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At: End/Beginning Month Report
as at 1st. June 1946

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
 8 B.L.U.
 8/6/46
 6th. June 1946

To: H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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END/BEGINNING MONTH REPORT AS AT JUNE 1ST. 1946

(a) Domestic

Major Peak's departure for U.K. during the first 10 days of June will leave the B.L.U. in need of a G II.

Major Lacey has been replaced in his capacity of G II Liaison CC.RR 8 B.L.U. by Major Hayes who has arrived from 10 B.L.U. Naples.

(b) Italian.

NIL.

Organisation.

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Recruits. Total number of recruits, who reported to the C.A.R. by 10th. April was 4005. Of these, 3340 were ordinary recruits, of whom 740 had previous military instruction.

Of a further 236 volunteers, some 117 had already had previous military instruction. 73 of the volunteers

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were sent to Div. Cremona for training, and 107 to the C.A.R. at Siena.

34 were returned to District as not being up to required physical standards. Hospital cases, Absence etc, involving a further 233 recruits, left a total of 3726, who completed the first month of Training.

(b) Instructors

The break-down of instructors for

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(c) W.E.

The Colonel points out that he has a number of Officers engaged on essential duties not connected with training and not covered by the present W.E.

Such duties are those of the Catering Officer, who is responsible for the spending of the 15 Lire daily ration allowance. A sum of 60,000 Lire being spent daily and needing the supervision of an Officer. An Engineer Officer is engaged daily in Barracks Maintenance work, Administration, Selection Boards, Duty Officers, disciplinary cases etc, all make a

heavy call on the limited Officer W.I. and draw them away from Training.

He points out that whilst the maximum strength of some 4,000 is held for only one month, the W.E. for the C.A.R. should be based on the monthly figure, otherwise Administration, Welfare and Training etc. will suffer.

In a recent letter to the Territorial Command he has asked for a considerable increase in the W.E. both for Officers and N.C.Os.

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The 4 hours each week for Regulations has also been found to be insufficient.

The following alterations to the training programme were found to be necessary during the 1st. month of Training.

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1st. Week.

Drill without Arms	24 hrs instead of 33 hrs laid down
P.T.	6 hrs " " 5 hrs "
Regulations	12 hrs " " 4 hrs "

Particular attention being paid during Regulations to Discipline, Barrack-life, Hygiene etc.

2nd. Week

Regulations	9 hrs instead of 4 hrs laid down
Weapons	12 hrs " " 13 hrs "
Drill	15 hrs " " 20 hrs "

3rd. & 4th. Weeks

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		parten- ti.							
Artiglieria		78		telef. e marc				scuola collegamenti	C'ignola
		41		autieri				7° regt. art.	Cremona
		18		autieri				11° btg. art.	Legnano
		23		artificieri				direz. artiglieria	Brescia
		6		operai art.				scuola mecc. art.	Bracciano
		193		serventi				scuola artiglieria	Civ/ecchi
		200		artieri				scuola genio artiglieria	Bracciano
		181		collegamenti				scuola collegamenti	Civ/ecchi
		16		artieri				scuola collegamenti	C'ignola
		12		autieri				144° btg. misto genio	Torino
Genio		6		autieri				51° " "	Bergamo
		3		autieri				103° op. servizi gen	Milano
				autieri				104° " "	Bolzano

arma o servizio	N° dei parten- ti	specialità	ente di destinaz	località
Motorizzazione	70	autieri	44° reparto trasp.	Verania Reale
	25	autieri	250° "	Lodi
	52	autieri	4° CP trasporto amm	Bolsano
	29	autieri	3° "	Milano
Sanità	48	vari	1° cp. sanità	Torino
	76	vari	3° "	Milano
	69	vari	4° "	Verona
Sussistenza	39	vari	direzione comm/to	Milano
Totale	1188			

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S.I. Div. Calabria:- Sardinia

The presence of 1 Regt. of this Division in Rome, during the Election period, has interrupted their normal training programme.

The following courses are being run within the

Division:-

Signal Course
Junior Officers & NCOs Cadre
Drivers Course

Intelligence

- (a) M.T.R.
- (b) Frontier Activity M.T.R.
- (c) Relations between Troops and Populace

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(e) Nothing further to add to previous reports submitted by this H.Q., in which notice was called to the fact that many papers printing articles derogatory to the Services, were causing a serious setback to the morale, particularly of the

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Army. The lack of any apparent effort, on the part of the Government or Press to combat this evil, is a fact sadly lamented by many Officers and men.

(f) Public Security

Steps have been taken by General Solderelli, Territorial Commander, at the request of the Ministry for the Interior, to prepare his troops for work of a Public Security nature, during the elections. He has also placed at the disposal of the Ministry for the Interior, some 5000 troops.

This H.Q. considers that the General's plan and precautions to be taken during the Election period are adequate and will subscribe to the maintenance of good order.

At the time of writing, no serious incidents of public dis-order have been reported to this H.Q.

(g) Economics No Change.

(h) Other G Points N.T.R.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.--

(a)-- Army less CC.H.R.--

The 8th Inf.Regt. is standing by for use in case of public disorder during the period of the elections and until the results are published.--

One Regt. of the I.S. Div.(Calabria), is now in Rome on Public Security Work.--

2300 recruits of the 8th C.A.R. are to be used for Public Security Work during the Election period.--

Below are details of Troops engaged in Public Order Work at the Voting Centres during the Election period:--

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At Ascoli P. : 479 men, of which :
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 - 129 from the school at Cecchignola;

At Terni : 100 men from the school at Bracciano;

At Latina : 50 men from the school at Civitavecchia;

At Viterbo : 40 men from the school at Civitavecchia;

At Pescara : 175 men from the school at Cecchignola;

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At Rieti : 60 men from the school at Civitavecchia;

At Frosinone: 360 men, of which :

- 250 from the school at Civitavecchia

- 100 from the school at Cecchignola;

At Caserta : 200 men from the school at Cecchignola.-

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DATE 10-10-10

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III. A.

(a) Domestic

Deficiencies 1 Corporal Clerk, G.D. RASC.

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NIL.

(b) Italian

Deficiencies

8th. Inf. Regt. is up to its strength in Officers but 552 deficiencies in O.R.s

Calabrie Division is rapidly making up its own strength of specialists from Divisional Courses.

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IV. C.

Domestic - NIL.

Italian

Transport The first issue of the new Alfa-Romeo lorries, thirteen in all, has been made to the Admin. Transport Coy; a matter of great satisfaction. Reduced size of the wheels and quality of the tyres does not allow these vehicles to be fully loaded.

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Vehicles inefficient (a) through lack of tyres.

<u>N/Cyl.</u>	<u>Vetture</u>	<u>Auto Carri e spec.</u>
3	4	5

(b) Lack of Spare Parts

<u>N/Cyl.</u>	<u>Vetture</u>	<u>Auto Carri e spec.</u>
5	4	14

A total of 35 vehicles of the 284 held by Units.

This does not include Sardinia.

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(2) Pistols	34	28
(3) Beretta Aut. Carb.		250
(4) Breda "30"	96	922
(5) Grenades	4322	2 per man.

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Grenadier Company

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rds. per weapon</u>
(1) Rifles	207	100
(2) Beretta Aut Carb.	36	250
(3) Pistols	6	28
(4) Breda "30"	12	922
(5) Grenades	414	2 per man.

8th. Transport Company.

Beretta Aut Carb.
Pistols

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8 Repair Workshops

Beretta Aut Carb.

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The shortage of tables and forms for men's dining rooms is still acute. Lack of funds is the direct cause. 3 Bn. 8th. Inf. Regt. are the chief sufferers in this case.

Movement of Troops

The Territorial Command moved 4,176 troops during the election period for public order at voting centres about Perugia, Macerata, Teramo, Chieti, Ascoli, Terni, Latina, Viterbo, Pescara, Rieti, Frosinone; were provided by C.A.R and the Military Schools. Some difficulties were

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created by a promise of a hundred vehicles from the
Ministry of the Interior which was not fulfilled. The
eventual result was that all movement was done by rail.
Return of troops to Units by rail has already begun.

J. Frank Hayes
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 Letter 374 of 8 Jan 46.

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REMARKS

Date : 5th, JUNE 1946

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as at 1st. May 1946

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6th. May 1946

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END/BEGETTING MONTH REPORT AS AT MAY 1st 1946

(1) GENERAL

(a) Domestic (H.L.U.)

D.A.A./O.M.G. accompanied by Major de Carvalho arrived Sardinia 24th. April.

Until 29th. visited units with Gen. Maccario and Chief of Staff Col. Cocco, at Cagliari and Inglesiae.

29th - 2nd. May visited SASSARI, TEMPIO, and MACCARRI with Gen. Marchesi.

Returned to Rome 4th. May.

(b) Italian

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ORGANISATION

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Army commitments only affected 14 locust swarms within
proximity of army barracks.

One Coy., 31 Mix. Eng. Bn. employed on dock clearance
and repair at Cagliari.

8th. Inf. Regt. is now back to normal training.

TRAINING

The standard of training within the Calabria Division
is good. Specialist courses are being run within each
of the two brigades. 40th. Inf Regt. is responsible
for Div. Driving School for the complete division.

A demonstration platoon under an officer who has lately

returned from Cesano, has been formed and will tour the various Battalions. A request has been made by General Maecario to the Ministry of War for British arms to equip the Platoon.

800 W.T pamphlets have been distributed and all officers and M.C.Os are to attend compulsory classes organised within Battalions.

236th. Inf. Regt. has commenced English Infantry Section leading training.

Specialist Mortar and Machine Gun Coys. appear quite good. Demonstrations of 81mm Mortar Drill by 236th. INF Regt. confirm this impression.

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(b) W.T.R.

(c) In Sardinia, majority of troops, in fact over 95%, are from the Island and fare as well in the Army as they would do in civilian life. Relationship with civilians is good.

25th. of April, Celebration of Liberation in Cagliari. Gen. Pinna, High Commissioner, Gen. Maccario, General Scalabrini and Gen. Folverini attended a public Thanksgiving Mass; later placed a wreath on Unknown Warriors Tomb. Local Ex-Partisan leaders attended. General relationship good. Troops of 59th. Inf. Regt. provided

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Guards of Honour but standard of turn out could not impress over much.

(d) Officers are definitely pro-Royalist.

(e) Not evident, local Sindaco leader at Inglesiss, one Meloni, suspected of using U.R.E.A. food to influence elections and one of the few Socialists has requested and obtained from the Ministry of War, half the 3th. Brigade Officers Club and Mess to use as a communal kitchen.

U.R.E.A. Director has been unofficially requested to find alternative building if possible. Divisional and Brigade Staffs consider Meloni to be attempting to run down the Army.

(f) Public Security leaves nothing to be desired. CC.RR are very much alert, sufficiently so to report movements of visiting D.A.A./Q.M.G. to Div. H.Q.

III. A

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Leave NIL.

(b) Italian

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(2) Mainland

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8th. Inf. Reg.	5	8	373

Deficiencies of 8th. Inf. Regt. will be met by C.A.R. personnel

(3) C.A.R.

Instructors 54

Deficiencies in Specialists

All deficiencies within the Calabria Division being met by Div. Specialist Courses.

Discipline within Calabrie Division is good. The fact that all Battalions are accommodated in Barracks situated out of large towns, that troops are employed on fairly complete training programmes, that the majority of officers are living near and training their own units, are all factors favourably influencing the desire of all senior officers within the Division to create a new regimental spirit.

Leave Problems. In Sardinia, no problems. The number of transit personnel awaiting return to Units on the Continent is considerably decreased. There are no cases of disorder amongst the troops.

Morale. Some 200 ex-prisoners have been released from prisons and returned to Div. Units. The number is not considered sufficiently large to effect morale but they are certainly an offensive element.

Complaints were received by Gen. Marchese at 216 Inf. Regt. that the ^{CIVILIAN} prison of Algiers left much to be desired. It was certainly noticeable that ex-prisoners possessed insufficient clothing, some without boots, and that their physical condition was exceptionally poor. Gen. Marchese reported this fact to Div. H.Q.

IV. Q

Domestic - NIL.

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A general shortage of tools is more than evident.

No civilian drivers are employed.

All vehicles possess "targa" numbers.

Cars from 14 Ambulance Car Section are allocated to all battalions.

Clothing and Equipment

All units within the Division are exceptionally badly clothed, in point of fact the worst yet seen in any part of Italy.

The most common type of uniform consists of green trousers and old style grey Italian army jacket.

Troops possess one shirt and one pair boots and sometimes one pair of socks.

At least 5% of all Units cannot be equipped and at least 40% cannot parade for route-marches due to condition of boots.

14th. Clothing Depot could not meet demands of Units.

No supplies of leather in possession.

Arms and Ammunition

Complete to scale: condition of arms is excellent. All rifles within ^{50rev/20} have bolts removed.

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Sufficient dummy bombs in possession to continue training.

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59th. Inf; Reg. Barracks near Cagliari are new and in good condition. 60th. Inf. Reg. is similarly located in an Army Barracks at Inglesias.

The latter is shared with a C.C.H. School. Com. Officer of the 59th, Col. Ricci, had only been posted to the regiment some seven days previously and was only too pleased to be able to voice his opinion.

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The question of water supply for all barracks is a matter of some concern. As Col. Ricci pointed out, ten water taps supply the whole of the 59th. Regt. The general shortage of water in Sardinia does not help matters.

Barracks require new plumbing and pumping apparatus and until cash grants are made improvement of the present condition is impossible. The barracks of the 236 Regt. at Tempio are in a particularly poor state of repair. As opposed to this, the standard of cleanliness of barrack rooms and general lay out of stores is excellent.

Kitchens are most primitive. 59th and 60th. Regts. kitchens consist of parallel iron rails with a fire built in between. Cooking equipment is in short supply. The proposed C.A.B. to be accommodated in barracks at Sassari is well situated. Consists of twelve blocks capable of accommodating each 200 troops, plus separate buildings for H.Q. and services. One of the twelve accommodation blocks has been destroyed by bombing.

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Supply Problems

14 Reg. Food Dist. Depot and the 71 Local Distributing

Depot are both well run.

Supplies are chiefly from Naples. Some pilfering occurs during shipment.

Wine and cheese are almost entirely acquired by local contract.

Fresh meat issue commenced May 1st, and local contractors have been arranged by individual Battalions. Supply is chiefly Beef. Prices very slightly. The 14 Reg. Food Dist. Depot is at present swarming with rats and the cigarette stocks suffer accordingly. Measures are being taken to improve conditions. Stock registers, tally cards etc., are good. Fire precautions adequate.

Bread throughout Sardinia is good.

74 Local Depot at Sassari supplies the North. Bread is baked by civilian contractors. Army Bakery at Cagliari is old but quite efficient and roomy. Supplies app. 6000 issue leaves daily.

Local purchases from troops 15 Lire allowance are more evident than on the mainland.

Fresh fish is plentiful and makes a considerable addition to the daily ration. Vegetables are also plentiful. Troops are generally well fed in spite of the miserable kitchen accommodation.

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Subject:- Mid-Mont Report as at 20th April.

THE FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

8, B.L.U.

ROME

8/3/17

20th April 1946

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To:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.

GENERAL

(a) Domestic:- Major Peak has returned from Sick Leave.

Major Downing leaves for a visit to Sardinia on Wed. 24th. April. Duration of visit one week.

During past 14 days visits have been paid by G II and D.A.A.Q.M.G. to the following units.

1/8 Inf. Reg.

Granatieri Coy.

8th. Work Shops

EVP Rome.

Directorate of Repairs.

Commissariato.

Genio Militare

Terni Arms Factory

Food Distributing Depot.

INTELLIGENCE

Beyond a natural preoccupation on the part of the Italian Public, regarding the present political situation, the proximity of the General Election, the possibility of losing Venezia Giulia and other Italian Territory, this H.Q. has nothing farther to report under Intelligence.

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TRAININGC.A.R.

During a recent visit to Orvieto, Col. Gatta, C.G., raised the following points.

- (1) Instructors:- Situation at the C.A.M is most unsatisfactory.

So far they have received less than 75% of the W.E. for instructors. Between 20% and 30% of these are unsatisfactory, either too old and ready for discharge or too illiterate to make satisfactory instructors.

Some 52 potential instructors have been found among a batch of some 400 of the recruits who have seen previous Military Service. In spite of this addition, the present deficiency is 40 N.C.O Instructors.

Of the many already proven instructors, who Col. Gatta sent from the C.A.R. to Cesano and Manziano on Courses, only a very small percentage were returned to the C.A.R. at the end of their course, many being posted to other C.A.R.s, in spite of the fact that Col. Gatta had been promised that this would not occur.

The present deficiency of 40 instructors, plus a daily absence of some 10% of the Instructional Staff, for reasons of sickness, compassionate leave etc., result in a shortage of instructors, which is being severely felt, especially when 3441 it comes to breaking down to small squads for arms instruction.

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(2) Training Programme

Certain snags have cropped up in the training programme. The training programme for the first four weeks has been found to be beyond the capabilities of the C.A.R. in its present circumstances. The six day week of 42 hours training has been found to be a very great strain on the instructors who are forced to handle large squads owing to the shortage of good instructors. During the 4th. week the 4000 recruits of the C.A.R. are supposed to complete firing practices on the 30 yds. and 100 yds. ranges. This necessitates firing some 8000 men in a week, which is quite outside of the capabilities of the C.A.R. Col. Gatta has, however, overcome this difficulty by starting training immediately the recruit arrives and by including part of the 2nd. Weeks training in the first week, part of the 3rd. Week in the second and so on. In this way, it has been possible to start shooting in the 3rd. Week of training instead of the 4th. This, however, has severely taxed the training staff and has necessitated rather rushing the recruits training.

8 INF. REG.

All troops of the 8th. Inf. Reg., who have been engaged in the public security work, during the election period, returned to their Bns. on the 15th. of April.

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Training in the 8th Reg. has recommenced. At the present moment, W.T. and P.T. are the main considerations. The new issue of Model 91 (6.5mm) rifles has necessitated all ranks receiving instruction in handling what is paramount to being a new arm to them; A copy of the 8th Reg. new training programme will be submitted with end of month report.

The Regiment is at present well below strength and is awaiting arrival of recruits from the C.A.R. The arrival of these recruits, trained on British weapons, joining a regiment which is having instruction on what amounts to a brand new weapon to them, is liable to cause a certain amount of confusion. Officers of the Regiment are very keen to know, when and if British Arms are to be supplied to the Regiment. If such is the case, steps should now be taken to send available Officers and N.C.Os to Casago for instruction on British Arms.

*J.G. Peak*Major J.G. Peak GII8, B.L.U.

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(1) GENERAL

(a) Domestic

Major Frank continues Sick leave until the week end 6/7 April. He has, however, made daily visits to the Territorial Command S.S. and accompanied the Asst. Chief of Staff, Col. Bonarba, to the C.A.S. at Oriveto.

Major Vonding has spent the most of his short time he has been here visiting Units and making the acquaintance of Officers in the Territorial Command. He accompanied Gen. Soldarelli, Gen. Certellina and Col. Bonarba on an inspection tour of Units in Vicerba and of the C.A.S.

Major Lacey has spent some seven days in Sardinia. It is hoped that either the G.S.O. II or the D.A.S. will be able to visit the island soon.

Major De Cervally has been made available by the Chief of Staff, to accompany visits to Italian Units and his assistance is invaluable.

(b) Italian

Senior Officers state themselves to be well satisfied with the call up and are greatly surprised by the general physical standard of the recruits.

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Col. Gatta has evidently made considerable efforts to retain the old staff of the ex-Ovieto re-inforcement Camp as general duty personnel within the C.A.A., a course which had much in its favor.

It is hoped that these men may be incorporated within the Coy. from the Ind. Regt. who are well below strength.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army 100th CORP

The 5th. Inf. Regt. is still supplying detachments for Public Security.

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The Coy. of the Bnd. Bn. guarding an A.S.A.M. dump at Perugia is being withdrawn.

All detachments should start returning to Bnd. after the 7th. April.

Grenadier Company continues under command of the 6th. Cheshires.

TRAINING

(a) Army less COME

In the Inf. Regt. little or no training is possible. This was pointed out in our 8/6/47 of the 24th. March. It has been suggested that the Regt. Commander can re-commence a training programme in the very near future when his Bnd. are intact again.

At Orvieto, progress in training is most impressive and the many large, open parade grounds lend themselves ideally to primary training.

Both recruits and instructors are keen. Little time appears to be wasted in between individual periods.

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Public opinion is almost entirely in favour of the refugees.

Extract from Italian Int. Report "condemns that have occurred in the presence of Rome, Venice and Milan, associated with officials of supposed "ex-partisan" origin, have among public opinion very much in favour of the COMPT.

The Army generally is quite naturally in favour of a return of Trieste to Italian control. This frame of mind is encouraged by the normal Italian Army Officer.

The question of the Army vote is a subject of much discussion.

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(e) E.T.B.

(f) Troops dispersed for security purposes during the elections are being withdrawn.

There is some apprehension on the question of public order during the forthcoming elections.

(g) N.T.B.

(h) Extract from Italian Int. Report, "Fugoslav elements continue to arrive in Rome. Opinion is that these persons are directly associated with the forthcoming election."

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(a) Domestic. Deficiencies 1. Corporal Clerk U.D. N.A.S.D.

2. Batman/Driver

Leave. Major Leah granted sick leave for

the last week in March and the first week in April.

(b) Italian Deficiencies. As shown on consolidated Hftz.

demand for the mainland.

Officers 21 Sen. N.S.O. 35 Corps. O.Bs 575

Sardinia 1. Calabria Division

Officers 70 Sen. N.S.O. 59 Corps. O.Bs 20

Sardinia 2. Service Units

Officers 32 Sen. N.S.O. 111 Corps. O.Bs 64

O.A.B. Officers Nil Instructors 29 Corps. O.Bs 53

Deficiencies in Specialists

Drivers. 153

M/T Mechanics 904

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Discipline Occasional cases of absenteeism in Units sending

men to Rome on short leave periods.

Many of the territorial O.A.Bs and has experienced

leave. Major Peck granted sick leave for the last week in March and the first week in April.

(b) Italian Deficiencies As shown on consolidated Rpts. demand for the mainland.

Officers	21	Sen. M.O.O.	36	Corps. O.Ns	575
<u>Sardinia 1. Calabria Division</u>					
Officers	70	Sen. M.O.O.	59	Corps. O.Ns	20
<u>Sardinia 2. Service Units</u>					
Officers	12	Sen. M.O.O.	Nil	Corps. O.Ns	64
Officers	Nil	Instructors	29	Corps. O.Ns	53

O.A.N.

Deficiencies in Specialists

Drivers. 15/
M/T Mechanics 90

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Leave Problems The Territorial Command has experienced difficulties in returning troops from Sardinia at the end of their leave. At one stage last month, there were 1,150 men waiting for return to the mainland. The question of their supply has been discussed with S/T, I., I.A.

Cruisers 'Jodyone' and 'Regolo', making two trips each plus civilian services have now returned the greater percentage of these men.

Morale At the C.A.N. is excellent. Week-end leaves for a percentage of the instructional staff has been organised.

Col. Gatto has pointed out that there are few recreational facilities for troops in dry etc. He has

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He has organized a football team; a theatrical company and has every hope of forming quite a full sized orchestra and band out of the recruits. He rejects the inability to acquire any form of sports gear and is willing to buy anything he could purchase from Allied sources.

Troops in Rome are fortunate in being able to enjoy the facilities of a well organized cabaret.

Between 09.00 hrs. and 21.00 hrs. all train fares are halved for troops.

500 free cinema tickets are distributed amongst local units daily by the Ufficio Benessere.

The same department offers coffee grants to ex-servicemen and re-entrained prisoners of war.

OTHER 'A' POINTS

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(2) Of the present call up; some hundred recruits over and above the strength of the C.A.B. have been designated to the C.A.B. at Siena to make up their strength.

(iv) 2

Domestic Mail.

Italian.

Transport. The 5th. Transport Coy. shows a good standard of general lay-out and maintenance. A proportion of vehicles are off the road from a lack of tyres.

It was pointed out there are few if any spares available for ex-Allied vehicles.

Monthly vehicle returns show approx. 91 vehicles.

The same Department officers welfare grants to ex-servicemen and repatriated prisoners of war.

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(14) 2

Domestic Rail.

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Daily vehicle returns show approx. 91 vehicles efficient out of a total of 160.

Captain commanding is a most keen and efficient officer.

A consignment of Jeeps (ex A.C.A.B.) allocated by the War Ministry to C.G.M.B. were discovered in the N.V.E. There they were sprayed, numbered and issued to units. All the vehicles require at least a major overhaul.

It has since been learned that the JCBs have refused to accept these Jeeps and therefore they will presumably go to B Repair Unit. It is not known who was responsible for the original instructions for disposal of these vehicles.

Clothing and Equipment

Gen. Soldarelli has remarked on the faulty manufacture

of many of the new Italian pattern boots issued to C.A.A. boots are nearly in holes after two days training.

Beyond these two exceptions, clothing issued to the C.A.A. has met with complete approval. It has been queried whether any form of winter or summer could be issued to recruits. Gen. Goldarelli is greatly in favor of this.

British vehicle equipment is in possession and in the process of distribution.

Arms and ammunition

Attached find list of arms received by C.A.A.

Accommodation.

Gen. Goldarelli continues to point out that the ex Mussolini barracks are only occupied by some 100 French troops. He is most anxious to establish the home military district there.

His argument is that such a move would release

(a) General GIACOMO VIGNOLI

" ROSSINI

" LAMARCA

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At the Cecchiola certain repair work and rebuilding

Accommodation.

Gen. Saldarrelli continues to point out that the ex Beldarrelli barracks are only occupied by some 300 French troops. He is most anxious to establish the Home Military District there.

His argument is that such a move would release

(a) General GLACCO and

" " ROSS WILLI

" " LAURENCE

These barracks could then accommodate refugees at present in Cocodleno.

It could be appreciated by the D.L.M. if either the possibility of alternative accommodation for French troops could be considered or Gen. Saldarrelli be informed by N.I.A. that the ex Beldarrelli barracks will not become available for some lengthy period.

At the 6/1/77 certain re-arr work and re-bldg ³⁴³⁴ remains to be done.

Every effort has been made by the D.L.M. to handle this but many of the barracks rooms and messes, although in use, are not completed.

Medical

The San Virgilio Hospital was visited in company with Major Harvey and no difficulties in medical supply were produced by the Commanding Officer.

OTHER POINTS

The subject of bread led to conversation with Col. Batigala (Commissario). Bread baked in Divieto is excellent

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whereas that made by the civilian contractors in Rome is very indifferent. Corruption in Rome has been increased and no inspection will be held by GAI. Results in the near future.

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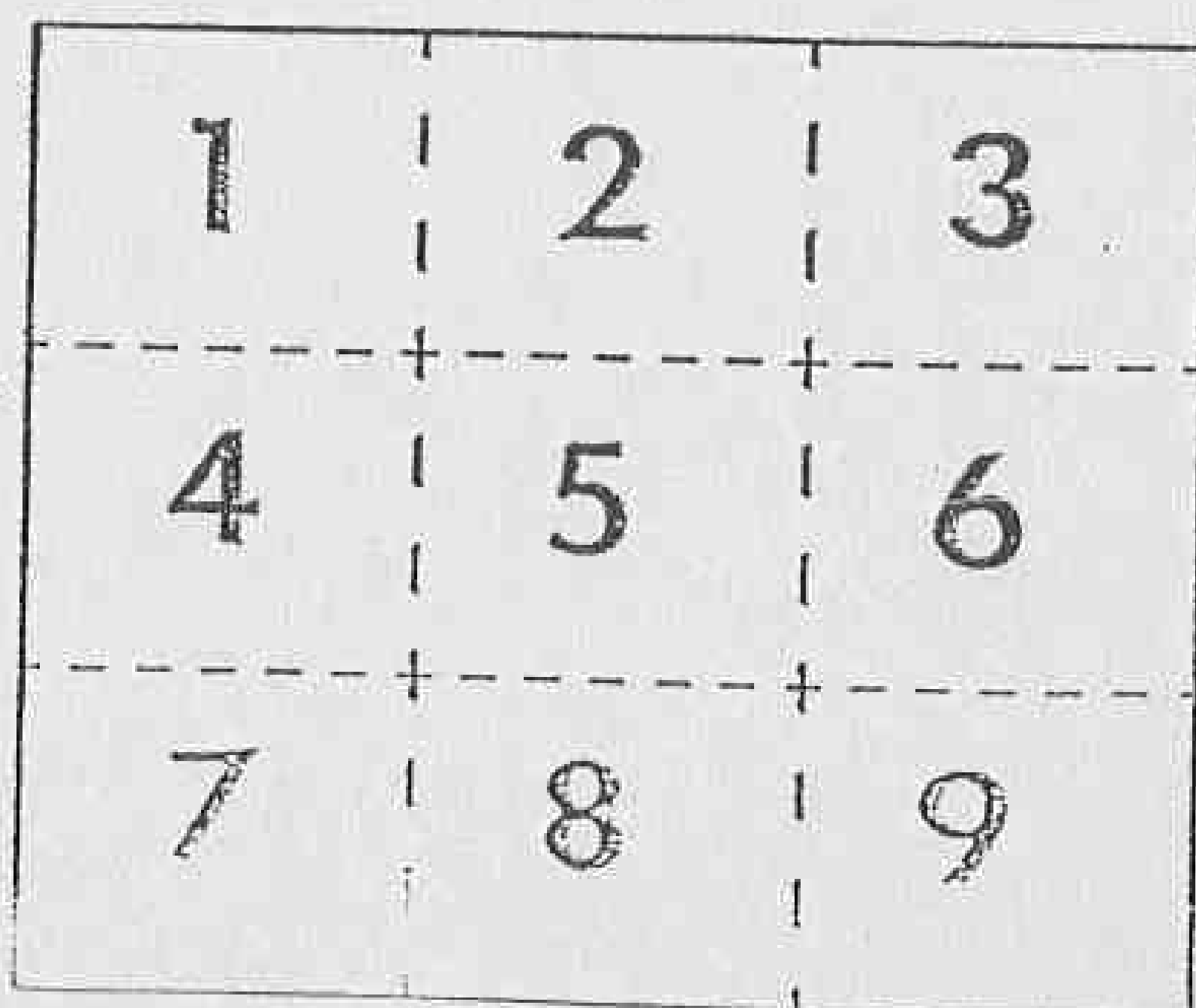
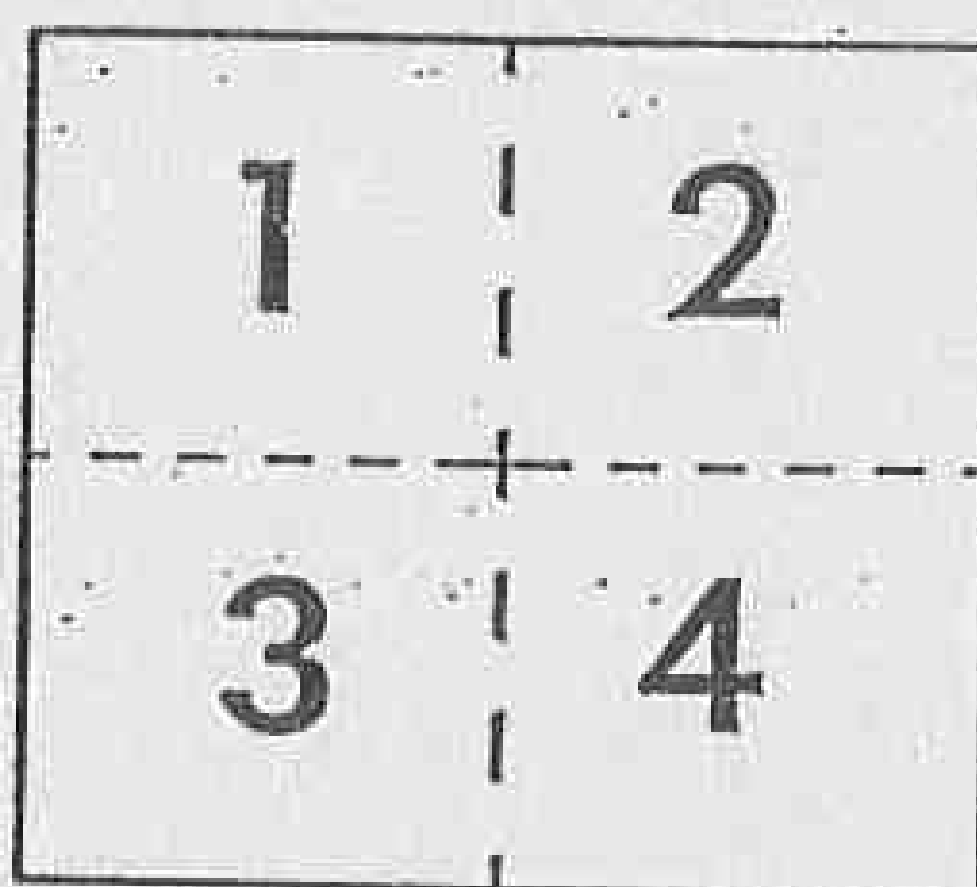
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Piat	48	48		
2" Mortar	19	(3) 10		9
Stens	192	192		
Pistols, Signal	24	24		
Mag. Boxes Complete	212	212		
Cases, Bren	192	186		6
Rifle Slings	4100	4115	15	
Return Springs, Bren	192	192		
Oil Bottles	3140	3140		
Extractors	110	110		
Bren Covers	192	189		3
Cleaning Rods, Pistole	91	91		
Springs, Bren, Ejector	192	180		12
Ejectors, Bren	192	191		1

N.B.:- (1) 960 complete with bayonet
 (2) 743 complete with bayonet
 (3) The remaining 9 Mortars to be withdrawn from Cesano

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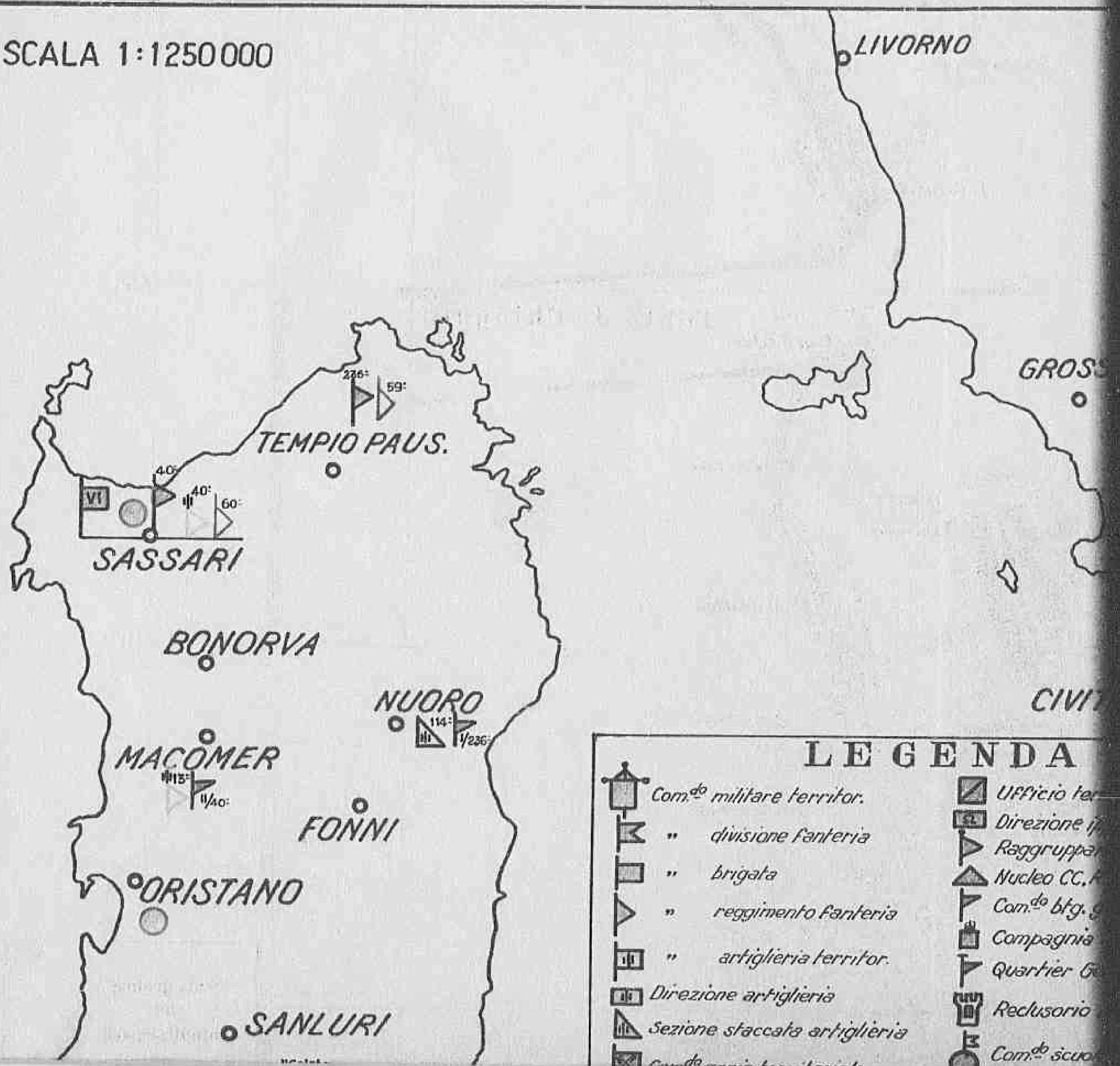
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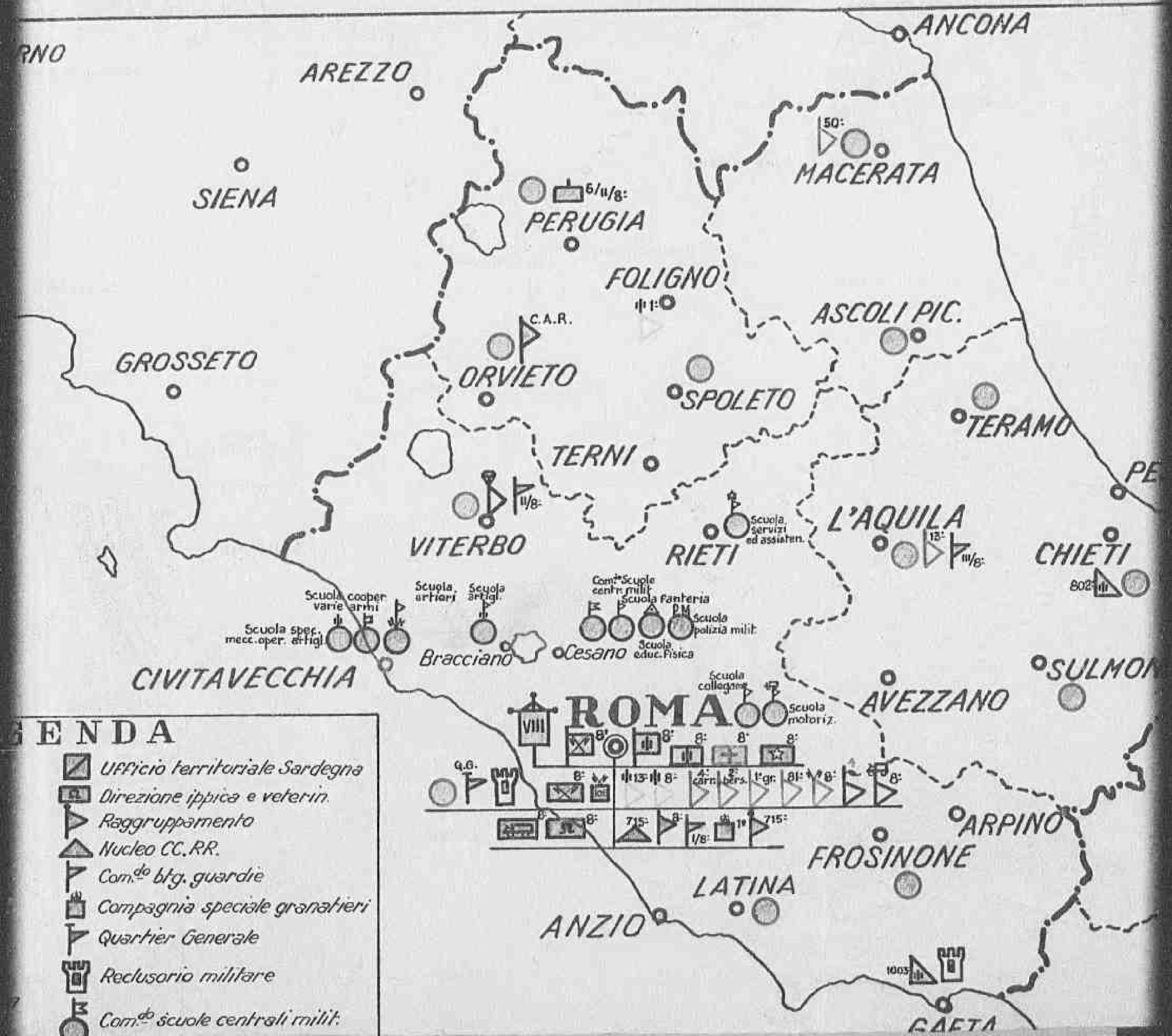
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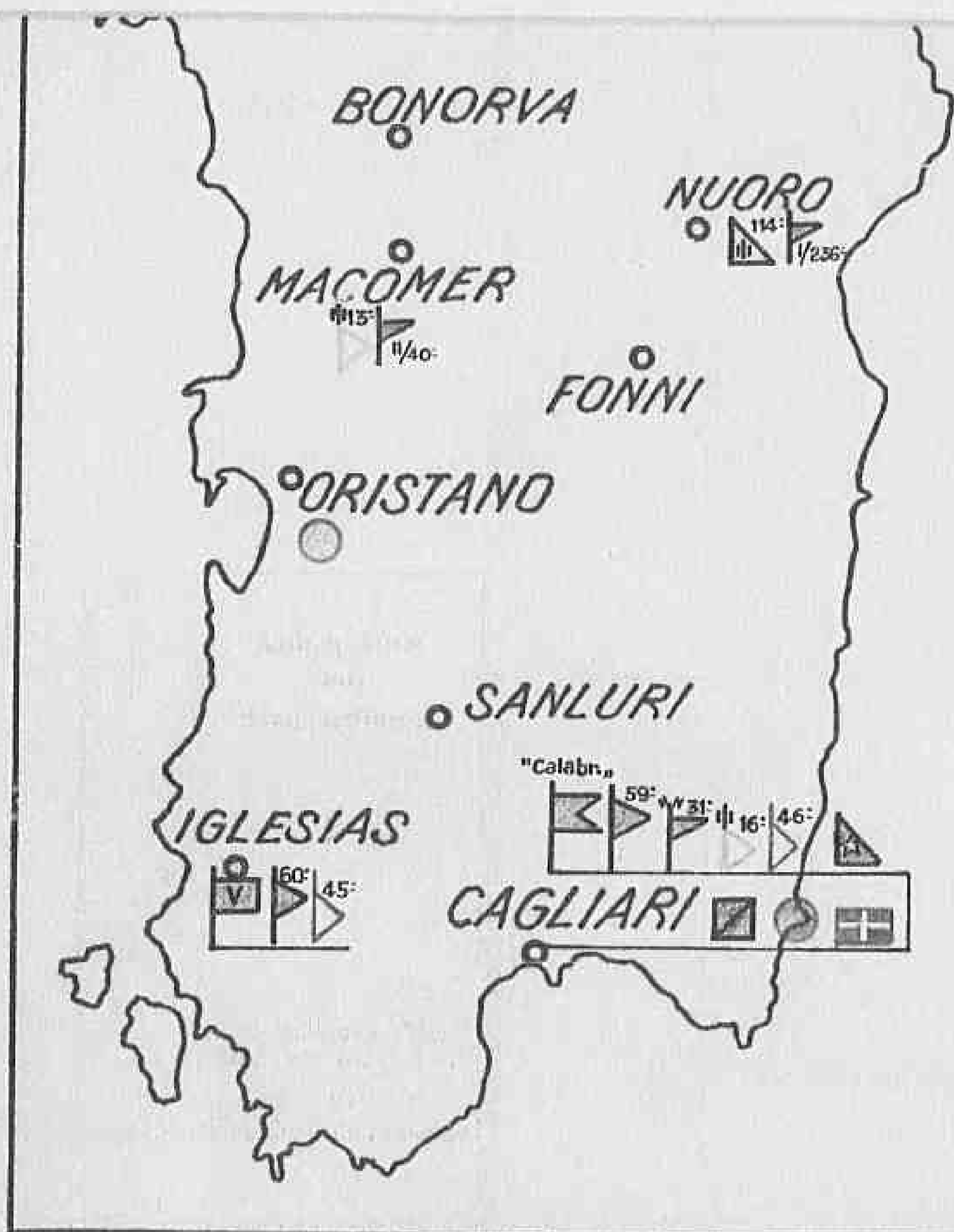
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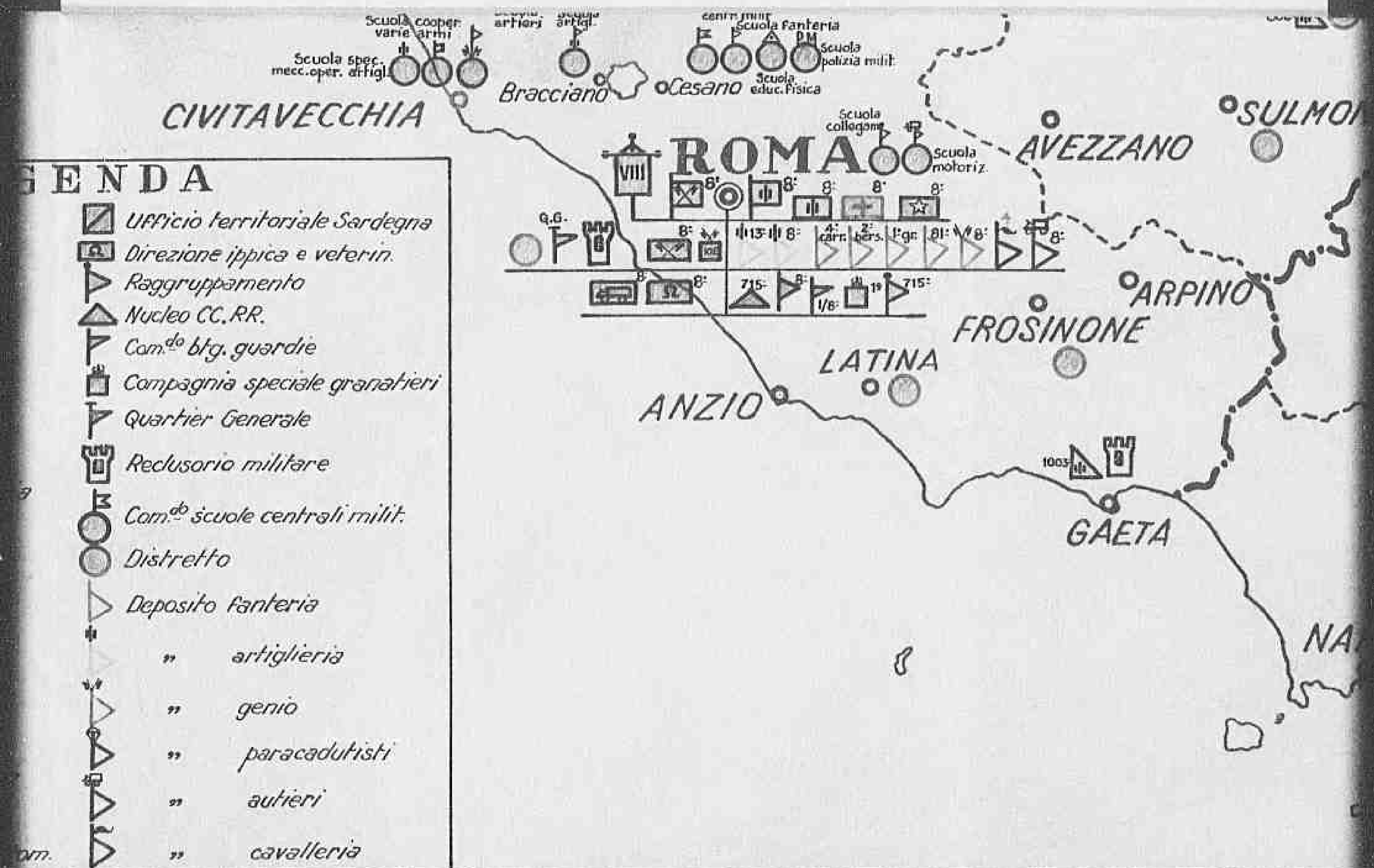
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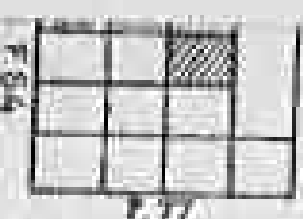
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	" artiglieria territor.		Com. ^{do} btg
	Direzione artiglieria		Compagnia
	Sezione staccata artiglieria		Quartier
	Com. ^{do} genio territoriale		Reduzioni
	Direzione lavori genio		Com. ^{do} scu
	Com. ^{do} btg. misto genio		Distretto
	Compagnia servizi genio		Deposito
	Direzione sanità		"
	Ufficio sanità		"
	Direzione commissariato		"
	Sezione commissariato		"
	Direzione riparazioni autom.		"





RISERVATA (A)
CHE È VIETATA LA DIVULGAZIONE



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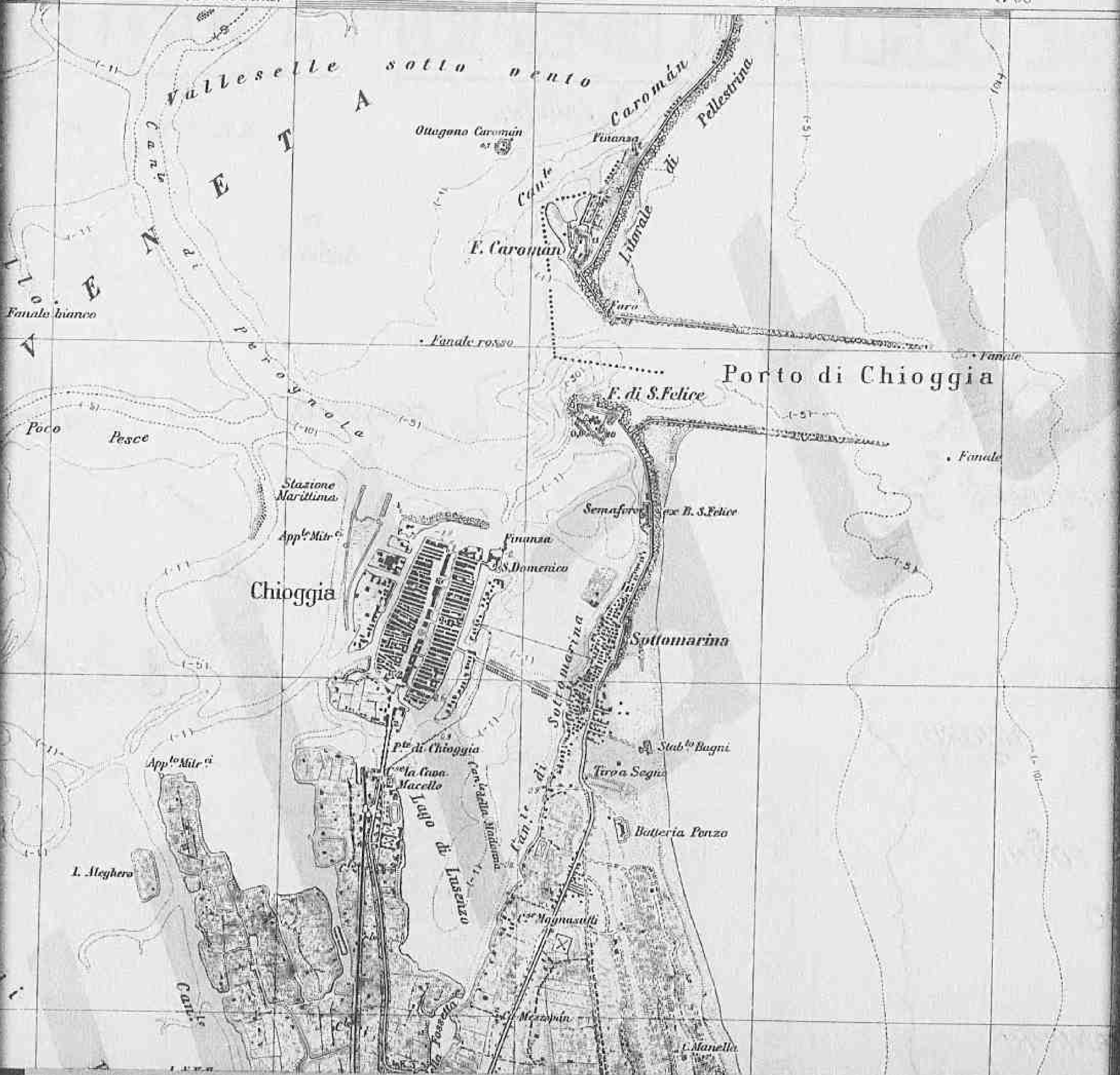
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Caromán

Pellestrina

Canale

F. Caromán

Faro

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Fonale

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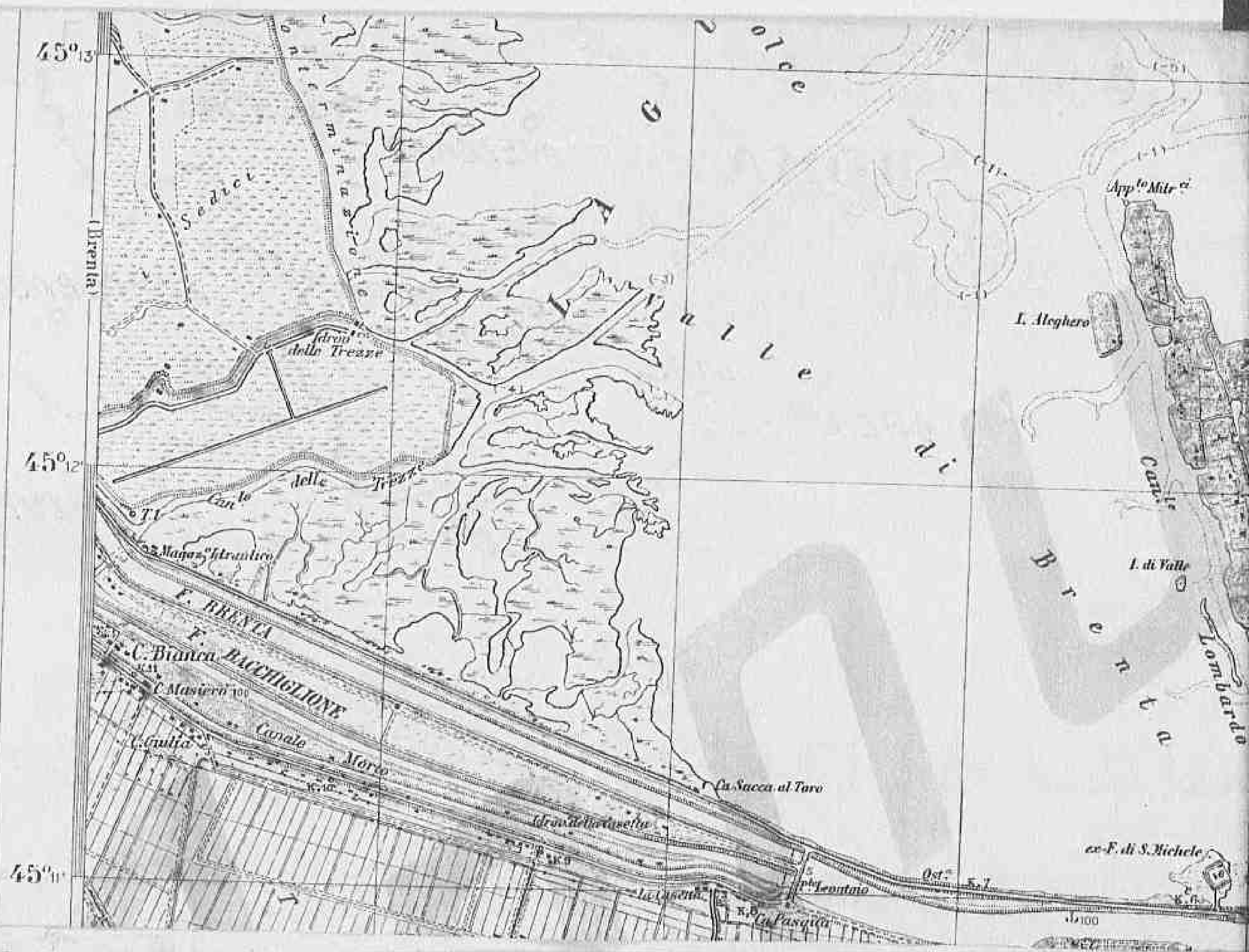
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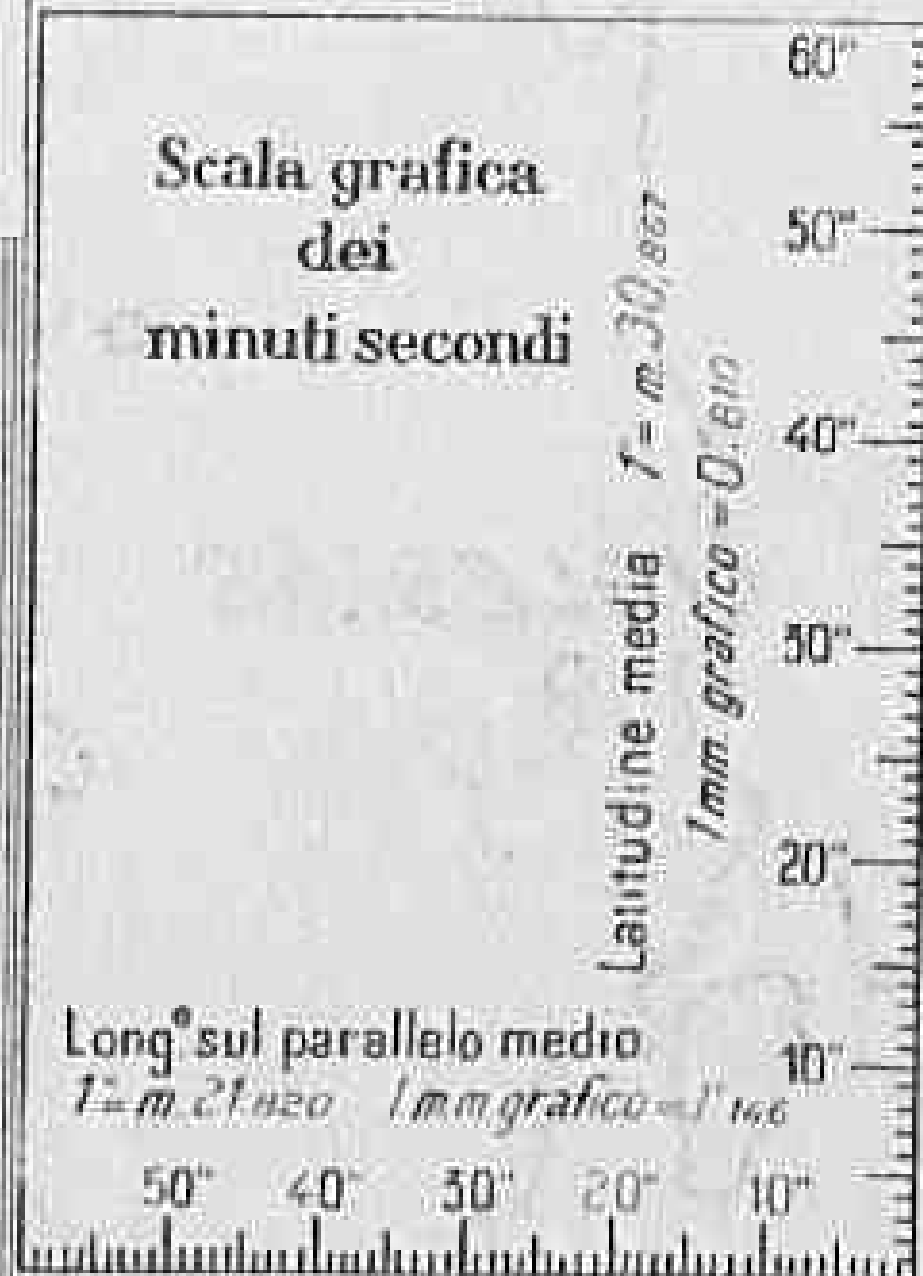




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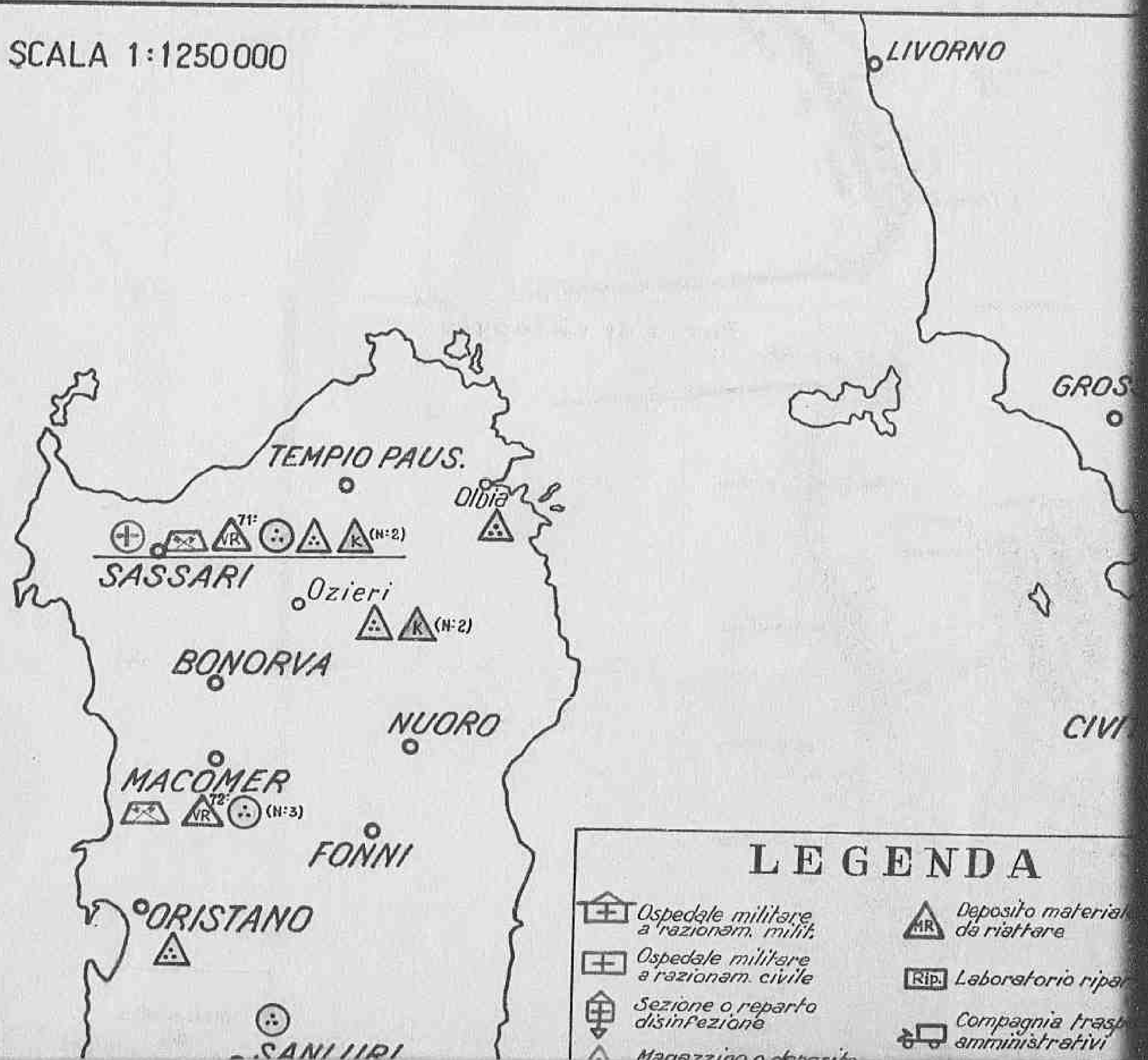
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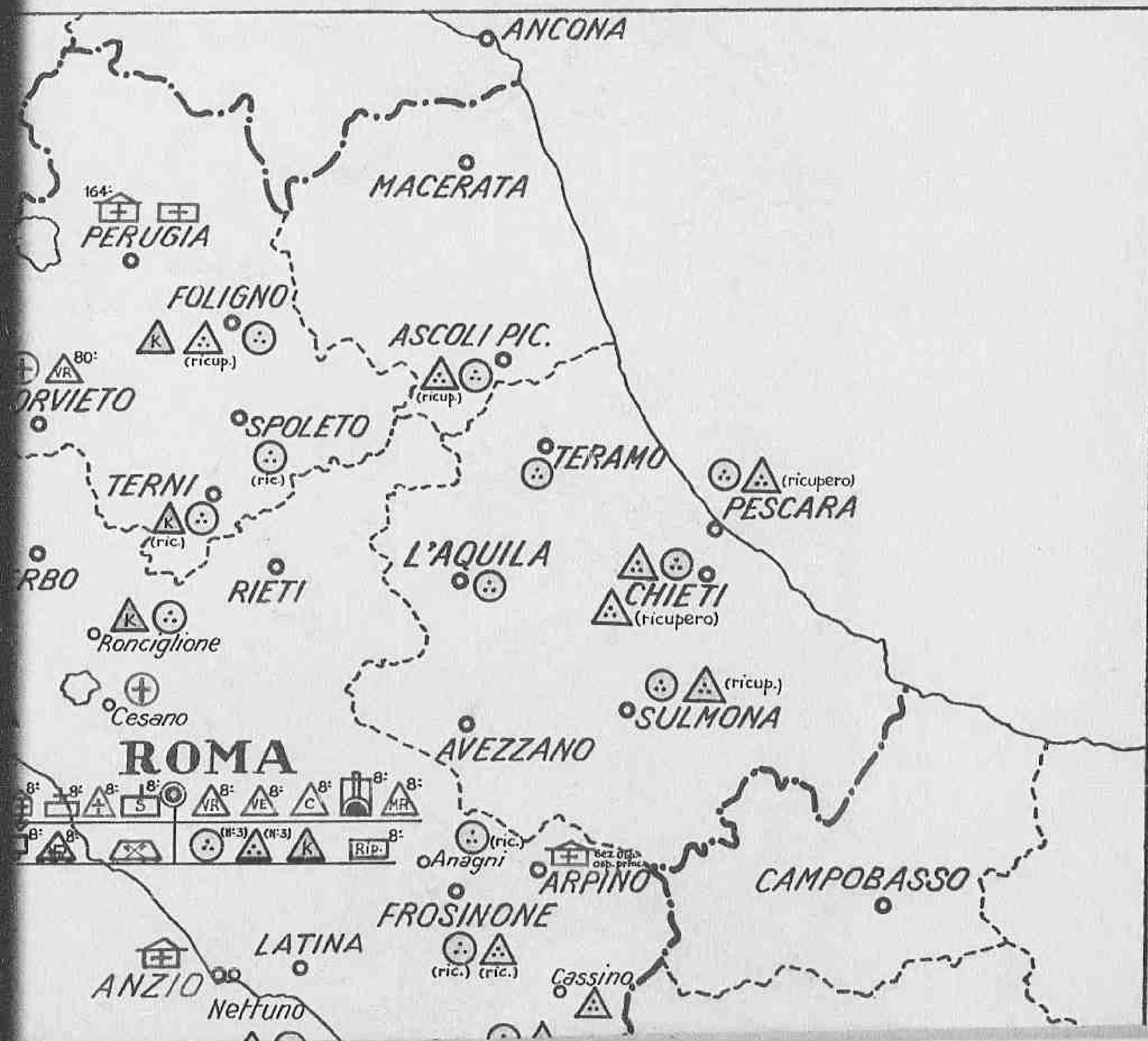
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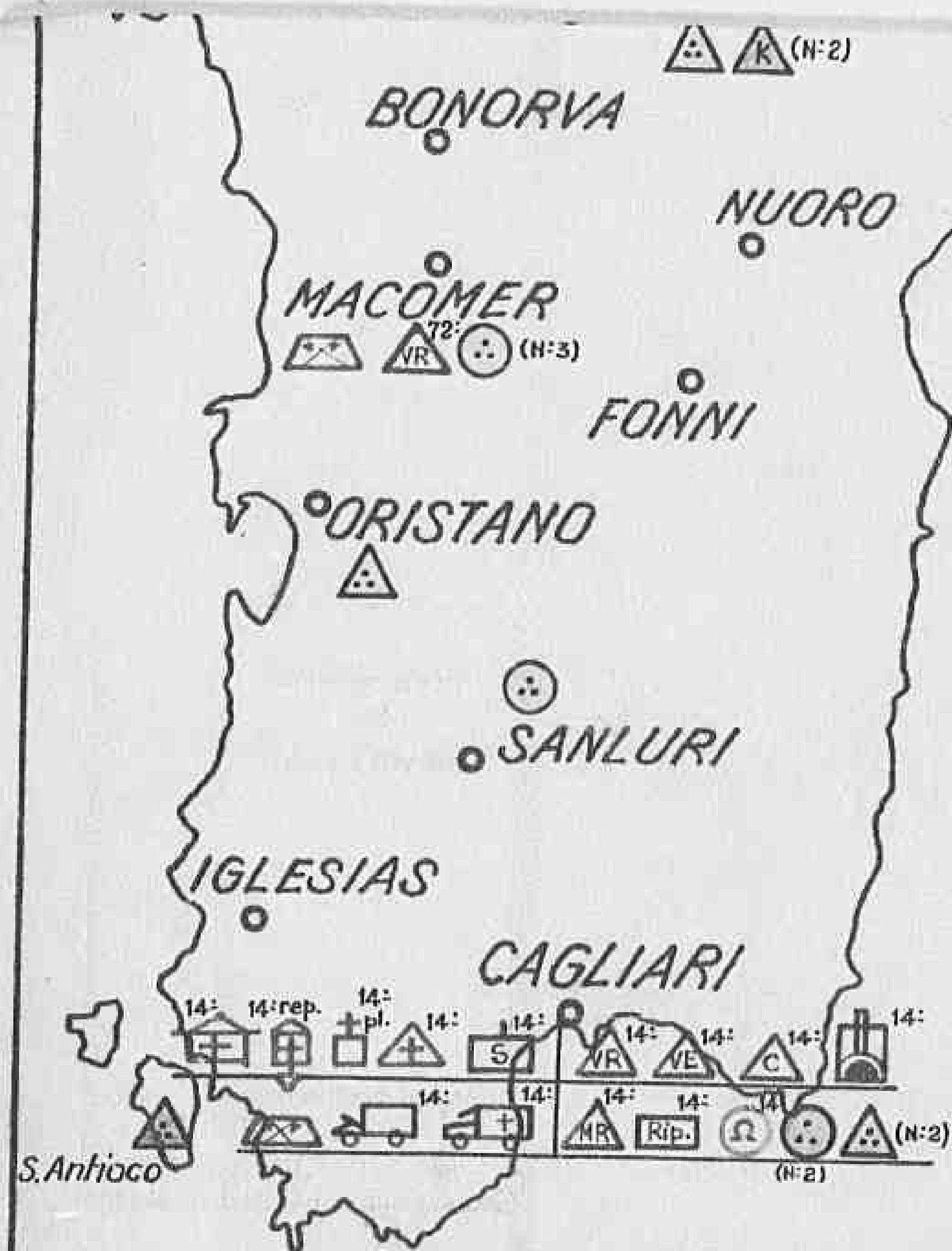
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LE DI ROMA

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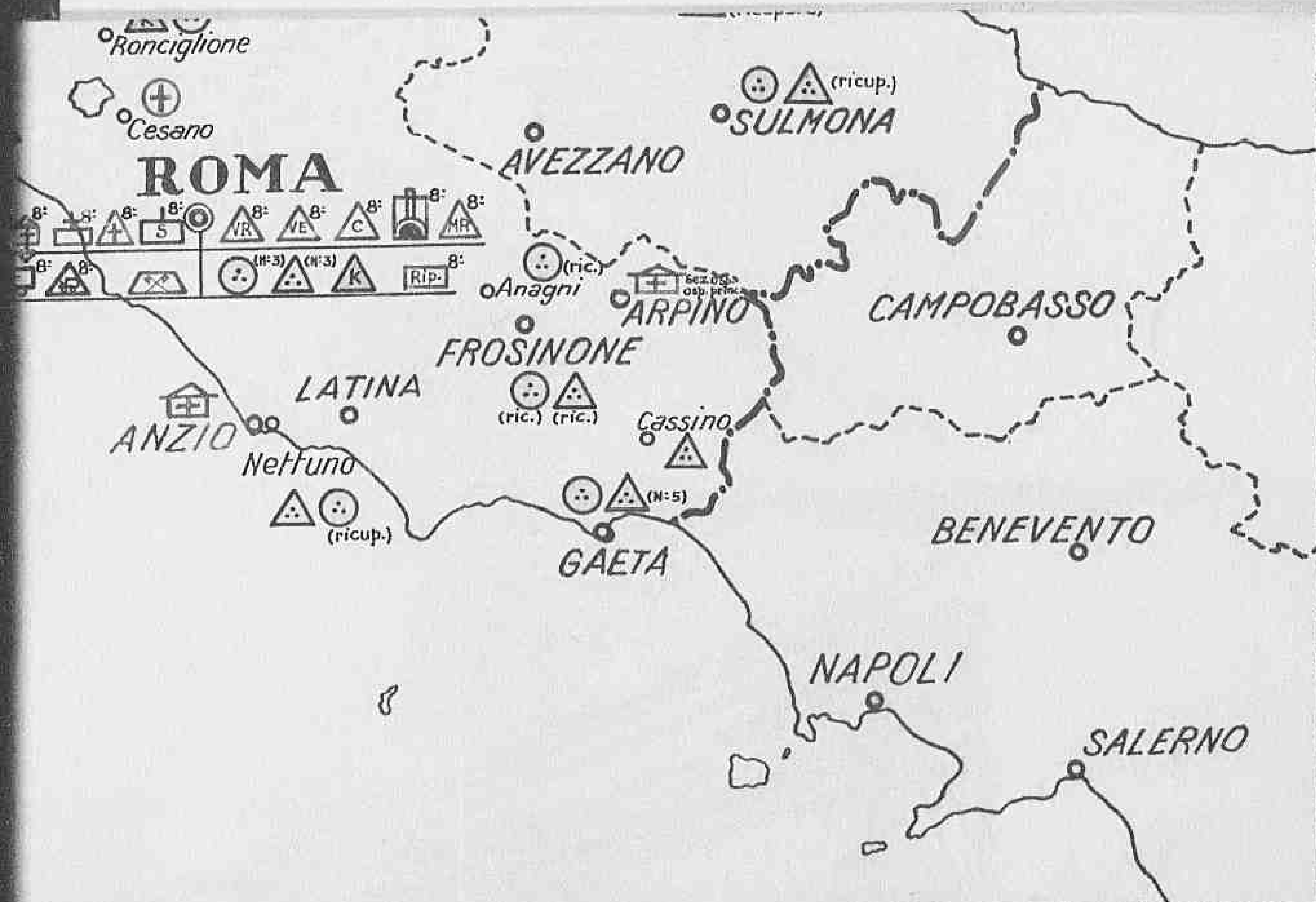
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	Magazzino o deposito sanitario		Sezione automobili
	Compagnia sanità		Reparto riparazioni con magazzino
	Infermeria presidiale		Deposito materiale chimico
	Reparto rifornimento		Deposito materiale artiglieria
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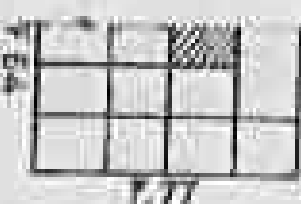
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-  Deposito materiale artiglieria
-  Deposito munizioni
-  Deposito materiale genio
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RISERVATA
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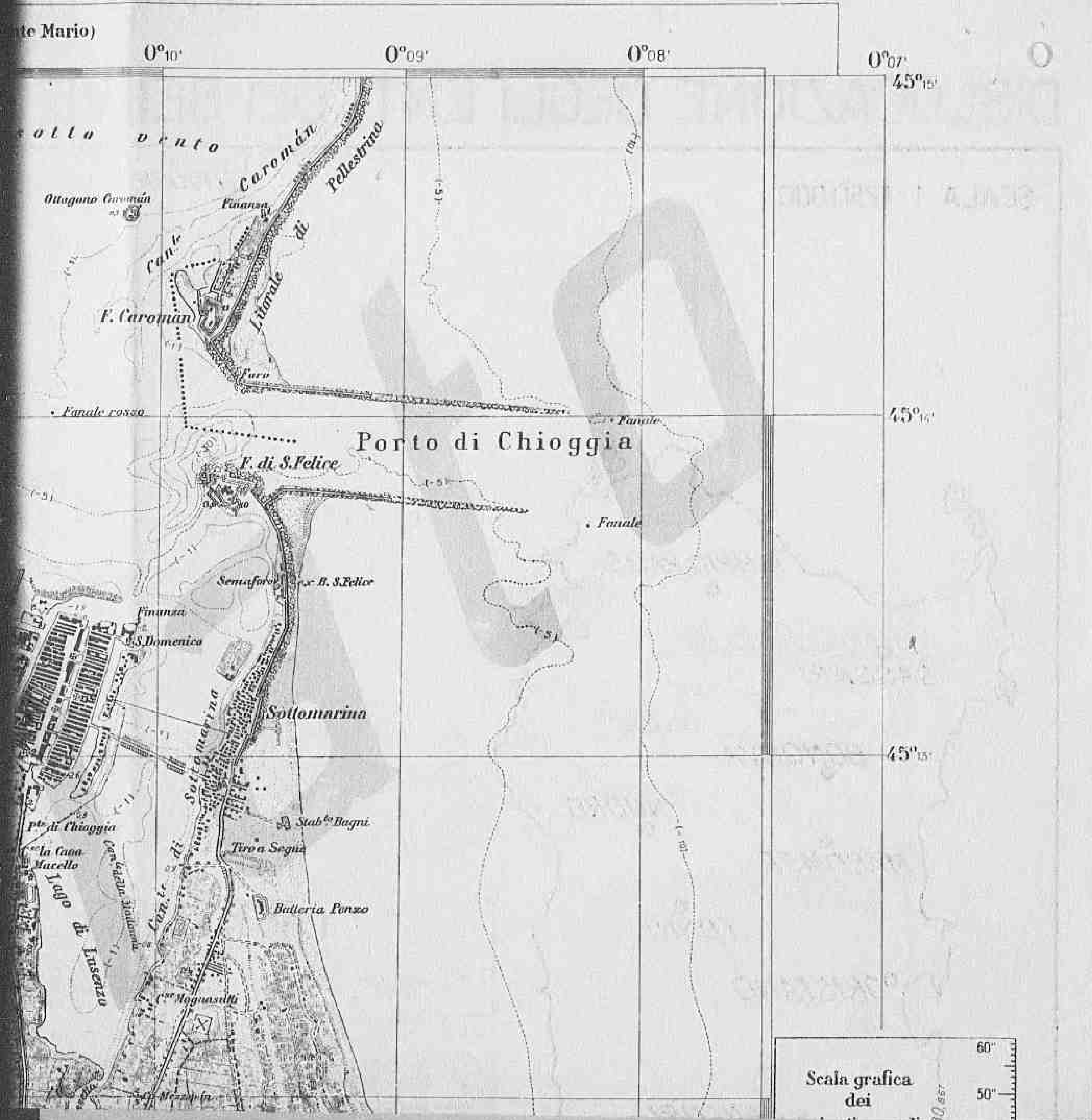
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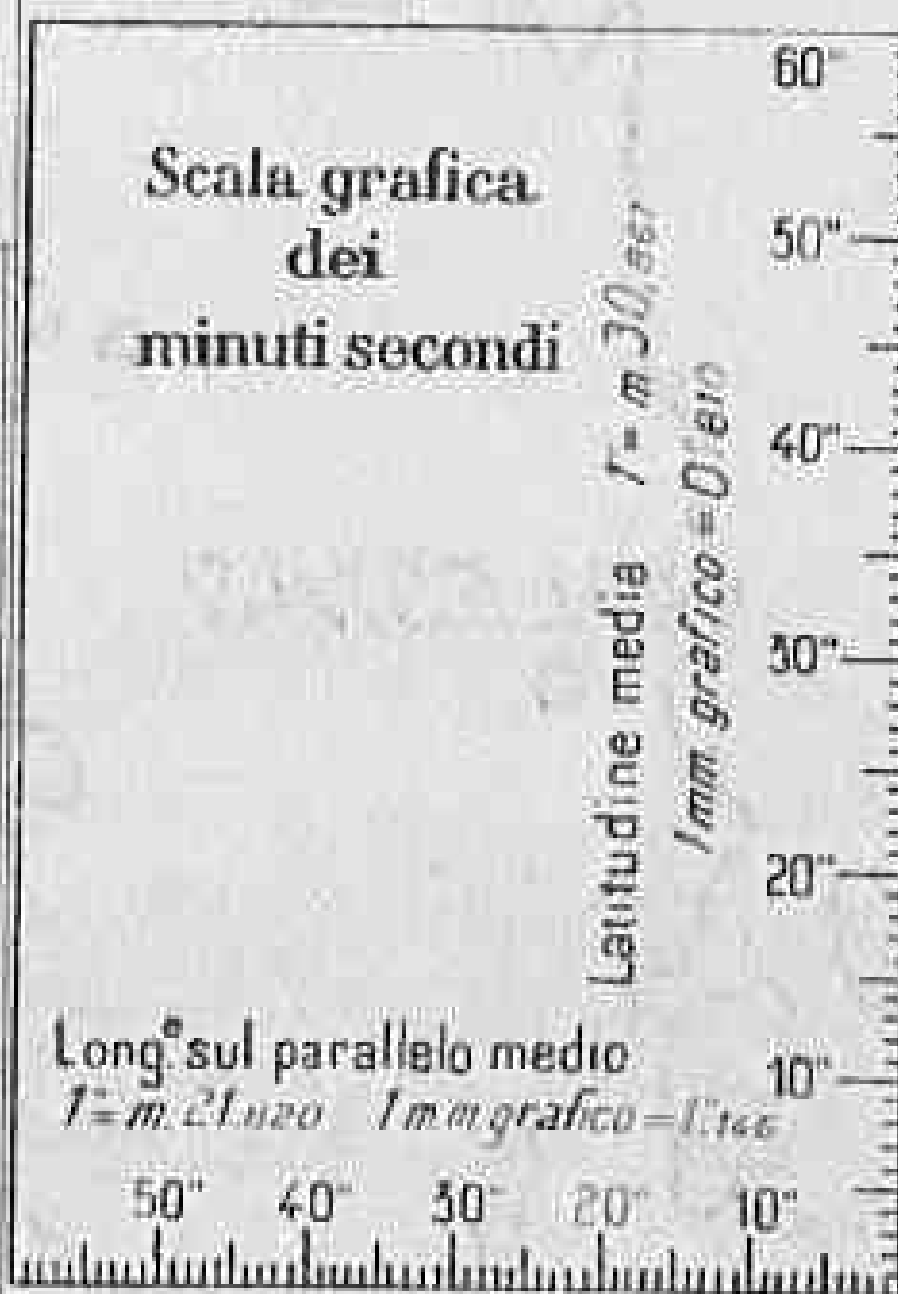
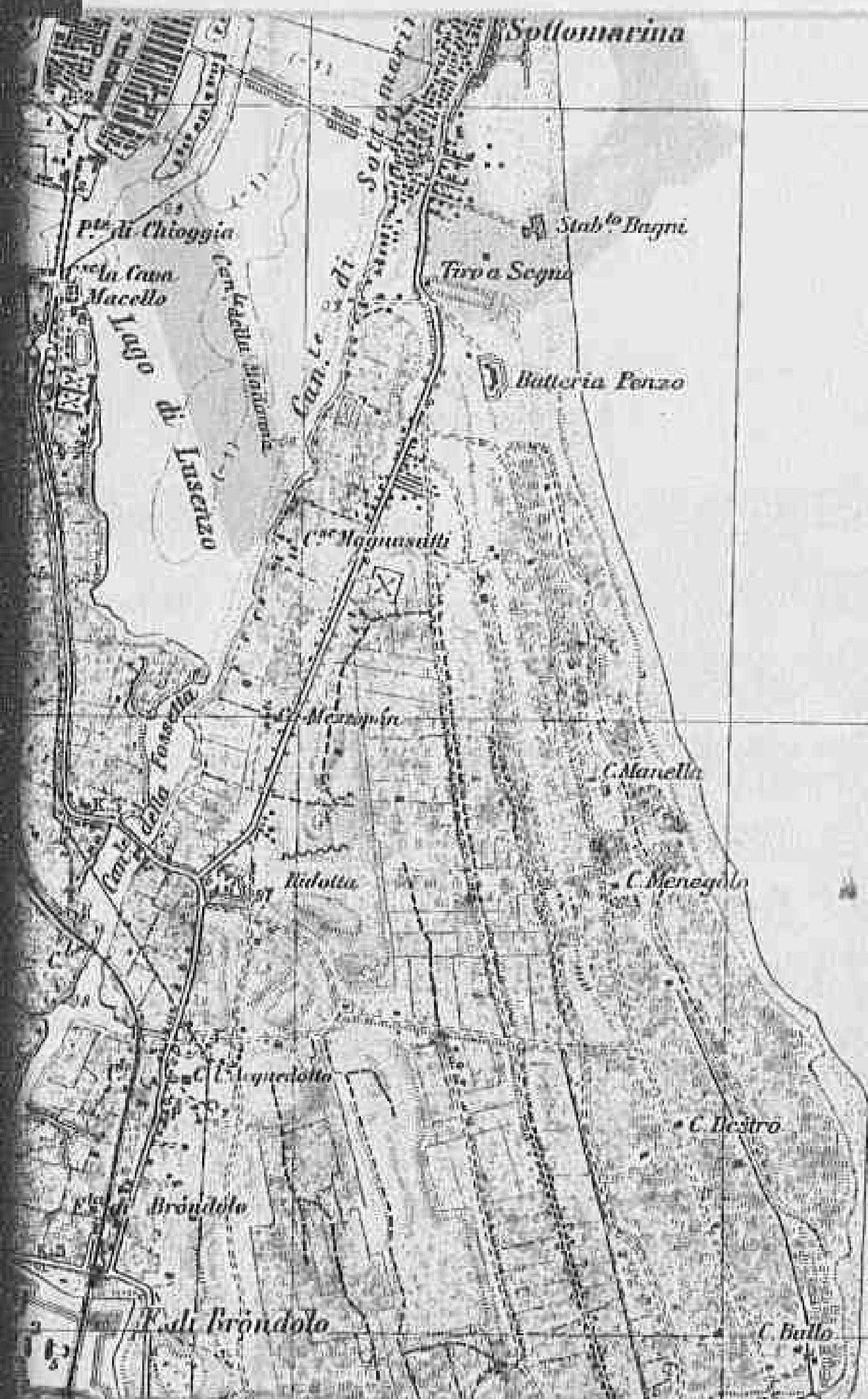


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SUBJECT:- Fortnightly Progress Report No. 7

8, BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ROME

8/5/47

20th. March 46

R.Q. R.A.I.A.

Herewith report No. 7 as at 15th. March 1946

GENERAL

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An officer from S.B.L.U. will be visiting Sardinia in the near future.

The Call-up has started satisfactorily in the Rome Territorial Command and some 500 recruits have reached the C.A.B. at Orvieto, to date.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army less GCRB

No changes since last report. Still considerable numbers of the 8th. Inf. Reg. are employed on Public Security Detachments during the Election period.

(b) GCRB No change since last report

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TRAINING

(a) Army less GCR

Training in the 8th. INF. Regt. is practically at a standstill, as a result of the large numbers, at present employed on Public Security work, during the elections.

(b) GCR N.T.R.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activities via a vis other countries.

Extract from report by COL. Masella, Chief of Intelligence, Rome Territorial Command.

"Concerning Austria, the atmosphere has cleared up after the favourable English declaration on the subject of 'Alte Adige' and after the reconfirming by Prime Minister De Gasperi, of the absurdity of Austrian Claims" (end of extract)

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Although these claims have not been discussed either in the French or Italian press for some time, they have not been forgotten by a large portion of the populace.

(b) Frontier Activities

A number of unconfirmed reports have been received in Rome, of a traffic in arms and ammunition on the Adriatic Coast. Arms and ammunition are presumed to be coming from the Balkans.

(c) Relations between troops and populace

In the Rome Territorial Command, relations between the troops and populace, remain on the whole cordial and between the populace and the GCR quite good.

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A slight advantage has been gained by the Democristian Party here also, with 165 Communes against Socialist and Communist, combined gains, of 120 Communes.

A very lively interest indeed is being shown, both in Italy and Sardinia, in the dispute over Trieste, and great importance is attached to the Work of the Allied Boundary Mission, at present in Trieste.

(d) Politics among troops

N.T.E.

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(e) Subversive Elements

Extract from report by Col. Massie, Chief of Intelligence, Rome Territorial Command.

"Thousands of copies of Stalin's reply to Churchill's speech, made recently at Fulton, U.S.A., have been circulated by the Italian Communist Party, in an endeavour to give a one sided picture of the situation, at present existing between Great Britain and Russia.

(f) Public Security N.T.R.

(g) Economics: Recent ruin has improved the Electrical Power situation in the Rome District.

Reports from several parts of Italy, promise a good harvest this year. Particularly in Central Italy, in the Puglia Region and in Sardinia.

III A. POINTS Nil.

IV B. POINTS Nil

J. H. Frank
Major.
G II
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6
 (Continued) Fortnightly Progress Report No. 6

8 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ROME B(2)

8/6/47 A

6th March 46 R-

8-1, AREA, ROME

Barwith Report No. 6 as at 1st, March 1946

1. GENERAL

This U.S. is in course of settling down in its new offices located at the Rome Territorial Command, 32 Via Po.

This move should result in a much closer liaison with the Territorial U.S. than has been possible previously.

The arrival of two British O.S. has slightly reduced the staff problem. The unit, however, is still denied the services of its Liaison Officer, who is attached to 7 BUI, Florence.

11 EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army Loss Count

In view of the proximity of the forthcoming local elections in Italy, Prefects of many Provinces have already called for detachments of troops to be placed at their disposal, during the election period. The main reason for this demand, is the acute shortage of CCNN and police for Public Security work. These demands are made direct to General Solaferelli at the Territorial Command and only he can authorize the detachment of troops for this purpose. Numbers called for up to and including the 7th, March are given below.

Unit	Number of troops involved	Prefect at whose disposal troops have been placed	Notes
1 Bn 8th Inf Reg	80	Lazio	
1 Bn 8th Inf Reg	250	Marche	
C.A.R. Civieto	60	Marche	
3 Bn 8th Inf Reg	60	Torino	
" " " "	100	Perugia	

(b) Count

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C.A.R. Grivisto	60	Verni	
3 Bn 8th Inf Reg	60	Torino	
" " "	100	Perugia	

(b) COBR

No change since last report. Still far too many employed on Extraneous Duties other than proper Police Function. ² ~~1~~ whole matter is being investigated by the COBR, Liaison Section.

TRAINING

(a) Army less COBR.

As a result of the large number of extraneous duties being carried out by the 8th. Inf. Reg., including those shown in the paragraph on Employment of Troops, training within the Regiment, at the present moment, is at a very low ebb. 550 men alone are so far committed in aid to Civil Power detachments.

Situation at the C.A.R. is satisfactory and the preparation of training set ups, equipment and programmes is well advanced.

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Internal Security Division - Calabria are running courses for Driver Mechanics, turners, welders, electricians.

(b) COHR

No change since last report.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activities vis a viz other countries

Extract from report by Col. Masia, "Intelligence", Rome Territorial Command.

"The news that Tito's forces on the Yugoslavian frontier have recently been reinforced, has caused a great deal of alarm in the hearts of the Italian public, who feel very strongly indeed against the Yugoslavian's claim of Trieste.

Relations with Austria are rather strained at the moment as the result of this countries claims relating to "Alto Adige".

A number of Italians who have been resident in Switzerland for many years, have recently been expelled from the country for no apparent reason.

Resentment is felt against France, especially over her claim of Ventimiglia". end of extract.

(b) Frontier Activities S.T.R.

(c) Relations between troops and populace

No change since last months report

(d) Politics current among troops S.T.R.

(e) Subversive elements S.T.R.

111 A Points

Domestic:- 5982097 Fus. Busting C; Betton Driver, is due for release during the next few days, being A/S Group 27.

OZE have posted 1 Learner Clerk, A/S Group 65 and 1 Motor Cyclist, A/S Group 35. They reported for duty on 27th Feb.

Deficiencies in O.R.'s against the W.E.- 1 Opl. Clerk

Italian

impediment to unity of the state.

Relations with Austria are rather strained at the moment as the result of this countries claim relating to "Alto Adige".

A number of Italians who have been resident in Switzerland for many years, have recently been expelled from the country for no apparent reason.

Resentment is felt against France, especially over her claim of "Ventimiglia". end of extract.

(b) Frontier Activities U.T.N.

(c) Relations between troops and populace

No change since last months report

(d) Politics current among troops U.T.N.

(e) Subversive elements U.T.N.

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Domestic: 5952097 Pas. Bustins G; Batman Driver, is due for release during the next few days, being A/3 Group 27.

02E have posted 1 Learner Clerk, A/3 Group 65 and 1 Motor Cyclist, A/3 Group 15. They reported for duty on 27th Feb.

Deficiencies in O.N.'s against the U.N. - 1 Opl. Clerk

Italian

Discipline:

Discipline within the Territorial Command remains fairly satisfactory and very few serious breaches of discipline have been reported during the month.

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One case of a Sergt. in the 8th Inf. Regt making a public speech of a communist nature at Viterbo was reported. The Sergt. in question was severely punished.

Morale

Morale remains surprisingly high, bearing in mind, the low rates of pay; high cost of living etc.

The increase from 5 lire to 15 lire per day of the of the troops subsistence allowance has definitely had a very good effect on morale.

IV 9 Points

Nil.

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No. 8 B L U ('B' TYPE)

Authorized U.S.

O.R. & Civilians employed within U.S.

Authorized U.S.		O.R. & Civilians employed within U.S.	A/S GP	OR Hold
Clarks G. R. A. C.	1 Cpl 1 Pte	14922875 Cnr. Gashley E. 3853582 Fus. Makin H.	65 66	Nil
Batman Driver	1 Pte	6982097 Fus. Bastins G.	67	
Motor Cyclist	1 Pte	Nil		
<u>Civilians</u>				
Batman/Dvr	1	Nil		
Cook	2	Nil		
Mess Orderly	1	Nil		
General Dutyman	1	Nil		

DATE

No. 8314 ('8' TYPE)

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Civilians employed within W.E.

A/S
SPOR Held surplus to W.E. A/S Civilians held
SP. surplus to W.E.

2922875 Ser. Gumbley E.

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Nil

3833582 Pte. Makin H.

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Nil

6982097 Pte. Bastins G.

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Nil

Nil

Nil

Nil

Nil

DATE 1st. March 1945

SUBJECT: Fortnightly Progress Report No. 5.

8 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

ROME

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8/2/47

20 Feb 46

Fortnightly Report No. 5 as at 15 Feb 46.

GENERAL

Liaison with the Terr Command is continuing satisfactorily, although the lack of a Liaison Officer is being very much felt. The Liaison Officer consists of Major J. J. BARNES G. II and Major LADY G. II Liaison Officer and is completely deficient of GNR Staff.

Gen. GOLDBARRETT, Rome Terr Commander wants the Liaison Officer to move into his HQ in Via 40, where he has made available the necessary officers etc. It is proposed to move at the end of the month.

During a recent visit to the CAR ORVINGO, Brig. A. M. BARNES expressed himself as being satisfied with the progress being made. All essential repair work at the centre should be completed by the end of the month.

RELOCATING OF PERSONS

- (a) Army Loss Officer : No changes reported during the last 14 days.
- (b) CONGR. Extraneous Duties.

- (1) Outside Regia Coeli Prison - 23 men.
- (2) Military Prison of Ponte Vecchio - 1 Officer and 45 men.
- (3) 15/42 Guarding UNRA warehouses and escorts of trucks - 1 officer and 50 men.

All the above are provided by the Rome Legion mobile Battalion, who have about 17% on leave of various kinds including 3% in hospital.

TRAINING

- (a) Army Loss Officer :

8 Inf Regt are being called up to provide an excessive number of guards, escorts for personnel, mail and transport, often for long periods. This is definitely interfering with training, as quite large numbers of men are involved.

An investigation is being made, with a view to cutting down these guards etc and in some cases handing them over to GNR and the

Gen SOLDANIEL, Rome Four Commander wants the RHJ to move into his HQ in Via PO, where he has made available the necessary offices etc. It is proposed to move at the end of the month.

During a recent visit to the GAN CAMP, Brig G. A. H. H. expressed himself as being satisfied with the work done by the men. All essential repair work at the camp should be completed by the end of the month.

II. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

- (a) Army Loss CORP : No changes reported during the last 14 days.
- (b) CORP. Extraneous Duties.

- (i) Outside Regt's Guard Prison - 23 men.
- (ii) Military Prison of Porto Boccia - 4 officers and 45 men.
- (iii) Guarding URAA warehouses and escorts of trucks - 1 officer and 50 men.

All the above are provided by the Rome Legion mobile Battalion, who have about 17% on leave of various kinds including 3% in hospital.

TRAINING

- (a) Army Loss CORP :

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An investigation is being made, with a view to cutting down these guards etc and in some cases handing them over to CORP and the police. Practically all instructors for the CORP have now completed their courses.

- (b) CORP. Rome Battalion :

Instruction now proceeding satisfactorily. Motorised and motorcycle Companies have their men continually employed on various duties.

Motor Cycle Cym need vehicles to retain what they were taught at the trg school.

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January. Instruction of Tank Coy very slow. Instructor absent all

At CERSANO

70 men finished m/c course
23 " m/c course.

As present at CERSANO School -

1 NCO } 4 weeks m/c course.
12 men }

1 Officer } 40 days Armoured Car Course.
3 NCOs }

1 NCO } 8 weeks m/c course.
3 men }

At CROCEFINO

1 Officer } 8 weeks wireless course.
2 men }

LAZIO Battalion - The unsatisfactory, men seldom present as they are used as reinforcements for other units.

Courses :

1 Officer }
3 NCOs } Wireless course.
4 men }

CIVITAVECCHIA

1 Officer } M2 Course
5 men }

CERSANO

1 NCO Armoured Car Course.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activities via a viz other countries.

Extract from a report by Col MASSIA, "Intelligence" Rome Terr Command: "It is considered advisable to stress the presence of numerous Slav and Albanian elements in Rome, which are headed by GINO and carry out espionage activities and open communist propaganda in collaboration with communist elements of the Italian Communist Party."

Slavs and Albanians have reached this country in numbers not closely known and have spread out all over ITALY and are particularly in the cities of Rome, Bari, Naples, Ancona, Bologna, Genoa, Milan, Udine and Trieste, evidently in accordance with a pre-arranged plan, probably in view of the ITALIAN political elections.

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Source: COCCIONI 1 Officer } Wireless course.
2 NCOs }
4 men }
DIETRICH 1 Officer } No course
5 men }
CHASSA 1 NCO Announced Car Course.

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(b) Frontier activities N.E.R.

(c) Relations between bps and populace.

Little change in reports. Relations between bps and populace in Rome remain on the whole cordial.

Relations between populace and GNA remain quite good. The populace sees in them the only safeguard of public order.

Relations between populace and police are not at all good, and a great mistrust of the police seems to exist.

Ex-partisans, are despised by most of the population who fear only too often of acts of brigandage etc being carried out by ex-partisans. A dim view is taken of the admittance of a considerable number of ex-partisans into the police.

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(d) Police current among troops. N.F.R.(e) Subversive elements.

A considerable amount of Communist propaganda is circulating in Rome at the present moment, headed by a weekly paper printed in Rome, entitled L'Internazionale.

(f) Public Security. N.F.R.(g) Economic. N.F.R.(h) Other. N.F.R.III A Points

NIL

IV B Points

NIL

J. G. Frank
Major
G. II
S. S. S.

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SUBJECT : Fortnightly Progress Report No.4.

8 British Liaison Unit
ROME
8/3/17

6 Feb 46

HQ MIA, ROME

I GENERAL

(a) Domestic. No change in the situation since last report.

Acute shortage of staff is being seriously felt and liaison side of the BLU is suffering as a result.

(b) Relations with 8 Terr HQ continue to be satisfactory.

Gen SOLDARELLI has great confidence in the coherence for the new ITALIAN Army, and is giving it his whole-hearted support.

The morale generally of the Terr HQ is satisfactory and continues to improve within the Terr Command. The General, however, is still very office-bound, as a result of the extraordinary amount of paper work which daily flows into his office and with which only he seems capable of dealing. There is nowhere near enough decentralization of responsibility in the HQ.

Col BUONERRE, Assistant Chief of Staff, does seem to get out and about a fair amount, visiting and inspecting Units within the Command.

High priority has been given to the organizing and equipping of the GAR and both Gen SOLDARELLI and C II 8 BLU have paid visits to the Centre during the last ten days. Satisfactory progress is being made and all work will be completed in time for the first call up.

II ORGANIZATION

(a) Domestic. MTR

(b) ITALIAN. Some progress has undoubtedly been made in this direction and heads of departments are now taking more responsibility and the time lag in making decisions is correspondingly less.

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II C ORGANIZATION

(a) Domestic. HIR

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EMBODIMENT OF TROOPS

(a) Army - 6 Inf Regt

1st Bn in ROME is engaged on Guard and Escort duties. 50% of the Bn are available, daily, for normal training.

2nd Bn is doing normal trg, with the exception of 1 Coy engaged in Guard duties on ARAR Dump at PERUGIA.

3rd Bn less one Platoon on Guard duties at Caserma Maceo, ROME, is doing normal training.

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Reg HQ 8 Inf Reg moving to Caserma Regina Margherita, Rome on 8 Feb 46.

Garibaldi Regt of Folgore Div, located PERUGIA and CIVITA DI CASTELLO is at present moving to SICILIA to carry out Police duties there.

(b) CCRR NFR

TRAINING

(a) ARMY less CCRR. Trg Ests.

(i) Arrangements at the CAR are going ahead satisfactorily and will be completed by 1st March.

(ii) Col CATTA, OC the CAR raised the following points:

1. May permanent staff instructors at the CAR be provided with some sort of special distinguishing mark, such as an arm-band, or badge;
2. May authority be given to form an extra Coy in the 3 Bn at the CAR, in order to deal with men who miss their first weeks of recruit trg through sickness, compassionate leave, etc.

Other Trg

Training of 8th Inf Regt continues satisfactorily. Daily Company drill and PT parades are doing much for discipline. Trg has reached a good standard and most companies will be on the Rifle Ranges during February. Shortage of rifles is a great problem. The present short-carbines are in many cases long past the serviceable stage and are dangerous to fire.

(b) CCRR - NFR.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Activities vis a vis other countries - NFR

(b) Frontier Activity - NFR

(c) Relations between troops and populace. No change to report in this direction. No incidents between troops and populace, on any scale, have been reported during the month. Relations between CCRR and populace remain, on the whole, good.

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5 Feb Refers

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(b) CCRR - NLR.

INTELLIGENCE

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(b) Frontier Activity - NLR

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(d) Politics current among troops. Little to report, General tendency is anti-communist. Prisoners of War from RUSSIA arriving in RCVR in large numbers, provide their own anti-communist propaganda.

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(e) Subversive elements - NLR

(f) Public Security. Appears to be reasonably satisfactory. Very little trouble on any scale and few cases of robbery during January.

(g) Economics. Prices generally have shown a slight tendency to drop during January.

Ranks of the unemployed are steadily being swelled by returning POWs.

(h) Other 'I' points. - NLR

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III

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Domestic.

(a) No change in situation, since last report. Still deficient of DAQM and all ER CR Staff.

ITALIAN

Discipline - An improvement in discipline has been noted during the month, especially in the case of the 8th Inf Regt, where the Regimental Commander has been carrying out a drive with this view in mind.

An improvement in turn-out in the Regiment has resulted from a reshuffle of Uniforms, and the difference in dress is now a Company one, and not as previously an individual one.

Leave. There are a large number of men in the ROMS TO awaiting leave or discharge to TRIPOLITANIA, TUNISIA and LIBIA.

Pay problems. Nothing to add to those already appreciated by MMJA.

Morale. A slight improvement has been noted in morale during the last month. Improvement in the living conditions of 8th Inf Regt, resulting from the moving from VIMPERO of one Bn to ROMS and one Bn to AQUILA, has already had a good effect on the morale of the Regiment.

The present programme of the Terr Comd of moving Units into better accommodation as it becomes available from the ALLIES, is bound to result in an improvement in the morale of the troops.

The increase to 15 lire per day of the troops' subsistence allowance will permit the officer to augment the daily ration of his troops and will have a beneficial result on morale. On the other hand, low pay, shortage of funds for welfare purposes, bad feeling caused by disparity in rates of pay between various units in the Army, are all factors contributing to the present low standard of morale.

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Domestic. Transport. MR

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Domestic.

Transport. NLR

Accommodation. NLR

ITALIAN.

Transport.

(a) Army less CCER. 8th Admin. Transport Coy is still deficient of vehs within the WE.

There are still a large number of vehs off the rd through leak of tyres and spare parts.

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NO.....8.....3 L U ('B' TAPE)

Authorised P.B.	OR 2 Civilians employed within WE	V/S GP	OR held surplus to <u>WE</u>	V/S GP
<u>Clerks GO RASC</u> 1 Col 1 Pte	NIL		NIL	
<u>Driver/Dvr</u> 1 Pte				
<u>Motor Cyclist</u> 1 Pte				
<u>Civilians</u>				
<u>Driver/Dvr</u> 1				
<u>Cooks</u> 2				
<u>Mess Orderly</u> 1				
<u>General Dutyman</u> 1				

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Date : ... 6 . 2 . 46 .

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SUBJECT: Portnightly Progress Report No 3

British Liaison Unit
ROME
5/3/47

20 Jan 46

HQ MIA., ROME

Herewith Progress Report No 3 as at 15th Jan 46.

I. GENERAL

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- (a) This BLU has been functioning with the ROME Territorial Command since Nov 45 and although a considerable period has elapsed, progress to-date has been rather slow. This situation has arisen as the result of the acute shortage of staff in 8 RH. This HQ is now reduced to a JSC II and no other staff whatever. Naturally with the accumulation of paper work and normal fortnightly and monthly reports and returns, a great deal of time is of necessity spent in the office and not outside on actual liaison work.
- (b) In spite of the above however, a number of units in the ROME Territorial Command have been visited during the last fourteen days. The general standard found has been reasonably good bearing in mind the difficulties under which many of the units are working.

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

- (a) ARMY LESS CO. RR
No important changes in the employment of troops in the ROME Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.
- (b) CO. RR
No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

- (a) ARMY LESS CC, RR

No important changes in the employment of troops in the ROSE Territorial Command have taken place during the last fourteen days.

- (b) CC, RR

No important changes during the last fourteen days. They are carrying out normal duties required of them.

TRAINING

- (a) ARMY LESS CC, RR

Situation at the C.A.R. ORVISTO is satisfactory and the barracks will be ready in good time. Col GATTA, CC., the C.A.R. is a very efficient officer who has had a great deal of experience in the running of training establishments. The barracks at ORVISTO were previously occupied by the 802 Reinforcement Centre which Col GATTA commanded and the change-over to C.A.R. has been simplified by the fact that this quite efficient organization was already in existence. Practically the complete staff, which has been in the Centre for over a year has been absorbed into the C.A.R. Numbers attending courses I and II at ORVISTO and MARTIANA are as follows :-

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II. TRAINING (a) Continued

1st Course 14 Offrs 40 NCOs
2nd Course 23 Offrs 115 NCOs.

The training of the 8th Inf Regt is continuing satisfactorily.

(b) CC, BR

No information available.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Ascertains activities of ITALIANS via a vis other countries.

N.F.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

N.F.R.

(c) It is evident that the feeling of the civil population towards the Army is not as good as it should be. The Army has lost its prestige in the eyes of the people, who feel that they have been let down. Until the Army can be put on a reasonable footing again and regain the confidence of the people, this feeling is liable to remain. No serious incidents between troops and populace have been reported within the ROMAN Territorial Command.

(d) Political Current among troops

There is no apparent political activity on the part of the troops.

(e) Subversive Elements

A certain amount of hard feeling is caused among the troops by misleading articles appearing in the extremist press against the Army.

(f) Public Security

(a) Identifiable activities of ITALIANS
via a via other countries.

N.T.R.

(b) Frontier Activity

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(f) Public Security

Some concern is being shown with regard to public security and it is felt that the elections will be a real testing time.

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III A

Domestic

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since the last report the MU has lost the services of its one and only clerk, Mr DAVIS, departed on release.

ITALIAN

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Domestic

N.T.R.

ITALIAN

N.T.R.

HW/ell

Major
GSO II

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

To: H.Q. M.M.I.A.

2 British Liaison Unit,
ROME.
3/6/47

5 Jan 46.

Reference your ID/113 of 27 Dec, 45.

Herewith Progress Report as at 1 Jan, 46 as requested.

I. General.

(a) Domestic

Little new to report since mid-month Progress Report was submitted. Owing to Christmas holidays, only eight working days were available during second half of the month.

(b) ITALIAN

The following units have been disbanded in Rome Territorial Command during the month:

1 Battaglione Speciale Granatieri	-	ROME
250 Sezione Reparto Balmerie	-	AQUILA
1 Compagnia Controllo Traffico	-	ANZI (Prosinone)
7 " "	-	ROME
Reparto Italiano compl. Scuola Polizia Militare	-	ROME
Distaccamento Italiano Scuola Polizia Militare	-	ROME

The following units have been formed:

881 Compagnia Genio	-	FESCARA
Compagnia Speciale Granatieri	-	ROME

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- 1 Compagnia Controllo Traffico - ANZS (Provinciale)
- 7 " " - ROME
- Reparto Italiano compl. Scuola Polizia Militare - ROME
- Distaccamento Italiano Scuola Polizia Militare - ROME

The following units have been formed:

- 884 Compagnia Genio - PESCARA
- Compagnia Speciale Granatieri - ROME
- 846 Reparto Italiano per Scuola Polizia Militare - ROME

II. G Points

Training

1. T.T.C. ORVINDO. Repair work etc., will be completed by the end of January. 802 Reorganization Centre Col. GATTA, present C.O. of the new T.T.C. ORVINDO has been appointed C.O. of the new T.T.C.
2. The trg of 8 I.S. Regt, located at ROME, VITERBO and AQUILA, is continuing satisfactorily. Owing to large number of recruits, trg is of necessity in elementary stages and consists mainly of drill, P.F., and M.C. Equipment situation is satisfactory.

Intelligence

Police patrols within Rome Terr. Command have been

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increased and a closer check is being kept on the movements of all military personnel.

III A Points

Domestic

No DAA & QMG has yet arrived.

Clark 1080760 W/air Davis 7.3. (P.A. Fld) A/S Group 25 due for return to U.K. for discharge during next few days.

B.N. 3248732 Pte. Matheson G. (H.I.I.) A/S Group 25.

When posted to 8 B.I.U. was on a course. He has not yet reported. He is due for return to U.K. for discharge during next few days.

Return/Driver 6982977 Pte. Rustens C. (Inlinks) A/S Group 27. Not yet reported. Driving for Welfare Officer, Capt Geyple.

No personnel on leave or due for leave in the near future.

IV Q Points.

Domestic - Transport

Transport situation has improved. A vehicle is available daily from the W.M.I.A. pool. I now hope to spend more time visiting the various units in the Command.

No accommodation problems.

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W. Frank
Major
C.S.O. II.

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SUBJECT: Fortnightly Report - As at 15 Dec, 45.

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8 British Indian Units,
ROMA.
8/8/17.

Dec 45.

8/10/8 To: R.O. M.M.L.

Reference your letter of 7 Dec, 45, herewith fortnightly report as at 15 Dec 45.

1. The first part of the month has been devoted to visiting various units in the Territorial Command.
- On the whole the accommodation situation in the Command is not yet satisfactory, in many of the barracks, at present occupied, are badly looking and in need of repair. Naturally, this has had an adverse effect on the morale of both officers and men living under these conditions.
- In the case of the 8th Inf. Regt, at VIMERO, this has been particularly marked. In order to improve the situation, one bn of the Regt has now been moved to AQUILA, where a very good barracks has been found for them.

In the near future, the Regt H.Q. and the N.S. Coy will be moving to the Regina Margherita Barracks in ROMA. The remaining bn will occupy the barracks in VIMERO as soon as the repair work, at present in progress, is completed. This should greatly improve the accommodation of this Regt.

2. The Democracy Course being held in the Regina Margherita Barracks is causing a great deal of interest both at the Ministry of War and the Territorial Command.

During a recent visit, I noted that the standard of officer and men being shown by both instructors and students.

Free speech and frank discussion are encouraged and political issues are avoided.

It is quite clear that the Ministry of War are very keen on this new project.

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In the whole the accommodation situation in the Command is not yet satisfactory, an many of the barracks, at present occupied, are badly lacking in essential repairs. Naturally, this has had an adverse effect on the morale of both officers and men living under these conditions.

In the case of the 8th Inf. Regt, at VIMERO, this has been particularly noted. In order to improve the situation, one bn of the Regt has now been moved to AQUILA, where a very good barracks has been found for them.

In the near future, the Regt H.Q. and the H.Q. Coy will be moving to the Regia Margarita Barracks in ROMA. The remaining bn will occupy the LA ROMA barracks in VIMERO as soon as the repair work, at present in progress, is completed. This should greatly improve the accommodation of this Regt.

2. The Democracy Course being held in the Regia Margarita Barracks is causing a great deal of interest both at the Ministry of War and the Territorial Command.

During a recent visit, I noted that the standard of officer and O.A. attending this course is quite high and great interest and enthusiasm was being shown by both instructors and students.

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There is still a serious deficiency of essential clothing and much of that being supplied is in a very poor state, coming from old stocks and recoveries. Naturally, as a result of this, any question of uniformity of dress within units is extremely difficult, although some effort is being made to issue to units, as far as possible, clothing and equipment of a similar pattern.

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