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Monthly - Security - Intelligence - Report

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Appx "A" to LO 5/SD dated 22 Jan 45.

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army.

Outstation: BARI
Report No 4.

Area covered Apulia & Lucania.
Period from 22 Feb - 22 Mar 45.

A. General Security.

1. Morale. Average. Desertions from ^{formed} forward units low. No subversive incidents noticed.
2. Facist, pro German, Anti Allied Activities and trends. NIL.
3. Illegal storage of Arms & Ammunition. NIL observed.
4. Political Activity.
 - a) by the Military. Arrival of GARIBALDI Div heralded by posters and enthusiasm from high officers. Population unaffected.
 - b) by Communist Party. A rally. Passed in excellent humour and no deep feeling. By other parties, none observed.
5. Relations with and attitude toward Allied Troops. No reported incidents. Relations friendly generally where men work together.
6. Discipline. Apart from speeding offences, good. A march through the town by Pioneers with rifles and bayonets was well received by the population. They marched well.
7. Humour and Indiscreet Talk. The arrival of the GARIBALDI was public property before the first troops landed. Placards were posted, and an attempt, on orders from the War Ministry, to publish notices beforehand in the Newspapers, was blocked by the British Censor. Consider this a grave breach of security, especially as shipping was concerned, and also the removal of a Div from TITO's Order of Battle.
8. Summary of Military Security. Nothing further to report.

B. Personalities. Territorial H.Q. BARI.

1. Information (White) note: All ages are estimates.
 - General BOSELLI - elderly 57-60 (or more) nothing further to report.
 - Col. FIAZZO (47) Capo di D.M. - quiet and efficient. I understand he is going to CESANO. A good officer.
 - Ten. Col. BIANCHI (42) Sotto Capo S.M. The main spring of Territorial H.Q. activity. Excellent disciplinarian. Gets things done. Always an intriguer, but knows which side his bread is buttered. Consider he would make an excellent Chief of Staff to a Combat Div. His best position would always be where issues are straightforward. He should be used where his undoubted efficiency are of more value. Used to be sotto capo of 51 Italian Corps. (comprising LEGNANO and PICENO Divs)
 - Ten. Col. Dell'AGLIO (44) Capo Ufficio Ordineamento. Together with Capt FANTASIA (27) (an excellent young staff officer) ran the Call Up. Very voluble but always on the spot.
 - Col. LA ZARA (46) Capo Commissariato. Knows his job in detail. Co-operates but lacks driving force. On the whole, good.

2. Information (Black) NIL.

3. Information (Grey)

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2. Information. (Black) NIL.

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

C. Personalities. (White)

Ten. Col. COLETTI (40) Sotto Capo. Extremely quiet, but knows all that INSIGNA goes on, and is always exact, immediate and efficient.

Personalities (Black) Nil.

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

1. The first thing I noticed when I entered the camp was the smell of the latrines. It was a very strong smell and it was everywhere.

2. The second thing I noticed was the noise. It was a constant noise of the men talking and the dogs barking.

3. The third thing I noticed was the food. It was very bad and it was very little.

4. The fourth thing I noticed was the discipline. It was very strict and it was very harsh.

5. The fifth thing I noticed was the weather. It was very hot and it was very dry.

6. The sixth thing I noticed was the people. They were very different and they were very strange.

7. The seventh thing I noticed was the animals. There were many different animals and they were very wild.

8. The eighth thing I noticed was the plants. There were many different plants and they were very beautiful.

9. The ninth thing I noticed was the water. It was very dirty and it was very bad.

10. The tenth thing I noticed was the sun. It was very hot and it was very bright.

11. The eleventh thing I noticed was the moon. It was very bright and it was very beautiful.

12. The twelfth thing I noticed was the stars. They were very bright and they were very beautiful.

13. The thirteenth thing I noticed was the clouds. They were very white and they were very beautiful.

14. The fourteenth thing I noticed was the wind. It was very strong and it was very cold.

15. The fifteenth thing I noticed was the rain. It was very heavy and it was very cold.

16. The sixteenth thing I noticed was the snow. It was very white and it was very cold.

17. The seventeenth thing I noticed was the ice. It was very hard and it was very cold.

18. The eighteenth thing I noticed was the fire. It was very hot and it was very bright.

19. The nineteenth thing I noticed was the light. It was very bright and it was very beautiful.

20. The twentieth thing I noticed was the dark. It was very dark and it was very scary.

21. The twenty-first thing I noticed was the silence. It was very quiet and it was very peaceful.

22. The twenty-second thing I noticed was the noise. It was very loud and it was very annoying.

23. The twenty-third thing I noticed was the smell. It was very strong and it was very bad.

24. The twenty-fourth thing I noticed was the taste. It was very bad and it was very disgusting.

25. The twenty-fifth thing I noticed was the touch. It was very rough and it was very uncomfortable.

26. The twenty-sixth thing I noticed was the sound. It was very loud and it was very annoying.

27. The twenty-seventh thing I noticed was the sight. It was very ugly and it was very disgusting.

28. The twenty-eighth thing I noticed was the smell. It was very strong and it was very bad.

29. The twenty-ninth thing I noticed was the taste. It was very bad and it was very disgusting.

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT- ITALIAN ARMY.

Outstation: BARI

Area Covered: APULIA & LUCANIA

Report No 2

Period from 22 Dec 44 to 22 Jan 45.

A. GENERAL SECURITY.

1. Morale

a) Unrest due to call-up. Feeling general that Italy should know what she is fighting for, and what she will lose by Armistice Terms. Lack of publication is said to be prime cause of lack of enthusiasm. I think this is doubtful and if at all only concerns students. War weariness and laziness are more prominent features, also a "certainty" that failure to answer call up cannot be punished.

b) A cause of discontent is that both Airmen and Sailors in this area are extremely well dressed in new clothing, while soldiers are not. I was asked the other day by a working man if pro Fascist were clothed in grey green Italian uniform, labourers in green B.D. and real soldiers in KHAKI.

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NIL

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6. No adverse reports heard; in BRIT units rather the reverse, though in BRINDISI had BARI where Italian Pioneers and Docks Operating Coys work side by side on night shifts, discontent is growing because a night issue of tea, sugar and milk has been authorised for the Docks Operating Coys only. Can pioneers on the same work be included please? AFHQ/2505/Q Maint of 11 Dec 44 and our ST/4 of 12 Jan 45 refers.

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NIL report.

B. PERSONALITIES.

1. Information (white) on higher leaders.

Lt Col BIANCHI sotto capo Territorial Hq.
Age 42(?) efficient and co-operative.

2. Information (black)

NIL.

NOTE: No real grievance of value concerning officers either of Territorial H.Q. or 230 Div have been made. Orders have been executed without undue delay, and little "belly aching."

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Appendix "A" to S/I/106/1 of Dec 44

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation.....Area Covered.....

Report No..... Period from to.....

A. GENERAL SECURITY

1. Morale - Include details of unrest, complaints, undealt with grievances, desertions. Any seditions or subversive influences likely to undermine morale.
2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED activities or trends.
3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS & AMMUNITION.
4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - Propaganda, monarchism.
5. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops.
6. DISCIPLINE
7. RUMOURS and indiscreet TALK - Breaches of Security.
8. SUMMARY of MILITARY SECURITY situation including any other matters that cannot be correctly listed under 1 to 7. above.

B. PERSONALITIES

1. Information (white) on high r leaders.

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2. Information (BLACK) - ditto.

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SOURCES It is essential to give source and assessment of reliability of each item of information i.e. personal observation, visit, interview, second-hand from....., repeated by etc. Sources considered reliable, doubtful etc.

Note 1* Rank, appointment, age. Information co-operative
negative - obstructive - political attitude -
efficiency - energy.

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