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Intelligence Security

Jan. 30, 1945 - Nov. 4, 1945

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Subject:- Subversive Propaganda.

SECRET.

56 HLU.
16 G.

4 Nov 45.

Hq 2 District (GSI (b)).

Reference GSI/2211/18 dated 11 October 1945.

1. The paragraph referred to in the report of IS Section Infantry Division, MANROVA appears to have been put in merely as padding. The ISO states that he was referring to the incident which was mentioned in his report No 2 Part 2 Para 1(b) which was forwarded under our 16 G dated 13 Sept 45. Comments by 56 HLU on that report were forwarded to you in our 16 G dated 15 Sept 45.

2. The ISO has been instructed to be more definite and avoid vague generalisations in future reports.

CMF
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Lt-Col.
CS.

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Also 153A-157A-160A-162A-151A

MESSAGE FORM

HQ 56 HLU.

info:- HQ Inf Div. MANTOVA.

MANTOVA F.S.S.
No 03/S/070.

2 Nov 45.

Reference your 16 G dated 19 and 27 Oct 45.

- (a) The report on attempts to influence the military by means of subversive propaganda refers to the notices issued to 155 Arty Regt in PIACENZA.
- (b) We will do our best to send you more definite reports in the future and to avoid vague generalisation, showing for example, names of newspapers when press is referred.
- (c) It is asked that the undersigned is put in contact through 56 HLU with O.C.s Allied Police in GENOA and SAVONA to discuss the subjects concerning security of the area.

(SGD) ARGENTIERI Capt.

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See 151A - 156A - 153A - 163A
Ref. 509.

Subject:- PASSWORDS.

Infantry Division, MANTOVA.
No 01/6025.

30 Oct 45.

Info:- 56 ELU.

Attached herewith list of PASSWORDS for onward transmission to all units under command - W.E.F. 1800hrs. 1st Nov to 1800hrs. 1st Dec. 45, to be used for all guard duties inside billets, and all guards found in GENOA Garrison Area.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(SGD) A. Gualano. Lt-Col.
Chief of Staff.

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PI/RF.

SEGRETO
URGENTISSIMO

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.N. - Sezione OP. I.F.

N. 01/6025 di prot.

Vareze, 30 ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: Formule di riconoscimento.-

Al Comando 76° rgt. ftr.
VI/155° rgt. art.
104° btg. genio
104° rep. tr. rif.
104° parco mob. A. G. a.
Officina mobile
CC. RR.
I. S. S.
99° Sez. CC. RR.
151 Sez. CC. RR.
Quartier generale
501° osp. da campo
520° osp. att. aus.
216 Nucleo chirurg.
313° sq. panett.
Pl. teler. per Cdo Div.
Rep. ital. compl. 56 RLU
Autodirappello Q. G.
3° reparto trasporti

e, per conoscenza:

Al Comando 56° B. I. U.
All'Ufficio Servizi

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Si trasmette la tabella delle formule di riconoscimento per la successiva dinamazione a tutti i cdi dipendenti - in vigore dalle ore 18 del giorno 1° Novembre alle ore 18 del 1° Dicembre 1945 - valevole per tutti i servizi di guardia nell'interno degli accantonamenti e per tutte le guardie che prestano servizio nei limiti del Presidio di Genova.

Accusare ricevuta.

d'ordine

Il capo ufficio capo di S.N.

11/1938 rgt. art.
 104° btg. genio
 104° rep. tr. rif.
 104° parco mob. A. G.
 Officina mobile
 CC. RR.
 F. S. S.
 99° Sez. CC. RR.
 151 Sez. CC. RR.
 Quartier generale
 501° osp. da campo
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 All'Ufficio Servizi

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Accusare ricevuta.

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 IL TEN. COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
 (A. Gualano)



81 OCT 1945

SEGRETO

Allegato al f. n. 01/6025 del 30/10/1945
del Comando Divisione Fanteria "Mantova"

TABELLA DELLE FORMULE DI RICONOSCIMENTO VALEVOLE DALLE ORE
18 DEL 10/11/45 ALLE ORE 18 DEL 10/12/1945

dalle ore 18 del	Alle ore 18 del	PAROLA <i>Pass word</i>	CONTROPAROLA <i>Counter Line</i>
1/11/1945	2/11/1945	TORINO	TERISA
2	3	MILANO	MICHELE
3	4	ROMA	ROMEO
4	5	VERONA	VIRGINIA
5	6	FIUME	FEDERICO
6	7	SONDRIO	SALVATORE
7	8	EMPOLI	EMILIO
8	9	BENEVENTO	BETTIN
9	10	FIRENZE	FRANCO
10	11	CATANIA	CIRIACO
11	12	GENOVA	GERMA
12	13	CREMA	CARLA
13	14	BOLOGNA	BEATRICE
14	15	MESSINA	MARIA
15	16	SIRACUSA	SANTINA
16	17	AMERICA	AGNESE
17	18	CUNEO	COLOMBO
18	19	LIVORNO	LUIGI
19	20	PARMA	PIERINA
20	21	VENEZIA	VINCENZO
21	22	POLA	PAOLA
22	23	TRIESTE	TERENZIO
23	24	PISA	PSQUALE
24	25	NAPOLI	NINA
25	26	DOLDOSSOLA	DORIGO
26	27	COLO	CATERINA
27	28	IESI	IDA
28	29	OTRANTO	OSVALDO
29	30	ANCONA	ADALGISA
30/11/1945	1/12/1945	EMPOLI	ERLANO

10-DEL	10-DEL	Pass Word	Countdown
1/11/1945	2/11/1945	TORINO MILANO ROMA VERONA FIUME SONDRIO EMPOLI BENEVENTO PIRENZE CATANIA GENOVA CREMA BOLOGNA MESSINA SIRACUSA AMERICA CUNEO LIVORNO PARMA VENEZIA POLA TRIESTE PISA NAPOLI DOLODESSOLA COLO IESI OTRANTO ANCONA EMPOLI	TERESA NICHIE ROMEO VIRGINIA FEDERICO SALVATORE ERILIO BERTIN FRANCO CIRIACO GENIA CARLA BEATRICE MARIA SANTINA ACRESE COLOLBO LULGI PIERINA VINCENZO PAOLA TERENZIO ESQUARE NINA DORIGO CATERINA IDA OSVALDO ADALGISA ERMANNO
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1/12/1945		



SEGRETO

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "LANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op.e Inf.

n. 01/5936 di prot.

Varazze, 23 ottobre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.-

Al cdo 76° ftr.
VI/155° art.
104° btg.genio
104° rep. trasp.
104° parco A.G.A.
Officina mobile
CC.RR.
F.S.S.
99° sez. CC.RR.
151° sez. CC.RR.

al cdo quartier generale
501° osp. campo
520° osp.att.aus.
216° nucleo chirurg.
313° squadra panett.
pl.teler. per Cdo Gr.
rep.ital.compl.56 BLU
autodrappello A.G.
3° rep. trasporti

e, parvoconoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.I.N.
All'Ufficio Servizi

Si trasmette la tabella delle formule di riconoscimento - per la successiva diramazione a tutti i comandi dipendenti - in vigore dalle ore 17 del 29 ottobre 1945 alle ore 17 del 5 novembre 1945 - valevole per tutti i servizi di guardia nell'interno degli accantonamenti.

Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia o mandati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti addizionali hanno dirette disposizioni.

Delle ore 17 del	Alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTRAPAROLA
29/10/1945	30/10/1945	FIRENZE	FRANCO
30	31	VERONA	WALTER
31	1/11/1945	TORINO	TILMANIO
1/11/1945	2	PADOVA	PAOLO
2	3	ADRIA	ANTONIO
3	4	MACERATA	MARCELLO
4	5	TIVOLI	EMILIO
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ACCUSARE RICEVUTA

Al cdo 76° ftr.
 VI/155° art.
 104° btg.genio
 104° rep. trasp.
 104° parco A.G.A.
 Officina mobile
 CC.RR.
 F.S.S.
 99° sez. CC.RR.
 151° sez. CC.RR.

al cdo quartier generale
 501° osp. campo
 520° esp.att.aus.
 216° nucleo chirur.
 313° squadra panett.
 pl.teler. per Cio Cr.
 rep.ital.compl.56 BLU
 autodrappello 0.5.
 3° rep. trasporti

e, per conoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.L.U.
 All'Ufficio Servizi

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Dalle ore 17 del	Alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTRO PAROLA
29/10/1945	30/10/1945	FIRENZE	FILAGO
30	31	VERONA	WALCEN
31	1/11/1945	TORINO	TINERIO
1/11/1945	2	PADOVA	PIGIO
2	3	ADRIA	ANTONIO
3	4	MACERATA	MARCELLO
4	5	TIVOLI	TORINO

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA



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 AL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.
 (A. Gualano)

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SEGRETO

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

n. 01/5813 di prot.

VARAZZE - 17 ottobre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.

Al cdo 76° ftr.

VI/155° art.

104° btg.genio

104° rep.trasp.

104° parco A.G.A.

officina mobile

CC.RR.

F.S.S.

99° sez.CC.RR.

151° sez.CC.RR.

Al cdo quartier generale

501° osp.campo

520° osp.att.sus.

216° nucleo chir.

318° sq.panett.

pl.teler.per Cdo Gr.

rep.ital.compl.56 IU

autodreppello C.G.

3° rep.trasporti

e, per conoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.L.U.
all'ufficio servizi

Si trasmette la tabella delle formule di riconoscimento --
per la successiva diramazione a tutti i comandi dipendenti --
in vigore dalle ore 17 del 22 ottobre 1945 alle ore 17 del 29
ottobre 1945 - valevole per tutti i servizi di guardia nell'in-
terno degli accantonamenti.

Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia coman-
dati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti adibitivi
hanno dirette disposizioni.

dalle ore 17 del	alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
22/10/1945	23/10/1945	FAENZA	FAUSTO
23	24	VITERBO	VERANELO
24	25	FABRIANO	FILIPPO
25	26	POTENZA	PATRIZIO
26	27	LECCE	LEONE
27	28	CASALE	CAMILLO
28	29	RAVENNA	REMICIO

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.



d'ordine

IL TEN. COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

(A. Gualano)

18 OCT 1945

Subject:- REPORT No. 4 MANTOVA FS SECTION.

SECRET.

56 BLU.
16 G.

Infantry Division, MANTOVA. (FSO)

19 Oct 45.

1. Reference 03/8/055 dated 30 Sept 45, Part 2 Para 1(b) refers to "attempts to influence the military by means of subversive propaganda".
2. It is requested that this [] be informed of the nature of these attempts and of particulars of the persons or organisations making them.
3. It should be noted that these reports must be as definite as possible, vague generalisations are of little value to higher formations. For example where the press is referred to the actual names of the papers concerned should be given.

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Lt-Col.
for GS,

Also 156A - 160A - 162A - 153A - 163A

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SEGRETO

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

n. 01/5681 di prot.

Varrazze, 10 ottobre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.-

Al cdo VI/155° art.

Al cdo 76° ftr.

104° btg. genio

104° rep. trasp.

104° parco A.G.A.

Officina Mobile

CC.RR.

99° sezione CC.RR.

151° sezione CC.RR.

Al cdo 3° reparto trasporti

Al cdo quartier generale

501° osp. da campo

520° osp. att. aus.

216° nucleo chirurgico

318° squadra panettieri

pl. teler. per Cdo Gr.

rep. ital. compl. 56 BLU

autodrápello del Q.G.

Alla Sezione F.S.S. e, per conoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.L.U.

All'Ufficio Servizi

Si trasmette la tabella delle formule di riconoscimento - per la successiva diremazione a tutti i comandi dipendenti - in vigore dalle ore 17 del 15 ottobre 1945 alle ore 17 del 22 ottobre 1945 - valevole per tutti i servizi di guardia nell'interno degli accantonamenti.

Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia comandati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti edittivi hanno dirette disposizioni.

dalle ore 17 del	alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
15/10/1945	16/10/1945	LODI	LUCIANO
16	17	IVREA	ILARIO 140
17	18	TORTONA	TOMMASO
18	19	FIDENZA	FRANCO
19	20	ADRIA	ATTILIO
20	21	CHIVASSO	CARLO
21	22	ENNA	ERMANNO

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.-



d'ordine
IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.
(A. Guaziano)

10 OCT 1945

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

n. 01/5547 di prot.

Varazze, 4 ottobre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.-

Al cdo	76° ftr.	Al cdo	quartier generale
	104° btg. genio		501° osp. ca campo
	104° rep. trasp.		520° osp. att. aus.
	104° parco A.G.A.		216° nucleo enir.
	Officina Mobile		318° squadra panett.
	CC.RR.		pl. teler. per Cdo Gr.
	Sezione F.S.S.		rep. ital. compl. 56 BLU
	93° sezione CC.RR.		autodreppello del C.G.
	151° sezione CC.RR.		

c. per conoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.L.U.
All'Ufficio Servizi

Si trasmette la tabella delle formule di riconoscimento per le successive diremazione a tutti i comandi dipendenti - in vigore dalle ore 17 dell'8 ottobre 1945 alle ore 17 del 15 ottobre 1945 - valevole per tutti i servizi di guardia nell'interno degli accantonamenti.

Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia co mandati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti edibitivi hanno dirette disposizioni.

dalle ore 17 del	alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
8/10/1945	9/10/1945	COMO	CARLO
9	10	VARESE	VITTORIO
10	11	PADOVA	PAOLO
11	12	REGGIO	RENATO
12	13	MACERATA	MARCELLO
13	14	ANCONA	ANGELO
14	15	NAPOLI	NESTORE

Al cdo 76° ftr.
 104° btg. genio
 104° rep. trasp.
 104° parco A.G.A.
 Officina Mobile
 CC.RR.
 Sezione F.S.S.
 99° sezione CC.RR.
 151° sezione CC.RR.

Al cdo quartier generale
 501° osp. da campo
 520° osp. att.aus.
 216° nucleo chir.
 318° squadra panett.
 pl.tel. per Cdo Gr.
 rep.ital.compl.56 BLU
 autodraappello del Q.G.

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Al Comando 56 B.I.U.
 All'Ufficio Servizi

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9	10	VARESE	VITTORIO
10	11	PADOVA	PAOLO
11	12	REGGIO	RENATO
12	13	MACERATA	MARCELLO
13	14	ANCONA	ANGELO
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ACCUSARE RICEVUTA



d'ordine
 IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.
 (A. Gualino)

15 OCT 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT NO. 7 MANTOVA FS SECTION
KOLDOFS SA VAOLNTH 7 ON TROPER

05/8/055

PERIOD - 16 - 30 SEP

30 Sep 45

PART 1

GENERAL SITUATION

The most important points regarding military security are those concerning the morale of officers and men which is not, for various reasons, at a very high level. (see Part 2 (b))

Regarding civil security the area continues to be thickly infested by armed bands who are committing thefts and holdups.

The action of the Carabinieri and the Police Forces, although some results have been attained, continues to be appear to be insufficient.

One has the feeling that armed organisations with a political end in view are operating in this area. These are difficult to locate.

This section is in direct co-operation with AMG at SAVONA and is following up this question.

Part 2.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

(a) Security of information - nil.

(b) Security of Personnel.

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Attempts to influence the military by means of subversive propaganda. On different occasions attempts have been made to arouse hostile feeling between the men and their officers, also attempts to make the army appear like a political organisation and incitement to desertion. Although nothing has confirmed that these attempts have influenced the greater part of the soldiers, it is suggested to institute lectures at all the units with a view of clarifying the actual formation and function of the army, its position with regard to politics and the difficulty in the way of a rapid demobilisation.

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MILITARY SECURITY.

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See 156A. + 157A - 160A - 162A - 163 - 168A

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It is also asked, that for this matter, action should be taken in order to demonstrate that the freedom of the press, even in difficult moments like this, should be cherished as one of the most sacred of those things gained by great sacrifice and loss of blood, and furthermore reasonable arguments should be fought by arguments equally sound, if there are any, and not based on matters of little importance.

Other questions concerning the morale of the soldiers include the inadequate pay, the decrease in the cigarette and coffee ration which add to the causes which tend to keep the morale of the officers and men down.

(c) Security of Equipment.

Shortage of personnel has not permitted a visit during the last fortnight of the guards provided by the dependent units. It is thought that these duties are efficient.

CIVIL SECURITY.

2. Political situation in the area under consideration.

VARAZZE.

The mayor avvocato Camogli, christian democrat, is well thought of by the people and by the CLN of whom he was a member. Much interest has been caused by the news of the capture of the band that was working in the area and that, following as it did, the recovery of large quantities of arms.

SASSELLO.

Following the quarrel between the mayor BRIGANTE and the President of the CLN, CICHETTI (communist) the CLN has been disbanded and another has been formed which has not been confirmed by the Provincial CLN. The mayor is liked by the people and is virtually master of the situation.

STELLA S. GIOVANNI. The representative of the Communist Party, PIETROLUNGO, president of the CLN has been expelled from the party and from the committee for committing irregularities and abusing his position. Posters have been put up asking for the clearing up of the administration of the municipality, but up to now no denunciations have been made. The food situation has been made difficult by the fact that essential food stuffs have not been amassed, and the authorities are not in a position to force the producers to do so.

PONTINVERA.
MOGLIA.
GIUSVALLA.

In communes with a population which is chiefly agrarian and where the local administration works normally, there are no marked difficulties in the food situation. The CLN is formed of members who are of various political parties but do not belong to them. On the other hand at GIUSVALLA the only party in existence is the christian democrats with 25 members.

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POLICE FORCE.

Although in this last period the Carabinieri of the SAVONA station have showed a certain activity, it is maintained that they still lack a great deal to become an effective protection of public order.

Meanwhile the thefts and hold-ups continue and the population of all classes feels that they are helpless even if the fault is only partly that of the Carabinieri.

From reliable sources it is informed that the OC of the station, Major DI VECCHI, has not got the respect of his men.

POLICE.

The same, if not worse, is the situation of the REGIA QUESTURA. Within its organization there are, other those incompetent, elements that work on behalf of criminal organizations.

The Chief of the Questura whilst decrying the great difficulties that hinder his work, admits this and on the other hand this section has discovered that even stamps of the Questura have recently been used for criminal purposes.

PARTISANS.

Following the capture of the band at PIAN D'INVERA, amongst whom were several ex-partisans of the LINGO Div, arms and ammunition of various sorts have been recovered, (hidden by the OC EMILIO VECCHI Brigade). Ten VANINI is pointed out as being responsible for this. (See Report No. 1. para 5)

It also appears that in the area of PONTIVREA - NOGLIA, a unit of the GARIBOLDI Brigade SAMBOLINO, commanded by a certain "BOI" (REVELLO Mario di Filippo), has committed acts of violence.

At CORONA (Stella) 2 cases of ammunition were hidden on orders of "ER" (Piccone Dario) after the liberation of the area.

Captain Argentieri.

OC MANTOVA FSS. 136

Subject:- PASSWORDSSECRET.HQ Combat Group, MANTOVA.
No 01/5421

27 Sept 45.

To:- HQ 76 Inf Regt.
: 104 Eng Bn.
: 104 S & T Coy.
: 104 OFF.
: Workshops.
: Carabinieri.
: PSS.
: 99 Pro, Sect.
: 151 : :

HQ Div. HQ Coy.
: 501 Field Hosp.
: 520 Aux. Hosp.
: 216 Surgical Unit.
: Div, Signal Platoon.
: Ital. Incr. for 56 BLU.

For Inf:- HQ 56 BLU.
Services Office.

Herewith are the passwords, with effect from 1700 Hrs. of 11th Oct 45 to 1700 Hrs. 8th Oct 45, for guards inside billets. These passwords are not to be used for guards on behalf of the allies, as, units concerned have been provided with special instructions for these guards.

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1/10/1945	2/10/1945	TERAMO	TEODORO
2	3	MANTOVA	MICHELE
3	4	PISTOIA	PIO
4	5	ASTI	ANACLETO
5	6	ENNA	ENRICO
6	7	VITERBO	VINCENZO
7	8	CASERTA	CAMILLO

Chief of Staff 7135
A. Gualano.

Ref 164 A - 509.

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REPORT NO. 3. MANOVA PS SECTION

103/3/045

17 Sep 45

PERIOD COVERED - 1 - 15 SEP 45

AREA UNDER REVIEW - VARAZZE
 CELLE LIGURE
 ALBISOLA
 SASSULO
 NORTONDA

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PART 2.1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Nothing to report.

(b) Security of Personnel.

It is too early as yet to express any opinion on the reinforcements that arrived on the 13 Sep 45.

(c) Security of Equipment.

At present we believe that the security of materials and permanent installations is sufficiently guaranteed by the guard duties that are being carried out.

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2. CIVIL SECURITY.

VARAZZE

Several military and government officials attended the launch of a minesweeper at the Baglietto works on 2 Sep 45.

The municipal disturbances which appeared to be settled with the election of Mr EMILIO Cristoforo, accountant, as mayor were reopened by the higher authorities refusing to ratify the election on the grounds that EMILIO had been employed by the municipality during the fascist republic.

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At the conference on 12 Sep, the committee of National Liberation, after some difficulty was unanimous on proposing Mr GIANLUIGI Franceschi, a Christian Democrat, as candidate.

SASSUOLO.

The tension which existed between the mayor and the local committee of National Liberation has been settled after delegates of the Provincial Committee arrived and changed some of the members. The mayor is favourably looked upon by the entire population.

ALBAUSOLA.

A section of the A.N.P.I. (National Association of the Italian Partisans) and a sub-section for the relief of ex POW and internees have been formed. As these were formed owing to grave local necessities, there is no reason to suspect that there is any particular move behind their formation.

VAL BERNIDA - PLANI D'INVERA.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

Press.

The local press deals with the problem of wages, cost of living, accumulation of food and with the resumption of work and normal order. Political parties curtail their agitations within the limits of normal political discussions.

Police.

Nothing to add to that reported in Report No. 2.

Partisans.

On information from this FS Section and from the Provincial Communist Federation, the Quasera of SAVONA has held in custody Partisans GASPARE, Paolo, "MIGUEL" ex-chief of a Patriot MV which operated in the area. Investigations are being carried out for suspected black market traffic.

Capitano C. Argentieri

Commanding FS Section SAVONA

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

n. 01/5303 di prot.

P.M. 104 - 20 settembre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.

Al cdo 76° ftr.

104° btg.genio

104° rep.trasp. e rif.

104° parco mob. A.G.A.

Officina Mobile

CC.RR.

Sezione F.S.S.

99° sez. CC.RR.

151° sez. CC.RR.

Al cdo quartier generale

501° osp. campo

520° osp.att.aus.

216° nucleo chir.

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Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia comandati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti adibitivi hanno dirette disposizioni.

dalle ore 17 del	alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
24/9/1945	25/9/1945	ANCONA	ANTONIO
25	26	FIRENZE	FERRUCCIO
26	27	MILANO	MARIO
27	28	VARESE	VINCENZO
28	29	COMO	CARLO
29	30	BARI	IRUNO
30/9/1945	1/10/1945	SIENA	SERGIO

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.

d'ordine

IL TEN. COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

(A. Galano)



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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
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18	19	PIUME	FERNANDO
19	20	MANTOVA	MARIO
20	21	TORINO	TOLOMEO
21	22	BERGAMO	BRUNO
22	23	GENOVA	GIACOMO
23	24	LIVORNO	LUIGI

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.



d'ordine
TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.
(A. Guelfano)

A. Guelfano

15 SEP 1945
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Subject :- FS Section MANITOVA - Report.

SECRET

56 JUL
16 G

15 Sep 45

GSI (b),
HQ, 2 District.

Copies to :- HQ 60 Sub Area.
85 Port Security Section.

Reference this office 16 G of 15 Sep 45.

1. Herewith further comments on MANITOVA FSS report for 15 - 31 Aug 45.

Part 2 - para 1(a).

This criticism is unfounded, as the tps were put at 4 hrs readiness as part of an exercise, and therefore it was in order for them to carry arms.

Part 2 - para 1(b).

Most of the contents of this para are hearsay and inaccurate. The FS Section sent an NCO to investigate about 7 days after the alleged distribution of leaflets, and this NCO was only able to ascertain that one soldier actually brought a leaflet in the barracks. This ~~soldier~~ showed it to his officer, who took charge of it. The FSS NCO has not actually seen a copy of the leaflets.

The FSS now consider the matter of little importance.

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See 142A

Subject :- FS Section MANTOVA - Report

56 ELM
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13 Sep 45

CSI (B),
HQ. 2 Districts

Copies to :- 60 Sub Area (Ref 509/G of 6 Aug 45)
85 Port Security Section.

1. Herewith progress report by FS Section, MANTOVA Group for period 15 Aug - 31 Aug 45.
2. Ref Part 2, para 1 (c), HQ MANTOVA are taking action to rectify this.

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S.I.R. No. 2 "MANTOVA" YES,

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PERIOD UNDER CONSIDERATION

15 AUG - 31 AUG

PERSONNEL INVOLVED

STELLA S. GIOVANNI
 ALBISTIA OMO
 ALBISTIA MARTIA
 VARAZZE
 CESAR LAGUPE

PART 1

GENERAL

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From the civil security point of view it is noted that while in the small rivers towns the discontent regarding the food situation (increased by the many holiday makers) is increased and there is still agitation regarding the clearing up of fascists, in the towns of the interior these problems do not assume notable proportions. However armed persons have often been reported in the area of ELLENIA. In general the police force (SI 20) does not show much action, provoking criticism on the part of the people and allowing these crimes to continue.

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(b) Security of Personnel.

At PIACENZA certain civilians there have distributed to the soldiers of the 155 Army Reg, typed written leaflets, signed by a "group of soldiers", asking the soldiers to demand, as the military of POMI have done, the right to vote, equality of treatment as officers, the expulsion of monarchists and fascist officers and the release of the old military classes. The leaflets brought into the barracks were quickly withdrawn by the officers who talked to the troops, pointing out the error of these publications. At SAVENA and VARAZZE the civil authorities have displayed notices saluting the men of "MANTOVA".

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(c) Security of Material.

The guard duties leave much to be desired and are being carried out sloppily. Frequent inspections are being made. During the "alarms" on 30 Aug, the inspection carried out of the road blocks and guards gave the impression that the soldiers were not well informed in the duties they had to carry out.

2. CIVIL SECURITY.COMMUNE OF STAVIA S. GIOVANNI.

The socialist, liberal, communist and christian democrat parties are working there. The situation seems quite calm although it is certain that a large number of arms are hidden in the area although the local partisans say they have hidden in their arms to SAVONA and VARAZZE. At STAVIA, after the liberation, the CC NR did not find the arms as informed, state that they are being hidden by the GEM (then in charge) and by a certain PIERRE Dario, ex-commandant of the partisan police. Only in this area, where there was a section of partisan police, now dissolved, there is a feeling of dislike against the CC NR of the STAVIA station.

COMMUNE OF ALBISOLA SUPERIORE.

The CC NR distinguish themselves by their inactivity. At ALLERA an armed band of about 4 persons has up till now committed three robberies, the last of these a few days ago. The CC NR have not even been to the place to carry out investigations. The NCO 4/e station has stated that he will take action only when there is a quarrel. The president of the GEM has asked the authorities for permission to form a civilian police force for defence against these armed bands or else have a military force there. In this locality the communist party predominates. In the GEM there are many non-political. At ALLERA the communist party has formed the "GEM" and the Farmers Committee without permission of the GEM.

COMMUNE OF ALBISOLA MARINA.

Liberal, communist, socialist and christian democrat parties have been formed. The food situation is the same as that of other seaside resorts.

COMMUNE OF VARAZZE.

The MACLORETO trial has aroused interest but has caused incidents at SAVONA where citizens of VARAZZE and workers of I.I.V.A. of SAVONA have struck lawyers for the defence, witnesses and "bought" sympathizers. The crisis in the commune, started on the 12 Aug, was brought to an end on the 25th with the election of NEMILIO Cristoforo (accountant) who is a non-political. Unknown persons have stuck up posters against the mayor, the GEM and several members of the civil population.

COMMUNE OF OLLA LIGURE.

The socialist, liberal, communist and christian separat parties are working there. The situation seems quite calm although it is certain that a large number of arms are hidden in the area although the local partisans say they have handed in their arms to SAVONA and VARAZZE. At CUNEO, after the liberation, the CC IR did not find the arms as informed, state that they are being hidden by the CLM (then in charge) and by a certain FIORINI David, ex-commandant of the partisan police. Only in this area, where there was a section of partisan police, now dissolved, there is a feeling of dislike against the CC IR of the SUSA station.

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CRIME OF CUNEO LIGURE.

The situation is stationary, the gradual decrease in holiday makers is allowing the food position to return to normal.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

The local papers have followed with interest the trial of MARIANO BOROS, above all the "UNION" have given great importance to this, making several accusations. It is maintained that the activity of the press has contributed to the disorders which have occurred during the trial.

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POLICE FORCE.

Everywhere there is a feeling of defiance against the CG PR, the HQ at SAVONA and the stations at VARAZZE and ALBISOLA distinguish themselves by their lack of activity, initiative and have not the confidence of the local ARE.

PARTISANS.

The partisans of VARAZZE who have been mentioned in a previous FOS report are being investigated by this PS Section because it is understood that they are in league with the auxiliary police arrested at ALBISOLA. They are also in possession of arms and investigations are in progress. The partisans of the STELLA area have not hidden in their arms. It is believed that they are mostly in the area of CUREMA. It is believed that in the "house of the patriots" at ALBISOLA MARINA there are arms left by the partisans to be taken care of.

VARAZZE
5 Sep 45

(Sgt) Cap Giuseppe Argentieri.

Commanding PS Section

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BAGLIETTO TRIAL

1. A certain ERUZZONE LORENZO of VARAZZE (Corso Cristoforo) was asked by the wife of Sig VITTORIO BAGLIETTO to find as many friends as he possible could to attend the trial of her husband. Every friend present would receive a sum of money in addition to expenses.

2. It appears that often members of the BAGLIETTO family approach various persons with the same invitation.

A certain CIRONE GIOACCHINO of VARAZZE (Via Caminate Superiore) tried to obtain from amongst the workers at the ship building yard, statements in which the workers declared that they wished to see the BAGLIETTO's acquitted and set free. Other workers spontaneously intervened in favour of the BAGLIETTO's, some in order to obtain merits from the owners of the yard and others for spontaneous affection having worked for a long time in the BAGLIETTO yards.

3. The incident which occurred in the afternoon was caused by the workers of the I.L.V.A. and SCARPA-MAGNAGO firms called in support by the BAGLIETTO opponents during the morning because they were overwhelmed by the large number of BAGLIETTO supporters.

The scuffle started as a consequence of the demonstration which took place after that the Navy Captain ROSSI Aldo, ex 1922 black shirt, officer of the fascist military and well known fascist, had been called in evidence.

The following persons of VARAZZE, adversaries of BAGLIETTO were present at the incident :-

FERRANDO Antonio	vico SARRUTO 1-2
PARODI Antonio	via TORINO
CODINO Giuseppe	conceria ROCCA - S. NAZZARO
DAMIANO Paolo	via P. Alessandro REGENI
CARCIOFO Riccardo	vedi relazione 2
MIRGOVI Antonio	via S. BARTOLILLO
SOLARI Pasquale	via MOMBELLO 10
CHERZI	

The workers of the I.L.V.A. were asked to come in support by a certain CARCIOFO and were accompanied by a certain HEVILACAVA of SAVONA.

PARODI and FERRANDO pointed out to the crowd, the witnesses for the defence.

Amongst those present were Prof CERRUTI, local correspondent of the newspaper UNITA and a man called GIMY. (See report 2 - Part 2)

REPORT NO. 2.

On the 30 April 45, shortly after the liberation of VARAZZE, members of the "Assault Brigade EMILIO VECCHI" appeared in the area, declaring themselves partisan police.

They established an HQ in Via CESARE BATTISTI No. 4, and took charge of the fascist concentration camp in the Hotel Astoria.

Actually they became through violence, threats and slaughter, the masters of the town.

Through the abuse of their position, they took possession of money and things belonging to prisoners and to units, they extorted blackmail from other people and began to practise terrorism in the area by executing barbarously people who should have been tried, some perhaps were not guilty.

When the partisan police was disbanded by order of higher authority, a few members, certainly the worse types, remained in VARAZZE leading a costly life and threatening the people of VARAZZE who look upon them as a gang of criminals. None of the said members have worked since April and nobody knows what they are doing now.

In the Hotel ITALIA, they requisitioned an apartment of 4 rooms (Nos 1,4, 5,6 - 2nd floor) paying for the whole 200 lire per day. In the hotel windows have been broken and various things taken away and a debt of 16,000 lire has not yet been paid.

Through the statements of members of the above mentioned Group and through information received from reliable sources, it has been possible to obtain serious evidence against the past and present actions of said members.

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He repeatedly declared to the NCO's of this section and to the WO of the Carabinieri, to the Hotel manager ALEMANNI (Hotel Italia), to the commander of the communal guards, and to the doctor GHIGLIOTTO, chairman of the Committee of National Liberation that he was engaged in organizing a co-operation of motor transport and that he was expecting from PARRI, Prime Minister, the authority to start the business. On the 23rd Aug 45 he confirmed to the two WO's of the PSS that he had been in ALESSANDRIA in reference to the said co-operation and that the dealings were not yet completed.

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All the above should be connected with the doings of the partisan police, members of which were arrested some days ago in ALESSANDRIA.

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2. VANNI, not otherwise identified declares himself a partisan officer and works in an office of the Brigade. He is involved in the executions of the 1 May 45. He lives in the hotel ITALIA.

3. CARCIOTO Ricardo of VARAZZE, born in 1912 ? son of the Gate VIOLI Annita. The father was executed in America. He lives in the ITALIA hotel. Until Sep 43 he worked in the I.L.V.A. firm at SAVONA. He was seen in the town until April 45 and after that reappeared as a member of partisan police. He is one of the most dangerous types, has a violent and blood thirsty character and is believed to be the worst executioner of fascist persons.

The American police arrested him together with SCOPOLA after the execution of the 1 May, but later on he was set free.

He confirmed to an NCO of the FSS that MAFFI went to ALESSANDRIA in reference to the motor transport company.

In the incident at the RAGLIETTO trial he accompanied at the court the I.L.V.A. workers. (See Report 1, para 3)

4. SCOPOLA, not otherwise identified, of PERU. Formerly he belonged to the fascist formation X MAS. Later on he joined the partisan police. Also this man is a violent type and together with CARCIOTO, he is responsible for the execution of 1 May. He received from a certain ALMUSO the sum of 64,000 lire taken away from Lt CRIVELLARO of the fascist formation SAN MARCO. His wedding which took place a few weeks ago involved an expenditure of about 100,000 lire, a sum which a fascist family was forced to pay.

On the 26 Aug he bought for 140,000 lire a motor cycle van Gussi 500cc, from a certain NANDO of PERU.

5. (GIMY) who lives in the hotel ITALIA. He is involved in the RAGLIETTO incident. (See Report 1, para 3)

6. CAVALLERO not otherwise identified, who lives in the hotel ITALIA.

7. Miss VECCHI, sister of VECCHI Emilio. She left the hotel ITALIA a few days ago. It appears that she was the mistress of VANNI. At present she is not in VARAZZE.

8. UGO, not otherwise identified, lives in the hotel ITALIA.

9. ALMUSO a Calabrian worker as a barber in the village of PERU, at present he is staying in the Hotel ITALIA. He passed to SCOPOLA 64,000 lire for receipt taken away from Lt CRIVELLARO during the imprisonment of the latter in the ASTORIA hotel. An NCO of the FSS and the hotel manager ALEMANNI saw the receipt.

PART 2.

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4. SCOFFOLA, not otherwise identified, of PERU. Formerly he belonged to the fascist formation X MAS. Later on he joined the partisan police. Also this man is a violent type and together with CARCIOTO, he is responsible for the execution of 1 May. He received from a certain AMUSO the sum of 64,000 lire taken away from Lt CRIVELLARO of the fascist formation SAN MARCO. His wedding which took place a few weeks ago involved an expenditure of about 100,000 lire, a sum which a fascist family was forced to pay.

On the 26 Aug he bought for 140,000 lire a motor cycle van Gussi 500cc, from a certain MANDO of PERU.

5. (GIMBY) who lives in the hotel ITALIA. He is involved in the BAGLIETTO incident. (See Report 1, para 3)

6. CAVALLERO not otherwise identified, who lives in the hotel ITALIA.

7. Miss VECCHI, sister of VECCHI Emilio. She left the hotel ITALIA a few days ago. It appears that she was the mistress of VANNI. At present she is not in VARAZZE.

8. UGO, not otherwise identified, lives in the hotel ITALIA.

9. AMUSO a Calabrian worker as a barber in the village of PERU, at present he is staying in the Hotel ITALIA. He passed to SCOFFOLA 64,000 lire for a receipt taken away from Lt CRIVELLARO during the imprisonment of the latter in the ASTORIA hotel. An NCO of the FSS and the hotel manager ALEMANNI saw the receipt.

PART 2.

On the 30 April 45, Lt VANNI, CARCIOTO and SCOFFOLA called on the committee of National Liberation declaring that they had instructions from higher authorities to assume the command of the fascist concentration camp of the hotel ASTORIA, but they did not show written orders. The members of the CNL, having received orders that courts of people and summary executions were forbidden, opposed the request. Lt VANNI declared then that he would take over the responsibility for the treatment of the prisoners and accepted the proposal of going with Doctor GHIGLIOTTO, chairman of the CNL and a certain CIANNOCOLO to SAVONA in order to get the necessary orders. The above 3 persons left VARAZZE in the afternoon. During their absence, CARCIOTO and SCOFFOLA tried the prisoners, 9 of which were condemned to death.

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The 9 condemned, with hands and feet tied up, were shot by SCOFFOLA through the head with pistols midnight on 30 April 45. Most of those executed showed signs of torture.

After the execution, SCOFFOLA said to a person who was present, "I have killed 9 persons without earning a single watch.

Doctor GHIGLIOTTO, VANNI and CIANNOCOLO returned to VARAZZE the day after justifying the delay with the fact that the car broke down.

The Committee of National Liberation reported immediately the fact to the Allied HQ in GENOVA. SCOFFOLA and CARCIOFO were arrested, but for unknown reasons the committee forwarded a statement in which it was said that the execution was a result of a riot.

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MANTOVA FSS

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

01/5067 al prot.

P.M. 104 - 7 settembre 1945

Oggetto : Formule di riconoscimento.

Al cdo 76° ftr.
 104° btg.genio
 104° rep.trasp.
 104° parco A.G.A.
 Officina Mobile
 CC.RR.
 Sezione F.S.S.
 99° sez. CC.RR.
 151° sez. CC.RR.

Al cdo quartier generale
 501° osp. campo
 520° osp.att.aus.
 216° nucleo chir.
 318° sq.panettieri
 pl.telradio Cdo Gr.
 rep.ital.compl.56 BLU
 autodrappello del Q.G.

e, per conoscenza :

Al Comando 56 B.L.U.
 All'Ufficio Servizi

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Tale tabella non è valevole per i servizi di guardia comandati per conto degli alleati per i quali i reparti adibitivi hanno dirette disposizioni.

dalle ore 17 del	alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
10/9/1945	11/9/1945	POLA	PACLO
11	12	TRIESTE	TINERIO
12	13	TRENTO	TULLIO
13	14	ROMA	RODRIGO
14	15	ROVIGO	ROMEO 7121
15	16	SAVONA	SISTO
16	17	MODENA	MATTIA

ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.



d'ordine

TEN. COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M. a.p.s.

(A. Gualano)

- Magg. F. Formisano -

8 SEP 1945

SEGRETO

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n. 01/4967 di prot.

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dalle ore 17 del	Alle ore 17 del	PAROLA	CONTROPAROLA
3/9/1945	4/9/1945	BOLOGNA	BERNARDO
4	5	ZARA	ZACCARIA
5	6	FIRENZE	FRANCO
6	7	MANTOVA	MARIO
7	8	IMOLA	IGINO
8	9	LUCCA	LUIGI
9	10	GENOVA	GIOVANNI

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11 ago 1945

Subject :- Gruppi FSS.

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28 Aug 45.

GSI (b),
HQ, 2 District.

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In reply to your GSI/2202 of 23 Aug 45.

1. The composition of the Combat Group MANTOVA FSS is 1 officer and 6 ORs.
2. The MANTOVA FSS is at present employed in the area SASSELLO - VARAZZE - SAVONA - ALASSIO - CALIZZANO - MILLESTRO - DNEO with the following tasks :-
 - (a) To compile information regarding Partisans and other potential troublemakers.
 - (b) To obtain information regarding any Germans who may be in the area.
 - (c) To obtain information regarding unauthorised arms and ammunition in the area.

These tasks have been approved by HQ, 60 Sub Area.

3. Attached is a copy of MANTOVA FSS report for period 18 July - 15 Aug, copies of which are being sent to HQ, 60 Sub Area and 85 Port Security Section.

CMF
FHE/CO

Lt-Col.
CS.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. e Inf.

n. 01/4890 di prot.

P.M. 104 - 24 agosto 1945

Oggetto : formule di riconoscimento.-

Al Comando 76° rgt.ftr.
104° btg.genio
104° rep. tr. e rif.
104° parco mobile AGA
officina mobile Cdo Gruppo
CC.RR.

Alla Sezione F.S.S.

Al Comando 99° sezione CC.RR.

151° sezione CC.RR.

quartier generale

501° ospedale da campo

520° osp. att. aus.

216° nucleo chirurgico

318° squadra panettieri

Plotone telaradio Cdo Gruppo

rep.italiano compl.per 56 B.L.U.

autodraffello del Q.G.

e, per conoscenza :

Al Comando B.L.U. 56

All'Ufficio Servizi

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27/8/1945	28/8/1945	<i>Parola</i>	<i>Controparola</i>
28	29	ROMA	RENATO
29	30	MACERATA	MARCELLO
30	31	ANCONA	ANGELO
31/8/1945	1/9/1945	PADOVA	PAOLO
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		VARESE	VINCENZO

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Alla Sezione F.S.S.

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ACCUSARE RICEVUTA.-

d'ordine
IL TEN.COL. CAPO DI S.M.
(A. Gualano)

R. Gualano

CONFIDENTIALLIANOVA FS SECTION

No. 02/S/032

PERIOD COVERED 13 JULY - 15 AUG.

AREA UNDER REVIEW - VARAZZE - CIELE LIGURE

PART I

GENERAL.

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With reference to verbal agreement with G3 (I) 56 BLU, to facilitate the work, this territory has been sub-divided into smaller areas, for its study from a public security and political situation point of view, other areas will be studied later on. On the other hand from a military security point of view, the sphere of activities of this section will be wherever units of this Group may be.

Points of the utmost importance on the military security side are the efficiency of the guards in the discharge of their duties and the activities of certain political parties among the ranks.

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4. Police force, insufficient, inefficient, too careful and unpopular (particularly the CC RR) this in view of the lack of interest in the questions concerning the population.

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It is of basic importance :-

That commanding officers should impress whenever possible the necessity and significance of the want of political character in the army.

That the same commanding officers and in particular senior officers abstain from having too many contacts with obvious political elements and or associations, as this tends to create a very bad impression amongst the civilians with detrimental repercussions on the army itself.

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(c) Safeguard of material and installations. On more than one occasion guards supplied by units stationed in VARAZZE have been inspected. The general impression is that guard duties are carried with carelessness and should it be put to the test it would prove almost or altogether inadequate.

It is suggested that the attention of commanding officers be drawn with with a view to intensifying training, convincing and control.

2. PUBLIC SECURITY.

(c) VARAZZE

Of the six parties actually in existence in this zone (Republicans, Socialists, Liberals, Christian Democrats, Communist and Action parties) two predominate, namely, Christian Democrat and Communist. The latter mentioned with about 500 registered members, is indulging into an active propaganda together with the Socialist party. Recently, due to the arrival of a large number of holiday makers the food situation has deteriorated.

A manifestation organised by the women has created differences amongst the various parties of the CLN who have formed themselves into two groups, Socialist and communist on one hand, and the others on the other conflict in the local papers and also pamphlets. This has provoked the resignation of the Mayor, CERRUTI (DC) and of the committee.

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Poorly armed, it does not enjoy popularity.

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Hostile bills were stuck up by the Communist Party urging them to discharge their duties without any political prejudice. In addition hostile slogans appeared on the walls, this of course has diminished further their popularity.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

Purge
The incomplete execution, the food situation, weakness on the part of mayors and committees, inefficiency of the police force, the black market arising from the continued influx of holiday makers, provoke amongst the populations of VARAZZE and CELLE uneasiness which on increasing might might be used for political end. However, it is considered, there are no elements which might cause trouble.

The presence of units from this Group have been well received both from the local authorities as well as civilians and sympathy towards them is on an increasing trend.

When they first arrived, rumour had it that these troops had been sent prior to the coming elections. In all circles the presence of these troops gives them a sense of security and is well interpreted.

PARTISANS.

There are no Partisan units stationed in this zone under review. There was one unit at VARAZZE which was carrying out police duties, but it was subsequently disbanded by the AMG.

There is still the HQ of the Assault Brigade "E VECCHIA (ALINGO DIV)" with Cap MORO (MAFFI Bruno of SAMPIERARENA, Liet VANNI, Chief of Clearance office Partisans CARCIOLO and SCOPPOLA as well as two others. It appears that these individuals are awaiting sanction to constitute a government transport co-operative.

A portion of the arms have been surrendered but it is presumed that there is still a lot under concealment. It is not thought that these individuals have any political relations with other organizations.

At CELLE Lt ROSSO (LAIPO) supervises mine clearing. This type of work is carried out by the local fascists under orders from the CLN.

VARAZZE
15 Aug 45

Sgd ? ? ? ? ?
Commanding FS Section LAIPO

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HQ 60 Sub Area

CAF

Tel. 51001

509/1/G15 Aug 45SUBJECT:- Security56 HLU.

The attached extract from the fortnightly report of 85 Post Security Section is forwarded for your information and action.

Sgt ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

WJW/SEB

Major,
General Staff.EXTRACTItalian Armed Forces.

The behaviour of the troops of the MANTOVA DIV is extremely good: the men are well disciplined and take good care of the equipment in their possession. A number of self-styled communists, however, have written anonymously to the Committee of Liberation saying that many men of the Division have Fascist tendencies. Allegations are of Fascists songs in the barracks and Fascist badges under coat lapels. While such allegations are probably without foundation, it is a matter that might be referred to the IS Section operating with the Division.

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Aug 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

The above copy letter from 60 Sub Area is forwarded for information and necessary action.

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Lt-Col.
G.S.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.
Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Int.

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FM 104 9 Aug

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Subject :- Passwords.

FS Section.
Camp.
CC RR.
99 Section CC RR.
151 Section CC RR.
Signal Pl, Gp HQ.
Italian Incr to 56 BLU.
MT Dept, Camp.

Copy to :- Services Office.
56 BLU.

The following table of passwords is forwarded in use from 1700 hrs
13/8/45 to 1700 hrs 20/8/45

From 1700	To 1700	Password	Counterword.
13 Aug	14 Aug	PALERMO	PARENZO
14	15	PIUME	FERRUCCIO
15	16	PARI	MATTISTA
16	17	VERONA	VITTORIO
17	18	AQUILA	ANACLETO
18	19	CALTANISSETTA	CLAUDIO
19	20	LIVORNO	LEONE

Cap P. TOLOMEO
for Lt-Col, Chief of Staff
A Galano.

/cc

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Ref 1114 - 509.

SECRET

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Int.

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Hq 104 7 Aug 45

Subject :- Passwords

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Camp.

99 Section CC RR

151 Section CC RR

Signal Pl, Gp Hq.

Italian Incr, 56 BLU.

Copy to :- Services Office.
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The following table of passwords will be in force from 1700 hrs 7 Aug
to 1700 hrs 13 Aug.

1700 hrs	1700 hrs	Password	Counterword.
7 Aug	8 Aug	PADOVA	PIETRO
8	9	FERRARA	FERNANDO
9	10	BOLOGNA	BRUNO
10	11	CAGLIARI	CARLO
11	12	VICENZA	VALERIO
12	13	ANCONA	ANTONIO

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 Chief of Staff
A Gualano 7112

SUBJECT:- F.S. Section MANTOVA Group

HQ 60 Sub Area
CMF
Tel. 51001

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6 Aug 45

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Copy to: 85 Port Security Sec

Ref your 16G of 3 Aug 45.

1. The employment of the MANTOVA GRUPPO Field Security Section as authorised in your a/q letter, is agreed and it would be appreciated if you rendered a fortnightly progress report to this HQ copy to 85 Port Security Section.

WJW/SEB

[Signature]
Major,
General Staff.

7 AUG 1945

Subject :- IS Section MANTOVA Group.

SECRET

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60 Sub Area.

3 Aug 45

1. The MAN OVA Group Field Security Section consists of one Italian officer and six other ranks. The section is keen, and reasonably well trained.
2. The question of employment for the section in this area has been discussed with Capt Mac Mullen, PSO, 60 Sub Area, and also with Pallazzolo, Italian PSO, GENOA. As a result of these discussions the proposal is put forward that the section should be employed in the area SASSELLO - VARAZZE - SAVONA - ALASSIO - CALIZZANO - MILLESIMO - DEGO.

The following tasks are suggested :-

- (a) To compile information regarding Partisans and other potential trouble makers.
- (b) To obtain information regarding any Germans who may be in the area.
- (c) To obtain information regarding unauthorized arms and ammunition in the area.

3. The views of the Sub Area Comd on this proposal ^{and} requested
4. The HQU Liaison Officer for Intelligence and Security is Capt BARTOLO, Royal Malta Artillery.

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Lt-Col.
GS.
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N. 02/3/021

PERIOD :- 20 - 30 June 45.

AREA OF CONTROL - CESENA Ref 6007
CESENATICO 7213
CERVIA 6820

Map ITALY 1:50,000

PART 1

GENERAL.

Following an order from 1 District, the FSS of the MANTOVA Combat Group began duties in the area.

Agreement was made verbally with the OC 417 FSS about the area and the activities of the section.

From the point of view of Military Security, the strongest arguments are those regarding the reports between Italian and Allied troops and the position regarding Italian troops and German PW.

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2 850973
3 552868
4 469140
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Mobile Road Blocks. Daily organised in diverse localities by the Italian Military Police.

At the above listed road blocks, NCO of the section, carry out occasional spot checks of the identity of civilians carried on civil vehicles or belonging to Italian units.

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(b) Civil Population.

The morale is fairly good taking into consideration the poor condition of the area and the prospect of even worse conditions in the coming winter.

The relations with Allied troops are good even if not very cordial.

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(c) Rumours.

The current opinion, whether among Allied troops or among the civil population is that the German PW are too well treated and are allowed excessive liberty.

4. SITUATION OF THE SECTION.

(i) Nominal roll and location of personnel.

MAIN (Via Trento 4, CESENA)

Capt G. ARGENTIERI
S/M G. CELESTRI
Sgt L. SABELLI
Sgt C. CECCHI

Detachment 'A' (Piazza Comandini
CESENATICO)

S/M D. BAMB
S/M G. LUPTNACCI
Sgt A. RONSISVALLI
Sgt D. BIZZO

During the month of July an effort will be made to further train the section and to complete the WE with the three NOO's deficient.

(ii) Vehicle State.

The section actually has 1 x 3 ton
1 x 15 cwt
3 M/Cs.

These vehicles are only just sufficient for the carrying out of the work of the section but will not be sufficient when the section is complete. In addition these have been taken from units which are in a great shortage of transport. It would therefore be desirable for No. 1 District to intervene in the question to help the MANTOVA Combat Group and the FS Section.

CESENA

30 June 45

Signed ? ? ? ? ? Capt
Commanding FSS MANTOVA

Distribution :- HQ No. 1 District (Appx 'A' & 'B')

For Information :-

MANTOVA Combat Group.
56 BLU.
417 FSS.

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Subject :- SSM MANTOVA Group.

56 ELU
16 G

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

105A
16 June 45

1. Orders have been received from No. 1 District for SSM MANTOVA Group to work under the direction of 417 FSSection, RAVENNA.
2. Please instruct Capt ARBENTIERE to contact Capt J.H.F. ROBB GS (I), 56 ELU forthwith for instructions.

CMF
JHFH/oc

J.H.F. Robb Capt
Lt-Col.
GS.

101 A }
102 A } *refuse*

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Attachments for Italian Training (F.S.)

HQ/FS/1/6

To:- G.S.I.(b)
Main H.Q.,
8 Army,
C.M.F.

The following N.C.O.s are at present attached to 56 BLU for Italian Security Training purposes:-

5191288 - Cpl. PLANK J.C.
6898941 - Cpl. ROWE W.
288643 - Cpl. HEPBURN W.

The matter has been discussed with A.F.H.Q. and 15 Army Gp and it has been decided that these N.C.O.s may now be withdrawn.

It is therefore requested that instructions be issued by you to 56 BLU for the N.C.O.s concerned to be despatched direct to their units as follows:-

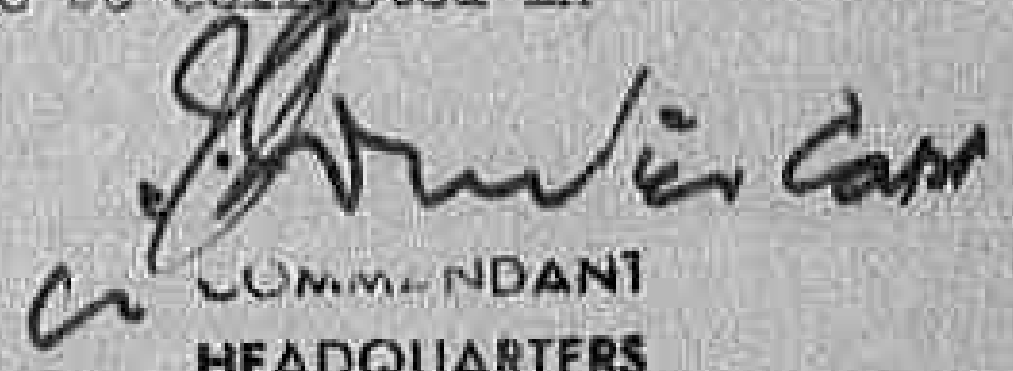
PLANK - 412 F. S. Sec., H.Q., 13 Corps.
ROWE - 12 F. S. Sec., JESI.

So far as HEPBURN is concerned, this H.Q. is advised that he was collected by his Section while it was in transit.

Each of the N.C.O.s concerned was provided with a motor cycle from this H.Q. and it is requested that you assist by having the machines brought into your H.Q. to be collected in the near future by this H.Q.

C.M.F.
11 May 45.

Copy to:- G-2(CI)B r., A.F.H.Q.
GSI(b), H.Q., 15 Army Gp.
GS, 56 BLU, CMF (Your 16G of 2 May refers) 
O.C. 421 F. S. Section, CMF
O.C. 412 F. S. Section, CMF
O.C. 12 F. S. Section, CMF


COMMANDANT
HEADQUARTERS
FIELD SECURITY

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Subject :- Security.

56 ELN
16 G

8 May 45

1. It is of particular importance that SECURITY REGULATIONS in this theatre should be strictly adhered to at the present time. Although the European War is actually over, operations in SEAC demand that strictest secrecy be observed, especially regarding troop movements and locations. In addition the drive against espionage is continuing with the utmost vigour.
2. NO INFORMATION as to locations and/or movements will be mentioned by individuals in personal correspondence.
3. "CARELESS TALK" is just as much a crime as ever it was.
4. Participation of personnel in military operations in this theatre will only be mentioned in correspondence as allowed by theatre GRO's.

In the Field.
JFH/cc

J. H. H. H.
Lt-Col. Capt.
CS.

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SUBJECT: Rear Army Security Control Line

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (NMLA)

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Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
ALL NMLA OUTSTATIONS AND LO's

The Rear Army Security Control Line now runs as follows :-

PORTO CORSINI - RAVENNA - FORLI - PONTASSIEVE -
FLORENCE - PRATO - PISTOLA - LUCCA - MASSAROSA -
VIAREGGIO.

The towns and villages on the roads forming this line are
exclusive to the Army Zone.

Major-General
NMLA

Internal: Interpreters Section

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SECRET

Subject :- Field Security Sections - Italian Combat Groups.

56 BLU
16 G

28 Apr 45.

8 Army GSI (b).

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Ref M 361/2 I (b) of 19 Apr 45.

1. The Field Security Section in Combat Group, MANROVA has been formed and is partially trained. Further training is being carried out.
2. However in order to function properly the section requires transport and at present there is no authority under which transport for them may be obtained.
3. Pending the implementation of the W.E. may an issue of transport on the scale laid down in M 361/2 I(b) of 17 Mar be made.

In the Field.
AG/ap

[Signature]
Lt-Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Secretary and Committee
 Intelligence Information
 Confidential

Source

Main HQ

Subject: Army, 1955

Tel: Dec 15

161/15 I(15)

28 Dec 55

28-1(15)

161/15 Army Group (15)

1. The 15th Army - formerly known as the 15th Army in the
 "line", whether one wants to be committed and, it is
 understood, several others eventually coming under command.
 This HQ is very interested in the 15th Army's future
 effect in given to provide information as to the possibility
 to implement even the most difficult in the 15th Army
 even to a limited extent. It is understood that the 15th
 action will not produce the desired results, but in view
 of the urgency of the problem it is considered there is
 no time for extended discussion of the problem.

2. The following statement of the past and present
 position, incorporating the 15th Army's views and the views
 of 51 AM (copy of this 11/14 of 17 AM is enclosed) it
 is hoped will be of some assistance.

3. The first definite information that the 15th Army
 was to be into the line on the 15th was given
 at the end of Dec 14.

4. On the 15th, the 15th Army (15th Army) was
 (the 15th Army) the 15th Army's officers and a representative
 of 51 AM to review the security arrangements for the
 15th Army.

The 15th Army was found to be as follows:

(a) There was the firm belief that the 15th Army
 had had with it a representative of the 15th Army's
 organization.

(b) The 15th Army's officers and a representative of 51 AM
 (except in the case of the 15th Army's) - listed

(c) The 15th Army's officers and a representative of 51 AM
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(e) The two sections of Carabinieri, (the equivalent of Air Troop) were expected to cope with security at the same time as their military police duties. They had, however, no specialists for this purpose, nor had they any appreciable instructions on the subject.

(f) No Staff Security Officers had been appointed.

(g) Officers were provided with identity cards, but the ORs had no identity documents at all.

(h) No interpreters were available with the PIN for the purpose of translating security instructions etc.

It was evident that, with the formation going into the line within the fortnight positive steps had to be taken without delay.

6. It was agreed that the Gruppo should be considered the equivalent of a Staff Div from the security point of view, and therefore the formation of a JS Sec was indicated. Clearly the Carabinieri sections were the units which lent themselves most readily to partial conversion into a JS Sec.

7. The DFI was consulted and his agreement was obtained to JS Sec proposals provided that eventually the JS Sec could be adjusted to replace the personnel, vehicles and equipment detached from the Carabinieri sections for the JS Section.

8. A JS Training Team from Army resources, consisting of one WO, five TS NCOs and one interpreter was formed (including personnel who had had experience in training British Corps TS Secs when they first came under command). It was attached to the Gruppo and set up a JS Training School at Salsomaggiore.

9. The Gruppo was ordered to detach from the Carabinieri sections in order to form a JS Section the following:-

1 Officer	1 WO
1 WO	2 x TS NCOs
7 NCOs	6 TS Secs
5 ORs	

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7. The TS Sec was suggested and this agreement was obtained to the (b) proposals provided that eventually the TS Sec could be adjusted to replace the personnel, vehicles and equipment detached from the Carabinieri sections for the TS Section.

8. A TS Training Team from army resources, consisting of one TS, five TS NO's and one interpreter was formed (including personnel who had had experience in training which comes to pass when they first came under command). It was attached to the Gruppo and set up a TS Training School at Livorno.

9. The Gruppo was ordered to detach from the Carabinieri sections in order to form a TS Section the following:-

1 Officer	1 Group
1 NO	2 x TS CPT
7 NCOs	6 TSs
5 TSs	

10. Most security officers were appointed.

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11. Findings on the security policy to be adopted towards the Groupi were obtained from 15 Army Group, and a request was made that a case should be put up to G3 for an appropriate revision of the VB of the Carabinieri.

The case was put up in 15 Army Group letter 1470/SSI(b) dated 12 Jan 45.

12. Meanwhile, the salient points which have emerged from the experience gained by the IS Training Team are the following:-

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(1) They are mentally of relatively low calibre and of a low educational standard.

(2) They are so deeply committed to the disciplinary side of their work that it would be extremely difficult to divorce from the minds of Italian the police function from their security function.

(3) The whole conception of security as we understand it is so foreign to the Italian mind and file that it may be a long and tedious task to get such things as unit security officers properly accepted and functioning effectively.

13. On the question of the calibre of the Carabinieri personnel, 51 AF 6/3/4 of 17 Jan 45 says North reasoned and interesting views. Copy of the letter is attached.

It is recommended that the proposals contained therein to recruit personnel other than Carabinieri be given serious consideration, since the views expressed are in line with the opinion already formed by the SO Training Team.

14. SO STC on their 6/5/13 of 12 Jan 45 concur in this respect.

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15. 98 DIV in their C/S/13 of 12 Jan 45 concur in this respect.

16. At the present moment the position as regards the TRILLI Group is that one officer and two senior NCOs are under the instruction of the ST Training Team, and 12 NCOs are attached to 5 Corps for preliminary security instruction in the field.

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16. With regard to the various proposals for amending the 15, 3(3P) Army have suggested that no amendment should go forward at present as it is evident that several adjustments will have to take place and they are averse to making adjustments piecemeal.

In the case of security requirements it is pointed out that the matter would appear to be more urgent than that of the other services. In that the formation of the 15 Beca from existing resources will have an immediate adverse effect on the morale and efficiency on the Provost duties of the Carabinieri.

17. Furthermore, it has been found in practice impracticable to divide a 1098 stores and equipment of the Carabinieri sections in the proportion required to equip the 15 Beca.

18. Ref AMQ letter CMI-389.514/17 of 10 Jan 45.

Although it is appreciated that the proposals therein represent a step in the right direction, it is submitted that it would be more satisfactory to train at the 15 School in L'Aquila, referred to above, the nucleus of a 15 Section for each Gruppo. Each det to consist of 16 men (prospective 330) and 3 senior NCOs.

A point worth noting is that until an Italian officer, instructed in security, is able to supervise the introduction of security measures and training in a Gruppo it will be difficult for British NCOs to put their proposals across to the combatant officers of the Gruppo.

Although this is not an insuperable difficulty, it does add the task of the British NCO more onerous than necessary.

19. Of the 15 Beca NCOs it is intended to attach to the 15 Gruppo still under AMQ it is suggested that should the 15 Beca be sent to assist in the Training School, as it will be difficult to continue to run it from Army resources alone immediately, and to leave one 15 Beca with each of the 3 Grupos to continue with the initial security instruction.

17. Furthermore, it has been found in practice impracticable to divide 4 1008 stores and equipment of the Carabinieri sections in the proportion required to equip the 75 Sec.

18. Ref AMO letter CH-389.514/1 of 16 Jan 45.

Although it is appreciated that the proposals therein represent a step in the right direction, it is submitted that it would be more satisfactory to train at the 75 School in L'Aquila, referred to above, the nucleus of a 75 Section for each Gruppo. Each set to consist of 1 Officer (prosecutive NCO) and 3 senior NCOs.

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Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

Copy to:-- C(33), Main HQ Eighth Army
 DEI, Rear HQ Eighth Army
 AUSA, Rear HQ Eighth Army (2)
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 HQ Field Security, DEI

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To GS02

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
Period Week ending 7.4.45
56 BLU Field Security Detachment

During the period under review we carried out Security checks on the following units.-

1ST BN., 114 REGIMENT.

1. USO 2/Lt. CINELLI Oreste.
2. There is an orderly in the office by the telephones. His instructions are to examine the documents of all visitors, and then refer them to adjutant.
3. Nothing done.
4. No vehicle is allowed to remain outside the Comando. All vehicles are directed to Piazza.
5. Reported to appropriate office.
6. All closed in strong boxes, of which the key is kept by adjutant. An orderly sleeps in the office at night, and there is also a duty NCO and a telephonist. In case of emergency the duty NCO is responsible for destroying all documents.
7. Nothing done.
8. Usual arrangements. Above the post box in each company is written the correct military address of the unit.
9. Nothing done.
10. Nothing done except in lectures.
11. Nothing done.
12. Prohibited, but no written orders to that effect.
13. Each company has its own store, which is always guarded. Automatic weapons, when required, are issued by Armourer on receipt.

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On our first visit to this Bn. we found that practically nothing had been done in the way of Security. On a second visit a few days later, however, we found that our suggestions had been acted upon, and the Security arrangements were quite satisfactory. We are attaching a copy of their Security Standing Orders. These orders are good, and would serve as a model for other units.

OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL SECURITY INTEREST.

1. Security of Information.

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1. Security of Information.

The Maresciallo of CC.RR. Capo di Stazione of LIONE, prov. di Avellino, on 5.4.45 received a telegram from his H.Q. in ROME instructing him to report to the "MANTUA" Gruppo at BOLOGNA on 20.4.45. This information was given to an FS NCO by the Maresciallo. This is an extremely grave breach of security on the part of the CC.RR. HQ, and immediate action should be taken.

2. Rumours amongst Troops.

1. Source and NCO of 1st Bn. 114 Regiment.

The "MANTUA" Gruppo will march past in ROME on 15.4.45.

2. The Italian newspapers on 6.4.45 included an article which stated that the Italian Division "X" had been given numerous decorations for gallantry in recent fighting on the 8th Army front. Relative to this it is rumoured that the "X" Division is in fact the "Cremona" Gruppo. Source.- A Cap. Maggiore of the "MANTUA", who offered this information to an FS NCO near LIONE.

3. The rumour that after the cessation of hostilities in Europe the Italian divisions will be sent to fight in the Far East has again come to life within the "MANTUA".

3. Security of Personnel.

It has come to the notice of this detachment that an incident affecting the Security of Personnel of this Gruppo occurred at MELITO, during the period under review. A senior British officer is believed to have been involved. This detachment, however, has not been officially informed of the circumstances.

4. Relations between Troops and Civilians.

The above paragraph applies.

5. Security of Material.

Regarding the loss of Ordnance stores reported to us by DADOS 56 BLU, investigations are proceeding.

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6. Morale of Troops.

The ~~increase~~ issue of full-scale equipment to the troops of this Gruppo has had a favourable effect on morale. On the other hand, some of the troops are inclined to grumble that now they have more kit than they can carry! The issue of tooth brushes caused a great deal of merriment and bleeding gums!

W. Stephens SQ.

IIA REGGIMENTO FANTERIA NAPOVA RISERVATA
COMANDO II° BATTAGLIONE

N. 02/40 di prot.

P.M. 104. = 7 marzo 1945

OGGETTO : Ordini per la Sicurezza Militare. =

al cdo C. G. II°

5^ compagnia
 6^ compagnia
 7^ compagnia
 8^ compagnia

- 1) = Ciascun militare deve conoscere il nome dell'Ufficiale "I" del reparto onde poter riferire prontamente eventuali notizie. L'Ufficiale "I" del II/114 è il C. Ten. MAURI Giovanni
- 2) = I civili e militari sconosciuti (di qualsiasi grado) che desiderano recarsi al Comando di Btg. saranno fermati dal sottufficiale di Ispezione di Selza che procederà alla identificazione. Documenti validi : carta d'identità per i civili, tesserini scheda personali, licenze ecc. per i militari. Qualora il Sottufficiale avesse dei dubbi sulla identità di dette persone, si rivolgerà all'Aiutante Maggiore in II° S. Ten. Parente Giovanni; per coloro che desiderano andare al C. do di Btg., per quelli che vogliono andare presso i C. di di cp. si rivolgerà ai rispettivi C. ti. Per i civili e militari che invece desiderano recarsi al C. di di Cp., eccantonamenti di Sorbo, provvederà il Sottufficiale d'ispezione di Sorbo, ove ci fossero dei dubbi il sottufficiale si rivolgerà ai C. ti di Cp. Comunque i visitatori vanno sempre accompagnati.
- 3) = E' vietato in modo assoluto visite al magazzino viveri, all'autoparco di btg. ai civili e militari i quali dovranno rivolgersi al C. do di Btg.
- 3) = E' vietato costituire parcheggi o parchi di sosta presso il C. do di Btg. o C. di di Cp. L'autoparco per il II° Btg. è quello della Stazione di Selza, dove gli automezzi, non disponendo di coperture naturali, verranno coperti con reti mimetiche.
- 4) = Presso gli Uffici del C. di di Btg., e quelli di cp. deve essere incaricato un sottufficiale per la conservazione di documenti segreti, e per la distruzione delle carte esattinate, carta carbone usata carta assorbente ecc. Dette carte dovrà essere bruciata. Gli incaricati di cui sopra saranno comunicati entro il giorno 9 c.m.

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- 5)- Tutti i militari devono usare la Posta Militare. E' proibito usare indirizzi civili. La corrispondenza non regolare non ha corso. I comandanti dei reparti controllino la corrispondenza in partenza; l'indirizzo del mittente deve essere chiaro ed esatto (corpo-reparto- numero di P.M.) Nessun accenno nelle lettere su argomenti militari.
- 6)- L'Ufficiale "I" in apposite riunioni per la truppa, specificherà il comportamento di ogni militare che cade in mano del nemico.
- 7)- Nei ritrovi pubblici, cinema - bar - case di tolleranza per strada od in camerata, non si deve parlare mai e con nessuno di argomenti militari, ogni più piccola indiscrezione può essere raccolta da chi è interessato ad averla.
- 8)- Ogni militare di fronte ad un reato in flagrante può arrestare una ~~persona~~ un'altra persona o in caso di sospetto fermarla. Non si deve abusare di questo potere nei riguardi dei civili. Qualora l'attività di qualche persona desta dei sospetti si avvisi subito l'Ufficiale "I" del proprio Btg.. Così pure trovando documenti, circolari, lettere ecc. si consegnino subito e senza omettere alcun foglio al proprio Comandante.
- 9)- E' proibito possedere ed adoperare macchine fotografiche (Ufficiali specialmente).
- 10)- Si cura di ogni militare conservare gelosamente le armi, le munizioni e l'equipaggiamento onde evitare il sabotaggio da parte di agenti nemici.

Ricordatevi che il Paese è disseminato di agenti nemici.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE DEL BATTAGLIONE
"Sante Battaglini"

Battaglini

Subject :- Intelligence - Officers.

56 HLU
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20 Mar 45

AFHQ. (IS)

Copy to :- AFHQ, G 2 (Br).
DEPT.
NSA.

Reference 3 Army signal IS 7095 dated 27 Mar 45, stating that Capt HENRY
is not now available for posting as GSO III (I).

It is requested that another officer be posted with the least possible
delay. The operational efficiency of Combat Group, MANTOVA will be seriously
impaired unless training of intelligence personnel can be carried out under a
qualified British officer. Several valuable weeks have already been lost.

In the Field.
AG/oc

A Lt-Col.
GS.

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To GS02

SECRET

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
 Period from 16th to 23rd March, 1945
 56 HLU Field Security Detachment

During the period under review the following Security Checks were carried out.

114. INFANTRY REGIMENT.

1. USO 2/Lt. F. d'Affitto.
2. Orders to sentry at HQ satisfactory. The documents of all visitors are checked, and visitors are directed to General Office. Entry to HQ is possible at one point only.
3. In case of doubt as to bona fides of visitors, USO is immediately warned.
4. Visitors' Car Park: Arrangements satisfactory.
5. Loss of documents: USO informed of all particulars.
6. Secret documents: Security arrangements satisfactory.
7. Waste Paper, etc.: Routine at present followed is satisfactory.
8. CENSORSHIP: All mail is sent to Div. HQ, and from there to Censor at NAPLES. Any letters showing breach of Censorship regulations are sent back to regiment, and disciplinary action is taken.
 A warning to personnel proceeding on leave against carrying letters will be published forthwith.
9. Prisoners of War: These orders have been given to the men in talks, but we suggested that they should be repeated in Daily Orders, so as to leave no loophole.
10. Careless Talk: Do. do.
11. No remarks.
12. No cameras are allowed in the regiment. We suspect, however, that this order is not very strictly enforced.
13. Personal arms (rifles, etc.) are kept in men's sleeping quarters, which are not guarded. No automatic weapons have been issued to HQ staff.

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16 INFANTRY REGIMENT:

1. USO Lt. A. Campioli.
2. We were told that all unknown visitors to HQ are stopped and Guard Commander called. Guard Commander is then supposed to examine documents, and accompany visitor to the desired office. In practice, however, this is not carried out, and the guard is very unsatisfactory. According to the Guard Commander who was on duty on the day we visited the HQ (23.3.45) the only duty of the guard during the day is to prevent anyone entering the commanding officer's office when he is out.

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76 INFANTRY REGIMENT (contd.).

3. Nothing has been done.
4. Vehicles of visitors are allowed to park just outside HQ.
5. Loss of documents: Reported to office.
6. Documents are kept locked in strong boxes. At night the offices are locked, and there is a sentry in the corridor.
7. Each evening the capo ufficio of each office sends his waste paper to Maresciallo ANTONI, who is personally responsible for destroying it in the stove in his office at 19.00 hours.
8. Censorship: Men have all been warned verbally of correct military address of unit, and some have been punished for breaches of regulations. There have been no breaches in recent weeks.
9. Prisoners of War: All ranks have been lectured on this by personnel who attended our lectures.
10. Carless Talk: Do. do.
11. Do. do.
12. Nothing done.
13. Each evening automatic weapons are collected, put in store, and guarded.

NOTE: In this regiment an effort has obviously been made to bring the Security Orders to the notice of the troops by means of lectures, etc., but the fact that there are no written Security Orders is not satisfactory. The USO has promised to rectify this, and to inform the troops in Daily Orders that it is their duty to know these Security Orders.

108 ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

1. USO Capt. Casali.
2. All visitors escorted to office, where they are checked. Entry to HQ is possible at one point only.
3. Guard does not examine papers. This is done at office. 7098
4. Not applicable.
5. Loss of documents: Adjutant of Regiment informed.
6. Secret documents: Satisfactory. Orderly Officer and Guard sleep in HQ. During meal hours a guard is mounted at office door.

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7. Waste Paper: At time of check no satisfactory arrangements were in force. This is now being rectified.
8. Censorship: as 76 Regiment.
9. Prisoners: No orders issued.
10. Careless Talk: Do.
11. No remarks.
12. No restrictions imposed.
13. Equipment and stores are kept in locked store. Storeman sleeps there.

NOTE:

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155 ARTILLERY REGIMENT (contd.)NOTE:

At this HQ the Security Pamphlet could not be found, although recorded as having been received.

No Security Standing Orders have been published. We suggested that this should be rectified at once, and attention drawn to them in Daily Orders.

OTHER MATTERS OF SECURITY INTEREST.Security of Information.

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At 21.00 hours on 22.3.45, the USO of 144 Regt. and USO 2nd Bn. 144 escorted to this office an Italian civilian, MARINO Gaetano di Vincenzo, no identity card, peasant, resident at VOLTURARA Irpina. He had been arrested by 2 ptes. of 2nd Bn. 144 for making indiscreet enquiries. After interrogation and identification at AVELLINO CC.RR. barracks he was released. It might be useful if this commendable example of "security-mindedness" on the part of Italian GIs were publicised throughout the division.

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At ARIANO on 23.3.45, we arrested and handed to CC.RR. 2 Italian GIs. They had no documents of any kind, and were travelling on a civilian lorry. Their story was that there were going on "leave". We informed the USO of 76 Regiment.

Security of Material.

At 19.30 hours 24.3.45 a motorcycle wheel was stolen from a British unit in AVELLINO. We made intensive enquiries, and after 3 house searches and 6 arrests the wheel was recovered.

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HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

Office of the Chief of Staff- Operations and Intelligence Section

No 02/1270

P.M. 104 15 Feb 45

Subject: Discretion and Safeguard of Military Secrets.To All Units(including Auxiliaries)

Information: 56 BLU

Reference letters 02/2883 of the 12 June 1944, 02/6527 of the 18 Oct 44, 02/6604 of the 22 Oct 44, 02/7656 of the 18 Nov 44 (attached copy for units who have not received them in due course)

In order to consolidate the principles of discretion and safeguard of military secrets, I forward the attached memorandum which will be clearly explained to all telephone operators and a copy of which should be affixed to all exchanges for reference by respective personnel.

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Regulations for Telephone Operators.

1. In all matters concerning your service you MUST scrupulously observe all security regulations.
2. You must NEVER repeat the contents of messages you have handled nor the conversations you may have heard.
3. In forwarding messages follow the order of priority as set down for the purpose
4. Keep strictly to channel rules when sending out signals or making contacts for conversations.
5. Never mention, even if you are asked to do so, the location of your exchange, nor give any indication concerning the units with which you are tied or their location.
6. Never mention names of Commanding Officers of Units you are serving.
7. Under no circumstances must you give your name, if you are asked, you can answer "I am the operator on duty".
8. Any request for military information, man power, location of units, movements etc, MUST NOT BE ANSWERED. You must instead ask for the speakers name and inform the Officer in charge.
9. When putting a call through you must start by giving the name of your Headquarters and the name and rank of the Officer who has asked for the connection.
10. When you are called you must insist, before giving the name of your Headquarters, that the caller states his full name and Rank.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA.

Office of the C of S Operations and Intelligence Section.

FM 104 18 Oct 44

N. 02/6527

Subject :- Military Secrets.

To the Second in Command.
To all Units.

A few days ago a subordinate regt published in daily orders information concerning certain changes for major Italian formations, issued by the Royal Army Chief of Staff.

Publication was obviously inappropriate since it divulged information of a restricted nature.

I therefore direct that in future such information is published either in daily orders or similar documents which are seen by all ranks. Utmost secrecy must be maintained.

Guido Bologna Gen

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War Ministry
(Cabinet)

SECRET

Subject :- Military Secrets.

P.M. 10 21 Mar 44

No 6100/II di prot

It has transpired that enemy agents have of recent crossed the lines to obtain information and sabotage.

In view of this it is essential that in all HQs and offices be intensified a campaign for the safeguard of military secrets.

The publication in newspapers of full texts of a restricted or secret nature has confirmed our doubts as to the guarantee of loyalty, particularly in an operational field and this fact cannot be overlooked by all commanding officers.

There should be no commanding officer who does not value the gravity of this problem and this direction devote his particular attention by taking such precautions as he may deem necessary to avoid risking at times through sheer negligence, the lives of men, the outcome of our war effort and the issue of our major sacrifices.

The safeguard of military secrets is made possible by scrupulously observing the rules concerning the keeping of confidential and secret documents, as well as by continued and accurate watching over personnel dealing with matters of a delicate nature.

It is not necessary for me to enumerate all the measures to be taken but I deem it necessary to emphasize on two points :-

Selection of personnel to fill posts dealing in confidential matters.
Reproduction, distribution and custody of confidential and secret matters.

Secrecy and the sense of military honour should constitute the main requisites of all personnel to the lowest ranks working in headquarters and offices.

Wherever possible verbal and not written instructions should be given.

In view of the strenuous times we are living through and the fact that often our enemy is with us and more often than not consists of elements speaking our own language, having our own customs and at times professing friendship it is essential that the maximum precautions and the strongest disciplinary action be taken.

Weakness in enforcing these instructions would constitute a serious breach which could never be dealt with in a lenient way.

Let everyone remember this in every action and in every word.

IL MINISTRO
Fto Teddeo Orlando.

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HQ MANTOVA DIVISION (104)

Office of the Chief of Staff - 1st Section.

To all Units.
To all Officers of the Divisional HQ.

No 02/2883 di prot

FM 104 12 June 44

I submit copy of the circular letter 6100/II dated 21st May 44
from the War Ministry - Cabinet.

The circular letter of his Excellency the Minister does not call for
any special comment but I consider it opportune to draw the attention of all
concerned to certain instructions regulating the safeguard of military secrets.

1. Accurate selection of personnel for HQs and offices in the case of
individuals normally residing in liberated Italy, these should be vetted by
the provost of their place of residence. For those who normally reside in
occupied Italy, information should be obtained from the individual's former
commanding officer.
2. No confidential or secret documents should be left on desks during
out of office hours, these should be put away in the drawers of a safe held
for the purpose.
3. The number of copies of documents of a confidential or secret nature
should never exceed that required for distribution.
4. Carbons and administration papers should be destroyed by fire every
day.
5. Top secret instructions should as far as possible be made verbally.
6. Under no circumstances should strangers and in particular civilians
have access to offices.
7. Secret documents will be put in envelopes emanating office and thence
transmitted to the proper forwarding office.

Every Unit Commander will in addition to the foregoing stress on any other
points on which he may decide it advisable to do so.

Gen. Guido Bologna

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STAFF MAJOR ROYAL ARMY

N 475/G.A. di prot

PM 151 11 Oct 44

Subject :- Military Secrets.

Secrecy in general and in particular the safeguard of military secrets should be considered a matter of the utmost importance. We are now operating side by side with foreign armies, some of which are masters in maintaining secrecy.

In our armies, two are factors, which make the safeguard of military secrets a problem to us.

One is vanity. Italians as a rule are exceedingly fond of showing up in that he tries to impress on others that he knows all about everything as by this he thinks he can gain prestige. Officers should prove allergic to this common fault.

The second is our system of distributing instructions.

It is not easy to correct the first, but every honest soldier should accustom himself to say "I do not know" even if he knows a lot, and in spite of the fact that the question may be to him by one of ours.

As for the second it is necessary to bear in mind that the best safeguard consists in not divulging any portion it is intended to keep secret nor even write it down. This of course is not practicable in all cases, but where writing is necessary as little as possible should be put down on paper. This applies particularly in the preparation of Units, movement of troops, training, allocation of material etc.

For this reason it is essential that orders be compiled in a concise manner and for each separate HQ Unit or department giving such information which the office concerned should know. It is essential that we should renounce to our system of submitting instructions in a circular form which is a form of sheer laziness which we must combat. Each unit or individual should receive its or his own instructions.

As far as I am concerned I shall not fail to point out any breach of these instructions to any defaulter and I urge my subordinate commanders to do the same.

I trust that by insisting on the subject it will be possible to obtain such reforms which are of paramount importance and by thus increasing our credit in the eyes of other nations..

Signed Paolo Berardi
Il Capo di Stato Magg.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA.

Office of the C of S 1st Section.

N. 02/6604 do prot

FM 104 22 Oct 44

To all Units.

Reference my letter 02/6527 of the 18 Oct 44.

For information and to avoid that under reference my recommendations contained in the letter are read and filed only without any substantial results being obtained.

It will be necessary to act in such a way as to destroy the credulity and indifference of former times, and work seriously and intelligently.

Guido Bologna Gen.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA.

02/7656 di prot

FM 104 18 Nov 44.

Subject :- Protection of Military Secrets.

A TUTTU I COMANDANTI DEI REPARTI DIPENDENTI

e, per conoscenza

S.M. Operational Office.

Notwithstanding the instructions and exhortations of His Excellency the Army Chief of Staff (Circular 475/G A of the 11-10-44) there have been recent cases whereby officers have divulged imprudently military information.

At COSENZA, in the hall of a hotel an officer discussed before civilians the imminent departure of a Combat Group, in another instance a senior officer made public the disbanding of a major Italian formation.

These deplorable incidents convince me that the majority as yet have not attained the habit to keep silent particularly when indiscreet ears are around ready to collect military information they can.

I warn everyone that this is my last appeal for discretion and call to sense of duty.

I shall take very drastic disciplinary action against any defaulter adding that I shall submit their names for court martial in terms of Art 68 of the C.P.M.G.

All commanders should in turn take action against eventual defaulters report to me immediately informing me of the action taken.

All Regt and Unit Commanders will call the attention of all ranks on the forgoing and urge them to their utmost secrecy on any subjects of a military nature.

The same warning will be given separately to all individuals, officers and other ranks who join the unit from time to time.

To ensure compliance with these instructions all commanders will submit to me every 1st and 15th of each month for all this year a certificate to the effect that they have duly complied with these regulations.

Signed Guido Bologna. Gen.

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF ROYAL POLICE. NAPLES.

MIRABELLA ECLANO POLICE STATION

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MIRABELLA ECLANO 9 Feb 45

45A

Subject :- Artilleryman ZITO CARMELO OF CARMELO 1925 Class.

To: HQ II Gruppo 155 Arty Regt.

HQ Royal Police Coy for information.

MIRABELLA

AVELLINO E

At 0830 hrs 8 Feb 45, while Artilleryman ZITO CARMELO of II Bty, MANTOVA Group was in the VITTORIA SQUARE at MIRABELLA ECLANO, he was approached by two strangers, one of which asked him if he had some hand-grenades and Thompson Sub-machine guns with ammunition to sell.

ZITO replied negatively, and appeared as if he attached little importance to the request, instead, with the help of other soldiers, informed his Battery Commander, meanwhile he kept the two strangers in sight, who in the mean time were joined by two more.

With the intervention of the OC II Bty and other personnel of that unit, the four strangers were stopped while trying to get away from the built up area, they were taken to this barracks for identification and interrogation, their identities are :-

1. Santoro Rocco di Gaetano.
2. Di Mauro Giuseppe di Rocco.
3. Fabiano Gennaro di Angelo.
4. Micciolo Giuseppe fu Clemente.
all from AVELLINO

Santoro Rocco admitted, after much arguing, of having asked Artilleryman ZITO to acquire the m/gs and hand-grenades.

He and Fabiano Gennaro were found in possession of the sum of 43,000 lire, of which two 1000 lire notes were false, issued by AMG, they were unable to account for the money in their possession.

While the four men are being held in custody, awaiting further investigations, it is my duty to draw attention of this HQ to the timely action of Artilleryman, ZITO and also to that of the Comd II Bty in causing the arrest of the four men.

IL MARESCIALLO MAGGIORE CTE
f/to Luigi Papa.

HQ COLEAT GROUP MANTOVA.

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No 1544/2

P.M. 104 17 Feb 45

To: Territorial HQ Naples
HQ 56 BLU

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HQ COLBAT GROUP MANTOVA.

No 1544/2

P.M. 104 17 Feb 45

To: Territorial HQ Naples
HQ 56 BLU

For information refer to letter No. 1423/2 dated 10 Feb 45 of this HQ.

Lt-Col.

A Gualano.

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22 FEB 1945

Subject :- Field Security.

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15 Feb 45.

94, Sub Area.

1. The bodywork of a British 15 cwt truck has been found at an isolated farm. MACCHIA GIUPA map reference ITALY 1: 50,000 sheet 17. IV 912945.
2. The markings are 1 Div sign on the Guards Bde colours, WD 518127- (the last figure is erased).
3. It is thought that this may be the remains of a stolen truck.

In the Field.
AG/ec

[Signature]
for Lt-Col.
GS.

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COPIITALIAN COMBAT GROUP, KANFOVA.

No. 1423/2

P.M. 10. 10 Feb 45.

Subject :- Attempts to acquire arms and ammunitionTo:- Territorial HQ HAWKES,
Commandant, 56 MLU.

On the morning of Feb 8th (Artilleryman) MITO CARINIS of 1/155 Artillery Regt. 2nd Battalion, was approached by four civilians who asked for and offered him 25,000 lire for a Thompson 35 Machine Gun, Hand Grenades and Ammunition.

(Artilleryman) MITO not only refused the offer but immediately informed his Battery Commander, who took the four civilians into custody.

These men are being held in custody by the Warrant Officer in charge of MIRANFIA Police Station (C.G.M.R.) who is carrying out inquiries.

Signed. A. Giulano,
Lt-Col.
Capo di B.A.

Subject :- Attempts to Acquire Arms and Ammunition by Civilians.56 MLU
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15 Feb 45

To, Sub Area.

Copy to :- MIA.

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The above copy letter from Italian Combat Group, KANFOVA is passed to you for information.

In the Field.
AG/ecLt-Col.
GS.

HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

SECRET

FM 104 10 Feb 45

No. 02/1126 di prot.

Subject :- Lectures to be given by British NCOs, Field Security Section.

To:- 76 Inf Regt.
114 Inf Regt.
155 Arty Regt.
104 Eng Bn.
104 ST Coy.
104 OFP
107 Signals Coy.
104 Med Sec.
248 Fd Hosp.
Mech Eng Wksp.

56 BLU for information.

As from 14 Feb you will make available a room near Regt, Bn or Gruppo, and Coy HQs for the British NCOs, FSS, one for each Bn or HQ, to illustrate the importance of Field Security.

The programme will run as shown in attached table.
It is essential the following attend.

Complete HQs.
1 officer and 2 NCOs from every Coy.
Clerks of Coy and Unit HQs.

Every lecture will be attended by not less than thirty men. In the event of the number not being reached, the major number of officers and NCOs of Coys will attend. Single HQs will attend.

The preparation of the place where the lecture will be held; the participants will be in the lecture room 5 minutes before the time stated.

Signed A. GUALANO Lt-Col.

Appendix 'A' to letter No. 02/1126 dated
10 Feb 45.

HOURLY PROGRAMME OF LECTURES TO BE GIVEN BY BRITISH NCO'S FSS.
(Field Security Section)

HQ's and Units to attend	Location	Date Feb	TIME		Remarks.
			From	To	
<u>155 Art Regt.</u>					
1 Group	Group HQ	15	1000	1100	
IV Group	"	14	1000	1100	
Regt HQ		14			
248 Fd Hosp	Regt HQ	14	1400	1500	
III Group	Group HQ	14	1400	1500	
V Group	"	14	1400	1500	
II Group	"	14	1000	1100	
VI Group	"	15	1000	1100	
<u>76 Inf Regt.</u>					
II Battalion	Bn HQ	16	1000	1100	
III Battalion	"	16	1000	1100	
Regt HQ	Regt HQ	16	1400	1500	
Coy HQ					
Machine Gun Coy					
Mortar Coy					
I Battalion	Bn HQ	16	1400	1500	
<u>114 Inf Regt.</u>					
I Battalion	Bn HQ	19	1000	1100	
II Battalion	"	19	1000	1100	
Regt HQ					
Coy HQ					
Machine Gun Coy	Regt HQ 114 Regt	19	1400	1500	
Mortar Coy					
Mobile Wksp HQ					
III Battalion	Bn HQ	19	1400	1500	
<u>104 ST Coy.</u>					
104 OFF	HQ 104 ST Coy	20	1000	1100	
<u>104 Med Sec</u>					
107 Teleradi Coy	HQ Med Sec	20	1000	1100	
<u>104 Eng Bn.</u>					
Bn HQ					
4 Artisan Coy	HQ Eng Bn	20	1400	1500	
79 Artisan Coy					
3 Fd Park Coy					

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I Group Regt HQ 248 Pz Hosp III Group V Group II Group VI Group	Regt HQ	14	1000	1100
	Group HQ	14	1400	1500
	"	14	1400	1500
<u>76 Inf Regt.</u> II Battalion III Battalion Regt HQ Coy HQ Machine Gun Coy Mortar Coy I Battalion	Bn HQ	16	1000	1100
	"	16	1000	1100
	Regt HQ	16	1400	1500
<u>114 Inf Regt.</u> I Battalion II Battalion Regt HQ Coy HQ Machine Gun Coy Mortar Coy Mobile Wksp HQ III Battalion	Bn HQ	19	1000	1100
	"	19	1000	1100
	Regt HQ 114 Regt	19	1400	1500
104 ST Coy. 104 OFF 104 Med Sec 107 Teleradi Coy 104 Eng Bn.	Bn HQ	19	1400	1500
	HQ 104 ST Coy	20	1000	1100
	HQ Med Sec	20	1000	1100
Bn HQ 4 Artisan Coy 79 Artisan Coy 3 Pz Park Coy	HQ Eng Bn	20	1400	1500

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Subject: German Speaking Italian Officer.

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HQ. Combat Group, SANTOVA.

Below are copies of signals received from MIA and 8 Army forwarded for information.

In the Field.
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[Signature]
Lt-Col.
CS.

FROM: MIA
TO: 8 ARMY

20A 011640

INFORMATION: AMER. 15 ARMY GROUP. 50,51,52,53,56 HLU

SD 2220 CONFIDENTIAL. (.) LEMANO GROUP HAS REQUESTED TO BE REPOSTED FOR A GERMAN SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFICER TO BE ATTACHED TO THE "I" SECTION OF EACH CO BAT GROUP IN PER INTERROGATION DUTY (.) WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?

FROM: MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
TO: MIA

INFORMATION: FREEDOM 15 ARMY GROUP. 50,51,52,53,56 HLU

SD2935 CONFIDENTIAL. REF MIA SD 2220 OF 1. RECOMMEND ATTACHMENT GERMAN SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFICER TO "I" SECTION EACH COMBAT GROUP IN. SUGGEST OFFICERS CONCERNED DO SEND ATTACHMENT TO ARMY IN CASE BEFORE JOINING GRPPL.

FROM: MIA
TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

INFORMATION: 50,51,52,53,56 HLU

0 657 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF SERLY - COLONEL MERRI ? (.) ONE GERMAN - ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFICER SELECTED BY S.I.S. WILL BE POSTED TO EACH GROUP FOR INTERROGATION OF GERMAN POW'S (.) OFFICERS FOR PRISON AND ORANGE TO BE DISPATCHED FOR INTERVIEW, NEITHER AS SUCH AS AVAILABLE (.) REQUEST FOR SIGNAL NAMES AND E.T.A. THIS IN SOURCE

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To GSO II, 56 BLU
From F.S. Detachment.

B.2.45.

SECRET.

Today we carried out a Security Check on Main H.Q. "Mantova" Combat Group, and have to report as follows. -

UNIT SECURITY OFFICER:

Not yet appointed. We suggest that the GSI, Capt. ARGENTIERI, be responsible for these duties until an appointment is made.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEPTION OF VISITORS TO H.Q.:

Satisfactory as far as Italian personnel and Civilians are concerned. No attempt, however, is made to check Allied personnel.

The written orders for Sentries at H.Q. are thorough, but the sentry on duty when we called had only a very vague idea of them. We suggest that these Guard Orders should be read out by the Guard Commander to the sentries before they go on duty, and the Guard Commander should satisfy himself that they are thoroughly understood. We also suggest that a copy of the Guard Orders should be so placed that the sentry on duty can refer to them at any time.

A copy of the Guard Orders is attached.

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:

No vehicles are allowed in the immediate vicinity of the H.Q. A carabinieri policeman is responsible for this. Satisfactory.

PROCEDURE FOR SAFEGUARDING SECRET DOCUMENTS:

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No vehicles are allowed in the immediate vicinity of the H.Q. A carabinieri pointman is responsible for this. Satisfactory.

PROCEDURE FOR SAFEGUARDING SECRET DOCUMENTS:

All Secret Papers are kept in locked boxes; Ops. documents in Capo di Stato Maggiore's box, other secret documents in GJI's box. At night the Orderly Officer sleeps in one of the Div. H.Q. offices, but the boxes are left where they are.

In the case of secret documents having to be sent between various offices of the H.Q., an orderly, usually a private soldier, is entrusted with the task.

We/

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PROCEDURE FOR SAFEGUARDING SECRET DOCUMENTS (etd.).

We suggest:-

1. All secret documents, in their boxes, should be carried at night, before the offices are vacated, into the office where the Orderly Officer sleeps.
2. When secret documents have to be sent from office to another they should either be carried by an officer, or sent in a sealed envelope.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE PAPER, ETC.

At present the responsibility for the above falls on the Orderly.

We strongly suspect that this is not carried out. The destruction of carbons on which secret documents have been typed is not carried out at all, owing to the shortage of carbons.

Specified "Top Secret" documents, such as Intelligence Bulletins, are burnt within a specified time, and a certificate rendered to this effect. A register is kept listing certain of these documents, and the heading of the document is cut out and pasted therein. In the case of certain secret papers three copies of the destruction certificate are made: one to the formation or command issuing the document, one to General Staff, and one for file.

With regard to the destruction of Waste Paper, Carbons, etc., we suggest that the Chief Clerk (Archivist) be made responsible for the daily destruction, at a fixed time, in a fixed place, of all office waste *papers*, carbons, etc.

With regard to Secret Documents, the procedure, if carried out, is satisfactory.

CENSORSHIP

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CENSORSHIP

The correct military address is name of formation unit and an Army Post Office Number (104).

At the present moment there is no Censorship within the Division.

The Procedure is as follows:-

Mail is collected by units and brought to the local Civil Post Office, where it is sealed in bags and sent to NAPLES. At NAPLES it undergoes 100% Censorship./

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CENSORSHIP (etc.)

Censorship.

Instructions have been given to all Civil Post Offices in the area that any letters, written by members of the Division, which display on the envelope any breach of censorship regulations, are immediately sent to the I office at Div. H.Q. The censorship office at ROME or NAPLES also notifies Div. H.Q. of any breaches of security on the part of members of the division, in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Security of Operations:

The Location Map of the entire Division was displayed on a wall in the office of Capo di Stato Maggiore (GLI Ops.) in such a way that it was perfectly visible from the windows of a house on the other side of the street, where civilians are living. We gave instructions for its removal.

At night this map is not removed from the office. We suggest that in an operational area this map be treated in the same manner as other Top Secret documents.

W. Stephenson, Sec.

W. Stephenson, Sec.

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DELLA GUARDIA DEL CAPO POSTO E DELLE SENTINELLE AL COMANDE DIVISIONE

POSIZIONE DELLA GUARDIA.

A cura del Cdo CC.RR. della Divisione è comandata una guardia fissa al Cdo Divisione, composta di un vicebrigadiere capoposto, un appuntato o carabiniere anziano v. capoposto e otto carabinieri.

CONSEGNA DELLA GUARDIA.

- a) Custodisce e sorveglia i locali del Cdo Divisione e - all'occorrenza - partecipa alla difesa di essi;
- b) Monta con armi cariche;
- c) Fornisce una sentinella e un piantone, tanto giorno che di notte, all'ingresso del Comando.

CONSEGNA DEL CAPOPOSTO.

- a) Rimane normalmente all'ingresso del Comando e, se si assenta, si fa sostituire dall'appuntato o carabiniere vice-capoposto;
- b) Fa accompagnare da un carabiniere all'ufficiale di servizio tutti gli ufficiali, sottufficiali e militari di truppa nonché i civili che desiderano accedere ai vari uffici. Fa sostare tali persone nell'atrio, non vicino all'ingresso, in attesa che l'ufficiale di servizio dia il relativo permesso.
- c) Impedisce, nel modo più assoluto, che nei pressi del palazzo si fermino auto, mezzi, veicoli, quadrupedi, militari, inquadrati o isolati, borghesi ecc., e che si faccia schiamazzo sotto le finestre degli uffici;
- d) Fa aprire il cancello del cortile alla sveglia e lo fa chiudere alle ore 22;
- e) Cura l'effettuazione dell'alza e dell'ammaina bandiera alle ore 7 e alle ore 19.30 rispettivamente;
- f) Riferisce all'ufficiale di servizio ogni eventuale novità.

CONSEGNA DELLA SENTINELLA.

- a) Monta al lato destro del portone del palazzo del Cdo da dove rende gli onori;
- b) Deve avere sempre le armi cariche (moschetto e pistola);
- c) Indossa l'uniforme di marcia con cappello grigio-verde;
- d) Impedisce l'ingresso ai sottufficiali e militari di truppa ed ai civili che indirizza al capoposto;
- e) Impedisce che persone si soffermino e facciano chiasso sulla porta;
- f) Durante le ore notturne e anche di giorno in caso di fitta nebbia-intima il "Chi va là" a chiunque si avvicini all'ingresso del Comando: intimazione al distacco - intenzione di comando - moschetto decisamente imbracciato. Quando le intenzioni non abbiano pronto effetto deve aprire il fuoco;
- g) Di notte e, anche - come detto sopra - di giorno in caso di fitta nebbia, deve aprire senz'altro il fuoco contro individui o gruppi di individui che in atteggiamento sospetto minaccioso - si avvicinano al Comando;
- h) In ogni ora del giorno ed in ogni situazione il contegno della sentinella dev'essere caratterizzato da disciplina, pretezza, decisione, energia;
- i) Monta a braccia e si muove davanti all'ingresso, vigilando anche il cancello del cortile, dalle ore 21.30 alle ore 7.

CONSEGNA DEL PIANTONE.

- a) Monta all'ingresso del Cdo con pistola carica e uniforme di marcia con bustina;
- b) Impedisce l'ingresso ai sottufficiali e militari di truppa ed ai civili che indirizza al capoposto;
- c) Impedisce che persone si soffermino e facciano chiasso sulla porta;
- d) Di notte rimane nell'atrio, pronto ad intervenire ad ogni segnale della sentinella;

gresso del Comando.

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- e)-Aiuta il capoposto nell'adempimento dei doveri imposti a quest'ultimo dalle consegne.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Date-Time of Origin.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions.

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moment 703.

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Field Security Detachment
56 B.I.U.

To CSO.TI
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CMP

99th Section CORR

Personal Report on individual members of PS Course

COLANTUONI Gaetano, Vice Brigadiere

Suitable type. During course showed keenness and attentiveness. His examination papers were good. Two major errors.

GIACCI Carlo, Carabinieri

Easily the best man on the course. Showed a naive keenness during the course, asked few questions, and produced a very good examination paper. It was read out to the others as an example.

LANZOTTI Carlo, Carabinieri

Fair. Missed the point in some of the questions. Answered others with a fair degree of accuracy. Keen.

MACCARINI Immo, Carabinieri

Undisciplined. Appears to have grasped the idea, but it is NOT considered that he will make a good Security man. Answered some of the questions, but missed the point of the others altogether, and wrote a lot of repetitions.

MATTEA Giuseppe, Carabinieri

Good. In his examination paper he answered correctly the two questions all the others did not answer.

MORTEA Antonio, Carabinieri

This man has absorbed only the roughest idea of Security, and his standard of education, as judged by his papers, is so low that it is not considered that he would make a suitable PS man.

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and is NOT considered suitable for PS work.

TARANTINI Dino, Carabinieri

Pair. Examination papers good. Two major mistakes,
which were unusual for all the others. Suitable.

ANZANI Riccardo, Carabinieri

LRSJ Y LAEE NR 4

QVR 8

FROM MAIN EIGHTH ARMY 0316300A

TO NMIA

INFO FREEDOM 15 ARMY GP 50 BLU

51 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU 56 BLU

QQY GR 33BT

SD2935. CONFIDENTIAL .

REF MIA SD 2220 OF 1.

RECOMMEND ATTACHMENT

GERMAN SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFR

TO 1 SEC EACH COMBAT GROUP HQ . SUGGEST OFFRS

CONCERNED DO SHORT ATTACHMENT TO ARMY PW CAGE

BEFORE JOINING GRUPPI

SENT NR 4 JFSBT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

ACB

389.514/E1

16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Security and Counter-Intelligence in
Italian Combat GRUPPI.

TO : G.O. 52 B.L.U.
G.O. 53 B.L.U.
G.O. 56 B.L.U.

1. In view of the impending employment of certain Italian Combat GRUPPI in an operational role in the Army areas, HQ 15 Army Group have devised a scheme of general and specialist security training to be given to these GRUPPI.
2. It is felt that it would be advantageous if the GRUPPI to which you are attached were given similar instruction forthwith, prior to their arrival in the Army areas.
3. It is therefore proposed to attach to each of your Units three Field Security N.C.Os. (with motor-cycles) who will be responsible to you and will assist in security instruction from the following aspects:-
 - a. Instruction of the troops as a whole in general military security discipline and regulations, including censorship.
 - b. Instruction of a selected number (approximately 15 in each GRUPPO) of Carabinieri in Allied security procedure and organization, and specialist functions and duties of Field Security.
4. As regards 3 a, this instruction will have to be given in main by Italian Staffs, Carabinieri and regimental officers and it is suggested that an officer in each unit be appointed Unit Security Officer for the carrying out of this task.
5. As regards 3 b, it is suggested that suitable Carabinieri should be selected and instructed by Field Security, principally as regards civil security measures and controls.
6. The F.S. N.C.Os. will remain attached to you until such time as they are replaced by F.S. personnel supplied by HQ 15 Army Group. You will be notified of their arrival by signal.

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7. a. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a specimen précis on Military Security; this introduces a number of topics which should be expanded in the course of instruction and is intended to form the basis of training under para 3 a above.

b. Security Standing Orders should be prepared and distributed to all units on the lines of Appendix 'B'.

c. Also attached, at Appendix 'C' are basic notes on civil security which should be used by P.S. personnel under the terms of para 3 b. above.

8. Applications for any further assistance you may require should be made to this Headquarters, or to the appropriate Headquarters in the event of a change of command.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

S. S. Hill-Dillon

S. S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G.S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

Encls:

Copies to:	D.M.T., A.F.H.Q.	}	less Appendices
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	H.Q. No. 1 District		
	MMIA		
	H.Q., Field Security, C.M.F.		
	803 C.S. Bn., Liaison	}	

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APPENDIX 'A'MILITARY SECURITY.

1. General: The object of Military Security is to protect the army from the indirect attack of the enemy and to destroy the effectiveness of the enemy's intelligence service. It is the responsibility of every individual soldier. It aims at the defeat of the enemy's attempts to gain information by direct or indirect means regarding military matters, such as movement of troops, identity of troops going into the line and types of equipment. It also aims at preventing the enemy causing damage by covert means to war material of all types such as weapons, transport, supplies and communications. Finally it aims to safeguard military personnel from propagandist influences and attempts to undermine morale. Thus Military Security may be epitomised under three headings:-

- a. Protective Measures and Counter-Espionage.
- b. Defence against Sabotage.
- c. Protection against Propaganda.

2. Objectives of Military Security: Military Security measures have the following four main objectives, which are explained in more detail further on:-

- a. Security of Information. The denial of military information to the enemy, with the main purpose of ensuring surprise and success of Allied operations.
- b. Security of Material. The safeguarding of all types of war material and military installations from sabotage by the enemy.

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g. Security of Personnel. The protection of the Army from all enemy or enemy-inspired attempts to undermine morale.

d. Security of Operations. The protective action necessary to ensure that the enemy does not anticipate our plans, methods, time of attack or place of attack in any particular operation.

3. Security of Information.

The enemy does not plan on obtaining information in a complete and ready-made form, but through his intelligence service he builds up a complete picture from small bits of information through interrogation of prisoners of war, through documents captured or found, and from agents and air reconnaissance. This means that any item of military information, no matter how small or seemingly unimportant, may prove of great value to the enemy, and at all times the Army must be alive to the fact that the enemy is out to get as much information as possible. The principal ways by which the enemy may obtain information and our ways of combatting them are the following:

a. Information through Interrogation. If you are taken prisoner by the enemy, by International Law you are required to give your Name, Rank and Number, nothing more. You will be subjected to a subtle and clever interrogation by the enemy intelligence staff, but do not try to mislead them with false information, do not try to be too clever for them, and do not give them real information. One of the most fruitful sources of information to the enemy is interrogation of prisoners of war, and he will do his utmost to trap you or he will put somebody

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with you who appears to be friendly but who in fact is an agent, so do not talk during the interrogation, or at any time afterwards.

b. Documents, marked maps, private papers carried by personnel on patrol or in combat who are taken prisoner. Leave all types of written matter behind before going into battle. This is most important.

c. Disclosure of Military Information in letters.

Censorship is enforced lest correspondence containing indiscreet references to military matters should fall into the enemy's hands. Evasion of Censorship is serious. Do not write about important Army matters, do not try and tell your friends and relations where you and your unit are, do not try for any reason whatsoever to avoid Censorship. The letter containing valuable information may fall into the enemy's hands. If in doubt about what you can or cannot write in letters, ask advice from your superior officer.

d. Careless talk. Discussion of any matter pertaining to military operations or organization should never be held in public places or with unauthorized persons. Whatever information the soldier has about his own particular unit he should keep to himself. This is very important.

e. Carelessness in safeguarding Secret Papers, Marked Maps, Ciphers and Codes. At all times when a document containing military information of a secret nature is in your care, make sure that it is adequately safeguarded from loss or theft and is not seen by unauthorized persons. Arrangements should be made for the destruction of documents in an emergency and for the search of offices during and after evacuation.

f. Access to Military Establishments, Protected Places,

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etc. Guard duties can be tedious but they are of vital importance. Never allow the passage of unauthorised persons into military establishments. If you are scheduled to guard any place, whether it be a General Headquarters, an Ammunition Dump or Food Supply Stores, carry out your duties thoroughly. Check up on people unknown to you and report immediately any suspicious incident.

g. Carelessness in Intercommunication and indiscreet use of Telephone Communication. Remember that the telephone is not secure.

4. Security of Material.

As far as troops are concerned strict and alert guards are the answer to the saboteur. His objectives may include:-

- (a) Destruction of dumps and stores, by bomb or incendiary.
- (b) Tampering with vehicles, weapons and equipment.
- (c) Disruption of communication by cutting of cables, telephone wires.
- (d) Sabotage of equipment during storage or supply.

5. Security of Personnel.

The chief dangers to be faced here are:-

a. Enemy propaganda, spread by radio, leaflets or word of mouth. 70.7

b. Rumours or alarmist reports.

The enemy carries on a constant warfare against morale by disseminating false news and subtle propaganda, the effectiveness of which may be increased by defeatist and alarmist rumours. All ranks should be encouraged to treat such output critically and should be instructed in current trends of enemy propaganda in order to be able to recognise it for what it is.

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APPENDIX 'B'STANDING SECURITY ORDERS

These orders need not necessarily be issued in one document but may be embodied in instructions issued separately to guards, clerks, etc.

1. The name of the Unit Security Officer.
2. Instructions for reception of visitors to camp or headquarters. Establishment of specified points of entry and exit where their credentials may be examined.
3. Instructions to guards on the examination of visitors' papers, etc., and action to be taken if in doubt as to their bona fides.
4. Prohibition or restriction of movement of vehicles in the neighbourhood of the headquarters; parking arrangements.
5. Procedure for reporting loss of identity and other documents.
6. Routine procedure for the safeguarding of protected documents. Office drill in case of emergency.
7. Office instructions for the disposal of waste paper, carbon papers, etc., and responsibility for this.
8. Correct military address of the unit headquarters, camp or establishment, and the regulations regarding censorship.
9. Instructions in duties as prisoners of war. ⁷⁰ Warning to all ranks against carrying documents, letters, etc., into action.
10. Warning to all ranks of the dangers of careless talk and the spreading of rumours and encouragement to check these when encountered.

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11. Encouragement of all ranks to report at once suspicious incidents. Instructions in the procedure for such reports.
12. Instructions regarding the use of cameras, wireless sets, etc.
13. Instructions regarding the safeguarding of arms, ammunition, equipment, stores, etc.

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APPENDIX 'C'CIVIL SECURITY.

1. General: The Army's main concern in a theatre of war is with its military operations, to the success of which military security measures within the army itself make an important contribution. At the same time the Army is functioning among the civil population which is most often used by the enemy as the channel through which he operates his agents. Therefore, to supplement military security work, it is also necessary to impose certain restrictions and controls on the civil population in order to neutralise the activities of enemy agents. For example, movement control, which involves the establishment of restricted areas, road checks and the like, is of first importance in curtailing the activities of hostile elements.

The degree of responsibility resting with Field Security in the imposition and supervision of such controls will be found to vary in Italy according to the region in which they are operating. For instance, in the most forward areas they will have almost complete freedom of action in security matters affecting the civil population; in freshly liberated territory they will co-operate with Allied Military Government officers; further still to the rear they will work in collaboration with officers of the Allied Commission and local Italian police and security agencies.

2. Civil Security Measures: The following are the principal forms of control which may be applied to whole or part of the civil population for as long as may be necessary in the interests of security:-

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a. Identity. This is the essential basis of all other controls. Check of civilians can be carried out effectively only when there is a system of identity cards in force.

b. Movement. This includes control on entry into a theatre of war via ports and frontiers, and of movement within the theatre (viz. distance limits, check points, special areas), governed by a system of movement regulations and passes.

c. Residence. This involves the prohibition of certain persons from residing in certain localities and from changing residence without authority.

d. Communications. This concerns the censorship of letters, telegrams and telephones and limitations on the use of such forms of communication.

e. Publications. Censorship of the Press and Radio and a close watch on the issue of any enemy-inspired or subversive publications.

f. Action. This covers prohibition, limitation or licensing of certain actions, e.g. taking photographs or carrying firearms, and is governed by a system of permits.

3. Identity Documents, Passes and Permits. Special note should be made of the difference between an Identity document, a Pass and a Permit:

a. Identity Document: An official document establishing the identity of the bearer. It should carry a photo, signature of bearer, issuing office stamp, and name and address of bearer.

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b. Pass:

A document giving right of entry to an area otherwise prohibited.

c. Permit:

A document giving the bearer the right to perform some action normally forbidden by the military authorities or civil administration.

Passes and Permits should never be accepted without production of an identity document; their issue must be strictly controlled.

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Will you please appoint Security Officers and prepare Standing Orders
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In the Field.
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