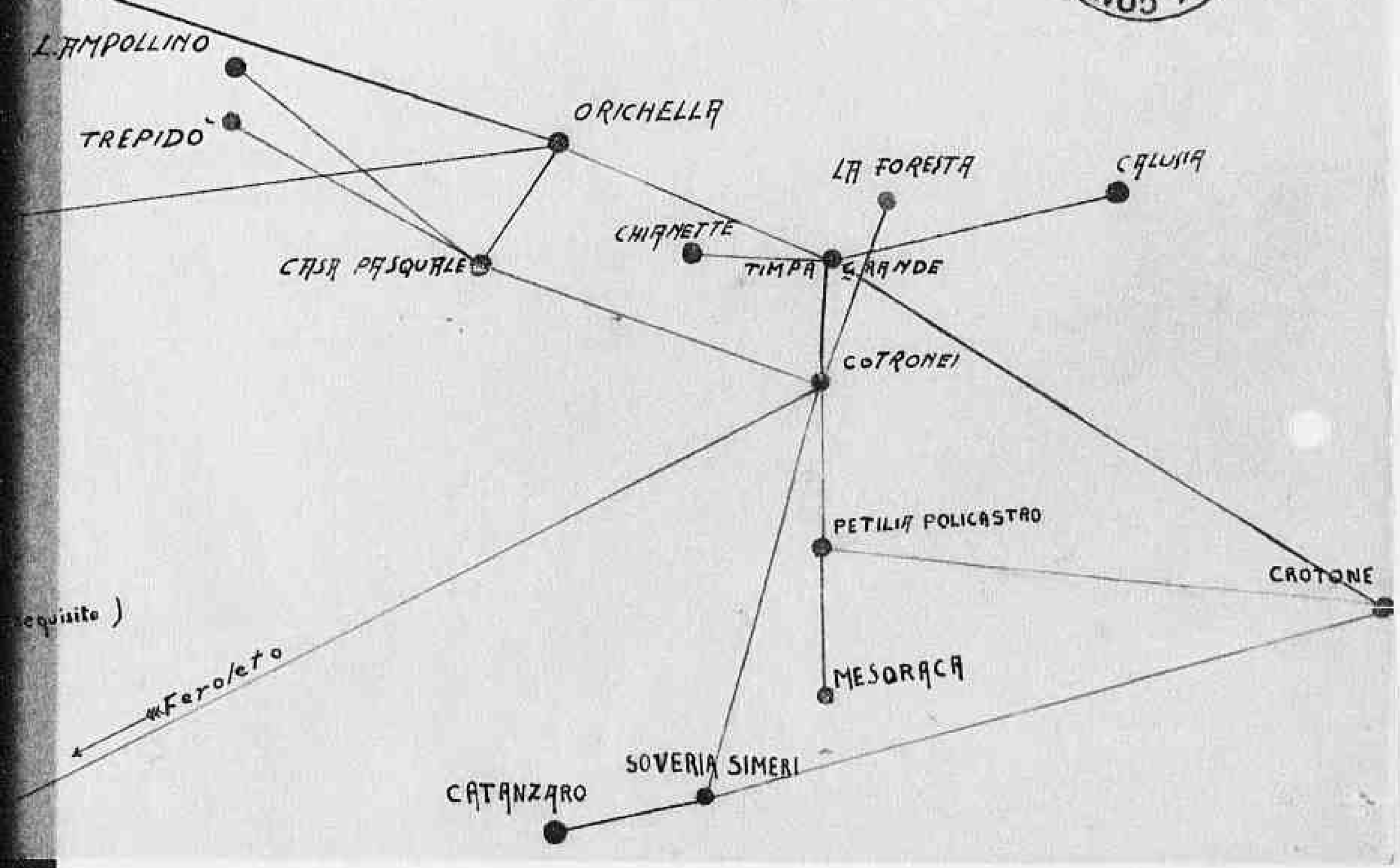
COMANDO MILITARE della CALABRIA



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SUBJECT: Italian guards for CALABRIA L of C.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
G/17
4 Nov 43

TO : Ministry of War.

Your ref.: 202865/C.A. of 20 Oct.
317-II-3

1. 3 District informs us that the following signal was forwarded on 12 Oct to Comando Militare CALABRIA:

"One bn ex SAPAUDA div alloted CALABRIA for guards primarily on SELA (.) This Hq accepts that other guards must be cancelled or reduced in number as other tps in CALABRIA are called forward for operations."

2. From the above, it is obvious that 3 District considers that it will not have as many Italian troops at its disposal for the protection of the CALABRIA L of C. as formerly and, furthermore, that 3 District is willing to accept the reduction.

3. Your statement in para 3b of your 10340/Op of 1 Oct that "Now since the "MANTOVA" Div is to be re-mustered and allotted other duties it will be necessary to replace said personnel urgently." is not correct as you see from the signal quoted in para 1. Your letter also refers to 2 Dist Operation Instruction No 11 dated 17 Mar as a basis for the continued employment of Italian troops. As to this, your attention is directed to para 1 of our G/17 of 29 Mar. which informed you of the cancellation of 2 Dist Op Instr. no 11.

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4. Your attention is called to our S/SD/30 of 12 Oct., subject "Move and conc of MANTOVA and PISTOIA Combat Gps."

5. Hq 3 Dist is well aware of the situation regarding guards for the CALABRIA L of C and is not giving the Comando Militare CALABRIA assignments beyond its capabilities. Therefore, unless the

2. From the above, it is obvious that 2 District cannot agree that it will not have as many Italian troops at its disposal for the protection of the CALABRIA L of C. as formerly and, furthermore, that 3 District is willing to accept the reduction.

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4. Your attention is called to our S/SD/30 of 18 Oct., subject "Move and conc of MANTOVA and PISTOIA Combat Gps."

5. Hq 3 Dist is well aware of the situation regarding guards for the CALABRIA L of C and is not giving the Comando Militare CALABRIA assignments beyond its capabilities. Therefore, unless the Comando Militare CALABRIA is able to cite a specific instance of being ordered to do something beyond its capabilities, it is suggested that the subject be pursued no further because should a change be made in the allocation of internal security troops you will be notified at once.

REP

/s/ Major General
U.S.I.A.

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3 District
Extb8
70/3/G

1 Nov 44

SUBJECT:- Italian Army CALABRIA - Allied Requirements

MMLA

Ref your G/17 dated 26 Oct 44.

Following signal was forwarded on 19 Oct 44 to Comando Militare CALABRIA through your LO attached this HQ:-

"One bn ex SABAUDA div alloted CALABRIA for guards primarily on SILA (.) this HQ accepts that other guards must be cancelled or reduced in number as other tps in CALABRIA are called forward for operations"

(RB SPRAY) Major
for Maj Gen
Comd

RBS/KJ

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SECRET

Subject: Defense of CALABRIA 3/22

G/17
3.10 Aug 31/10.

To: MMIA Rome.

Reference your G/17 of 4 Oct. 44.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the Commando Militare, Defense Plan of CALABRIA.

F.S. Mowry Colonel
Col.
70 Sub Area.

Field
28 Oct 44.

31 Oct
RER

Copy to: 3 District
56 Area.

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3 District
Ext 8
39/1/G

MMA G.
FILE REF 1-7
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Def Oct 44

SUBJECT:- Defence of CALCUTTA

MEMORANDUM

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Ref your G/17 dated 20 Oct 44.

Receipt was acknowledged of the enclosure to the above quoted letter on 7 Oct 44 by AF A16.

26 Oct
ZEP

(RB SPRAY) Major
for Lt Col,
GSO 1

RBS/MJ

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SUBJECT:- Defence of Calabria.

G/17
4/15/G
27/10

NMIA,
ROME

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Ref your G/17 dated 20 Oct 44.

The Defence Scheme of Calabria was received at this HQ and was forwarded to HQ 70 Sub Area as requested by No. 3 District (their signal 0500 dated 7 Oct refers), not to you.

28 Oct REP

A. R. Bellamy.
Major,
GSO 2,
HQ 56 Area.

Field,
25 Oct 44.

Copy to:-

3 District
HQ 70 Sub Area

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SUBJECT: Italian Guards for CALABRIA L of C

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. G/17
26 Oct 44

Reg 26/10.

TO : HQ 3 DISTRICT

1. Three District Operation Instruction No. 11 dated 21 Aug 44 lays down certain responsibilities of the Comando Militare, CALABRIA.

2. The situation as concerns Italian troops has changed considerably since the publication of OI No. 11, two of the main points being the assignment of Italian Guard Bns to 3 Dist and the withdrawal of troops of the MANTOVA Div from guard duties for formation of one of the combat groups.

3. The Ministry of War correctly state that they can no longer, with troops available at their command, fulfill their requirements as laid down in para 6, OI No. 11.

4. Will you please inform this HQ of your intentions as to

(a) Changing the responsibilities of Comando Militare, CALABRIA as laid down in para 6, OI No. 11.

(b) Assigning Guard Bns, now under your command, to duties formerly done by personnel of the MANTOVA Division.

(c) Having all necessary guard duties in CALABRIA performed with Guard Bns, now under your command, plus one Bn of the SASSARI Div. 4193

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:
Ministry of War (Your 302865/C.A. of 20 Oct refers)
317-11-3

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C-2 Ops

1. Italians want an answer to para 6 of Folio P5.
2. They seem to be making a fuss about nothing.
3. Position is as under:—

(a) 5 Div Op. Instr. 11 is in force in CALABRIA.

Cd Lus under and 5 Div are relieving MANTOVA of CALABRIA commitments, so that MANTOVA →

can area become combat sp.

Other Italian Gps in CALABRIA can (a) fulfil any other tasks required by 4131

not any ther

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[illegible] are relieving MARTOVA
of CALABRIA [illegible]
so that MARTOVA →
can also [illegible]

Not any other

Other Platoons go in CALABRIA
can ⓐ fulfil any other tasks
required by 4431
Op. Order
ⓑ do anything ELSE
required done.

ⓑ All Love noted that
Salvadore & Assle took
off Calabria as well as
Sicily; so Salvadore will
not (yet) have its
"integrity restored".

RCB: [illegible]

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Translation

(S) 1:7

From: H. of W.
To: MMIA

Ref.: 30486S/CA
317-II-3
Date: 20 Oct. 1944

Regs 23/10.

Subject: Troops in CALABRIA.

Re The S.M.R.E. asked MMIA with letter 10340/op of the 1 October to clarify the question of the CALABRIAN troops needed for the defence of attack points and for the maintenance of communication lines.

I, too, believe that the problem should be solved urgently.

Thus I should be grateful if MMIA would make its decisions on the S.M.R.E's proposals known (par 6 of above letter).

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Oxilia

(B)

EU/ps

SEGRETO 1° 92

Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

n. 302865/C.A.
317-II-3

P.M. 151, 20 ottobre 1941

Regio

OGGETTO: truppe della Calabria.

Truppe in Calabria

MARIA
FILZ
Data 21/10

ALLA M. M. I. A.

R O M A

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Lo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito con lettera 10340/Op del 1°corrente interessò codesta M.M.I.A. per definire la questione delle truppe della Calabria occorrenti per la difesa dei punti vitali e per la manutenzione delle linee di comunicazione."

Ritengo anche io che sia urgente provvedere ad una soluzione del problema.

Sarò, pertanto, grato a codesta M.M.I.A. se vorrà far conoscere le proprie decisioni in merito a quanto proposto dallo Stato Maggiore (n. 6° della lettera suddetta).

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25 Oct
Letter to 3 Dept (copy m/w)

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

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Date 21/9

AIHA M. M. I. A.

R O M A

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(generale G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

25 Oct
Letter & 3 encl (copy m/w)
asking intentions
changing Oct no 11. REP
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SUBJECT: Defense of CALABRIA.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
G/17
20 Oct 44

TO : IIq 3 Dist
IIq 5 Army

1. Under cover of our G/17 of 4 Oct., secret document was transmitted to you and you were asked to acknowledge receipt.

2. If you have received a/m document, please acknowledge receipt.

For Major General
U M I A

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SUBJECT: 3 Dist C.I. No. 11 dated 21 Aug 44.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
G/17
// Oct 44

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Amendment No. 2 to 3 District C.I. No. 11 dated 21 Aug 44:

Throughout for "56 Area" substitute "70 Sub Area."

Major General
M M I A

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Amendment No 2 to 3 District O I No 11
dated 21 Aug 44

2 Oct 44

Throughout for "56 Area" substitute "70 Sub Area"

ACK

TOS...1100... A hrs

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(EP WARNER)

Distribution: As for O I No 11

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URGENT.

RECEIPT FORM.

Army Form A1.
(Pads of 100).

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To be completed and returned immediately in a single unregistered envelope to { MMIA. (ROME)

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned :—

Ref. No.	No. of copies	Copy Numbers	Distribution
Ltr 8/1X 8/11/52 Ltr			
enclosing Plan for Defence of CALABRIA	1	—	

Signed A.B. Saunders Capt.

Address Allied Force Hqs Mediterranean Theatre

Date 7 Oct 1952

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FROM: MMIA

TO : WAR MINISTRY 09 A

SD 1565 CONFIDENTIAL

Ref MMIA letter G/17 of 19 SEP (.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND _____
PAREN (.) Relief of 76 (MAITOVA) inf regt by 1 Bn 46 (SABAUDA)
inf regt completed 6 Oct (.) 76 inf regt concentrated PETILIA
POLICASTRO Z 4160

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

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EMBO DESTROYER EAST : MAIN ACK:

INFO: TUSK LO NAPLES

COMLEF CALABRIA

CNC STAFF RT

SUBJT. CONFIDENTIAL FOR CO ONS EMBT.

REF AAI/1585/Ø3:16/S(RPT1)

OF 13 SEP PARA 4.

RELIEF OF 76(BRITISH) INF BDE BY 1 BN 46

(SARAWAK) INF WAS COMPLETED 6 OCT.

76 INF BDE CONCENTRATED PUTEOLI POLICASTRO 7

OCT. NON ENTRY ANALYSED. FOR NAVY.

TOUR C/17 OF 19 SEP REPEATS

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SENT NR 15 Ø*1737A NEB AE

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HEADQUARTERS
9 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Defense of CALABRIA.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
Rome
G/17
4 Oct 44

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To : Hq 3 Dist.
Hq 56 Area.

1. In compliance with para 8(a) of 3 Dist Op Instr No 11 dated 21 Aug 44, the Comando Militare, CALABRIA has a plan for the defense of CALABRIA, copy of which is inclosed.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Defence of CALABRIA.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
G/17
4 Oct 44

TO : Hq 3 Dist.
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SECRET

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for Maj Gen
M M I A

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FROM MMIA

TO WAR MINISTRY

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SD 1529

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Receipt is acknowledged of three copies of CALABRIA military H.Q.'s Operation instruction forwarded to this H.Q. by SMRE letter 10340/Op of 1 Oct 44

PRECEDENCE Routine

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Translation | 1 copy to 3 Div 2 3rd copy to 1 " " SE Area. 1 " Safe.

From: CMRE.
To: MMIA.
Ref 103HQ/OP. 83
Date 1.10.44
Subject: Ops. Inst. N° 11 of 3 Div. regarding "organization of Calabria"

Re your G/17. dated Aug. 29th. 1944.

1) Enclosed, in triplicate, order issued by the Calabria Mil. Command for necessary action in compliance with Ops. Instruction N° 11 issued by 3 Div.

2) All duties stipulated in said Ops inst are allotted among the troops of the Calabria Mil Command.

3) As regards the matter in hand I would point out that :-

a) among the duties assigned to the Calabria Mil. Command by said ops inst. duties allotted to said Command by H.Q. 2 Div. under their ops. inst N°11 dated March 17th. last are not included. These duties however continue to be carried out by troops of the "Mantova" Div. employing 8 off. and 557 ORs (as enc. 1) since the more recent ops. inst. cancels that of March 17th. last. I would be grateful if you would give instructions allowing the

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a) among the duties assigned to the Calabria Mil. Command by said ops inst. duties allotted to said Command by H.Q. 2 Div. under their ops inst N&11 dated March 17th last are not included. These duties, however, continue to be carried out by troops of the "Mantova" Div. employing 8 off. and 557 ORs (see enc. 1) since the more recent ops. inst. cancels that of March 17th last. I would be grateful if you would give instructions allowing the "Mantova" Div. to recover the personnel referred to. 4481

b) The "Mantova" Div. at present employs 63 off. and 2100 ORs (see enc. 2) in service for the Allies and in territorial duties. The units directly under the Calabria Mil. Command (128 Telegraphist Coy - 31st Mobile W/S - and 108 m/c Coy.) are all employed in Technical duties such as: telephone line maintenance, despatch rider circuit, etc.

Now since the "Mantova" Div. is to be re-mustered and allotted other duties it will be necessary to replace said personnel accordingly -

Now if all services are to continue, the 2100 men to be transfered to Calabria must be permanently absorved by said Services leaving not even the lowest reserve to make up ~~unavoidable~~ unavoidable losses due to various causes.

Furthermore it is necessary to bear in mind, in addition to the requirements already dealt with, those of public safety referred to in said Ops. Inst. No 11.

Consequently the total strength strictly necessary to cover Administrative + operational requirements of the allies and public safety requirements would be equal to that of our "Internal Security Div"

4) M.M.I.A. in order to meet the above requirements and to release the "Mantova" Div personnel, ordered (6/17 dated Sept 1944. last) that a Bn. of the "Sabauda" be sent from Sicily to the mainland to employ em in guard duties at ~~the~~ the Sila Power plants. This was based on the programme that laid down the as a rule the "Sabauda" and

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5) As regards the preceding chapter I would point out that:-

- the policy of allotting duty in Calabria to the "Sabauda" and "Aosta" Divs. is in contradiction to stipulation made

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by MMIA. in this G/6/1/F dated August 15th. last para 5 of Appx. "A" of which authorises:—

- 2 Divs. of a total strength of 10000 men for internal security in Sicily.
- 4100 men for V.P defence and maintenance of lines of communication in Calabria.

from which it is to be understood that the 4.100 men for Calabria should be in addition to the 2 Divs for Sicily and not drawn from same.

- Withdrawal of units of the "Sabauda" and "Aosta" Divs., reducing the strength employed in public safety duties in Sicily, might have serious effects on the problem of the Island's Internal Security.

6) In view of all the above and in order to avoid ill effects on the re-mustering of the "Mantova" combat group & the Internal Security of Sicily I would be grateful if you would kindly

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6) In view of all the above and in order to avoid ill effects on the re-mustering of the "Mantova" combat group or the Internal Security of Sicily I would be very grateful if you would kindly consider the advisability of:-

a) forming a group of troops for Calabria either drawing from units at present employed by the Allies or authorising a call-up.

b) Re-integrating the "Sabauda" Div.

(Sgd) Gen P BERARDI.

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T.S/S.C.

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R/g.a.

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

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nr. 10340 /Op. di prot. P.M. 151, li 7 ottobre 1944

Rg 3/10

OGGETTO: istruzione operativa n° 11 del 3° Distretto all'oggetto: "Organizzazione della Calabria".=

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Esercito ROMA

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Riferimento f° G/17 del 29 agosto 1944.-

1°)- Trasmetto, in triplice copia, l'ordine diramato dal Comando Militare della Calabria per la esecuzione delle disposizioni contenute nell'istruzione operativa n° 11 del 3° Distretto.

2°)- Tutti i compiti assegnati dalla predetta istruzione operativa sono previsti e ripartiti fra le truppe del Comando Militare della Calabria.

3°)- In merito all'argomento in questione rappresento quanto segue:

a)- nei compiti affidati al Comando Militare della Calabria con l'istruzione operativa in oggetto, non sono previsti alcuni dei compiti già affidati dal suddetto Comando dal 2° Distretto con l'istruzione operativa n° 11 in data 17

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Riferimento 1° G/17 del 29 agosto 1944.-

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Poichè la recente istruzione operativa annulla quella del 17 marzo u.s., sarei grato a codesta A.C.C. se volesse dare disposizioni che permettano alla divisione "Mantova" il recupero del personale suddetto.

b)- la divisione "Mantova" impiega attualmente per esigenze degli alleati e per servizi territoriali: 63 ufficiali e 2100 uomini di truppa (allegato n° 2).
I reparti direttamente dipendenti dal Comando Militare Calabria (128^ cp. telegrafisti - 31^ officina autocarreggiata e 108^ cp. motociclisti) sono tutti assorbiti per servizi tecnici quali: manutenzione di linee telefoniche, funzionamento della rete moto, ecc.-
Ne consegue pertanto che, con l'approntamento e la destinazione ad altro compito della divisione "Mantova", occorre sostituire d'urgenza il personale suddetto.
Ora, fermo restando i servizi attualmente in atto, i 2100 uomini da trasferire in Calabria sarebbero permanentemente assorbiti dai predetti servizi non lasciando nemmeno un minimo indispensabile di forze di riserva per colmare le inevitabili perdite per cause varie.
Inoltre sono da tener presente, oltre alle esigenze esaminate, quelle dell'ordine pubblico contemplate dalla stessa istruzione operativa n° 11.
Complessivamente quindi la forza strettamente occorrente per le necessità amministrative ed operative degli Alleati e per le esigenze dell'ordine pubblico, possono ragguagliarsi ad una "divisione di sicurezza interna".

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4°)- Codesta A.C.C., allo scopo di far fronte alle suaccennate esigenze, e per svincolare il personale della divisione "Mantova", disponeva (f° 6/17 in data 19 settembre c.a.) che un battaglione della divisione "Cabauda" si trasferisse dalla Sicilia in Calabria destinandolo a guardia degli impianti idroelettrici della Sila. Ciò in base al programma che, in linea di massima, le divisioni "Cabauda" ed "Aosta" oltre ai loro servizi in Sicilia, debbano assumere anche quelli in Calabria.

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Il I/46 (forza 21 ufficiali e 786 uomini di truppa) si è trasferito quindi dalla Sicilia in Calabria.

5°)-Per quanto al numero precedente faccio osservare che:

- il criterio di affidare alle divisioni "Sabauda" ed "Aosta" anche i servizi della Calabria contrasta con quanto già fissato da codesta A.C.C. col foglio G/6/1/P in data 15 agosto c.a. dove al paragrafo 5 dell'appendice A si autorizzano:
  - per la sicurezza interna della Sicilia: 2 divisioni per complessivi 10.000 uomini,
  - per la difesa dei punti vitali e per la manutenzione delle linee di comunicazione della Calabria: 4.100 uomini,

  e per cui è certamente da presumere che i 4.100 uomini per la Calabria debbano intendersi in più delle due divisioni della Sicilia e non sottratti da esse;
- l'allontanamento di reparti dalle divisioni "Sabauda" ed "Aosta", diminuendo la forza adibita al mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico in Sicilia, potrebbe avere gravi ripercussioni sul problema della sicurezza interna dell'Isola.

6°)-Per tutto quanto suesposto, ed allo scopo di evitare ripercussioni sia sull'approntamento del gruppo di combattimento "Mantova" che sulla sicurezza interna della Sicilia, sarei grato a codesta A.C.C. se volesse esaminare l'opportunità di: 4477

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a)- costituire un raggruppamento di forze per la Calabria, o traendole dai reparti che attualmente disimpegnano servizi a favore degli Alleati, o autorizzando l'effettuazione di richiami;

b)- ricostituire l'integrità della divisione "Sabauda"

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito * Ufficio Operazioni

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO

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Allegato nº 1 al fº nº _____ del ____ ottobre 1944

Personale della divisione "Mantova" impiegato per assolvere i compiti fissati dalla istruzione operativa nº 11 del 2º District, in data 17 marzo 1944, non compresi nell'istruzione operativa del 3º District.

	uff.li	sott.truppa
A)- PROTEZIONE:		
1º)- Galleria ferrov. (All.2 a))	1	112
2º)- Impianti portuali di Crotone (del 209º btg. mitr.)	1	53
3º)- Dep.ti carb. A.A. di Villa Bombini (Cosenza) e Rossano (114º ftr.)	1	27
4º)- Dep.ti carb. e lubrif.Cosenza ... 4 u. 114º ftr.		
Palmi .....10 u. 119º ftr.		14
B)- GUARDIE VARIE E MANOVALANZA a Reggio Calabria (all. 2 b))	3	269
C)- LAVORI:		
- per riattamento piste aeroporto di Isola Capo Rizzuto	2	82
Totale:	8	557

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	Port installations in Crotone (209 Mil. Bn)		112
2°)- Impianti portuali di Crotone (del 209° btg. mitr.)		1	53
	Allied coal depots at Villa Bombini & Rossano		
3°)- Dep.ti carb. A.A. di Villa Bombini (Cosenza) e Rossano (114° ftr.)		1	27
	Coal & P.O.L. depots at Lamezia		
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Palmi .....10 u.		119° ftr.	
B)- CHARTIE VARIE E MANOVALANZA a Reggio Calabria (all. 2 b))		3	269
	(Fuarers & labour/Prisoners) at Reggio Calabria		
C)- LAVORI:			
	Repairs to Slipways for Capo Rizzuto Isola airport.		
- per riattamento piste aeroporto di Isola Capo Rizzuto		2	82
Totale:		8	557

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Allegato nº 2 al fº nº _____ del ___ ottobre 1944

Forza complessivamente impiegata dalla divisione "Mantova" per esigenze alleate e per esigenze del Comando Militare della Calabria.

Total strength employed in Allied & Calabria Mil Command duties by the "Mantova" Div.

	uff.li - off	sott.truppa - ORs
1º)- Per assolvere i compiti fissati dal 3º District con l'istruzione operativa nº 11 del 21 agosto 1944 (all.nº 1)	51	1130
2º)- Per assolvere i compiti affidati dal 2º District con l'istruzione operativa nº 11 del 17 marzo 1944, non compresi nel precedente nº 1 (all. nº 2)	8	557
Totale per esigenze A.A.	59	1687
3º)- Per assolvere i compiti del Comando Militare Calabria (all. nº 3)	4	~~2100~~ 413
Totale complessivo	63	2100
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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

FROM:

MMIA

To: Action WAR MINISTRY

INFO:

304512

REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE REPLY TO THIS HQ LETTER G/17 OF 29 AUG SUBJECT 3 DIST OF INSTR NO 11 DATED 21 AUG 44 - ORGANISATION OF CALABRIA (.) PAREN ROAD AREA COMMAND PAREN

PRECEDENCE: OPS - Routine

AUTHENTICATOR: AGK. Hoff

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Subject:- Italian Tps in CALABRIA.

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E.
C/17
19 Sep 44

War Ministry.

Copy to: 3 District.
MMIA LO 3 District.
MMIA LO SICILY.

1. 3 District HQ have been instructed by AAI to investigate and report details of Italian Army commitments in CALABRIA, other than the SILA Power Station guard, on the basis that:-

(a) communications are maintained as at present
(b) guards are retained on timber dumps, and labour provided at CROTONE and for other known Allied commitments.

2. In principle it has been decided that the SABAUDA and AOSTA Divisions will, in addition to their SICILY commitments, take over all Italian Army commitments in CALABRIA, in order that personnel of the PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions may be released for reorganisation as "Gruppi di Combattimento".

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Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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P.M. 151 14, 6 settembre 1944

DA STATOMAGGIORE ITALIANO
AL COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Esercito (Palazzo Corporazioni - 7° piano)
ROMA

N. 9366/Op. alt Si accusa ricevuta del foglio G/17 in data 29 agosto alt Sono stato richiesto al Comando Militare Calabria le istruzioni relative al foglio di cui sopra alt Non appena perverranno virgola sarà cura di questo Stamaggiore trasmetterne tre copie a codesta A.C.C. Fine

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DA STAMAGGIORE OPERAZIONI

AI COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Esercito (Palazzo Corporazioni - 7° piano)

ROMA

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.

ROME.

C/17.
3 Sept. 44

To :- War Ministry.

3 Dist. Os. Instr. No.11 and Amendt. No.1.

Request you acknowledge receipt of copies 1 and 2 of the above instruction and amendment. Para 2 our C/17 of 29th. Aug. 44 refers.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

S E C R E T

SUBJECT:- 3 District Operation Instruction No 11
dated 21 Aug 44 - Organisation of CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission (AMMA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
G/17
29 Aug 44

S M A E

Copy to:- HQ 3 District
AMMA 20 with HQ 3 District
HQ 56 Area

1. 3 District Operation Instruction No 11 dated 27 Mar 44 (forwarded to you by our G/17/4 of 26 Mar 44) is cancelled.

2. Herewith :-

(a) 3 District Operation Instruction No 11 dated 21 Aug 44, copies 8 and 9.

(b) Amendment No 1 to above Instruction, copies 8 and 9.

Please acknowledge receipt to this HQ.

3. You will please instruct Comando Militare, CALABRIA to comply with para 8(a) of the Instruction.
Three copies of Comando Militare CA CALABRIA's amended Instruction should be forwarded to this HQ for onward transmission.

4. Paras 8(b) and 8(c) are being dealt with by this HQ.

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1. 2 District Operation Instruction No 11 dated 17 Mar 44 (forwarded to you by our G/17/4 of 26 Mar 44) is cancelled.

2. Herewith :-

(a) 9 District Operation Instruction No 11 dated 21 Aug 44, copies 8 and 9.

(b) Amendment No 1 to above Instruction, copies 8 and 9.

Please acknowledge receipt to this Hq.

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Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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MMIA
SECRET
Copy No....
26 Aug 44

Amendment No 1 to 3 District Op Instr
No 11 dated 21 Aug 44

1. Para 5 (a) delete Capt NEWNTON
substitute Major THRUPP of 3 District

2. Para 7 (b) after MMIA LO add 3 District

3. Para 8 delete MMIA CALABRIA
substitute MMIA LO 3 District

4. Para 10 delete all detail and substitute

56 Area will correspond with Commando Militaire Calabria through the MMIA LO at 3 District

ACK

TOS..1015..B hrs

(RB SPRAY) Major
for Lt Col
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Distribution:- As for Op Instr No 11

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3 District Operation Instruction No 11

Copy No ....

Organization of CALABRIA

Aug 44

Ref Maps: 1/250,000 Southern Italy

Cancelling 2 District Operation Instruction No 11 dated 17 March 1944

COMMAND

1. On 26 July 1944 CALABRIA (Italian Government Territory) was transferred from the military command of 2 District to the military command of 3 District.

2. WEF 25 Aug 1944 CALABRIA is placed under the military command of 56 Area (HQ CATANIA, SICILY).

ANTICIPATED SCALE OF ENEMY ACTION

3. It is anticipated that enemy action in CALABRIA will be limited to sabotage with the object of cutting communications and damaging installations. This sabotage may be attempted by enemy agents or diseffected persons at present in ITALY, but it is possible that enemy sabotage parties may be dropped by parachute or landed from small craft.

4. It is also possible that internal disturbances, eg, riots, may take place, which might by their size or character be prejudicial to Allied military interests.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF 56 AREA

5. 56 Area will be responsible to 3 District for

(a) Operational command of "COMANDO MILITARE, CALABRIA" the Italian HQ in command of all Italian tps in CALABRIA. (HQ, CATANZARO - Commander, General CORCIATI - British MILA LO, Capt NEWTON).

(b) Comando Militare, CALABRIA carrying out the tasks assigned to it in paras 6 and 7 below.

(c) Supervision of such British Military measures as continue in CALABRIA, and essential field security control.

(d) Support of the Italian military and civil administration in accordance with terms of 3 District OI No 10.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF ~~56~~ 52 AREA

5. ~~52~~ 56 Area will be responsible to 5 District for

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMANDO MILITARE, CALABRIA

6. Operational

Comando Militare, CALABRIA will be responsible to 56 Area for the defence, protection, and internal security of CALABRIA particularly:-

(a) SILO power plant and associated installations.

(b) Vulnerable bridges within CALABRIA on the REGGIO - CROTONE - TARANTO railway, and on the REGGIO - NAPLES and REGGIO - TARANTO roads.

(c) Provision of necessary train guards for Mov REGGIO (at present 520 Train Guard Coy - strength 6 Offrs 167 ORs).

(d) Suppression of internal disturbances in accordance with the requirements of the Italian civil administration, without recourse, except in the gravest emergency, to Allied assistance.

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7. Administration

(a) Maintenance of staging areas. (See Appx A para 3 (d) (ii)).

(b) Complete the construction of bridges at D 6582, D 7570, Z 0167 and T 9248 and report completion through MMIA LO to 56 Area with copy to this HQ.

(c) Maintenance of road lines of communication as designated in para 6(b).

(d) Provision of labour up to 250 strong at the port of CROTONE.

(e) Provision of 60 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber, until other arrangements can be made.

8. MMIA LO, CALABRIA, will

(a) Arrange for Commando Militare, CALABRIA to bring up to date in the light of this instructions and other developments the instruction issued by 31 Italian Corps on 1 Apr 1944 under reference 01/2032, subject "Defence of CALABRIA" and forward copies to 56 Area and this HQ.

(b) Forward to 56 Area an up to date Italian Army Order of Battle for CALABRIA.

(c) Forward details of any recovery facilities at his disposal to 56 Area and this HQ.

BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

9. Attached at Appx 'A' (NOT to all) is a memorandum setting out such British administrative organization as exists in CALABRIA.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

10. 56 Area will correspond direct with Commando Militare, CALABRIA, through the MMIA LO attached to that HQ.

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TOS ..13.00.B hrs

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TOS ..13.00.. B hrs

E.P. Warner

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Memorandum

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Appx "A" to 3 District
G I No 11 dated 21 Aug 44

British Administration in Calabria

1. E
(a) 274 Works Section, CROTONE, control timber production by civilian contractors within a zone allotted to the British Army in the Provinces of COSENZA and CATANZARO.

(b) 274 Works Section is under technical control of CE 3 District acting for DW AAI.

(c) There is no rep of the Works Services proper in CALABRIA.

2. X
There is a small Signal Det at REGGIO for Movements.

3. Mov
(a) Organisation
Movements REGGIO Sub Area under comd of Mov West Italy is responsible for all movement in CALABRIA. Its northern boundaries are incl AGROPOLI (S 8495) - excl LAGONEGRO (T 5271) - excl METAPONTO (P 3901). Its HQ is at REGGIO under a Staff Capt Q (M). Comms by signal messages and phone are good; letters however take a long time in transit.

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REGGIO Central	
CATANZARO MARINA (NCO)	Z 2728
CROTONE	Z 7058
SIBARI (NCO)	U 1131
COSENZA (NCO)	T 9580
PAOLA (NCO)	T 7586
SAN EUFEMIA (NCO)	Y 9339

(c) Sea

(i) Principal ports are:-

1. REGGIO, capable of taking one Liberty with 22' draught, discharge capacity 450 tons per day.

2. CROTONE, capable of taking two Liberties and one Coaster discharge capacity 1000 tons per day.

(ii) Applications for export should be addressed to CCWIT rptd Mov AAI and FREEDOM cito FHGHM.

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(iii) Schooners operate to various ports in CALABRIA, principally on ACC account.

(iv) The MESSINA - REGGIO ferry operates at present on the following daily timetable:-

MESSINA	dep	0700	1000 =	1600
REGGIO	arr	0800	1200	1700
REGGIO	dep	0830	1300 =	1730
MESSINA	arr	0930	1400	1830

= Only operates for military convoys under orders Mov REGGIO. This service is NOT daily.

The capacity of the ferry is 21 rly wagons or approx 45 vehs plus 1000 personnel.

(v) The ferry is occasionally required to run between REGGIO and CATANIA, , in which case the services quoted in above sub para are suspended.

(d) Road

(i) Road convoy movement orders are issued by Mov REGGIO.

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(c) Air

There are no air services to or from CALABRIA.

4. ST

(a) Certain purchases of local produce are being made at present in CALABRIA under arrangements ST 2 District and ST 56 Area. These purchases may continue. In future DEST 3 District will be the "controlling agency" for all local purchases in CALABRIA. Intending purchasers will make prior reference to him before effecting purchases, notifying him of the commodity, quantities and price of proposed purchase so that unnecessary competition and overlapping in the obtaining of WD requirements can be avoided.

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(b) It has been agreed with ST 2 District that existing supply and POL arrangements in CALABRIA will continue.

(c) The only supply unit in CALABRIA is 'A' Section, 1522 Arty Pl which is used on local purchase duties in connection with the procurement of onions and eggs. It is split up as follows:-

Location	Duties
ROSSANO	Local Resources Collecting Centre
NICASTRO	Supply Point (Emergency)
REGGIO	Local Resources Collecting Centre

(d) The supply point at NICASTRO holds a reserve of 2,000 hard rations and 2,000 gals MT petrol, and should only be used by troops genuinely stranded on journeys through CALABRIA. Replenishment of these emergency stocks is effected under arrangements ST 52 Area.

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(f) There is a supply point at POTENZA from which other units temporarily located in North CALABRIA Province may draw rations.

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(b) In view of the long distance involved, Convoy Commanders should be instructed that assistance should not be called for breakdowns which only require a straight tow. Derelict vehs to be recovered by REME will NOT be left unattended.

6. PRO

There are no permanent PRO Units in CALABRIA.

7. Allied Control Commission

At present Region VII, but it is understood that CALABRIA will shortly be merged in the Southern Region with HQ at NAPLES

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Subject:- Italian Army MP in CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/5

14 Aug 44

HQ 3 District

1. In paras 8(e) and (f) of their Operation Instruction No.2 (2048 G(O) of 17 Mar 44) 2 District laid down that the Italian Army should:-

(a) provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation (at present 12 lorries are being used).

(b) provide 60 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber.

2. Owing to the greatly extended L of C, the difficulty of administering troops in widely dispersed areas, the difficulties of getting transport from SARDINIA to replase worn out vehs, and the shortage of rail tpt, it will be impossible for the Italian Army to continue providing these vehs.

3. Will you therefore please make alternative arrangements so that these vehs may all be withdrawn by 31 Aug.

F.J.Noakes
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Translation

From SMRE Ref 76 m/fep
To. MMIA Date July 26
Subject Defence of CALABRIA

Ref. Operative instruction no 11 of No 2 District
on March 17, 1944

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3 Army Corps in the period from June 13
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foreseen, providing the protection:
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Reggio Calabria - Naples line and
the railway tract DIGNANO - MARATEA
(enc. 1)
- of the CROTONE port establishments,
- of refreshment warehouses of 4463
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- of the CAPO RIZZUTO Island airport which as referred to previously, was assigned by 1st Air Corps with the sending the of 5th G.A.I Coy.

The above is for your information

Cpl (RC)

(Gen SANTI)

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STATO MAGGIORE R. LSERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

Army
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MMIA
FILE
Date Recd 1944

T/Op.

N. 7645 prot. Op. T.M. 151, 19 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: difesa della Calabria.-
SUB: Defense of Calabria

ARMY
MMIB
A.G.O.

ALLA M.M.T.A.

ROMA

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Riferimento istruzione operativa nr. 11 del 2° Distretto in data 17 marzo 1944.-

I reparti dipendenti dal XXXI C.A. nel periodo dal 13 al 21 giugno hanno assolto tutti i compiti operativi previsti provvedendo alla protezione:

- dei ponti e gallerie ferroviaria dalla linea Reggio Cal. - Nova Siri e del tratto ferroviario Diamante - Maratea (allegato 1);
- degli impianti portuali di Crotone;
- dei magazzini di rifornimento di Villa Bordini (Cosenza) e di Rossano (indicati nell'appendice A all'istruzione operativa n.11 del Distrist n.2 del 17 marzo 1944 "Magazzini di Dipignano");
- dell'aeroporto di Isola Capo Rizzuto che, come riferito in precedenza, è stata assicurata dalla R.Aeronautica con l'invio sul posto della 5^ op. T.A.T.-

Tanto per doverosa conoscenza.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro SANTI)

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G.I.
Col SANDÒ, FMRE photo
above is just inform to
show that CALABRIA Military
H.Q are, or were, on the job. Nothing else. E.F.B 29/7

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	galleria di Roseto	Trebisacce
	ponte sul f.Raganella	
	ponte sul f.Crati	
	ponte sul f.Mesofatto	
	ponte sul f.Malfrancato	
	ponte sul f.Cino	
	ponte sul f.Trionto	
119° rgt.fter.	galleria ferr.Bruzzano	Palizzi
	galleria ferr. Zefferio	
	galleria ferr. Palizzi	
	galleria ferr. Bova Marina	
115° rgt.art.	ponte sul f.Lipuda	Crotone
	ponte sul f.Neto	
	galleria ferr. Cutro	Cutro
	ponte sul f.Tacina	
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	ponte sul f.Squillace	
	ponte sul f.Griglio	
	ponte sul f.Soverato	
	ponte sul f.Ancinale	
	galleria ferr.Staletti	

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B.) IMPIANTI PORTUALI DI CROTONE

La protezione è affidata al 155° artiglieria.
La guardia sibita è composta da:
- un ufficiale comandante
- tre sottufficiali
- 50 uomini di truppa

Essa è divisa in tre corpi di guardia:
- corpo di guardia nr.1 - fortino molo Giunti
- corpo di guardia nr.2 - fortino distaccamento R.Marina
- corpo di guardia nr.3 - faro porto vecchio.

a) Il corpo di guardia nr. 1 fornisce;
- una sentinella alla gru del molo Giunti
- una sentinella alla radice del molo stesso;

b) il corpo di guardia nr. 2 fornisce:
- una sentinella al moletto del porto vecchio;

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Subject:-Artillery Personnel and Material in CALABRIA.

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L.C.,Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO._ _ _ _ _ _

19 July 44.

Ref:-G.6/390.

To:-Army Sub Commission, (M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A.C.C.,
R O M E.

There are in CALABRIA 5 Groups of Artillery - 3 horsed and 2 motorised. (see attached Appendix "A").

Unless it is considered essential for present or future operational reasons to maintain this large proportion of Artillery here, the dissolution of one or several Groups would release a considerable number of men either for the Allied Programme or for Guard and Security duties in CALABRIA.

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Appendix "A".

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		OFFICERS.	O.Rs.	No.	CALIBRE
155 Artillery Regt.					
- I Gr. 100/22 T.A.	Crotone.	19	300	12	100/22
- II " 100/22 T.A.	Borgia.	17	305	12	100/22
- III" 100/22 T.A.	Cutro.	17	256	12	75/27
- IV " 100/22 T.M.	Tirioro.	22	219	10	100/22
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Any road traffic control personnel necessary in Calabria will be furnished by Western Base.

Agreed No action unless 2 District interval

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. G/17

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			CIPHER SECRET

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FROM (A) MMIA LO 31 9 Italian Corps — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 10 1230 — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

TO DUSTWO — Switzer

(W) For Information (INFO)

Ytd. MMIA

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. G/4

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by road sign boards will by sufficiently

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op.
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Subject:- Establishment and Strength XXXI Corps in CALABRIA

MMIA LO XXXI Corps
PONTEGRANDE
CATANZARO
G2/
1 Jun 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)

Copy to:- Sottocapo S.M.R.E.
G.O.C. XXXI Corps

1. A conference was held at S.M.R.E., Lecce on 31 May 44 at which were present:-

General CORONATI
General OXILIA
Colonel CHIAUARINO
Lt Col HOWARD

2. The future establishment and strength of XXXI Corps were discussed and the following points were agreed upon:-

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H.A.C. Howard

Lt Col.,
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SUBJECT: Establishment and Strength XXXI Corps in CALABRIA.

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M.M.I.A. LO XXXI Corps
PONTEGRANDE,
CATANZARO.
30 May 44.
G 2/

To: Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

1. I consider that the time has now come to establish a program for CALABRIA giving XXXI Corps an organisation of units essential to carry out the duties allotted to it by One and Two Districts and thereby determining the balance of strength surplus to XXXI Corps requirements and available to fill the Allied program.

2. The following figures show strength of XXXI Corps as at 20 May 44, and show availability of troops: -

	Offs.	O.Rs.
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Plus Apulian block of MANTOVA Div recently joined:		21,041 2,986
		24,047 Total.
Less CC.RR and RGF in CALABRIA on civilian duties:		2,770
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Probably half of these (see your SD 805 of 27 May 44) would be available over a period of the next two months, but it is a sine qua non to obtaining them that a survey of the whole question be made in order that the cow may be milked systematically and not at will by each and every passer-by. I suggest that to this end a study of XXXI Corps be made along the following lines:

(A) Units of XXXI Corps to remain in CALABRIA at present or TO strength
(B) Units of XXXI Corps to remain in CALABRIA at reduced strength.
(C) Units of XXXI Corps for disbandment and for placing on Allied program.

In this way an orderly disposal of the 8,404 left over as Corps Services, Territorial units etc., can be made - see Appendix 'B'.

3. It is quite clear that if Territorial Depots in CALABRIA hand over all guard duties to the MANTOVA and organise themselves for administration purposes only on a basis shown in Appendix 'C' a minimum of..

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3. (Contd)

- 1000 men should become immediately available for the Allied program.
An addition of an average figure for troops available under the Remarks column of para. B i.e. 1,350, and of the total figure shown in para. C of the same Appendix gives an available total of 2,258 O.Rs. It is possible that an eventual figure of 3000 could be reached.
Appendix D shows how the strength of two depots as at 20 May 44 is accounted for and Appendix E shows the present situation of the 211 Div which is officially disbanded on 1 Jun 44.

4. CONCLUSIONS.

The present chaotic conditions in XXXI Corps must be put right if the operational and internal security duties assigned to the Corps by the Allies are to be carried out and the Allied program is to profit to the full from Italian Army manpower still left in CALABRIA.

5. REQUIREMENTS.

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H.A.C. Howard.

Lt. Col.
M.M.I.A. LO XXXI Corps.

tvs.HACH.

Copy for information: Sottocapo dello SMRE
COC XXXI Corps

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Appendix "A"

Units alerted for Allied Programme or disposal sent

542 Coy Gun Service	205	
4 Secs Traffic Control Sy.	164	
Drivers course (CASERTA)	135	
3rd Drivers Course (CALABRIA)	150	
155 Arty Gp	150	
HQ 518 Inf Regt to CAMPANIA	41	to command Inf Regt with rec ?
1041 Heavy MT Section	30	at disposal AMGS
6 Cooks Coys	1716	
Elements 16 Depot Quarters	140	to be returned to CAMPANIA & APULIA
219 HQ Mov & Tn (Naples)	40	for refugee organisation
Labour Coy CROTONE	250	
Train Guards for Mov & Tn	155	
Mounted Sec for patrols on Arty ranges	17	asked for by SCTE apparently at Allied request
Nucleus for roading vessel by	80	
	3475	TOTAL

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Appendix "D"

A. Units of XXXI CORPS to remain in CALABRIA at present on 20 strength

SERIAL NO	U N I T	STRENGTH PRESENT as at 20 May Offrs	O.Rs	R E M A R K S
1	HQ XXXI CORPS	141	564	can be, and will be reduced shortly
2	168 Sez aut CC.RR	1	65	
3	MANTOVA Div	420	6519	should be brought up to organic strength 9600 presumably from Calabrian elements
4	2 Labor mobile artiglieria	2	66	
5	108 Gp Motociclisti	4	46	
6	Centro ordinamento volontari	27	264	-(This CIL Volunteer Dept.
		---	---	(should be maintained at
		595*	7524	(about this strength as a
		---	---	(morale-builder for Calabrians
				(who form bulk XXXI CORPS

* - This figure should be reduced

D. Units of XXXI CORPS to remain in CALABRIA at reduced strength

7	Comando Artiglieria XXXI C.D.	13	112	Could give 25 *
8	Dep 55 rgt Artiglieria	52	529	Could give 100-200 men for Allied programme
9	Comando Genio XXXI CORPS	20	438	This may provide 1 Coy for Allied program shortly
10	LXVI Autogruppo Pesante	37	773	145 are shortly leaving for driving course. One autoreparto & one officine mob. naz. could be given 300 - 400 men
11	Sanita	164	2147	This could be reduced by 100

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5	Ios Cp Motorizzati			
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		505*	7524	

* - This figure should be reduced

B. Units of XXXI CORPS to remain in CALABRIA at reduced strength

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7	Comando Artiglieria XXXI C.D.	19	112	Could give 25 a
8	Dep 55 rgt Artiglieria	52	599	Could give 100-200 men for Allied programme
9	Comando Genio XXXI CORPS	20	498	This may provide 1 Coy for Allied program shortly
10	LXVI Autogruppo Pesante	37	773	155 are shortly leaving for driving course. One autosperto & one officina mob. poz. could be given 300 - 400 men
11	Sanita	164	2147	This could be reduced by 100 - 200 spread over 11 medical centres
12	Commissariato	32	359	50 could be given from four units
13	Comando Territoriale	19	80	could be absorbed by XXXI CORPS
14	Dep 16 rgt ftr	66	855	to being reduced but could give another 200 for Allied program
15	Dep 19 rgt ftr	79	729	Could give 200 for " "
16	Dep 20 rgt ftr	50	370	Could give 50 for " "
17	Dep 207 rgt ftr	105	828	Could give 300 for " "
18	Dep 208 rgt ftr	37	404	Could give 100 for " "
19	Distretti Militari	59	570	Could be reduced by 50 - 100 over all three units
20	Commdi Tappe	37	310	Mostly already allotted to Allies or SMRA
	TOTAL	814	8569	

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Appendix "B" (cont'd)

C. Units of XXXI CORPS for disbandment and for placing on Allied program

SERIAL NO	U N I T	STRENGTH PRESENT AT CLOSE OF M. Offrs	O.Rs	REMARKS
21	Comando 1, Reconnaissance Artillerie and three units	4	769	
22	8 Cp attached G.C.	6	95	
	TOTAL	10	875	

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Appendix "C"

Suggested Organization for a Depot

	Offrs	ORs
Compania Deposito	10	100
Compania Presidio	5	100
Compania Sustenanto	1	20
	16	220

It is also suggested that a District organization be based on the following figures:-

Offrs	ORs
20	220

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The percentage of officers is high because this is an employment which could usefully be given to a great many at present unemployed officers.

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Appendix "D"

Examples of Accountability for Depot Strengths

A.

		Offrs	O.Rs		
Depot 55 Regt Arty	VIBO VALENTIA	49	289	90	MARCELLINARA munition depot guard
				100	Fixed personnel at Depot
				49	Volunteers for combat at disposal SNFB
				50	Available
				289	
Detachment	CUTRO	6	82	Veterinary centre	
"	CICOLA TAURO	1	31	Guard on POL dump	
"	TAURIANOVA	2	57	Guard on munitions dump	
	TOTAL	58	339		

B.

Depot 16 Inf Regt	COSENZA	42	774	100	due to form Trials Guard Coy RECORD
				150	Apulian & Calabrian deserters due to be returned to units
				190	Depot Coy (office work OCE)
				160	Garrison Coy (internal services of Depot)
				25	Muleteers
				30	On leave on agricultural etc grounds
				40	Disabled servicemen in hospitals or convalescing
				79	Driving for Allied units
				29	Unaccounted for
				774	

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Detachment	STRONGOLI A.	2	39	Guard on empty hutted camp
"	S. ACACIA 4'2	1	2	Stores due to be transferred

	TOTAL	52	339		

2.

Depot 16 Inf Regt	[illegible]	62	774	100	due to form Train Guard Coy [illegible]
				140	Apulian & Campanian deserters due to be returned to units
				150	Depot Coy (office work GRE)
				160	Garrison Coy (internal services of Depot)
				25	Muletecrs
				30	On leave on agricultural etc grounds
				40	Disabled serviceman in hospitals or convalescing
				70	Driving for Allied units
				29	Unaccounted for
				774	

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Detachment	SPEZZANO A.	2	37	Guard on empty hutted camp
"	S. AGATA G'R	1	2	Stores due to be transferred
"	VIENNA	1	27	Guard on munitions dump
"	DORDICI	-	14	Guard on POL dump
		44	355	

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Appendix "E"

Table showing strength 211 Div as at 20 May and allocation

		Offrs	O.Rs	
Div Hq	- REGGIO C	39	160	Drivers course and some elements to MANTOVA
46 Sec Cd.Rt	- " "	1	54	Has left CALABRIA disposal SMRE
516 Inf Regt Hq	- " "	7	12	Destined for Smoke Coys
1 Bn	- " "	13	22	
2 Bn	- " "	15	15	
518 InfRegt Hq	- " "	11	56	About to leave for CAMERTA to assume command of another Regt
545 Inf Regt Hq	- CROTONE	19	10	Destined for Smoke Coys
1 Bn	- CATANZARO	10	17	
2 Bn	- CROTONE	10	15	
549 Arty Regt Hq	- VIBO VALENTIA	17	96	250 to form NZ Labour Coy CROTONE
1 Group	- CASTROVILLARI	18	138	16 to form mounted range guards for PSMRE
11 "	- VIBO VALENTIA	12	96	64 for care of animals
211 Mixed Engr Coy	- REGGIO C.	5	74	to complete MANTOVA Engineer Coy
124 Heavy Autosection	- " "	1	29	leaving for disposal MMR.
162 Transit Camp	- REGGIO C.	26	159	
165 " "	- " "	6	60	for refugees organisation
213 " "	- SCILLA	3	96	" " " - ready to leave
504 Smoke Coy	- REGGIO C.	5	270	ready to leave
505 " "	- CROTONE	7	257	" " "
506 " "	- CATANZARO	4	251	" " "
507 " "	- REGGIO C.	5	144	to be completed to strength 5 & 281
508 " "	- CROTONE	4	109	" " " " " " " "
509 " "	- CATANZARO	5	133	" " " " " " " "
TOTAL		257	2378	

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Report on visit to CATANZARO and COSENZA.

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Inspection of Workshops and facilities at the above named places shows improvement and that an effort is now being made to work and attack the transport repair problem.

At Catanzaro a useful Workshops has been found and repaired and hard standing is now being put down. Premises should be in use in about ten days.

At Cosenza work has stopped on premises proposed by Italians for workshops, and in view of the work necessary, I am informing General Aliberti that I recommend the personnel and plant of this workshop Unit be sent immediately to Catanzaro to combine with the workshops there.

On my tour of inspection I recognised about twelve Spa six-wheeled trucks standing in a similar position and in a similar condition as they were when I inspected them about three months ago. I enquired from the Officer there what work they did and was informed that they were not used. I would remark that I am impressed with the idea that there are many more Vehicles in serviceable condition which are not being used on full time work and that some rearrangement is necessary. I am bringing this to the notice of General Aliberti.

I have examined Italian vehicles using allied tyres and am investigating this matter further and will report later.

I am informed by the Chief of Staff XXXi Corps that a posting has been received for sixty odd tradesmen by name, from the workshops at Catanzaro. This cuts immediately across my programme and I am taking up this matter with General Aliberti. The Chief of Staff XXXi Corps has not complied and has written on the matter to the S.M.R.E.

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Major.
R.E.M.E.
M.M.I.A.

MH/GG.
28/5/44.

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SUBJECT: Defence of CALABRIA. SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/17.
2 9 May 44.

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Stato Maggiore R. Esercito.

Copy to: M.M.I.A. LO att 31 Corps.

Ref your 5694/OP of 26 May 44. subject as above.

H.Q. 2 District agree that the bridge at COLABRICI, Z. 0069. need not be guarded by 31 Italian Corps in view of the fact that it has now been rebuilt in concrete.

for

Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

tvs.BGB.

Wt 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 7104/8 51 6736

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(A)	AO 3 Corps	27/1300B	D 317
	For Action.		
	MMIA		
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR
	BPIS 28		

Originator's No

G 18/26 CONFIDENTIAL from HOWARD ⊙
General CORONATI has asked me to inform you that he will shortly propose to SHAEF transfer of 3 Corps HQ from CATANZARO to REGGIO ⊙
Reasons given as follows ⊙
One ⊙ REGGIO largest town in CALABRIA and Centre of REGGIO has asked our view of disbandment all Divisional HQ on 1st June for CORPS HQ to take its place ⊙
Two ⊙ Proper HQ at MANTOVA Div should move CATANZARO and accommodation for both not available ⊙ 4 4 4
Three ⊙ Communications except by road will be better at REGGIO ⊙
Two reactions are as follows ⊙
General CORONATI wishes to move Corps by

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Q 15/26 CONFIDENTIAL from ROMAREP O
General CORONATI has asked me to
inform you that he will shortly propose
to COMZE Sender N 31 CORPS HQ from
CATANZARO to REGGIO O
Reasons given as follows O
One O REGGIO Prefect from the CALABRIA
and Prefect of REGGIO has asked the
views of disbandment of Divisional HQ
on 1st Phase for CORPS HQ to take its
place O
Two O Prefect HQ of MANTOVA Div should
move CATANZARO and accommodation
for both not available O
Three O Communications except by road will be
better at REGGIO O
The reactions are as follows O
General CORONATI wishes to move largely
for personal reasons O The objection upon
will * for such a move is not applicable
There is no objection to this from a
military point of view O
I should advise the maintenance of
this detachment HQ at CATANZARO if
the move takes place with a forward
HQ at REGGIO

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* The group delivered have been omitted owing to encipherment

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 5694 prot. OP. P.M. 151, li 26 maggio 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Difesa della Calabria.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA di CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

L O R O S E D E

Riferimento foglio G/17 del 1° maggio 1944.-

I due ponti 8.17 (F. Amato) e 4 (Solabrici), compresi nell'appendice 8 dell'istruzione operativa n° 11 del 2° Distretto, sono attualmente vigilati in permanenza rispettivamente da una squadra di 1 graduato e 6 militari.

Il A.C. Army Sub Commission (A.C.C.) si Catanzaro con l'ordine G.10/20/42 del 13 maggio ha proposto al Comando 2° Distretto che la guardia al ponte 4 (Solabrici) sia ridotta, essendo stato ultimato il ponte in cemento. Non appena verrà accettata la proposta, la suddetta guardia verrà soppressa.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- C.A. OTTELLA -

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SECRET G-17

Subject:- Defence of CALABRIA

HQ 2 District CMF
2128/7 G(O)
11 May 44

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LO Army Sub Commission (ACC),
XXXI Italian Corps,
CATANZARO

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission (ACC),
LECCE

Ref your G.10/MS/42 of 13 May 44.

It is agreed that the br at Z 0069 need not be guarded by XXXI Italian Corps in view of the fact that it has now been rebuilt in concrete.

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HFC

Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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SECRET.

Subject:-Defence of CALABRIA.

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

13 May 44.

Ref:-G.IO/MS/42

To:-H.Q.,
2 District.

Ref. letter GI7 of 1 May 44 from M.M.I.A. to S.M.R.E., copy to you.

2. Bridge Serial B.17. (AMATO River Z 0736).

This timber bridge is now being guarded ~~permanent~~ by XXXI Corps.

3. Bridge Serial 4. (Z 0069).

The permanent bridge has now been rebuilt in concrete and I submit that it need no longer be guarded.

Will you please confirm that this bridge be struck off the list of timber bridges to be guarded by XXXI Corps.

Lt.Col.,
M.M.I.A.,
L.O.,XXXI Corps.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.
XXXI Italian Corps.

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Subject:-Suppression of Staging Areas at SAMBIASE and PRAIA A MARE.

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO._ _ _ _ _

5 May 44.

Ref:-G.II/188.

To:-H.Q.,
No. 2 District.

Copy to:-XXXI Corps.
(your 07/187I of 27 Apr 44 refers).

Army Sub-Commission,ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
Iequile._ (Lecce)._ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

I enclose a copy of a letter from G.O.C., XXXI Italian Corps in which he asks that the staging areas at SAMBIASE and PRAIA A MARE be suppressed for the following reasons;-

(i) The coastal road to NAPLES was originally organised only as an alternative L. of C. to the central route because winter conditions occasionally blocked the latter for a few days.

(ii) With the approach of the hot weather there will be no interruptions on the central route REGGIO CAL - TIRIOLO - COSENZA - CASTROVILLARI - LAGONEGRO - NAPLES which is the best road and capable of dealing with a greater volume of traffic than is now making use of it.

Copy to:-XXXI Corps.
(your 07/1871 of 27 Apr 44 refers).

Army Sub-Commission,ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
Leguile._ (Lecce)._ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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(iii) Both of the staging areas in question are in malarial zones.

2. Unless other factors exist of which I am unaware, I recommend that GENERAL CORONATI's request be acceded to since the number of vehicles making use of these two staging areas is negligible.

H.A.C. Hawes

Lt.Col.,
M.M.I.A.,
L.O.,XXXI Corps.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

N/pe.

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 4936 prot.OP. P.M.151 li 7 maggio 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: difesa della Calabria.

AL COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.114
(riferimento foglio n.OI/2032 del 1/4/u.s.)
e,per conoscenza:
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO LEQUILE
- A.C.C. -
(rif.foglio 4/17 dell'1/5)

I. - La Commissione Alleata di Controllo - Sottocommissione dell'Esercito ha comunicato che il 2° distretto ha approvato in linea di massima il progetto e le disposizioni di cui al foglio a riferimento.

II. - Ha fatto però presente che nello studio non è stata attuata la protezione ai ponti B 17 e 4 compresi nell'appendice B dell'istruzione operativa n° 11 del 2° distretto e per i quali occorrerebbe comandare rispettivamente un corpo di guardia permanente ed una guardia mobile.

III.- Si prega comunicare a questo S.M. quanto codesto Comando attuerà in merito.=

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P.C.C.
IL TEN.COLONNELLO in s.S.M.
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampò)

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- G.B. Oxilia -

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Subject: XXXX Corps.

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I.O., Army Sub Commissariat, (ACC),
XXXI Italian Corps,
Punta Prima - Catanzaro.

1 May, 1944.

Ref. G.3/

To: Col. Kerr,
Army Sub Commissariat, ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.),
L'Aquila.

Noted R 2/5
Answered in my letter 11 Ent
Corps 26/5 Wkd

1. With reference to your G.17 of 9 Apr.44, the points you raise in para 1 are being dealt with in a separate letter.

2. Regarding your para 2 and 3, the position is as follows:

a)	Movement control along L. of C.	220
b)	Maintenance Bailey bridges (daily inspection & adjustment)	25
c)	Mobile patrols for inspection and maintenance timber bridges	25
d)	Permanent staff of following staging areas, including all services i.e. medical recovery, etc.:	
	GIULIANOVA	
	PORTA ROMANA	
	SOVERIA MANNELLI	300
	SPEZZANO ALBANESE	
	PRESINACCE	
	CASTELLUCCIO	
	SAMBIASE	
	PORTA A MARE	
	Total	570

3. You will remember that at our recent conference on ambulance need at Naples, see my no.2 of 18 Apr.44, the following figures were suggested for forward units

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c) Mobile patrols for inspection and maintenance timber bridges	25
d) Permanent staff of following staging areas, including all services i.e. medical recovery, etc.: VILLA TORA, PONTE AMATO, SOVERIA MANNELLI, SPEZZANO ALBANESE, PRESISARCE, CASTELLUCCIO, SANBIASE, PIANA A MARE	300
	570 total

3. Upon visit I made with at our recent conference on Calabria needs as required, see my ltr 2 of 18 Apr 44, the following figures were suggested for forming units in Calabria to be included on the allied programme.

a) One L. of C. Bn. for traffic control, bridge maintenance and inspection and permanent staff of staging areas.	850
b) One coy. for Reggio Calabria guard and labour duties.	200
c) Two coys. for Crotone, guard and labour duties.	400
	1450 Total

4). The following troops are at present employed directly on behalf of the Allies:

a) L. of C. duties – see para 2	570
b) Labour, guard and transport duties at CROTONE – see para 6 sub-para f of DISTWO letter 2048 G(O) of 17 Mar. 44.	310

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c) Labour and guard duties REF TO Cal. 80
d) Guard and other duties COSENZA and CATANZARO. 30
e) Guard and general duties for R.A.F. ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO (242 Group) R.A.F. TARANTO 80
f) M.T. drivers not included in (b) 74
g) Maintenance of signals communication in CALABRIA for Allies. 25

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To get a working total it is necessary to consider leave sickness and, in the cases of all except sub-para (a), services and I suggest a total of about 1500 would not be excessive.

4. It is difficult to propose an organization to meet the needs shown above as in many cases units are split up into small formations working in different localities, but the following establishment would, I believe meet the case:

a) L. of C. duties	1 Bn.	570
b) CROTONE guards and labour	2 coys.	400
c) M.T. duties	1 M.T. sec.	100
d) REGGIO C. guards and labour	1 coy.	200
e) ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO, guards and general duties		100
e) COSENZA and CATANZARO guards duties	2 Pl.	60
f) M.T. drivers	1 coy.	100
g) Signals	No organisation	45
		1500

5. I should like to emphasise the difficulty of ascertaining an exact figure of native personnel of AMG corps working directly or indirectly for the Allies owing to the constant demand of a civil authority which can be made upon the Corps in an emergency and which cannot therefore be listed. Also demands are always being increased and I have recently been asked to try and find 25 specialists for teleferica-lineamen duties for the Forestry Unit at CROTONE.

I therefore consider that a total figure of 1500 for [illegible] would not be excessive and in fact represents less than XXXI Corps is actually giving.

H.A.C. Howard
Lt.-Col.,
I.C. XXXI Corps,
M.M.I.A.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Defence of CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/17
/ May 44

S M R E

Copy to:- 2 Dist (Your 2128/7G of 27 Apr refers)
Army Sub Commission LO 31 CORPS

1. Ref 31 Corps plan and dispositions for the defence of CALABRIA which you forwarded to us in reply to our G/17/4 of 26 Mar, subject as above.

2. Plan and dispositions are approved by 2 Dist with the exception laid down in para 3 below.

3. Provision has not been made for guarding the bridges Serials B 17 and 4 at Appx 'B' to 2 Dist Operation Instruction No 11.

It is considered by 2 Dist that the bridge Serial B 17 should have a fixed guard and the bridge at Serial 4 should be guarded by a mobile detachment.

4. Will you please say what arrangements you can make for the protection of these bridges.

ADC

for Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Defence of CALABRIA

SECRET

HQ 2 District CMF
2128/7 G

27 Apr 44

Army Sub Commission,
ACC.
LECCE

Ref your G/17/6 of 8 Apr 44 and your G/17 of 24 Apr 44.

1 Your plan and dispositions are approved with the exception laid down in Para 2 below.

2 It is noted that you have not made provision for guarding the bridges Serials B 17 and 4 at appx."B" to this HQ Op Instr.No 11. It is considered that the bridge serial B 17 should have a fixed guard and the bridge at serial 4 should be guarded by a mobile patrol. Will you please say what arrangements you can make for the protection of these bridges.

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EMB

Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (CMIA)
LEGULE (L SCE)

2 May 44

Lt Col Howard
LC II Corps

Dear Col Howard

Maj Papineau handed me your note of 1 May this morning. I have not read the report as yet, but the highlights were given to me verbally. We will take what action is possible at this end.

As regards the troops in Calabria. We have been unable to secure approval for the battalion for guard, labor, etc., from AAI. The nearest thing we can give you is a battalion being formed with men released from jail, some 800 of them. AAI will not accept these men in the Army Area, but say we can send them to Calabria. They have been in jail for some time and this 800 are supposed to be in for only minor (sic) offenses. If you would like to have these we will try and get them for you. Some of them are in the jails in Calabria.

Orders have been issued for the remainder of the Mantova, less one battalion temporarily detached for guard duty, to go to Calabria. We have had quite a fuss over this but it now appears to be underway. The one detached battalion will come down as soon as it is relieved by a unit from Sardinia.

Due to the indecision in the high command we still don't know how many people are to be carried in the Italian Army. I feel that the figure will not exceed the 241,000, and may even be reduced. So we can't push SHAEF to make a decision as to the corps troops and services to be alloted to Calabria. One thing is certain, except for the barest minimum of Corps troops and services, the only other troops there will be the Mantova. The Mantova must perform the 2 Dist missions, and internal security. This includes labor at Crotone unless we send down the jail bird Battalion. We are working on a train guard outfit. The Mantova will have to take care of the traffic police job also.

We do not take troops. SHAEF has orders from us to form units and they pass these along to 31 Corps, for about the only available on the mainland are down there. And we are continually being pushed for more units. So you can figure to lose everything except the Mantova and the minimum of corps troops.

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The problem of absenteeism is acute. We are trying to help with boots (3500 alloted a couple of days ago). The Italians must clothe the Mantova Div and Corps troops with Italian uniforms.

As for drastic action - the CG has already told SHAEF to take action. But the threat of being sent to Africa is empty. Not only does this appear legally impossible, it is no punishment but rather a reward. PW Cos in Africa have Allied equipment, are paid 60 lire a day and get an additional Post Exchange credit of 10 lire daily (2 packages of cigarettes or [illegible]

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The problem of absenteeism is acute. We are trying to help with boots (3500 alloted a couple of days ago). The Italians must clothe the Mantova Div and Corps troops with Italian uniforms.

As for drastic action - the CG has already told SHAEF to take action. But the threat of being sent to Africa is empty. Not only does this appear legally impossible, it is no punishment but rather a reward. PW Cos in Africa have Allied equipment, are paid 80 lire a day and get an additional Post Exchange credit of 10 lire daily (2 packages of cigarettes or whatever else is available in Post Exchanges). Moreover they are on regular Allied rations. Of course, those who will not work and behave themselves are really treated as PW's. So I see no threat and if Italians here learn about the treatment in Africa they will all want to go to Africa.

According to recent instructions, PW's in Africa will be released only for extraordinary reasons. They are doing good work there.

Things are getting busier here all the while. Representatives from the Great White Father will be around tomorrow so maybe we will find out where we stand.

You may rest assured that I will be there as soon as I can. I am looking forward to it.

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SUBJECT:- Def CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/17
4 Apr 44

HQ 2 District
C M F

1. Ref our G/17/6 of 8 Apr 44 forwarding to you two copies of 31 Italian Corps plan and dispositions for the defence of CALABRIA.

2. Will you please say if you have approved the plan and dispositions.

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

ABC

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File

MOST SECRET
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Subject: Report on Italian Army
CALABRIA

Ref G 7/MS
18 April 44

TO: Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (AMMIA)
LEQUILE - LECCE

Further to my G/7 of 5 Apr 44 I have the following interim report to make covering the period 30 Mar to 13 Apr 44

2. Itinerary

Date	Location	Units Inspected	Contacts
30 Mar/2 Apr	CATANZARO	-	GOC XXXI Corps Chief of staff Vice Chief of staff PC. ACC CATANZARO
3 Apr	CROTONE	-	Mov & Tn off CROTONE S.T off ACC Officer i/c M.L. Forestry Bat
4/7 Apr	CATANZARO	-	CRE XXXI Corps Police off ACC CATANZARO S.I.T off ACC

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4/7 Apr	CATANZARO	-	
9 Apr	REGGIO .C.	-	Mov & Tn off REGGIO C 185 Delegation representative
9/10 Apr	CATAGNIA	-	GOC 1 District G1. Mov & Tn
11/12 Apr	REGGIO C	-	P.C. ACC REGGIO .C. Town Mayor W.O. FFS (1 District)
	H.Q. 211 Div		GOC 211 Div Chief of staff.

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	H.Q. 516 Inf Regt	O. C. Col MARTINELLI
	1st Bn	
	2nd Bn	
	H.Q 518 Inf Regt	
	1241 MT Coy	
	208 Inf regt Depot	O.C Lt Col FRANGILLO
VIBO VALENTIA	Volunteer Recruit Depot	O C Col Macrì
	56 Cavty regt Depot	O. C Lt Col CENTAURE
	1 Cavty group	O C. Col TRISCHIA - RULLO
	2nd Inf regt Depot	O C Col BOVI
MARCELLINARA	2nd Mobile Cavty whps	O C Lt FERARI
13 Apr CATANZARO	—	GOC XXVI Corps Chief of Staff.

3. Report on Italian Units visited

(a) H.Q 211 Div found General CARASIO the Div Cmd to be a quiet pleasant northerner lacking in thrust in drive. His Chief of staff, Col MASTROBATTO appears to be a capable officer of the type Italian calls furbo and anglo-saxons dislike. He has a truthful record which will be dealt with in my next Black/White report.

(b) H-Q 516 Inf Regt and 1st and 2nd bns

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	2nd Inf regt Depot		O/C Col BOVI
	MARCELLINARA	2nd Motorbike Mtg whps	O/C H FERARI
13 Apr	CATANZARO	–	GOC XXXI Corps Chief of Staff.

3. Report on Platoon Units visited

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(b) HQ 516 Inf Regt and 1st and 2nd Bns } REGGIO. C.
518 Inf Regt
1241 Mtr sec
208 Inf Regt Depot

General CORONATI and I inspected the above units on the morning of 11 Apr accompanied by the Div Cmd

The barracks which had been completely sacked at the time of the Armistice and which were consequently almost entirely devoid of the normal items of barrack furniture were generally fairly clean but cookhouses and food stores left a good deal to be desired. I saw the mens dinners at 1030, the food tasted good was well cooked and of good quality. The distribution of rations in accordance with the decadal scale appeared to be satisfactory.

The mens health was uniformly good complaints only being made by General CARASIO that the men of his Div suffered from skin diseases

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owing to the insufficiency of the soap ration and the inability of the men to change their clothing.

The total number of men inspected was approximately 450, half of these were in civilian clothes and of the remaining half clothed in uniform the general condition of their dress was deplorable.

General CORDIATI referred to them as "quasi a semi-nudi". Over 50% of the men either had no footwear at all or home made boots patticrati inadequate to even the minima exigencies of soldiery

Beds were largely home made, palliasses deficient & inadequate and dirty because of the general condition of the men who used them.

Very little training appeared to be carried out, probably because conditions precluded it, but I did not go into this question. It was apparent that despite demoralisation due mainly to clothing conditions in which all ranks found themselves (several officers were in civilian clothes) a considerable effort to maintain discipline was made by officers and men alike.

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(c) Volunteer Recruit Depot UMBO VALENTIA

This unit, parade strength about 170, was the best that I saw (see also sub para (f)) Its purpose is to furnish combatant volunteers for the Regt supporting

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UTILE and for any other fighting Station units that may be formed. This unit was obviously the Corps Commanders special pride and appeared well organised and administered Training was carried out for officers and men, discipline was good and although the clothing and boots position was not satisfactory at least every man was shod and clothed in some kind of uniform.

Morale seemed to be high but a great many of the volunteers were so young that I doubt whether it would stand the test of immediate battle.

(d) 65th Arty Regt Depot } VIBO VALENTIA.
1 Arty Group

Much the same conditions were found in these units as have already been outlined in sub para (b) A temporary Arty whips section had ingeniously been set up with salvaged engines, lathes and was doing good work Arms and equipment were being brought in from dumps reconditioned and stored. Morale was probably lower 4.29
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(e) 20 Inf Regt Depot VIBO VALENTIA

This Depot was in better conditions than any of the others except (c) probably because of an active CO and the small numbers on its strength - about 600. The parade strength was only ~~1~~ half of the total and on enquiring into the matter it appeared that the unit had nearly 20% absent without leave, 20% on leave and 10% sick.

(f) 2nd Mobile Arty Whips MARCELLINARA

This small unit of 2 offs and 65 men was the best and most useful that I have yet seen.
It had two first rate Piemontese officers and has been working eight hours a day or more mainly on the salvaging of weapons and equipment. The clothing situation was, as usual bad, but the men, all gunners were in good spirits. They complained of the insufficiency of rations but said the quality was good.

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5. Progress of allied Program of Requirements from Italian Army

The following units have been despatched from CALABRIA recently.

Date Sustained	Unit	Strength Required Offrs	Strength Required ORs	Strength Sustained Offrs	Strength Sustained ORs
7	Minatori Coy	16	494	16	443
7	1 bn guard duties	7	850	7	542
8	1 Pontieri Coy	6	283	7	275
8	2 Ordnance Coys	-	372	12	372

6. MT

The following figures as at 5 Sept 44 give some indication of the urgency of the MT problem in CALABRIA

VEHICLES TOTAL CALABRIA	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	% US EMPLOYED FOR OR BY ALLIES	% EMPLOYED FOR B ALLIES	U.S. VEHICLES % needing tyres	% needing minor repairs	% needing major repairs
656	495	161	24%	134	20%	43%	21%	36%

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7. Absenteeism

No definite statistics are at present available on absenteeism, but the units recently inspected give reason to believe that between 10% and 20% of the predominantly Calabrese units are absent without leave. Some of these will be real deserters but the majority have gone home to farm the land and probably intend to return one day. In addition there is the problem of absenteeism to avoid being sent out of Calabria with a unit destined for employment with the Allies. Para 5 gives an indication of this trend.

8. Leave Policy

Over the Easter period the number of men on long and short leave in these units inspected was somewhere

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between 10% and 20% The high figure is probably due to the fact that no leave policy appears to have been laid down for the Italian army by AFC and also that it was thought, quite rightly, better to let idle and demoralised men go on leave rather than go absent

9 Morale

considering the deplorable condition of the soldiers clothing the lack of equipment of all kinds of the normal amenities of life, the inadequacy of the pay and the relative security of nations, I consider that the morale and discipline of the troops inspected was better than could be hoped for. I very much doubt whether the Calabrese will ever make fighting material but under better conditions he is capable of rendering good service to the allies in other capacities.

10 General Comment

The more I get to know the Corps Commander the more I appreciate him. His faults are that he is an indefatigable talker, a theatrical personality. On the other hand he is full of energy and drive he will trim his sails for no one. He is a good soldier and is ruthless in exacting a high standard from his officers. On his inspections little detail escapes his notice and unsatisfactory explanations are met with embarrassingly violent explosions usually followed by worse penalties.

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The general state of the Italian troops in Calabria that I have seen so far is poor. The essentials necessary for making an organised and useful military command with few exceptions are lacking i.e. boots, clothes, equipment, welfare, discipline training and morale. Led by an able Corps Commander they are making the best of a bad job and have so far met allied requirements for the maintainance of the L of C. satisfactorily, but lack of policy for the Italian army as a whole and the uncertainty for the future have seriously hampered the re-organisation of XXXI Corps. The new ration scale is adequate for semi-idle men but not for those fully employed.

Absenteeism is rife and combined with sickness and a too elastic leave policy is likely to endanger seriously the allied program of requirements from the Italian Army. The need for boots and clothing is desperate, and although I am sure the position will improve steadily from now on, I feel that Calabria has probably come off worst so far by

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comparison with other Commands. The MT position is difficult and a solution will have to be found for it shortly

12. Conclusion

(a) the re-organisation of XXXI Corps to its reduced establishment will be made much easier if boots and clothing are forthcoming to improve morale and discipline

(b) Absenteeism must be checked and officers must be held personally responsible for failure to entrain a unit at full strength after it has been alerted and in readiness for some time prior to departure

(c) Any further demands for XXXI Corps M.T. on the part of the Allies cannot be met, and it is likely that present commitments will have to be cut down

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The recent demands for 8 smoke coys will not be easy to meet owing the general disorganisation which absenteeism and low morale have brought about in XXXI Corps and any immediate requests for the formation of large units will may be impossible.

H.A.C. Howard
Lt Col

MM IA LO XXXI
Italian Corps.

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SUBJECT:- Memorandum on Conference - CALABRIA

Lequile
Ref:- G2

Apr 44

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

1. A conference on CALABRIA was held at Main H.Q. (MMIA) on 17 Apr 44. The following were present:-

General Browning
Brigadier Duchesne
Col Pidsley ← COL KEAR
Lt Col Moriarty
Lt Col Noakes
Lt Col Howard
Lt Col Hampton
Major Lentzner
Major Papineau
Capt Baumann
Capt Chator

2. Lt Col Howard outlined the general position in CALABRIA as he had found it during his two weeks in the Province and raised the following points:-

(a) How would the new policy laid down in AAI 1605/50/3/1G(SD1) of 3 Apr affect the organisation of XXXI CORPS in CALABRIA.

(b) What training was to be carried out by the MANTOVA Div in its new role of an internal security Div only.

(c) When would 211 Div be finally absorbed by the Allied programme of requirements from the Italian Army.

(d) When would the 119 Inf Regt of the MANTOVA Div and its artillery component now at MANDURIA rejoin XXXI CORPS in CALABRIA. 4426

(e) How soon could boots and clothing be expected for XXXI CORPS to meet their urgent requirements.

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(h) Conflicting responsibility for F.S. Security in CALABRIA of DISTONE and DISTWO.

(i) Retention of RE LO for XXXI CORPS.

3. The above points were dealt with as follows:-

(a) Col KERR stated that XXXI CORPS would in the future be composed of :-

(i) MANTOVA div and supporting arms.
(ii) XXXI CORPS Services.
(iii) Inf and Arty Depots and "enti territoriali"
Both (ii) and (iii) as laid down by SMRE to conform with new policy of strength of Italian Army.
(iv) Certain formations to be later included in the Allied programme of requirements from the Italian Army. These formations would probably be:-

One "all purposes" Bn for L of C duties (except guards). Traffic control, road movements etc. Strength 850 (?).

Two Coys for CROTONE guards and labour duties and R.A.F. CAPO RIZZUTO. Strength 400 (?).

/One Coy....

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One Coy for REGGIO guards and labour duties. Strength 200 (?).

Train guards. Strength (?).

(b) Col KERR stated that the MANTOVA should, as far as possible, be trained up to Bn standard.

(c) Col KERR stated that 211 Div would shortly be completely absorbed into the Allied melting pot.

Any gap between the despatch of 211 Div formations, now carrying out guard and labour duties at CROTONE and REGGIO C and the formation of new units for this purpose within the framework of the Allied program of requirements form the Italian Army would have to be bridged by XXXI CORPS.

(d) Col KERR said that SHAEF had informed the Mission that arrangements for this move were in hand. No date had yet been fixed.

(e) Lt Col MAKES stated that in general the boots and clothing position was improving. As Italian formations working for the Allies were being clothing clothed and shod so material was becoming available for Italian units under their own command. Boots for the MANTOVA Div (first priority in XXXI CORPS internal allocation) should be available in CALABRIA in from 6 - 8 weeks and tunics and trousers in from 8 - 12 weeks.

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Subject:-Report on Interview with General COROMATI and his Vice Chief of Staff.

L.O.XXXI Corps,
Army Sub Commission ACC.,
(M.M.I.A.).,
Pontegrande - CATANZARO.

5 Apr 44.

Ref:- G/7

To:-Army Sub Commission ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
L'AQUILE. (L'ACQ).

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General COROMATI stated that this Division consists, to the extent of about 70%, of men recruited from the North of Italy who have already had 3 or 4 years continual service with the colours, and that they are a good unit of fine combat material.

He is anxious to get the 111 Infantry Regiment and the Divisional artillery component now at MANDURIA down into CALABRIA as soon as possible, especially since the 21I Division was destined for the Allied melting pot (and I assured him this was so).

Now that the weather is likely to improve he wished to get all three regiments away from the towns and under canvas in order to step up the training, but he emphasised that as the MANTOVA 4424 consisted almost entirely of old soldiers, individual training and collective training up to Battalion standard was already of a high order.

The organization of the 76 and 114 Regiments in CALABRIA in accordance with the new establishment was already well advanced, but the establishment for the supporting arms and services had not yet been received from C.M.R.I.

He believed that the troops necessary to comply with the instructions issued to him by 2 District in their 2048 G(O) of 17 March 44 could be found from units other than the MANTOVA, except in the case of the HYDRO - ELECTRIC plants in the SILA area where a regiment of the Division would probably be stationed and where the guard duties

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The ?? company of Genio belonging to the Division was already working on bridge reconstruction on the L. of C. through CALABRIA which was the best training they could carry out for the present.

3. Supplies of Boots and Clothing.

Many of the troops in CALABRIA were shoeless and dressed in civilian clothes, the effect was most demoralising and should be remedied as soon as possible. General CORONATI complained that under the present system of releasing these stores it was not possible to deal with clothing problems efficiently. He suggested that in view of the poor communications to and from CALABRIA and within the Province itself reasonable stocks should be accumulated here which he could release in agreed quantities at his discretion and with the approval of the D.A.D.S.T. L.O., MAAI Corps.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT:- Employment of Units in CAMPANIA

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito
Operations Office

3755/OP
6 April 44

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Ref G/17/4 and G/17/5 of the 26th and 27th Mar respectively.

A) This SMRE has conveyed to HQ 31 Army Corps 2 District instruction regarding the employment of personnel in CALABRIA.

Said HQ has sent in a report on the employment of the a/m personnel. A copy in duplicate of the report is enclosed herewith which includes:-

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- Encl 2 - Strength necessary to meet Italian requirements in CALABRIA - ~~1,521~~ men.

We would point out, furthermore, that at present and excluding the Bn about to leave for PALERMO, the 211 Div has 2,126 men available.

B) From the above it appears that:-

a) Strength required by Allies 2,121 men
" " " Italians 1,120 men
3,241 men

b) Should 211 Div remain in CALABRIA it would be possible to meet these requirements as follows:-

Army Corps troops	1,521 men
211 Div	2,126 men
	3,647 men

This solution, which this SMRE deems the best, would allow for the "MANTOVA" Div, once mustered in CALABRIA, to carry out its training, in view of the operational duties for which it has been selected.

c) If, on the other hand, the 211 Div were withdrawn from CALABRIA for other duties, the following deficiency would arise:-

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Army Corps troops available	: 1,521 emn

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Allied and Italian requirements : 3,241 men
Army Corps troops available : 1,521 men
deficiency: 1,720 men

which deficiency would have to be covered, necessarily, with troops of the "MANTOVA" Div.

This Div, having thus lost over 20% of its strength, and having, in addition to provide its own guards, would be unable to fully carry out its training programme, an essential duty, since it is to be employed in an operational role.

d) When, once the major part of its men has been properly trained, it has been decided to employ the "MANTOVA" Div in an operational role. The Div will not be qualified for such duties at once unless an equal number of trained men to the number which it is now proposed to use for Guard duties (1,720 men) is drafted to the Div in lieu thereof.

C) In view of all the above we would request MMIA to kindly examine the possibility of not withdrawing the 211 Div or at least, should this be impossible, to reduce the strength required by 2 District from the 31st Army Corps.

This last solution should allow for the number of men to be drawn from the "MANTOVA" Div for these duties to be not more than 10% of the Div's total strength.

An early and favourable reply to the above suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

signed Gen CANEVA

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Enc. I to letter 3755/(dated 6.4.44.

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Strength necessary to meet Italian requirements in Calabria.

1.- Guard and service duties at the following Depots:

Marcellinara	100
Feroleto Antico	70
S. Bernardo	50
Cagliano	35
Vadue (Cosenza)	35
Mormanno	30
Gioia Tauro	20
	340

2.- Garrison Duties:

Crotone (Port service)	200
Catanzaro	100
Reggio Calabria	100
Cosenza	150
	550

3.- Labour and clearing up:

Recovery of aircraft obstruction poles	100
Mine lifting, unexploded bomb disposal, shell disposal.	130
	230
	1120
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NOTE:

Territorial Service Units requirements have not been taken into account because special units do this work without reducing Army Corps strength.

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Enc. No. 2 to letter 3755/Ops dated 6.4.44.

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ARMY CORPS STRENGTH.

UNIT	O.R.s available for various duties.	O.R.s not available for various duties.	
G.H.Q. and H.Q. Unit.	-	539	602
168 Carabinieri Mobile Section	-	63	
14th. H.Q. Labour gp.	-	100	1070
56th. 105/32 Arty. Gp.	500	-	
21st. Labour Gp.	-	43	
78th. 75/46 Arty. Gp.	212	-	
87th. 76/40 Arty Gp. (1)	434 (3)	-	
145th. 57/50 Arty. Gp. (1)	370 (3)	-	
2nd. Mobile Army. W/shop	-	63	
128th. Wireless Coy.	-	274	
31st. Engr. M.T. W/shop	-	17	
75th. Mixed Engr. Coy.	-	184	
106 Road Policing Bn. }	357(5)	-	
111 " " " }	439	-	
108 M/C Coy. (2)	-	47	47
3rd. Chemical Coy.	85	-	
Volunteer Mob Centre	-	251	251
80th. Territorial Bn.	761	-	
Antiparachutist Ind. Coy.	106	-	
Medical Section (includes patients admitted to hospitals and Con. Depots)	-	295	2195
Commissariat Services	-	375	403
Tp. Section: 66th. Heavy Tp. Coy.	-	683	703
TOTALS	3062	4734	

Units expected to move from Calabria:

87th. A.A. Gp. } 145th. A.A. Gp. } 106th. Road Police Bn. }	1161	-	4419

Balance of Army Corps strength

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111 " " " }	439	-	
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Balance of Army Corps strength available for various duties	1901
25% for Staff and Unit duties	380
Nett Army Corps strength available	1521

NOTE: The following are excluded: Territorial Depots, Districts, Transit Camp Staffs, Carabinieri Territorial Legions, Finance Guard Territorial Legions.

(1) At present still employed for A.A. defense at Crotone and the Silan Lakes.
(2) Employed for Army Corps D.R. service.
(3) Their departure from Calabria is foreseen.

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TRANSLATION

From:HQ 31 Italian Army Corps

Ref 01/2032

To : S.M.R.E.

Date 1 Apr 44

Subject:- Defence of CALABRIA

Ref G/17/4 dated 26 March from A.C.C.S.E.

The duties to be carried out by the 31st Army Corps will be distributed as follows.

1. Operational Duties.

a) Defence of roads Reggio - Naples and Reggio - Taranto with fixed guards at all Bailey and wooden bridges(Enc A) with mobile patrols.

b) Defence of railway lines Reggio - Crotone - Nova - Siri with fixed guards at all important objectives(Enc B).

c) Defence of installations(Enc C).

d) Internal Security(O.P.). In order to ensure its intervention when and where necessary within the 31 Army Corps Zone it will be advisable to station the men in three locations, as follows:-

Reggio Calabria	--------	VIBO VALENTIA
Catanzaro	--------	CROTONE
Cosenza	--------	CASTROVILLARI

At present this service could be carried out by units of the Mantova Div. 4418

2. Administrative Duties

These are carried out by the strength specified in Enc D.

The following services not listed in A.C.C.S.E's letter G/17/4

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2. Administrative Duties

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The following services not listed in A.C.C.S.E's letter G/17/4 have not been included and are therefore discontinued:-

Labour at the Cosenza Railhead
Labour at the Isola Capo Rizzuto Airport
Labour at the Reggio Calabria Port and Railhead.
Clearing of debris at the S.S.109 in the vicinity of Petilia-Policastro.

3. Total strength required by the Allies 2121 men(see Enc e)

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DEFENCE OF ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BEGGIO-NAPLES AND BEGGIO-TARANTO.

Fixed guards will be provided only for Bailey bridges and timber bridges (there are no metallic bridges or other important points). Mobile patrols complete the scheme.

List of bridges to be guarded.

1	Bailey Bridge at		Tavarzine	D	5454
2	"	"	Bagnara	D	5867
3	"	"	Petrace	D	6581
4	"	"	Mesima	D	7391
5	"	"	Lago Negro	T	5272
6	"	"	" " (on the Calore)	T	4054
7	"	"	Angitola	Y	9222
8	"	"	Cottola	Z	0234
9	"	"	S. Agata d'Esaro on the Saveria Tirriolo	Z	0655
10	Timber	"	" " " "	Z	0556
11	"	"	Coraco	Z	0660
12	"	"	Cozenza	Y	1479
13	"	"	C. Gallo	T	9423
14	"	"	Castrovillari	T	9137
15	"	"	Castelluccio	T	7057
16	"	"			

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Strength required (7 men per bridge)

16 x 7 = 112

Encl. b) to 05/2032 dated 1.4.44.

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DEFENCE OF THE REGGIO-CROTONE-TARANTO RAILWAY LINE EXCLUDING THE REGGIO-NOVA SIRI STRETCH.

Only the following works will be guarded which require a longer period of time for repairs.

Hollow bridges of over 50 meters, if having only one arch.
Hollow bridges of over 100 meters having more than one arch.
Tunnels

Each guard consists of 7 men including the guard commander. One guard per bridge or tunnel entry.

List of places to be guarded:
Bridges:

1.	Iron bridge on the	Lao	length	105	mts. 3 arches.
2.	" " " "	Castrocucco	"	240	" 5 "
3.	" " " "	Trionto	"	102	" 3 "
4.	" " " "	Cino	"	59	" 1 "
5.	" " " "	Malfrancato	"	50	" 1 "
6.	" " " "	Mesofatto	"	60	" 1 "
7.	" " " "	Crati	"	154	" 7 "
8.	" " " "	Nagabello	"	115	" 3 "
9.	" " " "	Ancinale	"	225	" 4 "
10.	" " " "	Severato	"	115	" 5 "
11.	" " " "	Griszo	"	57	" 1 "
12.	" " " "	Squillace	"	56	" 1 "
13.	" " " "	Corace	"	120	" 5 "
14.	" " " "	Tacino	"	115	" 5 "
15.	" " " "	Neto	"	195	" 3 "
16.	" " " "	Lipuda	"	60	" 1 "

Tunnels:

1. C. Bruzzano
2. Palizzi
3. Zefferio
4. Bova Marina
5. Cutro (with trap)
6. Staletti
7. Grillone
8. Severato

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1.	Iron bridge	on	the	Lao	240	"	5	"
2.	"	"	"	Castrocucco	103	"	"	"
3.	"	"	"	Tricnto	59	"	"	"
4.	"	"	"	Cino	50	"	"	"
5.	"	"	"	Malfrenato	60	"	"	"
6.	"	"	"	Mesofatto	154	"	"	"
7.	"	"	"	Crati	115	"	"	"
8.	"	"	"	Ragamello	335	"	"	"
9.	"	"	"	Ancinale	115	"	"	"
10.	"	"	"	Soverato	57	"	"	"
11.	"	"	"	Crizzo	50	"	"	"
12.	"	"	"	Squillace	130	"	"	"
13.	"	"	"	Corace	115	"	"	"
14.	"	"	"	Tacino	195	"	"	"
15.	"	"	"	Neto	60	"	"	"
16.	"	"	"	Lipuda				

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2. Palizzi
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5. Cutro (with trap)
6. Staletti
7. Grillone
8. Soverato
9. Roseto

Strength required:

Bridges	16 x 7	=	112 men
Tunnels	2 x9 x 7	=	126 "

TOTAL.....238 men.

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INSTALLATIONS TO BE GUARDED AND STRENGTH REQUIRED

1.	Sila	Water driven power plant)	450 men
2.	Ampollino	" " " ")	50 "
3.	Crotone	Port	50 "
4.	Isola Capo Rizzuto	Airport	25 "
5.	Dipignano	Supply depots	

TOTAL..... 575 men.

Enc. d) to 01/2022 dated 2.4.44.

H.Q. XIst. Army Corps
Staff - Ops.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

a) Staff for Staging areas, rest camps and road Coys. 520 men
b) Supervision and maintenance service for Bailey and timber bridges:
Fixed maintenance for 9 Bailey bridges 25 men
Mobile squads for periodical checking and maintenance of timber bridges (see Enc. a) para 1) plus the bridge near the Ampollino Lake Z 0069 25 men
50 "

c) Completion of bridges under construction:

Bridge on the Petrace	125 men	
Reconstruction of the bridge on the Metramo with cement pillars and timber surface	60 "	
Reconstruction of the permament bridge on the Calaburci	20 "	
Building of a timber bridge on the Coscile	100 "	
		305 "

d) Road maintenance: Now handed over to the AA.SS.
e) Transport for road maintenance:
11 heavy lorries have been placed at the disposal of the AA.SS. 11 "
f) Guard and labour duties:

Loading of timber at Crotone	250 "	
60 lorries for transport of timber	60 "	
		310 "

g) Medical attention and hospital facillities for Allied troops as per request (1)

TOTAL..... 1196 men.

(1) Supplied by Army Corps Hospital organisation.

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Enc. a) to 01/2032 dated 1.6.44.

H.Q. 31st. Army Corps
Staff - Ops.

SITUATING UP OF STRENGTH REQUIRED BY ALLIES.

1.- Operational Duties:

a) Road defence	112	men
b) Railway line defense	238	"
c) Installations defence	575	"
TOTAL	925	men

2.- Administrative Duties:

a) Road organization	520	"
b) Inspection and maintenance of emergency and Bailey bridges	50	"
c) Labour for completion of "	305	"
d) Road maintenance	-	
e) Tp. for road maintenance	11	"
f) Guard and labour(250+60)	310	"
TOTAL	1196	"

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TOTAL OF TOTALS 2121 men.

SUBJECT: XXXI Corps

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq (MMIA)
DEPOTS (ENGR)

6/7 April 44

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1. Par 4 of your 67 of 5 Apr refers to demands of the Allies on XXXI Corps for Corps Transport. It is not known here just what these demands are. Certain directions have been sent there concerning trucks for transportation of civilian food supplies and timber. In order to clarify the matter please furnish us

a. Report on vehicles under Italian control, total available, available for service, etc.
b. Demands made by Allies, in detail.
c. Your estimate of transportation requirements for the operation of XXXI Corps (exclusive of b, above) in detail.
d. Your recommendations on subject.

2. a. The report of the Corps Comdr on the mission to be performed for 2 Dist shows that about 600 men are employed on road control. It is assumed that these men are acting as traffic control personnel.

b. It appears that a road control battalion should be organized there. The strength might be around 800. This battalion might be carried as a seperate unit working for the Allies.

c. Please let us have your recommendation, outlining the scale of work, etc.

3. The Corps Comdr states in his report to SMPI that 320 men are required to operate the transit camps on the L of C, which is one of the 2 Dist missions. The number of such camps is not known so no conclusions can be reached regarding the personnel required. Please let us have the necessary information and your recommendations.

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Colonel for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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From. S.M.R.E. Ops. No. 755/OP 6/17

To: M.M.I.A. File..... Date 6.4.44.50

Subject. Employment of Units in CALABRIA.....

Ref. G/17/4 and G/17/5 of the 26th. and 27th. ult. respectively.

A) This SMRE has conveyed to H.Q. 31 Army Corps & Districts instruction regarding the employment of personnel in Calabria.
Said H.Q. has sent in a report on the employment of the a/n personnel. A copy in duplicate of the report is enclosed herewith which includes: -

- Enc. 1. = Strength necessary to meet Allied requirements = 2121 men.
- Enc 2. = Strength necessary to meet Italian requirements in Calabria = 1120 men.
- Enc. 3. = 31 Army Corps troops available for guard duties = 1521 men.

We would point out, furthermore, that at present and excluding the Bn about to leave for Palermo, the 211 Div. has 2126 men available. 4.211

B) From the above it appears that: -

a) Strength required by Allies 2121 men
" " Italians 1120
Total strength required 3241 men.

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c) Should 21 Div. remain in Calabria it
would be possible to meet these
requirements as follows: -

Army Corps troops	1621 men.
21 Div.	2126 "
Total	3647 men.

This solution, which the STAFF deems
the best, would allow for the "Piacenza"
Div., once reinstated in Calabria, to carry
out its training, in view of the operational
duties for which it has been selected.

c) If, on the other hand, the 21 Div. were
withdrawn from Calabria for other
duties, the following deficiency would
arise: -

Allied and Italian requirements	3241 men.
Army Corps troops available	1521 "
Deficiency	1720 "

which deficiency would have to be
covered, necessarily, with formations of
"Piacenza" Div.

The Div., having also lost the 20%
of its strength, and having, in addition to
provide for its own internal functions, would be

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needed to fully carry out its directing performance, an essential duty, where it is to be employed in operational duties.

a) When, under the majority part of its crew have been peacefully terminated, it is desired to employ the Navigations Div. on operational duties, the total number must be fully qualified personnel, as far as practicable, and not less than a normal complement of licensed officers for the vessel's tonnage (1720 tons) as specified in this Manual.

c) In view of the extra time required necessary to handle operations with the possibility of not exceeding the 211 Div. or at least, should this not be possible, to reduce the strength required by 2 Divisions from the 211F Navy Corps. by this Part reduction required below for the number of men for the Navigation Div. for these duties, not more than a 15% of the Unit's total strength.

All ratings and personnel reports for the Diving operations should be given additional [illegible]

in Calabria, perfezionasse il suo approntamento ed addestramento, in vista dei compiti operativi che le saranno affidati;

c)- qualora invece la 211^ divisione venisse tolta dalla Calabria per altre esigenze, si avrebbe la seguente deficienza di personale:

- esigenze italiane ed Alleate	3241 u.
- truppe di C.A. disponibili	1521 u.
deficienza	1720 u.

da colmarsi, necessariamente, con truppe della Divisione "Mantova"
Tale divisione, depauperata così di più del 20% della sua forza, non potrebbe accudire totalmente, dato l'assorbimento e frazionamento del personale da adibirsi ai servizi di guardia, al compito essenziale che è quello - come sopra esposto - di addestrarsi per essere impiegata in combattimento;

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C) - Quanto sopra, perchè codesta Commissione esamini la possibilità di soprassedere - nella via del possibile - al trasferimento della 211^ divisione, o per lo meno disporre che vengano ridotti i servizi richiesti dal 2° distretto nell'ambito del XXXI C.d'A.
Quest'ultima soluzione dovrebbe consentire che la forza da trarre dalla Divisione "Mantova" per i servizi di che trattasi, non dovrebbe superare il 10% della forza totale della Divisione.

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Si prega un cortese cenno di riscontro circa quanto esposto alle proposte di cui sopra.=

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. G.B.Oxilia)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni -

N. 3455 OP. di prot. P.M. 151, li 6 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Impiego reparti in Calabria.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

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Esito fogli G/17/4 e G/17/5 rispettivamente del 26 e 27 marzo u.s.

A) - Questo S.M.R.E. ha provveduto a diramare al Comando del XXXI C.A. le direttive del 2° Distretto circa l'impiego del personale in Calabria.
Il predetto Comando di C.A. ha comunicato lo studio relativo all'impiego di detto personale, studio che si trasmette - in duplice copia- e che comprende :

- allegato 1 = forze necessarie per soddisfare le esigenze degli Alleati = uomini n°2121.
- allegato 2 = forze necessarie per soddisfare le esigenze italiane in Calabria = uomini n° 1120
- allegato 3 = truppe del XXXI C.d'A. disponibili per servizi di guardia : uomini 1521.

Si fa rilevare, inoltre, che la 211^ Divisione dispone attualmente, escluso il btg. in partenza per Palermo, di 2126 u.=

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B) - Da quanto sopra esposto si rileva :

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- allegato 2 = forze necessarie per soddisfare le esigenze italiane in Calabria = uomini n° 1120
- allegato 3 = truppe del XXXI C.d'A. disponibili per servizi di guardia : uomini 1521.

Si fa rilevare, inoltre, che la 211^ Divisione dispone attualmente, escluso il btg. in partenza per Palermo, di 2126 u.=

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B) - Da quanto sopra esposto si rileva :

a) - Forze occorrenti per :

- esigenze alleate	2121	u.
- esigenze italiane	1120	u.
Totale forze occorrenti	3241	u.

b) - qualora la 211^ Divisione restasse in Calabria, sarebbe possibile soddisfare le suindicate esigenze impiegando:

- le truppe di C.A.	1521	u.
- la 211^ Divisione	2126	u.
Totale	3647	u.

Tale soluzione, ritenuta da questo S.M. la più favorevole, consentirebbe che la Divisione "Mantova" una volta riunita

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT:- Employment of Units in CAMPANIA

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito
Operations Office

3755/OP
6 April 44

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Ref G/17/4 and G/17/5 of the 26th and 27th Mar respectively.

A) This SMRE has conveyed to Hq 31 Army Corps 2 District instruction regarding the employment of personnel in CALABRIA.

Said Hq has sent in a report on the employment of the a/m personnel. A copy in duplicate of the report is enclosed herewith which includes:-

- Encl 1 - Strength necessary to meet Allied requirements - 2,121 men.

- Encl 2 - Strength necessary to meet Italian requirements in CALABRIA - 1,521 men.

We would point out, furthermore, that at present and excluding the Bn about to leave for PALERMO, the 211 Div has 2,126 men available.

B) From the above it appears that:-

a) Strength required by Allies 2,121 men
" " " Italians 1,120 men
3,241 men

b) Should 211 Div remain in CALABRIA it would be possible to meet these requirements as follows:-

Army Corps troops 1,521 men
211 Div 2,126 men
3,647 men

This solution, which this SMRE deems the best, would allow for the "MANTOVA" Div, once mustered in CALABRIA, to carry out its training, in view of the operational duties for which it has been selected.

c) If, on the other hand, the 211 Div were withdrawn from CALABRIA for other duties, the following deficiency would arise:-

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Army Corps troops available : 1,521 men

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c) If, on the other hand, the 211 Div were withdrawn from CALABRIA for other duties, the following deficiency would arise:-

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Allied and Italian requirements : 3,241 men
Army Corps troops available : 1,521 men
deficiency: 1,720 men

which deficiency would have to be covered, necessarily, with troops of the "MANTOVA" Div.

This Div, having thus lost over 20% of its strength, and having, in addition to provide its own guards, would be unable to fully carry out its training programme, an essential duty, since it is to be employed in an operational role.

d) When, once the major part of its men has been properly trained, it has been decided to employ the "MANTOVA" Div in an operational role. The Div will not be qualified for such duties at once unless an equal number of trained men to the number which it is now proposed to use for Guard duties (1,720 men) is drafted to the Div in lieu thereof.

C) In view of all the above we would request MMLA to kindly examine the possibility of not withdrawing the 211 Div or at least, should this be impossible, to reduce the strength required by 2 District from the 31st Army Corps.

This last solution should allow for the number of men to be drawn from the "MANTOVA" Div for these duties to be not more than 10% of the Div's total strength.

An early and favourable reply to the above suggestions will be greatly appreciated. signed Gen OXILIA

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Enc. 1 to letter 3755/Op dated 6.4.44.

H.Q. 21st. Army Corps
Staff - Ops.

Strength necessary to meet Italian requirements in Calabria.

1.- Guard and service duties at the following Depots:

Marcellinara	100
Feroleto Antico	70
S. Bernardo	50
Cagliano	35
Vadue (Cosenza)	35
Mormanno	30
Gioia Tauro	20
	340

2.- Garrison Duties:

Crotone (Port service)	200
Catanzaro	100
Reggio Calabria	100
Cosenza	150
	550

3.- Labour and clearing up:

Recovery of aircraft obstruction poles	100
Mine lifting, unexploded bomb disposal, shell disposal.	130
	230
	1120

NOTE:

Territorial Service Units requirements have not been taken into account because special units do this work without reducing Army Corps strength.

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Enc. No. 3 to letter 3755/Ops dated 6.1.44.

H. . 5lst. rmy Corps.
Staff - Ops.

ARMY CORPS STRENGTH.

UNIT	C.R.s available for various duties.	C.R.s not available for various duties.
G.H.Q. and H. . Unit.	-	539
168 Carabinieri Mobile ection	-	63
14th. H.Q. La our Gp.	-	100
56th. 1c5/32 rty. Gp.	500	-
21st. Labour Gp.	-	43
78th. 75/46 rty. Gp.	212	-
87th. 76/40 rty Gp. (1)	434 (3)	-
145th. 57/5 rty. Gp. (1)	370 (3)	-
2nd. Mobile ry. W/shop	-	63
128 H. Wireless Coy.	-	274
31st. Fld. M.T. W/shop	-	17
75th. Mixed Eng. Coy.	-	184
106 Road Policing Bn.	357(3)	-
111 " " "	439	-
108 M/C Coy. (2)	-	47
3rd. Chemical Coy.	83	-
Volunteer Mob Centre	-	251
80th. Territorial Bn.	761	-
Anti-aircraftist Inf. Coy.	106	-
Medical Section (includes patients admitted to hospitals and Co . Depots)	-	295
Commissariat Services	-	375
Tp. Section: 60th. Heavy Tp. Coy.	-	683
TOTALS	3062	4734

Units expected to move from Calabria:

87th. A.A. Gp.) 145th. A.A. Gp.) 106th. Road Police Bn.)	1161	-

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[illegible] M/Shop	-	63
128th. Wireless Coy.	-	27
31st. [illegible] M.T. W/shop	-	17
75th. Mixed Engr. Coy.	-	184
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111 " " "	439	-
108 M/C Coy. (2)	-	47
3rd. Chemical Coy.	63	-
Volunteer Mob. Centre	-	251
80th. Territorial Bn.	761	-
Antiaircraft Ind. Coy.	106	-
Medical Section (includes patients admitted to hospitals and Co. Depots)	-	295
Commissariat Services	-	375
Tp. Section: 66th. Heavy Engr. Coy.	-	683
TOTALS	3062	4734

Units expected to move from Calabria:

87th. A.A. Gp.		
145th. A.A. Gp.	1161	-
106th. Road Police Bn.		

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Balance of Army Corps strength available for various duties	1901
25% for Staff and Unit duties	380
Net Army Corps strength available	1521

NOTE: The following are excluded: Territorial Depots, Districts, Transit Camp Staffs Carabinieri Territorial Legions, Finance Guard Territorial Legions.

(1) At present still employed for A.A. defense at Crotone and the Silan Lakes.
(2) Employed for Army Corps D.M. service.
(3) Their departure from Calabria is foreseen.

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To: M.M.I.A. Sect. File..... Date 48

Subject.....

Re C/S/17/5 dated March 24th. from B.T.S.E.

The duties to be carried out by the 3rd Echelon Party shall be distributed as follows:

1. Reconnaissance Duties:

a) Duties of scouts, Regts. of Troops and Regts. - Intercept, search, hold ground at all times, and report to Div. (Sec. A) - Mixed, armoured formation

b) Duties of armoured cars, Regts. - Contact - Liaison, search, hold ground at all times, and report to Div. (Sec. A)

c) Duties of Artillery (Sec. B)

d) Defence of Divisional Troops (H.Q.) Div. under its command will be distributed as follows:

Regts. Artillery — Vide Appendix.
Engineers — Brotene
Cavalry — Greenbridgeman

Re present duty cannot be carried out by Units of the Divisional Div.

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Allegato nº 1 al foglio 2755/pt del 6-4-44

COMANDO XXXI CORPO d'ARMATA
S.M. - Ufficio Operazioni

Nº 01/2032 di prot. P.M. 114, lì 1º aprile 1944
OGGETTO : Difesa della Calabria.-
Allegati: 5

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
- Ufficio Operazioni - P.M. 151

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Riferimento foglio G/17/4 del 26 marzo della A.C.C.S.E.

I compiti affidati al C.A. saranno assolti nel seguente modo:

1º) - Compiti operativi:

a) - protezione delle comunicazioni stradali Reggio-Napoli e Reggio-Taranto, con guardie fisse ai ponti Bailey ed ai ponti in legno (all. a) integrate dalla sorveglianza esercitata dalle pattuglie mobili degli elementi della organizzazione del movimento;

b) - protezione della linea ferroviaria Reggio-Crotone-Nova Siri, con guardie fisse ai soli obiettivi di preminente importanza (all. b);

c) - protezione impianti: (all. c);

d) - sicurezza interna (O.P.): per assicurare la tempestività di intervento in tutta la zona di giurisdizione del C.A. occorre dislocare la forza in tre blocchi nelle seguenti zone :

Reggio Calabria	-	Vibo Valentia
Catanzaro	-	Crotone
Cosenza	-	Castrovillari

Attualmente questo servizio può essere disimpegnato dai reparti della div. "Mantova".

2º) - Compiti amministrativi (logistici).
Sono in atto con l'impiego della forza risultante dall'allegato d.
Non sono stati considerati e quindi verranno soppressi i seguenti servizi non elencati nel foglio G/17/4 della A.C.C.S.E. ovvero citato :
- manovalanza scalo ferroviario di Cosenza
- " aeroporto Isola Capo Rizzuto
- " scalo e porto di Reggio Cal. (dipendente dal I Distretto)

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- sgombero frana nella S.S.109 nei pressi di Petilia-Policastro.

3°) - Totale forza occorrente per conto degli anglo-americani (all.e) uomini 2121.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
C O M A N D A N T E
f/to: Emilio Coronati

p. c. c.
IL TEN.COLONNE LO in s. S.M.
- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampò)

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO d'ARMATA
S. . - Ufficio Operazioni
Defense of roads REGGIO - NAPLES and REGGIO - TARANTO.

PROTEZIONE DELLE COMUNICAZIONI STRADALI REGGIO-NAPOLI e REGGIO-TARANTO

Provvedere alla guardia fissa solo per i ponti Bailey e per i ponti in legno (non esistono ponti metallici od altri ponti di particolare importanza); la vigilanza è integrata dalle pattuglie mobili della organizzazione stradale in atto.-

Fixed guard only at Bailey bridges and wooden bridges / there are no metal bridges or any other important bridges / Protection is supplemented by mobile patrols of roads.

ELENCO DEI PONTI DA GUARDARE:

1	Ponte Bailey	Favazzina	D	5464
2	" "	Bagnara	D	5867
3	" "	Palmi	D	6581
4	" "	Mesima	D	7391
5	" "	Lagonegro	T	5271
6	" "	Lagonegro (sul Calore)	T	4064
7	" "	Angitola	Y	9222
8	" "	Cottola	Z	0234
9	" "	S.Agata D'Esaro		
10	" in legno	sulla Roveria Tiriolo	Z	0655
11	" "	" " "	Z	0556
12	" "	Corace	Z	0560
13	" "	Cosenza	Y	9479
14	" "	S.Gallo	T	9128
15	" "	Castrovillari	T	9137
16	" "	Castelluccio	T	7057

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Forza occorrente (uomini 7 per ogni ponte):
16 x 7 = 112

Strength required (7 men per bridge)
16 x 7 = 112.

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO d'ARMATA
S.I. - Ufficio Operazioni

PROTEZIONE DELLA LINEA FERROVIARIA REGGIO-CROTONE-TARANTO LIMITATAMENTE AL TRATTO REGGIO-NOVA SIRI (escluso).

La vigilanza viene limitata solo alle seguenti opere d'arte richiedenti maggior tempo per il riattamento:
- ponti di luce superiore a 50 metri, se di una sola campata
- " " " " " 100 " a più campate
- gallerie ferroviarie.

Ciascuna guardia di 7 uomini compreso caporale, per ogni ponte o per ogni imbocco di galleria.

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Elenco delle opere d'arte che dovranno essere vigilate:

Ponti :

1	ponte in ferro sul	Lao	lungo m.	105	a	3	luci.
2	" " "	Castrocucco	" "	240		5	"
3	" " "	Trionto	" "	103		3	"
4	" " "	Cino	" "	59		1	"
5	" " "	Malfrancato	" "	50		1	"
6	" " "	Acsofatto	" "	60		1	"
7	" " "	Orati	" "	154		7	"
8	" " "	Raganello	" "	115		3	"
9	" " "	Antimale	" "	335		4	"
10	" " "	Coverato	" "	115		5	"
11	" " "	Grisso	" "	57		1	"
12	" " "	Squillace	" "	50		1	"
13	" " "	Corace	" "	130		5	"
14	" " "	Tacina	" "	115		5	"
15	" " "	Neto	" "	195		3	"
16	" " "	Lipuda	" "	60		1	"

Gallerie :

1 galleria di C.Bruzzano
2 " " Palizzi
3 " " Zefferio
4 " " Nova Marina
5 " " Cutro (con botola)
6 " " Staletti
7 " " Grillone
8 " " Coverato
9 " " Roseto

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Forza occorrente: per i ponti 16 x 7 = uomini 112
per le gallerie 2 x 9 x 7 = uomini 126
Totale ....u. 238

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA

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IMPIANTI DA PROTEGGERE E FORZA OCCORRENTE :

1 Sila	- Impianti idroelettrici	uomini	450
2 Ampollino	- Impianti idroelettrici		
3 Crotone	- Porto	"	50
4 Isola Capo Rizzuto	- Aerodromo	"	50
5 Dipignano	- Magazzini rifornimento	"	25
	Totale	uomini	575

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
S.M. = Ufficio Operazioni

COMPITI AMMINISTRATIVI

a)-Attuali zone di amministrazione(Staging Areas):
parchi sosta e organizzazione movimento stradale:
forza occorrente uomini 520

b)-Servizio di guardia tecnica e manutenzione ponti
Bayley e ponti in legno :
- manutenzione fissa per 9 ponti Bailey " 25

- squadre volanti per verifica periodica della
stabilità e per la manutenzione ordinaria dei
ponti in legno(quelli di cui alla lettera a)
punto 1) più il ponte presso il lago Ampollino
- Z.0069 " 25 50

c)- Completamento dei ponti in costruzione :

Ponte sul Petrace uomini 125
Ricostruzione con campate in legno su pilastri
di cemento del ponte sul Metramo " 60
Ricostruzione ponte permanente sul Calabrici " 20
Costruzione d'un ponte in legno sul Coscile " 100 305

d)- Manutenzione strade: già passata tutta all'AA.SS.

e)- Trasporti per assicurare la manutenzione stradale:
sono messi a disposizione dell'AA.SS. autocarri
pesanti n. 11 11

f)- Servizi di guardia e manovalanza:
carico legnami a Crotone uomini 250
per trasporto legna autocarri 60 " 60 310

G)- Cure mediche e ricovero ospedaliero per
truppe alleate secondo le richieste (1) 4397

Totale uomini 1196

(1) - Si appoggia agli stabilimenti ospedalieri del C.A.

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO ARMATA
S.M. = Ufficio Operazioni

RIEPILOGO FORZA OCCORRENTE PER I SERVIZI RICHIESTI DAGLI ANGLO-AMERICANI

1.- Compiti operativi :

a)-	Protezione comunicazioni stradali	112
b)-	" linee ferroviarie Reggio-Nova-Siri-	238
c)-	" impianti	575
	Totale	925

2. - Compiti amministrativi(logistici) :

a)-	Organizzazione stradale	520
b)-	Guardia tecnica e manutenzione ponti di circostanza e ponti Bailey	50
c)-	Lavori per ultimazione ponti	305
d)-	Manutenzione strade	7
e)-	Trasporti per manutenzione strade	11
f)-	Uomini di guardia e manovalanza(250+60)	310
		1196

Totale complessivo 2121

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Allegato 2 al F°n° 2755/8 del 6-4-44

COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
S.M. = Ufficio Operazioni

Strength necessary to assist Italian requirements in Calabria
FORZA OCCORRENTE PER LE ESIGENZE ITALIANE IN CALABRIA :

Guard and service duties at the following depots
1°)- guardia e servizi ai depositi di :

Marcellinara	100
Feroleto Antico	70
S.Bernardo	50
Gagliano	35
Vadue (Cosenza)	35
Bermanno	30
Gioia Tauro	20
	340

Various duties
2°)- servizi di presidio :

Cretone(servizi di presidio)	200
Catanzaro	100
Reggio Calabria	100
Cosenza	150
	550

Labour and clearing up.
3°)- lavori e bonifica :

Recupero pali antisviosbarchi	100	4395
bonifica campi minati, bombe inesplose, rastrellamento proiettili	130	
	230	
	1120	

N.B. = Non sono state considerate le esigenze dei servizi e degli organi territoriali, alle quali provvedono reparti ed enti appositi, senza gravare sulle truppe del C.A.=

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COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
S.M. = Ufficio Operazioni

FORZA DELLE TRUPPE DI C.A.
Army Corps strength

REPARTI units	Impiegabile per compiti vari truppa	Non impiegabile per compiti vari truppa
Quartiere Generale e reparto comando	–	539
168ª Sezione Motorizzato CC.RR.	–	63
14° raggruppamento art. comando	–	100
LVI gr. da 105/32	300	–
21° raggruppamento art.	–	43
LXXVIII gr. art. 75/46	212	–
LXXXVII gr.art.76/40(1)	434 (3)	–
CXLV gr.art da 37/54(1)	370 (3)	–
2° laboratorio mobile di art.	–	63
126ª cp.telegrafisti	–	274
31ª officina autocarrata genio	–	17
35ª cp. mista genio	–	184
CVI btg. movimento stradale	357 (3)	–
CXI btg. movimento stradale	439	–
108ª cp.motociclisti (2)	–	47
3ª cp.chimica	83	–
Centro ordinamento volontari	–	251
80° btg. territoriale bis	761	–
Cp.autonoma antiparacadutisti	106	–
Servizio di sanità(compreso i ricoverati nei luoghi di cura	–	295
Servizi di commissariato	–	375
Servizio trasporti:	–	
LXVI autogruppo pesante	–	683
Totale.....	3062	4734
units expected to move from Calabria Reparti di cui si prevede la eventuale partenza dalla Calabria: – LXXXVII gr. c.a. – CXLVº gr. c.a. – CVI btg. m.s. (3)	1161	4354 –
Balance of Army Corps strength available Forza residua impiegabile del C.A. per compiti vari	1901	
25% per inquadramento e servizi di reparto 25% for staff and unit services	380	
Nett Army Corps strength available Forza netta disponibile del C.A.	1521	

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N O T E :

The following are excluded.
Sono stati esclusi:

- depositi territoriali Territorial depots.
- distretti Districts
- comandi tappe Transit camp staffs
- legione territoriale CC.RR. Carabinieri
- legione territoriale R.G.di Finanza Financial Guards.

(1) - Attualmente ancora impiegato per la difesa c.a. di Crotone e dei laghi silani.

(2) - Impiegata per la rete mobile del C.A.

(3) - Si prevede la loro partenza dalla Calabria.=

(1) At present employed on A.A. defence at Crotone and the Silan Lakes.

(2) Employed for the Army Corps D.R. service.

(3) Train departure from Calabria is foreseen.

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SUBJECT:= Def CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/17/6
7 Apr 44

H.Q. 2 District
C M F

1. Ref 2 District Op Instr N° 11, 2048G(O) of 17 Mar 44.

2. In accordance with para 10, two copies of 31 Italian Corps plan and dispositions are fwd herewith.

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm ACC

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TRANSLATION

From: HQ 31 Italian Army Corps Ref: 01/2032

Date: 1 Apr 41

To : S I M E

Subject:- Defence of CALABRIA

Ref G/17/4 dated 26 March from A.C.C.S.E.

The duties to be carried out by the 31st Army Corps will be distributed as follows:

1. Operational Duties

a) Defence of roads REGGIO – NAPLES and REGGIO – PALMI with fixed guards at all BAILEY and wooden bridges (enc A) with mobile patrols.

b) Defence of railway lines REGGIO – CROTONE – NOVA – SIRI with fixed guards at all important objectives (enc B).

c) Defence of installations (enc C).

d) Internal security (C.P.). In order to ensure its intervention when and where necessary within the 31 Army Corps Zone it will be advisable to station the ten in three locations, as follows:

REGGIO CALABRIA – – – – – – – VIBO VALENTIA
CATANZARO – – – – – – – CROTONE
COSENZA – – – – – – – CASTROVILLARI

At present this service could be carried out by units of the MANTOVA Div.

2. Administrative Duties

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These are carried out by the strength specified in enc D.

The following services not listed in A.C.C.S.E's letter G/17/4 have not been included and are therefore discontinued:

Labour at COSENZA Railhead.
Labour at the ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO Airport.
Labour at the REGGIO CALABRIA Port and Railhead.

motile petrols.

b) Defence of railway lines REGGIO – CROTONE – NOVA – SIRI with fixed guards at all important objectives (enc B).

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The following services not listed in A.C.C.S.2's letter G/17/4 have not been included and are therefore discontinued:

Labour at COSENZA Railhead.
Labour at the ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO Airport.
Labour at the REGGIO CALABRIA Port and Railhead.
Clearing of debris at the S.S.106 in the vicinity of PETILIA–POLICASTRO.

3. Total strength required by the Allies 2,121 men (see enc E).

SIGNED General CORSWANT

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H.Q. 31st. Army Corps.
Staff - Ops.

DEFENCE OF ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BENEVENTO-NAPLES AND BENEVENTO-TARANTO.

Fixed guards will be provided only for Bailey bridges and timber bridges (there are no metallic bridges or other important points). Mobile patrols complete the scheme.

List of bridges to be guarded.

1	Bailey Bridge at		Pavazzino	D 5464
2	"	"	Regnara	D 5867
3	"	"	Fotrace	D 6561
4	"	"	Nocina	D 7391
5	"	"	Lago Negro	T 5271
6	"	"	" " (on the Calore)	T 4064
7	"	"	Angitola	Y 9212
8	"	"	Cottola	Z 0234
9	"	"	S. Agata d'Esaro	
10	Timber	"	on the Saveria Tirriolo	Z 0655
11	"	"	" " "	Z 0556
12	"	"	Corace	Z 0660
13	"	"	Cozenza	Y 9479
14	"	"	S. Gallo	T 5428
15	"	"	Castrovillari	T 9137
16	"	"	Castellucio	T 7857

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Strength required (7 men per bridge)

16 x 7 = 112

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Staff - Ops.

DEFENCE OF THE RECCIO-CASTROCIELO-TARANTO RAILWAY LINE EXCLUDING THE RECCIO-NOVA SIRI SECTION.

Only the following works will be guarded which require a longer period of time for repairs.

Hollow bridges of over 50 meters, if having only one arch.
Hollow bridges of over 100 meters having more than one arch.
Tunnels

Each guard consists of 7 men including the guard commander. One guard per bridge or tunnel entry.

List of places to be guarded:

Bridges:

1.	Iron bridge	on	the	Isc	
2.	"	"	"	"	Castrocucco
3.	"	"	"	"	Trionto
4.	"	"	"	"	Cino
5.	"	"	"	"	Malfrancato
6.	"	"	"	"	Mesoletto
7.	"	"	"	"	Crati
8.	"	"	"	"	Paganello
9.	"	"	"	"	Antimalo
10.	"	"	"	"	Soverato
11.	"	"	"	"	Crisso
12.	"	"	"	"	Squillace
13.	"	"	"	"	Corace
14	"	"	"	"	Tacino
15.	"	"	"	"	Neto
16.	"	"	"	"	Lipuda

length	105	mts.	3 arches.
"	240	"	5 "
"	103	"	3 "
"	59	"	1 "
"	50	"	1 "
"	60	"	1 "
"	154	"	3 "
"	115	"	3 "
"	335	"	4 "
"	115	"	5 "
"	57	"	1 "
"	90	"	1 "
"	130	"	5 "
"	115	"	5 "
"	195	"	3 "
"	60	"	1 "

Tunnels:

1. C. Brusciano
2. Palizzi
3. Zefferio
4. Nova Marina
5. Cutro (with trap)
6. Staletti
7. Grillone
8. Soverato

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2.	"	"	"	"	Castrocucco	"	240	"	5	"
3.	"	"	"	"	Trionto	"	103	"	3	"
4.	"	"	"	"	Cino	"	59	"	1	"
5.	"	"	"	"	Malfrenato	"	50	"	1	"
6.	"	"	"	"	Mesofatto	"	60	"	1	"
7.	"	"	"	"	Crati	"	154	"	7	"
8.	"	"	"	"	Ragamello	"	115	"	3	"
9.	"	"	"	"	Ancinale	"	335	"	4	"
10.	"	"	"	"	Severato	"	115	"	5	"
11.	"	"	"	"	Grisme	"	57	"	1	"
12.	"	"	"	"	Squillace	"	50	"	1	"
13.	"	"	"	"	Corace	"	130	"	5	"
14	"	"	"	"	Tacino	"	115	"	5	"
15.	"	"	"	"	Neto	"	195	"	3	"
16.	"	"	"	"	Lipuda	"	60	"	1	"

Tunnels:

1. C. Brunnano
2. Paliasi
3. Zefferio
4. Bova Marina
5. Cutro (with trap)
6. Staletti
7. Grillone
8. Severato
9. Roseto

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Strength required:

Bridges	16 x 7	=	112 men
Tunnels	2 x9 x 7	=	126 "

TOTAL.....238 men.

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Staff - Ops.

INSTALLATIONS TO BE SHADED AND STENCILLED

1.	Sila	Water driven power plant)	450	men
2.	Ampollino	" " " ")	50	"
3.	Crotone	Port	50	"
4.	Isola Capo Rizzuto	Airport	25	"
5.	Diplgrano	Supply depots		

TOTAL..... 575 men.

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H.Q. 31st. Army Corps
Staff - Ops.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

a) Staff for Staging areas, rest camps and road Coys. 520 men
b) Supervision and maintenance service for Bailey and timber bridges:
Fixed maintenance for 9 Bailey bridges 25 men
Mobile squads for periodical checking and maintenance of timber bridges (see Encl. a) para 1) plus the bridge near the Ampollino Lake Z 0069 25 men
c) Completion of bridges under construction: 30 "
Bridge on the Petrace 125 men
Reconstruction of the bridge on the Petrano with cement pillars and timber surface 60 "
Reconstruction of the permanent bridge on the Calaberici 20 "
Building of a timber bridge on the Coscile 100 "
d) Road maintenance: Now handed over to the AA.SS. 305 "
e) Transport for road maintenance:
11 heavy lorries have been placed at the disposal of the AA.SS. 11 "
f) Guard and labour duties:
Loading of timber at Crotone 250 "
60 lorries for transport of timber 60 "
g) Medical attention and hospital facilities for Allied troops as per request 310 "
(1)

TOTAL..... 1196 men.

(1) Supplied by Army Corps Hospital organisation.

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H.Q. 21st. Army Corps
Staff - Ops.

SUBJECT: ST OF STRENGTH REQUIRED BY ALLIES.

1.- Operational Duties.

a) Road defense	112	men
b) Railway line defense	238	"
c) Installations defense	575	"
TOTAL	925	men

2.- Administrative Duties.

a) Road organisation	820	"
b) Inspection and maintenance of emergency and Bailey bridges	50	"
c) Labour for completion of "	315	"
d) Road maintenance	-	
e) Tp. for road maintenance	11	"
f) Guard and labour (250160)	330	"
TOTAL	1196	"

TOTAL OF TOTALS 2121 men. 4386

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SUBJECT: Defense of ALBANIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/17/4
20 Mar 44

Chief of Staff SMRE

1. Herewith copy No 32 of 2 District op Instr No 11, which please acknowledge.

2. The delay in forwarding this is regretted but Copies Nos 1/6 which were posted over a week ago have never arrived.

3. Ref para 10, will you please forward two copies of the 31 Corps Instruction to this HQ as soon as possible, so that one may be forwarded to 2 District.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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2 DISTRICT
OPERATION INSTRUCTION N° 11

DEFENCES/OF CALABRIA

Hq 2 District CRE
2048 3(c)
17 Mar 44

Ref Map 1/250,000 Southern ITALY

Army Sub Commission ACC for transmission to 31 Italian Corps

INFORMATION

1. The military Command of the region of CALABRIA passed to 31 Italian Corps on 30 Oct 1943.

2. The town of REGGIO and a portion of the region of CALABRIA beginning at the mouth of the stream at D4485O7, thence generally eastwards upstream to 45 Easting Grid, thence South along 45 Easting Grid to River AMENDOLEA at D4542, thence generally Westwards downstream to mouth of River at 4494420 was transferred to the control of N° 1 District on 3 Feb 1944 and is therefore not covered by this instruction.

3. 211 Coastal Div, 212 Coastal Div and certain Corps troops are being withdrawn from CALABRIA and the ACQUI Div is being reinforced.

4. The maintenance and upkeep of the roads and the reconstruction of bridges will shortly be taken over by the civil road organisation working under the control of the ACC Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission as directed by CE 2 District.

INTENTION

5. To define the responsibilities and tasks of 31 Italian Corps.

ANTICIPATED SCALE OF ENEMY ACTION

6. It is anticipated that enemy action in CALABRIA will be limited to sabotage, with the object of cutting communications and damaging installations.

This sabotage may be attempted by enemy agents of disaffected persons at present in ITALY, but it is possible that enemy sabotage parties may be dropped by parachute or landed from small craft.

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TASKS of 31 CORPS

7. Within CALABRIA

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TASKS of 31 CORPS

7. Within CALABRIA

(a) To protect road lines of communication REGGIO - NAPLES and REGGIO - TARANTO.
(b) To protect the railway lines of communication, REGGIO - CROTONE - TARANTO.
(c) To protect vulnerable points as shown at Appx A.
(d) To maintain Internal Security. On request from ACC or the Civil Authorities the GOC 31 Corps will take action to support the Civil Authorities in the maintenance of law and order.

ADM TASKS OF 31 CORPS

8. (a) To maintain the existing staging areas, including the provision of necessary medical and recovery facilities.

(b) To guard and maintain the Bailey and temporary bridges (as shown in Appx B) until such a time as they are replaced by permanent bridges by the ACC.

(c) To complete the building of the bridges now under construction (as shown in Appx C).

(d) To continue to maintain the roads until this responsibility is taken over by the ACC.

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(e) To provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation.

(f) To provide a maximum of 250 men for labour and guards at CROTONE and 50 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber.

(g) To provide medical attention and hospital facilities for Allied troops as required.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. Communication with HQ 2 District will be through the Army Sub Commission ACC via the W/T link already in being.

REQUIREMENT

10. GOC 31 Corps is requested to submit to this HQ by 31 March a copy of the Corps Instruction showing the plan and dispositions for carrying out the above tasks.

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signed

Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

DISTRIBUTION:

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APPENDIX A to
2 District Operation
Instruction N° 11
dated 11 Apr 44

CALABRIA

VULNERABLE POINTS

	Place	Map Ref	Character
1.	SILA	Z 1572	Hydro Electric Plant
2.	LAMPOLUNGO	Z 2570	Hydro Electric Water Plant
3.	CROTONE	Z 7198	Port
4.	ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO	Z 6745	Airfield
5.	DIPIGNANO	Y 9675	Supply Dump

Appx B to 2 District
Opn Instruction No 11
date 17 Mar 44

LIST OF BAILEY AND TIMBER BRIDGES

Serial	Map Ref	Type	Class	Description
ROUTE - NIGHTJAR LOCKSTEAD ROAD				
B 11	D 5264 (RAVARINA)	BAILEY 70' SS 70' DS	30	On main rd. Diversion through rly tunnel
B 12	D 5867 (TOWNLINE)	BAILEY 120' DS	18	On main rd, across village rd. Diversion through village.
B 13	D 6682 (PEEBACH R)	BAILEY 140' DS	30	On diversion, timber br, started on diversion next to Bailey.
B 14	D/7501 (PEEBACH R)	BAILEY 90' DS	40	On secondary rd. Timber br started on main rd at D/7500, class 40: estimated completion date 15 Mar 44. Rebuilding br at SITTANG.
B 15	Y 9812 (ANGITOLA)	BAILEY 1/50' SS 4/40' SS	30	On main rd over existing piers. Diversion over rly br.
B 16	Z 0434 (ANGITOLA)	BAILEY 150' DS	24	On main rd timber br on diversion upstream.
B 17	Z 0736 (ANGITOLA)	BAILEY 140' DS	24	On diversion upstream there is a timber br approach to Bailey, also another a new timber br on another diversion.
1	Z 0655	Timber small	24	On main rd.
2.	Z 0556	Timber small	24	On main rd.
3	Z 0660	Timber	24	On main rd. No diversion possible.
4	Z 0069	Timber	24	On main rd.
5	Y 9479	Timber	60	On main rd.
6	Y 9428	Timber	24	On main rd.
7	Y 9137	Timber	24	On main rd over small stream.
8	Y 7057	Timber	40	On main rd.
B 18	T 5871 (LAGATERO)	BAILEY 110' DS	24	On main rd, no diversion possible.
ROUTE - LAGATERO ROAD				
	T 4064 (SAGAI)			Rebuilding permanent tunnel to replace BAILEY.

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B 16	Z 0[illegible] (COTTOLA)	150' DS		diversion upstream.
B 17	Z 0736 (MATO 8)	BAILEY 140' DS	24	On diversion upstream there is a timber br approach to Bailey, also another a new timber br on another diversion.
1	Z 0[illegible]55	Timber small	24	On main rd.
2.	Z 0[illegible]55	Timber small	24	On main rd.
3	Z 0060	Timber	24	On main rd. No diversion possible.
4	Z 0069	Timber	24	On main rd.
5	Y 9479	Timber	90	On main rd.
6	T 9438	Timber	24	On main rd.
7	T 9137	Timber	24	On main rd over small stream.
8	T 7057	Timber	40	On main rd.
B 18	T 5271 (LAGOTERRO)	BAILEY 110' DS	24	On main rd, no diversion possible.

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CAPRI = LAGONEGRO ROAD

T 4064 (CAPRI) — Rebuilding permanent tunnel to replace BAILEY.

BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY 31 ITALIAN CORPS

Appx C to 2 District Ops Instruction N° 11 dated 17 Mar 44

Bridge Serial N°	Location of work	Nature of work	Date Started	Agency
CALABRIA				
ROCCO – NICASTRO				
B 13	D 0582 (Petrenco)	Replacements of Bailey by piled timber bridge	Nov 43	31 Italian Corps
	D 7570 (Metrame)	Rebuilding Bridge conc piers with temp timber deck	Jan 44	31 Italian Corps
NICASTRO – LAGONEGRO				
	Z 0167	Rebuilding permanent br	Jan 44	31 Italian Corps
	T 9428 (Casalli)	Erection of piled timber bridge	Feb 44	31 Italian Corps

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SUBJECT: Line of Communication CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/17/3
4 Mar 44

Chief of Staff SMME

Copy to MEDIA LO 31 Corps

1. The General Officer Commanding No. 2 District asks me to inform you that he greatly appreciates your cooperation in keeping the roads clear in CALABRIA during the past two months. Will you convey his appreciation to the authorities concerned.

2. I regret that I have been unable to obtain any further information as to the amount of military traffic that may be expected to pass through CALABRIA in March and April, beyond that passed to you in our G/17/1 of 20 Jan.

CGL.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 1057/c

NAR. Min. Rakimeh
TRS: MMIA

Circ to 1H.MAR.NH

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Subject. Location of the MANTOVA Div. H.Q.

We beg to inform you that further to the transfer of the 212 Div. from CALABRIA to CAMPANIA the HQ 31 Corps asked, and [illegible] the SMRE authority, the transfer of the HQ. of the MANTOVA Div. from NICASTRO to COSENZA (location of the HQ 212 Div.)

Gen. ALIBERTI

Capt.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. 1057/C di prot. F.M. 107 li 14 Marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Sede Comando Divisione "Mantova".-

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA) L E Q U I L E

Si informa che, in seguito al trasferimento della 212^ Divisione dalla Calabria alla Campania, il Comando del XXXI Corpo d'Armata ha chiesto, e questo Ministero nonché lo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito hanno autorizzato, il trasferimento della sede del Comando Divisione "Mantova" da Nicastro a Cosenza (già sede del Comando 212^ Divisione).-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

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Sir,

Para 9 para on the banquet in para 2

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4/s

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Army Sub Comm 9
(Rec'd)
G/17

HQ 2 District GAF
2128/7 G(O)

7 Mar 44.

Subject:- L of C CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission
Main Hq Allied Control Commission

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Ref your G/17/2 of 3 Mar 44.

1 14 CE Wks is satisfied that the AA SS is capable of taking over the necessary emer work on the L of C mentioned in Para 2 of yo r letter under ref.

2 It is regretted that no further information can be given on the amount of military traffic expected to pass through CALABRIA in March and April beyond that given in my 2075 G of 10 Jun.

3 Will you please inform the Italian Military Authorities concerned that their cooperation in the matter of keeping the rds clear in CALABRIA during the last two months is greatly appreciated.

D'Arcy Gordon Callam

for Major General,
Commanding.

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Comd. 30 Corps 7 XXI Corps Comd would like Army definite instructions based on available ~~HQs~~ under support policy. Do you approve this letter C. 27 Feb.

Subject: Def and Internal Security CALABRIA.

Adv. No 2 District, Army Sub-Commission (ACC)
Feb 44.

1. Ref my C/13/27 of 18 Jan and your 2128 C of 10 Feb.
A brief directive would help the Italian Gen Staff when receiving instructions for def, and locations of HQs, under assumed policy.

2. The force which will be available ultimately for the def of CALABRIA, and on which Italian Gen Staff instructions will be based, will be :—

N. CALABRIA - One Bde Gp of 2 Regts - approx strength 5,000. (from MANTOVA Div)

S. CALABRIA - One Coastal Div - approx strength 2,500.

G/ Italians NOT shown
In view of changing policy and establishment of 2 Italian Corps HQ it may be necessary to modify this HQ of 2 Div, to Corps HQ

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Tps for Defence and Internal Security

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HQ 2 District CMF
2128 G

10 Feb 44.

MGIA

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15 G/17

Ref your G/13/27 of 13 Jan.

1 It is much regretted that this HQ has NOT issued the directive to the Italian Corps in CALABRIA in accordance with the undertaking given at the conference at this HQ on 3 Nov.

2 However the Italian tps in question seem to be performing their duties satisfactorily, and, as the threat to CALABRIA is negligible, it is NOT considered necessary now, at this late date, to issue any instructions in the matter. However, if you consider this should be done please say.

Major General,
Commanding.

KSC

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Lt Col MORIARTY

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SUBJECT: Black Out.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LEC E)
G/17/3
7 March 44

Ministry of War
S.M.R.E.

The following signal has been received:

"From:- ACMF

To:- (1) ACC

Info:-(2) Dist. (3) Dist. (4) PBS

0 2190 0321324

Approval is given wef 1 Mar for Black Out to be from 1900 hrs until 0600 nightly in that part of Italy restored to control of Italian Gov't. (.) warn all concerned"

Kelfuchanan. Dunlop. A.C.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Black Out.

Hq 2 District CMP
2037/1 G(AD & Ch)
6 Mar. 44.

5E Area
6 Base Sub Area
7A Sub Area
15A Sub Area
6 A. Tde
25 A. Bde
6E A. Bde
MMLA

The following signal has been received:-

"From:- ACC"

To:- (1) AOC

Info:- (2) 2 Dist (3) 5 Dist (4) PRS

O 2130 052152A

Approval is given waf 1 Mar for Black Out to be from 1900 hrs until 0600 nightly in that part of Italy restored to control of Italian Govt (.) Inform all concerned"

E. [illegible]
for Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

INTERNAL

CO: i/c AM:
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G(Recv)

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AGC (2)

MMLA (2)
Camp
Signalmaster
C (Special Circ)

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Info:- (2) C Dist (3) D Dist (4) HQS

O 2100 032132.

Approval is given waf 1 hour for Black Out to be from 1900 hrs until 0600 nightly in that part of Italy restored to control of Italian Govt (.) Much all concerned"

E. O'Brien Lt Col

for Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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INTERNAL

DCL S/C AIR	D	MEDA HQ
A	X	Navy
Q	Pro	Signalmaster
C(Navy)	AGO HQ	C (Special Circ)

Cyl Lowe

Type out above to Ministry of War SHAPE

Then circulate This to Gen Staff

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SUBJECT:- L of C CALABRIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MILA)
TE QUILE (LECCE)
G/17/2
3 Mar 44

2 District

Copy to: MILA LO 31 CORPS

1. I write to inform you that orders have been given for the move of 23 Artieri Bn and 212 Div from COSENZA area to CAMPANIA for Pioneer labour under ACMF programme. This leaves approx 23,000 tps in CALABRIA and MANTOVA Div strength 3,652 in CATANZARO area and 211 Div strength 2,812 in the South. It will probably be necessary to extract further tps in the future to meet the demands of the ACMF programme.

2. In the meantime it is essential that the AA.38 continue to take over the Engineer work on the L of C, as requested in my RS 2/3 of 23 Dec, as the remaining Military Engineer units are due to be moved Northwards this month in accordance with the programme.

3. Your 2075 G of 10 Jan gave warning of considerable operational traffic on the L of C in Feb, March and April and orders were passed to the Italian Gen Staff to take the necessary steps to keep the routes open. My Liaison Officer informs me that this has been done in spite of heavy snowfalls, and that considerable traffic has been passing through without any trouble. Have you any further information about the volume of traffic that may be expected in March and April and afterwards?

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject : Convoy Routes.

B.M.L.O. to 31 Italian Corps
G/3
5 nov 43

To: Mov and Tn, REGGIO.
Copies to:B.M.L. (2)
ARGOT, CATANZARO
XXXI Corpo d'Armata
File

Our report "Convoy Routes" of 31 Oct refers.
For A. ROUTES., (ii), read as follows;
(ii) REGGIO-TARANTO.
(a) REGGIO-NICASTRO-SOVERIA-COSENZA-rd junction 986193-
rd junction 101206-TARANTO.
Route (ii), (b) remains as before, and note in my previous report still holds.

In "B. STAGING AREAS", for SPEZZANO SCALO substitute SPEZZANO ALBANESE. The new staging camp lies on the northern outskirts of SPEZZANO ALBANESE, i.e OFF the new itinerary by about 2 miles. It is not proposed to change it again, as it is a very good camp in a good site.

Gerhentzen Myer

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Subject:- Convoy Routes.

B.M. L.O to 31 Italian Corps.
31 Oct 43.

I/102

To;- R.M Sub-Area.
Copies to:- B.M.M. (2)
Mov and Tn, REGGIO.
A.M.G.O.T, CATANZARO.
XXXI Corpo d'Armata.
File.

Herewith details of the organisation of convoy routes through CALABRIA.

A. ROUTES.

(i) REGGIO-NAPLES.
REGGIO-NICASTRO-coast road to AMANTEA-PAOLA-BELVEDERE-SAPRI-NAPLES.

(ii) REGGIO-TARANTO.
(a) REGGIO-NICASTRO-SOVERIA-COSENZA-SPEZZANO ALBANESE-road junction 9428-DORIA-road junction U 098275-TARANTO.
(b) REGGIO- NICASTRO-AMANTEA-PAOLA-road junction 930860-SPEZZANO ALBANESE, etc.

Note. Route (ii),(a) is at present fit for light traffic only, on account of the bad state of the SAVUOTO (981642) deviation. This should be repaired by 5 Nov, but it is advised that even after this date heavy traffic with trailers should continue to use Route (ii),(b), as the bends in the deviation are difficult to negotiate.

B. STAGING AREAS.

(i) On NAPLES route.
GIOIA TAURO, SAMBIASE (957430), and PRAIA A MARE (525455).

(ii) On TARANTO routes.
GIOIA TAURO, SOVERIA MANNELLI, SPEZZANO ALBANESE SCALO (965257) and TREBISACCE.

Notes.

(a). Each staging area will have accommodation for 4369 200+ M.T-tentage or hutting for 100-200 men-small recovery unit-M.O and hospital with 5 beds-latrines and refuse pits. Entrances will be signposted. Further signposts will be erected along the route when supplied by D.P.M, N° 2 District.

(b). An Italian Camp Commandant will be in charge of each site. Guards and duties will be performed by a guard platoon assisted by 6 Carabinieri.

(c). SAMBIASE site is approx. 2 kilos WEST of the Village. The site selected in this area, SOUTH of NICASTRO by S.C(Roads) N° 2 District is at present water-logged.

(d). Although some of the staging areas are not in the exact site requested by R.M Sub-Area, work had already been begun by 31 Corps before receipt of detailed instructions, and change-over would have involved considerable delay to schedule.

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE.

(i) An Engineer maintenance party will be permanently provided at each bridge by 31 Corps.

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(ii) Traffic control posts will be set up by 3[illegible] Corps at bridg[illegible],diversions,etc where con[illegible]ol is required.

(iii) 31 Corps will also provide a road patrol which will report immediately to B.M.M L.O,CATANZARO and to Mov and Tn,REGGIO, any serious road obstruction preventing passage of traffic. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure speedy repair.

(iv) Convoy comdrs also will report to nearest staging area Camp Commandant (for transmission to B.M.M L.O,CATANZARO;and Mov and Tn,REGGIO),any imminent obstruction,landslide etc, due e.g,to the effects of heavy rain.

(v) Pending removal of British Bailey bridges,31 Corps will maintain deviations leading both to Baileys and alternative bridges.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

(i) At REGGIO there will be an Itslian Engineer maintenance party on the beach tracks.Equipment will include a recovery vehicle.

(ii) HOSPITALISATION. For cases which cannot be effectively treated at staging area hospitals,accommodation will be provided in the Italian hospitals at REGGIO,VIBO VALENTIA and COSENZA. 10 beds will be permanently reserved for Allied troops.

31 Corps will arrange to evacuate such patients to REGGIO as soon as is safely possible.They will notify Mov and Tn,REGGIO,accordingly.

E. O Donnell, Capt,
Liaison Officer.

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HFROM DISTWO

TO (1) HMIA (2) 92 AREA (3) DISTONE (4) DISTHREE

(5) 4 DISTWO (6) RE DISTWO (7) PRO DISTWO

(8) MOVEIT

967(.) YOUR 0203 (23) OF 29 JAN AND 0215 (26) OF 2 (.)

NO OBJECTION MOVE STAGING AREA FROM PRATA

5546 TO SOUTH OF CASTELLUCIO T 7057

RPTN 970 92 67 203 29 0215 2 5546 7057

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ARMY FORM C.2123

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT

No. of Groups: GR.

Serial No.: G1

Office Date Stamp: 26 Jan 27

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO CG 1ST INF DIV Attn G-3 Ops Officer

FROM MMIH

Originator's Number: 0215

Date: 5

In Reply to Number

Ref our 0205 of 29 Jan 23 MMIH to be moved from PIPAH on quote west coast road to map ref T 7057 repeat T 7057 South of CASTELLUCCIO unquote

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
PRIORITY IMPORTANT

Time of Origin: 1100A 366

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F.O.R.

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ARMY FORM C-2106
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MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No. 4/17

CALL (Call) | IN
INSTRUCTIONS | OUT

CIPHER SECRET

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TO MMIA

FROM LO 31ST / 22 COPIES

Originator's Number E 6/2 Date 11 In Reply to Number

Add way E 6/1 of 27th
Added from PRAIA on
3rd T 1057 repeat T 7057

Jam ⊙ Attack aircraft to be
Great Coast road to map
South of CASTELLUCCIO ⊙

4365

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* (Encrypt)
x_____ Wireless
Signed

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
IMPORTANT

Time of Origin 1600 A.
T.H.I.
T.O.R. 2140

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ARMY FORM C-3118

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 25

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		No. of Groups	Office Time Stamp
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	OUT		

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TO DISTNO for MMIALO

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
0211	4	

Your O Loading	PVTs DISTNO all	24 of 2d 75G (Hqs 9 17	Board of arbas	NOT 9 Nov	understood gives 4364

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Degree of Priority
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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C-372-R (Pads of 100)

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS: IN 2 (1) NR 360 / OUT

SECURITY CLASS: CAR 12

SERIAL NO. 24

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TO HIHQ

FROM TUSAPP

Originator's Symbols	Date	In Ready to Transmit
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INFO/CEOP

Cpt Lewis to brief

GIVEN TALKS to Gen Taylor, Amb Lodge, Amb Porter, Gen Abrams, Gen Davidson, Gen Westmoreland, Adm Sharp, Gen Wheeler, Adm McDonald, Gen Johnson, Amb Bunker, Amb Komer, Amb Colby, Gen Goodpaster, Gen Palmer, Gen Bruce, Amb Berger, Amb Habib, Amb Sullivan, Amb Shriver, Amb Bruce, Amb Harriman, Amb Rostow, Amb Rusk, Amb Goldberg, Amb Bohlen, Amb Thompson, Amb Kohler, Amb Dobrynin, Amb Kosygin, Amb Gromyko, Amb Thant, Amb Kuznetsov, Amb Zorin, Amb Fedorenko, Amb Malik, Amb Tsarapkin, Amb Stevenson, Amb Goldberg, Amb Yost, Amb Bruce, Amb Harriman, Amb Rostow, Amb Rusk, Amb Goldberg, Amb Bohlen, Amb Thompson, Amb Kohler, Amb Dobrynin, Amb Kosygin, Amb Gromyko, Amb Thant, Amb Kuznetsov, Amb Zorin, Amb Fedorenko, Amb Malik, Amb Tsarapkin, Amb Stevenson, Amb Goldberg, Amb Yost

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* (Security)
(Signature)

* Unless to be paraphrased it will mean exactly what the Message must be sent IN Clear.
Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
IMPORTANT

Time of Origin
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G/16 23

MESSAGE FORM

From AMIA T 0 0 29 1120 A

To DIST'O rptd 94 SUB ARG T H I

0 203 (°) Following received from AMIA LO 31 COPIES QUOTE Central route to NAPLES will be open 10th Feb approx (°) Wish to move staging area from west coast road to map ref T4480 which is outside CALABRIA (°) Have you any objection (°) NO other staging areas till SALERNO unquote (°) Please instruct

May be sent as written to be sent in Cipher if except ( ) wireless liable to interception

(IMPORTANT)

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ARMY FORM C-2-52
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MESSAGE FORM

290
Serial No. 22

CALL (AND INSTRUCTIONS)	IN
	OUT

No. of Groups: 61
CR: C/J
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNAL USE ONLY)

TO: MMIA

FROM: LO 31 Italian Corps.

Originator's Number: C 6/1

Date: 27

In Reply to Number:

Control open to coast is any areas

route 10 mc. more road outside objection till

to 7 Feb staging to CALABRIA 0 SALERNO

NAPLES approx area map. ref 0 NO

will 0 from TU480 Have other

be work west while you staging

This Message May be Sent as WRITTEN by any means (Except)

Signed: [illegible]

If Cipher is to be used for this message, this Message must be sent in CIPHER

Signed: Actg G-3

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority: Important

Time of Origin: 1700A
T.H.I: NIL
T.O.R: 61

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SECRET

Subject:- Roads Calabria

Military Mission to
Italian Army
G/17/1
10 Jan 44

Chief of Staff, S.H.A.E.
copy to MMIA IO XXXI Corps

1. Considerable operational road traffic is to be expected on routes PALERMO - NAPLES during February March and April.

2. I am directed to request you to inform GOC XXXI Italian Corps.

3. Please give instructions that all possible steps are to be taken to ensure that the roads are kept clear of all unnecessary traffic and that they are to be kept open throughout the period.

4. MMIA IO XXXI Corps, Major LEITZNER, will be able to give fuller details and should be contacted with a view to finding out exactly what will be required.

for 4360

Brig
Cond

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15

SUBJECT:= EMPLOYMENT of ITALIAN TPS for DEFENCE & INTERNAL SECURITY

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
C/15/7
13 Jan 44

2 DISTRICT

MMIA LO att 31 ITALIAN CORPS for information

1. 31 Italian Corps in CALABRIA has recently had 227 Coastal Division moved from it, and directly AFHQ give their approval to current policy the process will continue: until finally there will be left only two divisions as specified in your 2142 G of 1 Jan to 15 Army Gp.

2. My liaison officer attached to 31 Italian Corps reports to me that their tps are very dispersed guarding the coast, railway bridges etc, from which it appears that their old ideas are still current. A directive appears to be required saying that the minimum garrison required for CALABRIA is defined at say 6,000 men and that their tasks are to be so stated

3. Such a directive was, I understand, under preparation in your office last November about the time of the Conferences with the now defunct HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY. Would you please give the matter your consideration.

Col Stevens

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ABC

Brig
Cond

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SECRET

HQ 2 District CMP
2075 G
10 Jan 44

Subject:- Roads

MMIA for 31 Italian Corps
AMG 2 Region
57 Area
94 Sub Area

Copy to:- MCWAIT
E
Pro

1 The following signal has been received from AFHQ.

4358

" AFHQ

NO 1 DISTRICT, NO 2 DISTRICT

RPTD: FLAMBO 15 ARMY GROUP

ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE OPERATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ON ROUTES PALERMO DASH NAPLES AND SYRACUSE DASH NAPLES DURING FEB CMA MARCH AND APRIL X SIGNED CINC X CITE FHGCT X REQUEST YOU TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS ENSURE ROADS REMAIN OPEN DURING THAT PERIOD X ACTION DISTOHE CMA DISTHC RPTD FLAMBO CMA FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FOR INFORMATION "

2 MMIA are requested to instruct GOC 31 Italian Corps to take all necessary action to comply as regards CALABRIA.

3 57 Area and 94 Sub Area will exercise careful supervision of the rds concerned in their areas.

4 AMG 2 Region are requested to cooperate.

5 Copy addressees please give the matter your consideration and attention as necessary.

for Major General,
Commanding.

TOS 1200 A

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Lt Lt HORIARTY
G [illegible] 12th
B [illegible]

9/1/44 13
Via Lavagna.

See 16/1 Cable

Brig. Dutheac,

Dear Sir,

Thanks for backing me up re Inverto (General). I appreciate it to do will his engineers when he has gone. Lately I have been catching him out so often with his lying that he is becoming more difficult. The new corps commander just about blew his head off the other day, so the sooner he goes the better. Due to his bad management I have had to become what you call an administrative officer, as I cannot stand by & see everything going wrong.

4357

I notice the wires are running re my P.O.L. & hope something arrives. It has been very hard especially with

his dying that he is becoming more difficult.
The new corps commander just about blew his head off the other day, so the sooner he goes the better. Due to his bad management I have had to become what you call an administrative officer, as I cannot stand by & see everything going wrong.

I notice the wires are humming re my P.O.L. & hope something arrives. It has been very hard especially with my temperament. The last consignment that Brig Foley sent here for C.I.P. I put into as we have to keep D.R.'s & vital services going. Sorry, but Brig Foley seemed to think it would all sort out. Hope so.

Re my L.O. work, timber trade etc. I just keep busy & it suits me, so you need not worry. I do not think we miss any Mission work because of our other interests. During the day all sorts of people arrive for help & advice & where I can keep the show going, I just use my discretion or what you call observation.

ROBOT have given up the Salaberia office & have gone back to the three provinces under Region 2. I still keep pulling them up but help them all I can.

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To day I phoned their Foreign chief as he had stopped the Italians salvaging warlike stores. I told him he should remember the Stes were in charge of the L. of C. & not Stark him. He said he had never heard of it. He said if that is the case ROMOT could pack up & I had to explain to him that the army had nothing to do with civilians - were to be considered as any a British L. of C. command. Peculiar folk these ROMOT fellows. Still they have a difficult job. I see you got Gen. Dawber on to them. Good show. 4356

One thing that is worrying the Italians is to try & keep Calabria going as the troops move out. the defence

Like my country with able fellows manning AA guns guarding bridges etc these Italians think they should do the same. Could you issue a directive of what you considered they should do. Should they guard railways, bridges & have mobile battalions etc. or what are they supposed to do. What I should like is a letter saying you will have 5000 men & you should carry out the following a) AA defence Reggio, Coastal Silo b) NO

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4356

One thing that is worrying the Italians is to try & keep the defence Calabrese going as the troops move out. Like any country with able fellows manning AA guns guarding bridges etc these Italians think they should do the same. Could you issue a directive of what you considered they should do. Should they guard railways, bridges & have mobile battalions etc. or what are they supposed to do. What I should like is a letter saying you will have 5000 men & you should carry out the following a) AA defence Reggio, Crotone Sila b) NO guards for bridges etc & so on. Now everytime a battalion moves they do not know what to do & ring their hands - But how are we going to defend the coast or some such place.

When our petrol arrives I want to start a big salvage drive for AMMO & Petrol containers, also lighting that is not being used. There are still big dumps of ammo lying around & it should be all brought into stores.

Excuse my writing to you but as I feel I cannot make the trip to you this letter serves.

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Capt. Gentle is a good chap, very keen & hard working.
Heard on the wireless your old friend Mc Farlane is coming back so you have some more troubles.
When you feel done in advise me & come & spend a few days here. Arrange to fly to Bootana.
Kind regards to you all,
J. Lentzner.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Italian Army.

HQ 2 District CMP
2142 G
1 Jan. 44.

15 Army Gp

Copy to:- MAIA

Ref your 8653/1/MI1 of 21 Dec.

It is confirmed that two Italian Divisions in CALABRIA are sufficient for all purposes including defence, internal security, guards and labour.

Major General.
Commanding.

TOS 1715 A

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 2677

Call	Srl. No.	Duty	Transmission Instructions
		OP.	CIPHER - SECRET.

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6/13

Office Date Stamp

FROM (X) Originator: TOWN MAJOR REGGIO CALABRIA

Date-Time of Origin: 30 -

For Action:

TWO DIST

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

Message Instructions: CP

Originator's No.

TM17 in reply to your O.1659 O NO rpt NO BRITISH A.A. unit in REGGIO CALABRIA O ONE CANADIAN L.A.A regt. in MESSINA REGGIO CALABRIA NOT rpt NOT connected any BRITISH warning system

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Signed Bde Sgt

Originator's Instructions / Degree of Priority: IMMEDIATE

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AGMY FORM G2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 10

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G.T. 1784

FROM (W) Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Origin Date Stamp
DISTWO	291230	

For Action

TOWN MAJOR REGGIO CALABRIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

Message Instructions — CP

Originator's No.

0659 further to my
0645 of 28TH DEC NOT TO MMIA © ITALIAN A.A. guns are not rpt NOT to be installed REGGIO CALABRIA unless they have a BRITISH A.A.L.O with them and are coupled up to the BRITISH warning system Report present situation

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence and Internal Security

MOST SECRET

G/13/3

HQ 2 DISTRICT CMF
2120 G

29 Dec 43

MMIA

Copy to:- 15 Army Gp

Ref your G/13/20 of 22 Dec 43.

1. It is agreed that MANTOVA Div and 211 Coastal Div are a sufficient garrison for CALABRIA.

2. There is no objection to the MANTOVA Div carrying out it's training provided that the L of C through CALABRIA is maintained and essential VPs guarded.

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TOS

A

Major-General
Commanding No 2 District

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8

SECRET

Subject: Location Statement - XXXI Italian Corps

Military Mission to Italian Army
G-3
6 Dec 44

2 Sheets

Here with location statement of XXXI Corps, as at 30 Nov 44. Locations down to bn sized and equivalents are given.

2. The statement is intended to amplify, for XXXI Corps, the data which will shortly be forwarded to you in the Intent Annex of the Italian Army.

Add)

Signed

J.F. WALKER
Maj
Inf
Comd

LOCATION STATEMENT XXXI ITALIAN CORPS - CATANZARO
(as at 30 Nov 43)

Formation/Unit	LOCATION	Strength Offrs	O.Rs.	REMARKS
XXXI Corps HQ	CATANZARO	109	762	
HQ R.A.	"	92	1,493	
HQ R.E.	"	142	2,195	
Corps Tps	"	309	3,748	
211 (C) Div HQ	REGGIO C	23	60	In each case
Div Tps	" " area	26	740	Div Tps
116 (C) Bde	REGGIO C	61	750	include
118 (C) Bde	VIBO VALENTIA T.8411	106	750	Antiaera dets
143 (C) Bde	LOCRI D.9862	90	932	
49 Arty Regt	CITTANOVA D.8274	48	333	
212 (C) Div HQ	COSENZA	29	111	
Div Tps	" area	61	1,155	
105 (C) Bde	CASTROVILLARI T.8836	91	922	
115 (C) Bde	COSENZA	71	1,100	
144 (C) Bde	CATANZARO MARINA T.2726	59	519	
Territorial Comd HQ	CATANZARO	22	116	
Terr Units and	"	171	1,891	
Depots	CITTANESI T.4066	21	901	
"	COSENZA	201	2,657	
"	NICASTRO T.0145	78	592	4351
"	VIBO VALENTIA	155	2,417	
"	REGGIO C	77	749	
"MANTOVA" Div HQ	NICASTRO	38	528	11, Inf Bde
Div Tps & Arty	MARCELLINARA T.1840	99	1,719	gone to NAPLES
114 Inf Bde	CASTELMONARDO T.4540	139	2,628	

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212 (C) Div HQ	COSENZA	29	111	
Div Tps	" area	61	1,155	
103 (C) Bde	CASTROVILLARI T.6856	91	[illegible]	
115 (C) Bde	COSENZA	71	1,100	
144 (C) Bde	CATANZARO MARINA T.2715	55	519	
Territorial Comd				
HQ	CATANZARO	22	126	
Terr Units and	"	171	1,891	
Depots		21	501	
"	CROTONE T.4066	201	[illegible]	4351
"	COSENZA	78	[illegible]	
"	REGGIO T.0145	139	2,417	
"	VIBO VALENTIA	77	745	
"	REGGIO C			
"[illegible]" Div HQ	NICASTRO	38	328	11 Inf Bde gone to NAPLES
Div Tps & Arty	CASTELLMARA T.1840	99	1,719	
114 Inf Bde	[illegible] T.2240	170	[illegible]	
76 Inf Bde	NICASTRO	182	2,727	
227 (C) Div HQ	CASTROVILLARI	27	124	Moving shortly to NAPLES area
Arty & Div Tps	"	42	954	
141 (C) Bde	SARACENA T.8423	72	1,0[illegible]	
145 (C) Bde	FRASCINETO T.9539	63	817	
148 (C) Bde	ROSSANO T.2512	65	79[illegible]	

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G/13 SECRET 103

Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence and Internal Security

G/13 D

Gp

(A) Invite SHAEF to nominate date they lay keys.
(B) Ask BAG 15 A Gp. to give us the answer for Allied Control Commission.

AREA

G/13/92 S/M COS

HQ 2 DISTRICT, CMF.
2126 G

3 Dec 43

Reference your G/13/20 dated 30 Nov 43.

Paragraph 1

(A) 1. This HQ letter 2126 G dated 1 Dec 43 has clarified to you our immediate requirements. → G/13/97

2. With regard to AA and CS artv, these are NOT under command of this HQ. As far as we are concerned, they should remain in their present locations, especially AA concerned in the defence of the "SILO" Hydro-Electric Station area in CALABRIA.

(B) It is suggested reference is made to HQ AAI IN ARMY GROUP for decision in the matter. In Eastern Italy, formations concerned are 8 AA Bde, HQ BARLETTA, 62 AA Bde, HQ BARI, and 203 Mixed Defences, HQ BARI.

3. With regard to Italian Tps listed as "vital pt and Anti-Para defs" outside CALABRIA, Sub Area Comds are being asked for their views.

4. In CALABRIA, it is confirmed that two divs are considered sufficient for ground defence; and that the strength of each div should be maintained around the figures shown in your para 2. The troops in CALABRIA listed as "VP and Anti-Para defs" are NOT considered necessary, and are therefore available for other duties.

If such troops, however, have been specially trained in certain roles, it is suggested they are retained within the framework of the coastal divs, which will make an equivalent number of troops therefrom available for other purposes.

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Major-General,
Commanding, No. 2 DISTRICT

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MOST SECRET

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/13/20
22 Dec 43

SUBJECT:- INTERNAL SECURITY

HQ 2 DISTRICT

15 Army Gp for infm

Ref 15 Army Gp signal O 1775 reproduced at Appendix 'A':-

1. Pending issue of new directive on use of Italian Army by AFHQ I am anxious for planning purposes to define what amount of the Italian Army will be available for producing the labour and service units required by 15 Army Gp and FLAMBO.

2. Your 2128 of 1 Dec defined that in CALABRIA two divisions would suffice. Situated in CALABRIA at present are:-

MANTOVA DIV	of strength	8,464	on 30 Nov.
211 COASTAL DIV	" "	3,962	" " "
212 " "	" "	4,556	" " "
227 " "	now moving to NAPLES.		

Assuming that MANTOVA and PICENO Divs are chosen as the two Italian Field Divs for training, internal security and possibly eventually for combat, will it be sufficient for your purposes if MANTOVA Div in the area REGGIO – VIBO – LOCRI NICASTRO – CATANZARO and 211 COASTAL Div in the area REGGIO – VIBO – LOCRI are left in CALABRIA ? MANTOVA would have to train in addition to internal security, so it could presumably not of itself cover the whole territory and train at the same time.

3. If you agree to the above I will then regard 212 COASTAL Div as available for planning purposes. Will you please record your requirements both to 15 Army Gp and to me.

4. Demands for the eight internal security bns required in your 2128 G of 1 Dec for APULIA and SALERNO were placed on Italian General Staff in my G/13/14 of 22 Dec.

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21/12/43

From 15 ARMY GP

To AFHQ rptd Allied Commission of Control
MMIA
FLAMBO

O 1773

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Ref your 1591 FHOOT of 18 Dec (°) meeting with General SMITH held yesterday (°) following main decisions made (°) ONE (°) one Italian Div for Combat which includes DAPINO GP (°) TWO (°) two Italian Field Divs required for training internal security and possibly eventually for combat (°) THREE (°) AA to continue as at present employed but no Army Coastal Defence units required as such (°) FOUR (°) All remainder of Italian troops in ITALY to be at disposal of 15 Army Gp for L of C duties guards and formation of service units (°) FIVE (°) Technical and semi skilled personnel from SARDINIA to be brought over as required by 15 Army Gp subject to agreement of FLAMBO as to ration strength (°) SIX (°) Specialist volunteers from POW in AFRICA to be considered (°) SEVEN (°) MMIA to be in principal part of ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION but to function as executive agency of 15 Army Gp as at present (°) Request you issue directive earliest after return of General SMITH

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For Action

TO: DISTRO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA LO 31 ITALIAN CORPS

Originator's No.: O 140 O Your 2131G of 19 Dec O No objection your communicating direct with Maj Lo to 31 Corps. Forwarded copy to me O Actually signal corps should be quicker though as we have direct WT link

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			Time cleared		

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Headquarters No 2 District.
Central Mediterranean Force
2131 G
19 December 1943.

Dear Brigadier

The GOC wants to speed up his communications with 31 Corps and has suggested that the IO to 31 Corps be empowered to act as your representitive there.

This would mean, I presume, that we should communicate direct to IO 31 Corps and copy to you.

Will you please let me have your views on this question.

Yours,

Charles Spinney

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Brigadier DUCHESNE,
MMIA.

No objection at all provided Copy to MMIA
Signal Comm should be checked
Thro eng as we have left here for Cairo

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Sub-Sector 2 Front 8 Corps - CALABRIA

7 Italian Army

Herewith 2 copies of No 2 Distribution 0750 of 3 Nov.

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TO: 2 DIRECT

FROM: BDA 7 ITALIAN ARMY 0.22 2 0842

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From :- 2 Division

Date 27 [illegible]

To :- (1) AMMO (2) 15 Army Gp (3) Medico (4) Medico 5th Army
(5) No 1 Division (6) 1 Airborne Div (7) 2 NZ Div (8) 56 Bde
(9) 8th Sub Area (10) 6 Base Sub Area (11) 7 Sub Area
(12) 10 Sub Area (13) 151 Sub Area (14) 97 Sub Area
(15) 94 Sub Area (16) 807 Sqn/Indian Army (17) Allied Military Mission MILITARY (18) 8 Ar Bde (19) 62 Ar Bde
(20) NCXA (21) NCIC TARANTO (22) NCIC NAPLES
(23) NCIC BARI (24) MAP (25) MAP (26) 12 APSC (27) 2 ASAC
(28) 3 ASAC (29) 21 Gp RAF (30) MMIC 15 Army Gp
(31) HQ AIRCOT 2 Region (32) FF Sub Commission (33) Misc A

O 042

From HQ 5th Army
with effect from 0800 hrs 30 Oct military command of CALABRIA passes to HQ CALABRO
51 Italian Corps (.) detailed instructions will be issued direct (.)

BT to 7 Indian Army AOK (.) All Informed

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Originator's Number and Date of Message

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SUBJECT:= First Aid Posts

To : DAAG H.Q.

FROM : DAS 7 ITALIAN ARMY

198/San
5 Nov 43

With reference to our letter 49/San dated 22 Oct, the following are the First Aid arrangements made for British troops passing through CALABRIA:=

1) The following places along the proposed itinery will have First Aid Posts:= UTICA TAURO; SALERIAS, SCUOLA MARSHALL, SPEZZANO ALBANESE, CASSIANCO and PRAIA A MARE. Each post, marked by a red cross, will be manned by one Med officer, one nursing orderly and 4 orderlies with first aid equipment. It will also contain 5 beds and bedding.

2) The hospitals at VIBO VALENTIA, COSENZA and CROTO will have 10 beds permanently at the disposal of British troops. Each hospital will display the following notice:=

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ITALIAN HOSPITAL
FOR ALLIED TROOPS

3) As soon as it is known that the British Medical Unit at CROTO ceases to function, it will be substituted by personnel of the Italian Army.

Sgd Col V PELOSA
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Subject:- V Ps in CALABRIA

British Military Mission to
7 Italian Army
G/13/2
5 Nov 43

2 District

1. Ref Section I para 3 of your 20644 of 3 Nov, giving minutes of Conference on CALABRIA held on 3 Nov 43 at HQ No 2 District.

2. 7 Italian Army have informed us that the most important V Ps in CALABRIA are as under:-

PAOLA	By junction
COSENZA	" "
SIBARI	" " U 1080
CATANZARO Marina	Port and ry junction
VILLA S GIOVANNI	Ferry and marshalling yard D 4359
REGGIO C	Port and Marshalling yard
ROGLIANO	Reservoir and water works Z 8167
COTRONE	" " " " Z 7158
Nr COTRONEI	2 Hydro electric water plants on Lake AMPOLINO Z 2570
+CALUSIA (Nr SAVUTO)	Hydro electric water plant Z 2167
COTRONEI	2 Electrical transformer plants Z 7158
+CALUSIA	1 " " plant Z 2167
ARVO	Dam and reservoir Z 2977
CASTROVILLARI	Amplifier
TIRIOLO	" Z 1722
COSENZA	"
COSENZA	Telephone exchange
	Hydro electric Sta "SILO" Z 1072

+ = not shown on 1/250,000 Map.

3. All the a/m V Ps are of equal importance, and are classified as "Category 1" vide our G/13 of 26 Oct 43.

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C.TANZARO Marina	Port and ry junction	
VILLA S GIOVANNI	Ferry and Marshalling yard	D 4359
REGGIO C	Port and Marshalling yard	
ROGLIANO	Reservoir and water works	Z 0167
COTRONE	" " " "	Z 7158
Mr COTRONCI	2 Hydro electric water plants on Lake ARPOLINO	Z 2570
+CALUSIA (Mr SAVUTO)	Hydro electric water plant	Z 2167
COTRONE	2 Electrical transformer plants	Z 7158
+CALUSIA	1 " " plant	Z 2167
ARVO	Dam and reservoir	Z 2977
CASTROVILLARI	Amplifier	
TIRIOLO	"	Z 1742
COSENZA	"	
COSENZA	Telephone exchange	
	Hydro electric Sta "SILO"	Z 1372

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HQ 2 District CMF
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5 Nov 43

CONFERENCE

1100 hrs 3 Nov 43

Present :

		ITALIAN
GOC	Lt Gen. BELLIGRA	Chief of Staff Italian Army
Brigadier DYCHEKE (BGS)	Maj Gen	Adm Chief of Staff
		Interpreter

Attended:

Col i/c Adm GSO I ADJT of PW Camp Area DAQMG of DMS Maj (Cy) Dr GSO 2 (minutes)	None present during whole conference

AGENDA

1. The handing over of CALABRIA to the military cond of 31 Italian Corps.

2. General matters with relation to the Italian Army.

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SECTION I

Handing over of CALABRIA

OPERATIONAL — ACTION

1. GOC showed Gen BELLIGRA 15 Army Gp Ops Instr.

2. GOC outlined task of 31 Italian Corps :-

Within CALABRIA

Interpreter

Attended:

Col A/C Adv GSO I ADC of Dn, 2nd Army DAQMG GT [illegible] AQMG Mov Dn GSO 2 (Liaison)	None present during whole conference

AGENDA

1. The handing over of CALABRIA to the military cond of J1-Italian Corps.

2. General matters with relation to the Italian Army.

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SECTION I

Handing over of CALABRIA

OPERATIONAL

ACTION

1. GOC showed from REGGIO 15 Army Gp Ops Instn

2. GOC outlined task of J1 Italian Corps :-

Within CALABRIA

(a) Protection of sec rd L of C REGGIO - MILCASTRO - ROGLIA - NAPLES (- on to NAPLES)

(b) Protection of sec rd L of C REGGIO - MILCASTRO - COSENZA - SPEZZANO - (east coast rd on to TARANTO)

(c) Protection of sply L of C REGGIO - CROTONE - (on to TARANTO)

(d) REGGIO

Gen PELLEGRA was shown enemy map.

Gen. PELLEGRA : Present dispositions were NOT available for this.

Brig STEVENS : Gen ARISIO (Comd 7 It Alpine Brgd) had reallotment of tps in hand.

GOC : Was there yet a firm plan for this and how was it being implemented ?

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5. GOC : Said that he would ensure on Op Thetis that 3 Corps and that he would in this ask for 3 Corps plan to carry out the required tasks.
(BGS to forward present loan statement and VP's list direct)

ADMINISTRATION

10. Col A/G also consulted separately with Division Nos 2 of G, and AD&T BMSA. When he returned, GOC took the following points:-

(a) Staging Areas GOC would look at these on his journey to ZEGGIO.

Gen FRANCIS : Col SLOCOMBE at BMSA will meet GOC there and accompany him to ZEGGIO showing the arrangements made.

(b) Re Repairs Col A/G was said these were done by CORCOMEM chiefly under military direction.

(c) Theatre Command Col A/G was said that it was reported that L of C was well organised.

(d) Pet Col A/G was said that it was sufficient for unit and normal local pet. movement.

Brig BUCKNEM : Maj LAWRENCE to be GOC 15 to 3 Corps, and to touch on all these matters.

SECTION II

General Problem Arising Matters

CHANNELS OF COMM

After discussion it was agreed as below and GOC summed up .

1. Policy Matters

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(c) Rd Repairs Col A/C Ede said Mines were dealt by Control Staff chiefly under military discretion.

(c) Traffic Control Col A/C Ede said that it was suggested that 2 or 3 MO would be required.

(d) Ops Col A/C Ede said that it was sufficient for public and normal local tpt. movement.

Brig Dickens : Maj Hawkins to go to 10 to 30 Corps, and in touch on all these matters.

SECTION II

General Italian Army Matters

CHANNELS OF ORDER

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After discussion it was agreed as below and COS summed up .

1. Policy Matters

HQ 2 District to HQ 7 Italian Army through AFHQ.

2. Local Matters

Each Sub Area Comd to have within his comd :-

(a) A Defence Gp

(b) A Labour Gp

The comd of each of these gps would deal direct with Sub Area comd on all local matters. C to assess requirement for def gps. (Labour requirement known see para 5).

(b) 61st Sig Pl to issue advance warning to 7 Army

do ditto to Sub Areas C

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TRANSLATION

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British Military Mission
to 7 IRAQIAN ARMY.

'G' Ops., Headquarters,
7 IRAQIAN ARMY.
Ref No. M./2/3615
25 Oct 44.

1. The following measures are in operation for guarding and defending against possible sabotage activities:-

(a) Coastal lookouts - provided by coastal units 'in situ' of the Army, Navy, Carabinieri, Customs Guards and Special Militia.
(b) Anti-parachutist defence (Anti-parachutist detachments strength 40 men plus transport and located in vulnerable areas).
(c) Protection of V.Ps. (troops provided by the Army and allotted as necessary, also Carabinieri and special militia.

2. Tasks.

Forestall and suppress with the utmost expedition, possible sabotage against the following :-

Ry. Stations, railways and rly installations.
Main road & highways and all roadworks.
Aqueducts.
Telegraph offices.
Military installations and storehouses.
Industrial installations.
Banks and credit establishments.
Cemeteries.
Buildings of national and artistic importance.
Drainage works.

The a/a V.Ps., according to their importance (as decided by the "Inter-Ministerial Commission for protection of V.Ps.") are divided into three categories:-

1st Category. Permanent fixed guards (force varying according to size of V.P. or area).
2nd Category. Specific mobile guards provided by Inf. and Carabinieri patrols.

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/3rd Category

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3rd Category. Can[illegible] to mobile guards provided [illegible] Inf. and Carabinieri.

3. The V.P. protection organisation operates on information from higher formation HQ's and Police H.Q's, and initiates preventative action through its static defence detachments.

In the case of generic information or specific threats against certain objectives, guards are increased, watches redoubled and police take all preventative measures.

In addition to the detachment detailed to guard threatened V.P.s, there are available, (a) other detachments kept in reserve until occasion demands, (b) anti-parachutist detachments, (c) all other available forces near the V.P.

Co-ordination of action of the defence forces is adjusted in the "Alarm and Defense Scheme", which is amended daily.

In addition, for an establishment of primary importance there exists an internal watch system on the personnel employed there, and frequent technical inspections take place.

4. Control of Action.

1A Corps. 1A Corps area (comprising TUSCANY and the provinces of LATIUM and UMBRIA) is sub-divided into 5 Sub Areas, each controlled by an officer of field rank. They in turn are controlled by General [illegible], entrusted with the "V.P. rotation Organisation" and the anti-parachutist defence of 1A Corps.

Each sub area disposes of one or two territorial battalions together with Carabinieri units (with a strength of about 200 men) and 21 Anti-parachutist detachments.

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At present two Battalions and thirty-two Anti-parachutist detachments are in process of reconstruction, and forces now available for the protection of V.Ps. and Anti-parachutist Defence are:-

Six Territorial Battalions.
Fifty three Anti-parachutist Detachments.
Eight hundred and sixty two Carabinieri.

XXXI Corps.

Before the Armistice the V.P. Protection Organisation and Anti-parachutist Defence was entrusted to:-

Coastal battalions - within the coastal belt.
CATANZARO military zone (which disposed of two territorial Battalions) outside the coastal belt.

In XXXI Corps area, there were, in addition, thirty Anti-parachutists detachments.

Following orders issued by this H.Q. the V.P. Protection Organisation and Anti-parachutist Defence have been completely re-organised.

The new organisation however is not known at present. As soon as the information becomes available it will be sent to the B.M.A.

(signed) FELLERS. COL. G.S. 7 I. ARMY.

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PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDING OVER CALABRIA TO THE ITALIANS.

Reference H.Q., No.2 District (FORTBASE) 13270, dated 12 Oct. '43.

1. Acting on instructions from G.O.C., Commander, R.M. Sub Area proceeded to British Military Mission, where Brigadier Duchesne was absent. G.II was in conference at 7th Italian Army H.Q. Sub Area Commander therefore went to Army H.Q., where he had an interview with General ARISIO, Colonel FIORE-VENEZIA, Chief of Staff, 31st Corps being present.

2. Sub Area Commander explained to General ARISIO that it was desired to turn over the Province of CALABRIA to the Italian Army, and that the British requirement in the Province for the future was that some 30,000 vehicles would be being sent forward from SICILY, passing through CATANZARO to NAPLES via the West road and to TARANTO via the West road and across to the East road. This move would continue to at least the end of the year. It was pointed out to the General that it was proposed to leave a small Mov. & Tn. and Staging Post Staff at REGGIO, so that the Italians' responsibility would commence when the vehicles were ashore, and convoy commanders would be given instructions before setting out, and that arrangements would be made for convoys to leave SICILY with sufficient supplies and petrol for the journey to NAPLES or TARANTO, respectively.

Italian responsibility would therefore be the upkeep of the roads, traffic road control at bridges, diversions, etc., and the supervision of staging areas. The roads to be maintained for the routes were discussed with the General on the maps, so that he understood which routes were contemplated. The Italian promise that the direct route REGGIO - SOVERATO - CATANZARO would be opened by 15 Oct. is unlikely to be fulfilled, but they still promise to open the route as soon as possible. The General was told that, as regards routine, slight repairs would be put in before the British vacated, and the Italian responsibility would be to see that these signs were not moved.

3. The General was asked whether the Italians could undertake any form of recovery or inspection on the L of C., and replied that he regretted that this was quite impossible.

4. He agreed to have Medical Officers present at Staging Posts, to be arranged every 200 kilometres along the route.

5. A provisional target date for the Italians to take over was agreed for the 30th October.

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Italian responsibility would therefore be the upkeep of the roads, static road control at bridges, diversions, etc., and the supervision of staging areas. The roads to be maintained for the routes were discussed with the General on the maps so that he understood which routes were contemplated. The Italian promise that the direct route MESSINA - CORINTH - SPEZZANO would be closed by 1st Oct. as unlikely to be fulfilled, but they still promised to open the route as soon as possible. The General was told that, if Spezzano routing, steps would be put in before the British reached, and the Italian responsibility would be to see that these steps were not moved.

3. The General was asked whether the Italians could undertake any form of recovery or salvage on the L of C, but replied that he regretted that this was quite impossible.

4. He agreed to have Medical Officers present at Staging Posts, to be arranged every 200 kilometres along the route.

5. A provisional target date for the Italians to take over was agreed for the 30th October.

6. Sub Area Commander agreed, on behalf of the British Authorities, that a Liaison Officer should be provided at Italian 51st Corps H.Q. before the Italians had taken over, this officer to be in addition to R.E. rep already there.

7. Sub Area Commander then asked Gen. ARESIO whether he could report to A.C.C. that General ARESIO agreed to the scheme in principle and was willing for Commander, R.E. Sub Area to arrange the details with 51st Corps. The General agreed, but pointed out that he anticipated difficulty in providing sufficient transport to carry material for widening work and roads and wished to make a reservation that he might have to ask the British Military Authorities for some transport. He would not do so unless it was absolutely necessary and pointed out, in this connection, that it would help him if, as regards M.T. he could have authority to take M.T. spares and particularly tyres from any Italian dumps on the ground, particularly from one which had been located at MESSINA.

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3. Having obtained the General's agreement in principle, Sub Area Commander arrange to meet Colonel VERRAZZA at CATANZARO on Sunday, 17 Oct.

ACTION REQUIRED :-

1. Details for the Italians to take over L.of C. in CALABRIA to be arranged with the Italian 31st Corps.

ACTION: Sub Area Comd.

2. Provision by Mov.& Tn. of Lov.& In. det., and by British Military Authorities of a small staff for the Staging Post at REGGIO.

ACTION: No.2 District.

3. No.1 District to be asked to arrange a Supply Point at MESSINA, and to ensure that no vehicles cross without sufficient fuel and provisions.

ACTION: No.2 District.

4. Evacuation of surplus British troops from CALABRIA.

ACTION: Sub Area Comd.

5. Evacuation of surplus British stores from FRANCAVILLA and REGGIO.

ACTION: Sub Area Comd.

6. Sign-posting of proposed permanent L.of C.

ACTION: Mov.& Tn.) No.2
Pro.)District.

7. No.1 District to be asked to give authority for Italian 31st Corps to remove tyres and M.T. spares from the dump at MESSINA.

ACTION: No.2 District.

8. Appointment of Liaison Officer to Italian 31st Corps Headquarters.

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ACTION: No.2 District.

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ACTION: No.2 District.

13 Oct. 43.
MAW/cmb.

Colonel,
Commander,
Sub Area.

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