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Subject: Monthly Report, CC, RR.

11 British Liaison Unit

Ref. 18372 PALERMO
CCHR/A/3

To : Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) CCHR Section.
ROME.

Dec. +5.

CC, RR.

1. STRENGTH

a) Total strength of Palermo Legion:

Organic 4529 - Effective 3932 - Present 3722.
(including 496 men belonging to other legions, here as reinforcements).

b) Percentage on leave: 10%

c) Percentage employed on extraneous duties: 1,4%

d) Strength of the Mobile Battalion of Palermo:

Organic 537 - Effective 537 - Present 40.

e) Percentage on leave: 13%

f) Total strength of Messina Legion:

Organic 3343 - Effective 3220 - Present 3343.
(including 273 men belonging to other Legions)

g) Percentage on leave: 5,8%

h) Percentage employed in extraneous duties: 0,05%

2. ORGANISATION.

Personnel deficiencies

Palermo Legion

- a) 807 less on the present strength
- b) 597 less on the effective strength

Messina Legion

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3. INTELLIGENCE.

News about the public opinion. Information about serious matters that could happen or have happened:

The public moral is low for the same reasons stated on previous reports.

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Public is worrying about the scarcity of grain and the difficulties of supplies from other Nations, this would bring a reduction of rations and consequent crisis.

During the month no serious incident occurred.

4. INSTRUCTIONS - PROGRESS.

Nothing to report. The result of the instructions made by officers and C.R.s to the Carabinieri of the Instructions Nucleus and of the Station are satisfactory.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

- a) Discipline: Serious crimes - NIL
- b) Wages: Serious deficiencies and difficulties. The service regarding the wages - anticipations and supplies of funds are

regular.

- c) Personnel: Transfer of senior officers. During the month the Ministry of War, in agreement with the General Carabinieri HQ, has transferred the following officers: Administration Major CARLOMARIO CARNOLO - from the Legion of Detrasere to Messina for service.
- Major BULLONIA Vincenzo - from the Legion of Messina to the Military District of Messina for service.
- Further, the General Carabinieri HQ has cancelled the transfer of Lt. Col. FIDELIO Antonino who was assigned to the Legion of Messina as vice-commandant.

6. GENERAL DEFICIENCIES, CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

The issues of overcoats, pullovers and new boots to the carabinieri for the coming winter, would be indispensable. Actually, the most urgent needs are as follows:

	<u>Messina Legion.</u>
Handkerchieves	5000
Towels	3000
New boots	1000
	pairs
	<u>Palermo Legion.</u>
Flannel shirts	1500
Overalls for drivers etc.	500
Woolen underwear	4000

7. CARABINIERI MORAL.

Good, although there is the economic inconvenience, a consequence of the high cost of living.

8. PUBLIC SECURITY SITUATION.

With the exception of some zones, the conditions of public security have improved. The Army continues its work to prevent crimes. A suggestion has been made for 19 originals to be specially vigilated, 12 are to be confined by the Police. 21 special vigilance, 6 warnings are already adopted and 16 suggestions for special vigilance and 15 for confinement are awaiting approval.

Comparison of crimes committed in the month of October and November.

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Wairs

Palermo Legion.

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Overalls for drivers etc.
Woolen underwear

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Summary of crimes committed in the month of October and November.

Less - Murders 22. Kidnaps 1. Robberies 10. Attempted Robberies 1. Extortions 4. Damages to property 6. Arson 11. Forgery bank notes 3. Rapes 5.

In addition, - Attempted murders 7. Thefts 4. Serious thefts 21. Criminal associations 5.

During the month the Carabinieri had 10 conflicts involving shooting, an increase of three on the previous month.

VIS/BI
C.M.P.

W.D. PARKER,
Major,
R.A.A. & C.M.C.

Translation A.P.

54th AIR DIVISION BRIGADE H.Q.

TO: 11 B.L.M.

Palermo 3 Nov. 46

Confidential

10) STRENGTH

a) Palermo Legion total strength:

W.B. 5529 Effectives: 3939 - Present 3815 -- (Including 496 O.Rs. from other legions as reinforcements.)

b) Percentage on leave: 12%

c) Percentage on extra duties: 1.5%

d) W.B. H. Palermo strength:

- W.B. 537 - Effectives 537 - Present 415

e) Percentage on leave: 12%

f) Messina Legion total strength:

- W.B. 3313 - Effective 3301 - Present 2889

g) Percentage on leave: 11.12%

h) Percentage on extra duties: 0.05%

20) CHALLENGE:

Personnel deficiencies:

Palermo Legion:

714 less in the present strength

533 less in effective strength

Messina Legion:

455

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30) INTERPRETATION (News about the public opinion; informations about serious matters that would happen or happened.)

The public moral is down. The recruits of the Peace conference, that had seen painful cuttings in the Italian Territory, the burden of heavy reparations, that will get difficult and nearly insupportable our economic and temporary reconstruction, gave a painful and sad impression on the public opinion. To have troubles of international idea, we have to add the internal situation of the Country, the conditions of the public order, of the public safety, and the increasing of the want of employees. Still more, the employees there is a big discontent for the difficult economic situations. Increasing of wages are already overtaken by the increasing of prices.

- 2) Medio B. Palermo strength:
- W.B. 537 - Effective 537 - Present +15
- 3) Percentage on leave: 12
- 4) Messina Legion total strength:
- W.B. 1303 - Effective 1371 - Present 1889
- 5) Percentage on leave: 11,32
- 6) Percentage on extra duties: 0,09
- 7) DEFICIENCIES:

Personnel deficiencies:

<u>Palermo Legion:</u>	<u>Messina Legion:</u>
71% less in the present strength	55
50% less in effective strength	172

3c) INTERNAL SECURITY (News about the public opinion; informations about serious matters that would harm or harmad.)

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Nothing very important to report for the last month. Agitations, troubles, riots, economic difficulties, the overthrow of the moral values, the propaganda of renouance and of overreaction, are spreading everywhere, the fear, the pessimism and discomfort.

4a) TRAINING

The training in the training station and at the country stations is carried out with satisfactory results.

N.T.M.

5a) ADMINISTRATION

Discipline N.T.M.

Pay (deficiencies or difficulties) : 1138 The recent increasing of the

ney (not yet on) has not yet satisfied the personnel either because not enough for the living cost, either because the increasing has been overthrown by an unexpected increasing of the living prices that reached enormous figures.

The pay services, anticipations and founds administrations, is carried out regularly.

c) Personnel: Posting of superior Officers and reasons:

Messina Legion.

Major UZZI Antonio from Catania Group to Foglia Group; duty.

Major MOSSUTI Pietro from Foglia Group to Catania Group; duty.

Palermo Legion

N.T.R.

6°) GENERAL DEFICIENCIES. (Clothing and Equip.)

The equipment is regular, and clothing situation is improved. Ref. the allotments of the CHQ to complete the clothing position, it would be necessary the following articles, already applied urgently to the same G.H.Q.

Palermo Legion.

Woolen under pants.....	3000
Towels.....	3500
Blanket shirts.	1500
U.S. uniforms	500
Woolen vests.	4000

Messina Legion.

Handkerchiefs.	5000
Towels	3000
Boots (new)	500

It is necessary to issue to all the G.H.s, a second pair of boots and a second uniform.

7°) MORALE

The morale of the Italian army is pretty good.

8°) PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

Being in some districts, worst in others. Still many low-informations due to the high cost of living and to the want of work. Heavy duties of the carabinieri, even having not enough strength and material, but always successful. During the month, happened 7 lightings, 4 bandits killed, 2 wounded of which one arrested.

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Woolen under pants.....	3000
Towels.....	3500
Washed shirts.	1500
D.R.s. uniform	500
Woolen vests.	4000
Mussina Legion.	
Washed shirts.	5000
Towels	3000
Boots (new)	500

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Sgt. The C.O. the Brigade.
ADRIANO CALABRO, Sgt.

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SUBJECT : Carabinieri Reports.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
M. M. I. A. ROME.

CCRR/G/6/7/13

22 October 1946.

H.Q. 11 B.L.U.-

1. As the reports of the two Legions of 6 Bde. OC. have not reached this office, it is thought possible that as there is no longer a OC. L.O. with you, the Brigade Commander may be under the impression that the monthly reports are no longer required.
2. It would be very much appreciated if you could have the reports forwarded to this section.

C. Hayes

C. HAYES,
Major,
G.S.O. II, CC.RR. Branch

CH/am

SECRET - Monthly Report, C.I.R.R.

11 British Legion Hall.

Ref: 10673 Palermo.
Ref: 10673/1/3

6 Dec 45.

To : Head Corps Sub-Com. C.I.R.
(U.M.I.A.) CORP Section.
Rome.

C.I.R.

Following the "Station" of Corrado several vitriolic articles appeared in the Marxist newspaper L'UNITA in which the C.I.R. were severely criticised and PIROGHIARDI APRILE the Marxist leader is reported to have made an official comment to some in which he criticised the C.I.R. in general. It is also reported that an unofficial committee composed of members of various political parties arrived from Rome and endeavoured to collect evidence on the Corrado incident.

The performance of the stationed armed cars at Corrado has been the subject of great satisfaction to the C.I.R. who did however make use of their fire-arms only in cases of extreme necessity. The need for wireless communication for the C.I.R. is again stressed and it is suggested that the Legions of Sicily are not receiving their fair share of equipment but we have no means of checking this except through R.I.L.

W. SYKES
Major
GSO II

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S. SYRUS
Major
CSC II

WJ/LS.
CSC.

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Subject: Monthly Report. CC.MB.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 15/72 PALMRO
OCHS/A/3

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.B.I.M.)
Rome.

5 Aug 46.

PART I.

1. Suggestion As a result of Major Lacey's departure from the unit on 11 July 46. Major G.M. Snowden D.A.A. & C.M.B. has taken over the duties of liaison with CC.MB. This is thought to be the most satisfactory arrangement with regard to making a fair distribution of duties within the unit.

PART II. 'A'

2. CC.MB.

It is realized that the general problems of the CC.MB. are underlined by your H.Q. but the fact remains that these problems appear to be still unrelieved and as such are the cause of justifiable discontent among CC.MB. personnel. These problems are as follows:

- a) Under the present organization of the CC.MB. being part of the Army it is resulting that their problems are being treated miscellaneous whereby neither side receives any priority action.

Naturally the CC.MB. are always employed in an operational role whereas the Army is only preparing for one (except in the case of units employed in Internal Security) and it would therefore seem only just to divide their problems and give priority of action to the CC.MB. so that their operational efficiency is brought to 100% in the quickest possible time.

If there was the smallest chance of renewing and winning the case for separating the CC.MB. completely from the Army this action is strongly recommended.

The following points are really the effects of para (a).

- b) The promotion of a CC.MB. officer who was serving as an officer before the capitulation was frozen until such time as his past record under the Fascist Regime had been investigated and found clear.

Though a certain number of these officers have been cleared a considerable number are still waiting. The effect of this delay has been that officers enlisted in the CC.MB. after the

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It is realized that the general problems of the 33.00. are understood by your H.A. but the fact remains that these problems appear to be still unresolved and as such are the cause of justifiable discontent among 33.00. personnel. These problems are as follows:

- a) Under the present organization of the 33.00. being part of the Army it is resulting that their problems are being treated simultaneously whereby neither side receives any priority action. Naturally the 33.00. are always employed in an operational role whereas the Army is only preparing for one (except in the cases of units employed in Internal Security) and it would therefore seem only just to divide their problems and give priority of action to the 33.00., so that their operational efficiency is brought to 100% in the quickest possible time. If there was the smallest chance of renewing and winning the case for converting the 33.00. completely from the Army this action is strongly recommended.

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Though a certain number of these officers have been cleared a considerable number are still waiting. The effect of this delay has been that officers enlisted in the 33.00. after the capitulation date were allowed promotion and are now in certain cases of equal or superior rank to the older and more experienced officers who still have their promotion frozen.

Evidently the process of clearing these officers is a central consideration for both the officers of the Army and 33.00.

For reasons explained in para (a) above it is not possible to accelerate the clearing of 33.00. officers e.g. by means of forming a separate commission of investigation.

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c) There are many reserve officers in the OJ.RR. who have served long and exemplary service but who now, if over 32 years old, have no means at their disposal of remaining in the service but are obliged to go on reserves.

They are replaced in many cases by young and inexperienced Army officers.

It is asked therefore if it would be possible to introduce a system whereby deserving reserve officers over 32 years old can pass into the Regular service (naturally with an age limit of say 40).

d) Propaganda encouraging enlistment in the OJ.RR. continues to be bad owing to the unattractive economic situation for officers \$3.00 and men.

A general increase in pay would seem the ideal solution but if this is not possible the main bugbears at present are, the completely inadequate amount paid as lodging allowances and the small amount of the 3 yearly increment.

Is there any chance of increasing these amounts.

e) Personnel are still issued with only one uniform and one pair of boots which is inadequate for the hard and long hours of duty performed.

These problems which can be considered as the actual center to the OJ.RR. today are being repeated in this report in order that we may be informed as to:

a) Present decision arrived at.

b) If this decision is final, or if it is agreed that a change in this decision would be beneficial if there is any possibility of reversing the decision.

c) Future policy on any of these problems on which a decision has not yet been concluded.

PAGE XII.

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In view of the exceptional and urgent operational duties incurred by the Bde in S.I.L.V., could a concerted effort be made to obtain releases and arrange for dispatch of vehicles already assigned.

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PAGE III 'A'

- 3. There are still many units throughout the Sds. who are critically short of transport.

In view of the exceptional and urgent operational duties incurred by the Sds in SULLY, could a concerted effort be made to obtain release and airage for despatch of vehicles already assigned.

- 4. R/S. Raimondi

- a) The latest measure introduced by the Sds. to check the acute bandit activity in SULLY, has been to post pickets of 25 carabinieri on dominating mountain features according to the intensity of bandit operations in any particular zone i.e. the allocation of these pickets changes periodically.

At present most of the pickets are disposed in the PALANZO province as a result of bandit activities in the MONTALEONE and PANTIFICO areas.

These pickets have NO system of wireless or telephone communication between themselves or to the nearest station. It is essential to the success of this form of operation that all pickets should be in wireless communication with themselves and their stations.

For this reason an URGENT request is made that 50 (fifty) wireless sets with a range of a minimum of 10 km. and a desirable maximum of 25 or 30 km. (perhaps No. 13 sets would suffice) be issued to the Bde. at the disposition of the Bde. Commander.

Would you take immediate action on this request.

Attached as Appendix 'A' to this report is a map showing the present layout of these pickets in one zone of activities as an example.

b) Telephone Communications.

Being to lack of telephone cable held by the civil telephone Coy. PALMADO the Legion H.Q. at PALMADO are unable to have telephone communications to MORGUELO, an important nearby town where there is considerable activity during the summer.

There are also a few other important stations on the outskirts of PALMADO who have no telephone communications with Legion H.Q. for the same reason.

The amount of cable requested by the Legion to link up these stations is 13,000 metres.

Would you please investigate the possibility of obtaining an issue to the Legion of this length of cable.

PAGE IX GENERAL.

5. Upon examining the figures regarding the material that has so far been issued to G.C.H.R. Legions it would appear that the PALMADO Bde has received less than others. This is understandable from the point of view that it is smaller in numbers. Its operational commitments are however far in excess as far as is known, of most other Bdes. Could a review be made concerning issues to this and other Bdes. with a view to increasing the material assistance to the PALMADO Bde. This applies mainly to issues of vehicles and armaments.

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There are also a few other important stations on the outskirts of PALANHO who have no telephone communications with Legion R.C. for the same reason.

The amount of cable requested by the Legion to link up these stations is 15,000 metres.

Would you please investigate the possibility of obtaining an issue to the Legion of this length of cable.

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SSC/SI
G.M.P.

S.S. SHAWDON,
Major,
D.S.O. & C.B.E.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. Palermo.
COMM/SIC/101/9.

TO : Major HAYES,
COMM. Section, MMLA.

5 July 1946.

Herewith report for the month of June 1946 of the 5th. COMM. Brigade.

1. STRENGTHS.

	Authorized.	Effective.	Present.
(a) Palermo Legion :	4515	3960	3538
Messina Legion :	3343	3116	3015
Mobile B. Palermo :	523	523	491

(b)

	Palermo	Messina	Mobile B.
Percentage on leave :	5 %	0.60 %	4 %
Percentage on extr. duties :	1.5 %	0.11 %	—

2. ORGANIZATION.

Nothing to report.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

There appears to be a general dissatisfaction regarding the trend of the proposed peace negotiations for Italy. Public opinion is that insufficient is being paid to the Italian war effort after the armistice.

No serious demonstrations have taken place, neither at the election period nor after.

4. TRAINING.

Normal.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

Discipline.	Nothing to report.
Pay	Nothing to report.
Personnel :	Lt. Col. FIORENTINO Antonio from Legion of Orona to Legion of Messina.

Authorized. Effective. Present.

(a) Palermo Legion : 4515 3969 3638
 Messina Legion : 3343 3116 3015
 Mobile B. Palermo : 523 563 491

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5. ADMINISTRATION.

Discipline. Nothing to report.
 Pay. Nothing to report.
 Personnel : Lt. Col. VIGORIO Antonino from
 Legion of Genoa to Legion of Messina.

6. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Clothing situation generally satisfactory.
 The following items are stated to be still required.

Palermo Legion.

Towels..... 4,000
 Woollen underwear-vests..... 4,000
 Handkerchiefs..... 4,000
 Shirts..... 2,400
 Under-pants..... 1,500
 Complete khaki uniforms..... 1,000
 Khaki overcoats mod. 45..... 3,000

Messina Legion.

Bandkerchiefs.....	6,000
Shawls.....	3,000
Under-pants.....	1,500
Boots, pairs.....	1,500

7. MOBILIZATION OF CC.BB.

Satisfactory. I have heard of no cases of personnel wishing to resign owing to the advent of the Italian Republic. The general sentiment seems to be that the CC.BB. will carry on, provided that their basic organization is not subject to violent changes, of a political color.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

Bad. Even the local newspapers are commenting on the situation.

There have been several cases of daylight kidnapping in the centre of Palermo itself. Banditry, murder and conflicts between police and armed law-breakers continue.

A meeting is about to be held between the Divisional General of CC.BB., a representative of the Ministry of Interior, and local police authorities to discuss what further measures can be taken.

GENERAL.

It is my opinion that re-inforcement of the police agencies on this island is necessary. Furthermore a more equitable distribution of efficient transport is required. So far this Brigade has fared badly, in comparison with other Brigades of the CC.BB. -

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W.A. LACEY, MAJOR
CHIEF. (L.O.) 11 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. PALERMO
CCHR/SIC/111-8

5 June 1946.

TO : Lt. Col. H. MICHALL
CCHR. Section, MIA.

1. Herewith monthly report for the month of May 1946 on the
6th. CCHR. Brigade.

1. STRENGTHS.

	Authorized.	Effective.	Present.
(a) Palermo Legion :	3958	3793	3721
Messina Legion :	2550	3078	3012
* includes mobile battalion figures.			
(b)	Palermo	Messina	
Percentage on leave :	4 %	Nil	
Percentage on extr. duties:	2 %	1 %	
(c) Mobile Battalion.	Authorized.	Effective.	Present.
Palermo Mobile Battalion:	540	568	499
(d) Percentage on leave	Nil.		

2. ORGANIZATION.

1. Herewith monthly report for the month of May 1945 on the 6th. OGER. Brigade.

1. STRENGTHS.

	Authorized.	Effective.	Present.
(a) Palermo Legion *	3958	3793	3721
Messina Legion :	2550	3078	3012

* includes mobile battalion figures.

(b) Palermo Messina

Percentage on leave : 4 % Nil

Percentage on extr.duties: 2 % 1 %

(c) Mobile Battalion. Authorized. Effective. Present.

Palermo Mobile Battalion: 540 568 499

(d) Percentage on leave Nil.

2. ORGANIZATION.

With the arrival of the 12 Staghound armoured cars, 6 new Spa trucks and 10 allied motor cycles, the mobile battalion has now been properly created.

3. INTELLIGENCE.

The month has been characteristic for considerable activity on the part of all political parties. Generally speaking there were no incidents of consequence.

During the month, supplies of flour in the black market were less, leading to an increase in the price of bread and pasta.

Public order apart from a few demonstrations against the excessive cost of living, has been fairly good.

4. TRAINING.

This is being conducted at Gruppi H.Q. During the month this covered about 400 men in the Brigade.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE.

Discipline.	Nothing to report.
Pay.	Nothing to report.
Personnel.	Nothing to report.

6. GENERAL DEFICIENCIES.

A list of current deficiencies of material allocated but not yet received is attached. Cannot something please be done to accelerate its arrival?

7. MORALE OF CC.RR.

Satisfactory.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

This is still unsatisfactory, crimes of murders and robbery being widespread. The bandit "Giuliano" and his companions appear to be as elusive as ever.

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W.A. LACEY, Major
CC.HR. (L.O.) 11 B.L.U.

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 JR. MR. SECTION,
 W. B.I.U.

1st. April 1946.

Ref. No.: 30. MR. / 101/11.

Subject: Monthly Report.

To: C.B.S. 1.
 C.B.S. Section.
 H.Q. B.I.U.A. -

1. DISPOSITION.

	Authorized.	Effective.	Present.
Palermo:	3958	3579	3559
Messina:	2550	3248	2896

Percentage on leave.

	Palermo.	Messina.
	5%	2%
	2%	1%

Percentage on extraordinary duties.

Mobile Battalion as yet unformed.

2. ORGANIZATION.

Instructions have now been received that a Mobile Battalion is to be formed in Palermo. 100 recruits are expected to arrive from Rome and upon arrival the B.I. will be formed. The companies of Palermo and Catania which are at present attached to Military Companies are to be withdrawn to form the nucleus of the B.I. together with the men at present forming the drivers and mechanics etc of the armored motor (at present known as the reparto autocarro).

3. REMARKS.

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3. INCIDENTS.

Last week saw the return to Palermo of Rino Giaro Apello a leading figure of the separatists. Large crowds of people went to the airport to welcome him back and a demonstration was held in the town. He made a speech and although it had been reported in the Press before his return that he had moderated his ideas, he made many ambiguous remarks which could have been taken as encouraging active opposition, rather than passive. The elections are going forward each Sunday without interference or incident.

4. TRAINING.

Owing to the heavy calls upon personnel in the island it has been decided to stop the concentrating of men at Gruppi Headquarters. This was weakening the number of men available at Despatch and also the men were not getting along with training, as they were being used for service.

Instructions have been indicated that they must carry

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out the daily hour of instruction as prescribed. Written record of the hours of instruction and subject discussed has to be kept and officers have been told to examine this regularly and see that it is being carried out.

It is noted that in the allocation of ammunition no provision is made for supplies for training purposes. With the arrival of automatic rifles it is essential that all should have practical training in the use of the weapons. This cannot be done unless ammunition be provided for this purpose.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

Discipline. Nothing to report.
Pay . Nothing to report.

Carmichael. Colonel Caldwell has now taken over command of 11th Brigade and Lt. Col. Bellitto has taken command of the Salerno Legion. This relieves the Colonel of trying to run Brigade and Legion and should be beneficial to the service.

6. GENERAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Great satisfaction has been expressed at the arrival of clothing and arms.

7. Morale of 11th BR. Good. The issue of automatic arms and arrival of clothing has had a good effect.

8. GENERAL SAFETY SITUATION.

Generally the situation has calmed down. There is however a feeling of tension that there may be reprisals for the arrest of the mother and sister of Giuliano which was effected in Salerno.

Further to my report on arrival of the 21st March a third of the 11th BR. who were ambushed has now died, bringing the figure for that incident to three killed and one wounded.

During the week ending 30th. March the body of another 11th BR. was found near Vongole, Salerno. He had been shot and affixed to him was a note that stated: "So die those who say on Giuliano. No arrests have been made."

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There is a good deal of talk as a result of the broadcast a few days ago that 1st. Bn. should NOT vote in the election and now an order has been issued that they may vote.

L. MacLennan
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CO. RR. SECTION,
11. B.I.U.

22nd March 1945.

SUBJECT: Correction of report.

To : G.O.D. 1.
CO. RR. Section,
Hq. M.M.I.A.-

Copy to: CO. 11. B.I.U. -

5A 1/3/46

1. With reference to the detailed situation report on the CO. RR. submitted by this office an error has been discovered in the information given.

2. In para. 7 (Arms and ammunition) it is stated that the Heerling Legion are in possession of

Beretta automatic rifles mod.35 cal.9 - 125
Breda automatic rifles mod.30 cal.5.5 - 55.

This should read.

Beretta automatic rifles mod.35 cal.9 - 58
Breda light machine guns mod.30 cal.5.5 - 125.

Since the report was issued 700 Beretta automatic rifles mod.35 cal.9 have been delivered to Heerling Legion and 500 to Palermo Legion.

Procurator
major

SA 11/3/46

1. With reference to the detailed situation report on the 01.11.46, submitted by this office an error has been discovered in the information given.

2. In para. 7 (Arms and Ammunition) it is stated that the Machine Legion are in possession of

Beretta automatic rifles mod. 38 cal. 9 - 325
 Breda automatic rifles mod. 30 cal. 6.5 - 55.

This should read.

Beretta automatic rifles mod. 38 cal. 9 - 30
 Breda light machine guns mod. 30 cal. 6.5 - 325.

Since the report was issued 700 Beretta automatic rifles mod. 38 cal. 9 have been delivered to Machine Legion and 500 to Palermo Legion.

Procurator
Major

T. SOUZA
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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

CCPR/G/7.

5 March 46.

L.O. CCPR, No 11 H.U.

With reference to your Progress Report dated 22 February 46 - requirements of clothing and ammunition.

While the peculiar conditions in Sicily are appreciated, it is felt that the demands are such in excess of actual requirements, having regard to the Strength of the CCPR in Sicily.

It is the policy of this HQ to equip all Legions as soon as possible, and to that end, it is essential that Legion Commanders submit actual figures of requirements, as it is futile at this stage to demand large reserves.

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H. NICHOLL, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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CS.M. SECTION
II. H.I.H.

Subject: Detailed Situation Report on CS.M.

TO : G.S.O. I.
CS.M. Section,
HQ. M.H.I.A.

Copy to: CC. II. S.I.U.

I.(a) REMARKS.

Due to the special emergency of present existence in Dially the strength and allocation of CS.M. is at variance with normal times. This has also resulted in the diversion of men who were to form the mobile battalions into ordinary duties with the result that the mobile battalions are practically non-existent.

There are also at present time in Dially reinforcements from the mainland as follows:-

From Bari	: 35
Florence:	112
Total	: 475.

Details of all personnel are given in appendices

1 and 2.

An added complication to the allocation is the fact that men have been allocated to the Inspector General of Public Safety for the island to carry out special duties for combating bandits. These men depend for service to the Inspector General but for administration to the CS.M. Command.

(2) MOBILE BATTALIONS.

As already stated there are not formed but there are both in Palermo and Messina a motorised section "preparato motorizzato" who train, maintain and operate the armoured section. In Palermo there are some 100 men attached to the Service Area Command and used with Military for special emergency. These men will be part of the Mobile Battalion.

In Messina Legion there are similar conditions, 52 men form the motorised section and approx. 100 are attached to the Territorial Command of Palermo.

(a). It has been laid down that the percentage on leave shall not exceed 2% and this is adhered to. There are however

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There are also at present times an abnormally high percentage of men from the mainland as follows:-

From Port	:	354
From Overseas	:	112
Total	:	466.

Details of all personnel are given in appendices 1 and 2.

An added complication to the allocation is the fact that men have been allocated to the Inspector General of Public Safety for the island to carry out special duties for combating bandits. These men depend for service to the Inspector General but for administration to the D.S.M. Command.

(5) MOBILE BATTALIONS.

As already stated there are not formed but there are based in Palermo and Messina a number of mobile companies consisting of men from the mainland and operated the armed forces. In Palermo there are about 100 men and in Messina about 100 men. These companies are organized for special purposes. These men will be part of the Mobile Battalion.

In Messina Legion there are similar conditions, and men from the mainland are also present. 100 are attached to the Territorial Command of Messina.

(a). It has been said that the percentage of leave shall not exceed 5% and this is adhered to. There are however considerable numbers of personnel on convalescent leave, 20% in Palermo Legion and 5% in Messina Legion. On checking the reason for the high figure for Palermo I was told that it was the result of men being out day and night during the very wet season and as they had no change of clothes or uniform there was a high percentage of sickness.

The amount of personnel involved in extraneous duties is very low. It will be impossible to withdraw them as they all are performing duties which are reasonably expected to perform. Of course, in Palermo, in Palermo del Lavoro.

It is laid down that 20.00. shall perform a minimum of eight hours duty. At the present time they are performing 12 to 15 hours per day. This is due to the special emergency existing. There has also been a control put upon free hours. Men are only permitted to leave the barracks one day in three. This ensures that there is always a strong force of men available to be sent out upon demand.

2. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT.

There is here, as in other parts of Italy, a great shortage of all items clothing. The great majority have only the uniform in which they stand with no change of shirt or under-clothing. This lack of change has no doubt a great bearing on the amount of illness in the island. At present this involved 523 men. Assignments of shirts have been made from stores at Naples and from Cross Bari. So action has been taken from this demand to send for the items which are urgently required but they expressed to be content to wait for them to arrive. Now, as a result of my bringing the matter forward, transport is being dispatched to fetch the goods.

The following is a list put forward by the Messines and Palermo Legions of their requirements:

	Palermo	Messines
Grey-green tunics:	5000	2500
Grey-green trousers:	5000	2500
Shoes	4000 pairs	3500 pairs
Shirts	6500	5500
Under pants	4000	5500
Socks	7000 pairs	7000 pairs
Roller under vests:	5000	3500
Ties	4000	1000
Handkerchiefs	4000	3000
Lapel insignia	5000 pairs	5000 pairs
Map Badges	9000	4500
Peticoats	4000	4000
Hats	4000	4000
Leggings	1000	1000

It is realised that there is little likelihood of obtaining the items as quoted but those are what are required to bring the force up to the present standard plus a reserve.

3. MORALE.

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Requirements of shirts have been made from stores at Bagdad and from the 2nd. No action has been taken from this forward to send for the items which are urgently required but they appeared to be hesitant to wait for them to arrive. Now, as a result of my bringing the matter forward, transport is being dispatched to fetch the goods.

The following is a list put forward by the Messines and Valenciennes Legions of their requirements:

	Palermo	Sezania
Grey-green tunics	5000	2500
Grey-green trousers	5000	2500
Shoes	4000 pairs	3500 pairs
Shirts	5000	5500
Under pants	4000	5500
Socks	7000 pairs	7000 pairs
Woolen underwear	5000	3500
Ties	4000	1000
Bandkerchiefs	4000	3000
Leather insignia	5000 pairs	5000 pairs
Hat badges	5000	4500
Puttees	4000	4000
Gaiters	4000	4500
Leggings	1000	1000

It is realized that there is little likelihood of obtaining the items as quoted but these are what are required to bring the force up to the present standard plus a reserve.

3. MOBILITY.

The mobility of the D.M. bears little relation to the number of vehicles that they have because the large majority are out of use. Detailed lists of all types of vehicles in the possession of the legions are attached appendices (I and 4) It will be seen that types are the first requirements right the way from the heavy trucks down to the bicycles. The vehicles in the possession of legions are either that have been recuperated or were requisitioned after the operational period in the island. At that time many of the vehicles were in poor conditions and are now worn out.

Repairs to tyres are carried out by private vulcanizing shops. Mechanical repairs are carried out by the drivers or the legion repair shops. Motor repairs are carried out in the repair shops of the "Piazzale d'Artiglieria" under an arrangement made with the Territorial Commander. Lack of spare parts has been

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in a number of vehicles being completely out of service. It appears that on the 15th. Sept. 1945 the General Command HQ. issued a circular No 56/10 laying down certain establishments for transport. In compliance with this circular the following are the requirements to bring the Legion up to standard:

	Palermo	Sezima
Motor cars	1	20
Motor lorries (heavy):	3	19
Motor lorries (light):	42	53
" " (P.O. type):	1	3
Motor tri-cycles	1	7
Motor cycles (2 seats):	3	504
Motor cycles (solo):	735	41
Bicycles	1	2006

Both Legions have large numbers of bicycles which are out of use by reason of no tyres (details given on appendices 3 and 4). The chief requirements are types of all sizes and areas. If any further transport does become available it is recommended that the 15 out-rides in the one likely to be most useful in Sicily.

The training of drivers and instructions for maintenance severely restricted due to the fact that the mobile section has never been properly formed and personnel are very badly engaged in the clearing up of the battle situation. The instructors themselves are handicapped by lack of tools and demonstration charts. This has slowed the programme. In detail the course seems very adequate and consists of 240 hours of lectures and practical inside work and 20 hours practical outside work. (This has been shortened to conserve fuel). At the end of the course personnel undergo a theoretical and a practical examination.

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All supplies are obtained on a monthly bid through the Prefect at Legion level. The mobile battalion vehicles direct by the Legions and obtain their requirements from Legion supplies. Buses are issued to each from the draw of free I.I.S. in their town. It is not possible to separate the accounts for general use and mobile battalion for persons' goods. Transport allocations are:

(V.O. type):

Motor bicycles

Motor cycles (2 seats)

Motor cycles (solo)

Bicycles

24th Legions have large numbers of bicycles which are out of use by reason of no tires (details given on appendices 1 and 4). The chief requirements are types of all sizes and spares. If any further transport does become available it is recommended that the 15 outsize is the one likely to be most useful in Sicily.

The training of drivers and instructions for maintenance is severely restricted due to the fact that the mobile section has never been properly formed and personnel are very busily engaged in the clearing up of the battle situation. The instructors themselves are handicapped by lack of tools and demonstration charts. This has slowed the programme. In detail the course seems very adequate and consists of 24 hours of lectures and practical instructions and 20 hours practical outside work. (This has been shortened to conserve fuel). At the end of the course personnel undergo a theoretical and a practical examination.

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All supplies are obtained on a monthly bid through the Prefect at Legion level. The mobile battalion vehicles direct by the Legions and obtain their requirements from Legion supplies. Buoni are issued to each group who draw it from C.I.E. in their towns. It is not possible to separate the accounts for General and mobile battalion for reasons quoted. Present allocations are:

Palermo Legion 13,000 litres of petrol and naphtha.

Messina Legion 13,000 litres of petrol and naphtha.

There has been no difficulty in obtaining supplies which are adequate for present amount of efficient transport.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

In the Legion the switch board is operated and there are private lines to the internal groups. There are no private lines between towns.

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(a). The following are the numbers of C.I.R.R. stations without telephones:

Palermo Legion
113

Seaside Legion
430

(b). Number of stations with part time service only:

Palermo Legion
43

Seaside Legion
43

(c). The only private lines are from Legion HQ. to Group Inferno and do not pass outside the town involved.

(d). Motorcyclists are used as dispatch riders to those sections without communication. For messages from such stations men have often to be dispatched on foot to take messages to a higher command.

(e). As it is extremely difficult to obtain telephone equipment and these are very subject to disruption by the cutting of wires it is strongly recommended that radio transmitters should be supplied. It would be impossible to equip every station (which would be ideal) but a careful survey would show where they could be placed to the best advantage. A motor cyclist attached to this station would ensure quick delivery to nearby stations without communications. It is suggested an initial supply of 50 transmitters for each legion and a more powerful one for Legion HQ. to cover the whole island.

5. RATIONS.

There are rations from Italian military sources. There are no difficulties to report. There Group have a military dump in their town they draw direct at that level. There they have got the rations are drawn by legions from the dump in their town and it is then delivered in C.I.R.R. transport to Group and Company. Stations draw from the Company bin.

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The suggestion has been put forward that on behalf of the mobile battalion there should be a special reserve allocation of canned foods and if possible field cookers to take with them when operating at large distances from HQ. in uninhabited parts of the country. Coupled with this is a request for tents to make the battalion entirely self supporting as a striking force and able to operate anywhere for any length of time.

6. ACCOMMODATION.

At the present strength, with reinforcements from other legions, there is insufficient accommodation. The HQ buildings are good but many of the stations in country are very bad hygienic houses. Many lack light, water and heat. This is very bad hygienically and also for the morale of personnel. There are privately owned buildings and the owners will not carry out any repairs or improvements because they are operating

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under very old contracts with rentals that are far too small to admit any expenditure. Many were damaged by the war and have not been repaired. Contractors for the supply of lacerman equipment are unable to carry out the requirements due, either to the non availability of goods or else the exorbitant "black market" prices asked. It is however, the D.F.M., men who suffer for their pay does not permit them to make purchases so that they live under very bad conditions. This is bound to undermine their health and efficiency.

Government owned premises are maintained through the Provincial Administration and conditions are better. Lack of materials does seriously impede repair work being carried out. Office equipment of stations is a very serious problem. Yearly grants are made to Legions with which they have to provide all stationary, pens, ink, typewriter ribbons, repairs to typewriters and even the rent on telephones. Many of the forms used are of special types and have to be specially printed. From the Basque Legion is quoted that preliminary estimates are given 200 lire per month from which they are expected to deal with all the items mentioned. Palencia Legion quote that they received 900 thousand lire for the year 1945. The actual expense differs with the cost which economy enforced was 1,270,000 lire. Prices are still rising and the work increasing and it is quite impossible to efficiently run the office on the grant given.

7. ARMED AND AMMUNITION.

At the present time there is no reserve stock of automatic arms at the Legions. Following are the details of issue:

(a). Automatic weapons

Issued.	Palencia	Basque
Beretta automatic rifle cal. 8:	213	326
Breda automatic rifle cal. 8.5:	521	581
First machine gun model 35	1	42
Breda machine gun model 37	43	17
Beretta automatic pistol	1593	1225

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7. ARMY AND ADMINISTRATION.

At the present time there is no reserve stock of automatic arms at the legions. Following are the details of issue:

(a). Automatic weapons

Issued.	Palermo	Messina
Beretta automatic rifles cal. 5.3	233	325
Breda automatic rifles cal. 5.3	501	501
Fiat machine gun model 35	3	12
Breda machine gun model 37	45	17
Beretta automatic pistols model 14 cal. 5.3	1838	1226
British coronet 45 s/w	26	19
Norstar 34 s/w	5	10

Ordinary weapons.

There is a reserve of 1015 muskets held in reserve at Palermo Legion II.

Issued	Palermo	Messina
Muskets cal. 38 cal. 5.3	4027	3880
Muskets cal. 5.3	+	546
Revolvers cal. 35	1115	723

(b) Information has been given that an assignment of 1300

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automatic arm has been made to the Legions. This has not yet arrived but will adequately deal with all arm requirements.

(3). Considerable quantities of ammunition are being expended both in action and for practice purposes. Request has been made for allocation of ammunition sufficient for 10 days fire and also the requirements for the annual training course of personnel. Details as follows:

Requirements for 10 days fire.

Arm	Palermo	Reserves
Mosket mod. 35 cal. 5.5	3,244,400	1,720,000
Pistol automatic Beretta mod. 34 cal. 5.5	1,073,582	122,600
Rifle automatic Beretta cal. 5.5	1,824,250	4,213,000
" " Beretta mod. 30 cal. 5.5	5,075,253	754,000
Machine gun light cal. 5.5		
" " Breda mod. 37	1,512,033	53,000
" " Fiat mod. 35		
Mortars 81 m/m	10,000	20,000
Ballistic cartridges for 81 m/m	20,000	40,000
Mortars 43 m/m	43,000	12,000
Ballistic cartridges for 43 m/m	86,000	76,000
Hand Grenades	150,000	102,200

Ammunitions required for annual training of personnel:

Arm	Palermo	Reserves
Hand Grenades	4,000	4,000
Mosket mod. 35 cal. 5.5	-	80,000
" " 35 cal. 5.5	43,124	-
Beretta auto-pistol mod. 34 cal. 5.5	55,376	40,000
Machine gun light cal. 5.5	25,000	35,000
Revolvers mod. 53 cal. 10.35	-	25,000
Automatic rifles cal. 5.5	40,000	17,000
Beretta auto-rifle cal. 5.5	15,550	12,000

Arms	Palermo	Medina
Machine mod. 13 cal. 5.5	3,244,300	1,720,000
Pistol automatic Beretta mod. 34 cal. 9.2	1,071,000	122,500
Rifle automatic Beretta cal. 7.5	1,324,250	+231,000
" " Breda mod. 30 cal. 5.5	5,070,299	754,000
Machine gun light cal. 8		
" " Breda mod. 37	1,812,038	50,000
" " Fiat mod. 35		
Mortars 81 mm	10,000	20,000
Ballistics cartridges for 81 mm	20,000	40,000
Mortars 45 mm	43,000	30,000
Ballistics cartridges for 45 mm	26,000	75,000
Hand Grenades	100,000	102,000

Amunitions required for annual training of personnel:

Arms	Palermo	Medina
Hand Grenades	4,000	4,000
Rusket mod. 41 cal. 5.5	-	80,000
" " 38 cal. 5.5	43,124	-
Beretta auto-pistol mod. 34 cal. 9	55,375	40,000
Machine gun light cal. 8	25,000	35,000
Revolvers mod. 55 cal. 10.35	-	25,000
Automatic rifles cal. 5.5	40,000	17,000
Beretta auto-rifle cal. 3	15,560	12,000
Mortar bombs for 81 mm	1,500	3,000
" " Ballistics cartr. for 81 mm	3,200	3,000
Mortars bombs for 45 mm	5,200	3,000
" " Ballistics cartr. for 45 mm	10,400	3,000

(d). In respect of training all personnel in turn are sent to Group H4 in the case of Medina region and to Legion H4. In the case of Palermo, where they are given one month training in the use of all types of arms. The numbers are so arranged that each year all personnel pass through the course. The requests

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for examination in case (c) are to enable this to be carried out.

3. MOBILE BATTALION.

(a) VEHICLES. The following is a list of vehicles attached to the mobile battalion (report to Colonel (a) Palermo).

	No
Heavy truck Fiat 525	9
Light truck Lancia I.L.	2
" " SPA 38	4
Small utility truck Fiat 1000	1
Solo motor cycle	14
Motor cycle with pillion seats	7
Medium tank type "M" 15/41 SPA Ansaldo	4
" " " 14/41 "	8
Light tank type "L" 33-35 Fiat Ansaldo	12
Armoured cars. German auto Valon (recovered)	1
" " Spa mod. 41	3

Vehicles attached to mobile battalion being. No separate list was given of ordinary transport but it was included in list of personnel and it was included in list of transport. It consists of:

Solo motor cycle	13
Motor cycle with pillion seat	5
Car (motor)	2
Armoured personnel	
Light SPA Ansaldo 13-15	11
" " medium Fiat Ansaldo M. 11/42	4
" " medium Fiat Ansaldo M. 11/42	4

The number of all armoured cars is not certain but is 11 light

Solo motor cycles	14
Motor cycles with pillion seats	7
Medium tanks type "M" 15/41 Spa Ansaldo	4
" " " " 14/41 " "	8
Light tanks type "L" 13-35 Fiat Ansaldo	12
Armoured cars, German auto Union (recovered)	1
" " " " type mod. 41	3

Vehicles attached to mobile battalion machine. No separate list was given of ordinary transport but it was included in Legion transport. It consists of:

Solo motor cycles	15
Motor cycles with pillion seat	5
2ary (balloon)	2
Armoured vehicles	
Tanks light Spa Ansaldo 13-35	11
" " medium Fiat Ansaldo M. 13/42	4
" " medium Fiat Ansaldo M. 13/43	4

The source of all armoured cars is not certain but 12 light tanks came from Hengsten (Belgium); twelve medium tanks from Rome and three armoured cars from the General Reorganizing Depot, Rome.

(b). The training of personnel is not progressing very satisfactorily for the following reasons:

- (1) The mobile battalion have not been properly formed, so that personnel are not available.
- (2) The men are consistently being called out and are also performing other duties.
- (3) The instructors state that they are badly handicapped by reason of lack of instructional charts, tools for structural training and parts.

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The training is given by specially trained soldiers and during normal times takes 40 days for mechanical and lorry drivers. It consists of 240 hours of class room and work shop training and 20 hours on the road. The practical driving has been reduced to spare fuel.

Tank drivers are recruited from the lorry drivers and undergo a further 20 days course on tanks. They study all mechanical functions of the tank and are also specially trained in the use of the arm.

At the end of both courses examinations both written and practical, are taken. The examination is set and marked by a technical officer from the Military Transport Company in Palermo.

(e) State of vehicles.

For the state of ordinary transport reference may be made to the appendices 3 and 4. With regard to armoured vehicles in Palermo five medium tanks are in running order but are not reliable. The running cover are out of order and need batteries, injection pumps and other spare parts.

Of the twelve light tanks eleven are in order and one needs repair. These vehicles however are very small and not suitable for the work.

Three armoured cars are in running order but one of these, the German Auto-Union is not reliable. The fourth armoured car is awaiting a differential which has been ordered from Turin.

Of the armoured vehicles at Messina region all eleven light and medium tanks are in fair running order but are not suitable vehicles. All of the eight medium tanks are out of order and lack a variety of pieces of equipment.

(4) Small maintenance repairs are done by the Messina Legion themselves but major repairs are effected by Palermo who have better facilities. Palermo do their own repairs and also receive maintenance from the 11th, Transport Company of the Territorial Command.

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(d) Small maintenance repairs are done by the Messina Legion themselves but major repairs are effected by Palermo who have better facilities. Palermo do their own repairs and also receive assistance from the 11th. Transport Company of the Territorial Command.

The 11th. work shops do well for the needs at their disposal and considering the age of the vehicles at their disposal they do well to keep them on the road. The great trouble is tyres and they do lack adequate vulcanising equipment. The Italian Army appears to have sufficient workshops to deal with the amount of work but suffer badly as do the 11th., from lack of spare parts.

(e) There is a complete lack of spare parts and tyres in Sicily. Urgent requests have been made to the General Command Rome but practically nothing has been forthcoming.

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(f) Documentary records of vehicles, including a record of the driver is issued with a proper title which he has to surrendership keep. These are carefully checked upon his return on mileage, fuel used, time etc. There are standard forms used through the C.S. service. With each vehicle there is also kept a book in which are entered all details of mileage, servicing, repairs etc.

(g) Mobile battalions are not properly constituted. Each area are used only for maintenance and use of their vehicles. Other personnel who are in training as lorry drivers etc are used for other duties. They are being used as guards of military and civil tribunals also as reinforcements of fixed guards due to the threat of attacks on prisons. The hours vary but it has reduced their training considerably. This is entirely due to the special conditions at present in Italy and not through their inability by training officers or interference by senior commanders for the services of the war. It is impossible however to expect men to be on duty all night and then attend lectures during the day and to practical work in the afternoon.

(h) It cannot be said that the mobile battalion is completely inefficient however the number of personnel available have, and are doing some good work. They are severely handicapped by their vehicles and full short of the standard of northern Italy. They do however work very closely with the Territorial Legion and the section of 100 men both in Palermo and Catania (these Legion) are available as a striking force. They always, however, go out with military personnel. They are then no longer a force but a military force.

2. ARMED SUPPLIES.

The idea as suggested in the pro forma under this heading that all supplies be issued through Italian army channels has much to recommend it. At the present time the Commission at Rome have certain depots of goods but when an allocation is made to a Legion they have no transport with which to move it. The dislocation for Legion to send trucks is unworkable. Goods have therefore to wait for rail transport. This takes a very long time. The army have better facilities for movement of goods and legions could very easily be able to withdraw their allocations

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9. INTERNAL SECURITY.

The idea as suggested in the pro forma under this heading that all supplies be moved through Italian Army channels has much to commend it. At the present time the Communists at Rome have certain deposits of goods but when an allocation is made to a legion they have no transport with which to move it. The distances for legion to send trucks is unacceptably long. Goods have therefore to sail for well transport. This takes a very long time. The army have better facilities for movement of goods and supplies would very easily be able to withdraw their allocations from local Territorial Command depots. There must be taken to see that 100 men are informed of allocations so that they are able to withdraw goods before they get diverted to Army use. It is suggested that allocations be carried out at legion level as they are the only ones who have storage and administrative staff to deal with such things.

10. INTERNAL SECURITY.

Due to the attacks on isolated units of 100 men. In Sicily, all temporary stations (mostly fixed) have been closed down. Under present conditions in Sicily it is not advisable to close down any of the permanent stations. This would give the

rebel the opportunity to proclaim a moral victory by the withdrawal of U.S.M. from one of their stations. It would possibly have a serious reaction in the minds of the public. I am therefore, at present, against the closing of any stations. It therefore remains to be improved communications by the allocation of telephones, motor vehicles, radio transmitters, and improved area to strengthen the U.S.M. physically and morally to withstand attack. By the proper formation of the mobile battalion to be able to dispatch a strong striking force anywhere in the area at once.

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21. THE UNION OF PALERMO
ORGANIZATIONAL AND PRESENT STRENGTH

Appendix. I -

S E G U P.	CONTINGENT.	Organic strength	Effective strength	Present strength
Palermo Interps	Palermo Interna	455	543	433
	Palermo Suburbano	252	190	180
	Bozzole	207	231	231
Palermo Astero	Palermo Interni	137	112	104
	Interni Interni	180	200	187
	Cefala	220	201	173
	Carlone	135	101	95
Agrigento	Agrigento Interna	496	201	184
	Agrigento Interna	246	208	174
	Trapani	203	181	150
Trapani	Trapani	267	186	159
	Marzola	185	170	152
	Alcorno	152	160	138
Caltanissetta	Caltanissetta Interna	203	250	215
	Caltanissetta Interna	176	218	158
Comunele Comandante	-	100	443	169
Mobile Battalion	-	543	-	-
Mobile Armoured Battalion	-	-	155	145
Public Order	-	-	101	50
Attachment	-	-	151	105
Training nucleus	-	-	-	-
	Total	3382	4939	3255

Agente	Agente Interno	284	203	164
	Agente Esterno	244	203	171
	Agente	203	131	130
Truppi	Truppi	267	135	139
	Marce	135	170	162
	Alcune	132	130	138
Californie	Californie Inter.	203	230	215
	Californie Est.	178	213	163
Compagnie		100	440	143
Mobile Battalion		340	-	-
Mobile Armored Section		-	153	145
Public Order Detachment		-	101	80
Training Division		-	151	104
	Total	3962	4939	3255

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Appendix 2.

12.13. JOURNAL DE L'ARMÉE
MAGASIN, DÉPÔT, PHARMACIE, HÔPITAL

CHIFFRE	COMPTAGE	Origins strength	Relative strength	Present strength
Recense interne	Recense Interne Recense Esterna Training nucleus	305 203 -	315 230 -	332 339 100
Recense Esterna	Petit Mistral	199 205	182 171	120 105
Catania	Catania Interne Catania Esterna Adriatic Gallipoli Tubity prior Vitto Training nucleus	200 171 204 173 - -	279 137 272 219 - -	273 133 234 171 58 150
Siracusa	Siracusa Roto Training nucleus	133 101 -	260 126 -	150 102 50
Reggio	Reggio Vittoria Training nucleus	135 54 -	155 99 -	105 56 90
Trani	Trani Sicilia Training nucleus	175 122 -	182 123 -	142 85 90
Comptage Esterna	-	90	620	198
	Total	2555	3439	2903

Sirens	Agave	201	273	234
	Public	171	171	171
	Training nucleus	-	-	93
Sirens	Agave	183	260	183
	Public	101	126	102
	Training nucleus	-	-	50
Sirens	Agave	136	156	105
	Public	24	99	66
	Training nucleus	-	-	90
Sirens	Agave	171	182	142
	Public	122	123	83
	Training nucleus	-	-	50
Total		2550	3419	2508

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Appendix 3.

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION OF PAVIA, LITHIA

Type of vehicle	Make of vehicle	Number	Wheeled	Not efficient for local area	Not efficient for local area
Heavy trucks	Lancia 3 3026	2	1	1	1
"	Pist 566	1	1	1	1
"	Pist 526	1	1	1	1
Light trucks	Opel 38 K 25	2	2	2	2
"	Lancia 1 Z 25	4	4	4	4
Military Lorries	Opel 38	2	2	2	2
Light Lorries	Pist 514	1	1	1	1
Total		13	8	9	2
AUTOMOBILES	Pist 513 White No. 1	1	1	1	1
"	Lancia Artens 12	1	1	1	1
"	Lancia Augusta 14	1	1	1	1
"	Pist Ilco 14	13	13	13	13
"	Pist 503 K. 14	1	1	1	1
"	Pist 503 Berlina 18	1	1	1	1
"	Pist 503 Spyder 23	2	2	2	2
"	Pist 500 Troika 2	6	6	6	6
Total		34	28	15	11
MOTORCYCLES	Benelli 500	5	5	5	5
"	Guzzi 500	1	1	1	1
"	Gilera 500	3	3	3	3
"	Guzzi 500	1	1	1	1
MOTORCYCLES WITH FILLION SEAT	Benelli, Benelli 27	27	16	4	7
"	Guzzi, Benelli				
"	Benelli				
ONE SEAT MOTOR CYCLES	"	39	55	21	13
Total motorcycles		116	71	36	20

Appendix 4.

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION OF MISSINA LERIA

Type of vehicle	Make of vehicle	Number	Efficient	Not efficient for lack of tyres	Not efficient for lack of tyres and spare parts.
Heavy trucks	Fiat 526	8	2	4	2
"	C.M. Taurus	1	1	-	-
"	Spa Dovunque	2	-	-	-
Light trucks	Spa 38	8	1	6	1
"	Fiat 618	1	1	-	-
"	Blanchi S/S	1	1	-	-
"	Fiat 621 G.	2	-	1	1
"	Landis I.Z.	2	-	1	1
	Total	25	6	12	7
Military lorries	Spa L/35	2	1	1	-
AUTOMOBILES	FIAT 1500	2	2	-	-
"	FIAT 1100	16	7	9	-
"	FIAT 500	5	-	4	1
"	FIAT 508	23	5	10	8
"	Blanchi S/S	1	1	-	-
"	Landis Augustus	1	1	-	-
	Total	48	16	23	9
MOTORCYCLES	Guzzi 500	23	17	6	-
"	Guzzi 250	1	-	1	-
"	Blanchi 500	18	2	16	-
"	GILERA 500	17	2	15	-
"	Blanchi 250	1	1	-	-
"	Benelli 500	12	13	7	2
"	Benelli 250	2	-	2	-
"	M.S.U. 250	1	-	1	-
"	C.M. 350	1	-	1	-
"	Sertum 500	1	1	1	-
"	Sertum 250	2	1	1	-
"	Norton 500	1	-	1	-
	Total	71	27	36	8
MOTORCYCLES with FILLING SEAT.	Guzzi 500	1	-	1	-
"	Alice Guzzi 500	5	2	3	-
"	Blanchi 500	23	3	13	7

"	"	3	FIAT 621 G.	2	1	1	1	7	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	8	-	-	7	4	4	-	15	3	1	1	-	5
"	"	3	Lancia I.2.	2	1	1	1	12	1	-	9	4	1	-	-	36	1	3	13	9	3	-	30	-	5	-	-	-
			Total	25	6	1	1	25	16	17	2	2	1	1	1	27	2	3	2	-	-	7	52	3	7	1	1	12
Military	Motorcycles		Spa L/35	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
"	"	"	FIAT 1500	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
"	"	"	FIAT 1100	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
"	"	"	FIAT 500	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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Property of the Ministry of War	Efficient	Inefficient	Total
" " " Ministry of Interior	1110	54	54
" " " Ministry of Interior	82	82	82
" " " Ministry of Interior	135	135	135

CC.ER. SECTION
11. B.L.G.

Subject: Progress Report.

To : C.S.O. I.
CJ.ER. Section,
HQ. M.E.I.A.

1. LEGION PALESTINE.

Legion Palestine.

Authorized	Effective	Present
3982	4039	3250

Percentage on leave : 5% .

Percentage on extraneous duties 1.5 % .

Legion Messina

Authorized	Effective	Present
2550	3439	2995

Percentage on leave : 5% .

Percentage on extraneous duties : 1 % .

ORGANIZATION.

It must again be brought to notice the fact that the mobile battalion have never been formed in Sicily. It is useless sending special equipment for something which does not exist. Strong representation should be made at a high C.I.E.M. level to see that mobile battalions are properly formed and that they do this duty and no other. The small number of men at present being trained as lorry and tank drivers are performing other duties and are still expected to carry out their training.

INTELLIGENCE.

Legion Palermo.

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INTELLIGENCE.

Often the articles written about use of aerosol planes and plane-throwers in the local press the commander of the "Garibaldi" troops wrote a letter clearly stating that the articles were untrue. Since then the tone of articles has been much lower. The clearing out of the "rebel" area still continues and over 400 persons have been arrested. Large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosive have been found.

TRAINING.

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION.

Certain administrative planning have been made and I am at present awaiting details of these from the Commission. The difficulty is that some allocations are so small. If we are unable to collect ourselves I will need an application in compliance with circular of the 19th. Feb. 1945 on clothing and equipment.

ROMAN 22 10.25.

Good.

PERU JAMES J. GARRISON.

There will continue to be armed hold ups and robberies but nothing from the "terrorists" who are no doubt feeling the effects of the large scale action against them.

GENERAL.

Nothing to report.



T. J. GOSSARD,
Major.

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15th. Feb. 1945.

CC.RR. Section
II. B.L.H.

Subject : Progress report.

To : C.S.O. I
CC.RR. Section
M.H.I.A.
OI. II.B.L.H.

SCANNED.
Palermo Legion.
Authorized. 3434.
Effective. 3387.
3632.4/100.
Percentage on leave:
Percentage on extraneous duty: 77%.
Present. 2924

Mobile Battalion.
Authorized. 548.
Effective. 407.
Present. 221

U.S. Mobile Battalion not formed. See details in para. organization.

Messina Legion.
Authorized. 2550.
Effective. 3439.
Percentage on leave: 5%.
Present. 2988.
Percentage on extraneous duty: less than 2%.

ORGANIZATION.

The "Mobile Battalion" as it is known in northern Italy has never been formed in Sicily. An organic strength of 548 was given to them but about three months or so ago instructions were received to suspend it's formation. Instead there was formed the "gruppo motociclistico" or motorized armored section. This comprises 153 men who are drivers, mechanics, radio operators, etc of the armored vehicles supplied to the Legion of Palermo, and 52 for the Legion of Messina.

These men are still undergoing instruction but it is interfered with by reason of the calls upon their services and also because they are used for special duties such as guards and also because they are used for special duties such as guards and also because they are used for special duties such as guards

344.

358.

Percentage on leave:

2924

26.82 %

Percentage on extraneous duty: 7%

Mobile Battalion.

Authorized.

Effective.

Present.

348.

407.

371

E.R. Mobile Battalion not formed. See details in para. organization.

Messina Legion.

Authorized.

Effective.

Present.

2550.

1439.

2988.

Percentage on leave :

5%

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It therefore appears to me that there must be representation made to the Central C.C.R.R. Command that the Mobile Battalions should be activated on a parity with those of northern Italy and that they be maintained for the specific purpose for which they were designed, and only under very extraordinary circumstances be used for other duties.

In each of the towns of Palermo and Catania a special force of 100 men each is held at local Military Casernes. These do duty with Military personnel when called upon only.

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These personnel are to be incorporated into Mobile Battalions when these are activated properly.

INTELLIGENCE.

I would like to state an opinion on this arrangement at this stage. It appears that the responsibility for public order seems to have been taken from the hands of the CC.MR. and is now shared with the military. When demonstrations have occurred which have not been out of the powers of CC.MR. to control this special section has been called on, and accompanied by military personnel have attended. I am sure this has a bad effect on the public morale. On large scale operations such as are at present in course against bandits (including the political elements) by all means use the military, but not against small demonstrations and the like.

There also seems a need for greater liaison between the units taking part in the present large scale round-ups. There should be nominated a Supreme Commander who shall be in charge of all operations and all sections of military or police agencies taking part. At present all seem to be working separately and the reports received are very conflicting and one section seems to have no idea of the presence, actions or results of any one else.

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Owing to the outside activities of CC.MR. and armoured section training has been interfered with. The training course appears to be very adequate for the mobile section but the instructors inform me that they suffer badly from lack of demonstration charts, parts and tools for practical work. The men themselves appear enthusiastic but the ordinary CC.MR. higher command appear to think that the training of these specialists is a thing to be taken as for secondary importance to the men being available for ordinary duties.

Training of ordinary personnel in the use of arms is carried out at Group level. All men in turn attend a course lasting one month and covers the use of all types of arms. Within one year every man will have carried out his training course.

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- (b) Pay. There appears to be no difficulties to report.
- (c) Personnel. There are no changes to report.

GENERAL DEFICIENCIES.

There is a general deficiency of uniforms, underclothing and boots. With recently made allocations it is hoped that the position will soon improve. There is a shortage of automatic weapons but with the arrival of arms which are somewhere on route this will adequately deal with all requirements. Ammunition is in short supply. Request has been made for sufficient for ten days fire and for monthly training requirements.

MOBILIZATION OF CC.RR.

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This is good and there is the feeling that,

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adequately equipped they themselves will be able to deal with any situation that may arise.

PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

There are, at present time large scale operations all over the island by all police agencies to round up thieves and brigands. In the larger scale operations military are being used, and there have been large number of thieves arrested as well as suspected persons. In the last three days it was reported in the Press that over two hundred persons had been arrested. Some local Press has given highly coloured pictures of the military activities (attached found article from "Giornale di Sicilia" of the 13th. Feb. 1946). There is a suggestion in this that flamethrowers might be used but there is no confirmation of this officially.

GENERAL.

Nothing to report.

*W. J. Conner
Major*

T. GOODRICH.
Major.
R.B.L.U.

CC.M. SECTION
II S.L.U.

Subject: Preliminary Report.

5th. Feb. 1946.

To: C.C.C.I.

CC.M. Section.

H. M.M.I.A..

I. GENERAL SITUATION. Whilst highway robbery by armed bandits continues there have been no large scale attacks on CC.M. Casernes or other establishments for some time. It is not anticipated that these have ceased but there is a general feeling that there is to be a large scale uprising in the near future. Towards the end of February is a period quoted for this to occur.

A meeting was held by the High Commissioner attended by Military Commanders and Heads of Police Services on the 4th. Feb. to formulate plans. I have not yet any information as to the decision taken. It appears that, up to the present there has been no preferred plan of action, particularly in regard to the action by military units when called in to assist Civil Police.

The moral of the CC.M. is fairly good. It has been effected to some degree by the fact very few have any second uniforms and during the recent heavy rains many have been wet through and unable to change. The result has been a lot of sickness. Also, the CC.M. have practically no automatic weapons and feel their inferiority against the attackers who have automatic weapons and grenades.

Whilst the minimum hours laid down for CC.M. is 8 hours per day, men are performing an average of 12 to 14. All leave has been stopped and men confined to Casernes being released out one day in three. If this has to continue for a long time it may also effect moral.

MOBILE BATTALION. In Sicily this is known as the "reparto not-corrozzato" and it is not concentrated at Brigade or Legion HQ as a striking force. A large number have been turned over to the General Inspector of Public Safety for special duties against bandits. These are dispersed in various parts of the island. There are approximately 100 stationed at Brigade HQ. These have been reinforced by CC.M. from other parts of Italy - 36 from Bari and a further 110 expected from Firenze and 200 from Napoli.

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ARMY. All CC.M. have a pistol and carbine and in a few cases automatic rifles are kept at barracks for emergencies. Further automatic arms should be provided for defence of barracks or for manning road blocks or large scale actions against bandits. Suggested a minimum of 2 per station and as there are 500 in Sicily, it requires 1000 automatic rifles for the scale of issues.

AMMUNITION. Stocks are not good. It is requested that there should be an issue of ammunition for 10 days fire for all arms and further supply for training purposes. Details to be given in report to follow.

TRANSPORT. This is in short supply. Many vehicles are inefficient through lack of spare parts after eight months' use. There are approx. 10 lorries in running order and many trucks. There are approx.

be used in all types of work and are not allocated solely for mobile battalion.

ARMORED VEHICLES AND TANKS.

There are 10 medium tanks (Italian) in Sicily but only 4 are in state of efficiency. There are in Palermo. They dare not be sent out single for fear of breakdown. They are very slow and not suitable. The cannon mounted in the turret cannot be used (1) they have an order forbidding its use and (2) they have no ammunition. This leaves them with twin machine guns which have a restricted field of fire in a small arc forward. No spare parts are available. Cannibalization could be carried out but they are not suitable.

There are 24 very small light tanks in Sicily. They are distributed in various parts but only a small proportion are in working order. They are armed with twin light machine guns firing forward only. It is stated that these vehicles bounce so much that it is impossible to aim the guns and they are useless for carrying personnel as they have only room for the driver and the gunner. No one wants them and they are used for training purposes only.

There are 4 armored cars (3 Italian and 1 German) all held in Palermo. The Italian and the German vehicles are not in running order. The two in service are the most efficient arms of the Battalion but are not very reliable. This type of vehicle is essential, not only for action against well armed bands but for the escort of the lorries taking reinforcement. These are in unarmored cars. It is suggested that trucks may be modified sheeting should be supplied in order that trucks may be modified to give protection to the troops in them. The work can be carried out locally but there is no sheetmetal available in Sicily.

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P.O.L. Up to the present there has been no difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of P.O.L. which is obtained from A.C.I.F. on a monthly assignment basis through the Prefects.

RATIONS. There are obtained from military sources each 15 days at "Gruppi" level and the Mobile Battalion. No difficulty has been encountered but it is suggested that a reserve issue should be made to Battalion of tinned rations to be kept in reserve for operational use.

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They have no mobile feeding arrangements and tinned rations would ease the problem.

TRAINING. This is being carried out on a regular plan and each carabinieri carries out a course of firing with machine gun, automatic rifle and pistol and use of grenades. Further supplies of ammunition required.

COMMUNICATIONS. Many stations are without telephones and the majority of the remainder are on part time service. Exact lists to be submitted. In any case telephones lines have been cut and the only answer is for radio transmitting sets to be supplied. The question of motor cycles already dealt with. If possible bicycles should be supplied which would enable CC.M. to carry out extended beat work particularly on perimeters of cities where robberies take place.

There is a great need for the issue of some type of lamp or electric torch for CC.M. use. These are required in large quantities for night work, particularly at road blocks.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.

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8. The issue of further uniform to CC.M. particularly shirts, underclothing and shoes.

Information in detail as required in Appendix A to M.M.I.A. letter CC.M./G/12 of 25th Jan. 1948¹⁹⁴⁷ collated. Further recommendations will be made in this report.

T. Goudacre.
MAJOR, 21 1106
CC.M. Section
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