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Sept. 20, 1943 - Dec. 7, 1943

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SECRET

SUBJECT: ITALIAN TFS FOR I of C

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
8/15/14

7 Dec 43

15 ARMY GP

Copy to: 2 District (for info)

1. In the course of discussion with me on 6 Dec, Brig Gen TAYLOR of the Allied Control Commission raised the question of responsibility for military defence of the Italian mainland. The discussion referred to his letter 370 of 3 Dec to AFHQ copy to you, on the use of the Italian Army and my 6/6/6 of 30 Nov to you on the same subject and dealt with future responsibilities rather than current necessities.
2. He said that the military defence of CALABRIA rested necessarily on the Italian Army; and that of SICILY in the future may well also be vested in them in whole or in part. He enquired whether General ALEXANDER accepted responsibility for the military defence of the Italian mainland; and what Italian forces did he consider should be allotted for this purpose, in phases (e.g. NAPLES - PUGLIA and FIORENTINA) as the Allied Armies advanced. Did he contemplate handing over any territories to the Italian Army as the sole responsibility or did he contemplate always having an Allied headquarters in direct control? He asked for information on these points.
3. I replied that the responsibility for defence was vested in the Allied Comds of Districts. But the machinery of control needs clarifying. For example:-
 - (a) To my enquiry for an approved Italian order of battle for the defence, No 2 District replied in their 2120 G of 3 Dec that this came under 15 Army GP. My 6/15/13 of 6 Dec refers.
 - (b) Under whose command is the coast defence Army in No 2 District and what is the approved Italian order of battle?
 - (c) If the various arms are partly under Army GP and partly under No 2 District, who coordinates them? *I must tell the Italians.*
4. For defence and internal security No 2 District have ordered in their 2120 G of 1 & 3 Dec
 - (a) For CALABRIA 6,000 Italian Army.
 - (b) For APULIA, LUCANIA, CALABRIA eight Italian bns totalling 3,800. I understand that most of these will be dispersed *8743* according to vital points.
 - (c) they make the ~~provision~~ ^{provision} that more Italian troops may be necessary later.
5. For the definition of policy for Italian Army (ref 2 letters quoted in para 1) it is necessary to look further than the immediate present and to envisage the situation when the Allied Armies have advanced further North. Will the responsibility for internal security and defence then rest on the Italian Army? and with the absence of Allied troops in the

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3. I replied that the responsibility for defence was vested in the Allied Comds of Districts. But the machinery of control needs clarifying. For example:-

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6. (a) Will you please enable me to reply to the points raised by Allied Control Commission in para 1.

(b) and answer the queries raised in para 3.

Edw. L. L. L.

Brig
Comd

Comms for Italian Army

MMIA

X/11

29 Nov 43

FIAMBO Naples

Copy to : IO IX Corps

IO XXI Corps

1. Enclosed for your information are copies of instructions being sent to SMRE together with 15 Army Gp letter X/2732 of 24 Nov.
2. CSO 15 Army Gp has arranged for Gen Basso's HQ to be in telephone comm with FIAMBO Sigs office
3. Please arrange for the necessary orderlies or DRs to operate between FIAMBO and Gen Basso's HQ.

(sd)

Brig.

SIGS COMMS FOR ITALIAN ARMY.

SMRE.

MMIA

X/11

29 Nov 43.

1. With ref your request for wireless comm to NAPLES. I am directed to inform you that:-
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 - b. That the Italian Army will have full use of the British Sigs channels of comm.
 - c. Gen Basso's HQ is being connected to FIAMBO Sigs office (NAPLES) by telephone.
 - d. Gen Basso's HQ to supply despatch ridersto carry messages to and from the Italian Force HQ and FIAMBO Sigs office.
2. Enclosed are a brief Sig instruction for your guidance and a diagram showing comms available.
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4. If the volume of traffic becomes too hy for the circuits
to take it will be necessary to limit the number of messages sent
per day. The need for this can only be determined after the service
has been in use for some time.

(sd) Brig.

2. FULLER PHONE
DRLS - Despatch order Cipher Service
MIA Signal instruction No 1. for Cipher Service

1. Att is a diagram showing the various channels of communication available.

2. MESSAGES.

Messages will be handed in to a British Sigs office where:-

- a). If there is a teleprinter or Fullerphone service they will be transmitted in Italian. This service being secure for all messages except those endorsed "MOST SECRET".
- b). MOST SECRET messages, that is those whose contents is to be concealed from the operators during its transmission, will be translated into English by the originating office, placed in an envelope, sealed and addressed "MOST SECRET, for cipher Office" and handed in to the Sigs office in the normal way. These messages should be kept down to an absolute minimum.

- c). If the teleprinter circuits are out of action and wireless has to be used messages must be translated into English before handing into the Sigs office where they will be enciphered before onward transmission by wire.

3. DRLS and ALS.

a) Packages whose contents are of an extremely important nature will, in addition to the address, have:-

- i. A coloured pencil cross made over the entire face of the packet.
- ii. A ref No.
- iii. The signature and branch of the Officer authorising it

b). The packets are called "REGISTERED DRLS or ALS" and receipts will be given for them. 8791

c). Normal packages for despatch will carry only the address on the face. No receipts are given for this type of DRLS or ALS.

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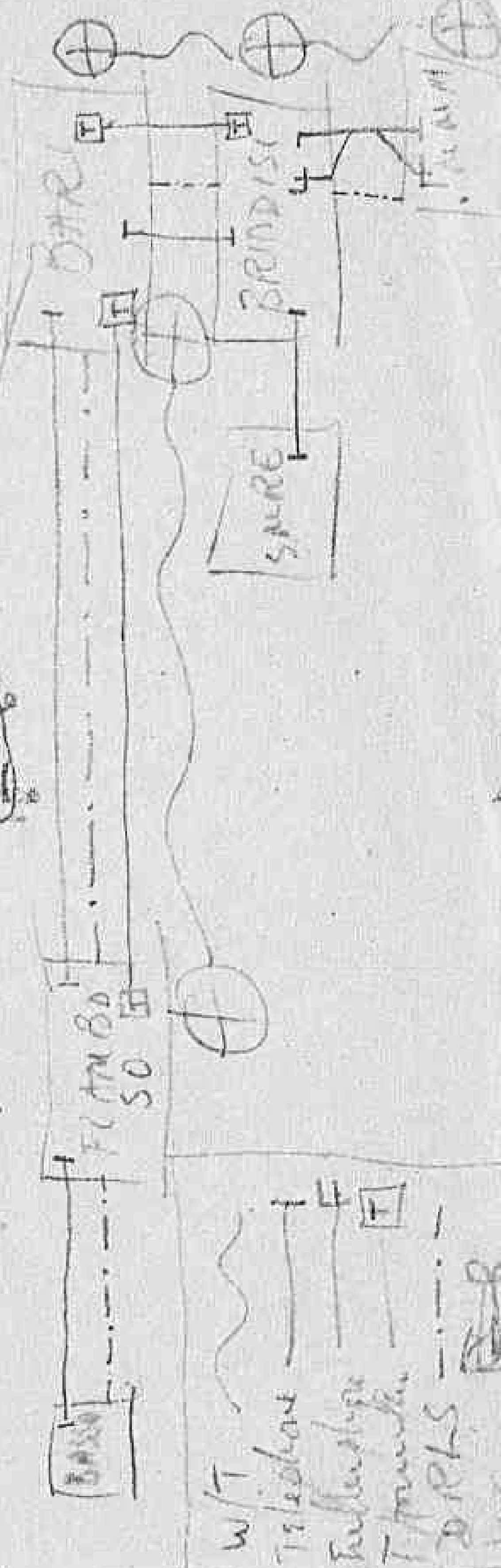
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Sigs layout for Hq Comms W/T circuits



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MOST SECRET

Military Mission of ITALIAN ARMY,
c/o 103 SUB AREA.
MF/100.

29 Nov 43.

H. Q.
IX CORPS (ITALIAN)

SUBJECT:- Defence of BARI.

In case of enemy attack on BARI by sea or parachute, or other grave disturbance, the local area commander will call on ITALIAN troops stationed in BARI for the following requirements:-

1. (a) PIER DEL LEVANTE. - 200 men will be sent to defend 220 PETROL DEPOT on the FOGGIA road. 500 men will remain at disposal of O.C. 46 B.S.D. for local defence.
 - (b) VIA NAPOLI - 100 men will remain in barracks for local defence. Remainder at disposal of O.C. 500 A.O.D. for sector defence.
 - (c) PICCA - 200 men will remain in barracks for local defence. Remainder to ready for use as a mobile reserve &
 - (d) SANTA CHIARA - 100 men will remain in barracks for local defence. Remainder to be ready for use as a mobile reserve.
 - (e) PUGLIA - 200 men will remain in barracks. Remainder to be ready for use as a mobile reserve.
2. It is requested that a liaison officer from IX CORPS be permanently at disposal of area commander. His duties will be as follows:-
- (a) To provide address and telephone number so that he can always be found.
 - (b) To accompany area commander in case of attack or disturbance and receive his instructions.
 - (c) Pass on these instructions to barracks concerned as given above in para.1.

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3. It is suggested that one of the liaison officers at present attached to this H.Q. be given this task.

Major,
Liaison Officer.

Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY,
c/o 103 SUB AREA,
MF/103.

29 Nov 43.

Liaison Officer,
Palazzo Del Governo,
BARI.

Reference your letter of 23 Nov 43.

IX CORPS (ITALIAN) agree that there is no
question of compensation being paid by any Allied
unit, as the men were on ITALIAN military
service.

Major,
Liaison Officer.

Copy to:- Claims & Hirings,
BARI.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/KHDC NO.

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23 Nov., 1943

SUBJECT: Fatal Accident, MAZZOTTI Francesco
TO: Maj. Fieldman, 9th Army Corps
FROM: ACCLO, Bari.

1. The attached communication from Claims and Hirings, Bari, has been received at this office and is referred to your office for consideration and action.

Armand de Masi

H. ARMAND deMASI,
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS

LIAISON OFFICER
PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
BARI

1 Encl. *Lectura*

*Da ritornare al
Magg FIELDMAN*

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cc3/6/321/-.

SUBJECT:-fatal accident to
Mazzotti Francesco

Major Smith
A.M.M.-Bari

The above named Italian soldier was killed in the Docks, on 14 Nov. 43 owing to the breaking of a crane cable; it appears that he was on official Italian military duty, the Italian authorities having, by agreement, placed certain amount of military labour at the Allies disposal.

In the circumstances, I have personally refused to consider the claim made by his relatives for compensation as I believe that the Italian Military Authority will deal with this case, the man being on Official military duty.

May I be advised whether my attitude is correct, please.

Thurston

Capt.

for Major R.A.
Claims and Hirings.
Bari.

Field.
18 Nov. 43

*Letter da informare al
Magg. FIELOMA 1887*

SUBJECT:- Fatal traffic accident,
killed - Rubino Vincenzo,
Italian soldier, attached
to 20th A.A. Artillery Legion,
Italian Army.

Ref 9/31010/

Major Feldman,
103 Sub-area.

A claim has been addressed to me by the above soldier's Mother, but before opening an enquiry, may I be advised whether the deceased was officially on duty as a soldier of the Italian Army, at the time of his death. If so, I presume the Italian authorities will deal with any possible question of Pension, Compensation to his Mother etc., leaving the question of liability as between the Allied and Italian Governments, to be settled as a separate question.

It seems that the soldier in question, on 10 Oct 43 at about 1900 hrs, was at his Barracks, and was running to take up his operational station when the accident happened; A.A. trials(?) were said to be taking place.

Field.
25 Nov 43.

Murray Capt.
for Major R.A.
Claims and hirings.
Bari.

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Subject :- Coast Defence

Headquarters,
103 Sub Area,
12/5/53

25 Nov 43

Political Liaison Officer
Major Fickens, M.H.I.A.

The enclosed copy of a signal from HQC BAH dated 22 Nov 43 is sent to you for your information and necessary action.

A. A. Fickens
Captain,

General Staff,
103 Sub Area.

17/05/53

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To :- CDR Movements in BAH, all concerned ships and authorities

From :- HQC BAH

In future Coast Defence batteries may open fire at any time during dark hours without warning. Request arrangements to be made that work in docks is not delayed.

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(2 Groups Batteries etc)

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No. 785020

Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY.
C/O 103 SUB AREA.
MF/100.

19 Nov 43.

Dear

Two points involving policy have cropped up recently.

1. The ITALIAN Air Force troops and cadets, used as dock labourers at BARI have NOT been and are NOT giving any satisfaction at all. Discipline and interest are lacking, while the men are young and unsuitable physically for the work. About 5,000 are employed at BARI.

It is very desirable to have them substituted by infantry who are well disciplined and have been the occasion of IX CORPS receiving a letter of congratulation on their work.

I have approached the Chief of Staff, IX CORPS and, while he has NO objection to a change, so big a move is beyond his powers.

Further, of the 8,000 ITALIANS now employed at BARI 1,400 do NOT, on an average, turn out for work through lack of boots.

May a request be made to 7 ARMY to arrange, if possible, for the substitute of these airmen and bootless soldiers by infantry who are fully dressed?

103 SUB AREA are writing to No.2 DISTRICT on the same subject.

2. At Main Army yesterday I had a talk with DAVID BELCHEM, B.G.S. He spoke of 5 & 13 CORPS employing up to 10,000 ITALIANS each. The difficulty is organisation. B.G. of the men so far employed, a number had swanned off after one day's work only. He is writing to 15 ARMY GROUP about it. Further three of the four ITALIAN officers I took to Main Army yesterday asked me what arrangements had been made about their pay. I suspect some of them believe they are coming on to British Army rates.

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Brigadier. C.C.DUCHESNE,
Comander,
Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY.

COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
Ufficio Terr. ed Affari Vari

2.33/9571/T. di prot.

P.M. 67, 7 novembre 1943
OGGETTO: - Requisizione per la sistemazione dei Comandi e truppe alleate. -

Allegati nr. 1

Al Comando della 103^a Sub-Area

e, per conoscenza:

A.S. Prefetto di

Al Comando Terr. le del IX C.A. (Uff. Presidio) - B A R I -

All'Ufficio di Collegamento Italiano presso

H.Q. District n. 2 C.M.F.

All'Ufficio di Collegamento Italiano presso

103 Sub-Area

Al Maggiore Fieldman - ufficiale di collegamento

Britannico presso Comando IX C.A. - B A R I -

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Si riceve la vostra lettera in data di ieri, 6 c., relativa a-

Elia accordi presi nella riunione tenuta presso cotevole Comando, il 4 c., per il procedimento da seguire per le requisizioni necessarie in Bari e provincia per la sistemazione dei comandi e truppe alleate. -

Condivido quanto concordato; preciso, però, che una volta trovati e fissati gli immobili di proprietà civile da requisire, l'elenco di tali immobili deve essere rimesso, dalla R. Prefettura, a questo Comando solo organo competente alla emanazione dei decreti di requisizione per quanto riguarda la sistemazione delle truppe alleate e per i bisogni militari in genere, nonché a dare gli ordini ai dipendenti Comandi di Presidio e del Genio militare cui è affidata l'esecuzione dei decreti stessi. -

Ciò premesso, resta inteso che la richiesta degli edifici militari, come per il passato, sarà rivolta a questo Comando. -

Per norma degli altri enti in indirizzo allego copia della emanata lettera del Comando della 103 Sub-Area. -

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Roberto Lerici-

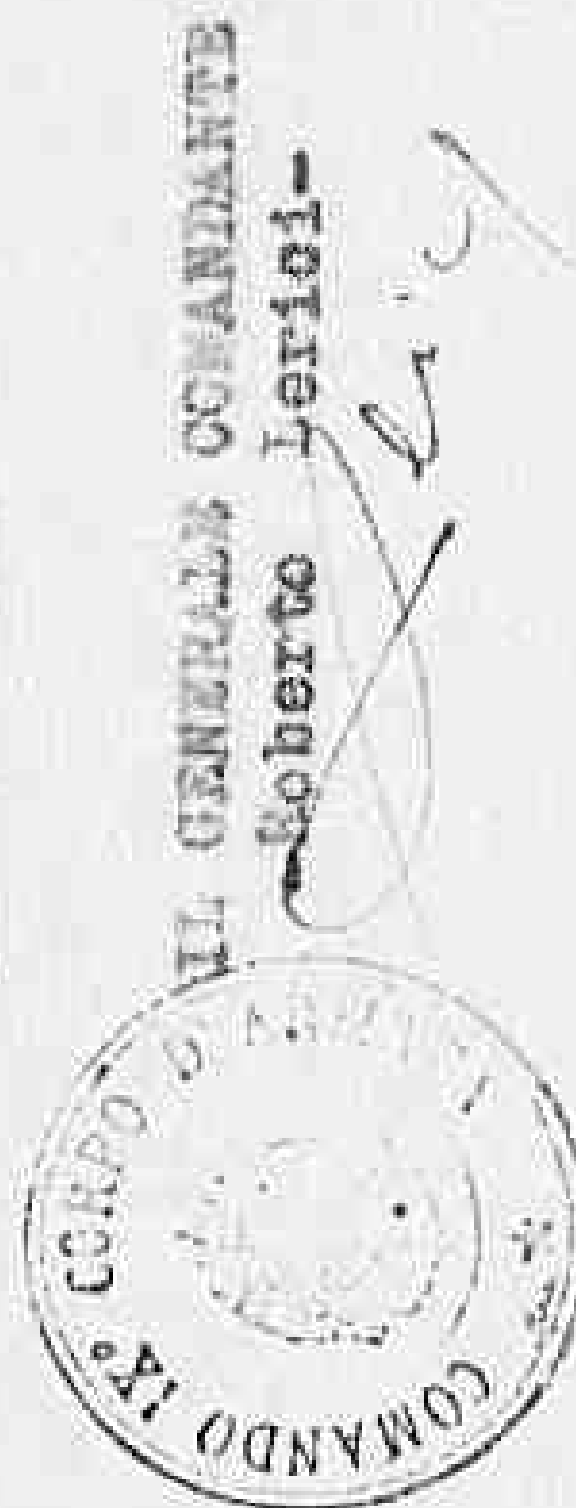
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OGGETTO: Requisizioni.-

COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA

COMANDO 103 SUB-AREA
65/Q

6 novembre 1943--

- 1- Il problema di trovare sistemazioni sufficienti per le forze alleate e per l'Aeronautica diventa ogni giorno risoluzione difficile.-
- 2- Considerando che i provvedimenti per trovare queste sistemazioni sono in bisogno urgente, si desidera nello stesso tempo che, possano essere fatte senza provocare troppe noie alla popolazione civile.-
- 3- In vista di ciò il Prefetto della Provincia è stato così gentile di suggerire di mettere delle persone del suo ufficio che conoscono bene la città e la provincia, a nostra disposizione, onde trovare le sistemazioni richieste.-
- 4- Una riunione venne tenuta a questo Comando al 4 di novembre nella quale venne stabilito che tutte le richieste di proprietà militari devono passare a mezzo vostro tramite il Maggiore Fieldman, che è il rappresentante militare della Missione Militare Britannica, e per le proprietà civili a mezzo dell'Ufficiale di Collegamento politico presso il Prefetto e copia di ogni richiesta sarà mandata a voi.-
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R/to Colonnello Decher 5782

E. C. C.
IL GEN. COL. CAPO UFFICIO

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P. C. C.

IL TEN. COL. CAPO UFFICIO



AN/ie

COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

N. 1789/Op di prot.

R.E.67, 8 novembre 1943

OGGETTO: procedura nel caso di fermo da parte della polizia inglese di militari e civili italiani adibiti al servizio di manovalanza nel porto di Bari.-

AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DEL IX C.A.
AL COMANDO REGIONE TERRITORIALE CC.RR.
AL COMANDO GRUPPO CC.RR.
AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA INTERNA CC.RR.

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e, per notizia:

ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA
ALLA PROCURA GENERALE DEL RE IMPERATORE
ALLA PROCURA MILITARE DEL RE IMPERATORE
ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI

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ALL'A.P.M. 181 H.Q. COY PORTO
ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL
ALL'OFFICER COMMANDING BOND SPECIAL
INVESTIGATION SECTION
AL M.B. TAYLOR PORT SECURITY OFFICER
No. P.S. SECTION

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I. - In seguito ad accordi intervenuti tra il Col. MUGLIA Francesco (delegato da questo comando) e l'A.P.M. 181 H.Q. Coy Porto, la procedura da seguire nel caso di fermo da parte della polizia inglese di militari e civili italiani adibiti al servizio di manovalanza nel porto di Bari sarà la seguente:

a) per quanto concerne i militari:

- 1) I militari fermati, perchè responsabili di reato, saranno riuniti in un locale della polizia inglese del porto.-
Detta polizia compilerà per ciascun militare fermato un breve rapporto in lingua italiana indicando nello stesso - ove si tratti di furto - il valore (in lire italiane) degli oggetti sottratti.-
Giornalmente alle ore 10 ed alle ore 16 CC.RR. (un sottufficiale e uno o più carabinieri, a seconda del bisogno) ai quali saranno consegnati i rapporti di cui sopra, rileveranno i militari fermati e li accompagneranno ai rispettivi corpi d'appartenenza.
I comandi di corpo - sulla base del rapporto della polizia inglese - daranno corso ai provvedimenti penali e disciplinari del caso.-
- 2) Per i fatti riguardanti il corpo di polizia inglese investigativo (sabotaggio, spionaggio, ecc.) i militari indiziati saranno conse-

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gnati ai CC.RR. per la traduzione alle carceri giudiziarie, con richiesta di vincolo, in attesa dell'espletamento delle indagini.-
Se le dette indagini daranno risultati positivi, i comandi di corpo, cui i militari indiziati appartengono, procederanno alla denuncia all'autorità giudiziaria militare competente (Procuratore del Re militare).-
Nel caso in cui le indagini siano negative, i militari fermati saranno rimessi in libertà su richiesta dell'ufficio di polizia inglese interessate, tramite comando compagnia interna CC.RR. di Bari.-

b) per quanto concerne i civili:

i civili fermati perché responsabili di reati, saranno consegnati al comando stazione CC.RR. del porto di Bari, unitamente ad un breve rapporto in lingua italiana sui fatti che hanno determinato l'arresto. Detto comando CC.RR. - fatte le sue indagini - trasferirà gli arrestati alle carceri ed inoltrerà la denuncia alle competenti autorità giudiziarie.-

II. - In relazione a quanto sopra il Comando Territoriale e la Legione Territoriale CC.RR. impartiscano le conseguenti disposizioni.-

Il Comando Territoriale, inoltre, mi riferisca settimanalmente circa gli incidenti occorsi ed i provvedimenti presi a carico dei militari responsabili, perché questo comando possa informarne le autorità militari britanniche.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Roberto Lerici)

p. 6. c.
IL COMANDANTE CAPO DI P.S.
(Nicola Balzani)

1ST SECRET.SUBJECT:- Policy - Italian A.A.62AABDE/100/15/30.8 Nov 43.H. 103 Sub Area.

1. The withdrawal of the Italian Independent A.A. Coy., manning 8 x 20 mm guns for the A.A. defence of Ceglie Wireless Stn (P 406773) is recommended.
2. The present policy is to enforce strict control over all Italian manned A.A. guns. This Wireless Stn is a separate V.P. four miles from BARI. It is impossible to control the A.A. there from G.O.R. BARI and it is not intended to move British guns there. I therefore request the removal of this Italian A.A. Coy., from Ceglie for employment at BARI to thicken up the Lt. A.A. Barrage.

FIELD.

H.A. Hounsell
H.A. HOUNSELL, Brig.
Comd., 62 A.A. Bde.

Copy to:- General di Brigade Mario Ferraro,
Comandante Difesa Contrarei
del IX Corpo D'Armata.

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Liaison Officer,
BMW to 7 ITALIAN ARMY.
MF/100

10 Nov 43.

Comando,
IX Corpo D' Armata,
BARI.

FOR INFORMATION.

The officer commanding Anti - Aircraft
batteries at BARI recommends that the 8 X 200mm
guns at SEGLIE be posted to BARI to help in
the defence of the port.

Major.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Liaison Section

British Military Mission

AS/8

2 Nov 45

W. FIELDMAN —

RAM LO c/o 103 Sub Area.

Capt MURCELL

RAM LO to Allied Mil Mission

The attached copy of W^o 2 District Letter 1496Q of 30 Oct is forwarded for information.

EJC/ABC

B. G. Cairns
for

Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Liaison Section COPY

HQ No 2 District CMF
1496Q

GENERAL

An Italian Liaison Section is being set up at HQ No 2 District. The members of this Section will be provided by 7 Italian Army.

COMPOSITION

The exact composition of this section is not yet known nor are its functions as yet defined.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-SECTION

A sub-section of this Liaison Section termed the "Administrative Sub-Section" (Intendente del Esercito) has been established at this HQ. This sub-section consists of three officers and four clerks. Col VALLONE, Italian Army is head of this sub-section.

A branch of this sub-section will be established at HQ of Sub Areas as follows:-

BARI
BRINDISI
TARANTO
BARILETTA

In addition a branch will be located at NAPLES and SALERNO, but they will be under the direction of D/G.A.O. (FLAMBO) in accordance with the policy laid down in AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon Instruction No 1 dated 24 Oct.

FUNCTION OF ADM SUB-SECTION

The function of the Adm Sub-Section will be

- (a) To assist and advise the staff of No 2 District on all matters of procurement of military requirements from civil sources.
- (b) To assist the staff of No 2 District with the provision of engineer stores from Italian Army sources.
- (c) To act as liaison with civil authorities on all matters of policy and regarding requisitioning of accommodation and land.
- (d) To supervise the activities of the branches of the sub-section located with sub areas.

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 - (b) To fulfil the requests of Sub-Area Comdres in regard to requirements for accommodation and land for personnel, stores etc for military purposes.
 - (c) To carry out the instructions of the adm sub-section at HQ No 2 District.
 - (d) To seek guidance from the sub-Section at HQ No 2 District in regard to policy matters.
- If requirements of Sub Area Comdres cannot be met expeditiously through the representatives of the adm liaison sub-section, Sub-Area Comdres are empowered to take other steps to obtain requirements, informing the Liaison section at HQ No 2 District of the action taken.

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8: OPERATION

The Italian Liaison Section will operate under 'Q' Branch of HQ N° 2 District but services of N° 2 District will approach the sub-section direct on departmental matters.

9. CONTROL OF STOCKS

The policy of control of civil stocks is not at present defined. Further instructions on this matter will be issued. It is apparent, however, that a balance must be kept between military and civil requirements. No requisitioning of civil food stocks is permitted.

(signed) C.P.R. JOHNSTON colonel

30 Oct 45 -
TCO 1015A

for Maj-Gen

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SUBJECT: Proclamations for ITALIAN
Troops in forward Areas.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. G/5/1;

2 Oct 45.

Headquarters,
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

Copy to: Major PILLMAN ✓

1. Capt. WAR your Liaison Officer with 5 COMPS was sent here today by Gen. ALLNUTT to ask if this Mission could expedite the despatch to forward areas of posters of proclamations informing the Italian soldiers there what action they should take.
2. Apparently at present in nearly every recaptured locality there are ITALIAN soldiers who have no idea what to do or whose orders to obey. They are suspicious of instructions given to them by an ITALIAN officer that they do not know, and afraid of what will happen to them when sent back by the Allied forces.
3. Consequently many who have been transported to Transit Camps in rear areas, are leaving the Transit Camp and returning to their homes or wherever they came from.
4. It was suggested to Capt. WAR that these posters could probably most quickly be forwarded through HQ IX COMPS where the B.M.Ms., Liaison Officer Major PILLMAN could issue a pass or make the necessary arrangements for somebody to take them forward to HQ 5 COMPS.
5. Capt. WAR could then arrange that they be posted up as soon as a fresh locality is occupied.
6. This Mission would be pleased to help in any other way that you can suggest.

W. H. R.
Brigadier,
Cord. British Military Mission.

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Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Subject: Relations between AMGOT
and ITALIAN ARMY.

British Military Mission to
7th. ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. No. AG/8
15 Oct. 43.

Major M.A. Fielinen c/o IX Corps
Major J.G. Lentzner c/o XXXI Corps

1. The attached copy of a letter on the above subject is forwarded for information.
2. Ref. para 4, 7th. ITALIAN ARMY will not be informed until a reply is received from AMGOT to para 7(b)
3. This matter was originally put up to FORTHASE when it appeared that there would be no B.M.M. representative in CATANZARO.
4. In neither of your cases will it apply so long as you are acting as B.M.M. representatives.

Handwritten signature
G.S.O. 11.6773
British Military Mission.

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SECURITY.

SUBJECT: Relations between AMGOT and ITALIAN ARMY.

BRI to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY.

HQ 2 DISTRICT
(FORPBASE) CMT
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11 Oct. 43.

With reference to your G/7 dated 6 Oct. 43.

1. The policy stated in para 2 is approved.
2. Provincial Civil Affairs of AMGOT are authorised to approach direct the local ITALIAN Military HQ with a view to obtaining assistance on such matters as, e.g.

- (a) Assistance to the Civil Police.
- (b) Tpt. for movement of foodstuffs for civil population.
- (c) Provision of medical assistance by providing medical personnel or facilities to assist the civil organisation.

3. Such arrangements as are made to be reported to the General Staff this HQ, Regional HQ AMGOT, and BMA to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY. It is emphasised that all such services must take second place to military requirements.

4. Please ensure that 7 ITALIAN ARMY HQ informs all formations under their control that this policy is approved.

5. Will you further please request them to take all possible steps to ensure that such services as are requested are provided whenever possible.

6. The present policy is to entrust more and more garrison and L of C duties in the rearward area to the ITALIAN ARMY. In view of this, it will be appreciated that the closest present local liaison between AMGOT officials and local ITALIAN Military authorities can only produce beneficial results.

7. With reference to your further request that Major HOLMSTROM R.M. (or deputy) may represent BMA to 7th. ITALIAN ARMY with 31 ITALIAN CCPS, would Regional HQ AMGOT please say whether they have any objection:

- (a) to this particular arrangement? (Major HOLMSTROM is personally agreeable.
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Copy to: Regional HQ AMGOT (please reply on para 7)

16 Army Gp	)	XXXXXXXX
86 Area	)	Major-General
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6 Base Sub-Area	)	
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Col 7 Indian Army

LIASON OFFICERS

Major M FRIEDMAN is proceeding to BARU
looking to take up the duties of liaison
officer between Comd IX Indian Corps
& the British Military Authorities.

As Major FRIEDMAN is liable to recall to
the EIGHTH ARMY his appointment is only
to be regarded as temporary.

Atchesone
Bangalore

2/10/43

Comd British Military Mission

COPY TO

Major EIGHTH ARMY

NO 2 DISTRICT (FAR BASE)

86 SUB AREA.

Please arrange immediately

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to the British Military Authorities

As Major FIEDMAN is unable to recall to the British Army his appointment is only to be regarded as temporary

2/10/43

Col. release
Bengal

Comdr British Military Mission

Copy to

Main British Army

No 2 Distinct (Pier Case)

86 Sub AREA

Please arrange amendment

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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Dealing with the Data

to: — A. J. Thompson, Esq.,
 1000 Ave. of the Americas,
 New York, N. Y.

The attached advised copy of a presentation to be
made by the Italian Embassy, together with the Italian
Ambassador's introduction.

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W. B. Gallagher,
C.A. & J. H. H. H.
ST. LOUIS, MO.

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copy to: HQ 15 Army Group
HQ 1st Division to
31st Infantry Group
copy to: 1st Division, 1st Army
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1st Division, 1st Army

The attached advanced copy of a proclamation to be
issued by the British Military Mission to the 31st Italian
Corps is forwarded for information.

W. Bradner
W. Bradner,
1st Division,
1st Army

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DRAFT DECLARATION

In agreement with the British Military Authorities who are occupying the territory of CALABRIA.

I ORDER

1. That all Italian soldiers wherever they are dispersed in the territory of CALABRIA, who having received or who may interpret the directions of the BMA have lost their units, return forthwith.

2. Soldiers should present themselves to the units of which they formed part. In case any soldier does not know the present location of his unit, or if the unit is not in CALABRIAN territory, he will report to the nearest Italian Carabinieri who will take steps to forward him either to his unit or the nearest Italian Headquarters.

In the meantime it is ordered that

- (a) soldiers of the Mountain Div report to the area between MARICOLI and LAVINIA.
- (b) of 211 Div to the area between DECCIMANURA and S. BERNARDO.
- (c) 212 Div to the area between SOTERIA and COLOSIMI.
- (d) 214 Div to the area between S. SEVERINA and PUGLIA POLICASTRO.
- (e) 227 Div to the area between COSENZA and CASTRO VILLARI.

3. Troops must report before (date to give 10-15 days grace).
After this date all troops will be arrested by the CARABINIERI and sent to concentration camps arranged by the BMA.

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In the meantime it is ordered that

- (a) Colonel of the 21st Div report to the area between CARRACCI and LAVINIA.
- (b) of 211 Div to the area between DECCIMATURA and S. BERNARDO.
- (c) 212 Div to the area between SOTERIA and COLOSINI.
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