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e eventuali

(1) *Stato*

(2) *Da trasmettere alla stazione*

- (a) Indicazione e titolo del comando militare.
- (b) Indirizzo della stazione destinataria e indirizzo del comando.
- (c) Indici della stazione subalterna.

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Indice del collegamento

N° 105



Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa Centrale e da mezzanotte all'alba.

Rilasciato il 19 alle ore
della stazione () Ricevuto

Trasmesso il 19 alle ore
alla stazione () Transmesso

O DA ROMA MG NR 3/M 52/TF 7/1 1300 -

AT 1 BLU TORINO 2 BLU GENOVA 3 BLU MILANO 4 BLU BOLZANO 5 BLU

UDINE 6 BLU BOLOGNA 7 BLU FIRENZE 9 BLU BARI 10 BLU NAPOLI 11 BLU PALERMO

071100A UNCLASSIFIED 0251 (.) CANCEL TO HIS HQ G/33/3 DATED 10 DEC

6 (.) ANY OFFICERS REQUIRED TO VISIT HQ WILL BE CALLED FOR WARD

INDIVIDUALLY (.) EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO AVOID DATE OF FAMILIES

DEPARTURE (.) ACK MMIA

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(1) MARCONIGRAMMA

Consegnato al messaggero
alle ore _____

Ore di recapito _____

(1) Nota, se richiesto e trasmesso per radiotelegrafo.

Primo lombo via preferire

Primo di arrivo, l'arrivo è stato

Note che se non

Subject: SMIA Conference.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 15557 FALERMO

Interior A/C

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

10 Jan. 47.

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Your 0257 dated 7 Jan. 47 is acknowledged.

W. STEERS, Major
S.A.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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TRANSLATION C.P.

11 Territorial H.Q.

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Ref 2312/01/v.

Palermo 27 July 1946.

Subject:- Memorandum.

To:- 11 B.L.UK

PALERMO.

As our verbal agreement, herewith the most important matters
to submit to M.M.I.A. H.Q.

By Order
The Vice Chief of the Staff.
(S. Inghilleri Lieut. Col.)

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TRANSLATION C.P.

11 territorial H.Q.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE 11 H.Q.

1. 11 C.A.R.

The Military Engineer of the Comilitar Palermo, has suspended the urgent works as result on an excess of expense for 11 millions liras beyond the contract limit encreased of 6/5. Being these works (two water tanks, prison quarter and service building) indispensable to the C.A.R. and urgent, this H.Q., with letter 4399/03/C of 10 inst. applied to the Engineer General Directorate Min of War, to be authorised, apart the excess of expense, to carry on the a/m. works.

The following is part of the letter relating the necessity of the works, and we will be thankful if you would intreat M.E.L.A. to have this authorisation as soon as possible.

A) - Cement water tanks.

The present supply of water (150 cubic metros) is normally x sufficient to the C.A.R. for 24 hrs.

It happens often that the supply of water is stopped for some hours daily and always between 21,00 hrs and 07,30 hrs, owing to the frequent derangements to the water pipes, consequence of the war damages.

For this it is necessary to have tanks to keep a reserve of water to assure the supply for 24 hrs, and to have a bigger quantity of water during the morning for the purposes to cook, bath, and lavatories.

Therefore it has already started the construction of some tanks, holding 200 cubic metros for an expense of 4 millions and half.

B) - Completion of the prison quarter.

The lack of prison quarter, and the subsequent bad impression on the C.A.R. discipline, and the impossibility to use another building for this use, obliged me to find a while ago a scheme for the construction of the prison quarter for a total fore-see x expense of 3.800.000 liras.

The scheme has been approved by the Administrative Engineer Inspectorate, and the General Directorate, with folio 15130/L/347 of 4 June authorised the construction, specifying that the expense has to be included in the 6/5 of the contractor, allowed with the same folio.

The building is near to be finish, and it is necessary that it will be finish before the arrival of the new recruits. (August the first fortnight.) for the discipline of several thousand of recruits.

I will point out now that the financing of the scheme must be

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done with a special allowance, because the a/q. sum cannot be included on the 6/5 (only 14 millions) apart the fact that 6/5 are already over.

C.- Completion of the Service Building No 1. :

Dinning room wall covering and floors, for 2.000.000. liresexpence. These works must be finish before the arrival of the new recruits.

2) COAL ALLOTMENT.

The Military Hospital Palermo needs at least 15 tons of coal monthly. The quantity received by the local " Camera di Commercio " are never over the 5 - 6 tons, i.e. the strict quantity necessary for the cook - houses only.

Therefore; baths for the patients, and clothing washing are done with cool water, and the Hospital Directorate cannot provide to disinfect or sterilise the clothing left by the patients.

The General Commissariato Directorate o/o Min. of War, has invited the Sanitary Directorate of Palermo to report monthly the coal quantity required by the Hospitals (folio No 20360 dated 13/7/46) In order to avoid that the patients would not be satisfied entirely, it is necessary to inform the Min. of War, that the 15 tons required are the minimum quantity.

3) RED CROSS HOSPITAL No 23 (CATANIA)

In the Red Cross Hospital No 23, there is a theatre that has been requisitioned with the building. This theatre has been left temporary to the " Salesiani ", to store some materials. Required a while ago to organise some shows for the patients we ~~XXXX~~ met by opposition of the Salesiani, who applied to have derequisitioned all the building.

It is necessary inform the Min. of War of:

- 1) The Red Cross hospital in Catania cannot be suppressed;
- 2) In Catania there are not other place where to move it in.
- 3) That the theatre is absolutely necessary for the Welfare found necessary by Italian and British Authorities.

The matter has been fwd to the Min. of War with folio No 4416/03/C dated 19/7/46.

4) T.B.C. HOSPITALS.

In Sicily there are not Military Hospitals for t.b.c., and then civil hospital are completely full.

A considerable number of T.B.C. ex prisoners are admitted in the Red Cross Hospital 22 Palermo and 23 Catania, and it is impossible to be moved in special hospitals.

There is in Catania a T.B.C. hospital belonging to the Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale, that could be used to admitt

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ALL THE SOLDIERS sick with t.b.c. on duty in the Island.
The last february the Istituto Nazionale delle Previdenze Sociali in Rome could obtain from the Military Administration the derequisition of the building (already requisitioned by the Army), being necessary to admit many t.b.c.

So far the hospital has not yet been started.

It would be necessary to interest the Authorities in order to: or the hospital starts as soon as possible by the Istituto di previdenza Sociale,

or passed to the Military Administration with a special contract.

2.- MILITARY MILL

being the flour issued to the Military Administration by the Sicilian mills keeping a strong percentage of humidity that put to risk the keeping in the stores of it, the Commissariato Directorate of Palermo, suggested to the General Commissariato Directorate, the return of the military mill by the civil firm that at the moment is using it. (letter 4177/I of 21/6/46)
In this case it could be possible to mill the grain draily and not wetly, therefore such inconveniences will be eliminate.
It would be necessary to represent to the Commissariato General Directorate o/o the Min. of War, that if the matter could be settle urgently, it could be possible to avoid the waisting of ~~extra~~ big stocks and it could sensibly cut off the expence to keep eating this stuff.

6. TYRES AND INNER TUBES ALLOTMENT.

It is necessary to have allotted the following tyres and inner tubes already applied to the Engineer and Arty General Directorate.

Size.	Tyre No	Inner tubes No
6.00 x 16	20	20
32 x 6	5	10
210 x 20	20	30
200 x 20	20	30
3.50 x 19	30	30
5.00 x 15	12	12
5.50 x 15	6	6
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7. DET. OF 11 REPAIR UNIT IN SYRACUSE

It is necessary to form a det. of 11 Repair Unit in Catania instead of in Syracuse.

It is necessary to form the second Det. of 11 Repair Unit in

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Messina, absorbing therefore the M.T. Repair section in the Arty Directorate of Messina. (This matter is already known by Major Sneezum.)

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Subj: Conference.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 15557 PALERMO
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To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

28 July 45.

Reference M.M.I.A. Signal Message 0232 dated 12 July. The following points are submitted for possible discussion at Conference 8-9 August.

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- i) Inclusion of W/E for Regimental Police in new War Establishments.
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- iii) Readjustment of release scheme whereby replacements of specialists and tradesmen arrive before the existing specialists and tradesmen are released (11 Terr. Command has just experienced on acute crisis through lack of drivers owing to this time lag between release and replacement).

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2. Fixing a uniform ration for Military personnel in Red Cross Hospitals and Military Hospitals (at present the ration in Red Cross Hospitals is less than in Military Hospitals.)
3. Improvement in Hospital Welfare and introduction of a system of occupational Therapy.

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

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