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(*) Mittente

(*) Da trasmettere alla stazione

(a) Indicazione e n. del comando mittente.
(b) Nominativo della stazione destinataria o indicazione del comando destinatario.
(c) Numero della stazione mittente.

N. 2919 del Canl.

Indice del collazionamento

N° 152

Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa Centrale e di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

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della stazione (*) ... Ricevente ...	alla stazione (*) ... Trasmittente ...
Cambieri (a) N. ...	

O PA DA OMA MG NR 4/M 32/ TF 7/1 1300 --

--1 BLU TORINO 2 BLU GENOVA 3 BLU MILANO 4 BLU BOLZANO 6 BLU BOLOGNA
7 BLU FIRENZE 9 BLU BARI 10 BLU NAPOLI 11 BLU PALERMO --

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(1) _____ MARCONIGRAMMA

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PART I - GENERAL.

1. DOMESTIC. (11 ALU)

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PART II - "B"

3. DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

(a) Army less CA.

"ACUTA" Brigade.

Acuta Infantry Brigade:	HQ Palermo
9th Inf. Regt.	: HQ Palermo (Turba Barracks) 1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 3rd Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf. Regt.	: HQ Palermo (Jasmino Barracks) 1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guccione Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	: Palermo (Tukory Barracks)

"MAGIC" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade HQ	: Messina (In the barracks of Div HQ)
93th Inf. Regt.	: HQ Catania (Sommaruga Barracks) 1st Mortar Coy Catania 1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy Catania 1 Rifle Coy Caltagirone 3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy Siracusa (Abela Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy Ragusa (Bucchari Barracks)
45th Inf. Regt.	: 1st 2nd and 3rd Bn (less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Orisafulli Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy Enna
Artillery Group	: Catania (Sommaruga Barracks)

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		at Palermo 3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guzzione Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	:	Palermo (Fukery Barracks)

"[illegible]" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade HQ	:	Messina (In the barracks of Div HQ)
5th Inf. Regt.	:	HQ Catania (Sammarugo Barracks) 1st Mortar Coy Catania 1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy Catania 1 Rifle Coy Caltagirone 3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy Siracusa (Abela Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy Ragusa (Zucchari Barracks)
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Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sammarugo Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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*. TRAINING.

(a) The month of Dec. was spent in visiting units in Sicily, with the following objects in view:-

i. To ascertain the general conditions
ii. To form a plan for the new years

(b) Diary of Events:-

Dec.	5th	6th Inf. Regt.
	6th	5th Inf. Regt.
	7th	General Castiglione
	9th	5th Inf. Regt.
	10th	6th Inf. Regt.
	11th	3rd Bn. 5th Inf. Regt. (CALTANISSETTA)
	12th	1st Bn. 6th Inf. Regt. (TRAPANI)
	13th	C.A.R.
	14th	General Castiglione
	16th	MESSINA
	17th	
	18th	
	19th	CATANIA
	20th	
	21th	SYRACUSE
	22th	PALERMO

(c) Interview with General Castiglione 7th Dec.45.

The ideal solution for committments in Palermo:-

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iii. All committments to be found.

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Medical charts to be maintained, and accessible to Bn. Comdrs. showing sickness due to:-

i. Filth. i.e. personal dirtiness of men.
ii. Stomach trouble i.e. cookhouse and flies.
iii. V.D.

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(e) Inspections.

In order to keep units up to scratch, and to ensure that training is being carried out, periodic inspections be made by the staff of Terr. H.Q.

(f) Command.

It was noticeable that Bns. on detachment appeared to be better organised than those that are centralised. The reason for this, in my opinion, is Bn. Comdrs. have more scope to use their initiative, and can really command their Bns. Whereas, when the Regtl. Commander is sitting in on them, he commands, and Bn. Comdrs are subsidiary.

I would suggest that Regtl. Comdrs. and their staffs be removed to a place away from the Bns. and direct rather than command.

(g) Officers and Sgts. Messes.

As such, they are not comparable to our standard. There is not much they do to help themselves, but a grant would help considerably.

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In order to spread the experience gained in a C.A.R., and to create a little competition, I would suggest, periodical but gradual turnovers.

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ii. They undergo a further three months training, and be free from all other duties.
iii. A programme be set out on the lines of the C.A.R., this to be prepared by M.M.I.A.

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(k) System of Stores.

This seems to vary with each Regt. and it would appear, that there is no standard method. Suggest that the British method be adopted, preferably on a Bn. Basis i.e.

Bn. Stores:- Clothing and equipment
Food
Ammn.
Weapon Training
Arms

Coy Stores:-
G. 1098.

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(l) Maintenance Grant.

At present the grant allowed for Barrack maintenance is 5,000 Lire per quarter. A lot of improvements could be made on existing conditions, by a little initiative, but even so, 5,000 Lire does seem rather inadequate.

(m) Welfare.

Men are only in possession of Mess Tins, could an issue of plates be made.

Conclusion.

Certain of the points stated, are only indirectly concerned with training, but I thought they should be mentioned. Training in the C.A.R. is progressive, and there are obvious signs of achievent, but within the Regts, it seems to come to a stand still. Throughout my visits to Regts. I have never seen anything in advance or indeed anything excepting the Sec. in attack!

Had my stay as training officer been prolonged, my plan for the next three months would be:-

i. Train a platoon at the C.A.R. to demonstrate

a) Turnout
b) Drill
c) Bayonet Training
d) Musketry

ii. Demonstration of a platoon:

a) In attack
b) In Defence.

Note. As many officers from Sicily to attend.

iii. To take this platoon to Messina and Catania and Demonstrate to the Bns.

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COPY (Appx 79)

Subject: Observations and Suggestions Applicable to all Bns.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15555 PALERMO
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To : General De Castiglioni
11 Territorial H.Q.

Dec.46.

1. Enclosed herewith are a number of observations and suggestions which are the result of an inspection tour during the week ending 14 Dec.46.

The items enumerated with an asterisk are applicable to all Bns, in order to save checking these points in other units, may I suggest that these items be circulated abound all Regts. in Sicily.

2. The condition of the rifles was deplorable, and have obviously been neglected for some time.

To overcome this I would suggest that the following be put into force immediately.

i. Rifles - particularly the bore - to be kept oiled except on the occasions of being inspected and immediately before firing.

ii. A rifle book be kept of all rifles held on charge to a company, and the Company Commander to sign it that all arms has been checked by himself, or an officer nominated by him weekly.

iii. All rifles to be inspected daily.

iv. The unit armourer to inspect all rifles once a quarter.

v. The Company Commander to be impressed that it is his responsibility that all arms on his charge are his responsibility.

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TRAINING MAJOR.

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5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Foreign Agents.

The number of Foreign Agents is reported to have diminished during the last month. There is nothing further to report under this heading.

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

Reported to be excellent. No incidents of any kind have occurred.

(c) Public Safety.

The Chiefs of the Mafia are reported to have started a war against the Communist Party. Three Chairmen of the "Camera del Lavoro" a Labour organisation are already reported to have been murdered. Crimes of violence are reported to have increased.

(d) General Political Situation.

It seems that the Communist Party has received orders to "let up" on propaganda and action and not to appear too much in the Public eye. The most important event appears to be the split of the Socialist Party into the Communist faction under the leadership of Nenni and the anti-Communist Party under Saragat.

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PART III "A"

6. [redacted].

(a) Deficiencies in all Ranks against N.E.

Officers - NIL
O.R's - 1

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return.

Major R.D. [redacted] R.A. D&A & QMG returned from PRIVILEAVE 8 Jan.47.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

NIL.

(c) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

14221979 Pvr. KNIGHT K.E. A & S Coy 47.

(d) Staff List attached at Appendix "B".

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against N.E.

Total strength against N.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen -

a) Discipline.

Discipline throughout this command appears, in general to be well maintained. No incidents arising from lack of discipline have been reported.

b) Welfare.

There has been an increase in allotment of funds for welfare purposes. It is still, however, far too little for any practical purposes and welfare continues only on a low level.

c) Pay.

Only the usual complaints.

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NIL.

(e) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

14221579 Dvr. SMITH T.H. A A S 52 +7.

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d) Leave.

Leave rosters are, as always, well maintained.

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PART IV " Q "

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

i) List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix "B".

ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies and Services.

Nothing to report.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) ENSA.

Continued lack of tyres and spare parts. The older tyres of transport badly need replacing with a newer pattern.

(b) I & T

Nothing to report.

(c) R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

(d) Accommodation.

Still no action has been taken in respect of the barracks of the 45 Inf. Regt. in Catania. An allocation of funds to complete is urgently required (see report for Nov.45).

[signature]
W. Symes, Major
A.A.G. II.,
11. B.A.D.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Sec	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	

No Change

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STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. II. Major W. SYKES R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Major W.D. BANKS R.A.

TRAINING

Major E.R. DAVIES

Appx "C" to 11 BLU Progress Report
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STAFF LIST ITALIAN. 11 MIL. TERR. H.Q.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT

No Change

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11 S.L.U. DOMESTIC TRANSPORT UNITS AS AT 1st January 47.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Lo... (g)
1	Chevrolet 4x4 MT 8 cwt	2530512	SX5407	484920393	(E)	
2	Standard P.U. Qty 4x2	M6126381	23/58555	UV5851	(E)	
3	M/B MTA 900 cc	01452435	N/A	WDB079478	(E)	
4	Fordson E/Ser	M71856	V4190/4	Illegible	(E)	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated a... have been inspected and found correct.

Signed.....

Date.....

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APPENDIX "B"

LONGMILE TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st JANUARY 47.

W.D.No. (a)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
25906012	886407	4844520393	(X)			
M6175331	23/58355	HV3851	(X)			
01452435	N/A	9820794?8	(X)			
M71855+	V+150/+	Illegible	(X)			

Vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 426 correct.

Signed..... Major

Date.....

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PART I - GENERAL.

1. DOMESTIC. (11 BLU)

7 Nov. Major V. SYKES G.S.O.II departed on PRIVILEAVE.

20 Nov. Major W.D. BANKS RAA & QMG visited KANDY on duty, returning 23 Nov.

23 Nov. Major C.MAYES G.S.O.II CO.HQ. Branch visited 11 B.L.U. on duty returning to HONG 30 Nov.

2. ITALIAN.

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PART II "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less XI.

"ACESTA" Brigade.

Acesta Infantry Brigade: H.Q. Palermo

9th Inf. Regt.	: H.Q. Palermo (Curtatone Barracks)
	1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
	3rd Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf. Regt.	: H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks)
	1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
	3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Cascione Barracks)
	1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	: Palermo. (Tukery Barracks)

"RUGGIO" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q.	: Messina (In the Barracks of Div.H.Q.)
+5th Inf. Regt.	: H.Q. Catania (Cesarenga Barracks)
	1st Mortar Coy. Catania
	1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Catania.
	1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone
	3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks)
	1 Rifle Coy.Ragusa (Bucchieri Barracks)
+6th Inf. Regt.	: 1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Crisafulli Barracks)
	1 Rifle Coy. [illegible]

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		3rd Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks) 1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guccione Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	:	Palermo. (Tukory Barracks)

"MESSIO" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q.	:	Messina (In the Barracks of Div.H.Q.)
3th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Catania (Sammarga Barracks) 1st Mortar Coy. Catania 1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Catania. 1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone 3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy.Ragusa (Zucchari Barracks)
5th Inf. Regt.	:	1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Crispi Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sammarga Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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4. TRAINING.

Army Issue CC.

No. 11 C.A.I.

a) GENERAL.

Two Bns. completed their training and the men were distributed as follows:-

5 Inf. Regt.	472
6 Inf. Regt.	470
45 Inf. Regt.	396
49 Inf. Regt.	382
Other Units	136
Total	1,756

One Bn. is still under training, and will have completed their 6th week on W.E. 7 Dec.45. A junior N.C.Os course of approx 200 is still under training they will complete their course this month.

b) INSTRUCTORS.

In order to improve the standard, and attain more uniformity in instruction, two short courses will be held in January.

i) Drill Course. DRILL
FITTING of Equipment
Bayonet Training

ii) Weapons Training.
The Rifle
The Bren
Grenades.

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Note. In order to attain efficiency, a few subjects only will be taught.

c) The junior N.C.Os. course is improving highly successful, there is a great improvement in their general bearing, and particularly in their DRILL. My only criticisms are:-

i) Too many subjects are being dealt with.
ii) The instructors themselves are not good enough.

Note. No.1 above is caused through the limited service of the soldier (1 yr). but even so, I would advocate fewer subjects.

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Note. No.1 above is caused through the limited service of the soldier (1 yr), but even so, I would advocate fewer subjects. No.II above will be improved by the new cardre next month.

d) Equipment.

There are no attachments brace, for officers (Pistol equipment), can N.A.A.F.I. help in this deficiency release.

e) Conclusion.

No. 11 C.A.P. on the whole is working quite well, and there will be, without doubt a marked improvement in the next intake. Obviously, there is plenty of scope for improvement, but there is unbounded enthusiasm and initiative, and things are getting done.

The junior N.C.O.s cardre is an excellent idea, and will prove to be extremely beneficial, I would commend that this system of selecting men from the Recruits be continued.

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f) 5th Inf. Regt.

Location of Hqs.

No. 1 Bn)
No. 2 Bn) PALERMO
No. 3 Bn CALTANISSETTA (with one Coy. detached at Agrigento).

g) Strengths.

UNIT.		OFF.	N.C.O.s	RANK & FILE.	TOTALS.
Regtl.Hqrs.Coy.	Total	22	33	85	140
	in station	22	30	77	129
No. 1 Bn.	Total	15	29	234	378
	in station	11	17	240	268
No. 2 Bn.	Total	20	93	453	565
	in station	18	83	343	444
No. 3 Bn.	Total	20	54	430	524
	in station	17	43	364	424
Mortar Coy.	Total	15	7	64	86
	in station	14	6	55	75

Note. In No. 2 Bn. This figure includes:-
i. Band
ii. A Coy. of 121, which consists of 52 Bn H.Q.R. (Not regarded as Soldiers)
69 Extra Regimentally employed.

h) Palermo Commitments.

	OFF.	N.C.O.s	O.Rs	TOTALS
Guards and Duties	3	8	134	145
3 Special pkts for Public order against Bandits	4	4	100	108

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i) General Impression.

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	G.O.C.	M.I.O.	O.R's	TOTALS
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j) Administration.

The Bns. in Palermo have heavy committments (see para h.) These are found by detailing so many from each Company. It was suggested by me that this system had many drawbacks particularly from a training angle, and a better method might possibly be, to detail one Bn. to find these duties over a period of a week or so.

The objection to this were:-
i. Bns were not strong enough
ii. The policy was not to weaken Bdes.

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k) Training.

The recruits that were posted to this Regt. were distributed as follows:-

Regtl. Cmd. Coy.	18
Mortar Coy.	27
No. 1 Bn.	91
2 Bn.	93
3 Bn.	240
Total	469

I understand that recruits should undergo a further two months training in their Regts, this is ideal, but, in their Regt. they are also used for committments.

l) Equipment.

Soldiers are still wearing Italian leather equipment, notification has been received that these items are at Naples, may these be hastened please.

m) Impressions.

I regret that my observations are somewhat vague, but during the next week, I will make a more detailed examination, and will be more sure of the facts.

The present system of finding the committments are very unsatisfactory, it is my intention to talk to the General about this.

The rest C.A.R. training of recruits too, requires overhauling I would suggest that these men should be kept together, preferably in one Bn. and be struck off all duties.

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3. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Foreign Agents.

Many foreign agents still reported to be in Sicily, particularly in Catania. There has been an increase in Yugo-Slav propaganda.

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

Good relations have been maintained between troops and civilians. No incidents reported.

(c) Public Safety.

During the past month 25 leading gangsters have been arrested by the police. There are still at large numerous bands of brigands.

(d) Political current of troops.

Most interest in politics seems to be taken by the recruits of 11 S.A.F. These are from the north and have strong Communist tendencies. Apart from this, on the whole troops in Sicily do not interest themselves greatly in politics.

(e) Political General.

The Christian-Democrat Party in Sicily has suffered serious setbacks. The main swing is now to the Left, towards Socialist and Communist parties, and to Uomo Qualunque for the Right.

Generally speaking Sicily appears to be still anti-Communist but intensive propaganda amongst smaller towns and villages by Communists, with extravagant promises, has tended to even out the balance between Right and Left.

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PART III "A"

6. BRUNEI.

(a) Deficiencies in all Ranks against T.E.

Officers - NIL
O.R's - NIL

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return.

MAJOR W. SYKES RA C.S.O. II - Privileave. Due to return 11 Dec. (approx).

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

MAJOR W.D. BANKS MBE RA. PRIVILEAVE 12 December.

(c) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

NIL.

(d) Staff List attached at Appendix "B".

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against T.E.

Total strength against T.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen - 63%

a) Discipline.

A high standard of discipline is maintained in the Command. A.W.L. rate remain very low.

Visits were paid during the month to ceremonial parades at 11 C.A.R., 5th Assts Inf. Regt., and 6th Assts Inf. Regt.

The parade at 11 C.A.R. was to celebrate the closing of the course. High morale and enthusiasm were again much in evidence, compensating in some measure for the finer points of ceremonial.

The morale of the troops of the two infantry Regiments appeared reasonably high. Troops were well turned out and equipped, but there was considerable diversity of dress amongst officers.

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(c) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

NIL.

(d) Staff List attached at Appendix "B".

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against W.E.

Total strength against W.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen - 63[illegible]

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b) Welfare.

An attempt is being made this month to start a football league in Sicily. Apart from this no extension of existing sport and welfare appears imminent.

c) Pay.

New pay scale of officers has been taken into operation. No satisfaction is heard to be expressed amongst officers as prices have already increased more than salaries.

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PART IV [illegible]

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

(i) List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix "D".

(ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies and Services.

The isolated unit system of supplies and services is working well. No major difficulties have been encountered which cannot be over come. Lack of transport in Naples when collecting supplies has been a major problem but this will be overcome in future by transporting a vehicle from Palermo to Naples by ship.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) [illegible].

The tyre situation is now absolutely desperate. There will shortly be no Italian army vehicle on the road and it is [illegible] that application will be made for mules.

(b) S & T

3 lorries have been allotted to be split between the two Brigades.

Petrol rations have been cut.

(c) Medical.

Nothing to report.

(d) R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

(e) Accommodation.

The barracks of the 45th Infantry Regt. in Catania were inspected during the month.

The major problem is the state of the kitchen. This is located in an unfinished part of the barracks and has no facilities whatsoever that a kitchen should have. The C.O. has replied that an allocation may be made to cut in even the most modest of fittings.

The barrack block of the Artillery Group has no lavatories. The men are compelled to go to the next block for this purpose.

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3. ITALIAN.

(a) [illegible].

The tyre situation is now absolutely desperate. There will shortly be no Italian army vehicle on the road and it is [illegible] that application will be made for mules.

(b) S & T

8 lorries have been allotted to be split between the two Brigades.

Petrol rations have been cut.

(c) Medical.

Nothing to report.

(d) E.&.C.I.

Nothing to report.

(e) Accommodation.

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Although this would appear to be a domestic matter, it is requested on behalf of the C.O. that support may be given to his appeal for funds to complete the work.

W.D. RANKIN,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

WDR/SI
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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Eyre "B")	PALERMO	

No Change

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Apnx "B" to 11 BLW Progress
Report No. 17 dated 5 Dec.46.

STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.W.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. II — Major W. SYKES — R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. — Major W.D. BAMES — R.A.

TRAINING

Major R.R. DAVIES

Annx "J" to 11 SLO Progress Report
No. 17 dated 5 Jun.45.

SPARE LIST ITALIAN. 11 ARL. CORPS. S.O.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
		Amendments		
Room 2. Bulding: 43	D'ANGELO Paolo	Colonel		Discharged
Room 3. Building: 58	VASILICHUK Pietro	"		Discharged
Room 4. Building: 34	DI DIO Salvatore	Lt.Col.		Discharged
34	FERRARA Francesco	" "		Discharged
Room 6A Building: 95	SCOLARI Luigi	" "		Discharged
995	TANTA Pietro	" "		Posted to the "Trieli" Div.H.Q.
112	TORINO Paolo	" "		Discharged

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Pursuant to E.O. 13526, Section 3.5(b)(6) NND No. 785020

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11 R.A.F.U. SCHEDULE RENDERED UNDER A.C.I. 1st December 45.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	M.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)
1	Chevrolet 4x4 MUP 8 cwt	25906012	385497	43-520393	(E)
2	Standard F.U. Utv 4x2	M5175381	21/s8595	UV5851	(E)
3	M/C BSA 500 cc	31-52435	N/A	WM2079478	(E)
4	Jardsons S/Car	M713564	V-150/-	Illegible	(E)

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and have been inspected and found correct.

Signed...

Date...

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Appendix "E"

DOMESTIC TRANSFERS CRAFT AS AT 1st December 45.

W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
3590601?	3?5407	?3+4520393	(?)			
?5176381	23/?8555	?V?851	(?)			
31?52436	N/A	??2?73478	(?)			
?712564	V+150/+	Illegible	(?)			

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Signed.....Major

Date.....

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11 SLC PROGRESS REPORT NO. 16

As at 1 November 1945

Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (MMLA) G 3

Nov.45.

Copy to : 10 B.L.O.

PART I - GENERAL.

1. MOVEMENTS. (11 SLU)

(a) Oct.12. Major E.F. DAVIES R.C. reported for duty as Training Officer 11. S.L.U.

2. ITALIAN.

1. (a) Location statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List attached at Appendix "B".

2. British Platoon Weapons have now been received by Regiments with the exception of 2" Mortars. Nineteen of these only are held by 11 Comilitor at 11. S.L.U.
Very little web equipment was received with the new weapons.

ADVICE
(letter follows)

3. Artillery Groups are still training with obsolete Italian guns. The need for British equipments is urgent.

4. Reorganisation of Genio is nearly complete.

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(b) [redacted] Staff Officer to H.Q. 2nd Corps for duty as Training Officer H. B.L.F.

2. ITALIAN.

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PART II "S"

DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less II.

"ACRIA" Brigade.

Acerbo Infantry Brigade: H.Q. Palermo

9th Inf.Regt. : H.Q. Palermo (Turba Barracks)
1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
3rd Bn in Trapani (Giovanetti-ne Barracks)

5th Inf.Regt. : H.Q.Palermo (Cascine Barracks)
1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Tasciera Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Acerbo Barracks)

Artillery Group : Palermo.(Tukory Barracks)

"TRIESTE" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q. : Messina (In the Barracks of Div.H.Q.)

45th Inf.Regt. : H.Q. Catania (Sanerupo Barracks)
1st Mortar Coy.Catania
1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Catania
1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone
3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy.Lagusa (Dandsari Barracks)

46th Inf.Regt. : 1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Vittorfulli Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy. Enna

Artillery Group : Catania (Sanerupo Barracks)

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		1 R.C. Battery (Mobile Artillery) 1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
		3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Garibaldi Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Moato Barracks)
Artillery Group	:	Palermo.(Tukory Barracks)

"TRIPOLI" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q.	:	Messina (In the Barracks of Div.H.Q.)
45th Inf.Regt.	:	H.Q. Catania (Sammarco Barracks)
		1st Mortar Coy.Catania
		1 and 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Catania
		1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone
		3rd Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy.Ragusa (Zacheri Barracks)
46th Inf.Regt.	:	1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Cristofalli Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sammarco Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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TRAINING. (A) Army Area Of.

1. General. **Training Establishments 11. C.A.A.**

No.1 Bn. completed their 1st week of training on the 2 Nov 46
No.2 Bn. " " 6th " " " " " 2 Nov 46
No.3 Bn. " " 6th " " " " " 2 No 46

men were sent for specialist training on the.

A training cadre of eight weeks duration started on the 1st Oct for 107 selected men to train as prospective N.C.Os.

2. Instructors.

On the average, they seem competent talkers, possibly they talk too much, and in consequence, the time left for practise is very short.

Their turn-out is not what I would regard, as an example. Their demonstrations lack polish and finish.
They do not check faults enough.

3. Soldiers.

My impressions are, that they are a very fine type of man, intelligent, eager to learn, and enthusiastic.
Their personal cleanliness, when their comparative hardships of lack of clothing, accomodation etc. is taken into consideration, is good.
The problem of shaving, I think, would be eradicated, if an issue of shaving weapons, was to be given to each man.

4. Training Stores.

A number of these problems are being solved by initiative, and use of existing facilities.
The problem of ~~our~~ miniature targets however, is rather difficult, and it would be of great assistance if, at least one of each representative target could be obtained, copies could then be re-produced.

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5. Drill.

Close order drill, is a very weak item in the training. My considered opinion is that the whole system of Drill, wants to be brought up to date, on a par with modern war. At the present, the formations are too close, and tends to create in the mind of the soldier, the "herd" instinct, instead of thinking of himself, as an individual in a team.
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6. Musketry.

More emphasis needs to be stressed on the necessity for the correct stores, to teach a particular lesson.
There are discrepancies in the teaching, I think it would help, if a circus from CENTAMO, could visit Units and give demonstrations a short refresher courses.

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Tests of Elementary Training are not being carried out. The conditions or reasons of these, do not seem to be understood. I would appreciate your views on this subject.
Not enough checking of faults.

7. Cleanliness of Weapons.

The use of boiling water, was not known. There is an excessive use of the gauze, it would appear that gauze is the accepted method of cleaning.
The armourer has not got a set of tools, and consequently, many rifles, that could be repaired by him, are lying useless, for the want of tools and spare parts.

8. Instructions.

There is a general "slyness" towards this important subject and again the old fault - not sufficiently precise.

9. Range-Work.

Grouping practices are not fully understood, nor that they form the basis on which a man is coached.
Once again, I would appreciate your views.

10. Conclusion.

My criticism may appear to be somewhat pessimistic, but I would point out, that these are, in a sense minor occurrences, that can, and will be remedied.
The main factors, morale, organisation, and enthusiasm are good. From my limited knowledge, when all things are considered, it is my opinion that they have done remarkably well.
With the prospects of better clothing, accommodation, and confidence in themselves, I think major improvement will be seen.
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Training with British warfare has only just started. There is no question that a tremendous improvement in training within the Regiments will have to take place in order to catch up with the training of recruits received from the C.A.F's and

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The weapon training in the Regiments appears to consist too much of showing trainees how to use the weapons more of less in their own time and not as a definite drill.
There is a tendency on the part of Regimental Commanders to be too easily satisfied with results - I think that a period of attachment to an Infantry Division would be very beneficial as Regimental Commanders in Sicily seem to be rather ignorant of what is going on elsewhere--.
The Commander of the 45th Regiment admitted recently that he had never seen the C.A.R.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

Two Jugo-Slav agents have been seen in Palermo in company with members of the Communist Party. Apart from this there is nothing to report.

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

Relations between recruits from the North of Italy at present training at 11 C.A.C. and civilians are said to be improving. This is probably due to the fact that recruits are becoming used to their new environment and are losing some of their "bloody-mindedness" about Sicily.

(c) Public Safety.

Increased activity of gangs has been followed by increased police activity. Eight gang-leaders have been killed by police during the month.

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PART III "A"

6. MEDICAL.

(a) Deficiencies in all Ranks against W.E.

Officers. - NIL
O.R's. - NIL

(b) Leave.

(i) Details of all ranks on leave and when due in return.

NIL.

During the month Major W.D. BANKS M.B.E. R.A. returned from local leave and Cpl. Bray D.B. returned from PRIVILEAVE.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

Major W.SIKES R.A.	PRIVILEAVE	6 Nov.
Major R.DAVIES M.C. R.W.F.	Local Leave	28 Nov.

(c) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

NIL.

(d) Staff list attached at Appendix "B" - 3099

7. WELFARE.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against W.E.

Total strength against W.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen - 72%

a) Discipline.

In general, good throughout the Command.
A.W.L. rate is low.
Morale of the troops is high, particularly amongst the recruits at 11 C.A.R., probably a reflection of the time and attention paid to their welfare.

b) Welfare.

During the month the whole question of Army Welfare was examined and a detailed report

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(11) Details of all ranks due for leave in the immediate future.

Major W.STOKES R.A.	PRIVILEGE	5 Nov.
Major R.D.WINS M.C. R.W.F.	Local Leave	28 Nov.

(e) Details of all ranks due for release in the immediate future.

NIL.

(d) Staff list attached at Appendix "B" - 3099

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against M.E.

Total strength against M.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen - 72%

a) Discipline.

In general, good throughout the Command.
A.W.L. rate is low.
Morale of the troops is high, particularly amongst the recruits at 11 C.A.P., probably a reflection of the time and attention paid to their welfare.

b) Welfare.

During the month the whole question of Army Welfare was examined and a detailed report submitted. This H.Q. G2 of 16 Oct. refers.

c) Pay.

The high cost of living in Sicily makes the pay of O.R's horribly inadequate. The increase in allowance of L.15 per day for messing is described as useless because it will buy almost nothing. At least L.30 per day is required.
Great dissatisfaction is apparent amongst officers at the cessation of the recent increase in pay. Most of them draw a large part of their income from army allowances. As the percentage increase does not apply to allowances, junior officers find themselves only a few hundred lire better off per month.

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f) Iowa.

Up to date. The increased scale has been very well received.

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8. [illegible]

(a) Transport.

(i) List of Unit transport is attached at Appendix "G".

(ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies.

The D.I.D., R.I.D., and Ord Depot have all now been withdrawn from Sicily. The following arrangements are now in force and working well:-

(i) Rations.

3 months hard drawn at a time, transported from Naples to Palermo by lorry.
Fresh rations purchased through Intendt.
Bread baked locally.

(ii) [illegible]

2 weeks supply drawn at a time. Transported from Naples to Palermo by ship. Not possible to draw for longer period owing to difficulty of financial arrangements.

(iii) [illegible]

Collected every 2 weeks from Naples.

(c) Services.

No R.E., medical, [illegible], [illegible] (ST) or Welfare services exist in Sicily. The following arrangements have now been made:-

(i) R.E. & R.E.M.E.

Italian Army services.

(ii) Medical.

Italian Army or civilian doctors and hospitals.

(iii) [illegible] (ST)

Assistance for transport in Naples when collecting supplies is provided by H.Q. Naples Area.

(iv) Welfare.

Such welfare as can be furnished is provided by welfare officer, Naples Area.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) [illegible]

Italian N.F. installations of 11 Terr.Command were inspected by Gen. [illegible], Chief of [illegible] during the month.

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Seven rations purchased through Imprest.
Bread baked locally.

(ii) [illegible]
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(iii) CMP.
Collected every 2 weeks from Naples.

(c) Services. — 3097
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Italian Army services.

(ii) Medical.
Italian Army or civilian doctors and hospitals.

(iii) [illegible]
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(iv) Welfare.
Such welfare as can be furnished is provided by welfare officer, Naples Area.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) [illegible]
Italian M.T. installations of 11 Serr.Command were inspected by Capt. F.S. Rindl of 10 B.A.D. during the month.
(10 [illegible] + of 23 Oct.45 refers)

(b) RASC.
11 Clothing and Bgrt. workshops are having difficulty in maintaining the rate of repair of boots owing to shortage of leather.
1000 khaki and 500 green uniforms are on order in a drive to obtain uniformity of dress.

(c) S & T
Inspections were carried out by Capt. L.N. Jones RASC, 10 B.A.D. of the following installations:-

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1 Terr. and Adm. Trt.Coy.
1 Food Distribution Depot
1 Military Depot
1 Military Bakery
68 Food Distribution Depot
65 Food Distribution Depot

(10 B.L.N. letter 4151 of 25 Oct.45 with reports attached refers)

d) Medical.
Ref. this H.Q. M/1 of 8 Oct.46 the following improvements have been effected at Carndale Cross Rooms No.2)1-

(i) Fly-proofing has been installed in the kitchens

(ii) The kitchens have been thoroughly cleaned and white-washed.

(iii) The bath house has been cleaned and put in working order.

(iv) The C.O. has been changed.

e) Accommodation.
Accommodation for married officers and single officers who have no barrack accommodation is a major problem. Apart from the general shortage of housing, high rents make it impossible for officers without private means to obtain reasonable lodging. Lodging allowance for single officers is about £.60 per month.

W.H.Hawkins

O.C.O. II.,
11. B.L.U.

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DETAILED TECHNICAL STATE AS AT 1st November 45.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	V.E.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)
1	Chevrolet 4x4 WOT 8 cwt	7590512	3E5407	W44520393	(E)
2	Standard F.W. Utv 4x4	M5176391	23/58555	UV5851	(E)
3	M/C BSA 500 cc	81452436	N/A	WM20794??	(E)
4	Fordson S/Car	M71856	V4190/4	Illegible	(E)

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated & have been inspected and found correct.

Signed.....

Date.....

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MONTHLY INVENTORY STATE AS AT 1st November 45.

Appendix "D"

F.S.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
25909012	SM6407	484520393	(3)			
M6176381	21/38555	UV5851	(2)			
01452436	E/A	W2079425	(2)			
M718564	V4150/4	Illegible	(2)			

Rules are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 112 and AB 405 are correct.

Signed.....Major

Date.....

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GRUPPO LEGGERO "CALIARI" - 11 MIL. ZONE - Italia

Serial No.	GRADO	NOME	UNITA'
		Assegnazioni	
Item 1			
Deletes:			
37	MATOLI Filippo	Colonel	Transferred
42	ROLANDO Giuseppe	"	Discharged
Item 3			
Deletes:			
63	MARCELLINO Vincenzo	Lt.Colonel	Discharged
Item 6			
Inserts:			
115	AUTORE Camillo	Lt.Colonel	Inf.Regt.	Attached 7th Inf.
116	RUSSO Paolo	" "	" "	7th Inf.

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN, 11 BDE, TOR. H.Q.

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Americanists		
Colonel		Transferred to the Mil.Gov.H.Q. Zone
"		Discharged
Lt.Colonel		Discharged
Lt.Colonel	Inf.Regt.	Attached to this H.Q.
" "	" "	5th Infantry Regt.

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Appx "B" to 11 RLU Progress
Report No.15 dated 3 Nov.45

STAFF LIST - 11 R.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. II — Major W. SYKES — R.A.

STAFF OF THE ASSISTANT DENTAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. — Major W.D. BANKS — R.A.

TRAINEE.

Major S.H. DAVIES

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Syce "B")	PALERMO	

No Change

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SUBJECT : Progress Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COMD, AC (MMIA)
(489061 Ext. 401) 6/37
11 Oct 46

TO : 10 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Herewith copy of 11 BLU Progress Report forwarded to this HQ in error.

ELL/sb

L. P. Crumpacker
Lt Col, CE.

Copy to: 11 British Liaison Unit (your 6/3 of 8 Oct refers)

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Subject: Monthly Report No.15.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 15557 PALERMO
G/3

(27A)

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

8 Oct.46.

Reference my monthly report for October.

The copy of this report which should have been sent to 10 B.L.U. was inadvertently included in the series sent to your office.

As I have only my file copy left I should be grateful if one of the copies received could be forwarded by your office to 10 B.L.U.

W. AYKES, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11. B.L.U.

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11 BLU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 15
As at 1 October 46

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Land Forces Sub-Comm. AJ (MMIA)

3. Oct.46.

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

PART I - GENERAL.

1. MONTHLY. (11 BLU)

(a) Sqn.17. Colonel Villone, Lt.Col. Medlam, Major Grey and Capt. Ward visited 11. C.A.R. and various military headquarters in Sicily.

2. ITALIAN.

1. (a) Location statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List attached at Appendix "B".

2. The inauguration of the 11. C.A.R. on 19 Sep. was a very successful function which has already been described in a previous report (G/17 dated 22 Sep.).
It was well reported in the newspaper - the first time I have seen a reports of an Army function in Sicilian newspapers. 3089

3. The need for a decent walking out uniform and two pairs of boots per soldier is again stressed by 11. C.A.R. who insist, quite rightly that they would have a tremendous effect on morale and the estimation of the public for the soldier

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5. Instructions for reorganisation of Carls have

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5. Instructions for reorganisation of Genio have only just been received by 11. C.M.F. Action is already being taken in the matter and full details will be given in my next monthly report (your SV/3/2 26 Aug refers).

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PART II etc

DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.

Reorganisation of Sabauda and Aosta Divisions is now complete.

AOSTA Brigade.

Aosta Infantry Brigade: H.Q. Palermo

5th Inf.Regt. : H.Q. Palermo (Turba Barracks)
2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
3 Bn in Trapani (Giancettino Barracks)

6th Inf. Regt. : H.Q.Palermo (Cascino Barracks)
2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guasiano Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Moato Barracks)

Artillery Group : Palermo. (Tukory Barracks)

SABAUDIA Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q. : Messina (In the Barracks of Div. H.Q.)

5th Inf.Regt. : H.Q.Catania (Sanzerugo Barracks)
1 Mortar Coy. Catania
2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy.Catania
1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone
3 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy. Ragusa (Bucchari Barracks)

6th Inf. Regt. : (less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Crimaldi Barracks)
1 Rifle Coy. Enna

Artillery Group : Catania (Sanzerugo Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security

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45th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks)
		1+2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo
		3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guasiano Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento ((Monte Barracks)
Artillary Group	:	Palermo. (Tukory Barracks)

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Infantry Brigade H.Q.	:	Messina (In the Barracks of Div. H.Q.)
45th Inf.Regt.	:	H.Q.Catania (Sammarco Barracks)
		1 Mortar Coy. Catania
		2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy.Catania
		1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone
		3 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy. Ragusa (Zucchari Barracks)
45th Inf. Regt. 1 2 13	:	(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Orisafulli Barracks)
		1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sammarco Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

Referring to my last report the number of foreign agents continues to increase - especially of the "AGIT PROP" who have been carrying out propaganda among the "contadini" and suggesting the occupation by force of land which has been allowed to go out of cultivation by wealthy land-owners.

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

As suggested in my last report troops and civilians do not mix. There is too big a difference in mentality between troops from North Italy and Sicilians.
Numbers of soldiers are reported to frequent Communist meeting places.

(c) Public Safety.

Politics hamper police in the execution of their duty. In spite of various highly coloured newspaper articles and various conjectures it is fairly well established that the recent attack on the Palermo Radio Station was carried out by not more than ten well armed Communists with the possible motive of disrupting public order and bringing discredit upon the forces of law and order.

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PART III cA.

6. [redacted].

(a) Deficiencies in all Ranks against T.E.

Officers. Training Major
O.R's. D.R.

(b) Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return.

Cpl. Bray. Privileave. Approx return 10 Oct.46.

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against T.E.

Total strength against T.E. -
Tradesmen - 8%

DISCIPLINE.

In general, good. At 11 C.A.R. some trouble occurred from recruits of the last intake who were mainly from the north and did not appreciate being sent to Sicily. These have now settled down and their bearing, morale, and discipline are of a high order. This was most marked at the ceremonial parade to celebrate the official opening of the Barracks. Although compelled to stand in a hot sun of some 3 hours, there were few signs of slackness and impatience.

WELFARE. 3086

It appears that rapid strides are being made in the appreciation of the value of Army Welfare.
At 11 C.A.R. a comfortable canteen is provided, a Jazz band has been formed, and sport organised on a big scale.
A welfare scheme to assist needy families of soldiers has been arranged money being raised from army funds.

PAY.

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In the case of officers, the position is probably worse.
It is known that some officers are being compelled to

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Deficiencies in Total Strength and in Tradesmen against I.A.

Total strength against T.E. -
Tradesmen - 84%

DISCIPLINE.

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In the case of officers, the position is probably worse. It is known that some officers are being compelled to sell their personal belongings, one by one, in order to make ends meet.

LEAVE.

Appears to be kept up to date.

EDUCATION.

11 C.A.R. has arranged for students to study and take their exams in Palermo whilst doing their recruits course.

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ARMY OFFICERS.

A further case of an officer being compelled to take his release from the Army without the option of going before a board or taking his exam, has been reported to this H.Q.
In this case a technically qualified 2/Lieut. of 11 Auto-Reparte, with 7 years service, a "specialist engine tester", is now obliged to accept his release. The officer in question is well known to this H.Q. for his efficiency.
It is suggested that the Min. of War might be urged to issue a directive onthis point.

ACTION,
(Our A/26 dated 9 July 45 refers)

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PART IV. "C"

4. TRAINING.

i. Training Establishments. ii. C.A.C.

Training is progressing well and with the promised arrival of 47 2" mortars platoon weapons will be up to establishment.
There is also sufficient W.T. equipment.
The improvement of two ranges is also in progress.
The arrival of another 900 recruits last week has proved to be rather an administration headache but the Commandant assures us that they will be able to make up the lost time.
Welfare at the C.A.C. continues to improve Radio relays and loud speakers have now been installed in all Barrack rooms and we have been able to obtain supplies of records by courtesy of the U.S. Navy.

ii. Other Troops.

The fact that all Bersaglieri are under strength and very fully employed on Guard and Security duties still interferes with training but I am more satisfied with the position and the efforts made to carry out training programmes. General Garoratti of the Reggio Bde is doing excellent work in this respect.
The proportion of "old soldiers" in the Regiments is below average - 200 as opposed to 500. This is partly accounted for by the fact that the call up and subsequent release of the 1924 class was earlier in Sicily and South Italy owing to the war.
Regimental Commanders have expressed satisfaction with the recruits from the first C.A.C. course. (your Trg/27 dated Sept.12.45 refers).

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AMERICAN.
(a) Equipment.
Vehicle holding return despatched in our CP/Q/35 dated 1.Oct.45.

ITALIAN.
(a) R.I.M.E.
In an interview with O.C., 11 E.T. Repair Unit the following points were raised:-

i) Work has to be put out to civilian firms due to lack of mechanical equipment. The necessary equipment has been indented for from the Min. of War in August without result.

ii) It is hoped to place a much needed detachment in Catania shortly. Shortage of necessary equipment is delaying project.

iii) Spares. No spares for SPA 439's. Can be bought in the black market but too costly. Spares for other vehicles in good supply, mainly from civilian sources.

iv) Tyres. 30% of the vehicles of an average unit in Sicily are off the road for lack of tyres. Others can be used for local journeys only. It is said that AMAR conceals from the army such things as tyres in their dumps as the Min. of War fixes prices which are less than civilians will pay. (our Q/7 dated 23.Sep.45 ADRIOR. refers)

v) AB 406's and AB 412's of vehicles brought in for repair show great improvement.

(b) R.A.O.C.
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ii) 11 Clothing and Kqpt. Workshops report good supplies of materials. At present concentrating on repair of Battle Dresses for coming winter.

(c) R.A.S.C.
Petition to current.

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without result.

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Nothing to report.

(d) MEDICAL.

During the month an inspection was made of the Carpedale Convenscionate Crece Rosea No.23, San Lorenzo Colli. This is the hospital inspected by Major Sneesum in June last and mentioned in this unit report of 5 July 45 (11 B.L.U. M/1 dated 21.6.45 also refers).
The following was noted:-

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i) Bolfore.

Still practically non-existent.

No library and no recreation room. An occasional theatre show or film. No attempt at Occupational Therapy as suggested by Major Saccusa. Convalescent patients report their only recreation to be walking in the grounds.

ii) Yards.

In general reasonably clean but ever crowded. No attempt at fly-proofing. Patients were surrounded by hundreds of flies to their great annoyance and inconvenient.

iii) Latrines and wash-houses.

Badly kept and in some cases with a definite unpleasant odour.

iv) Kitchens.

Exceptionally bad. Walls once blackened and have obviously not white-washed for months. Swarming with flies which had settled in clouds on prepared food particularly on the meat which was almost invisible under flies.
Practically no attempt at fly-proofing. No matting for exposed food.

Food handlers had filthy finger nails.
Food is prepared and cooked in the same room.
In general the whole kitchen was dirty.

v) Food Stors.

There are two store rooms, one for "hard rations" and other for "soft".

In the hard ration store there were cheeses standing on shelves deep in a layer of rotting cheese left by many previous cheeses. They in addition were swarming with ants. The smell was nauseating. The "fresh" store was over-run by flies and contained much evidence of very old "fresh" rations not cleared away.

vi) Bath-house.

The bath-house contains showers, baths, and foot-baths. The last named were covered with cob-webs with attendant spiders, the baths contained refuse, and the latrines were smelly and insanitary.

vii) Supplies.

In general necessary medical supplies are to be found.

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One important exception is a Coolidge tube for a Rontigen lamp. Lack of this item renders the X-ray apparatus unusable and patients at the moment have to be taken outside the hospital for X-ray. Authority has been given for purchase but the required tube cannot be found.
Tyres are short. The ambulance may shortly be immobilised through tyre trouble.

ACTION
(Our M/1 of 2 Oct.46 refers)

W. STEER, Major
S.A.D.S. II.,
11. S.L.U.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALEMBANG	

No Change

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GENERAL STAFF

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A.& Q.M.G. — Major W.D. BANKS — R.A.

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		Amendments	
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	Delete:		
7	MAZZARINI Attilio	Brigadier Gen.	
8	PETTINAU Ettore	"	"
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57	DELITALA Oreste	Colonel	Attaché
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43	GIANNOLA Giacchino	"	
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"			

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RANK	UNIT	AS APPOINTMENT
Amalfounds		
Brigadier Gen.		
"	"	
Colonel		
Paolo "		Attached to 11 Corr. H.Q.
"	"	"
"	"	Transferred to Corr. H.Q. Rome
Lt.Colonel		
"		Attached to Mil.Dist. Regains

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PART I - GENERAL

1. [illegible] (11 ELS)

(a) Aug.1. Major V.Sykes left Palermo for MMIA Conference.
Aug.12. Major V.Sykes returned to Palermo.
Aug.20. 1416168. Sgt.Keen left this H.Q. on Release.

2. WELFARE.

1. (a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff list attached at Appendix "B".

2. I have been informed that the sum of 40 million lire has been allocated for the provision of a Sports Stadium at 11. G.A.S. but in view of the urgent work necessary in many barracks in Sicily I wonder if this expenditure is entirely justified.
As an example the Damascus barracks in Catania has still an earth floor in its cookhouse and other urgent works awaiting the grant of 15 million lire (This Barracks was incendiary before the war). The plaster on the walls of many of the barrack rooms is defective and these rooms are infested with bed bugs which live in cracks and crevices in the plaster by day.

ACTION. Letter follows.

I realise that this is a matter of higher policy but I feel that for a recruit to be posted from a comparatively luxurious G.A.S. to a bad barracks must have an effect on morale

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(c) Allied Major T.Sykes left Palermo for U.K. on Furlough.

Aug.12. Major T.Sykes returned to Palermo.

Aug.20. 1416159. Cpl.Bean left this H.Q. on release.

2. ITALIAN.

1. (a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached as Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List attached at Appendix "J".

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As an example the Samarega barracks in Catania has still an earth floor in its cookhouse and other urgent works awaiting the grant of 1½ million lire.(This Barracks was incomplete before the war). The plaster on the walls of many of the barrack rooms is defective and these rooms are infested with bed bugs which live in cracks and crevices in the plaster by day.

AGAIN. Letter follows.

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Public Relations. 3079

Commander 11 C.A.A.F. has appointed Major LAING the Welfare Officer as P.R. office of the Command. I have explained the functions of P.R. Officer to General de Castiglioni and to Major LAING and I think that they appreciate the valuable link which a Public Relations Officer carries between the Army and the civil authorities and population.

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PART II "G"

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) ARMY less G3.RE.

Reorganisation of Sabauda and Aosta Divisions is now complete.

"AOSTA" Brigade.

Aosta Infantry Brigade:		H.Q. Palermo
5th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Turba Barracks) 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 1 Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks) 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 1 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Successo Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	:	Palermo. (Tukery Barracks)

"REGGIO" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q.	:	Messina (In the Barracks of Div.HQ)
45th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Catania (Sommarugo Barracks) 1 Mortar Coy. Catania 2 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Catania 1 Rifle Coy. Caltagirone 1 Bn less 1 Rifle Coy. Siracusa (Abela Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy. Ragusa (Succheri Barracks)
46th Inf. Regt.	:	(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Orisafulli Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sommarugo Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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Barracks)

5th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks) 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 1 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guasiano Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
Artillery Group	:	Palermo. (Pukery Barracks)

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Artillery Group	:	Catania (Sammarugo Barracks)

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PART III "A"

MALTA.

(a) Deficiencies in all Ranks against W.E.

Officers. Training Major
O.Rs. D.R.

(b) Lents

NIL.

ITALIAN. Deficiencies:
Total strength against W.E. -60%
Tradesmen - +5%

DISCIPLINE.

Good. Some trouble occurred in the C.A.R. when a number of recruits cut off the Royal Crown from their badges. Another incident occurred in the Turba Barracks Palermo when the " overflow" Bn from the C.A.R. started a mild riot in protest against the bug infested condition of their beds. This matter was quickly settled on the arrival of their officers.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

The number of Foreign Agents in Sicily increases daily. They arrive in Sicily by all means and are in possession of regular passports issued by their respective American and Jugo-Slav Governments. They state that they are in Sicily for trade purposes but there is no evidence of their attempting to make any genuine trade connections. They live in small hotels or boarding houses and the Italian Intelligence service finds it difficult to keep track of them as the proprietors of these establishments keep no register.
About 400 members of the "ANTI REDS" are reported to have been sent from Northern Italy to the South and to the Islands. They are all Italians and are chosen from the Communist Party as the best and most intelligent of the Party's Propagandists. About one hundred of these are reported to have arrived in Sicily to carry out "hot" propaganda among the workers.

(b) Relations between troops and civil population.

With the arrival of the new recruits to the C.A.R. and the posting of re-enforcements ex C.A.Rs to the Regiments the relation between Troops and the civil population has deteriorated. All these soldiers are from North Italy and many are Communists. However desirable it might be considered ~~to be~~ in happier times to thus mix the population of north and south the scheme at the present does not work so well. No serious incidents are reported.

(c) Public Safety.

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The police forces have been very active. With the exception of the celebrated Salvatore Giuliano all leaders of gangs have been killed or captured.
It is claimed that here in Sicily police work is as effective as anywhere in Italy especially as the police forces do not suffer the handicap of ex Partisan assistance.
The economic situation is bad.
The cost of living is becoming higher and fear of general strikes is everywhere expressed.
The bread situation is really bad and the bread issued on the ~~ration~~ is unedible.

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The bread situation is really bad and the bread issued on the coupons is unedible.
The wages of state employees and amounts received by pensioners will not meet the cost of living

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PART IV "A"

TRAINING.

(a) Army less R.M.

1. Training Establishments. (i.e. C.A.Es.

The reception of the second intake worked very smoothly. Unfortunately the constructional work on the building of the C.A.E. is not sufficiently advanced to accommodate all recruits and one Bn. has still to be accommodated in the Turba Infantry Barracks. (It is estimated that construction will be complete in about 3 months). The Commandant is satisfied with the new recruits but the welfare problem has become more complicated.

The first intake was composed entirely of Sicilians who were quite happy to go into the town and generally find much of their own amusement during their off-duty hours.

The present intake is from Rome and the north. They are more particular about their food and more politically minded.- with some justification they regard Sicily as rather a backward country and they prefer to remain in barracks in the evenings. This gives rise to additional welfare problems which are being met. As many games as possible are organised - the C.A.E. is now in possession of an excellent cinema projector and shows are given twice weekly - and every man spends one day a week at the sea in bathing and P.T. and games on the shore. A hot midday meal is always carried for these parties.

During the month liaison visits by Officers of H. C.A.E. have been made to other C.A.Es. I think that these are very valuable and the reports which I have received, indicate that an exchange of ideas and experiences is very helpful and that the H. C.A.E. has made very rapid progress since the appointment of Col. Alfieri as Commandant.

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PART IV "g"

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(a) Transport.
Veh. holding return demanded in our 37/Q/35 dated 1.Sept.46.

Authy has now been received from G.H.Q. to retain Fordson Staff car in place of one Light Utility.

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(a) R.A.S.C.
11 Corps Unit have made numerous application to Ministry of War for an allotment of tyres especially 500 x 16 for Fiat and Lancia cars. So far only two unserviceable 500 x 16 tyres have been received with the result that many Officers cars are off the road.

(b) Ordnance.
i. Clothing. The position continues to improve.

ii. Boots. Situation much improved. Some really excellent boots have been issued. 11 Clothing and Eqpt. Workshops is functioning well.

iii. Tentage. None of the promised British small arms have so far been delivered. General de Castiglioni requests that urgent representations be made with a view to some part of the weapons being made available.

(c) E.A.Z.

Ex Military Flour Mill (Palermo).
This mill has still not been handed back to the Italian Army. Its return is vital for supplies to be properly maintained.

W. Sykes, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11. E.A.F.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Sep	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 SLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	

No Change

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STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. II — Major V. SYKES — R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. — Major W.D. BANKS — R.A.

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STATE DEPT. ITALIAN 11 MIL. TEST. Hdq.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT
Exct 1.			
Delete-	SORIANI Nicola	Brig.General	
Exct 3.			
Delete-	SALERNO Giuseppe	Colonel	
Insert-			
95	PLAIA Natale	"	Ad
Exct 5.			
Delete-	RIZZO Vincenzo	Lt.Col.	

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dated 5 Sep 46.

STAFF LIST ITALIAN 11 MIL. TERR. H.Q.

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Brig.General		
Colonel		
"		Attached to Terr. H.Q.
Lt.Col.		

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As at 1 August 45

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Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (MMIA) G 3

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC.(ELU)

(a) July 13. Major Chance left Sicily after temporary duty with 11. C.A.R.
July 26. Major W.D. Banks arrived at Palermo to take over duty as D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List Italian attached at Appendix "C".

PART II - "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS. G 3070

(a) Army less CC.RR.

"AOSTA" Division.

5 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn at Trapani.
2 Bn. at PALERMO.
Employed on guard and Security Duties.

6 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2 Bn at PALERMO.
1 Bn. at CATANIA.
Employed on Guard and Security duties.

139 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2 Bns at PALERMO.
To be disbanded.

22 Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 Bn and 1 Troop at AGRIGENTO.
2 Bn and 1 Troop at PALERMO. (The 2nd Bn. and attached elements of the 1 Bn and

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"CARAUDA" Division.

45 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2 Bn at CATANIA.
Guard and Internal Security Duties.

46 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2 Bn at MESSINA.
Guard and Internal Security Duties.

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145 Inf. Regiment. To be disbanded.

16 Regiment. Regt. H.Q. and 1 Bn at SYRACUSA. Guard in Internal Security duties. (The 2 Bn and skilled elements of 1 Bn are scheduled to form the "Reggio" Bde Artillery Unit).

4. TRAINING.

(a) Army less C.A.P.

i. Training Establishments, 11 C.A.P.

The training of the first intake were a less finished on July 8 with a very well organised programme which comprised speeches by the Commandant and General de Castiglioni, a march past, rifle and L.M.G. contests between sections and a picnic lunch, followed by organised games. I thought that the organisation did great credit to the Commandant of 11 C.A.P. and the turnout and marching demonstrated the progress that he had made in his three weeks as Commandant.
With surplus steel scaffolding and rope which we obtained without payment from the U.S. Naval Base a quite effective assault course has been constructed at the C.A.P.

ii. Other Troops.

All Bns are at present very much under strength and during the month ordinary commitments have been carried out at the expense of training.
On the occasion of my last visit to the H.Q. of the 45 Regiment in Catania the total strength of 2 Bns was 145 men.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.
Jugo Slav and Russian Agents are still reported to be in the island.

(b) Frontier Activity. NIL.

(c) Relation between troops and civilians.

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(c) Relation between troops and civilians.

Good. The smarter appearance and better training of the new recruits is creating a good public impression.

(d) Public Safety.

The "Salerno" Public Safety Unit which recently arrived in Sicily has done good work.
The imposition of the death penalty for offences of kidnapping and armed violence is expected to have a good deterrent effect.
The illegal grain traffic to Jugo Slavia continues.

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PART III - 'A'

DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against T.E.

NIL.

(b) Leave.

NIL

ITALIAN.

(c) Deficiencies
Total Strength against T.E. - 24%
Tradesmen. Not yet received from Terr. H.Q.

(d) Army Officers:

Many incidents have occurred of Italian non-Regular Officers approaching officers of this H.Q. stating that they have been in the Army for 8 years or more and now wish to stay on in the Army, but are prevented from doing so by reason of the fact that they are obliged to accept their release.

There is evidently a system whereby these officers can convert to regular Army, by either going before a board or taking an examination, what they call "concorsi".

However these "concorsi" for non-regular officers who wish to become regular officers have not started yet, and it appears that if an officer wishes to convert, but his release is due before these exams start, he is obliged to go on release.

Thus for an officer who is due for release in August, it is a matter of luck that decides whether he can have the chance of staying in the Army, viz. if they decide to hold the "concorsi" in July.

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(Our A/26 dated 9 July 45 refers)

PART IV - 'Q'

DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Vehicle holdings return despatched in our CP/Q/35 dated 1 Aug 45.

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ITALIAN.

(a) R.E.M.E.

N.T.R.

(b) R.A.O.C.

(i) BOOTS. All commanders of units visited during the month have complained that Ex-C.A.R. recruits who have recently joined their units have been arriving with boots in a very bad state of repair.

It is obvious that C.A.Rs are neglecting the boot repair of their recruits and it is suggested that a memorandum on this matter be sent to all C.A.Rs.

(ii) WEAPONS. The care and maintenance of arms is still very much neglected in the majority of units in spite of continual directives to Terr. H.Q. on the matter.

Barrel fouling in some rifles has reached such an advanced stage that the firing of them would be dangerous. Such rifles however remain issued instead of being withdrawn and written off.

It is thought that an Arty Directorate Inspectorate should be formed with the object of making routine and impromptu inspections of units weapons and equipments. This is at present not being done.

(c) S & T.

Ex-Military Flour Mill (PALERMO)

No notification has been received as to whether any action has been taken re the possibility of handing this mill back to the Army.

ACTION

(11 B.L.U. Progress Report No.12 and letter S1/9 dated 25 June 46 refers)

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No. 13 dated 5 August 46.

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE.

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	

Insert:

1 Bn. 6th Regt. S.I. Aosta	PALERMO	Re-enter in residence. From Messina

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STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

S.A.O. II Major V. [redacted] R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Major S.E. [redacted], U.S. The Suffolk Regt.

INTELLIGENCE.

Major W.D. BANKS. R.A.

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STAFF NOTE ITALIAN, 11 MIL. TERR. Sub.

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3	SPECIFICO Francesco	Brigadier General	
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111	GIUFFRIDA Corrado	Lt.Col.	Quartermaster General 9.Mil
112	TERZO Paolo	" "	Mil. District Catania
113	MONITA Alfonso	" "	Mil. District Agrigento
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909	VACCARI Francesco	" "	

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ANNEX "I" to 1st ALLIED Progress Report
No.13 dated 5 Aug 43.

STAFF LIST ITALIAN, 11 ARMY, FIFTH, Main

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Headquarters		
Brigadier General		Commander 1 Sqn Saluzzo Div.
Div. General		
Brigadier General		
Lt.Col.		Quartermaster General C.M.F.
" "		Dist. District Catania
" "		Dist. District Agrigento

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11 ALU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 12.

As at 1 July 46

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5 July 46.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (SMLA)

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PART I - GENERAL

1. ~~PERSONNEL.(ITAL)~~

(a) June 12. Major S.E. Sneesam returned to Palermo from 92 (Br) General Hospital.
June 20. Major W.F. Thanse arrived to take up temporary duty as training Officer at 11 C.A.F.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List Italian attached at Appendix "C".

PART II - 'G'

3. ~~EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.~~

(a) ~~Army Issue Ml.RR.~~ 3063

"AOSTA" Division.

9th Inf.Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn at TRAPANI. 2 Bn at PALERMO. All employed on Guard and Internal Security Duties. (Satisfactory)
6th Inf.Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. plus 2nd Bn at PALERMO. 1st Bn at CATANIA. All employed on Guard and Internal Security Duties. (Very Good)

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(a) June 12. Major E.A. Sneesum returned to Palermo from 92 (Br) General Hospital.
June 20. Major R.F. Thomas arrived to take up temporary duty as training Officer at 11 S.A.F.

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached at Appendix "A".

(b) Staff List Italian attached at Appendix "B".

PART II - "G"

3. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

(a) Army Area G.H.Q. # 3063

"AOSTA" Division.

5th Inf.Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn at TRAPANI.
2 Bn at PALERMO.
All employed on Guard and Internal Security Duties.
(Satisfactory)

6th Inf.Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 2nd Bn at PALERMO.
1st Bn at CATANIA.
All employed on Guard and Internal Security Duties.
(Very Good)

139 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 1 and 2 Bns at PALERMO.
Guard and Internal Security Duties.
Fair-not up to standard of 5th and 6th Regts.

22 Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn and 1 (4 Gun) troop at AGRIGENTO.
2nd Bn and 1 troop at PALERMO.
Guard and Internal Security Duties.
(Satisfactory).

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"CATANIA" Division.

45 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns CATANIA. Guard and Internal Security Duties. (Satisfactory).
46 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns ENNSINA. Guard and Internal Security duties. (Fair).
145 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 Bn less 2 Coys CALTANISSETTA. 2nd Bn at RAGUSA. 2 Coys at ENNA. Guard and Internal Security duties.
16 Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. and 1 Bn at SIRACUSA. 2nd Bn less 1 Bty at CATANIA. 1 Bty CALTAGIRONE. Guard and Internal Security duties. (Very Good).

4. TRAINING.

(a) Army Legs C.M.P.

i. Training Establishments. 11 C.A.P.

The appointment of Colonel Alfieri as Commandant of 11. C.A.P. in place of Colonel Longe had an immediate and very marked effect. The improvement in discipline even after three days was most noticable and I feel certain that Colonel Alfieri will prove to be an excellent Commandant.
The services of Major Chance as Training Officer have been invaluable and I only wish that they could continue for a longer period. I do feel now that things are moving along the right lines and that the second intake of recruits will have a much better chance than had their predecessors.

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ii. Other Troops.

All Regiments under Command 11 C.M.P. have submitted their Training Programmes - these are considered satisfactory.
I am suspicious that in some Regiments the training periods are not being allocated equally for all soldiers

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16 Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. and 1 Bn at SYRACUSA. 2nd Bn less 1 Sty at CATANIA. 1 Sty CARRASCROSS. Guard and Internal Security duties. (Very Good).

4. TRAINING.

(a) Army less 11.EE.

i. Training Establishments. 11 C.A.E.

The appointment of Colonel Alfieri as Commandant of 11. C.A.E. in place of Colonel Longo had an immediate and very marked effect. The improvement in discipline even after three days was most noticable and I feel certain that Colonel Alfieri will prove to be an excellent Commandant.
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I am suspicious that in some Regiments the training periods are not being allocated evenly for all soldiers in the Regiments and that some men are doing more than their share of guard duties at the expense of training - especially when parties are detatched for guard duties some distance from their Regimental H.Q.

INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

French and Jugoslav agents are reported to be in Sicily. It is understood that the French are working

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under directions both from their own country and Russia. No more "pocket submarines" have been reported.

(b) Frontier Activity. NIL.

(c) Relations between troops and civilians. Good.

(d) Public Safety.

A number of kidnappings have occurred during the last fortnight - the style adopted has been different from the normal Sicilian practice inasmuch as kidnappings have occurred in the streets in broad daylight - an American influence is suggested. The bandit Giuliano who was reported to have been seen in Rome and other parts of the mainland is now definitely stated to be in Palermo. Another notable character reported to be in Palermo is "Lucky Luciano" who had a notorious career in U.S.A. as a racketeer and white slaver.
Stronger police measures have been implemented recently and successful raids have been carried out in the areas of PARTINICO, MONTELEPRE and ALCAMO. Road blocks have also had good results.
The Mafia is still at work on criminals.
In Eastern Sicily a reorganisation of the E.V.I.S. (Volunteer Army of Sicilian Independence) is reported.
The general political situation is very quiet and the Election period passed off without serious incident. There were a few harmless demonstration and a transformer station at Salemi was blown up on June 3.
Newspaper reports of serious incidents in Palermo were unfounded.

PART III - 'A'

PERSONAL.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against T.C. 3061

2.A.C. Trg. Major.

(b) Leave.

Pte. Deanes (Clerk General Duties) returned from L.I.A.F. 15 June 46.

ITALIA.

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The general political situation is very quiet and the Election period passed off without serious incident. There were a few harmless demonstration and a transformer station at Salemi was blown up on June 3.
Newspaper reports of serious incidents in Palermo were unfounded.

PART III - 'A'

MESSINA.

(a) Infiltration in all ranks against M.L. 3061
S.I.S. Irg. Major.

(b) Leave.
Pte. Reeves (Clerk General Duties) returned from L.I.A.F, 15 June 46.

ITALIAN.

Infiltration
Total strength against M.L. - 15%
Trainees - 52%.

Discipline.
Although it varies according to the efficiency of different units it is safe to say that, generally, discipline is a good deal below British standards.
Officers and N.C.Os do not realise the importance of checking men for small breaches of discipline such as

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having a button undone, shaving, hands in pockets, unsoldierlike carriage, dirty rifle, untidy kit etc. Putting a man on a charge for any of these offences is practically unheard of.

It is thought that a big discipline drive should be started by the Ministry of War

ACTION

in the form of their issuing a detailed directive on discipline to all Territorial H.Q.s.

PART IV - 'Q'

DOMESTIC.

Transport.

R.A.S.C. Certificate for Willy's Jeep W.D. No. M5653421 was forwarded to H.Q. M.E.I.A. on 6 June 46. As yet (4 July 46) we have been given no indication that a replacement has been obtained.

The unit has been deficient of this vehicle since 25 April. It would be appreciated if the finding of a replacement for this vehicle could be hurried up.

ACTION

11 B.L.U. vehicle holdings attached at Appx [illegible] (11 BLU QP/15 dated 6 June 46 refers).

ITALIAN.

(a) R.E.M.E.

(i) Following the suggestions made in our last report, the Ministry of War have taken quick action and 11 Repair Unit have already been informed that they are being converted to a class I type workshop.

They have been instructed to post a detachment at SIRACUSA but now owing to a new disposition of vehicles in that part of the island the detachment will be more central at CATANIA. This is however an internal matter, and presumably the Ministry of War will merely be informed of the new proposed location.

(ii) 11 L.A.D. has now been implemented and is working well.

(iii) A general improvement is reported by the Director of Repairs relating to the efficiency of the system of obtaining spare parts (R.E.M.E. Directive No.2 para 5

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ACTION

11 B.L.H. vehicle holdings returned at Appx "G". (11 Fld SP/35 dated 5 June 46 refers).

ITALIAN. 3060

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(b) R.A.O.C.

The maintenance of arms is still far below standard in most units.

Reasons attributed to this are,

(i) Officers do not carry out daily inspections regularly.

(ii) Men are not punished if their rifle is inspected and found unclean.

(iii) Cleaning material is unsatisfactory and its issue

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irregular (consists usually of pieces of dirty cotton rag from which are torn strips of varying dimensions, oil is also issued).

(iv) Failure to carry out regular armourers inspections in units.

(c) E & E.

(1) The milling of flour containing an excessive humidity content continues to present a considerable problem to the Commissariats and many thousands of quintals of flour have had to be withdrawn by dealers owing to the fact that it has been rendered 'hard'.

The obvious solution to this problem is to authorise the Commissariats to take over again the Italian firm and producing flour only for civilian consumption.

ACTION

(1 XXX 27/9 dated 23 June 46 refers)

During the month, inspections were carried out on 11 Food Distribution Depot PALERMO, 68 Food Distribution Depot MESSINA. Both were found to be running efficiently. (for reports see this office letters 27/9 dated 18 June 23 June respectively).

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(d) Medical.

Morale of hospital patients is always found to be very low. This is attributed to the lack of welfare in hospitals.

At the Red Cross Hospital at SAN LORENZO COLLI there was no "specie" of library, no theatre and in fact welfare was practically non existent.

These facts have been reported to Terr. Command and steps to improve welfare are being taken.

Hospitals seem to have no system of Occupational Thearapy whereby patients who have lost a limb are taught the use of another one or whereby the use of a damaged limb is restored more quickly.

It is thought that a directive on British Hospital Welfare and also on instructions on the value and importance of Occupational Thearapy, written to the Ministry of War would improve the present unsatisfactory welfare conditions which are largely a result of ignorance.

ACTION

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[illegible] to take over within the Italian five [illegible] flour only for civilian consumption.

ACTION

(11 BLD 82/3 dated 23 June 45 refers)

During the month, inspections were carried out on 11 Food Distribution Depot FALERNO, 65 Food Distribution Depot MESSINA. Both were found to be running efficiently. (for reports see this office letters 82/3 dated 18 June 20 June respectively).

(d) Medical.

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Morale of hospital patients is always found to be very low. This is attributed to the lack of welfare in hospitals.

At the Red Cross Hospital at SAN LORENZO DORLI there was no "spaccio" no library, no theatre and in fact welfare was practically non existent.

These facts have been reported to Terr. Command and steps to improve welfare are being taken.

Hospitals seem to have no system of Occupational Therapy whereby patients who have lost a limb are taught the use of another one or whereby the use of a damaged limb is restored more quickly.

It is thought that a directive on British Hospital Welfare and also on instructions on the value and importance of Occupational Therapy, written to the Ministry of War would improve the present unsatisfactory welfare conditions which are largely a result of ignorance.

ACTION

(11 B.L.D. W/1 dated 21.6.45 refers)

W. SYKES, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.D.

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Appx "A" to 11 RLU Progress
Report No. 12 dated 5 July 45.

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 RLU (Type "B")	PALAWAN	

No Change

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Appx "A" to 11 BLU Progress
Report No.12 dated 5.July 45.

STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O. II Major U. HYDE R.A.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Major S.E. SHERIDAN, M.C. The Suffolk Regt.

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN. 11 ARMY. FWD. H.Q.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
			Amendments	
Para 2a				
Delete 11	DE LUCA Paolo	Colonel	6° Inf.Regt. Catania	Posted to 1
Para 3.				
Insert-				
50	MORTALBANO Giovanni	"	6° Regt. U.I.	Attached to
51	ANZALI Salvatore	"	45° Regt. S.I.	Officer Com
52	BONOMI Dario	"	16° Regt. S.I.	Attached "G
53	MAZZARELLA Francesco	"	Mil.District Siracusa	On sick lea
54	RALLO Gaetano	"	Mil.District Catania	Attached to
55	SALVO Calogero	"	Camp Commandant Terr. H.Q.	Attached to
Para 5.				
Delete 70	MAZALI' Filippo	Lt.Col.	9 Territorial Depot	Posted to
Para 7.				
Insert-				
109	MAGGARI Francesco	"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached
110	ALBERTI Angelo	"	4) Terr. H.Q. Palermo	Vice Offic

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN. 11 MIL. ZONE. H.Q.

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
	Appendix A	
Colonel	45° Inf.Regt. Caserta	Posted to 12 Zone. H.Q.
"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached to Zone. H.Q.
"	45° Regt. S.I.	Officer Commanding 45° Regt. S.I.
"	15° Regt. S.I.	Attached "Salerno Div" H.Q.
"	#11.District Sirmione	On sick leave
"	#11.District Salonio	Attached to Zone. H.Q.
"	Camp Commandant Zone. H.Q.	Attached to Zone. H.Q.
Lt.Col.	9 Territorial Depot	Posted to #11.District Zone
"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached
"	11 Zone. H.Q. Salerno	Area Officer Commanding

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PRO-FORMA

11 R.A.F. Domestic Transports State as at 1st July 45.

Log No (a)	Veh Type (b)	M.D.No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)
1.	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	2556421	N/A	34736		
2.	Chevrolet 4x2 R.A.F. 15 cwt	2548012	6406407	484520393	(X)	
3.	Standard Utility 4x2	2175381	21/6555	6V5851	(X)	
4.	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	2452436	N/A	6S2079376	(X)	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated & have been inspected and found correct.

Signed

Date

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APPENDIX "E"

PRO-FORMA

...otia Transports State as at 1st July 46.

W.D.No (a)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
W5563421	N/A	341736			ELR	{Certificate sent to R.A.S.C. 6 June 46.
25906012	2116407	484520393	(E)			
W5175381	23/58555	UV5851	(E)			(Attached for use by (US.AF.Liaison Section
21452435	N/A	WE2079378	(E)			

...ese are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 and AB 405 ...ere checked.

Signed_____

Date_____

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11 BLU PROGRESS REPORT NO. 11.

As at 1 June 46

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6 June 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC.(BLU)

(a) May 6.1946. Major W.SYKES R.A. assumed appointment of G.S.O.2 11 B.L.U. vice Major R.E. HECTOR R.A.

May 21. Major W.A. LACEY General List assumed appointment of CC.SR. Liaison Officer 11 B.L.U. vice Major T.WOODACRE absent on Compassionate Posting to U.K.

May 27. Squadron Leader G.W.DEANE Chaplain to the R.A.F. celebrated Holy Communion and Evensong in the English Church Palermo. All personnel of 11 B.L.U. attended one or other of the Services

May 30. Two Officers and 3 O.Rs of 11 B.L.U. attended Memorial Day Service in the U.S. Military Cemetery Palermo. In his address the American Consul General expressed his appreciation of the presence of a British detachment on parade.

May 31. Major W.A. Lacey and Major W.Sykes attended the Funeral service in Palermo Cathedral of the eight members of the CC.SR. who were murdered at Caltanissetta and whose bodies have only recently been discovered.

Major S.E. Sneesum M.C. has been sick intermittently for over a fortnight suffering from a type of recurrent fever. He has been under the care of Lieutenant Jackson U.S.N. the M.O. attached to the American Naval Base who advised his attendance at a British General Hospital for thorough examination and Major Sneesum left for Naples on June 1 to visit 92 General Hospital.

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PART II - 'G'

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

"AOSTA" Division.

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139 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. plus 1 and 2 Bns at PALERMO. Guard and Internal Security Duties. Fair-not up to standard of 5th and 6th Regts.
22 Regiment.	~~(Mountain Artillery Regiment).~~ Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn and 1 (4 Gun) troops at AGRIGENTO. 2nd Bn and 1 troop at PALERMO. Guard and Internal Security duties. (Satisfactory).

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"SABAUDA" Division.

45 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns CATANIA. Guard and Internal Security duties. (Satisfactory).
46 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns MESSINA. Guard and Internal Security duties. ~~(Satisfactory)~~. FAIR
145 Inf. Regiment.	Regt. H.Q. 1 Bn less 2 Coys CALTAFISSETTA. 2nd Bn at RAGUSA. 2 Coys at ENNA.

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(Satisfactory)

6th Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. plus 2nd Bn at PALERMO.
1st Bn at CATANIA.
All employed on Guard and Internal Security Duties.
(Very Good)

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Guard and Internal Security Duties.
Fair-not up to standard of 5th and 6th Regts.

22 Regiment. ~~(Regimentally in Military Regiment).~~
Regt. H.Q. plus 1 Bn and 1 (4 Gun) troops at AGRIGENTO.
2nd Bn and 1 troop at PALERMO.
Guard and Internal Security duties.
(Satisfactory).

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"SARAUDA" Division.

45 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns CATANIA.
Guard and Internal Security duties.
(Satisfactory).

46 Inf. Regiment. Regt. H.Q. 1 and 2nd Bns MESSINA.
Guard and Internal Security duties.
~~(Satisfactory)~~. FAIR

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2nd Bn at RAGUSA.
2 Coys at ENNA.
Guard and Internal Security duties.

16 Regiment. ~~(Regimentally in Artillery Regt.)~~
Regt. H.Q. and 1 Bn at SIRACUSA.
2nd Bn less 1 Bty at CATANIA.
1 Bty CALTAGIRONE.
Guard and Internal Security duties.
(Very Good).

4. TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RT.

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i. Training Establishments. 11 C.A.R.

It is to be hoped that the appointment of a new Commandant of the 11 C.A.R. will lead to improvement in general discipline which is long overdue.
The new Commandant will have a lot of lee way to make up and I think that it would be the greatest help to him if he could have the assistance of a British Training Officer as soon as he arrives to take up his appointment even if the Training Officer could only be spared for a week or two on temporary duty here.
I feel that this is most important as it would give the new Commandant a flying start and would get any change in system over at one and the same time.

ACTION

ii. Other Troops.

All Regiments under command 11. C.M.T. have submitted their training programmes for June - these have been examined and are considered satisfactory.
It would appear that on the average troops in Sicily are doing guard duties every other day but in all formations visited during the month training was being carred out according to Regimental Programmes.

INTELLIGENCE 3052

(a) Foreign Agents.

Reports are still received of Jugo-Slav agents in Sicily especially in Catania. The purpose of their presence is not known. They are reported to arrive from Dalmatia on ships which have called on that coast to unload cargos.
The presence recently of pocket submarines off the coast near Scinoca (South western coast nearly due south from Palermo) has been confirmed by fishermen.

(b) Frontier Activity NIL.

(c) Relation between tps and population.

Reported to be good. The "Trente Giovanile

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(b) Frontier Activity NIL.

(c) Relation between tps and population.

Reported to be good. The "Fronte Giovanile Repubblicano" has been organising dances for soldiers and making promises that in event of a Republican victory the term of conscript service will be reduced and family allowances increased.

(d) The majority of soldiers in Sicily are said to be monarchist.

(e) There are known to be a few subversive elements in units especially in the "Autocentro" where communist propaganda is carried out by civilian employees.

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(f) Public Security.

The "Mafia" has started operations again and every night four or five known criminals are reported killed. It is believed that the Mafia is cleaning up other criminals in order to consolidate its position.
The Mayor of Palermo Avvocato GULLO who is one of the leaders of the Socialist party was stopped recently by Mafia near Palermo and relieved of everything except his pants. A few minutes before another car carrying two members of the Monarchist party was stopped in the same place but immediately allowed to proceed unmolested.
From this it is assumed that the Mafia's policy is against the "Left" but conservative rather than Monarchist.
It is believed that the people of Sicily will not accept a Republican victory as they think that under a Republic the independance of Sicily would not be tolerated.

PART III - 'A'

6. DOMESTIC. 3051

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against W.E.

Officers - D.A.A.& Q.M.G.
- Training Major.

(b) Leave.

Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within W.E.

Rfn DRAPER P., L.I.R., L.I.A.P. Approx return 20.June 46.

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against W.E.

All ranks - 50% {A mistake was made in last months figures. Deficiencies evidently being read as "Present Strength".

Discipline. - Fair.

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It is believed that the people of Sicily will not accept a Republican victory as they think that under a Republic the independance of Sicily would not be tolerated.

PART III - 'A'

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against W.E.

Officers - D.A.A.& Q.M.G.
- Training Major.

(b) Leave.

Details of all ranks on leave and when due to return within W.E.

Rfn DEANES P., L.I.R., L.I.A.P. Approx return 20.June 46.

7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against W.E.

All ranks - 50% {A mistake was made in last months figures. Deficiencies evidently being read as "Present Strength".

Discipline. - Fair.

Leave Problems. The normal leave period of seven days every six months is maintained and appears to be up to date for all Ranks.

Pay Problems. In Palermo Junior Officers have to spend half their pay on Messing.

Morale. Very much affected by Pay Problems.
Welfare is now definitely understood by all Regimental Commanders and there appears to be a healthy competition in providing welfare facilities. As an example the 16 Regt. in Syracuse has now a dance & games room with stage table tennis tables and very modern bar which actually sells coffee ices and cakes.

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The Regiment has its own Regimental and Dance Bands. Basketball and Tennis Courts and when I visited the Regiment an outdoor dance floor, bandstand and tea garden were under construction - all by the men themselves.

PART IV - 'O'

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

11 B.L.U. vehicle holdings attached at Appx. 'D'.

9. ITALIAN.

Transport.

(a) Army less CC.RR. 3050

(b) R.E.M.E.

1) The orgabisation and practical application of Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance was evident in every unit that has been inspected during the month.
Task System Maintenance handbooks have not actually been received yet but are said to be on the way.
However all Transport Units and most other units holding transport have erected a large "daily task clock" which serves the same purpose.

2) The bi-monthly inspection of vehicles still presents a problem owing to the difficulty of sending vehicles into workshops for inspection from distant units.
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This arrangement was put into effect from the 1st May 46.

3) The Director of Repairs is of the opinion that the problem of serving units in SICILY could be solved by:
(i) Converting 11 Repair Unit, which is at present a Class III type workshop, to a Class I.
By this means he could send strong Repair detachment to CATANIA which would

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serve units located in the Eastern half of the island.

(ii) By converting the Arty. workshops located at MESSINA from an Arty. unit to an M.T. unit. He points out that at present it is doing repairs etc. for all units in the MESSINA province but to function properly in this capacity it should be organised trained and equipped as part of the Motorised Corps and NOT Artillery.

ACTION.

(c) Clothing and Equipment.

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They consider that Regimental boot repairs would be quicker and more satisfactory.

(d) P.O.L.

Nothing to report.

(e) Supply.

Nothing to report.

(f) Medical.

Nothing to report.

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11 B.L.U.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BDU (Type "B")	PALERMO	
2.	11 Territorial H.Q.	PALERMO	
3.	Arty H.Q.	PALERMO	
4.	Engineer H.Q.	PALERMO	
5.	11 2nd Directorate	PALERMO	
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO	
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Remount Service	PALERMO	
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO	
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO	
10.	Autonomous Sec Mil Tribunal	CATANIA	
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
	1^a Sub-Commission	PALERMO	
	2^a "	MESSINA	
	3^a "	CATANIA	
	4^a "	SIRACUSA	
	5^a "	RAGUSA	
	6^a "	ENNA	
	7^a "	CALTANISSETTA	
	8^a "	AGRIGENTO	
	9^a "	TRAPANI	
12.	Officer Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
13.	Camp H.Q. C.M.T.	PALERMO	
14.	150 Motorised Unit (CC.RR.)	PALERMO	
15.	AOSTA DIVISION H.Q.	PALERMO	
16.	96 CC.RR. Unit	PALERMO	
17.	3 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	
18.	5 Inf Regt H.Q.	TRAPANI	
19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI	
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI	
22.	6 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO	

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5.	11 Tax Directorate	PALERMO
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Remount Service	PALERMO
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO
10.	Autonomous Sec Mil Tribunal	CATANIA
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO
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19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI
22.	6 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO
23.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
24.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
25.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
26.	4 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO
27.	139 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO
28.	1 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
29.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
30.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
31.	22 Regt. H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
32.	1 Bn H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
33.	II Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
34.	Regt. Support Coy	AGRIGENTO

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Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
35.	28 Mixed Engineer Bn	PALERMO	
	28 Engr Tech Coy	PALERMO	
	28 R/T Coy	PALERMO	
	SEKYICES		
36.	28 Supply and Grd Coy	PALERMO	
37.	28 M.T. Coy	PALERMO	
38.	**NAPALM DIVISION H.Q.**	MESSINA	
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA	
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA	
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA	
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA	
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA	
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA	
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA	
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA	
54.	16 Regt H.Q.	CATANIA	
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
56.	II Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
57.	6 Bty - II Bn	CALTAGIRONE	
58.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA	
59.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
60.	30 R/T Coy	MESSINA	
61.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	MESSINA	
	SERVICES		
62.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA	
63.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA	
64.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO	
65.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)	
66.	II Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Reece)	

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40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
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47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA
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56.	II Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA
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60.	30 R/T Coy	MESSINA
61.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	MESSINA

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62.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA
63.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA
64.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO
65.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)
66.	II Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)
67.	III Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO
68.	33 Mil. Dist.	PALERMO
69.	20 " "	MESSINA
70.	18 " "	CATANIA
71.	60 " "	AGRIGENTO
72.	32 " "	TRAPANI
73.	59 " "	SIRACUSA
74.	105 " "	RAGUSA
75.	108 " "	ENNA
76.	31 " "	CALTANISSETTA
77.	8 Territorial Depot	CATANIA
78.	9 " "	PALERMO

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
79.	10 Territorial Depot	PALERMO	
80.	11 Principal Territorial Hospital	PALERMO	
81.	141 Terr.Mil. Hospital	MESSINA	
82.	11 Hygiene Sec	PALERMO	
83.	11 Medical Coy	PALERMO	
84.	11 Terr.Med. War Pensions Coms.	PALERMO	
85.	11 Military Bakery	PALERMO	
86.	11 Bulk Supply Depot	CATANIA	
87.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO	
88.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA	
89.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA	
90.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO	
91.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO	
92.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO	
93.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO	
94.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO	
95.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA	
96.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA	
97.	" " "	VITTORIA	
98.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)	
99.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)	
100.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)	
101.	" " "	M.DEI CENTRI (Messina)	
102.	" " "	PIETRASTA (Messina)	
103.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)	
104.	" " "	MASOTTO (Messina)	
105.	" " "	S.IACHINO (Messina)	
106.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)	
107.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)	
108.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)	
109.	" " "	MAPIERO (Catania)	
110.	" " "	MAGGI (Messina)	
111.	" " "	BIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)	
112.	111 Detached Artillery Sec.	PALERMO	
113.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO	
114.	" " "	P.DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)	
115.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)	
116.	" " "	CASTELVETRANO	
117.	" " "	VILLAGRAZIA (Palermo)	
118.	" " "	SCALILLI (Palermo)	
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89.	56 " "	[illegible]
90.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO
91.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO
92.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO
93.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO
94.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO
95.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA
96.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA
97.	" " "	VITTORIA
98.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)
99.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)
100.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)
101.	" " "	M.DEI CENTRI (Messina)
102.	" " "	PIETRAZZA (Messina)
103.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)
104.	" " "	MASCOTTO (Messina)
105.	" " "	S.IACHIDDU (Messina)
106.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)
107.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)
108.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)
109.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)
110.	" " "	MAGGI (Messina)
111.	" " "	RIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)
112.	111 Detached Artillery Sec.	PALERMO
113.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO
114.	" " "	P.DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)
115.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)
116.	" " "	CASTELVETRANO
117.	" " "	VILLAGRAZIA (Palermo)
118.	" " "	SCALILLI (Palermo)
119.	" " "	LERCARA (Palermo)
120.	" " "	ENNA
121.	" " "	RIVIERA TRAPIA (Caltanissetta)
122.	" " "	SALINE TRAPANI (Trapani)
123.	Chemical Store	PALERMO
124.	11 Wks Service and Kept Stores Directorate	PALERMO
125.	Detached Engr. Sec.	MESSINA
126.	" " "	CALTANISSETTA
127.	Detached Engr. Wks. Office	TRAPANI
128.	" " " "	CATANIA
129.	" " " "	SIRACUSA

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Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
130.	Requisitioning Office	PALERMO	
131.	" "	CALTANISSETTA	
132.	" "	CATANIA	
133.	" "	SIRACUSA	
134.	111 Engr. Service Coy	PALERMO	
135.	11 Terr. Vet. Station	PALERMO	
136.	11 Repairs Directorate	PALERMO	
137.	11 Repairs Unit	PALERMO	
138.	11 Terr Adm Spt Coy	PALERMO	
139.	11 Efficient Vehicle Park	PALERMO	
140.	1101 P.O.W. Transit Camp	PALERMO	

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STAFF LIST - 11 BLU.

General Staff

G.S.O. II. Major W. [illegible] R.A.

Attached

CC.HR., L.O. Major W.A. LACEY G.L.

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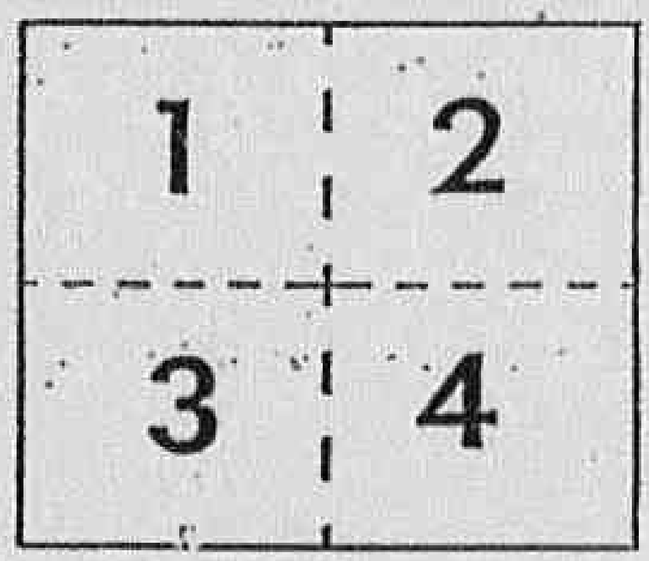

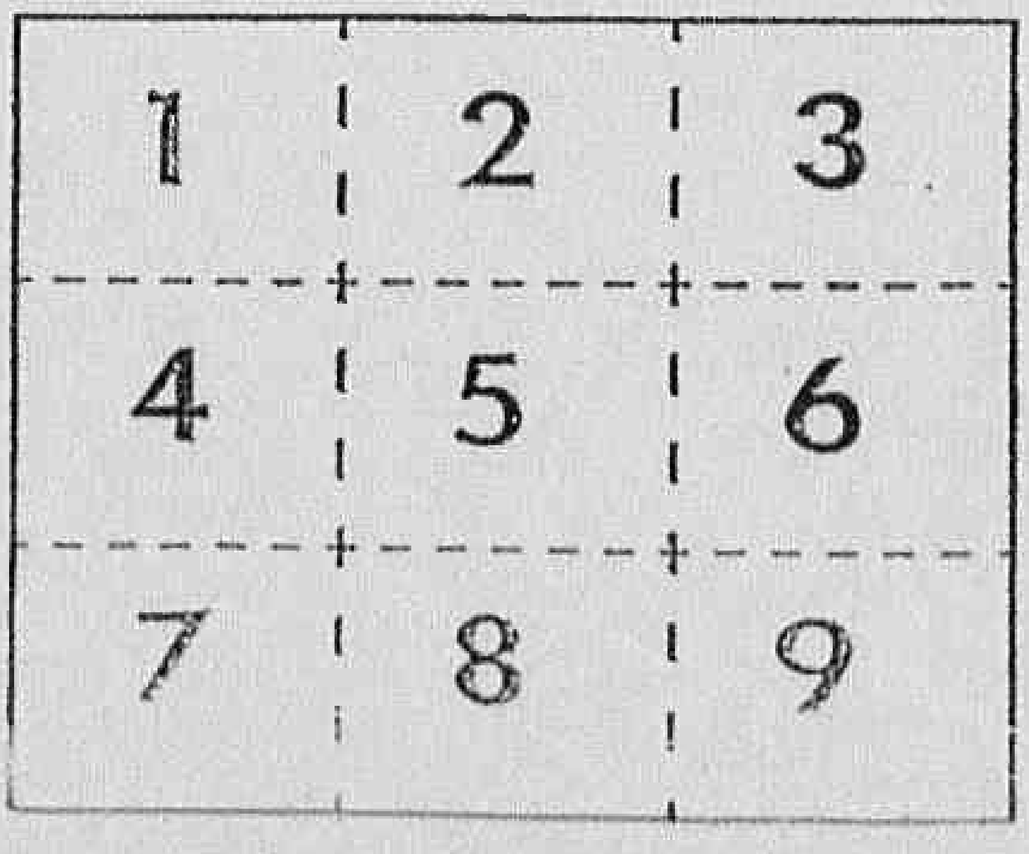

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Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT	APP
1	De CASTIGLIONI Lazzaro Maurizio	Major General	"AOSTA" Div.H.Q.	G.O.C. "AOS 11 Terr. H.
2	SANTINI Gino	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to
3	BUTTAFUOCO Francesco	Brigadier Gen.	11 Terr. H.Q.	"
4	FIUMARA Rosario	" "	1st Bde H.Q."Sabauda" Div. Catania	G.O.C. 1st
5	GIANGRECO Francesco	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	C.A.R. Insp
6	PETTINAU Ettore	" "	2nd Bde H.Q."Sabauda" Div. Siracusa	G.O.C. 2nd
7	LAZZARINI Attilio	" "	Sabauda Div. H.Q. Messina	G.O.C. "Sab
8	SCLAVO Francesco	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to
9	VECE Mario	" "	3rd Bde H.Q."Aosta" Div. Palermo	G.O.C. 3rd
10	SAPORETTI Vincenzo	" "	4th Bde H.Q. "Aosta" Div. Palermo	G.O.C. 4th

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	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
	Major General	"AOSTA" Div.H.Q.	G.O.C. "AOSTA" Div.& temporary Commanding 11 Terr. H.Q.
	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
	Brigadier Gen.	11 Terr. H.Q.	" " "
	" "	1st Bde H.Q."Sabauda" Div. Catania	G.O.C. 1st Brigade "Sabauda"
	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	C.A.R. Inspector - Palermo
	" "	2nd Bde H.Q."Sabauda" Div. Siracusa	G.O.C. 2nd Bde "Sabauda"
	" "	Sabauda Div. H.Q. Messina	G.O.C. "Sabauda" Div.
	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
	" "	3rd Bde H.Q."Aosta" Div. Palermo	G.O.C. 3rd Bde "Aosta"
	" "	4th Bde H.Q. "Aosta" Div. Palermo	G.O.C. 4th Brigade "Aosta"

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN. 11 MIL. TERR. H.Q.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK		UNIT
1	ALFIERI Sebastiano	regular	Colonel	11 Terr. H.Q.
2	AGNELLO Sebastiano	"	"	31 Military District H.Q. Caltanissetta
3	ALFIERI Antonio	"	"	5° Inf. Regt."Aosta" H.Q.
4	AINIS Ferdinando	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q. Arty H.Q.
5	BONACCORSO Letterio	"	"	Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission Messina
6	BARILE Eugenio	"	"	22nd Rgt."Aosta" H.Q.
7	CASSATA Paolo	"	"	6th Inf. Rgt. Aosta
8	COLOMBO Vincenzo	"	"	6th Inf. Regt.Aosta
9	CUSIMANO Alfonso	"	"	139° Inf. Regt. Aosta
10	CUTTITTA Antonio	"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo
11	DE CARLI Paolo	"	"	45° Inf. Regt. Catania
12	DRAGO Filippo	"	"	8th Territorial Depot H.Q. Catania
13	D'ANGELO Paolo	"	"	32 Military District H.Q. Trapani
14	ESCALAR Domenico	"	"	105 Mil. District H.Q. Ragusa
15	FOTI Egidio	"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.
16	FRADELLA Ruggero	"	"	46 Inf. Regt. H.Q. Messina
17	FAZIO Riccardo	"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr. H.Q.
18	FUSCO Ugo	"	"	Arty Directorate Messina
19	GUZZO Giovanni	"	"	111 Engineer Service Coy Palermo
20	GRILLO Francesco	"	"	5th Inf. Regt. Trapani
21	GRIGLIO Roberto	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.
22	GENUSO Ottorino	"	"	11 M.T. Repair Unit Palermo

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RANK		UNIT	APPOINTMENT
regular	Colonel	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached
"	"	31 Military District H.Q. Caltanissetta	Commander 31 Military District Caltanissetta
"	"	5° Inf. Regt."Aosta" H.Q.	O.C. 5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q. Arty H.Q.	O.C. Arty H.Q. 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission Messina	O.C. Commission
"	"	22nd Rgt."Aosta" H.Q.	O.C. 22nd Rgt. "Aosta"
"	"	6th Inf. Rgt. Aosta	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission
"	"	6th Inf. Regt.Aosta	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	139° Inf. Regt. Aosta	" " "
"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo	O.C. Mil. Tribunal Palermo
"	"	45° Inf. Regt. Catania	O.C. 45° Inf. Regt. Catania
"	"	8th Territorial Depot H.Q. Catania	O.C. 8th Terr. Depot Catania
"	"	32 Military District H.Q. Trapani	O.C. 32 Mil. District
"	"	105 Mil. District H.Q. Ragusa	O.C. 105 Mil. District
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	46 Inf. Regt. H.Q. Messina	O.C. 46 Inf. Regt.
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	Arty Directorate Messina	Commander Arty Directorate
"	"	111 Engineer Servies Coy Palermo	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	5th Inf. Regt. Trapani	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission Palermo
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of the Staff
"	"	11 M.T. Repair Unit Palermo	O.C. 11 M.T. Repair Unit.

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9	CUSIMANO Alfonso	"	"	139° Inf. Regt. Aosta
10	CUTTITTA Antonio	"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo
11	DE CARLI Paolo	"	"	45° Inf. Regt. Catania
12	DRAGO Filippo	"	"	8th Territorial Depot H.Q. Catania
13	D'ANGELO Paolo	"	"	32 Military District H.Q. Trapani
14	ESCALAR Domenico	"	"	105 Mil. District H.Q. Ragusa
15	FOTI Egidio	"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.
16	FRADELLA Ruggero	"	"	46 Inf. Regt. H.Q. Messina
17	FAZIO Riccardo	"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr. H.Q
18	FUSCO Ugo	"	"	Arty Directorate Messina
19	GUZZO Giovanni	"	"	111 Engineer Service Coy Palermo
20	GRILLO Francesco	"	"	5th Inf. Regt. Trapani
21	GRIGLIO Roberto	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.
22	GUNDUSO Ottorino	"	"	11 M.T. Repair Unit Palermo
23	GUZZARDI Nicolò	"	"	Commissariato Directorate Palermo
24	LAURIANO Gaetano	"	"	33 Mil. District H.Q. Palermo
25	LONGO Francesco	"	"	C.A.R. H.Q. Palermo
26	LEONARDI Libero	"	"	16° Inf. Regt. Siracusa
27	LO VECCHIO Giovanni	"	"	11 Commissariato Directorate Palermo
28	LOMI Cesare	"	"	60 Mil.District Agrigento
29	LO VETERE Michele	"	"	11 Territorial H.Q.
30	MILAZZO Giuseppe	"	"	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta Palermo
31	MIGLIORE Calogero	"	"	10 Terr. Depot Palermo
32	MANGIONE Domenico	"	"	33 Mil. District Palermo
33	MILAZZO Salvatore	"	"	16 " " Catania
34	MARCENA Franc.Paolo	"	"	32 " " Trapani

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"	"	139° Inf. Regt. Aosta	" " "
"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo	O.C. Mil. Tribunal Palermo
"	"	45° Inf. Regt. Catania	O.C. 45° Inf. Regt. Catania
"	"	8th Territorial Depot H.Q. Catania	O.C. 8th Terr. Depot Catania
"	"	32 Military District H.Q. Trapani	O.C. 32 Mil. District
"	"	105 Mil. District H.Q. Ragusa	O.C. 105 Mil. District
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	46 Inf. Regt. H.Q. Messina	O.C. 46 Inf. Regt.
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	Arty Directorate Messina	Commander Arty Directorate
"	"	111 Engineer Service Coy Palermo	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	5th Inf. Regt. Trapani	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission Palermo
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of the Staff
"	"	11 M.T. Repair Unit Palermo	O.C. 11 M.T. Repair Unit.
"	"	Commissariato Directorate Palermo	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	33 Mil. District H.Q. Palermo	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	C.A.R. H.Q. Palermo	O.C. 11 C.A.R.
"	"	16° Inf. Regt. Siracusa	O.C. 16° Inf. Regt.
"	"	11 Commissariato Directorate Palermo	Commander 11 Commissariato Directorate
"	"	60 Mil.District Agrigento	O.C. 60 Mil. District
"	"	11 Territorial H.Q.	Chief of the Service and Terr. Office
"	"	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta Palermo	O.C. 6th Inf. Regt. Aosta
"	"	10 Terr. Depot Palermo	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigatio Commission Palermo
"	"	33 Mil. District Palermo	O.C. 33 Mil. District
"	"	18 " " Catania	O.C. 18 Mil. District
"	"	32 " " Trapani	Attached 11 Terr. H.Q.

Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT
35	MORETTINI Francesco	regular Colonel	45th Inf. Regt. Sabauda Catania
36	NATALE Domenico	" "	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta
37	NATOLI Filippo	" "	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.
38	PASSALACQUA Gioacchino	" "	Principal Mil.Hospital Palermo
39	PIAZZA Giuseppe	" "	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.
40	RUBBOLO Eduardo	" "	139 Inf. Regt. Aosta
41	REGGIS Salvatore	" "	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta
42	ROSANO Giuseppe	" "	59 Mil. District Siracusa
43	RANDI Eugenio	" "	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta
44	SALERNO Giuseppe	" "	145 Inf. Regt. Sabauda
45	SANTORO Ernesto	" "	10 Terr. Depot H.Q.
46	SULGENTI Giovanni	" "	11 Terr. H.Q.
47	TEDESCO Ubaldo	" "	5th Inf. Regt. Aosta
48	VITALE Luigi	" "	20 Mil. District Messina
49	VENTURI Dante	" "	Engineer H.Q. Palermo

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	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
regular	Colonel	45th Inf. Regt. Sabauda Catania	President Mil.Tribunal Catania
"	"	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta	Attached Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.	Chief of Ex P.O.W. Office
"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital Palermo	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	Camp Commandant 11 Terr.H.Q.	" " "
"	"	139 Inf. Regt. Aosta	Attached to Ex P.O.W.Investigation Sub-Commission Palermo
"	"	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta	Attached to 11 Terr. H.Q.
"	"	59 Mil. District Siracusa	O.C. 59 Mil. District Siracusa
"	"	6th Inf. Regt. Aosta	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investiagtion Sub-Commission
"	"	145 Inf. Regt. Sabauda	O.C. 145 Inf. Regt. Sabauda
"	"	10 Terr. Depot H.Q.	O.C. 10 Terr. Depot
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of the Administration Service
"	"	5th Inf. Regt. Aosta	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Sub-Commission
"	"	20 Mil. District Messina	O.C. 20 Mil. District Messina
"	"	Engineer H.Q. Palermo	Commander Engineer Service Directorate.

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Serial No.	NAME	RANK		UNIT	
1	ATTINELLI Emanuele	regular	Lt.Colonel	11 Territorial H.Q.	Mis
2	ALONGI Giuseppe	"	"	" " "	Chi
3	ANDREOZZI Pasquale	"	"	" " "	Ex
4	ALBERTINI Antonio	"	"	Engineer Directorate	Att
5	ARONICA Ferdinando	"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital	Chi
6	ARICO' Mario	"	"	Movement Control Area	Chi
7	BARBATO Emilio	"	"	9 Territorial Depot	Chi
8	BERTINI Luigi	"	"	5th Inf. Regt.Trapani	Chi
9	BATTAGLIA Michele	"	"	Principal Hospital Palermo	Chi
10	BARONE Giovanni	"	"	Medical Service Directorate	Com
11	BRUNO Giuseppe	"	"	9 Territorial Depot	Att Com
12	CALVELLO Salvatore	"	"	Medical Service Directorate	Sec
13	CACACE Nicolò	"	"	111 Engrs Service Coy	Chi
14	CIRRINCIONE Ettore	"	"	33 Military District	Chi
15	CARROZZA Fortunato	"	"	20 Military District	Chi
16	CONIGLIO Ernesto	"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Cus
17	CHIAPPINI Guido	"	"	16th Inf. Regt. Sabauda	Chi
18	COCCIA Giuseppe	"	"	Mil.Hospital Messina	
19	COSENTINO Biagio	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chi
20	NANDONI Salvatore	"	"	145 Inf. Regt."Sabauda"	Chi
21	CITTADINI Giuseppe	"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Chi
22	CANNIZZO Giovanni	"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo	Cla
23	COTTONE Girolamo	"	"	139 Inf. Regt."Aosta"	Chi
24	DI DINO Salvatore	"	"	108 Military District	Chi
25	DI MAURO Luciano	"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.C
26	DI PAOLA Calogero	"	"	60 Mil. District	Chi
27	DI SIMONE Rosario	"	"	Engineer Directorate	Chi

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RANK		UNIT	APPOINTMENT
regular	Lt.Colonel	11 Territorial H.Q.	Miscellaneous Office
"	"	" " "	Chief of Hippic and Vet.Directorate
"	"	" " "	Ex P.O.W. Medical Commission Secretar
"	"	Engineer Directorate	Attached to W/Shop
"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital	Chief of the Observation Wing
"	"	Movement Control Area	Chief of Messina R.T.O.
"	"	9 Territorial Depot	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	5th Inf. Regt.Trapani	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	Principal Hospital Palermo	Chief of Psychiatric Wing
"	"	Medical Service Directorate	Commanding Medical Service
"	"	9 Territorial Depot	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission
"	"	Medical Service Directorate	Secretary
"	"	111 Engrs Service Coy	Chief of Requisitioning Office
"	"	33 Military District	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	20 Military District	Chief of Mob. Office
"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Quarter Master
"	"	16th Inf. Regt. Sebeuda	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	Mil.Hospital Messina	" " "
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of Personnel Office
"	"	145 Inf. Regt."Sabauda"	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Chief of the Staff
"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo	Clark of Court
"	"	139 Inf. Regt."Aosta"	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	108 Military District	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.C. Ist Bn.
"	"	60 Mil. District	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	Engineer Directorate	Chief of Equip. Office

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13	CACACE Nicolò	"	"	111 Engrs Service Coy	Ch
14	CIRRINCIONE Ettore	"	"	33 Military District	Ch
15	CARROZZA Fortunato	"	"	20 Military District	Ch
16	CONIGLIO Ernesto	"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Cu
17	CHIAPPINI Guido	"	"	16th Inf. Regt. Sabauda	Ch
18	COCCIA Giuseppe	"	"	Mil.Hospital Messina	
19	COSENTINO Biagio	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Ch
20	RANDONI Salvatore	"	"	145 Inf. Regt."Sabauda"	Ch
21	CITTADINI Giuseppe	"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Ch
22	CANNIZZO Giovanni	"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo	Ch
23	COTTONE Girolamo	"	"	139 Inf. Regt."Aosta"	Ch
24	DI DINO Salvatore	"	"	108 Military District	Ch
25	DI MAURO Luciano	"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.
26	DI PAOLA Calogero	"	"	60 Mil. District	Ch
27	DI SIMONE Rosario	"	"	Engineer Directorate	Ch
28	DI STEFANO Sante	"	"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.
29	DE RISI Arturo	"	"	11 Territorial H.Q.	Ch
30	DE GREGORIO Camillo	"	"	33 Mil. District	Ad
31	D'ANGELO Emanuele	"	"	1101 Ex P.O.W. Transit Camp	Ch
32	D'ANGELO Luigi	"	"	10 Territorial Depot	At Co
33	FUGALLI Salvatore	"	"	11 C.A.R.	2n
34	FERRARA Francesco	"	"	108 Military District	Te
35	FURNARI Bartolo	"	"	20 Military District	Ad
36	GRASSO Rosario	"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	At
37	GIUDICE Luigi	"	"	4th Bde "Aosta"	A.
38	GIORDANO Francesco	"	"	Military Tpt Service	Co
39	GRECO Benedetto	"	"	10 Territorial Dept	Ch
40	GIANFONE Umberto	"	"	105 Mil.District	
41	GRECO Giuseppe	"	"	32 Mil. District	Ch
42	GIGANTE Giuseppe	"	"	1101 Ex P.O.W.Transit Camp	Of
43	GIANNOLA Gioacchino	"	"	11 M.T. Repairs Unit	Of

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"	"	111 Engrs Service Coy	Chief of Requisitioning Office
"	"	33 Military District	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	20 Military District	Chief of Mob. Office
"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Quarter Master
"	"	16th Inf. Regt. Sabauda	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	Mil.Hospital Messina	" " "
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of Personnel Office
"	"	145 Inf. Regt."Sabauda"	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Chief of the Staff
"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo	Clark of Court
"	"	139 Inf. Regt."Aosta"	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	108 Military District	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.C. Ist Bn.
"	"	60 Mil. District	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	Engineer Directorate	Chief of Equip. Office
"	"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.C. 1st Bn.
"	"	11 Territorial H.Q.	Chief of Ex P.O.W. Office
"	"	33 Mil. District	Adjutant
"	"	1101 Ex P.O.W.Transit Camp	Chief of Sanitary Service
"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Attached to Ex P.O.W.Investigation Commission
"	"	11 C.A.R.	2nd i/c
"	"	108 Military District	Temporary Officer Commanding
"	"	20 Military District	Adjutant
"	"	45 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Attached to Catania Garrison H.Q.
"	"	4th Bde "Aosta"	A.D.C.
"	"	Military Tpt Service	Commander
"	"	10 Territorial Depot	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	105 Mil.District	" " "
"	"	32 Mil. District	Chief of Officers Records Office
"	"	1101 Ex P.O.W.Transit Camp	Officer Commanding
"	"	11 M.T. Repairs Unit	Officer Commanding

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Serial No.	NAME	RANK		UNIT	
44	GIACONIA Gaetano	regular	Lt.Colonel	46 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.
45	GALLINA Filippo	"	"	31 Military District	Ch
46	GRASSO Giovanni	"	"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	At
47	INGRIA Lorenzo	"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Se
48	IMBORNONE Vito	"	"	60 Mil. District	Ch
49	IMBURGIA Biagio	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	At
50	INGHILLERI Salvatore	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Vi
51	LA LUMIA Giuseppe	"	"	20 Military District	Ca
52	LIPARI Giovanni	"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Qu
53	LEOTTA Giuseppe	"	"	59 Mil. District	Ch
54	LA ROCCA Giuseppe	"	"	105 Mil. District	
55	LIUZZO Carmelo	"	"	18 Mil. District	Ch
56	LA RICCA Paolo	"	"	5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Ag
57	LIOTTI Giovanni	"	"	32 Mil. District	Ag
58	LI CASTRO Geniale	"	"	11 Mkt Services & Equip.Stores Directorate	Ca
59	LA BARBERA Nicolò	"	"	32 Mil. District	Ch
60	MARSALA Paolo	"	"	Remount Depot	Ca
61	MARINARO Antonio	"	"	12 Terr. Depot	Ca
62	MORELLI Francesco	"	"	145 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Ag
63	MARCELLINO Vincenso	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Ag
64	MOTACQ Paolo	"	"	2nd Sabauda Bde H.Q.	Ag
65	MICELI Giuseppe	"	"	139 Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Ag
66	MOLLICA Eugenio	"	"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Vi
67	MULONE Gaetano	"	"	Artillery H.Q.	Ca
68	MANGIONE Giuseppe	"	"	33 Mil. District	Ca
69	NOBILE Ettore	"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo	Pa
70	NATALE' Filippo	"	"	9 Terr. Depot	Ca

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RANK		UNIT	APPOINTMENT
gular	Lt.Colonel	46 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	O.C. 1st Bn
"	"	31 Military District	Chief of Central Registry
"	"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Attached to Syracuse Garrison H.Q.
"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Secretary
"	"	60 Mil. District	Chief of Mob. Office
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Service office
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Vice Chief of the Staff
"	"	20 Military District	Chief of Welfare
"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Quarter Master
"	"	59 Mil. District	Chief of Mob.Office
"	"	105 Mil. District	" " "
"	"	18 Mil. District	Chief of Recruiting office
"	"	5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Attached to Miscellaneous office
"	"	32 Mil. District	Adjutant
"	"	11 Mks Services & Equip.Stores Directorate	Chief of Catania Section
"	"	32 Mil. District	Chief of Recruiting office
"	"	Remount Depot	Officer Commanding
"	"	12 Terr. Depot	Officer Commanding
"	"	145 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Attached
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Operation Office
"	"	2nd Sabauda Bde H.Q.	A.D.C.
"	"	139 Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission.
"	"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Vice Commander
"	"	Artillery H.Q.	Chief of the Office
"	"	33 Mil. District	Chief of the Sanitary Service
"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo	King's Attorney
"	"	9 Terr. Depot	Chief of Mob. Office

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		"	"	18 Mil. District	Ch
56	LA RICCA Paolo	"	"	5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	At
57	LIOTTI Giovanni	"	"	32 Mil. District	Ad
58	LI CASTRO Geniale	"	"	11 Mks Services & Equip.Stores Directorate	Ch
59	LA BARBERA Nicolò	"	"	32 Mil. District	Ch
60	MARSALA Paolo	"	"	Remount Depot	Of
61	MARINARO Antonio	"	"	12 Terr. Depot	Of
62	MORELLI Francesco	"	"	145 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	At
63	MARCELLINO Vincenzo	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	At
64	MONACO Paolo	"	"	2nd Sabauda Bde H.Q.	A.
65	MICELI Giuseppe	"	"	139 Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	At Co
66	MOLLICA Eugenio	"	"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Vi
67	MULONE Gaetano	"	"	Artillery H.Q.	Ch
68	MANGIONE Giuseppe	"	"	33 Mil. District	Ch
69	NOBILE Ettore	"	"	Military Tribunal Palermo	Ki
70	NATALE' Filippo	"	"	9 Terr. Depot	Ch
71	PETRICCIOLI Luigi	"	"	Sabauda 1st Bde H.Q.	A.
72	PIRAINO Giacomo	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	At
73	PANCANO Gioacchino	"	"	139 Inf. Regt. Aosta	Of
74	PURPURA Giovanni	"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital Palermo	Ch
75	PASSALACQUA Domenico	"	"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Ch
76	PISTOLA Adriano	"	"	"Sabauda" Div.	Ch
77	PATTI Adriano	"	"	6th Inf. Regt.	O.
78	PULEO Antonino	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	At
79	PERRICONE Francesco	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Ch
80	PERRICONE Giuseppe	"	"	Secondary Mil.Hospital Messina	Te
81	PECORELLA Mariano	"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital Palermo	Pr
82	PUGLISI Nicolò	"	"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Ca
83	PERROTTA Luigi	"	"	Principal Mil.Hospital Palermo	Ch
84	ROMANO Francesco	"	"	11 Mil. Tribunal	Ki
85	RICEVUTI Olindo	"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Ch
86	ROCCELLA G.Battista	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Ch

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	[illegible] District	Chief of Recruiting office
"	5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Attached to Miscellaneous office
"	32 Mil. District	Adjutant
"	11 Wks Services & Equip. Stores Directorate	Chief of Catania Section
"	32 Mil. District	Chief of Recruiting office
"	Remount Depot	Officer Commanding
"	12 Terr. Depot	Officer Commanding
"	145 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	Attached
"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Operation Office
"	2nd Sabauda Bde H.Q.	A.D.C.
"	139 Inf. Regt. "Aosta"	Attached to Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission.
"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Vice Commander
"	Artillery H.Q.	Chief of the Office
"	33 Mil. District	Chief of the Sanitary Service
"	Military Tribunal Palermo	King's Attorney
"	9 Terr. Depot	Chief of Mob. Office
"	Sabauda 1st Bde H.Q.	A.D.C.
"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Service office
"	139 Inf. Regt. Aosta	Officer Commanding
"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Chief of Section
"	1011 Artillery Directorate	Chief of the W/shops
"	"Sabauda" Div.	Chief of the Staff
"	6th Inf. Regt.	O.C. 2nd Bn.
"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Operation office
"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of the Personnel office
"	Secondary Mil. Hospital Messina	Temporary officer Commanding
"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	President of Medical Board
"	16 Inf. Regt. "Sabauda"	On duty at "Sabauda" Div. H.Q.
"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Chief of "A" Branch
"	11 Mil. Tribunal	King's Attorney
"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.	Chief of the Garrison H.Q.
"	11 Terr. H.Q.	Chief of Terr. & Miscellaneous office

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Serial No.	NAME	RANK		UNIT
87	RIZZO Vincenzo	regular	Lt.Colonel	31 Military District
88	RANERI Giuseppe	"	"	"Sabauda" Div. H.Q.
89	RUSCICA ERCHIA Paolo	"	"	59 Mil. District
90	SCADUTO Giuseppe	"	"	Engineer Works H.Q.
91	STAMPA Natale	"	"	5th Inf. Regt. "Aosta"
92	SAIEVA Angelo	"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital
93	STRAZZERI Attilio	"	"	"Sabauda" Div. H.Q.
94	SINDONI Cesare	"	"	11 C.A.R.
95	SERIO Vincenzo	"	"	11 Terr. H.Q.Camp Commandant
96	SCOLARI Luigi	"	"	20 Mil. District
97	SARZANA Francesco	"	"	11 Wks Services & Eqpt.Stores Directorate
98	SORRENTINO Enrico	"	"	" " "
99	SANCETTA Giuseppe	"	"	8 Territorial Depot
100	SARULLO Domenico	"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo
101	SALEMI Francesco	"	"	33 Mil. District
102	TOMASELLI Antonio	"	"	Medical Service Directorate
103	TRAPANI Stefano	"	"	9 Terr. Depot
104	TORTORICI Gustavo	"	"	10 Terr. Depot
105	TERRANOVA Paolo	"	"	33 Mil. District
106	TESTA Pietro	"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.
107	VIZZINISI Salvatore	"	"	"Aosta" Div. H.Q.
108	PAVONE Giuseppe	"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo

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RANK		UNIT	APPOINTMENT
regular	Lt.Colonel	31 Military District	Chief of the Recruiting office
"	"	"Sabauda" Div. H.Q.	Chief of Personnel Office
"	"	59 Mil. District	President of Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission
"	"	Engineer Works H.Q.	Chief of the Works.
"	"	5th Inf. Regt. "Acsta"	Attached to Trapani Garrison H.Q.
"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	"Sabauda" Div. H.Q.	Attached to Messina Garrison H.Q.
"	"	11 C.A.R.	C.O. 2nd Bn.
"	"	11 Terr. H.Q. Camp Commandant	Camp Commandant
"	"	20 Mil. District	Quarter Master
"	"	11 Wks Services & Eqpt. Stores Directorate	Officer Commanding
"	"	" " "	Vice Officer Commanding
"	"	8 Territorial Depot	Chief of Mob. Office
"	"	Mil. Tribunal Palermo	Vice President
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"	"	Medical Service Directorate	Hygienist
"	"	9 Terr. Depot	Officer Commanding
"	"	10 Terr. Depot	Chief of "A" Branch
"	"	33 Mil. District	Member of Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commission
"	"	"Acsta" Div. H.Q.	Chief of operation and personnel office
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"	"	Principal Mil. Hospital Palermo	Temporary Commandant

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MIS-FORM

11 B.I.U: Domestic Transports State as at 1st June 46.

Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local U (g)
1.	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	M5663421	N/A	341796		
2.	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.P. 15 cwt	Z5906012	GM6407	4844520393	(E)	
3.	Standard Utility 4x2	M6175381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)	
4.	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	C1452436	N/A	WM2079478	(E)	

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as s
406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed

Date

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Appendix "D"

PRO-FORMA

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25663421	E/A	341796			BLR	(Certificate sent to (N.Q.M.M.I.A.6.Jun.46
25906012	SM6407	4844520393	(E)			
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Signed [signature]

Date 6 June 46

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11 EME PROGRESS REPORT NO. 10.

As at 1 May 45

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6 May 45

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MYIA)

Copy to : 10 E.I.U.

PART I - GENERAL

1. PERSONNEL.(PNC)

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(b) MAJOR F.SCODARDI General List CS.TS. I.C. left the unit on Compassionate Posting to U.K. on 19.Apr.45.

(c) MAJOR E.M. STRETTON is due to go on PYTHON in MAY 45 and replacements for this officer and above mentioned officers are urgently required.

(d) The unit is also now deficient of two O.Rs the Twr/S.T. having departed on Release and the Pte/Clerk General Duties on I.I.A.D.

(e) Staff list 11 E.I.U. attached at Appx "B"

2. ITALIAN.

(a) Location Statement and Order of Battle attached at Appx "A" 30/1

(b) Staff list Italian attached at Appx "C".

PART II - 'G'

3. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

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(a) Army Area CC.RR.

"ROMA" DIV.

(1) 5 Regt: The Regt. H.Q. plus a Bn and Regt Support Coy located at TRAPANI.
They are accommodated in the modern type of Italian Army barracks which were left uncompleted in 1943. Construction is now being continued.
Included in these works is the construction of a large canteen, theatre and reading

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and writing rooms.
Standard of interior economy is good.
The Bn is employed on Guard duties and Internal Security.
The other Bn of the Regt is located at PALERMO also employed on Guard Duties and Internal Security Individual and specialist training is carried out regularly.
General opinion of Regt. - Satisfactory.

(ii) 6 Regt: The Regt. H.Q. plus a Bn and Regt. Support Coy is located at PALERMO.
Other Bn located at MESSINA.
Whole Regt. employed on guard and Internal Security.
The Regt H.Q. and Bn at PALERMO was visited towards the end of the month.
This Regt under the very able and efficient command of Col. MILAZZO has made progress that is an example to all other units in the Territorial Command.
A Coy of volunteer recruits with less than a months service was seen marching into barracks and the standard of marching and discipline was up to that of a GOOD British Coy.
With practically no money Col. MILAZZO has achieved wonders in constructional and renovation work in the barracks.
He has not employed either Engineers or civil labour for these works.
Everything has been done by the men of his Regt. during their recreational hours.
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The discipline and moral of this Regt is far higher than any other on the Island.

(iii) 110 Inf Regt: Complete Regt located in Barracks at PALERMO. Employed on guard duties and Internal Security.
Condition of Regt was satisfactory when it was visited in March 45.but has not been visited again since.

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(iv) 22 Inf Regt: Regt H.Q. 1 Bn Regt. Support Coy and one troop (4 guns) of artillery located at AGRIGENTO. The other Bn plus 1 troop Artillery is at PALERMO. Regt employed on Guard duties and internal security.
The Barracks at AGRIGENTO are in a bad state of repair and renovation works are going very slowly owing to lack of funds. Interior economy was however good and the troops are reasonably comfortable.
Specialist and individual training is being carried out including range practices with M.Gs, 81 mm. Mortars and rifles.
Commander Col.BARTILE is a capable and intelligent officer and his Regt is satisfactory.

(v) "EMPOLI" Div.

45 Inf Regt CATANIA	) All employed on
46 Inf Regt MESSINA	(Internal Security
16 Inf Regt SIRACUSA	) and Guard duties.
	(Not visited
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Regt was visited by B.G.S. during his visit to 11 B.L.U. who appeared to be satisfied with the standard of training and efficiency displayed.

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The Advanced Training period for the remaining recruits (numbering 2316) commenced immediately on the 29.Apr.

(b) The standard of instruction during this first period was not good. Lessons were not well prepared or thought out and the instructors subsequently lacked confidence.
Much of this failing is attributed to Col.LONGO the Commandant who is not a disciplinarian and lacks drive.
General de Castiglioni is not satisfied with

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Col. [illegible]'s work and is getting him replaced. It is hoped that improvements will be seen during the next training period.

(c) Accommodation.

(i) Barrack block No.6 should be completed by 14 May which will accommodate two of the six Coys at present living in 139 Regt Barracks. The remaining barrack accommodation is scheduled for completion within 4 weeks which will take the remaining four Coys at 139 Regt.

(ii) Married Quarters Permanent Staff:
12 married officers and 48 married N.C.Os are still obliged to find their own accommodation in the town. Same have not even been able to find rooms and subsequently are unable to have their families in PALERMO. Those who have found rooms are having to pay for them and which on Italian Army pay is a great drain on their income.
It is suggested that the problem of accommodating these married families is discussed with the Ministry of War with a view to either vesting in the Italian Army a limited power of requisition for this purpose or instituting a system of compulsory billeting by civilians.

ACTION
(letter following)

(d) Messing:

Cookhouse for 2000 men complete and serving whole of G.A.F. (less officers) at present. Other cookhouse for 2000 men will not be complete before middle of June.
Dets. mess and cookhouse will be complete by 20.May.

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(f) Welfare:

(i) Canteen: A small canteen has been functioning all the time and the main canteen as planned will be completed on 20.May.

(ii) Band: The 6 Regt band has played at the C.A.R. on one occasion following a suggestion put forward by the B.G.S. during his visit. It is now planned to have the band at least

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cros a week at the C.A.F.

(iii) Shows: Are trying to get open air cinema shows. Too many other works in progress at present to construct a unit theatre.

(g) British Weapons:

(i) 4100 rifles received.

(ii) Many rifles arrived without bayonets and a certain number of bayonets without scabbards. S/T VII 2" Mortars have arrived without sights.
A full report on these deficiencies is awaited by this office from the C.A.F.

5. INTELLIGENCE

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(iii) They are here to organise and stir up the Communist Party.

(iv) They are difficult to track down since they consist of a number of very clever agents who do not even know eachother and do not reside at registered Hotels but in private houses.

(v) The fishermen on the south coast of SICILY have reported as having seen a small number of very small submarines off the coast.
If there is any foundation in this report these submarines might be the means whereby foreign elements are gaining easy access to the Island.
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(d) Political current among tps:

(i) No strong political feeling or activities among tps.

(ii) Fronte della Gioventù Repubblicane:
(Republican Youth Front)

This party is made up of Communists, Socialists, Actionists and Republicans (i.e. leftists) but with Communist leaders.
Its political aims are vague but its direct work is that of puting out propoganda to the troops with a view to gaining their sympathy and setting

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these against their officers.
Their paper propeganda consists solely of one card which is given to the troops and expresses three points:

- The strength of the Army should be decreased.
- Soldiers allowances should be increased.
- That jobs should be guaranteed to soldiers on demobilisation.

The troops are also invited to dances fiestas,etc. by this party.
The activities of this party would seem innocuous but it is thought that their underlying motive is probably a design of the Communists to gain the sympathy of the troops so that they will refuse to act if they called out to quell a Communist insurrection.

(e) Political general: The lastest political situation as reported by 'I' branch GC.MS. is as follows:

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A. The C.L.N. started in PALERMO on June 44 with the object of fighting the last Nazi-Fascist elements, and to help the liberation of that part of Italy still occupied by the Germans.

B. Party formed by the representatives of six political parties that are in the government viz:

Actionist Party: PURPURA Vincenzo Lawyer
Liberal Party: LO MONTE Giovanni, Lawyer

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Christian Democrat Party: Doctor CORTESE Pasquale
Labour Party: CHACOLICI Francesco, lawyer
Communist Party: Doctor LICAUSI Girolamo
Socialist Party: Prof. DRAGO Giuseppe.

C. Little importance is attached to the C.L.N. either by the populace or the above political parties.
Rather than a progressive political party it is more of a safety valve used to settle differences between the various parties.

(iv) Monarchy:

A. The only 100% Monarchist party is that of the Italian Democrats.
Strong monarchist sentiments are also found in the 'central', 'right' and 'extreme right' parties viz - Christian Democrat party - Liberal - Labour Democrat - 'Uomo Qualunque' and numerous undefined political movements.

B. Leaders and most active members:

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Prof. LO GIUDICE Domenico.
MARTINOLA Beatrice - Duchess of Arenella.
VALGUARNERA Benedetto - Duke of Arenella.
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E. The monarchist parties and movements are in possession of large funds granted voluntarily by members and by the keener followers, who are nearly all rich land-owners and industrialists.

(v) <u>E.V.I.S. (Bandits)</u>:

This organisation is now extinct.

(vi) <u>L'Uomo Qualunque and Opposition Front</u>.

A. 1400 copies of the newspaper "Uomo Qualunque" are

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issued weekly in SICILY and distributed as follows:

PALERMO : 4000
CATANIA : 3000

Other Provinces: 1000 each province.
The newspaper is very popular and all copies are usuallysold.

B. The Uomo Qualunque party evidently expresses monarchist sympathies in order not to prejudice its members.

C. Leaders and active members are:

- Engr. VIOLA Antonio - Palermo
- RUGGERO Giuseppe - Palermo
- TESAURO Giuseppe
- Student FRANCO Nicola
- RUSSO Giuseppe da Giardini (Messina).

D. Propaganda is all organised from central office in ROME.

(vii) SEPARATISTS:

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The M.I.S. movement wishes to have an extensive political and administrative independence from ITALY i.e. to form a Sicilian State to be confederate with the mainland.
The object of Independency is to have only Sicilians to administer to SICILY in order that the island is not exploited by the North of Italy.

B. Movement financed by its very numerous followers and sympathisers.
The possibly of other nations with future interests in the Mediterranean financing the movement cannot be excluded.
No proof of this is held.

C. Leaders and active members: # 3034

- PINOCCHIARO AMELIA Andrea - lawyer.
- RESTUCCIA Francesco - lawyer.
- VARVARO Antonino - lawyer.

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- MEUTO di Belmonte Giuseppe - lawyer.
- Prince Lucio TASCA.
- DI CARCACI Guglielmo.
- DE MARTINO Raffaele - lawyer.
- ROSSI Sirio - lawyer.
- Baron CATALFANO - Cefalù.
- Baron MOTTA Stefano.
- BATTIATO Concetto - reporter.
- VILLABIANCA Pietro - lawyer.
- TUSCO Natale - student, Catania.
- TASCA Giuseppe.
- CARCACI Gaetano.

D. All means of propaganda used: News papers, placards,

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meetings etc.
Movement is very popular in SICILY since the people feel deeply the need for an extensive autonomy - NOT Separatism or Independence.-

(viii) I French 11 Mil. Terr. H.Q. reports that:

A. Communist Party: Is planning a very big demonstration to occur in the near future.
Probably be of a violent nature and its numbers supplemented by the new foreign elements who have arrived in SICILY (see para 5 above).
It is thought that this move on the part of the Communists in Sicily is being coordinated simultaneously an International Communist move.
Date of commencement of these activities may be 10 May 46.
Quite definite that the Communist Party is not popular in SICILY and that local Communism would be ineffective.
However it is organised and excited by foreign elements.

B. Fascist Movement: Is an anti-Communist organisation composed of young fanatics of the late Fascist Regime.
Their policy now however is anti-dictator and monarchist with a wish to vest as much power as possible in the government.
They still support many of the old Fascist social and economical doctrines.
In PALERMO they are about 3000 strong.

PART III - 'A'

6. DOMESTIC.

(a) Deficiencies in all ranks against T.E. 3033

Officers - G.S.O. II.
- Training Major.
- CC.RE. L.O.

O.Rs - Dvr. M/T.

(b) Leave.

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Rfn DEAKES P., L.I.R., L.I.A.P. Approx return 20.June 46.

(ii) Details of all ranks due for leave in immediate future

18774 T/Major G.R. SHERIDAN M.C. The Suffolk Regt. Due for P.Y.T.W.C.N. in May 46.

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7. ITALIAN.

Deficiencies in Total Strengths and in Tradesmen and Specialists against T.E.

All ranks - 18%.

PART IV - 'O'

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

11 B.L.U. vehicle holdings attached at appx 'D'.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) Transport. Capt. F.A. Murray R.A.S.C. during his weeks visit to 11 B.L.U. visited the tpt Coys at CATANIA and PALERMO.
He found that considerable improvements had been made since the last inspections made by Major S.E. SPERLING. The British system of maintenance and inspections is now being universally employed. Capt. Murray was able to correct small errors units were making in the employment of the system and it is now progressing reasonably well.

(b) R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

(c) Clothing and Equipment.

Grey legs CC.RR.

Attached at Appx.'E' is list of British Eqpt. and cleaning material assigned by S.M.E.M.E. and received at C.A.R.

(d) E.C.L. # 3032

Nothing to report.

(e) Supply.

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(a) Transport.

11 B.L.U. vehicle holdings attached at appx 'B'.

9. ITALY.

(a) Transport. Capt. F.A. Murray R.A.S.C. during his weeks visit to 11 B.L.U. visited the tpt Coys at CATANIA and PALERMO.
He found that considerable improvements had been made since the last inspections made by Major S.E. SPENCER. The British system of maintenance and inspections is now being universally employed. Capt. Murray was able to correct small errors units were making in the employment of the system and it is now progressing reasonably well.

(b) R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

(c) Clothing and Equipment.

Army less CC.FF.

Attached at Appx.'E' is list of British Dept. and cleaning material assigned by S.M.F.B. and received at C.A.D.

(d) P.O.L.

Nothing to report.

(e) Supply.

(1) Capt. F.A. MURRAY inspected food depots in 11 Terr. Command during his visit.
Serious trouble is being caused by rats who are consuming a considerable amount of raw rations in certain depots.
Previously the Commissariato employed trained rattings dogs which where actually held on the W.E. These dogs are evidently no longer obtainable and the Commissariato suggest that an effort be made to train an adequate number of dogs to combat the very serious threat to rations in food stores.

S.E. SPENCER,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	
2.	11 Territorial H.Q.	PALERMO	
3.	Arty H.Q.	PALERMO	
4.	Engineer H.Q.	PALERMO	
5.	11 Red Directorate	PALERMO	
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO	
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Account Service	PALERMO	
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO	
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO	
10.	Autonomous Sec 11 Tribunal	CATANIA	
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
	1° Sub-Commission	PALERMO	
	2° "	MESSINA	
	3° "	CATANIA	
	4° "	SIRACUSA	
	5° "	RAGUSA	
	6° "	ENNA	
	7° "	CALTANISSETTA	
	8° "	AGRIGENTO	
	9° "	TRAPANI	
12.	Officer Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
13.	Camp H.Q. C.M.T.	PALERMO	
14.	150 Motorised Unit (CC.RR.)	PALERMO	
15.	ACOSTA DIVISION H.Q.	PALERMO	
16.	96 CC.RR. Unit	PALERMO	
17.	3 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	
18.	5 Inf Regt H.Q.	TRAPANI	
19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI	
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI	

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4.	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.	11 Fed Directorate	PALERMO
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Remount Service	PALERMO
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO
10.	Autonomous Sec 11 Tribunal	CATANIA
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO
	1° Sub-Commission	PALERMO
	2° "	MESSINA
	3° "	CATANIA
	4° "	SIRACUSA
	5° "	RAGUSA
	6° "	ENNA
	7° "	CALTANISSETTA
	8° "	AGRIGENTO
	9° "	TRAPANI
12.	Officer Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO
13.	Camp H.Q. C.I.T.	PALERMO
14.	150 Motorised Unit (CC.RR.)	PALERMO
15.	ACIES DIVISION H.Q.	PALERMO
16.	96 CC.RR. Unit	PALERMO
17.	3 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO
18.	5 Inf Regt H.Q.	TRAPANI
19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI
22.	6 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO
23.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
24.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
25.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
26.	4 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO
27.	139 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO
28.	1 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
29.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
30.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
31.	29 Regt. H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
32.	1 Bn H.Q.	AGRIGENTO

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
33.	II Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
34.	Regt. Support Coy	AGRIGENTO	
35.	28 Mixed Engineer Bn	PALERMO	
	28 Engr Tech Coy	PALERMO	
	28 R/T Coy	PALERMO	
	SERVICES		
36.	28 Supply and Ord Coy	PALERMO	
37.	28 M.T. Coy	PALERMO	
38.	NAPOLEON DIVISION H.Q.	MESSINA	
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA	
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA	
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA	
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA	
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA	
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA	
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA	
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA	
54.	16 Regt. H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
56.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
57.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA	
58.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
59.	30 R/T Coy	SIRACUSA	
60.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	SIRACUSA	
	SERVICES		
61.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA	
62.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA	
63.	11 C.A.P.	PALERMO	
	[illegible]	PALERMO (Sicily)	

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38.	<u>HABAUTA DIVISION H.Q.</u>	MESSINA
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA
40.	(45) Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA
48.	<u>II Bde H.Q.</u>	SIRACUSA
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA
54.	(16) Regt. H.Q.	SIRACUSA
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA
56.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
57.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA
58.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
59.	30 R/T Coy	SIRACUSA
60.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	SIRACUSA

<u>SERVICES</u>

61.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA
62.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA
63.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO
64.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)
65.	II Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)
66.	III Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO
67.	33 Mil. Dist.	PALERMO
68.	20 " "	MESSINA
69.	18 " "	CATANIA
70.	60 " "	AGRIGENTO
71.	32 " "	TRAPANI
72.	59 " "	SIRACUSA
73.	105 " "	RAGUSA
74.	108 " "	ENNA
75.	31 " "	CALTANISSETTA

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
76.	8 Territorial Depot	CATANIA	
77.	9 " "	PALERMO	
78.	10 " "	PALERMO	
79.	11 Principal Territorial Hospital	PALERMO	
80.	141 Terr. Mil. Hospital	MESSINA	
81.	11 Hygiene Sec	PALERMO	
82.	11 Medical Coy	PALERMO	
83.	11 Terr.Med. War Pensions Comm.	PALERMO	
84.	11 Military Bakery	PALERMO	
85.	11 Bulk Supply Depot	CATANIA	
86.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO	
87.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA	
88.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA	
89.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO	
90.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO	
91.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO	
92.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO	
93.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO	
94.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA	
95.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA	
96.	" " "	VITTORIA	
97.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)	
98.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)	
99.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)	
100.	" " "	M.DEI CENTRI (Messina)	
101.	" " "	PILTRAZZA (Messina)	
102.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)	
103.	" " "	MASOTTO (Messina)	
104.	" " "	S.IACHIDDU (Messina)	
105.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)	
106.	" " "	CONLAGA (Messina)	
107.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)	
108.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)	

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86.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO
87.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA
88.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA
89.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO
90.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO
91.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO
92.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO
93.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO
94.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA
95.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA
96.	" " "	VITTORIA
97.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)
98.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)
99.	" " "	PUNTAL ZURRARO (Messina)
100.	" " "	M.DEI CENERI (Messina)
101.	" " "	PIETRAZZA (Messina)
102.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)
103.	" " "	MASCALI (Messina)
104.	" " "	S.IACHIDDU (Messina)
105.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)
106.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)
107.	" " "	SCHIATTINO (Messina)
108.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)
109.	" " "	RAGGI (Messina)
110.	" " "	BIVIERE INTINI (Catania)
111.	111 Detached artillery Sec.	PALERMO
112.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO
113.	" " "	P.DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)
114.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)
115.	" " "	CASTELVETRANO

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
116.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	VILLAGRAZIA (Palermo)	
117.	" " "	SCALILLI (Palermo)	
118.	" " "	LERCARA (Palermo)	
119.	" " "	ENNA	
120.	" " "	MINIERA TRABIA (Caltanissetta)	
121.	" " "	SALINE TRAPANI (Trapani)	
122.	Chemical Store	PALERMO	
123.	11 Wks Service and Eqpt Stores Directorate	PALERMO	
124.	Detached Engr. Sec.	MESSINA	
125.	" " "	CALTANISSETTA	
126.	Detached Engr. Wks. Office	TRAPANI	
127.	" " " "	CATANIA	
128.	" " " "	SIRACUSA	
129.	Requisitioning Office	PALERMO	
130.	" "	CALTANISSETTA	
131.	" "	CATANIA	
132.	" "	SIRACUSA	
133.	111 Engr. Service Coy	PALERMO	
134.	11 Terr. Vet. Station	PALERMO	
135.	11 Repairs Directorate	PALERMO	
136.	11 Repairs Unit	PALERMO	
137.	11 Terr Adm Tpt Coy	PALERMO	
138.	11 Efficient Vehicle Park	PALERMO	
139.	1101 P.C.W. Transit Camp	PALERMO	

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	Directorate	PALERMO
124.	Detached Engr. Sec.	MESSINA
125.	" " "	CALTANISSETTA
126.	Detached Engr. Wks. Office	TRAPANI
127.	" " " "	CATANIA
128.	" " " "	SIRACUSA
129.	Requisitioning Office	PALERMO
130.	"	CALTANISSETTA
131.	"	CATANIA
132.	"	SIRACUSA
133.	111 Engr. Service Coy	PALERMO
134.	11 Terr. Vet. Station	PALERMO
135.	11 Repairs Directorate	PALERMO
136.	11 Repairs Unit	PALERMO
137.	11 Terr Adm Tpt Coy	PALERMO
138.	11 Efficient Vehicle Park	PALERMO
139.	1101 P.O.W. Transit Camp	PALERMO

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STAFF LIST - 11 BLU.

BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DAA & QMG. Major S.E. Sneesum, M.C. The Suffolk Regt.

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN 11 MILITARY TERRITORIAL H.Q.

Serial No.	Rank	NAME		UNI
1	Major General	de CASTIGLIONI	Lazzaro Maurizio	11
2	Major General	SANTINI	Gino	11
3	Brigadier General	BUTTAFUOCO	Francesco	11
4	" "	FIUMARA	Rosario	1st
5	" "	GIANGRECO	Francesco	11
6	" "	PETTINAU	Ettore	2nd
7	" "	LAZZARINI	Attilio	Sal
8	" "	SCLAVO	Francesco	11
9	" "	VECE	Mario	3rd
10	" "	SAPORETTI	Vincenzo	4th
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STAFF LIST ITALIAN 11 MILITARY TERRITORIAL H.Q.

	NAME		UNIT
	de CASTIGLIONI	Lazzaro Maurizio	11 Territorial H.Q.
	SANTINI	Gino	11 Territorial H.Q.
al	BUTTAFUOCO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
	FIUMARA	Rosario	1st Brigade "Sabauda" H.Q.
	GIANGRECO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
	PETTINAU	Ettore	2nd Brigade "Sabauda" H.Q.
	LAZZARINI	Attilio	Sabauda Division H.Q.
	SCLAVO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
	VECE	Mario	3rd Brigade Aosta H.Q.
	SAPORETTI	Vincenzo	4th Brigade Aosta H.Q.

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME	
1	Colonel	Inf.	ALFIERI	Sebastiano
2	"	Arty	AGNELLO	Sebastiano
3	"	Inf.	ALFIERI	Antonio
4	"	Arty	AINIS	Ferdinando
5	"	Medical	BONACCORSO	Letterio
6	"	Arty	BARRILE	Eugenio
7	"	Inf.	CASSATA	Paolo
8	"	Inf.	COLOMBO	Vincenzo
9	"	Inf.	CUSIMANO	Alfonso
10	"	Arty	CUTITTA	Antonio
11	"	Inf.	DE CARLI	Paolo
12	"	Inf.	DRAGO	Filippo
13	"	Inf.	D'ANGELO	Paolo
14	"	Arty	ESCALAR	Romeo
15	"	Inf.	FOTI	Egidio
16	"	Inf.	FRADELLA	Ruggero
17	"	Cavalry	FAZIO	Riccardo
18	"	Arty	FUSCO	Ugo
19	"	Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni
20	"	Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto
21	"	Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco
22	"	M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino
23	"	Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò
24	"	Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano
25	"	Inf.	LONGO	Francesco
26	"	Arty	LEONARDI	Libero
27	"	Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni
28	"	Inf.	LONI	Cesare
29	"	Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele
30	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe

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vice	NAME		UNIT
	ALFIERI	Sebastiano	11 Territorial H.Q.
	AGNELLO	Sebastiano	31 Military District
	ALFIERI	Antonio	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	AINIS	Ferdinando	11 Territorial H.Q. Arty H.Q.
onal	BONACCORSO	Letterio	Ex P.o.W. Investig.Commission.
	BARRILE	Eugenio	22 Arty Regt H.Q.
	CASSATA	Paolo	45 Inf. Depot.
	COLOMBO	Vincenzo	6 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	CUSIMANO	Alfonso	139 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	CUTITTA	Antonio	11 Territorial H.Q.
	DE CARLI	Paolo	45 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	DRAGO	Filippo	45 Inf. Depot
	D'ANGELO	Paolo	32 Military District
	ESCALAR	Ronco	105 Military District
	FOTI	Egidio	11 Territorial H.Q.
	FRADELLA	Ruggero	46 Inf. Regt.
alry	FAZIO	Riccardo	11 Territorial H.Q.
	FUSCO	Ugo	1011 Artillery Directorate
r.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111 Engr. Service Coy.
	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11 Territorial H.Q.
	GRILLO	Francesco	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	GENDUSO	Ottorino	M/T/ WKs Directorate
n/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Commissariato Directorate
	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 Military District
	LONGO	Francesco	11 C.A.R.
	LEONARDI	Libero	16 Regt H.Q.
n/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Commissariato Directorate
	LOMI	Cesare	60 Military District
	LOVETERE	Michele	Territorial H.Q.
	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. Regt.

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15	"	Inf.	FUTA	Egidio
16	"	Inf.	FRADELLA	Ruggero
17	"	Cavalry	FAZIO	Riccardo
18	"	Arty	FUSCO	Ugo
19	"	Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni
20	"	Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto
21	"	Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco
22	"	M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino
23	"	Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò
24	"	Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano
25	"	Inf.	LONGO	Francesco
26	"	Arty	LEONARDI	Libero
27	"	Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni
28	"	Inf.	LOMI	Cesare
29	"	Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele
30	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe
31	"	Arty	MIGLIORE	Calogero
32	"	Arty	MANGIONE	Domenico
33	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Salvatore
34	"	Inf.	MARCECA	Franc. Paolo
35	"	Inf.	MORETTINI	Francesco
36	"	Inf.	NATALE	Domenico
37	"	Inf.	NATOLI	Filippo
38	"	Medical	PASSALACQUA	Gioacchino
39	"	Engr.	PIAZZA	Giuseppe
40	"	Inf.	RUMBOLO	Eduardo
41	"	REGGIS	REGGIS	Salvatore
42	"	Inf.	ROSANO	Giuseppe
43	"	Arty	RANDI	Eugenio
44	"	Inf.	SALERNO	Giuseppe
45	"	Arty	SANTORO	Ernesto
46	"	Administr.	SULSENTI	Giovanni

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	[illegible]	[illegible]	11 Territorial H.Q.
	FRADELLA	Ruggero	46 Inf. Regt.
lry	FAZIO	Riccardo	11 Territorial H.Q.
	FUSCO	Ugo	1011 Artillery Directorate
.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111 Engr. Service Coy.
	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11 Territorial H.Q.
	GRILLO	Francesco	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	GENDUSO	Otterino	M/T/ WKs Directorate
/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Commissariato Directorate
	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 Military District
	LONGO	Francesco	11 C.A.R.
	LEONARDI	Libero	16 Regt H.Q.
/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Commissariato Directorate
	LOMI	Cesare	60 Military District
	LOVETERE	Michele	Territorial H.Q.
	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. Regt.
	MIGLIORE	Calogero	22 Arty Depot H.Q.
	MANGIONE	Domenico	33 Military District
	MILAZZO	Salvatore	18 Military District
	MARCHCA	Frano. Paolo	11 Territorial H.Q.
	MORETTINI	Francesco	Military Tribunal Catania
	NATALE	Domenico	6 Inf. Regt.
	NATOLI	Filippo	11 Territorial H.Q.
ional	PASSALACQUA	Gioacchino	11 Territorial H.Q.
.	PIAZZA	Giuseppe	11 Territorial H.Q.
	RUMBOLO	Eduardo	139 Inf. Regt.
IS	REGGIS	Salvatore	6 Inf. Regt.
	ROSANO	Giuseppe	59 Military District
	RANDI	Eugenio	6 Inf. Regt.
	SALERNO	Giuseppe	145 Inf. Regt.
	SANTORO	Ernesto	22 Arty Depot.
inistr.	SULSENTI	Giovanni	11 Territorial H.Q.

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME	
47	Colonel	Arty	TEDESCO	Ubaldo
48	"	Arty	VITALE	Pietro
49	"	Engr.	VENTURI	Dante
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Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
Arty	TEDESCO	Ubaldo	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Arty	VITALE	Pietro	20 Military District
Engr.	VENTURI	Dante	Engineer H.Q.

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME	
1	Lt.Col.	Inf.	ATTINELLI	Emanuele
2	"	Comm/to	ALESCOI	Angelo
3	"	Inf	ANDREOZZI	Pasquale
4	"	Engr.	ALBERTINI	Antonio
5	"	Medical	ARONICA	Ferdinando
6	"	Inf.	ARICO'	Mario
7	"	Inf.	BARBATO	Emilio
8	"	Inf.	BERTINI	Luigi
9	"	Medical	BATTAGLIA	Michele
10	"	Medical	BARONE	Giovanni
11	"	Inf.	BRUNO	Giuseppe
12	"	Medical	CALVELLO	Salvatore
13	"	Engr.	CACACE	Nicolò
14	"	Inf.	CIRURINCIONE	Ettore
15	"	[illegible]	CARROZZA	Fortunato
16	"	Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto
17	"	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido
18	"	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe
19	"	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele
20	"	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biagio
21	"	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe
22	"	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni
23	"	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo
24	"	Inf.	CANINITI	Santo
25	"	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore
26	"	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano
27	"	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero
28	"	Engr.	DI [illegible]	Rosario

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME	
1	Lt.Col.	Inf.	ATTINELLI	Emanuele
2	"	Comm/to	ALECCI	Angelo
3	"	Inf	ANDREOZZI	Pasquale
4	"	Engr.	ALBERTINI	Antonio
5	"	Medical	ARONICA	Ferdinando
6	"	Inf.	ARICO'	Mario
7	"	Inf.	BARBATO	Emilio
8	"	Inf.	BERTINI	Luigi
9	"	Medical	BATTAGLIA	Michele
10	"	Medical	BARONE	Giovanni
11	"	Inf.	D'AURO	Giuseppe
12	"	Medical	CALVELLO	Salvatore
13	"	Engr.	CACACE	Nicolò
14	"	Inf.	CIRRINCIONE	Ettore
15	"	[illegible]	CARROZZA	Fortunato
16	"	Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto
17	"	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido
18	"	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe
19	"	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele
20	"	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biagio
21	"	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe
22	"	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni
23	"	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo
24	"	Inf.	CAMINITI	Sante
25	"	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore
26	"	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano
27	"	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero
28	"	Engr.	DI SIMONE	Rosario

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nk	Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
ol.	Inf.	ATTINELLI	Emanuele	11 Territorial H.Q.
	Comm/to	ALECCI	Angelo	Commissariate Directorate
	Inf	ANDREOZZI	Pasquale	Ex P.O.W. Investigation Commis.
	Engr.	ALBERTINI	Antonio	Engineer Works Directorate
	Medical	ARONICA	Ferdinando	11 Principal Hospital Palermo
	Inf.	ARICO'	Mario	Transport Office
	Inf.	BARBATO	Emilio	6 Inf. Regt.
	Inf.	BERTINI	Luigi	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	Medical	BATTAGLIA	Michele	Principal Terr. Hospital
	Medical	BARONE	Giovanni	11 Med. Directorate
	Inf.	BARUFFO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. Depot.
	Medical	CALVELLO	Salvatore	11 Med. Directorate
	Engr.	CACACE	Nicolò	111 Engr. Service Coy
	Inf.	CIRRINCIONE	Ettore	33 Military District
	[illegible]	CARROZZA	Fortunato	20 Military District
	Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto	22 Arty Depot.
	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido	16 Inf. Regt.
	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe	141 Terr. Military Hospital
	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele	145 Inf. Regt.
	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biagio	11 Territorial H.Q.
	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe	Aosta Division H.Q.
	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni	11 Military Tribunal
	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo	139 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	Inf.	CAMINITI	Sante	20 Military District
	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore	108 Military District
	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano	45 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero	60 Military District
	Engr.	DI [illegible]	Rosario	Engineer Works Directorate

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14	"	Inf.	CIRRINCIONE	Ettore
15	"	[illegible]	CARROZZA	Fortunato
16	"	Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto
17	"	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido
18	"	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe
19	"	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele
20	"	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biagio
21	"	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe
22	"	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni
23	"	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo
24	"	Inf.	CAMINITI	Santo
25	"	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore
26	"	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano
27	"	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero
28	"	Engr.	DI [illegible]	Rosario
29	"	Arty	DI STEFANO	Santo
30	"	Inf.	DE RISI	Arturo
31	"	Inf.	de Gregorio	Camillo
32	"	Medical	D'ANGELO	Emanuele
33	"	Inf.	D'ANGELO	Luigi
34	"	Arty	FERRARA	Antonio
35	"	Inf.	FUGALLI	Salvatore
36	"	Inf.	FERRARA	Francesco
37	"	Arty	FURNARI	Bartolo
38	"	Inf.	GRASSO	Rosario
39	"	Inf	GIUDICE	Luigi
40	"	Inf.	GIORDANO	Francesco
41	"	Arty	GRECO	Benedetto
42	"	Inf.	GIANNONE	Umberto
43	"	Inf.	GRECO	Giuseppe
44	"	Inf.	GIGANTE	Giuseppe
45	"	Aut.	GIANNOLA	Gioacchino
46	"	Inf.	GIACONIA	Gaetano

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Inf.	CIRRINCIONE	Ettore	33 Military District
[redacted]	CARROZZA	Fortunato	20 Military District
Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto	22 Arty Depot.
Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido	16 Inf. Regt.
Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe	141 Terr. Military Hospital
Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele	145 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	COSENTINO	Biagio	11 Territorial H.Q.
Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe	Aosta Division H.Q.
Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni	11 Military Tribunal
Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo	139 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf.	CAMINITI	Sante	20 Military District
Inf.	DI BIBO	Salvatore	108 Military District
Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano	45 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero	60 Military District
Engr.	DI SIMONE	Rosario	Engineer Works Directorate
Arty	DI STEFANO	Sante	16 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf.	DE RISI	Arturo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	de Gregorio	Camillo	33 Military District
Medical	D'ANGELO	Emanuele	Billeting Officer
Inf.	D'ANGELO	Luigi	6 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Arty	FERRARA	Antonio	3 Brigade H.Q.
Inf.	FUGALLI	Salvatore	C.A.R. H.Q.
Inf.	FERRARA	Francesco	108 Military District
Arty	FURNARI	Bartolo	20 Military District
Inf.	GRASSO	Rosario	45 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf	GIUDICE	Luigi	4 Brigade Aosta H.Q.
Inf.	GIORDANO	Francesco	Transport. Deleg. H.Q.
Arty	GRECO	Benedetto	22 Arty Depot.
Inf.	GIANFONE	Umberto	105 Military District
Inf.	GRECO	Giuseppe	32 Military District
Inf.	GIGANTE	Giuseppe	1101 P.O.W. Transp.Comp.
Aut.	GIANNOLA	Giacchino	11 M/T Repairs Unit.
Inf.	GIACONIA	Gaetano	46 Inf. Regt. H.Q.

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47	Lt.Col.	Arty	GALLINA	Filippo
48	"	Arty	GRASSO	Giovanni
49	"	Medical	INGRIA	Lorenzo
50	"	Inf.	INBORNONE	Vito
51	"	Engr.	IMBURGIA	Biagio
52	"	Arty	INGHILLERI	Salvatore
53	"	Inf.	LA LUMIA	Giuseppe
54	"	Inf.	LIPARI	Giovanni
55	"	Inf.	LIOTTA	Giuseppe
56	"	Inf.	LA ROCCA	Giuseppe
57	"	Inf.	LIUZZO	Carmelo
58	"	Inf.	LA RICCA	Paolo
59	"	Inf.	LIOTTI	Giovanni
60	"	Engr.	LI CASTRO	Geniale
61	"	Inf.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò
62	"	Arty	MARSALA	Paolo
63	"	Aut.	MARINARO	Antonio
64	"	Inf.	MORELLI	Francesco
65	"	Inf.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo
66	"	Inf.	MONACO	Paolo
67	"	Inf.	MICELI	Giuseppe
68	"	Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio
69	"	Arty	MULONE	Gaetano
70	"	Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe
71	"	Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore
72	"	Inf.	NATALE	Filippo
73	"	Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi
74	"	Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo
75	"	Inf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino
76	"	Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni

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Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
rty	CALLINA	Filippo	16 Inf.Regt. H.Q.
rty	CRASSO	Giovanni	16 Inf.Regt. H.Q.
edical	INGRIA	Lorenzo	Principal Terr. Hospital
nf.	IMBORNONE	Vito	33 Military District
ngr.	IMBURGIA	Biagio	11 Territorial H.Q.
rty	INGHILLERI	Salvatore	11 Territorial H.Q.
nf.	LA LUMIA	Giuseppe	20 Military District
nf.	LIPARI	Giovanni	Principal Hospital H.Q.
nf.	LIOTTA	Giuseppe	59 Military District
nf.	LA ROCCA	Giuseppe	105 Military District
nf.	LIUZZO	Carmelo	18 Military District
nf.	LA RICCA	Paolo	5 Inf. Regt.
nf.	LIOTTI	Giovanni	32 Military District
ngr.	LI CASTRO	Genisio	Engineer Works Direct.
nf.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò	32 Military District
rty	MARSALA	Paolo	Remount H.Q.
ut.	MARINARO	Antonio	11 M/T Depot.
nf.	MORELLI	Francesco	145 Inf. Regt.
nf.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo	Principal Terr. Hospital
nf.	MONACO	Paolo	11 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
nf.	MICELI	Giuseppe	139 Inf. Regt.
rty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 Arty Directorate
rty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 Detached Arty Sect.
edical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Military District
ngr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Military Tribunal
nf.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf. Regt. Depot.
nf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
nf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Territorial H.Q.
nf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 Inf. Regt.
edical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Principal Terr. Hospital

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60	"	Engr.	LI CASTRO	Geniale
61	"	Inf.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò
62	"	Arty	MARSALA	Paolo
63	"	Aut.	MARINARO	Antonio
64	"	Inf.	MORELLI	Francesco
65	"	Inf.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo
66	"	Inf.	MONACO	Paolo
67	"	Inf.	MICELI	Giuseppe
68	"	Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio
69	"	Arty	MULONE	Gaetano
70	"	Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe
71	"	Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore
72	"	Inf.	NATALE	Filippo
73	"	Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi
74	"	Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo
75	"	Inf.	PANCAMO	Giacchino
76	"	Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni
77	"	Arty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico
78	"	Inf.	PISTOLA	Adriano
79	"	Inf.	PATTI	Adriano
80	"	Inf.	PULSO	Antonino
81	"	Inf.	PERRICONE	Francesco
82	"	Medical	PERRICONE	Giuseppe
83	"	Medical	PECORELLA	Mariano
84	"	Arty	PUGLISI	Nicolò
85	"	Inf.	PERROTTA	Luigi
86	"	Engr.	ROMANO	Francesco
87	"	Inf.	RICEVUTI	Olindo
88	"	Inf.	ROCCELLA	G. Battista
89	"	Inf.	RIZZO	Vincenzo
90	"	Arty	RANERI	Giuseppe
91	"	Inf.	RANDONI	Salvatore
92	"	Inf.	RUSCINA MZERCHIA	Paolo
93	"	Ingr.	SCADUTO	Giuseppe

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gr.	LI CASTRO	Geniale	Engineer Works Direct.
f.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò	32 Military District
ty	MARSALA	Paolo	Remaunt H.Q.
t.	MARINARO	Antonio	11 M/T Depot.
f.	MORELLI	Francesco	145 Inf. Regt.
f.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo	Principal Terr. Hospital
f.	MONACO	Paolo	11 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
f.	MICELI	Giuseppe	139 Inf. Regt.
ty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 Arty Directorate
ty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 Detached Arty Sect.
dical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Military District
gr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Military Tribunal
f.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf. Regt. Depot.
f.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
f.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Territorial H.Q.
f.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 Inf. Regt.
dical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Principal Terr. Hospital
ty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico	1011 Arty Directorate
f.	PISTOLA	Adriano	Sabauda Division H.Q.
f.	PATTI	Adriano	6 Inf. Regt.
f.	PULEO	Antonino	11 Territorial H.Q.
f.	PERRICONE	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
dical	PERRICONE	Giuseppe	141 Territorial Mil. Hospital
dical	PECORELLA	Mariano	Principal Terr. Hospital
ty	PUGLISI	Nicolò	16 Inf. Regt.
f.	PERROTTA	Luigi	Princ. Pil. Hosp.
gr.	ROMANO	Francesco	11 Military Tribunal
f.	RICEVUTI	Olindo	Aosta Division H.Q.
f.	ROCCELLA	G. Battista	11 Territorial H.Q.
f.	RIZZO	Vincenzo	31 Military District
ty	RANERI	Giuseppe	Sabauda Division H.Q.
f.	RANDONI	Salvatore	145 Inf. Regt.
f.	RUSCINA EZENCHIA	Paolo	59 Military District
gr.	SCADUTO	Giuseppe	111 Engr. Service Coy.

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME	
94	Lt. Col.	Inf.	STAMPA	Natale
95	"	Adm/	SALEVA	Angelo
96	"	Inf.	STRAZZERI	Attilio
97	"	Inf.	SIMEONI	Cesare
98	"	Inf.	SERIO	Vincenzo
99	"	Inf.	SCIGLIANO	Luigi
100	"	Engr.	SARZANA	Francesco
101	"	"	SORRENTINO	Enrico
102	"	Inf.	SANSOTTA	Giuseppe
103	"	Arty	SARULLO	Domenico
104	"	"	SALEMI	Francesco
105	"	Medical	TOSARELLI	Antonio
106	"	Inf.	TRAVARI	Stefano
107	"	Arty	TORTORICI	Gustavo
108	"	Inf.	TERRANOVA	Paolo
109	"	Inf.	TESTA	Pietro
110	"	Inf.	VISSINISI	Salvatore

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Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
Inf.	*STAMPA	Natale	3 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Adm/	SAIEVA	Angelo	Principal Terr. Hospitl
Inf.	STRAZZERI	Attilio	Sabauda Division H.Q.
Inf.	SINDONI	Cesare	11 C.A.R. H.Q.
Inf.	SERIO	Vincenzo	Comp. A.R. 11 Terr. H.Q.
Inf.	SCOLARO	Luigi	20 Military District
Engr.	SARZANA	Francesco	Engineer Works Direct.
"	SORRENTINO	Enrico	" " "
Inf.	SANCETTA	Giuseppe	5 Inf. Depot.
Arty	SARULLO	Domenico	11 Military Tribunal
"	SALEMI	Francesco	33 Military District
Medical	TOGNARELLI	Antonio	11 Med. Directorate
Inf.	TRAPANI	Stefano	6 Inf. Regt. Depot.
Arty	TORTORICI	Gustavo	22 Arty. Depot.
Inf.	TERRANOVA	Paolo	33 Military District
Inf.	TESTA	Pietro	Aosta Division H.Q.
Inf.	VIRGINISI	Salvatore	Aosta Division H.Q.

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.P. 15 cwt	Z5906012	(E)	-	-	
2	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	C1452436	(E)	-	-	
3	Standard Utility 4x2	M6175381	(E)	-	-	Attached for use by CC.RE. Liaison Section.
4	Willys Jeep 4x4 5cwt	M5663421	-	-	(BLR)	10 B.L.U. awaiting re-placement.

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Date:

Signed : Wheeler Maj

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BRITISH KIT. AND CLEANING MATERIALS RECEIVED AT 11 C.A.H.

Serial No.	Items assigned by S.E.F.E.		Items despetched according to Clothing and Kpt Depot Trutteminere		Items received 11 C.A.H.	
1	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4270
2	SHOULDERS STRAPS LEFT H. SIDE	4400		4400		4208
3	SHOULDERS STRAPS RIGHT H.SIDE	4400		4400		4106
4	HAVERSACK	4400		4400		4287
5	BRACES LEFT H.	4400		4400		3840
6	BRACES RIGHT	4400		4400		3918
7	CANTEEN WATER BOTTLE	4400		4400		4282
8	WATER BOTTLE	4400		4400		4400
9	POUCHES RIFLE	8800		800		800
10	POUCHES PISTOL	91		91		91
11	CASES PISTOL	91		91		91
12	CASES BAYONET	4126		-		-
13			PLAITKET YARDS	3456		2880
14			BAYONET FROGS	4180		4196
15			POUCHES BELT	8200		7990
16			RIFLE OIL 80 PINTS			80

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...PT. AND CLEANING MATERIALS RECEIVED AT 11 C.A.R.s.

	Items despatched according to Clothing and Kept Depot Pratlemmore		Items received 11 C.A.R.		Surplus	Deficiencies
4400	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4270		130
4400		4400		4208		192
4400		4400		4106		294
4400		4400		4287		113
4400		4400		3840		560
4400		4400		3918		482
4400		4400		4282		118
4400		4400		4400	-	-
8000		800		800	-	8000
91		91		91	-	-
91		91		91	-	-
4180		-		-		4180
	FLANNELS YARDS	3456		2880		516 YARDS
	BAYONET FROGS	4180		4196	16	-
	POUCHES BELT	8200		7990	-	210
	RIFLE OIL 80 PINTS			80	-	-

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Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report
No.3, F. 1. 15 Apr. 46.

11 British Liaison Unit
Sal. 1037a PA:BMMO
G/3.

15 April 1946.

To : H.Q. F.E.L.S.
G.H.Q.

Pt. I - General

1. Domestic (B.I.U.) - (1) Brig. R.F. NOTT, D.S.O. (H.W.I.A.) visited this Unit between 10-11 Apr. 46.

(11) Capt. T.A. HERBERT, R.A.S.C. (10 B.I.U.) visited this Unit 13th-16th Apr. 46.

2. Italian - Nil.

Pt. II - "G"

1. MOBILISATION. a. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

b. Italian. - Nothing to report.

2. Employment of troops.

a. Army less G.H.Q. Some Regts still "split-up" with Hqs. Coys etc. 100's of miles away from each other. The whole question of distribution of forces is being "looked-into", and a further report will be made later.

b. G.H.Q. - Nothing to report.

3. Training. a. Army less G.H.Q. (i) The standard of training in most Units is steadily improving.

Both the 13th & 15th Regts now have very good sand-tables and miniature-ranges.

(ii) G.H.Q. Now up to full strength, and, for the short time the Recruits have been here, they appear to be getting along very well.

The G.A.C. now has three good training-grounds, and daily basis-training is in progress.

Instructors in many cases seem to be completely "found" in the use and handling of British guns etc., and in spite

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(xi) cons. P.W. Pilot. S.A.A.F. (c.o.s.,c.o.) visited this Unit 9th-16th Apr. 46.

2. Italian - Nil.

Pt.II - "G"

1. ORGANIZATION. a. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

b. Italian. - Nothing to report.

2. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS

a. Army Area CC.RR. Some Regts still "split-up" with Hqrs. days apt. Coy's apt. Coy's unable keep from each other. The whole question of distribution of troops is being "looked-into", and a further report will be made later. 3023

b. CC.RR. - Nothing to report.

3. TRAINING. a. Army Area CC.RR. (i) The standard of training in most Units is steadily improving.

Both the 19th & 11th Regts now have very good rest-tables and miniature-ranges.

(ii) C.M.P. Now up to full strength, and, for the short time the Recruits have been here, they appear to be getting along very well.

The C.M.P. now has three good training-grounds, and daily Basic-training is in progress.

Instructors in many cases seem to be completely "fazed" in the use and handling of British Army etc., and in spite of being shown the correct methods many times, continue to "strip-ping" using the very dusty, gritty ground as a table.

4. INTELLIGENCE. (i) General situation all over Sicily is much quieter.

(ii) There have been a few bandit-attacks around the MONTEMAGGIORE & PRIZZI area. Some CC.RR. have been wounded.

Pt.III - "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV - "Q"

Nothing to report.

R.H. Hector

R.H. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.I.U.

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Subject :- Periodicity Progress Report No.2, Fd., 15 Apr., 46.

From :- 1 British Liaison Unit
Tel. [illegible] PALMYRA
C/S.

To :- H.Q. F.A.T.A.
G.H.Q.

15 April 1946.

Pt. I - General

1. Domestic (H.Q.,U.) - (i) Maj. G. [illegible] H.Q. E.T.O. (M.I.4.) visited this Unit between 10-13 Apr. 46.

(ii) Capt. T.A. McNeil, R.A.S.C. (10 B.L.U.) visited this Unit 9th-16th Apr. 46.

2. Visitors - Nil.

Pt. II - "G"

1. ORGANISATION. a. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

b. Visitors. - Nothing to report.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TROOPS

a. Army Tps. Of H.Q. Some Regts still "split-up" with Hqs. Coys etc. 100's of miles away from each other. The whole question of distribution of Forces is being "looked-into", and a further report will be made later.

b. R.A.F. - Nothing to report.

3. TRAINING. a. Army Tps. Of H.Q. (i) The standard of training most Units is steadily improving.

Both the 73rd & 145th Regts now have very good range-tables and miniature-ranges.

(ii) R.A.S.C. Now up to full strength, and, for the troops time the Recruits have been here, they appear to be getting along very well.

The C.A.E. now has three good training-grounds, and daily Basic-training is in progress.

Instructors in many cases seem to be completely "lamed" in the use and handling of British Army etc., and in spite

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visited this Unit 19-6th inst. ult.

3. Italian - Nil.

Pt.II - ops

1. Organization. a. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

b. Italian. - Nothing to report.

2. Disposition of Troops.

a. Army Area Units. Some Regts still "split-up" with Bns. Coys etc. 100's of miles away from each other. The whole question of distribution of forces is being "looked-into", and a further report will be made later.

b. C.M.R. - Nothing to report.

3. Training. a. Army Area Units. (1) The standard of training of most Units is steadily improving.

With the 19th & 115th Regts now have very good rest-bubbles and minature-ranges.

(ii) C.M.R. Now up to full strength, and, for the short time the Recruits have been here, they appear to be getting along very well.

The C.M.R. now has three good training-grounds, and daily Boxing-training is in progress.

Instructors in many cases seem to be completely "fossed" in the use and handling of Artillery etc., and in spite of being given the correct method many times, continue to "strip-ping" using the very dusty, gritty ground as a table.

4. Intelligence. (i) General situation all over daily is much quieter.

(ii) There have been a few Bandit-attacks around the Northern & Eastern areas. Some C.M.R. have been wounded.

Pt.III - "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV - "G"

Nothing to report.

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R.L. MORTON, Major
D.A.Q. II.,
II B.I.D.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref/G/3. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No. 8 T.K. 11 Mar.46.

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

Pt. I - GENERAL

1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

Staff List, Location Statement 11 B.L.U., and M.T. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Staff List (Lt.Cols. & above) and Location Statement are attached.

Pt.II "G"

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

a. Army less CC.RR. - Guards at all vulnerable points still remain doubled due to recent strikes and other small disturbances.

b. CC.RR. - Mobile Bn. now being formed with 300 CC.RR. from Rome and 100 from Messina.

3. TRAINING. a. Army less CC.RR. a. Training is continuing steadily in all Units. Numerous Units have been visited since our last report, including 6th, 139th, 9th, 46th and 145th Infantry Regts. They are all carrying on with their training programme. The 145th Regt. at CALTANISSETTA are extremely well organised for all types of training - inclu-

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1. Interior (I.E.F.)

Staff List, Location Statement re I.E.F., and M.T. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Staff List (Lt.Cols. & above) and Location Statement are attached.

Pg.II "C"

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS

a. Army Area CC.RR. - Guards at all vulnerable points still remain doubled due to recent strikes and other small disturbances.

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b. C.A.R. (i) The C.A.R. duly opened on the 15th March - up to date about half the number of recruits have arrived. Some have been accomodated at the C.A.R., and the others at another Barracks nearby.

(ii) As yet only "limited amount of training has been started, as it has taken a few days to get Recruits through all the various preliminaries.

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(iii) The Adjutant/Major Lt.Col. GIRIDI proved himself to be useless and we have had him removed and replaced by a younger, more efficient officer - Major CAROLLO.

(iv) British weapons have arrived and will be issued during the first week in April.

(v) British equipment has not yet arrived.

(vi) No fire-precautions had been taken at the C.A.S. - this has now been arranged and supplies are being obtained with the help of the American Navy.

(vii) The old question of shaving came-up once more. At first the Territorial H.Q. decided to issue 1 Razor and 2 Blades to each Recruit and 1 shaving Brush between each 4.

(viii) However after long discussions we proved to the Terr. H.Q., how unhygienic this latter idea was and it was agreed to supply each man with his own shaving-brush. A sum of 10.000 Lire was spent on the buying of shaving equipment.

(ix) The Territorial Commander is not over-pleased with the commandant of the C.A.S. I am inclined to agree with him. We are going to observe this officer during the next month and a report to this effect will be made in due course.

(x) Showers are not yet complete and a mobile bath unit is still being used.

(xi) Both kitchens are working now.

(xii) It is not thought that the Barracks and all the other essentials - assault course, sports ground etc. will be complete before the beginning of June.

5. CO.RR. - Still unable to do much in the way of training due to lack of equipment etc.

4. Operations.

a. Political.

(i) General. The general political situation is a little quieter at present and on the whole, up to now, there have only been minor demonstrations in some villages, during the present Elections.

There is still however, much evidence of unrest

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2. CC.RR. - Still unable to do much in the way of training due to lack of equipment etc.

4. INFORMATION.

a. Political

(i) General. The general political situation is a little quieter at present and on the whole, up to now, there have only been minor demonstrations in some villages, during the present Elections.

There is still however, much evidence of unrest amongst the people especially owing to the very high cost of living in Sicily and to the lowness of wages.

It is rumoured that there will be another bigger general strike very shortly.

There are still some minor shooting-incidents taking place.- Four out of 5 CC.RR. were killed, when ambushed by 2 Bandits with a Tenshire Gun early this week - another was killed at PARTINICO whilst walking out of his house.

These incidents are occurring daily and they are all helping to give the Sicilian people a bad feeling of unrest.

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(ii) Separatist Party

As reported on 27 Mar. FINOCCHIARO APRILE chief of the Separatism Movement (recently released from GAOL) arrived back in PALERMO.

A small demonstration was staged by some 5000 supporters, wearing Separatist-rosettes and carrying bouquets made of Red and Yellow flowers (Separatist colours). Several Separatist Flags were also seen.

A number of propaganda sheets (copies attached) were also thrown about.

Finocchiaro Aprile, also broadcast on the Radio, and expressed his intention of carrying on his "cause".

(iii) Communist Party still increasing in numbers. It is thought that they were responsible for the recent strikes in Palermo and Messina.

(iv) Fascist Party continues to hold small meetings in Catania and Palermo.

(v) Socialist Republican Party - This is now comprised of both socialists and some communists.

(vi) Republican Party, containing under the ideals of the late MAZZINI.

(vii) Democratic Christian Party - Still increasing in its numbers and are continuing their activities and propaganda against communism.

(viii) E.V.I.S. - Much quieter. It is thought that only the Bandits remain as members of this Army.

(ix) Bande GIULIANO. - Expected to disappear any time now. It was reported that the mother and sister of GIULIANO were arrested.- Report un-confirmed.

(x) Local Government.- Local population now speculating as to who will be the next High Commissioner. Senators CIPOLLA and LA LOGGIA are the present "favourites".

(xi) Economics. Prices about the same. Plenty of food available on the Black-Market - prices being as high as ever.

(xii) Public Security - about the same.

(xiii) Moral - improving.

(xiv) Military Security - Good.

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Pt.III "A"

a. Personnel. (i) Staff. Now up to Full W.E.

(ii) Imprest. Position now simplified, due to Command Paymaster "playing" and letting us have a 500,000 Lire deposit in the Bank of Sicily.

(iii) Leave. C.O.'s are keen to have leave on the Mainland e.g. at Rome, Milan, Genoa etc.
We are endeavouring to make arrangements with other N.L.U.'s to this end.

b. Italian. Nothing to report.

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1. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

2. Italian : Transport.

(A) L.I.T.A.

(i) Inspections and Maintenance - The British system of routine inspections and the maintaining of inspection charts has now been put into operation by 11 Repair Unit at PALERMO.

This system cannot be expected to work with 100% efficiency under the present organisation of workshops whereby the only two repair units for servicing the whole Island are located at PALERMO and MESSINA. However H.Q.I.T. letter on this matter to the Ministry of War has been noted (HQ/21 dated 21 Mar. refers).

Daily/system is still not being employed. Since the Director of Repairs seems to be incapable of devising a temporary system of daily tasks the advancement of this system depends upon the arrival of handbooks "Inspection of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled)". The despatch of these publications requires expediting.

ACTION
Term (5) additional notes our HT/10 dated 26 Mar. refers.

(ii) It is thought that more control and supervision of transport units should be exercised by senior and staff officers.

The latter are capable of giving orders but they do not realise the importance of making a detailed inspection to see that they are being carried out. This failing would apply generally to all areas.

(iii) Tyres - One tpt. unit report that the system of repairing tyres by means of nuts and bolts is unsatisfactory since in the event of a puncture the head of the bolt on the inside of the cover frequently rips the inner tube. This unit now repair tyres by casing a piece of old tyre on the inside of the cover which method has evidently been proved more satisfactory.

It is suggested that L.I.T.A. be advised to circulate all Terr. Commds on this matter.

ACTION
Term (5) additional notes our HT/10 dated 26 Mar. refers.

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It is suggested that E.A.S.C. be advised to examine all Terr. Commands on this matter.

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nal Notes our MT/10
dated 26 Mar.refers.

(B) R.A.S.C. Clothing and Equipment.

(i) The following units were visited during the course of the month:-

- 1) Clothing and Equipment Depot.
- 1 Salvage Depot.
- 1 Repair Shop.

(ii) These three units are all accommodated in an ex-infantry barracks and work in close co-operation.

Salvaged clothing is first sorted out in the salvage depot and assigned into groups for the making of uniforms, waterclothes

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socks, hats, boots etc. This material is then sent to the depot laundry located in the barracks.

The clean material is then passed on to 11 Repair shop.

11 Repair shop is organised as follows:-

(a) Offices general administration of depot.

(b) Cobblers Shop. Here any number up to 100 pairs of serviceable boots are turned out per month from salvage stores, plus a percentage of new leather.

It also performs the more difficult repairs for all units in the Terr. Command.

(c) Sewing Shop I : Some 30 civilians are employed either renovating salvaged uniforms or making up new uniforms.

They had received a consignment of new cloth from the Ministry of War which they have been making up into new uniforms at the rate of between 700 - 900 a month for universal distribution to the army.

This work has now been suspended and they are engaged on making uniforms from salvage material to provide the new recruits arrived at the C.M.F. with a second uniform.

(d) Sewing Shop II:- 20 civilians employed on making up shirts underclothing socks etc. from salvage material.

(iii) 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot

Officially run but space is inadequate.

Terr. Command have been advised to either find other accomodation for 11 Salvage Depot, who occupy the floor above, or to move the clothing Depot.

(iv) There has been a definite improvement in the clothing situation during this month. This has been stated by all units that were visited.

(c) Accomodation

(i) There is a great deal of outstanding engineer works with regard to domestic facilities in all units.

(ii) Many units are without baths, have poor cook-houses, bad latrines, barracks in bad state of repair - all owing to lack of engineer labour and material.

(iii) Grant of 2,000,000 Lire made by Ministry of War for these works was demobilised and has already been spent.

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11 Repair shop is organised as follows:-

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(b) Cobblers Shop. Here any number up to 300 pairs of serviceable boots are turned out per month from salvage scraps, plus a percentage of new leather.

It also performs the more difficult repairs for all units in the Terr. Command.

(c) Sewing Shop I : Some 50 civilians are employed either renovating salvaged uniforms or making up new uniforms.

They had received a consignment of new cloth from the Ministry of War which they have been making up into new uniforms at the rate of between 700 - 900 a month for universal distribution to the army.

This work has now been suspended and they are engaged on making uniforms from salvage material to provide the new recruits arrived at the C.M.F. with a second uniform.

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Efficiently run but space is inadequate.

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either renovating existing billets or erecting new buildings.

They had received a consignment of raw cloth from the Ministry of War which they have been making up into new uniforms at the rate of between 700 - 900 a month for universal distribution to the army.

This work has now been suspended and they are engaged on making uniforms from salvage material to provide the new recruits arrived at the C.A.R. with a second uniform.

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(iii) Grant of 2.000.000 Lire made by Ministry of War for these works was insufficient and has already been spent. Subsequently even minor repairs costing only 1000 Lire, demanding expenditure in excess of this grant, has to be authorised by the Ministry.

(iv) Further, the Ministry is unwilling to authorise expenditure on civilian owned property at present occupied by the Army.

This affects rest depots who are accomodated in civilian property. The present condition of these depots is satisfactory but could be improved considerably with engineer assistance.

(v) It is suggested that this matter be reviewed by the Ministry of War to increasing the present grant of 2.000.000 Lire.

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27 Mar. 45 refers.

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(b) S. & L. :- (i) The following depots were inspected during the month:-

- 66 Food Distribution Depot (CALTANISSETTA)

- 65 Food Distribution Depot (CATANIA)

(ii) The standard of efficiency of these depots was estimated to be good.

(iii) An Analysis Board was carried out at 65 Food Distribution Depot on 1 Mar.

(iv) 65 Distribution Depot has now taken over from 11 B.A.D. which has been closed down, and is dealing with both Bulk Supply and Distribution.

Nothing further to M.M.I.A. letter MI/100 dated 21 Feb. has been heard concerning the opening of a Distribution Depot at Messina.

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R.A. HINTON, Major
G.S.O. II,
11 B.L.O.

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VIVA FINOCCHIARO APRILE - VALVANO !
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LA SICILIA
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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Lel/G/2. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Staff lists.

To :- H.Q. P.W.I.U.
S.E.F.

1. British - No change.

2. Italian - Major-General SANTINI dies - at the disposal of Terr. Comd. Palermo.

- Brigadier DE GIULIS Umberto - transferred to Terr. Comd. Milan.

- General BERARDI Paolo - transferred, at the disposal of the Min. of War.

- Col. VASILIASCHI Pietro - Transferred to Terr. Comd. Milan.

3° Mach. G.I. Trapani
- Lt.Col. STAMPA Natale

- Lt.Col. BARBATO Emilio, detached to P.W. Interrogatory Commission.

Military District, Agrigento
- Lt.Col. LUDOVICO Vito

C.A.I. Palermo
- Lt.Col. PUGLISI Gaetano - Vice-Commandant.

108° Mach.A.A. Palermo
- Lt.Col. PANCARO Giacchino.

- Lt.Col. ALBO Antonino - released
- Lt.Col. GIGLIUCCI Anton - released
- Lt.Col. CACCIATORE Vitale - released
- Lt.Col. MANNANO Giuseppe - "
- Lt.Col. TIRRELLO Gaspare - "
- Lt.Col. FAIATA Giovanni - "
- Lt.Col. PERGOLESI Virgilio - released

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Military District, Agrigento

- Lt.Col. INNOCENZI Vito

G.A.L. Palermo

- Lt.Col. PUGLISI Gaetano - Vice-Commandant.

138° Regt.C.I. Palermo

- Lt.Col. PANCARO Gioacchino.

- Lt.Col. ALEO Antonino - released
- Lt.Col. SIGILLINO Mateo - released
- Lt.Col. CACCIATORE Vitale - released
- Lt.Col. MACCARO Giuseppe - "
- Lt.Col. PINNELLO Gaspare - "
- Lt.Col. FAIARA Giovanni - "
- Lt.Col. PETRUCELLA Virgilio - released
- Lt.Col. BERTOLI Ettore - transferred to Mil. District, Taranto.
- Medical Lt.Col. ZAFFIRO Giovanni - released
- Lt.Col. LO TURCO Giovanni - released.

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R.H. HILTON, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 S.L.S.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:-G/3. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Location Statements.

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

1. 11 British Liaison Unit.

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D.A.A.& Q.M.G. - 11393
Italian L.O. & Clerks } 10673
Night duty Clk. 15555

OFFICERS' - MESS. Villa Matranga
42 Via La Marmora., Palermo.
Telephone 18683

2. Italian.

Garibaldi Regt.:- "AOSTA" Bn. - Palermo to Catania.
" " :- "VENEZIA" Bn. - Palermo to Cefalu. 3014

M.R.H.

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O.II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/MP

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Rel/G/1. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No. 2 F.P. 11 Mar.46.

To : H.Q. B.A.I.A.
C.M.F.

Pt. I - GENERAL

1. Domestic (B.L.V.)

Staff list, location Statement (1 B.L.V., and M.T. Return are attached.

2. Italian

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Pt.II ops.

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

a. Army less CC.RR. - Guards at all vulnerable points still remain doubled due to recent strikes and other small disturbances. 30/3

b. CC.RR. - Mobile Sn. now being formed with 300 CC.RR. from Rome and 100 from Messina.

3. TRAINING. i. Army less CC.RR. a. Training is continuing steadily in all Units. Numerous Units have been visited since our last report, including 6th, 139th, 7th, 46th and 145th Infantry Regts. They are all carrying on with their training programme. The 145th Regt. at CALTANISSETTA are extremely well organized for all types of training - inclu-

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1. Romania (R.,A.F.)

Staff List, Location Statement of R.A.F., and R.A.F. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Staff List (It.Colo. A above) and Location Statement are attached.

Pt.II "J"

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Romania - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS

a. Army less CC.RR. - Guards at all vulnerable points still remain doubled due to recent strikes and other small disturbances.

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b. CC.RR. - Mobile Gp. now being formed with 100 CC.RR. from Rome and 100 from Neapium.

3. TRAINING. i. Army less CC.RR. a. Training is continuing steadily in all Units. Numerous Units have been visited since our last report, including 6th, 135th, 5th, 45th and 145th Infantry Regts. They are all carrying on with their training programme. The 145th Regt. at CALTANISSETTA are extremely well organized for all types of training - including having a good miniature-range. The Commanding Officer - Col. SALERNO has done a very good job in the organisation of training in this Unit.

b. C.A.R. (i) The C.A.R. duly opened on the 19th March - up to date about half the number of recruits have arrived. Some have been accomodated at the C.A.R., and the others at another Barracks nearby.

(ii) As yet only "limited amount of training has been started, as it has taken a few days to get Recruits through all the various preliminaries.

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(iii) The Adjutant/Major Lt.Col. GIUDICE proved himself to be useless and we have had him removed and replaced by a younger, more efficient Officer - Major CARGILLO.

(iv) British weapons have arrived and will be issued during the first week in April.

(v) British equipment has not yet arrived.

(vi) No fire-precautions had been taken at the C.A.R. - this has now been arranged and supplies are being obtained with the help of the American Navy.

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It is rumoured that there will be another bigger general strike very shortly.

There are still some minor shooting-incidents taking place.- Four out of 5 CC.RR. were killed, when ambushed by 2 Bandits with a Machine Gun early this week - another was killed at PARTINICO whilst walking out of his house.

These incidents are occurring daily and they are all helping to give the Sicilian people a bad feeling of unrest.

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(ii) Separatist Party

As reported on 27 Mar. FRANCHINO ANNIE chief of the Separatist Movement (recently released from GAOL) arrives back in Palermo.

A small demonstration was staged by some 5000 supporters, wearing Separatist-rosettes and carrying bouquets made of Red and Yellow flowers (Separatist colours). Several Separatist flags were also seen.

A number of propaganda sheets (copies attached) were also thrown about.

FINOCCHIARO Aprile, also broadcast on the Radio, emphasised his intention of carrying on his "cause".

(iii) Communist Party still increasing in numbers. It is thought that they were responsible for the recent strikes in Palermo and Messina.

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(v) Christian Republican Party - This is now comprised of both socialists and some communists.

(vi) Monarchist Party under the leads of the late LAURICELLA.

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Pt.III "a"

a. Domestic. (i) Staff. Now up to full T.E.

(ii) Interest. Position now simplified, due to Command Paymaster "playing" and letting us have a 500,000 lire deposit in the Bank of Sicily.

(iii) Leave. C.R.'s are keen to have leave on the Mainland e.g. at Rome, Milan, Genoa etc.

We are endeavouring to make arrangements with other D.A.A.G.'s to this end.

b. Italian. Nothing to report.

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Pt. IV ops

1. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

2. Italian : Transport.

(A) E.I.M.E.

(i) Inspections and Maintenance - The British system of routine inspections and the maintaining of inspection charts has now been put into operation by 11 Repair Unit at PALERMO.

This system cannot be expected to work with 100% efficiency under the present organization of workshops whereby the only two repair units for servicing the whole island are located at PALERMO and MESSINA. However M.M.I.A. letter on this matter to the Ministry of War has been noted (MX/21 Dated 21 Mar. refers).

Daily system is still not being employed. Since the Director of Repairs seems to be incapable of devising a temporary system of daily tasks the commencement of this system depends upon the arrival of handbooks "Inspection of Mechanical Vehicles (wheeled)". The despatch of these publications requires expediting.

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(ii) It is thought that more control and supervision of transport units should be exercised by senior and staff officers.

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(B) R.A.O.C. Clothing and Equipment.

(i) The following units were visited during the course of the month:-

- 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot.
- 11 Salvage Depot.
- 11 Repair Shop.

(ii) These three units are all accomodated in an ex-Infantry barracks and work in close co-operation.

Salvaged clothing is first sorted out in the salvage depot and assigned into groups for the making of uniforms, underclothes

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A socks, hats, boots etc. This material is then sent to the Depot laundry located in the barracks.

The clean material is then passed on to 11 Repair shop.

11 Repair shop is organised as follows:-

(a) Offices general administration of depot.

(b) Soldiers Shop. Here any number up to 300 pairs of serviceable boots are turned out per month from salvage scraps, plus a percentage of new leather.

It also performs the more difficult repairs for all units in the Terr. Command.

(c) Sewing Shop I : Some 90 civilians are employed either renovating salvaged uniforms or making up new uniforms.

They had received a consignment of new cloth from the Military of war which they have been making up into new uniforms at the rate of between 700 - 800 a month for universal distribution to the army.

This work has now been suspended and they are engaged on making uniforms from salvage material to provide the new recruits arrived at the C.I.H. with a second uniform.

(d) Sewing Shop II:- 20 civilians employed on making up shirts underclothing socks etc. from salvage material.

(iii) 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot

Efficiently run but space is inadequate.

Terr. Command have been advised to either find other accomodation for 11 Salvage Depot, who occupy the floor above, or to move the clothing Depot.

(iv) There has been a definite improvement in the clothing situation during this month. This has been stated by all units that were visited.

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(f) Accomodation

(i) There is a great deal of outstanding engineer works with regard to domestic facilities in all units.

(ii) Many units are without baths, have poor cook-houses, bad latrines, barracks in bad state of repair - all owing to lack of engineer labour and material.

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(iv) Further, the Ministry is unwilling to authorise expenditure on civilian owned property at present occupied by the Army.

This affects food depots who are accomodated in civilian property. The present condition of these depots is unsatisfactory but could be improved considerably with engineer assistance.

(v) It is suggested that this matter be reviewed by the Ministry of War re increasing the present grant of 2.000.000 Lire.

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Our PAI/0/1 dated
27 Mar. 46 refers.

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(9) S. & T. :- (1) The following depots were inspected during the month:-

- 65 Food Distribution Depot (SALAMANDERS)
- 65 Food Distribution Depot (ORTANIA)

(11) The standard of efficiency of these depots was estimated to be good.

(111) An Analysis Board was carried out at 65 Food Distribution Depot on 1 Mar.

(1v) 65 Distribution Depot has now taken over from 11 D.I.D. which has been closed down, and is dealing with both Bulk Supply and Distribution.

Nothing further to H.Q.M.I.A. letter 37/130 dated 21 Feb. has been heard concerning the opening of a Distribution Depot at Kenitra.

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R.S. HUTTON, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 D.I.D.

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La Sicilia ai Siciliani

LA SICILIA
AI SICILIANI

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref/S/S. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Staff Lists.

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

1. British - No change.

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- General BERARDI Paolo - transferred, at the disposal of the Min. of War.

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G.A.I. Palermo

- Lt.Col. FUSARI Nestore - Vice-Commandant.

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- Lt.Col. BESTONI Ettore - transferred to Mil. District, Sassari.
- Medical Lt.Col. ZAFFIRO Giovanni - released
- Lt.Col. LO TURCO Giovanni - released.

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N.E. HESTON, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Ref:PAL/9/3.

15 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.7. 1.3. 15 March 46.

To : H.Q. M.F.I.A.
S.E.F.

Pt.I - General

1. Domestic - Nothing to report.

2. Italian - Nothing to report.

Pt.II "G"

1. Organisation - a. Domestic - Nothing to report.
b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. Employment of Troops - a. Army less CC.RR. - All troops of 5th 6th and 139th Regiments, and of the "Garibaldi" Regt. employed on Patrol Duties within Palermo due to recent riot.

b. CC.RR. - All CC.RR. Patrols reinforced due to recent outrages.

3. Training.- a. Army less CC.RR. (i) Individual Unit Training continues in all Units.

(ii) C.A.R. - Since last report C.A.R. has been visited daily. The marked improvement in the speed of the building-operations came to a complete halt on 11 March due to a General Strike amongst all workers.

The C.A.R. will NOT be ready on time. However alternative arrangements have been made to cope with the first intakes.

British weapons arriving on 20th March. These weapons will be kept in "cold-storage" pending receipt of the reply to my PAL/G/17 dated 12 March 46.

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1. Foreign - Nothing to report.

2. Italian - Nothing to report.

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4. Intelligence

Legal Government

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Pt.VII "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV "J"

Nothing to report.

R.F. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 E.L.C.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/G/3. 15 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.7. P.E. 15 March 46.

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

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2. Italian - Nothing to report.

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Pt.III "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV "B"

Nothing to report.

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 E.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Ref:BLU/G/1. / March 1944.

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.6. F.L. 28 Feb. 44.

To : H.Q. M.M.I.A.,
Rome, C.M.F.

Pt. I - GENERAL

1. BRITISH

Staff list, Location Statement 11 B.L.U., and Pro. F.P. Returns are attached.

2. ITALIAN

Staff List (Lt.Cols' & above) Location Statement are attached.

Pt. II - "G"

1. ORGANISATION

a. Domestic.- Nothing to report.

b. Italian. (i) The Territorial Command continues to be commanded by Maj.Gen. M.L. de CASTIGLIONI, who is extremely well liked by all his sub-ordinate commanders and troops.

(ii) It is hoped that M.M.I.A. will be able to influence the Min. of War in the appointment of Gen. de CASTIGLIONI as "Comandante Territoriale".

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2. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS

a. Army Less G.N.R. (i) With the decrease in Bandit - operations and with the arrival of the GARIBALDI Regt., most Units have now been returned from special Garrison duties.

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1. STRENGTH

Staff List, Location Statement 11 R.I.U., and Sr. M.T. Return are attached.

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2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

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(ii) Guards on Allied Installations are down to a minimum.

(iii) C.C. British Troops daily attempted to "pull a fast one" and take some Italian Troops for duty at a new Officers Hostel they have opened. This did NOT take place.

b. C.R.R. - Still required to deal with a number of small incidents with small parties of Bandits.

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2. TRAINING

a. Army Less CC.NN. (i) Training has now re-commenced in all Units, and the "Demonstration-Platoons" are being prepared, in case they should be needed to give demonstrations at the S.A.M.

(ii) At present, it is a difficult question to decide, whether the 65th or the 6th Regiment has the more efficient Demonstration-Platoon. However, we are certainly assured of a very good and very smart Platoon for this purpose.

(iii) The CARABINIERI Regt. (which have been in SICILY for the past month) when not in action against Bandits, has been having a series of field exercises some of which, have been attended by parties from some of the Units of the "LUCCA" Division.

b. C.A.M. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.A.M. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.A.M. is visited we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major SCUDELARI have little interest in this assignment, and lack intelligence, and above all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loathe to change.

It is therefore requested, that the Min. of War please be asked to give instructions for the immediate removal of these two Officers from 11 Territorial Command. ACTION

(vi) British weapons have not yet arrived.

c. CC.NN. - Still impossible to carry out much training, due to:- (a) Constant calling out for operational duties. (b) Lack of instructional equipment.

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some of which, have been extended by periods from none of the Units of the "AOSTA" Division.

c. C.M.E. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.M.E. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.M.E. is visited so we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major CECCHINI have little interest in this employment, and lack intelligence, and above all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loathe to change.

It is therefore requested, that the Min. of War please be asked to give instructions for the immediate removal of these two Officers from 11 Territorial Command. ACTION

(vi) British weapons have not yet arrived.

D. CC.RR. - Still impossible to carry out much training, due to:- (a) Constant calling out for operational duties. (b) Lack of in instructional equipment.

4. Intelligence

A. POLITICAL

(i) General. The General Political situation is somewhat quieter at the moment, although as mentioned in my previous report, much trouble is expected when the elections are held.

(ii) Separatist Movement.- Still showing a substantial increase in numbers. This movement is still aided in its activities by the "Allied Military".

Throughout the past two weeks, about 600-700 suspected Bandits have been arrested.

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Capt. MATTOLA of the B.V.I.S. Army has been arrested. This man was well known all over Sicily as a Bandit.

The number of casualties inflicted on CC.RR. and Army personnel, has decreased.

It is now reported that the battle-zone has moved from the Catania & Palermo areas, to a town called PRIZZI in the centre of the Island.

(iii) Fascist Party.- This movement although still in the early stages of the re-organization, has lately spread also to the Palermo area. There have been no large scale meetings.

(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers still increasing.

b. Local Government.- Nothing unusual to report.

c. Economics. (i) Prices are about the same. Little change in Black-Market prices.

d. Public Security.- No change.

e. MORALE.- About the same.

f. MILITARY SECURITY continues to be quite good.

Pt.III "A"

a. DOMESTIC. (i) Staff.- We have now been promised another Clk. by OZB, and have accordingly promoted our present one (who has greatly improved) to the rank of Cpl.

(ii) Interest.- Still continues to give us trouble, and I am still having to go "on bended knees" to the Director of the Bank of Sicily every time I want to pay my staff, due to the Command Pay Office not meeting our demands for cash on time.

(iii) Leave.- All ranks due for leave. Arrangements being made for B.R.'s to start leave shortly.

b. ITALIAN.- Deficiencies in total strengths expressed as per percentage of W.E. are as follows:-

AOSTA DIV. ..... 1% - 2999
SABAUDA DIV. 9%
ADMN. & SERVICE UNITS 19%

TOTAL AV. Deficiency..... 10%

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(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers still increasing.

b. Local Government.- Nothing unusual to report.

c. Economics. (i) Prices are about the same. Little change in Black-Market prices.

d. Public Security.- No change.

e. MORALE.- About the same.

f. MILITARY SECURITY continues to be quite good.

Pt.III "A"

a. DOMESTIC. (i) Staff.- We have now been promised another Clk. by COB, and have accordingly promoted our present one (who has greatly improved) to the rank of Cpl.

(ii) Locust.- Still continues to give us trouble, and I am still having to go "on bended knees" to the Director of the Bank of Sicily every time I want to pay my staff, due to the Command Pay Office not meeting our demands for cash on time.

(iii) Leave.- All ranks due for leave. Arrangements being made for D.R.'s to start leave shortly.

b. ITALIAN.- Deficiencies in total strengths expressed as per percentage of W.E. are as follows:-

ACOSTA DIV. 1%
SABAUDA DIV. 9%
ADMN. & SERVICE UNITS 19%

TOTAL AV. Deficiency..... 10%

Pt. IV "Q"

a. Transport.- Following an inspection of 11 Tpt. Coy. (this office letter PAI/MT/10 dated 19 Feb. 46 refers) the following points were brought out:-

(i) Vehicle Inspections :-

There exists no system of routine unit and wkshp. inspections. Present system is, that vehicles receive a complete overhaul in units once per week of which no record is kept.

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A.E.s 406 have only been received lately but their object does not appear to be well understood. The O/C did not appreciate that all 406's pertaining to the vehicles in his Coy should come into his office once a month for checking and signature.

The system of monthly wkshp inspections is practically impossible for reasons stated in E.M.E.I para below.

However the British system of routine inspections was put up to the Directorate of Repairs who has subsequently decided to employ it so far as is possible, under existing wkshp facilities, in units of 11 Terr. Comd.

(ii) Maintenance:-

Daily tank system in not employed and they have no equivalent Italian system. They are not yet in possession of appropriate maintenance manuals but these have been requested. It is thought however, that practical instruction would be required before the system could be properly understood.

(iii) Recommendations:-

That a V & M course be run at Cesano which will cater to train sufficient instructors to form a school at Terr. H.Q. which could instruct personnel from all units. ACTION (PAI/Q/7 dated 23 Feb. refers)

B. E.M.E.I.

(i) The present vehicle holding comprising all units of 11 Terr. Comd. and CC.RR. is approximately 1000. The facilities for 2nd and 3rd line repair and servicing of these vehicles are:

11 Repair unit located at PALERMO
Artillery wkshps located at MESSINA.

Since units are dispersed all over SICILY, some of them 150 miles or more away from other of these wkshps. it is quite impracticable for them to utilise their own wkshps and are obliged to depend on civilian facilities.

Although two wkshps might be able to cope with repair obligations under the existing arrangement of civilian aid, they cannot possibly cope with the routine inspections of some 1000 vehicles.

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(ii) [illegible]-

Daily tank system in not employed and they have no equivalent Italian system. They are not yet in possession of appropriate maintenance manuals but these have been requested. It is thought however, that practical instruction would be required before the system could be properly understood.

(iii) Recommendation:-

That a V & R course be run at Cesano which will cater to train sufficient instructors to form a school at Terr. H.Q. which could instruct personnel from all units. ACTION (PAL/Q/7 dated 23 Feb. refers)

b. R.E.M.E.

(i) The present vehicle holding comprising all units of 11 Terr. Comd. and CC.RE. is approximately 1000. The facilities for 2nd and 3rd line repair and servicing of these vehicles are:

11 Repair Unit located at PALERMO
Artillery wkshps located at MESSINA.

Since units are dispersed all over SICILY, some of them 150 miles or more away from other of these wkshps. it is quite impracticable for them to utilise their own wkshps and are obliged to depend on civilian facilities.

Although two wkshps might be able to cope with repair obligations under the existing arrangement of civilian aid, they cannot possibly cope with the routine inspections of some 1000 vehicles.

It would appear that the only solution to this problem would be :

(a) To increase the W.E. of 11 Repair Unit and decentralise so that a detachment could be stationed at an intermediate point (say SYRACUSA) which could serve units at CATANIA and on the S.E. peninsula.

(b) Create a new wkshps to serve latter units.

(c) 11 Light wkshps (W.E. serial 17?/S?K?/1) has not yet been implemented owing to unavailability of skilled

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personnel and equipment. If this were implemented and well equipped it could at least serve the vehicles of 11 Transport Coy. and so relieve 11 Repair Unit considerably.

(ii) Spare parts.- Generally in short supply and much has to be bought off black market. The tyre situation has improved considerably through the application of method authorised in E.M.F.I. letter [illegible] whereby old tyres could be renovated by application of patches secured by nuts and bolts inside and outside the cover.

R.L. Morton, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 S.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/Q/3. / March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.6. F.E. 28 Feb. 46.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Rome, C.M.F.

Pt. I - GENERAL

1. BRITISH

Staff List, Location Statement 11 B.L.U., and Br. S.T. Return are attached.

2. ITALIAN

Staff List (Lt.Cols' & above) Location Statement are attached.

Pt. II - "G"

1. ORGANISATION

a. Domestic.- Nothing to report.

b. Italian. (i) The Territorial Command continues to be commanded by Maj.Gen. M.L. de CASTIGLIONI, who is extremely well liked by all his sub-ordinate commanders and Troops.

(ii) It is hoped that M.M.I.A. will be able to influence the Min. of War in the appointment of Gen. de CASTIGLIONI as "Commandante Territoriale".

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) With the decrease in Bandit operations and with the arrival of the GARIBALDI Regt., most Units have now been returned from special Garrison duties.

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1. BRITISH

Staff List, Location Statement 11 S.L.U., and Nr; M.T. Return are attached.

2. ITALIAN

Staff List (Lt.Cols' & above) Location Statement are attached.

Pt. II - "G"

1. ORGANISATION

a. Logistic.- Nothing to report.

b. Italian. (i) The Territorial Command continues to be commanded by Maj.Gen. M.L. de CASTIGLIONI, who is extremely well liked by all his sub-ordinate commanders and Troops.

(ii) It is hoped that M.M.I.A. will be able to influence the Min. of War in the appointment of Gen. de CASTIGLIONI as "Commandante Territoriale".

2. DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) With the decrease in Bandit operations and with the arrival of the GARIBALDI Regt., most Units have now been returned from special Garrison duties.

(ii) Guards on Allied Installations are down to a minimum.

(iii) C.C. British Troops Sicily attempted to "pull a fast one" and take some Italian Troops for duty at a new Officers Hostel they have opened. This did NOT take place.

b. CC.RR. - Still required to deal with a number small incidents with small parties of Bandits.

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3. TRAINING

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) Training has now re-commenced in all Units, and the "Demonstration-Platoons" are being prepared, in case they should be needed to give demonstrations at the C.A.R.

(ii) At present, it is a difficult question to decide, whether the 46th or the 6th Regiment has the more efficient Demonstration-Platoon. However, we are certainly assured of a very good and very smart Platoon for this purpose.

(iii) The GARIBALDI Regt. (which have been in SICILY for the past month) when not in action against Bandits, has been having a series of Field exercises some of which, have been attended by parties from some of the Units of the "AOSTA" Division.

b. C.A.R. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.A.R. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.A.R. is visited so we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major SCOLTARI have little interest in this assignment, and lack intelligence, and shows all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loath to change.

It is therefore requested, that the Min. of War please be asked to give instructions for the immediate removal of these two Officers from 11 Territorial Command. ACTION

(vi) British weapons have not yet arrived.

b. CC.RR. - Still impossible to carry out much training, due to:- (a) Constant calling out for operational duties. (b) Lack of in Instructional equipment.

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some of which, have been witnessed by parties from some of the Units of the "ACHSA" Division.

c. C.A.R. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.A.R. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.A.R. is visited so we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major SCOSTARI have little interest in this assignment, and lack intelligence, and above all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loathe to change.

It is therefore requested, that the Min. of War please be asked to give instructions for the immediate removal of these two Officers from 11 Territorial Command. ACTION

(vi) British weapons have not yet arrived.

b. CC.RR. - Still impossible to carry out much training, due to:- (a) Constant calling out for operational duties. (b) Lack of in Instructional equipment.

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. POLITICAL

(i) General. The General Political situation is somewhat quieter at the moment, although as mentioned in my previous report, much trouble is expected when the elections are held.

(ii) Separatist Movement.- Still showing a substantial increase in numbers. This movement is still aided in its' activities by the "BANDA GIULIANO".

Throughout the past two weeks, about 600-700 suspected Bandits have been arrested.

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Capt. MANZOLA of the U.V.I.S. Army has been arrested. This man was well known all over Sicily as a Bandit.

The number of casualties inflicted on CC.RR. and Army personnel, has decreased.

It is now reported that the battle-zone has moved from the Catania & Palermo areas, to a town called PRIZZI in the centre of the Island.

(iii) Fascist Party.- This movement although still in the early stages of the re-organization, has lately spread also to the Palermo area. There have been no large scale meetings.

(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers still increasing.

b. Local Government.- Nothing unusual to report.

c. Economics. (1) Prices are about the same. Little change in Black-Market prices.

d. Public Security.- No change.

e. MORALE.- About the same.

f. MILITARY MORALITY continues to be quite good.

Pt.III "A"

a. DOMESTIC. (i) Staff.- We have now been promised another Clk. by OZZ, and have accordingly promoted our present one (who has greatly improved) to the rank of Cpl.

(ii) Imprest.- Still continues to give us trouble, and I am still having to go "on bended knees" to the Director of the Bank of Sicily every time I want to pay my staff, due to the Command Pay Office not meeting our demands for cash on time.

(iii) Leave.- All ranks due for leave. Arrangements being made for B.R.'s to start leave shortly.

b. ITALIAN.- Deficiencies in total strengths expressed as per percentage of W.E. are as follows:-

AOSTA DIV.	1%
SARAUDA DIV.	9%
ARMM. & SERVICE UNITS	1%
TOTAL AV. Deficiency.....	1%

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f. Local Government.- Nothing unusual to report.

g. Economics. (i) Prices are about the same. Little change in Black-Market prices.

d. Public Security.- No change.

e. MORALE.- About the same.

f. MILITARY SECURITY continues to be quite good.

Pt.III "A"

a. DOMESTIC. (i) Staff.- We have now been promised another Clk. by OCR, and have accordingly promoted our present one (who has greatly improved) to the rank of Cpl.

(ii) Imprest.- Still continues to give us trouble, and I am still having to go "on bended knees" to the Director of the Bank of Sicily every time I want to pay my staff, due to the Command Pay Office not meeting our demands for cash on time.

(iii) Leave.- All ranks due for leave. Arrangements being made for D.R.'s to start leave shortly.

b. ITALIAN.- Deficiencies in total strengths expressed as per percentage of T.O. are as follows:-

AOSTA DIV.	1%
SABAUDA DIV.	9%
ARMD. & SERVICE UNITS	15%
TOTAL AV. Deficiency.....	10%

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Pt. IV "G"

a. Transport.- Following an inspection of 11 Tpt. Coy. (this office letter PAL/ST/10 dated 19 Feb. 46 refers) the following points were brought out:-

(i) Vehicle Inspections :-

There exists no system of routine unit and wkshp. inspections. Present system is, that vehicles receive a complete overhaul in units once per week of which no record is kept.

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A.F.s 406 have only been received lately but their object does not appear to be well understood. The O/C did not appreciate that all 406's pertaining to the vehicles in his Coy should come into his office once a month for checking and signatures.

The system of monthly wkshp inspections is practically impossible for reasons stated in R.M.E.E para below.

However the British system of routine inspections was put up to the Directorate of Repairs who has subsequently decided to employ it so far as is possible, under existing wkshp facilities, in units of 11 Terr. Cond.

(ii) Maintenance:-

Daily task system in not employed and they have no equivalent Italian system. They are not yet in possession of appropriate maintenance manuals but these have been requested. It is thought however, that practical instruction would be required before the system could be properly understood.

(iii) Recommendation:-

That a V & R course be run at Caserta which will cater to train sufficient instructors to form a school at Terr. H.Q. which could instruct personnel from all units. ACTION (PAL/2/7 dated 23 Feb. refers)

B. R.M.E.E.

(i) The present vehicle holding comprising all units of 11 Terr. Cond. and GC.RR. is approximately 1000. The facilities for 2nd and 3rd line repair and servicing of these vehicles are:

11 Repair unit located at PALERMO
Artillery wkshps located at MESSINA.

Since units are dispersed all over SICILY, some of them 150 miles or more away from other of these wkshps it is quite impracticable for them to utilise their own wkshps and are obliged to depend on civilian facilities.

Although two wkshps might be able to cope with repair obligations under the existing arrangement of civilian aid they cannot possibly cope with the routine inspe-

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Daily task system in not employed and they have no equivalent Italian system. They are not yet in possession of appropriate maintenance manuals but these have been requested. It is thought however, that practical instruction would be required before the system could be properly understood.

(iii) Recommendation:-

That a V & E course be run at Caserta which will cater to train sufficient instructors to form a school at Terr. H.Q. which could instruct personnel from all units. ACTION (PAL/Q/7 dated 23 Feb. refers)

b. [redacted]

(i) The present vehicle holding comprising all units of 11 Terr. Comd. and CC.RR. is approximately 4000. The facilities for 2nd and 3rd line repair and servicing of these vehicles are:

11 Repair unit located at PALERMO
Artillery wkshps located at MESSINA.

Since units are dispersed all over SICILY, some of them 150 miles or more away from other of these wkshps it is quite impracticable for them to utilise their own wkshps and are obliged to depend on civilian facilities.

Although two wkshps might be able to cope with repair obligations under the existing arrangement of civilian aid, they cannot possibly cope with the routine inspections of some 4000 vehicles.

It would appear that the only solution to this problem would be :

(a) To increase the W.E. of 11 Repair Unit and decentralise so that a detachment could be stationed at an intermediate point (say SIRACUSA) which could serve units at CATANIA and on the S.E. peninsula.

(b) Create a new wkshps to serve latter units.

(c) 11 Light wkshps (W.E. serial [redacted]) has not yet been implemented owing to unavailability of skilled

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personnel and equipment. If this were implemented and well equipped it could at least serve the vehicles of 11 Transport Coy. and so relieve 11 Repair Unit considerably.

(ii) Spare parts:- Generally in short supply and much has to be bought off black market. The tyre situation has improved considerably through the application of method authorized in S.A.F.H. letter 28100 whereby old tyres could be renovated by application of patches secured by nuts and bolts inside and outside the cover.

R.E. HECTOR, Major
S.A.O. II.,
11 S.A.D.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

PAL/G/3. 14 February 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.3 - F.E. 15 Feb. 46.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
ROME, C.M.F.

Pt. I - General

1. Domestic - nil
2. Italian - nil

Pt. II - "G"

1. Organisation.

a. Domestic - nothing to report.

b. Italian - nothing to report.

2. Employment of Troops.

a. Army less CC.RR. - The GARIBALDI Regiment arrived at the beginning of the month and have been deployed in the [redacted] & CALTAGIRONE Areas.

b. CC.RR. - Still engaged in combat-duties against bandits.

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3. Training.

a. Army less CC.RR. - Individual Unit training proceeding, where possible. Most Units still engaged in guarding vulnerable-points due to Banditry.

C.C.R. - Since last report the C.C.R. has been visited on two occasions. Work is by no means going well (see my letter PAL/G/17 dated 14 Feb.46 addressed Lt.Col. [redacted]).

b. CC.RR. - Still unable to carry-out very much training due to increase in duties caused by Bandit Attacks.

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1. Domestic - nil

2. Italian - nil

Pt. II - "B"

1. Organization.

a. Domestic - nothing to report.

b. Italian - nothing to report.

2. Employment of Troops.

a. Army less CC.RR. - The GAMBIANI Regiment arrived at the beginning of the month and have been deployed in the NORTHERN & GAMBIANA Areas.

b. CC.RR. - Still engaged in combat-duties against Bandits.

3. Training.

a. Army less CC.RR. - Individual Unit training proceeding, where possible. Most Units still engaged in guarding vulnerable-points due to Banditry.

R.A.F. - Since last report the U.A.R. has been visited on two occasions. Work is by no means going well (see my letter RAI/G/17 dated 14 Feb.46 addressed Lt.Col. MIDLAM).

b. CC.RR. - Still unable to carry-out very much training due to increase in duties caused by Bandit Attacks.

4. Intelligence.

Very little to report.

Situation about the same as at the beginning of the month. 2-300 Bandits have been arrested in the last week. Trouble expected when the Elections start.

Pt. III - "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt. IV - "C"

Nothing to report.

R.E. HEATON Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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PAL/G/3.

4 February 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.4 - F.P. 31 Jan. 46.

To :- H.Q. B.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

PART I - General

1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

Staff List, Location Statement 11 B.L.U. and Sr. N.P. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Location Statement and Staff Lists (Lt.Col.s and above) are attached.

PART II - "G"

1. Organisation

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - The Territorial M.C. continues to run reasonably efficiently, due to the untiring efforts of Col. CRICHIO, Chief of Staff.

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2. Employment of Troops

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) Due to the increasing Bandit Operations and to the lack of CC.RR. to efficiently cope with the situation various Units including the 5th 6th and 139th Regts in Palermo area and the 45th and 145th Regts in Catania and Caltagirone areas, have been employed on garrison-duties, and in some cases semi-combat duties.

(ii) Most of the Allied Guard-Duties have now finished and the Troops returned to the Italian Army proper.

b. CC.RR. (i) During the whole of January the CC.RR. have been

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1. Domestic (B.L.N.)

Staff List, Location Statement 11 B.L.N. and Sr. M.T. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Location Statement and Staff Lists (Lt.Col.s and above) are attached.

PART II - "G"

1. Organisation

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - The Territorial H.Q. continues to run reasonably efficiently, due to the untiring efforts of Col. CRIGLIO, Chief of Staff.

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2. Employment of Troops

a. Army less CC.RR. (i) Due to the increasing Bandit Operations and to the lack of CC.RR. to efficiently cope with the situation various Units including the 5th 6th and 139th Regts in Palermo area and the 45th and 145th Regts in Catania and Caltagirone areas, have been employed on garrison-duties, and in some cases semi-combat duties.

(ii) Most of the Allied Guard-Duties have now finished and the Troops returned to the Italian Army proper.

b. CC.RR. (i) During the whole of January the CC.RR. have been engaged in various battles with Separatist Bandits, and have sustained, in comparison with their numbers, quite high casualties.

(ii) The Mobile Battalion with both vehicles, (and one tank and one armoured-car) have also been engaged in these battles, but unfortunately the vehicles have not always reached their destinations in time.

3. Training

a. Army less CC.RR. (i) Training continues according to programme in most Units. The 46th Regt in Messina in particular, are getting on very well.

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They have made full use of their Barracks and personnel in the provision of two extremely good Sand Tables and in the making of a number of demonstration models of the P.I.A.T. and 2" inch MORTAR.

(ii) Further, whilst visiting this Regiment, I was very struck by their obvious efforts at maintaining a smart turn-out.

(iii) Each Regiment (as mentioned at the conference) is in the process of training a model Platoon, for demonstration purposes, within the Regiment. The best of these Platoons will be used initially at the C.A.R.

(iv) As will be seen in para 2 most Troops are at present engaged on Garrison Duties - due to the Bandits.

C.A.R. - (i) Building operations are proceeding according to plan.

(ii) Supplies of materials have now been received, and the number of workers engaged increased from 300 to 400 men.

Other Troops. - The Engineers, both the 28th Bn. in Palermo, and 130th Bn. in Syracuse, have commenced training. At the moment only on Italian Equipment. Allied Equipment has been requested (see my FAL/3/1 dated 11 Jan.46).

b. CC.RR. Very little training has been possible due to all the available CC.RR. being used in connection with the Bandit attacks, and in reinforcing outlying stations.

4. Intelligence

a. Political.- Events have been happening far too swiftly to be good in the Sicilian Political sphere throughout the past month.

(i) Separatist Movement. - This Party has had a considerable increase in its numbers since my last report - especially in the Palermo Province.

It has been confirmed that the TASCA brothers and Barone MUSCO are providing the large sums of money necessary to keep this movement going.

Numerous arrests have been made during the month including Baron LA MOTTA one of the Separatist-Leaders.

The Separatist Bandits are aided by the famous Sicilian "BANDA GIULIANO".

Up to date casualties amongst CC.RR. and Troops have been approx 30 CC.RR. killed and 85 wounded. Also 6 soldiers killed and 24 wounded.

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S.A.R. - (a) Building operations are proceeding according to plan.

(ii) Supplies of materials have now been received, and the number of workers engaged increased from 200 to 400 men.

Other Troops. - The Engineers, both the 28th Bn. in Palermo, and 130th Bn. in Syracuse, have commenced training. At the moment only on Italian Equipment. Allied Equipment has been requested (see my FAL/G/1 dated 11 Jan.46).

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Up to date casualties amongst CC.RR. and Troops have been; approx 30 CC.RR. killed and 85 wounded. Also 6 soldiers killed and 20 wounded.

So far, these Bandits have confined their activities to the Provinces of Palermo and Catania.

The general opinon in Sicily, is that these attacks are in the nature of "training" for a future large-scale up-rising, led by this Party.

(ii) Communist Party is now beginning to organise itself, and just lately has held one or two reasonable size meetings. These have been quiet and orderly.

(iii) Fascist Party - This Party, which is being organised in Catania continues to thrive, and more propaganda sheets (copy of one attached) have been distributed.

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(ii) The Black-Market is still thriving, and a number of previously very poor people are now seen driving most expensive motor-cars.

j. Public Security.- Definitely on the decline. The CC.RR. are doing their best, but "Misfidente" still continue to happen.

k. Morale of the Italian Troops is still in a rather low state. This is due mainly, to the number of CC.RR. and Soldiers who have been killed and wounded during the Bandit attacks. Almost every day we see another Military Funeral.

l. Military Security.- Quite good; no incidents of any breaches of Military Security having been reported to me.

m. Movement of workers.- It is reported that 10.000 Italian Miners are being loaned to BELGIUM and are leaving shortly.

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3. "A"

a. Domestic (i) STAFF.- The lack of a Cpl. (Clk) is still felt with increasing acuteness. However, we are placing high hopes in the A.A.G.'s letter to A.F.H.Q. on this subject.

(ii) IMPREST.- We are experiencing great difficulties in obtaining our cash drafts from No.8 Comd. Pay-Office. The present system is that on the 20th of each month we inform the Comd. Pay Office how much cash we require. ACTION

They, then (in theory) arrange for this amount to be placed in the Bank of Sicily on the 1st of the following month. In fact what

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goods flooding the market, and (b) to supplies arriving from S.Italy.

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e. Morale of the Italian Troops is still in a rather low state. This is due mainly, to the number of CC.RR. and Soldiers who have been killed and wounded during the Bandit attacks. Almost every day we see another Military Funeral.

f. Military Security.- Quite good; no incidents of any breaches of Military Security having been reported to me.

g. Move out of workers.- It is reported that 10,000 Italian Miners are being loaned to [redacted] and are leaving shortly.

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(iii) Leave - NIL

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(i) Deficiencies:

	Offrs.	W.O.s.	N.C.O.s.	Ptes
(a) Total Strengths (expressed as a percentage of T.E.).	-	-	15 %	8 %

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The general impression is that discipline is being enforced with a resultant reasonably high standard of discipline considering the difficult conditions existing in the Italian Interim Army.

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It is thought that this is an absolete system and only a temporary circulation certificate is being granted for essential vehicles pending a decision from M.M.I.A. Letter to be forwarded on receipt of certain details from I.M.T.

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The need for armoured cars and radio-vehicles (as mentioned at the conference) is very great.

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This matter has been discussed with the Comandante Territoriale, who is in complete agreement.

Could authority therefore be given, for the opening of this new Depot in Messina. ACTION

(4) R.E.M.E. - Nothing to report.

(5) R.A.S.C.- 8. Army

Clothing

At present units are allowed a 5 % reserve of part warn boots in order to supply troops where their boots are in for repair. They state that this allotment is insufficient since these boots have already been repaired many times and so after a short time require to be repaired again.

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R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.A.D.

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G.S.O. II.,
11 B.I.H.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

PAL/G/3.

4 February 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.4 - F.N. 11 Jan. 46.

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

PART I - General

1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

Staff List, Location Statement 11 B.L.U. and Br. M.T. Return are attached.

2. Italian

Location Statement and Staff lists (Lt.Col.s and above) are attached.

PART II - "G"

1. Organisation

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - The Territorial H.Q. continues to run reasonably efficiently, due to the untiring efforts of Col. GRIGLIO, Chief of Staff.

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2. Employment of Troops

a. Army less CC.RR. (i) Due to the increasing Bandit Operations and to the lack of CC.RR. to efficiently cope with the situation various Units including the 5th 6th and 139th Regts in Palermo area and the 45th and 145th Regts in Catania and Caltagirone areas, have been employed on garrison-duties, and in some cases semi-combat duties.

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(ii) Most of the Allied Guard-Duties have now finished and the Troops returned to the Italian Army proper.

b. CC.RR. (i) During the whole of January the CC.RR. have been engaged in various battles with Separatist Bandits, and have sustained, in comparison with their numbers, quite high casualties.

(ii) The Mobile Battalion with both vehicles, (and one tank and one armoured-car) have also been engaged in these battles, but unfortunately the vehicles have not always reached their destinations in time.

3. Training

a. Army less CC.RR. (i) Training continues according to programme in most Units. The 46th Regt in Messina in particular, are getting on very well.

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They have made full use of their Barracks and personnel in the provision of two extremely good Hard Tables and in the making of a number of demonstration models of the P.I.A.T. and 2" inch MORTAR.

(ii) Further, whilst visiting this Regiment, I was very struck by their obvious efforts at maintaining a smart turn-out.

(iii) Each Regiment (as mentioned at the conference) is in the process of training a model Platoon, for demonstration purposes, within the Regiment. The best of these Platoons will be used initially at the C.A.S.

(iv) As will be seen in para 2 most Troops are at present engaged on Garrison Duties - due to the Bandits.

C.A.S. - (i) Building operations are proceeding according to plan.

(ii) Supplies of materials have now been received, and the number of workers engaged increased from 200 to 400 men.

Other Troops. - The Engineers, both the 28th Bn. in Palermo, and 130th Bn. in Syracuse, have commenced training. At the moment only on Italian Equipment. Allied Equipment has been requested (see my MAL/3/1 dated 11 Jan.45).

b. G.S.S. Very little training has been possible due to all the available G.S. being used in connection with the Bandit attacks, and in reinforcing outlying stations.

4. Intelligence

a. Political.- Events have been happening far too swiftly to be good in the Sicilian Political sphere throughout the past month.

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It has been confirmed that the TASCA brothers and Barone MORANDO are providing the large sums of money necessary to keep this movement going.

Numerous arrests have been made during the month including Baron LA MATTA one of the Separatist-leaders.

The Separatist Bandits are aided by the famous Sicilian "MAFIA SICILIANO".

Up to date casualties amongst C.S. and Troops have been; approx 30 C.S. killed and 85 wounded. Also 6 soldiers killed and

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G.A.E. - (i) Building operations are proceeding according to plan.

(ii) Supplies of materials have now been received, and the number of workers engaged increased from 200 to 430 men.

Other Troops. - The Engineers, both the [illegible]th Bn. in Palermo, and 130th Bn. in Syracuse, have commenced training. At the moment only on Italian Equipment. Allied Equipment has been requested (see my PAL/3/1 dated 11 Jan.46).

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4. Intelligence

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The Separatist Bandits are aided by the famous Sicilian "BANDA GIULIANO".

Up to date casualties amongst CC.RR. and Troops have been; approx 30 CC.RR. killed and 35 wounded. Also 6 soldiers killed and 20 wounded.

So far, these Bandits have confined their activities to the Provinces of Palermo and Catania.

The general opinion in Sicily, is that these attacks are in the nature of "training" for a future large-scale up-rising, led by this Party.

(ii) Communist Party is now beginning to organise itself, and just lately has held one or two reasonable size meetings. These have been quiet and orderly.

(iii) Fascist Party - This Party, which is being organised in Catania continues to thrive, and more propaganda sheets (copy of one attached) have been distributed.

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(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers increasing, especially in the smaller villages.

b.(i) Local Government.- A very dim view was taken of the High Commissioner ALBISIO, and the Prefect D'ANTONA leaving Sicily at the height of the crisis.

(ii) It was thought that the communists were going to attempt to overthrow ALBISIO, and try to substitute the Communist leader LI CAUSI. This however was, "just another rumour".

c. Economics (i) Food prices are about the same, but the prices of clothing and shoes are decreasing, due (a) to a number of stolen UNRRA goods flooding the market, and (b) to supplies arriving from N.Italy.

(ii) The Black-Market is still thriving, and a number of previously very poor people are now seen driving most expensive motor-cars.

d. Public Security.- Definitely on the decline. The CC.RR. are doing their best, but "Middlesta" still continue to happen.

e. Morale of the Italian Troops is still in a rather low state. This is due mainly, to the number of CC.RR. and Soldiers who have been killed and wounded during the Bandit attacks. Almost every day we see another Military Funeral.

f. Military Security.- Quite good; no incidents of any breaches of Military Security having been reported to me.

g. Movement of workers.- It is reported that 10.000 Italian Miners are being loaned to BELGIUM and are leaving shortly.

3. "G" - 2983

a. Personnel (i) STAFF.- The lack of a Cpl. (Clk) is still felt with increasing acuteness. However, we are placing high hopes in the A.A.G.'s letter to A.F.H.Q. on this subject.

(ii) INTEREST.- We are experiencing great difficulties in obtaining our cash drafts from No.8 Comd. Pay-Office. The present system is that on the 20th of each month we inform the Comd. Pay Office how much cash we require.

ACTION

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goods flooding the market, and (b) to supplies arriving from N.Italy.

(ii) The Black-Market is still thriving, and a number of previously very poor people are now seen driving most expensive motor-cars.

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3. "A" 2953

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(iii) Leave - NIL

b. Italian

(i) Inefficiencies:

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(a) Total Strengths (expressed as a percentage of W.S.).	-	-	12 %	8 %

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Could authority therefore be given, for the opening of this ACTION new Depot in Messina.

(4) R.E.M.O. - Nothing to report.

(5) Med.O.C.- A. Army

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A considerable problem is being experienced with regard to officers clothing. The present system is that an officer requiring cloth for his uniform puts in a request which is forwarded for approval by Ministry of War. The latter evidently cannot meet all of the numerous requests made on them and it is often a matter of many months before an officer can obtain the necessary release for his material.

The system would be much quicker if Commissariats were empowered to authorise the release of this material.

R.E. Hunter.

R.E. HUNTER, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 S.I.D.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily

Ref:PAL/Q/3.

16 January 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.1 F.E. 15 Jan. 46.

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

PART I - GENERAL

1. Domestic B.I.C. - nil

2. Italian - nil

PART II - "G"

1. Employment of Troops - Army Less CC.RR.

a. One Battalion of 6th Infantry Regt. commanded by Lt.Col. PATTI have been re-deployed as Garrison Troops at [redacted], in an endeavour to cope with the present crime wave in that area.

b. CC.RR. - nil

2. Training

a. Army Less CC.RR. continues reasonably well in most Units that have been visited. A full report will be made at the end of the month.

b. CC.RR. when current Bandit Activities permit, a certain amount of Training both field and mobile (with old Italian armoured cars) is carried out.

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3. Intelligence

a. It is believed that large scale immigration from N. Italy through Sicily by people of various nationalities [illegible]

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PART I - GENERAL

1. Domestic B.L.U. - nil

2. Italian - nil

PART II - "G"

1. Employment of Troops - Army Less CC.RR.

a. One Battalion of 6th Infantry Regt. commanded by Lt.Col. PATTI have been re-deployed as Garrison Troops at CORTALUPES, in an endeavour to cope with the present crime wave in that area.

b. CC.RR. - nil

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The Jews are said to have a number of Camps in S. Sicily and arrive from BARI. They are generally "armed to the teeth", and it is my belief that they pass through these "centres" on their way to PALESTINE, where in due course they stir-up trouble.

It is further though that a number of these Jews and Jugoslavs are helping the famous "Banda Giuliano" in their successful Bandit Raids.

b. Separatist activities are "thriving" and numerous raids on CC.RR. Stations have been carried-out. Up to now the main fighting has been at BELLOLAMPO, MONTELEPRE (Prov. Palermo) Caltanissetta and FONDO MOBILE (Prov.Caltanissetta).

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Casualties up to date 15 CC.RR. and Infantry men killed, and approx 35 wounded. A full report will be forthcoming.

3. "A"

a. Domestic - 1 Corporal (Clerk) deficient according to W.E.

b. Leave - NIL

Italian - a. Pay. - This is still a big problem amongst the Italian Troops here, especially in view of the very high cost of living.

b. Morale. - Improving on the whole, but many of the soldiers are very worried by these bandit attacks, and I think if the position does not improve, this provides a reason for large-scale desertion.

4. "Q"

A. Domestic. - a. Transport. This is still a very acute problem. The transport as per W.E. is totally insufficient for our needs. It is essential that the W.E. be increased by one extra car 4 str 4x4 as soon as possible. It is hoped that this Unit will be "kept in mind" should any vehicles become available.

B. Italian - CC.RR. a. There is a great need for more transport - especially armoured-cars of Allied make, and radio equipped vehicles.

b. The question of repairs to Boots is another current worry. At the moment the CC.RR. have to send Boots to Naples for repair, where - as they have numerous skilled boot-repairers in the Brigade if only they could get the leather.

It is requested that an arrangement be made whereby leather is sent to the CC.RR. Eq. here in order that they may do their own repairs in a similar way to the Army proper.

ACTION

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.H.

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R.H.

R.H. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily

Ref:PAL/G/3.

16 January 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.1 P.S. 15 Jan. 46.

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

PART I - GENERAL

1. Economic S.I.U. - nil

2. Italian - nil

PART II - POW

1. Employment of Troops - Army Legs CC.RR.

a. One Battalion of 6th Infantry Regt. commanded by Lt.Col. PATTI have been re-deployed as Garrison Troops at MONTELEPRE, in an endeavour to cope with the present crime wave in that area.

b. CC.RR. - nil

2. Training

a. Army Legs CC.RR. continues reasonably well in most Units that have been visited. A full report will be made at the end of the month.

b. CC.RR. when current Bandit Activities permit, a certain amount of Training both field and mobile (with old Italian armoured cars) is carried out.

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3. Intelligence

a. It is believed that large scale immigration from N. Italy through Sicily by people of various nationalities (Incl. Jews, Jugo-slavs) is at present in progress.

Carabinieri H.Q. 12041 Section 1-CC/MMIG No. 285020

PART I - GENERAL

1. Domestic B.L.O. - nil

2. Italian - nil

PART II - "G"

1. Employment of Troops - Army Less CC.RR.

a. One Battalion of 6th Infantry Regt. commanded by Lt.Col. PATTI have been re-deployed as Garrison Troops at MONTELEPRE, in an endeavour to cope with the present crime wave in that area.

b. CC.RR. - nil

2. Training

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Casualties up to date 15 CC.RR. and Infantry men killed, and approx 35 wounded. A full report will be forthcoming.

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b. The question of repairs to Boots is another current worry. At the moment the CC.RR. have to send Boots to Naples for repair, where - as they have numerous skilled boot-repairers in the Brigade if only they could get the leather.

It is requested that an arrangement be made where-by leather is sent to the CC.RR. HQ. here in order that they may do their own repairs in a similar way to the Army proper.

ACTION

R.H. HEATOR, Major
G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.U.

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B. Italian - SC.RR. a. There is a great need for more transport - especially armoured-cars of Allied make, and radio equipped vehicles.

b. The question of repairs to Boots is another current worry. At the moment the SC.RR. have to send Boots to Naples for repair, where - as they have numerous skilled boot-repairers in the Brigade if only they could get the leather.

It is requested that an arrangement be made where-by leather is sent to the SC.RR. W.S. here in order that they may do their own ACTUAL repairs in a similar way to the Army proper.

R.S. NEWTON, Major
G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.U.

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(SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL)

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

/ Jan. 1946.

Subject : Monthly Intelligence-Report No.2 - Dec.45.
Ref. : PAL/I/1.
To : H.Q. M.M.I.A.

1. Political

There have been a number of happenings in the Political sphere in Sicily during the past month.

a. The Separtist Movement appears to be rising again and various elements, headed by Avv. Gallo of Catania have been distributing a large amount of Party Propaganda.

b. It is rumoured that Camillo Finocchiaro - Aprile (who was arrested two months ago and confined on the Isle of Ponza, near Naples) is going to be released shortly.

c. Communist Party is at present in a state of chaos.

d. Activities of the Monarchist Movement have increased since last month.

e. Democratic Christian Party gets stronger every day especially in the smaller towns.

f. There has been a small Fascist Party uprising in Catania and various party propaganda sheets have been distributed amongst the people. I am looking into this and expect to obtain some of these pamphlets; which I will forward later.

g. The feeling of excitement caused by the possible choice of ORLANDO as Prime-Minister has died down.

2. Local Government.

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No further news concerning the possible resignation of the high Commissioner.

3. Economics.

a. The working class is still very unhappy about the high cost-of-living.

b. Black-Market prices are falling - especially price of clothing.

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c. There is a big transportation crisis - especially on the Railway due to the shortage of trains, wagons and freight cars, and many of the Railway Employees are threatening to strike if the position doesn't improve.

4. Public Security.

a. This has started to improve, especially in the Palermo and Catania Areas.

b. There was an attack on the C.C. R.R. station at BELICLAMPO - 10 km west of Palermo on 27.Dec. The 3 C.C. R.R. were attacked by 50 Bandits, armed with hand Granades and Automatic weapons.

One Carabiniere was very seriously wounded in his head - the other two were forced to surrender, and were dis-armed.
The Bandits afterwards destroyed by fire, all the C.C. R.R. records, fire-arms and ammunition.

c. A large Force of C.C. R.R. was dispatched from Palermo to maintain order.

5. Moraleof the Italian Soldiers appears to be improving slightly, as things gradually start becoming normal again. Their one main worry at the present, is still lack of Equipment Uniforms etc.

The Italian welfare Department has organised a number of- "post-war Reconstruction lectures" for the troops.

6. Military Security.

On the whole quite good.

Major
G.S.O. II.

REH/gc.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

1 January 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No. 3. F.S. 11 Dec. 45.

References:- P&L/S/3.

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

1. [redacted]

a. [redacted] : Supplies - food stocks drawn from Bari and Naples are often late in arriving causing frequent crises at the Commissariats. Part of the stocks for Jan. 1946 have now arrived but the canned meat ration for Jan. had not been received up to 25 Dec. Even if it arrives by the 31st Dec. units will be without their meat ration for the first few days of Jan. according to time taken for distribution from B.A.D. It is now intended to examine the causes of these hold-ups and a report will be forwarded forthwith.

b. Ordnance : Demand for clothing and boots is at present in considerable excess of supply. A system has been arranged whereby a copy of all indents for these stores are submitted to this H.Q. by the Commissariats plus a deficiency statement. As the stores arrive a receipt statement will then be sent. M.M.I.A. will then be notified if there is any excessive delay between time of indenting and receipt and a list of indent voucher references forwarded.

c. P.O.L. : At present no demands have been made by Territorial Command requesting an increase to monthly allotment.

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2. CHRISTMAS DAY TOUR

CBO II and DAA & QMG visited the following Regiments on Christmas Day morning:-

a. 6 Inf. Regt.

There we attended a Christmas Service, then inspected the meal that was being prepared.

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1. ROUTINE

a. RE : Supplies - food stocks drawn from Bari and Naples are often late in arriving causing frequent crises at the Commissariats. Part of the stocks for Jan. 1946 have now arrived but the canned meat ration for Jan. had not been received up to 25 Dec. Even if it arrives by the 31st Dec. units will be without their meat ration for the first few days of Jan. according to time taken for distribution from B.S.D. It is now intended to examine the causes of these hold-ups and a report will be forwarded forthwith.

b. Urgencies : Demand for clothing and boots is at present in considerable excess of supply. A system has been arranged whereby a copy of all indents for these stores are submitted to this H.Q. by the Commissariats plus a deficiency statement. As the stores arrive a receipt statement will then be sent. R.M.I.A. will then be notified if there is any excessive delay between time of indenting and receipt and a list of indent voucher references forwarded.

c. P.O.L. : At present no demands have been made by Territorial Command requesting an increase to monthly allotment.

2974

2. CHRISTMAS DAY FOOD

GSO II and DAI & QMG visited the following Regiments on Christmas Day morning:-

a. 6 Inf. Regt.

There we attended a Christmas Service, then inspected the meal that was being prepared.

The Colonel commanding the Regt. (COL. MILANESO) had done a great deal to ensure that his men had a good Christmas.

The turnout of the men here, was quite good.

b. 135 Inf. Regt.

This unit was inspected accompanied by Maj. Gen. DE CASTIGLIONE (C.O.S. "ACQUI" Div.), and again we found signs that the men were going to have a good Christmas.

3. TOUR OF "ACQUI" DIVISION

The Tour mentioned in my Report No.1 unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to transport difficulties, and in fact, lack of transport capable of making the distance.

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If conditions have improved, this tour will take place early in January.

4. [illegible]

The Caserma La Rocca is still nowhere near complete, and a great deal of my hard work will be necessary if it is to be completed by 1 Feb. 46.

The contractors are very handicapped by lack of building materials. For instance, when last visited on 29 Dec. we were informed that there was only sufficient cement for one more days' work, no petrol or naphtha for driving the machines, and only a couple of small vehicles and two or three mule-carts in the way of transport.

The officer in charge of the works - Maj. SCHMEI appeared to be a man of words, rather than actions.

Gen. Berardi who was accompanied on this last visit, is "coping" in this connection.

5. GUARDS

After repeated chasing efforts, 3 District have at last given a ruling on ITI-ITI Guards in Sicily.

a. The only vital Guards now necessary number 7 officers' and 36 OR's.

b. Commando Terr. has been informed accordingly, and requested to withdraw all other Guards without delay.

6. CC.RR.

a. Various complaints received from the various Consulates regarding inefficiency of the Section assigned to those duties have been investigated and the officer in charge of the Section sacked.

b. The CC.RR. situation, regarding the numbers of Carabinieri engaged on these Allied Duties is under consideration, with a view to cutting down the numbers to a minimum.

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7. MORALE

Shows a slight change for the better (see I.S.T. Report).

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7. MORALE

Shows a slight change for the better (see I.S.T. Report).

8. [redacted]

Gen. BERARDI re-assumed Command w.e.f. 26 Dec. 45. Maj. R.E. HEATON represented 11 B.L.U. on reception committee at the airport, on his return.

9. DUBBITS

a. Office efficiency is still handicapped by inexperienced and inefficient clerks and the deficiency of a chief clerk as per T.E.

b. Major R.E. Heaton is visiting H.Q. A.M.I.A., on 3 Jan. 46.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

/ January 1945

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No. 2. F.S. 11 Dec. 45.

Reference:- PAL/G/3.

To :- H.Q. B.L.I.U.
G.H.F.

1. SUPPLIES

a. POL : Supplies - food stocks drawn from Bari and Naples are often late in arriving causing frequent crises at the Commissariato. Part of the stocks for Jan. 1946 have now arrived but the canned meat ration for Jan. had not been received up to 25 Dec. Even if it arrives by the 31st Dec. units will be without their meat ration for the first few days of Jan. according to time taken for distribution from B.S.D. It is now intended to examine the causes of these hold-ups and a report will be forwarded forthwith.

b. Ordnance : Demand for clothing and boots is at present in considerable excess of supply. A system has been arranged whereby a copy of all indents for these stores are submitted to this H.Q. by the Commissariato plus a deficiency statement. As the stores arrive a receipt statement will then be sent. B.L.I.U. will then be notified if there is any excessive delay between time of indenting and receipt and a list of indent voucher references forwarded.

c. P.O.W. : At present no demands have been made by Territorial Command requesting an increase to monthly allotment.

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2. CHRISTMAS DAY TOUR

CMO II and DAA & QMG visited the following Regiments on Christmas Day morning:-

a. 6 Inf. Regt.

There we attended a Christmas Service, then inspected the meal that was being prepared.

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1. SUPPLIES

a. ST : Supplies - food stocks drawn from Bari and Naples are often late in arriving causing frequent crises at the Commissariats. Part of the stocks for Jan. 1946 have now arrived but the canned meat ration for Jan. had not been received up to 25 Dec. Even if it arrives by the 31st Dec. units will be without their meat ration for the first few days of Jan. according to time taken for distribution from B.S.B. It is now intended to examine the causes of these hold-ups and a report will be forwarded forthwith.

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c. P.O.L. : At present no demands have been made by Territorial Command requesting an increase to monthly allotment.

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a. 6 Inf. Regt.

There we attended a Christmas Service, then inspected the meal that was being prepared.

The Colonel commanding the Regt. (COL. MILANO) had done a great deal to ensure that his men had a good Christmas.

The turnout of the men here, was quite good.

b. 139 Inf. Regt.

This unit was inspected accompanied by Maj. Gen. DE CASTIGLIONE (C.O.C. "AOSTA" Div.), and again we found signs that the men were going to have a good Christmas.

3. TOUR OF "AOSTA" DIVISION

The Tour mentioned in my Report No.1 unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to transport difficulties, and in fact, lack of transport capable of making the distance.

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If conditions have improved, this tour will take place early in January.

4. T.T.S.

The Caserma La Rocca is still nowhere near complete, and a great deal of my hard work will be necessary if it is to be completed by 1 Feb. 44.

The contractors are very handicapped by lack of building materials. For instance, when last visited on 29 Dec. we were informed that there was only sufficient cement for one more days' work, no petrol or naphtha for driving the machines, and only a couple of small vehicles and two or three mule-carts in the way of transport.

The officer in charge of the works - Maj. [redacted] appeared to be a man of words, rather than actions.

Gen. Berardi, who was accompanied on this last visit, is "eyeing" in this connection.

5. [redacted]

After repeated chasing efforts, 3 District have at last given a ruling on ITI-ITI Guards in Sicily.

a. The only vital Guards now necessary number 7 officers' and 36 OR's.

b. Commando Terr. has been informed accordingly, and requested to withdraw all other Guards without delay.

6. CC.RR.

a. Various complaints received from the various Consulates regarding inefficiency of the Section assigned to those duties have been investigated and the officer in charge of the Section sacked.

b. The CC.RR. situation, regarding the numbers of Carabinieri engaged on these Allied Duties is under consideration, with a view to cutting down the numbers to a minimum.

7. MORALE

Shows a slight change for the better (see I.S.T. Report).

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6. CC.RR.

a. Various complaints received from the various Consulates regarding inefficiency of the Section assigned to those duties have been investigated and the office in charge of the Section sacked.

b. The CC.RR. situation, regarding the numbers of Carabinieri engaged on these Allied Duties is under consideration, with a view to cutting down the numbers to a minimum.

7. MORALE

Shows a slight change for the better (see I.S.T. Report). 2971

8. COMANDANTE TERRITORIALE

Gen. BERARDI re-assumed Command w.e.f. 28 Dec. 45. Maj. R.E. HECTOR represented 11 B.L.U. on reception committee at the airport, on his return.

9. [redacted]

a. Office efficiency is still handicapped by inexperienced and inefficient clerks and the deficiency of a chief clerk as per T.E.

b. Major R.E. Hector is visiting H.Q. M.M.I.A., on 3 Jan. 46.

RHH/cp

R.E. Hector, Major
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Subject :- 10 HLU Fortnightly Report No. 1.

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10 HLU
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18 Dec 45

MMIA (C Branch)

Copies to :- 9 HLU.
11 HLU.

Reference your G 37 dated 5 Dec 45.

1. 10 HLU.

The arrival of 10 HLU in NAPLES was delayed owing to the difficulty of disengaging from commitments in NORTH ITALY, and the HLU was only finally established here last week. Satisfactory liaison has been established with the local British and Italian authorities. Our only serious difficulty is the imminent departure to civil life of most of the officers of the HLU. See this office 1 AG of 7 Dec 45.

2. 9 & 11 HLU.

Capt. Halket, RASC, visited BARI last week and found 9 HLU well established. Thanks to a surprisingly good telephone service we have close contact with 11 HLU at PALERMO. Major Sheeran and three British other ranks left for SICILY this week.

3. TRC.

The barracks at AVELLINO are damaged by bombs, but the Italians have assured us that the necessary repairs will be completed by Feb 46.

4. ST.

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(a) Supplies.

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The arrival of 10 HLU in NAPLES was delayed owing to the difficulty of disengaging from commitments in NORTH ITALY, and the HLU was only finally established here last week. Satisfactory liaison has been established with the local British and Italian authorities. Our only serious difficulty is the imminent departure to civil life of most of the officers of the HLU. See this office 1 AG of 7 Dec 45.

2. 9 & 11 HLU.

Capt. Malket, RASC, visited BARI last week and found 9 HLU well established. Thanks to a surprisingly good telephone service we have close contact with 11 HLU at PALERMO. Major Sneesum and three British other ranks left for SICILY this week.

3. TTC.

The barracks at AVELLINO are damaged by bombs, but the Italians have assured us that the necessary repairs will be completed by Feb 46.

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The main trouble seems to be that commitments at the moment far outweigh availability; for instance the transfer of the stocks from allied depots is hampered because most of the limited transport available is required to transport ex POW's. A fair proportion of the haulage tasks are undertaken by civilian companies with horse transport which is of necessity very slow and cumbersome.

(c) POL.

No distribution problems have arisen to date. The present allocations made to the Italian Army are falling short of fuel required to meet the present heavy demands on transport and an additional allocation has been requested from Territorial HQ. NAPLES for December.

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5. [redacted].

10 Repair Unit are working as efficiently as possible at their present site, output 22 vehicles per week. They cannot be expected to improve on this on their present site.

Work has been stopped on the new site of 10 Repair Unit.

2 Mobile Park. The new site has been cleared, 3 semi-Nissey huts delivered at site are ready for erection. Work commenced on 2 wooden barrack huts for living quarters. Work is now stopped on instructions of a Col. BALARDINO, Director of Repairs, [redacted], who states that unit may be moved to [redacted].

6. 10 ALG DIRECTIVE NO. 1.

A copy of this directive, showing the present policy of 10 ALG, is forwarded herewith.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

21 Dec. 1945

Subject: Liaison Report No. 1 - Dec. 45.

File : PAL/G/3

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

1. Routine Inspections.

(A) Commissariat

a. Clothing Depot (9-Dec. 45) - Supplies of material now arriving from Min. of War, and Uniforms being made at the rate of 30 a day.

b. Re-conditioned clothing is also completed and about 35 sets a day produced.

c. Boots.- Supplies low - Min. of War not meeting demands in full, and no allocation for Nov. and Dec. yet received.

Approx 10 pairs a day of re-conditioned boots being completed.

d. There was no signs of any equipment or materials being wasted, and I am satisfied that use is being made of every available scrap.

e. Food Depot. (11 Dec. 45)

Depot appears to be reasonably well run - food supplies are low, and as yet no Army supplies for January 46 have been received, although supplies for the Navy and Air-Forces were received well on time.

The depot was very clean, (possibly due to the lack of food there-in).

Bakery.- This was functioning well. The Christmas cakes are already in production, and various samples I tried were extremely good!

I was informed that a Christmas cake has only been possible through the conservation of about 4 grammes of sugar and flour from each Manns' ration daily for the past few months.

Remarks.- I feel that there is need for a little dedigital pressure at the Min. of War in order that supplies of boots and food can be assured on time.

(B) 11 Repairs Unit. W 296c

Work here is going quite well, although handicapped by poor equipment.

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4. There is need for a certain amount of re-adjustment of duties amongst officers and Staff.
I am taking this matter up with Commando Territoriale.

Tour.

2. I have planned to tour several Units of the AOSTA Division during the next few days. I will make a full report on this later.

3. Morale.

As mentioned in my INT-Report this is still quite low due to lack of decent Equipment, Uniform and training.

4. CC.RR.

a. I am very satisfied with CC.RR. conditions here. The commanding officer Col. CALARCO is very alive and very keen on keeping his men smart and efficient.

b. The CC.RR. are also suffering from lack of boots, due to insufficient supplies being sent from their H.Q. in Rome to meet current demands.

5. Domestic.

Maj. S. Sneezum D.A.A.&Q.M.G. arrived on 15 Dec. 45, together with 1 dvr. 1 D.R. and 2 (inexperienced) clerks.

6. This has now changed and we are set-up in reasonable offices (see Location Statement, for address etc.).

R.E.H. Hewer Maj. 43.
G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

18 Dec. 1945

Subject :- Intelligence Report - Nov. 45.

File :- PAL/I/1.

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

1. Political.

There was some excitement over the possible choice of Orlando as Prime - Minister.

Influx of Italians expelled from Tunisia caused some rumblings among the people, but some well - informed persons state only those who were fascists and/or worked with the Germans are being sent out.

The general feeling among these people is that the French are simply doing a sort of epuration, although the average person, if he thinks at all feels very annoyed at the French for driving his relatives and country - men away from property and professions belonging to them.

The people are beginning to think more seriously of how free the elections will be considering the ministerial appointments and the hidden arms controlled by adherents of the left parties.

The electoral lists in Sicily are sufficiently advanced now to enable the administrative elections to be held in another month.

2. Local Government.

It is said that the high commissioner is about to resign, and there is great speculation about his successor.

3. Economics.

The Black - Market is flurishing and current prices are the cause for satisfaction on the part of the Black Marketeers (e.g. 20 English cigarettes for 500 lire.)

4. Labour.

There have been no strikes during the past few days.

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5. Public Safety.

Quite good - although at the beginning of the month strikes tended to cause unrest.

There was a shooting incident in the main - square of Palermo at the end of the month but nothing serious this was due to some persons attempting to sell Imported Papers.

5. Morale.

The moral of the Italian Troops still needs a great deal of improvement. This, I feel, will come with the raising of the standand of training, and with the re-equiping and re-dressing of the Italian Army.

6. Military Security.

This appears to be reasonably good. No serious false rumours or breaches of security having come to my notice.

G.S.O. II.
11 B.L.U.

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Territorial Militar Command of Palermo
- Information Office -

- Attribution Office Information in time of peace -

- General Criteria -

The Office will develop his activty for inquiry and the utilization of news which can interest the safety and the efficency of thermed forces.
It must not explicate an other activity and considerations of differente nature.
The attributions are divided as specific-competition, incidental.
1)- Specific Attributions.
a)- Security of Military information :
b)- Specialized elements situation.

II) Attributions for competition

- Counter espionage.

III) Eventual Attributions

- Interrogations

Dependences

The office is dependent by the territorial military command for normal employment of the office and of the S.I.R. office for the teonical part.

Specific Attributions.

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a) Security of military information : for the security and the preventive protecteon of the military information and is espicated by the following activity :
Vigilance and predisposition of schemes for protecting the security of military information against infractions caused by faults and deficiency in the observation of the dispositions whoch are in force.
- Control exercise:
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On the communications by Rdio and wire (communications discipline)
On the preservation : consultation an destruction of the secret and reserved publication .

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The Military territorial Command has in there actions military police di directive (in his jurisdiction limit) matting use of the institutes and forces which have a task of police .

b)-Situation of specialized elements. For the purpose to have in possession a complete liste of the specialized personnel.

For the employment for the eventual sostitution the Office has an adyourned liste of all the specialized officers, who have or not informative officers.

Attibutions for competition.

Counter - espionage.- For all which refer itself to signations of suspected elements, enemy propaganda itemized cases of espionage, elements, to submit to vigilance etc... The office must keep contact to be with the centre C.S. of Palermo for reffering all the above mentioned cases .

Eventual Attributions.

Interrogations of element particulary interesting which flow from foreing for the purpose to collect useful element for informative aims and to signalize at the C.S. the suspected subjects to develop activity in favour of the enemy.

IL CAPO UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI
(Maggiore Paolo Iraci)

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BRITISH LIAISON UNIT. PALERMO, SICILY. RMH/GC.

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30 Nov. 43.

Subject:- Report on Liason Tour of "SABAUDA" Units.
File. PAL/G/3.
To. Headquaters M.M.I.A.
ROME.

I have just completed a 4 day tour of various Units of the "SABAUDA" Division, with General BERARDI - Commander Military Territorial H.Q.,Palermo, and have the following observations to make.

1. (a) We first visited the 45th Infantry Regt.at Catania.
(b) The Regimental Commander,-Col DESANTI appeared to be an efficient and capable Officer, and was very keen to get his men trained in British methods, as quickly as possible.
(c) He had already started the training of his Officers and Senior N.C.O's who are to be his futures Instructors,and whilst we were present, we saw them being instructed in Map-Reading and Deployment.
(d) We also saw some Volunteer Recruits - aged approx. 18 or 19 years, who were in their second week of Basic Training.

Points Arising.

On the whole this Unit seemed very keen to get themselves trained, despite lack of British weapons and directives.

The standard of turn-out of the Unit left much to be desired, owing to the shortage of decent Uniforms, and boots.

In many cases the Volunteers were without Boots at all.

The Unit Officers had used their initiative in making wooden models of British Weapons, and the production of large diagrams.

General BERARDI seemed quite satisfied with what we saw, and I feel that he had cause to be.

2. (a) The second Regiment we visited, was the 15th Arty.Regt stationed in Syracuse - commanded by Col LEONARDI.
(b) Here,we first saw a squad of about 30 Officers and Senior N.C.O's being instructed in the lay-out of a Platoon Position in defence, some small Squads of Senior N.C.O's receiving instruction in Typography, and some more Volunteer Recruit Squads in their first week of Basic Training.

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Points Arising.

This Unit was also very keen to get themselves trained as quickly as possible on British lines.

The standard of turn-out of this was reasonable good, and effort had been made to keep the men as smart as possible, again, despite the lack of good Uniforms and Boots.

The Unit Officers had made some very good full-scale models of the P.I.A.T. and the 2" Mortar.

The standard of Instruction here, was not very good, owing to the lack of suitable pamphlets and diagrams of British methods.

Both General BERARDI and myself were quite satisfied with what we saw.

3. (a) The third Regiment we visited was the 2nd Battalion, 145th Infantry Regt. The Regt being commanded by Col SALERNO, and the Bn by Lt.Col LEOTTA.

(b) At this Bn we saw about 8 rather "scruffy" Officers having instruction in Map-Reading and Deployment, 2 N.C.O's having instruction in Map-Reading, and 5 O.R's "playing" with an 80mm Mortar, about which, the obviously new nothing.

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(c) I got the impression that this whole Unit was rather "bogus", from the Commanding Officer downwards, and that the odd diagram we saw, and a very new "Sand-Table" that we saw, had all been hurriedly put-together, the night before.

(d) The Unit Commander gave as his reasons for the lack of Personnel present, the excuse that most of his men were away on various Guard-Duties. This I was inclined to doubt, as at one stage I counted at least thirty-five (35) men just "wandering-about" or leaning out of windows.

Points Arising.

The Unit Commanders', and particularly the Bn Comdr-Lt.Col LEOTTA obviously lacked initiative, and the latter was absolutely incapable of commanding the Battalion, and showed very little interest in getting his men trained.

The standard of turn-out was very poor, particularly in the case of the Officers.

General BERARDI was very dissatisfied with this Unit, and immediately "sacked" the Bn.Comdr., and severely cautioned the Regimental Commander. I was in complete agreement with the General.

CONCLUSION.

(1) On the whole I was satisfied with what I saw during the Tour, but it is essential that, (a) these Units, and indeed all the Units in this Command are supplied with Allied Material for Training purposes, including Weapons, and Training Manuals and Diagrams on a large scale, as soon as possible.

(b) that a suitable Uniform, that IS a Uniform be decided upon, and issued to Units.

(c) that supplies of Boots are made available immediately.

(2) Could "G" Training please supply us with as much material in the way of Training Pamphlets and Diagrams, either in Italian or English, as early as possible, in order that we may prepare as many "precis" as possible for distribution to the various Units for instructional purposes.

(3) During the whole of this visit, I was struck by the obvious keenness of General BERARDI, who very much has at heart, the Training of the Divisions under his Command.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

RLH/GC.

Subject:- Liason-Logs. N. 78 W/E 17 Nov 45

File. PAL/G/3

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

30 Nov. 45

Monday, 5 Nov. 45

1.- Capt. R.E. Hector arrived - had preliminary discussion with Lt. E. Snider reference taking over of records etc.
2.- In the evening attended reception dinner held in honour of his arrival by Col. Griglio C of S Terr. H.Q. Palermo.

Tuesday, 6 Nov. 45

1.- In the morning, accompained by Lt. Snider inspected Food Depot, Clothing & M.T. Depot in Palermo.
2.- In the afternoon took over records, accomodation etc. from Lt. Snider.
3.- Lt. Snider & Staff, and all American transport & Office Equipment (Including Electric Light Bulbs) left 23:30 hours for Rome.

Wednesday, 7 Nov. 45

1.- Arranged for M.M.I.A. Mess through Lt. Col. Mc. Callum A.C. L.O. & Lt. Col. Bombonato Italian requisition Officer.
2.- Afternoon spent starting re-organisation of the office.

Thursday, 8 Oct. 45

1.- Visited Railway Dept. & investigated complaint that American Autorities sometime previous had given instruction for a number of ex PW's to travel-free on the Railway if they were wearing an arm band with G.I.M. on it.
This has now been stopped.
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Friday, 9 Nov. 45

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Routine - continued office re-organisation

Saturday, 16 Nov. 45

Travelled to Rome - 11 Nov. 45, - 15 Nov. 45, remained - 16 Nov. 45, - returned to Sicily, - arriving 20 Nov. 45.

R.E. Hector
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIASON UNIT
Palermo. Sicily.

REH/GC.

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30 Nov. 45

Subject:- Liason-Logs.

File. PAL/G/3

To. H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

Will you please inform me, whether in view of the new organisation, it will still be necessary to render a weekly Liason report & if so whether it should be sent to H.Q. M.M.I.A. on to the "A" tipe B.L.U. to which this Unit is affilliateel.

Major,
G.S.O. II., B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicilia.

RLU/GS. 4a

30 Nov. 45

Oggetto :- Relazione sulla visita di Collegamento
effettuata presso i Reparti della "Sabauda"
Protocollo:- PAL/G/3

al. Quartiere Generale M.M.I.A. Roma.
e per conoscenza
alla Decima B.L.U. Napoli
col Comando Militare Territoriale Palermo.

Ho proprio ora completato una visita di quattro giorni presso vari reparti della Divisione "Sabauda" accompagnando il Gen. Berardi, Comandante Militare Territoriale Palermo, ed ho da osservare quanto segué :

1. (a) Visitammo per primo il 45° Rgt. Fanteria a Catania.
(b) Il Comandante del Reggimento, Col. Decarli, sembra essere un Ufficiale attivo e capace, molto desideroso di addestrare, al più presto possibile, i suoi uomini con metodi Britannici .
(c) Egli ha già iniziato l'addestramento dei suoi Ufficiali e Sottufficiali più anziani che saranno i suoi futuri istruttori e che, noi presenti, seguivano un corso di lettura di carte topografiche e di addestramento sul terreno.
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Ricerchi.

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In parecchi casi i volontari erano del tutto privi delle scarpe.

Gli Ufficiali dei reparti hanno spiegato la loro iniziativa personale costruendo modelli in legno delle armi Britanniche e disegnando diagrammi.

Il Gen. Berardi sembrava discretamente soddisfatto con ciò che aveva visto ed io ritengo che ciò fosse giustificato.

2.(a) Il secondo Reggimento visitato fu il 160° Reggimento di Artiglieria di stanza a Siracusa, agl'ordini del Col. Leonardi.
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Rilievi.

Anche questo reparto ha dimostrato molto zelo nell'intento di addestrarsi al più presto possibile seguendo i metodi Britannici.

Il vestiario e l'equipaggiamento di questo reparto era in condizioni discrete, e sforzi sono stati fatti per ottenere che la truppa si presentasse il meglio possibile anche qui, dato la mancanza di buone uniforme e calzature.

Gli Ufficiali del reparto hanno costruito, in proporzioni naturali, dei buoni modelli del P.I.A.T. e del mortaio 3".

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Il grado d'istruzioni qui non era molto buono, data la mancanza di regolamenti e diagrammi Britannici.

4. Via, il Gen. Berardi che io fummo discretamente soddisfatti di quanto vedemmo.

(a) Il terzo Reggimento visitato fù il II°Btg. del 145°Rgt.Fant. Il Reggimento è agli ordini del Colonnello SALERNO ed il Btg.è agli ordini del Ten.Col.LEOTTA.

(b)~~Quanto~~ Presso questo Btg.vedemmo circa otto Ufficiali "raffazzonati" che seguivano un corso di lettura di carte topografiche e di addestramento,due marescialli pure intenti alla lettura di carte topografiche e cinque soldati che "giocavano" con un mortaio da 80 mm del quale,evidentemente,non avevano alcuna cognizione.

(c)Ho avuto l'impressione che tutto questo Reparto funzionasse "alla Surlona",dal Comandante in giù e che lo strano diagramma che vedemmo e la nuovissima " Sandtable" che pure vedemmo,fossero stati raffazzonati alla svelta la notte precedente.

d)Il Comandante del Reparto giustificava la mancanza di personale presente col fatto che la maggior parte dei suoi uomini era impiegata nei vari servizi di guardia.Ero incline a dubitare di ciò poichè in uno dei piani contai almeno 35 uomini che gironzolavano o stavano affacciati alle finestre.

Rimarchi.

~~Il Comandante del Reparto~~ = I Comandanti di Reparto,ed in particolare il Comandante di Btg. ,Ten.Col.LEOTTA,evidentemente mancavano di iniziativa e quest'ultimo era assolutamente incapace di comandare il Battaglione,dimostrando assai poco interessamento nell'addestramento dei suoi uomini.

Il vestiario e l'equipaggiamento era assai povero,specie per quanto riguarda gli Ufficiali.Il Generale BERARDI era molto malcontento di questo Reparto ed immediatamente prese dei provvedimenti a carico del Comandante di Btg.,richiamando severamente il Comandante di Reggimento.Per conto mio,mi trovavo in perfetto accordo col Generale.

CONCLUSIONI

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