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Lt Col A.R.C. Southby, O.B.E. - Rifle Bde.,
GSO I (HD)
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)

H Q M E

My dear Hailor.

There have been many enquiries lately in connection with the CCM. We went into the whole business as far as we could with our limited staff (we have not yet got out British Police officer "Albi Sec" here, though these are coming soon) and the attached shows the situation. The General thinks you should be on fait with it, so I send these papers to you for information and so that your Territorial Commanders can give the maximum assistance to put the CCM on their feet as soon as possible.

Copy of letter G/92 dated 14 Dec addressed to Ministry of War, referred to in copy S/92 dated 20 Dec 45 attached, was forwarded to BLUs under cover of this HQ letter G/92 dated 19 Dec 45.

Yours sincerely

Sir Sincerely

7 Jan 46

TO: All BLU Commanders

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Minutes of Meeting

at M.M.I.A.

on 3 Jan 1946.

Object:-

To revise situation of clothing and equipment for CC.PR. in order to clarify present position; to determine availabilities vs. needs for Italian Army and CC.PR.

Present:-

M.M.I.A.	Col.	Zerr	Deputy Commander (Chairman)
	Col.	Pidaley	A/Q
	Lt. Col.	Curties	A.Q.M.S.
	Lt. Col.	Airey	A.D.O.S.
	Major	Fauman	G.S.O. II (L)
	Captain Ward		Assistant C-4

War Ministry Commissioner:

CC.PR. H.C.

General Pelligra
Lt. Col. Nabisal
General Brunetti
Col. Lanbani
Captain Carloni

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10,000		uniforms in production in CC.PR. shops.
4,000		uniforms to be produced in CC.PR. shops.
44,000		

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2. A letter from 3 S.I.D. to M.M.I.S. informed that 21,350 released from C.E.M. 77,000 metres of cloth and 37,000 metres of lining. Only a part of this has been collected by CC.RR. General Brunetti will see that all is collected forthwith and will make a further 25,000 uniforms in Legion shops in February. War Ministry will furnish extra additional lining and buttons as are needed.

3. General Brunetti stated his immediate need was for 10,000 complete sets of uniforms. General Pelligrini was unable to meet this demand due to imminent call-up. It was therefore decided to turn over to War Ministry 10,000 surplus Br-Iti stocks in Naples, 20,000 suits of Battledress, 20,000 shirts and 20,000 drawers wool. General Pelligrini agreed to turn over immediately to CC.RR. 10,000 suits of Battledress, 10,000 shirts and 10,000 drawers wool. CC.RR. will uniform one or more legions, probably in South Italy, with this clothing, releasing grey clothing to other legions.

4. During period 1 October - 28 February, the CC.RR. will have received a total of 79,000 uniforms, plus 10,000 additional given to them by AMG. This will give each man one new uniform and provide a substantial reserve. On 1 October, the CC.RR. was not naked.
5. General Brunetti objected that repaired shoes were not serviceable. It was agreed, however, that CC.RR. would select and collect 30,000 used pairs of shoes from existing army stocks to supplement present issue of one pair per man.
6. It was agreed that no CC.RR. would be discharged in serviceable grey-green uniform. General Pelligrè would make available old dyed Battledress to the CC.RR. for discharging men.
7. The proper distribution of clothing and equipment issued to the CC.RR. was discussed. General Brunetti stated that his orders provided for proper distribution and he was cautioned that he is responsible that the CC.RR. are properly clothed, inasmuch as his records have been more than fully met.

JJW/ra

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DATA

Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, C.C.,
(M.A. 2.2.2.)
R O N E

C/92 20 December, 1945

To : R. HOPKINSON, Esq.,
Polad (Br)

Reference your note dated 16 Dec (just received) on the matter of
CC.ER, strength 65,000, herewith the information desired.

1. ARMS

The figures of holdings in items 1 and 2 are compiled from the
information furnished by the Ministry of War.

ARMS

- (a) automatic M.G. 6.5. mm
light automatic 9 mm
Caroline (1891)
Revolver
Pistol automatic 9 mm
Pistol automatic 6.35 mm
Bren M.G. 8 mm

WEAPONS

4,054
4,698
116,755
30,996
46,827
2,057
103

AMMUNITION

4,095,457
1,157,100
7,550,407
644,710
484,702
54,913
158,965

- (b) In addition releases were obtained, and the Ministry instructed to
collect, prior to 2 Dec 45 the following weapons from the Beretta
arms factory. Distribution was to be made as under but I am not
informed as to progress in this respect.

CC.ER. HQ

TURIN
MILAN
FLORENCE
ROME
NAPLES
PALERMO

Auto. Pistols 9 mm

500
500
500
500
500
500
500 +

Light automatic 9 mm

1, 539
1, 524
1, 924
2, 111
1, 539
965

3,900

10,000

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- (c) A.F.R.Q. releases for 850,000 rounds 9 mm "Star" suitable for the
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Revolver	20,996	844,710
Pistol Automatic 9 mm	46,527	484,702
Pistol automatic 6.35 mm	2,057	54,913
Broda M.G. 8 mm	103	108,960

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<u>LOC. AND. ETC</u>	<u>Auto. Pistols 9 mm</u>	<u>Light automatic 9 mm</u>
TURIN	500	1,539
MILAN	500	1,924
FLORENCE	500	1,924
ROME	500	2,111
VERDI	500	1,539
PARMA	500	960
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>10,500</u>
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(c) G.P.H.G. release for 250,000 rounds 9 mm "Sten" suitable for the 9 mm automatic rifle are also being obtained.

(d) The above figures include Finance Guards and Public Safety Agents.

2. VEHICLES

	<u>British</u>	<u>Italian</u>
(a)	45*	159*
Motor cycles		1,046
Passenger Vehicles		627
Load Carriers		252
Other Vehicles		57

* British measured cars with mobile use in 2 District.
+ Old light and medium tanks.

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- (b) A special release of 300 motorcycles and 8 lead carriers has been made by A.F.H.Q. and was received by us 19 Dec. They have to be collected from several points and distribution will take time.
The proposed distribution approved by Districts is as follows:

Motorcycles

Collect from	CAPUA	154	
	POLIGNO	78	
	UDINE	63	
	MONZA	5	
		<u>300</u>	
		<u>8</u>	
Deliver to Mob. Br. CC.RR.	BOLOGNA	75	
	"	75	
CC.RR. HQ	"	75	
Mob Br CC.RR.	TURIN	45	
"	MILAN	45	
"	GENOA	30	
		<u>300</u>	

Lead Carriers

Collect from CAPUA 8 15 ant trucks
Deliver to CC.RR. in 3 District whose instructions are awaited.

- (c) The War Ministry are giving priority to the CC.RR. in release of recanition vehicles coming in to Efficient Vehicle Parks.

CLOTHING

The attached letter Q.104 of 3 Dec gives the present state of affairs.

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Deliver to Mob. Co. CC.RR.	BOLOGNA	75
CC.RR. HQ	"	75
Mob Co CC.RR.	TURIN	75
" "	MILAN	45
" "	GENOVA	50
		<u>300</u>

Load Carriers

Collect from CARL. 8 15 out trucks

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- (d) Para 2(b) refers to the "surreptitious" which I have ventilated so often and so strongly at Chief Commissioner's Meeting. As you see, if the Minister of Transport will "play", the CC.RR. will get their M.M. It is up to the Italians. HQ ...C. are also exerting pressure.
- (e) I say say that we are just completing a new Establishment for the 12 mobile CC.RR. Bns. Then we will ask A.P.H.Q. to release armoured cars (to replace the few Italian light tanks) probably on the scale of about a dozen per Bn. We are training certain specialists (e.g. drivers) in army schools.

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(c) We are working under some difficulty over all this CO.RR. business, because though this large extra responsibility has now been transferred to my Sub Commission, I have not yet received my extra staff to deal with it, though I hope to get such after 31 Dec. when the Northern Territories are handed over.

5. CONCLUSION

- (a) As you see, we are pushing the rehabilitation of CO.RR. as first priority.
- (b) There have been deficiencies in the past, but these are being remedied - the rate of remedy depending on the Indians themselves and the efficiency of distribution of materials, of which large quantities have been released to them or are available in their depots.
- (c) I hope this gives you the picture and what you want. If you would like any further information, please let me know.

L. BRYNING,

Major General,
G.O.C.,
Laos Forces Sub Com.
(M.H. I.M.)

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Subject: Clothing CC.RR.

COPY

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

2.104

3 December 1945

TO : A.C. for Executive Commissioner

1. It has been ascertained from the War Ministry that since the 1 Oct 45, 30,000 sets of uniform have been made available in depots under control of the CC.RR.

2. From stocks of clothing recovered by the Italian Army 72,000 metres of blue cloth are in process of manufacture exclusively for use by the CC.RR.

In addition sufficient grey green cloth has been recovered to manufacture

100,000 uniforms
93,000 greatcoats

A substantial proportion of this clothing should be nearing completion in December 1945 and will be available to meet further demands by CC.RR. H.Q. on Army stocks.

3. It is hoped that reports received in the near future will reflect the action taken by the Military Administration to improve the turn out of CC.RR. units.

Any failure to replace boots or articles of clothing which, having due regard to economical standards are considered unfit for wear will be attributable to mal administration on the part of the CC. RR.

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Signed: R.A. Curties, Lt.Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

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CARABINIERI ROYAL TERRITORIAL LEGION PALERMO. 1/3
Internal Group.

Ref 1192/1

Palermo 28 Dec. 45.

Subject:- Assaulting to a CC.RR. station in Bellocampo by an armed gang.

To:- Major Hector
11 R.I.U. Palermo.

The following is fwd to you for information:

On 26 Dec. 45 at about 23,30 hrs, about 50 gangsters profiting of the darkness and isolated locality surrounded the CC.RR. station of Bellocampo.

After snatching several times automatic weapons and hand grenades, they intimidated the surrender to the two Carabinieri that were in the moment in the Station.

But they started to defend the station using their automatic weapons, until a bullet passing through a window struck the left hand side of the face of one of the Carabinieri.

The other, seen his comrade wounded and a blasting charge to the main door, must surrender himself to the gang superiority. So the gangsters looted the station, carrying out the furniture, the weapons, the ammunitions, and went away by a lorry.

It is believed that the gang belong to the "Giuliano gang", looking for weapons and ammunitions. Enquires are on.

The Commanding Officer
A. Angrisani Major.

SUBJECT : Law and Order in BOLOGNA Area

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.D. (MILA)

G/92

19 Dec 45

TO : Distribution List 'B'

Herewith a copy of a letter from GOC MILA to Minister of War (MIA G/92 dated 14 Dec 45) on subject of Law and Order in BOLOGNA Area.

The same factors are operative or potentially operative throughout ITALY and this letter is therefore fwd for your info and guidance.

There is no objection to the contents being discussed with the ITALIANS if necessary.

Please ACK on att form.

LRCS/abc

A. G. G. G.
Major General
M.I.A.

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SECRET & URGENT

Subject : Law and Order in BOLOGNA Region.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.
G. 92

11 December, 1945.

To : The Minister of War.

SITUATION :

1. (a) I have received disturbing reports of the situation in BOLOGNA Region from G.O.C. 2 District and my L.O. with General CERICA (Commander BOLOGNA Territorial Region), who also, I know, is very concerned about the state of affairs.
- (b) Lawlessness, in the form of banditry, gang storming and murder is rife. For example, on a recent occasion 50 armed men raided a village and committed robbery, murder and abduction. Unless checked sternly, such lawlessness will tend to increase. BOLOGNA may thus be considered a test case. If order can be restored there, that will deter similar activity elsewhere - an aspect which will become even more important in the event of the Northern Territories being handed back to the Italian Government. While appreciating that lawlessness after the past war is a world wide symptom, I feel that every effort should be made and every assistance given to the forces responsible for maintaining law and order.

FORCES AND MATERIAL AVAILABLE.

2. (a) The priority of responsibility for the maintenance of law and order is :-

The CC.RR normal units
The CC.RR mobile columns
The Independent Army Regiments
The Infantry Divisions.

In war time the needs of the army were paramount. But in view of the above order of responsibility, the needs of the CC.RR should now have first priority.

You will agree that it is inadvisable to use the Army Regiments and Divisions except in cases of need. The CC.RR are the first line of defence.

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(b) The distribution, strength, armament and equipment of No. 3 Brigade CC.RR is, according to our latest information, as per Appendix 'A'. From this it can be seen that the strength and armament are adequate, but there is a very serious shortage in M.T.

As regards M.T., the Italian Army repair workshops are only just keeping their heads above water repairing and maintaining the M.T. of existing units. The Ministry of Transport however owes the Ministry of War the equivalent tonnage of 1666 army vehicles, reconditioned and in running order. Delivery of these was promised at the rate of 500 per month commencing 1 Nov., but NONE have been delivered yet. I suggest that you exert the strongest pressure on the Minister of Transport to implement his bend under and arrangement generously made by A.C. to assist the public economy and to avoid political repercussions by withdrawing Italian Army transport illegally in possession of civilian firms or persons. I am asking H.Q. A.C. to exert similar strong pressure. I may say that the Minister of Transport has had 14500 vehicles handed over to him by the Allies.

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2. (c) The clothing situation, I understand, is improving. This now is, of course, your responsibility, and with the large handover to you recently of cloth and uniforms out of "captured enemy material", together with the release to you of the CCMD clothing factory the problem is one of distribution rather than supply.

(d) The P.O.L. question is most unsatisfactory. The prefect allots P.O.L. to the CC.RR as he thinks fit. In BOLCMA (and I understand also in GENOVA), region the amount allotted is only barely sufficient for the CC.RR to maintain and feed themselves, with none available for the CC.RR normal units or mobile columns to perform their necessary functions.

My staff have already taken this up with you (see our letter ST/1604/9 dated 28 Nov 45 and Gen. LUZZI's reply in agreement 60/7085/USM. 5/2 dated 6 Dec 45) in connection with the mobile columns.

I now feel that you should go further and that all P.O.L. requirements for the CC.RR should be indented for on C.I.P. and distributed through the Ministry of War. A reserve should also be built up in each centre or region as soon as possible.

(e) At present intercommunication for CC.RR is by land-line only. Obviously wireless lines between the various H.Q.'s and internally in the mobile columns is essential as well, particularly in the event of serious disorder when land-lines would be cut. My signal officer is at this moment investigating the whole question of the wireless needs of and provision of suitable equipment for the CC.RR. I will inform you further when he has completed his investigation in a week or so.

REORGANIZATION OF CC.RR.

3. The BOLCMA question raises the whole problem of the organization of the CC.RR. From a short survey it appears that points which must be considered are the territoriality, power base, of organizing the CC.RR territorially with the same boundaries as the Army Regions; of organization of communal distribution of CC.RR; and of reorganizing the mobile columns themselves with a view to increasing flexibility and effectiveness.

I am taking this matter up with General BRUNETTI and Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

CONCLUSION.

4. (a) The above presents my general view of the problem, as I see it.

(b) The immediate problem for you appears to be :-

- (i) to ensure first priority of issue of material (clo 3541
ST/1604/9) to the CC.RR - particularly in BOLCMA region.
- (ii) to ensure the Ministry of War consent to honour his part

- (c) At present intercommunication for CC.RR is by land-line only. Civilian wireless links between the various H.Q.'s and internally in the mobile columns is essential as well, particularly in the event of various disaster when land-lines would be out. My signal officer is at this moment investigating the whole question of the wireless needs of and provision of suitable equipment for the CC.RR. I will inform you further when he has completed his investigation in a week or so.

REORGANIZATION OF CC.RR.

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CONCLUSION.

4. (a) The above presents my general view of the problem, as I see it.
(b) The specific problem for you appears to be :-

- (1) To ensure first priority of issue of material (clo 3541
M.A. 1111) to the CC.RR - particularly in BOLCONA Region.
(2) To press the Minister of Transport to honour his bond as required A.O. issued by him to the War Ministry.
(3) To take over the demand for and distribution of P.O.L. for the whole CC.RR.

- (c) I have not mentioned the political aspect in respect of subversive action on the part of Italian officials outside the CC.RR. That will be dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.O.

/As regards

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4. (c) contd.

As regards such elements inside the CC.RR I feel sure you are taking the strongest action to purge such ruthlessly, in order to create a non-party, national CC.RR police force.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : H.Q. A.C. (for Chief Commissioner) - 2 copies
Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.
Transportation Sub Commission, A.C.
General BRUNETTI, Comd. CC.RR.
H.Q. 2 District.

Internal :

List "A" (less 10, 17 and 19.)

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Appendix "A" to IMA
letter G/92 dated
14 December 1945

No. 1 Bde. C.S. BR

1. H.Q. BOLOGNA

2. Consists of :-

(a) Bde H.Q.

(b) Four legions, one each at
BOLOGNA (7 Groups)
ANCONA (5 Groups)
FLORENCE (5 Groups)
LIVORNO (5 Groups)

(c) H.Q. Mobile Bn. Gp. at
BOLOGNA

(d) Two Mch. Bns., one each at
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE

3. Strength (BOLOGNA Area only)

	Actual		W.E.	
	Offrs	O.Rs.	Offrs	O.Rs.
(a) Bde. H.Q.	7	2	4	10
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	67	3425	58	3252
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.	2	40	7	40
(d) BOLOGNA Mch. Bn.	7	338	30	548
TOTALS	76+	3803+	99	3850

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4. Vehicles.

	M.C. Self		M.C. Combination		Cars		Lt. Load carrying vehs		Hy. Load carrying vehs		Tech. vehs	
	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held
(a) Bdo. H.Q.	1				2							
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	874	75	9	3	60	38	73	3	9	14	9	NIL
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.					2		1				1	
(d) BOLOGNA Mob. Bn.	95	NIL			3	NIL	26	NIL	20	2		
TOTALS	970	75	9	3	67	38	100	3	29	16	10	NIL

5. Arms.

	Pistols Mod 34		Automatic Rifles		Carbines Mod 91		L M G Breda		R E
	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	
(a) Bdo. H.Q.	14		2		8		2		
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	3310	1253	649	467	2603	3251	123	61	
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.	47				40		4		
(d) BOLOGNA Mob. Bn.	578	86	187	46	361	557	21	6	
TOTALS	3949	1339	838	513	3012	3788	150	67	

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Sheet No. 2.

Appendix "A" to MMIA
letter C/92 dated
14. December 1945

M.C. Solo		M.C. Combination		Cars		Lt. Load carrying vehs		Hvy. Load carrying vehs		Tech. vehs		Armd vehs		REMARKS
W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	
1				2										
74	75	9	3	60	38	73	3	9	14	9	NIL			
				2		1				1				
95	NIL			3	NIL	26	NIL	20	2			12	12	
70	75	9	3	67	38	100	3	29	16	10	NIL	12	12	

Mintola Mod 34		Automatic Rifles		Carbines Mod 91		LMG Breda		REMARKS
W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	
74		2		3		2		
10	1253	649	467	2603	3251	123	61	
7				40		4		
78	86	187	46	361	537	21	6	
9	1339	838	513	3012	3788	150	67	

Subject: - Administration CC.RR.

To: ALL L.I. Us.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(M. M. I. A.)
RSE.
Q.104.

5 December, 1945.

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for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Police Sec MIA - Functions.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MILIA)

G/S

26 Nov 45

TO	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		ELU	"	"	"	"	"	ELU	"	"	"	"
		(TUNIS)	(CEMA)	(MILAN)	(BOLLANO)	(UDINE)	(BOLOGNA)	(FLORENCE)	(ROME)	(LARI)	(NAPLES)	(PALERMO)

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"Composed of
24 Groups

Mob Bns At:-

1. MILAN
2. FADMA

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Internal: MA to SAC

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C (Trg)

C (Police)

C (Sec)

*for Major General,
H. M. I. A.*

TO : No. 1 HLA (TURIN) 7 ELD (FLORINCE)
 2 " (GENOVA) 8 " (ROME)
 3 " (MILAN) 9 " (BARI)
 4 " (BOLZANO) 10 " (NAPLES)
 5 " (UDINE) 11 " (PALERMO) ✓
 6 " (BOLOGNA)

HQ A.C. (for Public Safety Sub-Com.)

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24 Groups

Not Eng at:-

1. MILAN
2. PADOVA

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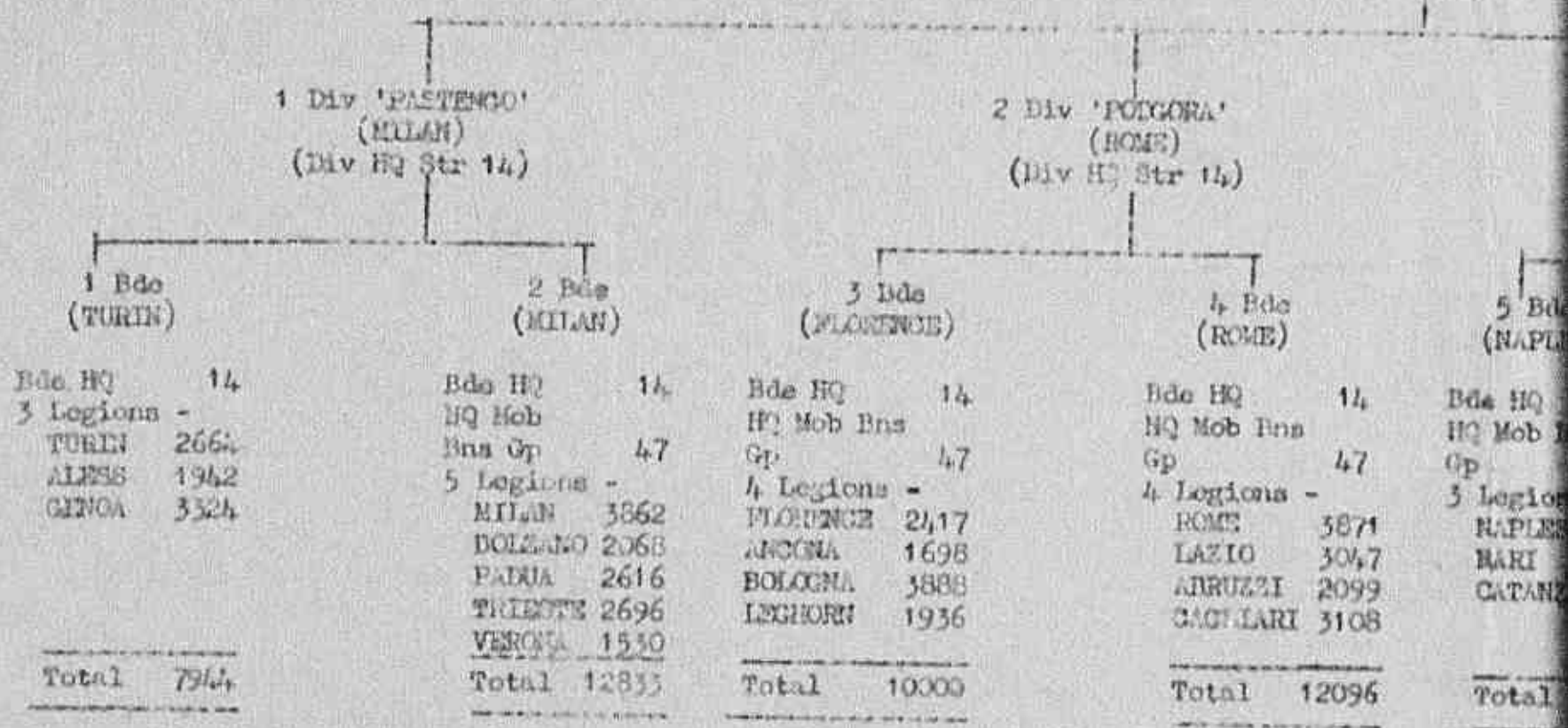
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 Q (Threes)
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the General
 Major General,
 H. H. I. I.

CENTRAL COMMAND
(ROME)
(Str 269)



Total Div Str 20791

Comprised of
16 Groups.

Mob Bns at:-
1. TURIN
2. GENOA

Comprised of
24 Groups.

Mob Bns at:-
1. MILAN
2. ~~GENOA~~ **PADUA**

SUBDIVISION

3 Divs 111 Groups
6 Bdes 12 Mob Bns
21 Legions

Total Div Str 22110

Comprised of
22 Groups.

Mob Bns at:-
1. FLORENCE
2. BOLOGNA

COMPOSITION OF MOB BN

Bn Hq 45
H/C Coy 120
1 Motor Coy 106

Comprised of
23 Groups.

Mob Bns at:-
1. ROME
2. ROME
3. CAGLIARI

2 Motor Coy 106
3 Motor Coy 106
Arm Car Coy 95
Total 578

NOTE: Strs of Legions, Groups and Coys vary with the districts in which they are stationed.

CENTRAL COMMAND

(ROME)

(Str 265)

2 Div 'POTIOM' (ROME)
(Div HQ Str 14)

3 Div (NAPLES)
(Div HQ Str 14)

Army
Service
(ROME)

Control
School
(FLORENCE)

4 Bde
(ROME)

5 Bde
(NAPLES)

6 Bde
(PALERMO)

Bde HQ 14
HQ Mob Bns
Gp 47
4 Legions -
ROME 3871
LAZIO 3047
ABRUZZI 2099
CAGLIARI 3108

Total 12096

Bde HQ 14
HQ Mob Bns
Gp 47
3 Legions -
NAPLES 3815
BARI 2633
CATANZARO 2473

Total 8982

Bde HQ 14
2 Legions -
PALERMO 4024
MESSINA 2561

Total 6599

Div Str 22110

Total Div Str 15595

1852

184

Comprised of
20 Groups.

Comprised of
18 Groups.

Comprised of
11 Groups.

Mob Bns at:-

1. ROME
2. ROME
3. CAGLIARI

Mob Bns at:-

1. NAPLES
2. BARI

Mob Bn at:-

1. PALERMO

COMPOSITION OF MOB BNS

45 2 Motor Coy 106
120 3 Motor Coy 106
106 Arm Car Coy 95
Total 578

Districts in which they are stationed.

L. COMMAND
(ROME)

(265)

PAL/13

(2)

3 Div
(NAPLES)
(Div HQ Str 14)5 Bde
(NAPLES)6 Bde
(PALERMO)

Bde HQ 14
 HQ Mob Bns
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Mob Bn at:-

1. PALERMO

Army
Service
(ROME)Central
School
(FLORENCE)Legions
Allievi
(ROME)

1865

184

4190

by 106
 by 106
 by 95
 578

stationed.

SUBJECT: Police Sec MMIA - Functions.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMIA)

Q/8

24 Nov 45

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23 Nov 45.

Internal: M4 to QAC Q (Police)
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D (Tre) Q (Three)
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Approved
for Major General, WAC
M. M. I. L. G.

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