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Oggetto: Rientro Corpo di
Guardia.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 10673 PALERMO

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13. Feb. 47

A1 : Comando 6° Regg. Fanteria
"AOSTA" PALERMO.

Poichè questo B.L.U. il giorno 17 corrente cesserà di esistere e lascerà i locali di Villa Rutelli e Villa Matranga di Via Libertà, Vi prego per allora di ritirare gli uomini di guardia. Colgo l'occasione per ringraziarvi e per Parteciparvi il mio più vivo compiacimento per l'ottimo servizio reso dai militari in parola.

W. Sykes

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

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R5th Infantry Regiment H.Q.

Ref 11042/erd.

Palermo 13 December 46

Subject:- Pte LERZI Nicoline.To :- 11 British Liaison Unit.
Palermo.

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The soldier on subject has been allotted to your H.Q. as a driver.

I believe necessary to point that Pte LERZI, having sustained the examinations is not yet in possession of licence to drive military transports.

Per the O.C.
Patti F. Lieut. Col.

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02 Otto:- Soldato LEBEI Nicoline.
Compagnia Comando - 3° Reg.

11 British Liaison Unit,

Telef. 15857

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12 Dicembre 1946.

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Al :- Comando 6° Regg. Panteria "Aosta"

Palermo.

Sarebbe gradito se il militare in oggetto, munito di patente di abilitazione civile e militare, attualmente in servizio di guardia presso l' 11 B.L.U., potesse essere assegnato definitivamente a questo comando in qualita' di autista.

Con infiniti ringraziamenti.

W. SYKES

Major

G.S.O.II

11 B.L.U.

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Oggetto: Brig. P.S. SERIO Salvatore

11 Bri lah Liaison Unit

Tel. 15557 PALERMO

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Al : Sig. Commissario di P.S.
Dirigente l'Ufficio di
P.S. Compartimentale
PALERMO

10. Dec. 46. *(S'98)*

Il Brigadiere di P.S. SERIO Salvatore fu assegnato presso gli Alleati fin dai primi giorni dell'occupazione e messo al Comando della squadra di agenti di P.S.

Il predetto sottufficiale per il suo comportamento fedele, leale ed onesto e per i molti servizi a lui affidati che ha portato brillantemente a termine si è guadagnato la stima di questo Comando che è ben lieto di segnalare alla S.V., affinché lo faccia assegnare alle sue dipendenze presso il Commissariato di P.S. Compartimentale di Palermo.

Ciò in vista del prossimo rientro del Serio, venendo a cessare la sua opera in seno alla M.S.I.A. 11 B.L.U.

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

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11 British Liaison Unit.
Tel. 10673. PALERMO.
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10 Novembre 1946.

OGGETTO: Guardia di P. S. Picone
Quirino, e

AL SIG. QUESTORE DI PALERMO

Essendo cessata la necessità di tenere ancora la guardia in oggetto in servizio presso questo B.L.U., si restituisce alla Questura.

Celgo l'occasione per comunicarvi che detta guardia, durante i tre anni di servizio prestati alle dipendenze degli Alleati, si e' dimostrata leale, fedele ed onesto ed ha disimpegnato il suo servizio con zelo.

Sarei grato, pertanto, di volerlo tenere in considerazione nell'assegnarlo ad un reparto di gradimento del Picone.

Ringraziamenti

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

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OGGETTO: Guardia di P.S. Toti Pietro.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

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Al Signor Questore di Palermo

19 Novembre 1946

Essendo cessata la necessità di tenere ancora la guardia in oggetto in servizio presso questo B.L.U., si restituisce alla Questura.

Colgo l'occasione per comunicarvi che detta guardia, durante i tre anni di servizio prestati alle dipendenze degli Alleati, si è dimostrato leale, fedele ed onesto ed ha disimpegnato il suo servizio con zelo.

Sarei grato, pertanto, di volerlo tenere in considerazione nell'assegnarlo ad un reparto di gradimento del Toti.

Ringraziamenti.

W.D.B.
W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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STATION C.P.

11 TERR. H.Q.

REF 6692/01

Palermo 4 Nov. 1946

Subject:- Guard duties.

To:- " ACSTA " Inf. Brigade

11 B.L.U. (for info)

Will you please arrange that the guard at 11 B.L.U. will
be to day increased with 5 G.R's. and 1 M.C.C., and the Sentries
armed with Thompson.

By Order
(The Chief of the Staff.)
R. Griglio Col.

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11 THUR. H.C.

Palermo 8 Nov. 1946

To:- " AOSTA " Inf. Brigade
11 B.L.D. (for info)

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By Order
(The Chief of The Staff.)
R. Griglio Col.

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ARMY FORM 2130 (Rev. 4-54)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

11 B.L.U.

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE/TIME

For Action

5th S.I. "Aosta" Regiment.

TO

(1) For Information (INFL)

Message Instructions

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Originator No.

Following instructions received by 11 B.L.U. H.Q. will you please arrange that the w/n. soldiers will be withdrawn as soon as possible from the 11 B.L.U. guard and replaced with well known elements:

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Pte MURA Luigi.- Pte RUCAS Effidio.- Pte CARTA Francesco.
2nd battalion, 5th Coy.

P.Catalano 2/Lt. IT1 L.O.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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BRITISH PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE

Palazzo Costantino
Via Maqueda, 217
PALERMO

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British Liaison Unit
SICILY

July 22nd, 1946

Subject: Italian Guards

1. One of the soldiers detailed by 139 Regiment as a guard on the British Institute and British Press Office has been released, leaving only one soldier on guard which does not prove sufficient.
2. 139 Regiment inform me that a replacement cannot be posted without asking Aosta Divisional Headquarters.
3. We would be very grateful, therefore, if you would approach this Division and request that a replacement be posted as guard to this office.



D.C. Orback
Acting Information Officer.

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MILITARY GUARD AT 11 B.L.U.
P A L E R M O

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To:- 6th Inf.Rgt. H.Q.

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

Sir,

I have to report you that on the 20th June 1946, at about 01.30 hrs, the guards on duty at 11 B.L.U., saw a civilian who tried to enter the area striding over the wall. After challenging, the guards fired four times.

I paraded immediately all the guard and I ordered to patrol inside and outside the perimeter, and I sent the Sergeant with four O.R's. to investigate, but nothing has been found. In the same time, for more security, and to avoid further attemptings, I kept alert all the guard for the next two hours.

I informed at once the British personnel.

The N.C.O. i/c. the guard:
Sgd. PROVENZA Salvatore C.S.M.

Palermo 20 June 1946.

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Subject: Guards.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
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To : 11 Territorial H.Q.
(for Chief of Staff)

1 June 46.

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SIA
With reference to your letter 3898/01 dated 26 May 46.

I shall be very pleased to accept your suggestion that the permanent guard supplied by the 6 "Inf. Regt." shall remain here.

My only objection to the employment of a permanent guard was that we could not offer them good accommodation but we have now been able to overcome this difficulty and I am now satisfied that the guard is reasonably comfortable.

I should also like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the manner in which the guard are performing their duties and of their exemplary conduct at all times and I should be grateful if this expression of appreciation could be conveyed to their Commanding Officer.

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

WS/SI

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TRANSLATION C.P.

11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

(5/17)

Ref 3898/01

Palermo 26 May 1946.

Subject:- Guard at 11 B.L.U.To:- 11 B.L.U.
PALERMO.

With reference to your verbal request, and confirming what it has been already related to your Liaison Officer, will you please allow us to suspend the change of the actual permanent guard with a 24 hours guard.

The above for the following points:

- 1° - The personnel has been carefully selected for their smart turn out and discipline.
- 2° - The personnel equipment has been carefully selected and this for decorum reasons inherent to the special duty. If the number of the personnel for this duty has to be increased, we could not, for general clothing situation keep thoroughly this decorum.
- 3° - A 24 hrs. guard keeps about a double number of soldiers, and this it is believed unadvisable for the actual Unit-strength, and for the heavy duties in occasion the next elections.

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In the same time we inform you that being very near the 6th Inf. Regt. "Aosta" Div. barrack, from whom the guard is supplied, it is assured of a hot-meal service, and any other things they may require.

If this B.L.U. persists in the point of view to have the guard changed each 24 hrs, it is kindly requested to start the movement after the electoral campaign, when a larger strength will be available.

By order
The Chief of the Staff
(Col. Roberto Griglio)

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Subject: Guard Orders

17 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

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15 May 46. 50A

To : 11 Mil. Terr. H.Q.
PALERMO

1. Herewith 2 copies in Italian of - Guard Standing Orders
11 B.L.U. and A.C. PALERMO, Orders for Sentries, Guard
Commanders Orders, - related to the Guard furnished by
6 Inf. Regt. for this unit.
2. Would you please forward copies of these orders to 6
Inf. Regt.

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

SES/SI
C.M.P.

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ORDINE PERMANENTE PER LE GUARDIE ALL'11 B.L.V. A A.C. PALERMO.

1. OGGETTO.

La guardia sarà responsabile della sicurezza degli edifici della Villa MATRANGA e Villa RUTELLI e tutti i veicoli parcheggiati nel recinto.

2. COMPITI.

Il personale di guardia non entrerà entro nessun edificio tranne il corpo di guardia e nenc che per emergenza o per ordine di un Ufficiale Inglese.

3. UNIFORME.

L'uniforme sarà composta di bustina, cinturone, giberne, fucile e baionetta.

4. MUNIZIONI.

Ogni soldato porterà seco 25 cartucce per il moschetto.

5. MISURE DI SICUREZZA.

I fucili dovranno essere tenuti carichi senza colpo di canna e dopo che la sentinella sarà smontata il capo posto si curerà che il fucile venga scaricato, prima di entrare nel copro di guardia.

Le sentinelle in servizio NON metteranno il caricatore finchè non son arrivate proprio sul luogo di servizio.

Il fucile dovrà essere tenuto carico in servizio ³⁵²⁰ Jan 20 colpo in canna, e dovrà essere messo in sicura.

6. IGIENE.

- a) Il corpo di guardia dovrà essere tenuto pulito ed ordinato in ogni momento. Dovrà essere lavato giornalmente alle ore 15.00 prima di essere consegnato alla nuova guardia.
- b) Particolare attenzione dovrà essere rivolta nel mettere la spazzatura nell'apposito bidone.
- c) La guardia potrà solo servirsi delle latrine dell'orinatoio esterno.

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La latrina e l'orinatoio dovrà essere disinfettato giornalmente con disinfettante fornito dall'11 B.L.V.

ORDINI PER LE SENTINELLE.

1. Il vostro periodo di servizio sarà di sole due ore alla volta.
2. Curerete che nessuna persona non autorizzata entri nel vostro recinto durante le ore del vostro servizio.
3. Monterete in servizio durante il giorno nell'area dove sono le macchine.
Durante le ore notturne sorvegliate attentamente le macchine e farete giri di ispezione entro il perimetro del recinto ad intervalli irregolari.
4. Darete l'alto là a tutte le persone non conosciute che cerchino di entrare entro il recinto durante le ore della notte.
L'alto là verrà dato nella seguente maniera:
a) "ALT" chi va là?
b) Se riceverete risposta: avanti e fatevi riconoscere
Se nessuna risposta riceverete alla intimidazione (a), ripetetelo.
Se la persona ancora non risponde e continua ad avanzare, date: Ferma o sparo.
Se la persona non si ferma, sparerete.
5. Se vedrete qualche persona non autorizzata a cercare di entrare nel recinto scavalcando il muro o l'ingresso, il che è in vostra opinione per illecite ragioni, e voi seguendo il vostro giudizio, sparere se dopo aver dato chiaramente il comando di "ALT" la persona non obbedisca a fermarsi.
6. In caso di qualche avvenimento straordinario, chiederete la guardia fischiamo ripetutamente e brevemente il vostro fischietto.
7. Dovrete rimanere all'erta durante tutto il vostro periodo di servizio.

ORDINI PER IL CAPO POSTO.

1. Il periodo di servizio della vostra guardia è dalla ore 19,00 fino alle ore 19,00 del giorno successivo.
2. Curerete che il montare e lo smontare della guardia venga effettuato nella maniera dovuta e seguendo i regolamenti Militari Italiani.
3. Porterete in servizio e farete smontare personalmente tutte le sentinelle.
4. Ispezionerete le sentinelle ad intervalli irregolari durante il giorno ed almeno una volta ogni due ore durante la notte.
5. Farete montare una sentinella durante il giorno e due di notte.
6. Le sentinelle non dovranno mai stare più di due ore in servizio e durante la notte monteranno per due ore e si riposeranno per quattro.
7. In caso di qualche evento straordinario durante le ore notturne, sveglierete il più vicino soldato inglese nella palazzina dei soldati, il quale chiamerà, se necessario, un Ufficiale Inglese.
8. Dovrete adunare la guardia regolarmente vestita ed equipaggiata in 30 secondi se chiamata da un Ufficiale Italiano d'ispezione, o da un Ufficiale Inglese dell'11 B.L.U. o in caso di emergenza.
9. Leggerete l'ordine permanente per le guardie ed i servizi delle sentinelle a tutti i soldati della guardia, e Vi assicurerete che siano ben capiti e rispettati ad ogni momento.
10. Curerete che il corpo di guardia e le adiacenze siano sempre tenuti puliti.
11. Terrete aggiornato un registro delle novità e un elenco dei turni delle sentinelle.

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7. In caso di qualche evento straordinario durante le ore notturne, sveglierete il più vicino soldato inglese nella palazzina dei soldati, il quale chiederà, se necessario, un Ufficiale Inglese.
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11. Terrete aggiornato un registro delle novità e un elenco dei turni delle sentinelle.
12. Sarete sempre responsabile che le guardie siano sempre all'erta ed efficienti.

GUARD STANDING ORDERS 11 B.I.U. AND A.C. PALERMO.

1. OBJECT.

The Guard will be responsible for guarding the buildings of Villa MATRANGA and Villa RUTELLI and all vehicles parked in the grounds.

2. BOUNDS.

The Guard will NOT enter any other building other than the Guard Room allotted to them excepting for emergency reasons or if ordered to do so by a British officer.

3. DRESS.

Dress will be soft hats, belt, pouches, rifle and bayonet.

4. AMMUNITION.

Each man will carry 25 rounds of rifle ammunition.

5. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

Rifle magazines will be charged at all times but REMOVED from the rifle and kept in the pouch when not on actual sentry duty - immediately after a sentry has been relieved the guard commander will see that his rifle is inspected and the magazine removed before entering the guard room.

Sentries on duty will NOT place magazine on rifle until they have actually "taken post".

Magazine will then be placed on rifle but rifle will NOT be loaded and Safety catch will be applied.

6. HYGIENE.

a) Guard Room will be kept clean and tidy at all times. It will be washed out daily at 1500 hrs before handing over to the new guard.

b) Care will be taken to place rubbish in the bin provided.

c) The guard will use only the external latrine and ^{W.C.} ~~urinal~~ allotted to them. **3717**

This latrine an urinal will be disinfected once daily with disinfectant issued by 11 B.I.U.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES.

1. Your tour of duty will be for 2 hours only at a time.
2. You will see that no unauthorized person (s) enter the grounds during your tour of duty.
3. Your post by day will be in the area of the transport.
During the hours of darkness you will guard the transport closely and make a tour of the inside perimeter of the grounds at staggered intervals.
4. You will challenge any stranger attempting to gain entrance to the grounds between the hours of darkness.
Challenge will be made as follows:
a) - 'HALT' - 'who goes there'
b) on receiving reply - Advance (one) and be recognized.
If no reply is received on your command (a), repeat it.
If the challenged person still does not reply and continues to advance you will order 'HALT or I fire'.
If challenged person does not then HALT you will fire.
5. If any unauthorized person is seen to be attempting to gain entrance to the grounds by scaling the walls or exit, which is in your opinion for illicit reasons you will use your own judgement and if necessary fire after merely giving the warning command of 'HALT' (if this command is not obeyed).
6. In the event of any unusual occurrence you will call out the guard by blowing a series of short sharp blasts on your whistle.
7. You will remain alert during your complete period of duty.

GUARD COMMANDERS ORDERS.

1. Tour of duty of your guard will be from 1900-1900 hrs.
2. You will see that the take-over and hand over of your guard is carried out correctly in conformance with Italian Army Guard Regulations.
3. You will personally post and relieve all sentries.
4. You will visit your sentries at irregular intervals during the hours of daylight and at least once every two hours during the hours of darkness.
5. You will post 1 sentry by day and 2 by night.
6. Tour of duties of sentries will never be for a period of more than 2 hours at a time and during the hours of darkness sentries will do 2 hrs on guard and 4 hrs off.
7. In the event of any unusual occurrence during the hours of darkness you will wake the nearest British personnel in the C.Rs. billet who if necessary will call a British Officer.
8. You will be able to parade your guard properly dressed and equipped within 30 seconds of being called out by any Italian inspecting officer or British Officer of 11 B.L.U. or in the event of an emergency.
9. You will read out "Guard Standing Orders" and "Duties of Sentries" to all members of the Guard and make sure that they are understood and adhered to at all times.
10. You will see that the guard room and environments are kept clean at all times.
11. You will keep a Guard Report and sentry roster.
12. You will be responsible for the efficiency and alertness of your guard at all times.

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TRANSLATION C.P.

11 Territorial H.Q.

Operation Office.

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Ref 3793/01

Palermo 22 May 1946.

Subject:- Guard duties.

To:- 11 B.L.U.

P A L E R M O

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Ref your letter dated 16 May 46.

This is to inform you that " Aosta " Div. H.Q. will relieve as soon as possible the Carabinieri Guard at your H.Q. with a permanent guard of 2 N.C.Os. and 6 O.R's.

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By Order

The Chief of the Staff.

(Col. Roberto Griglio)

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Subject: Guard Duties.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

I/7

16 May 46.

48A

To : 11 Mil. Terr. H.Q.
for Chief of Staff.

It is understood that in accordance with the present policy of saving manpower in the CC.RR. whenever possible and, in particular, of relieving them of all extraneous guard duties, the CC.RR. guard provided by the Gruppo Interno of the Legion of Palermo is shortly to be withdrawn from this H.Q.

Under these circumstances I should be grateful if a 24 hours Military guard of 2 M.C.O's and 6 other ranks could be provided under arrangements of 11 Comando Militare Territoriale to take its place.

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

WS/SI

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RR.CC. TERRITORIAL LEGION +INTERIOR COMPANY PALERMO.

Ref 3/31

Palermo: 24 April '46.

Subject:- Guard duties at Villa Rutelli and Villa Matranga.

To:- II.B.L.U.

This is to confirm that the Carabinieri duties at Villa Rutelli and Villa Matranga, will be carried out by one carabinieri by day, and two carabinieri by night.

Each Carabinieri will be on 4 hours.

The Captain Commanding.
(Rocco Tinnirello)

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W 2314

Subject :- Guard - N.A.D.11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

I/7

/6 April 1946.

To :- U.S. Naval Det.
Palermo.

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Further to our letter I/7 dated 5 April, addressed to Comando Terr. Palermo (copy to you).

1. We have been informed by Comando Terr. Palermo, that owing to the shortage of personnel, it will not be possible to raise the strength of the Guard at the N.A.D. to 50 men. They have, however, raised the number by 9 men, so that three (3) more night sentry-posts may be manned. Also they have allocated two (2) L.M.G.'s and two (2) automatic rifles to this Guard, in order to increase the fire-power.

2. Comando Terr. are not able to put the rest of the 5th Bn. at your disposal.

3. They are, however, prepared to reinforce both the Guard at N.A.D. and at the Port in the event of any disorders.

MSH
R.E. HECTOR, Major
C.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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* 3711

Subject :- Guards on Allied Installations.

1. The strength state of II/5 Regt. does not allow us to raise to 50 men the guard on the ammunition Depot of Mondello.
2. For due to the general strength state of Palermo Garrison, after the release of the class 1921, and several exigencies of public order, it is not possible to put a battalion to the complete disposal of the American Naval Detachment.
3. Notwithstanding we have disposed that the guard on the ammunition Depot of Mondello:-
 - be raised with 9 men, so that three more night sentry posts be instituted;
 - be given two light machine guns and two automatic rifles.
4. It is in our projects also that in case of disorders and request of the Allied Authorities, the guard on the port and ammunition Depot be reinforced.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: I/7.

✓ April 1946.

Subject :- Guard - H.A.D.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

Ref. your 2718/01 dated 2 April 1946.

1. We are at present unable to say whether or not the Guard on the a/m installation, will still be required after the disbandment of the American Naval Detachment.
2. Regarding the H.A.D., we have today been requested by the Naval Detachment, that the Guard on this installation be increased immediately from the present number of 20 to 50. Please inform this Unit when this action has taken place.
3. Further, the Naval Detachment have requested that the rest of this Battalion supplying the Guards, be put at the disposal of the Commanding Officer of the Naval Detachment, in the event of any trouble. Please confirm that such action will be possible.

R.E.H.
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. IX.,
11 B.L.U.

REN/SP

Copy : W.O. CONOLLY - U.S. Navy.

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see 46

11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

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Ref 718/81

Palermo 2nd April 1946

Subject :- Guards at Allied installations.

To 11 B.L.U.
Palermo.

Will you please inform whether it will be possible to
withdrawn the guards at the docks and at the ammunition Depot
in Mondello, when the American " Naval Detachment, is disbanded.

BY ORDER
IL Capo di Stato Maggiore.
(Roberto Griglio Col.)
Sgd

see 40

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

78
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SUBJECT: Guarding of Allied Stores Depots

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG. (LSEA)

9/16

28 Mar 46

TO : Allied Force Headquarters

Ref: Att translation of 205143/II dated 21 Mar from ITALIAN Ministry of War to this HQ.

War action please be taken to obviate future recurrence of similar unfortunate incidents?

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

ARCS/et

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Copy to : Ministry of War

List 2 less serial 12 - for action with local Allied comds.

Internal: 0

TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

To : LSEA

Subj: Allied Stores Depots

Ref: 205143/II

Date: 21 Mar 46

I have been informed that some depots of war disposal materials have been unexpectedly left without the gds which were mounted for the purpose by the Allied authorities.

Ref att translation of 205143/II dated 21 Mar from ITALIAN Ministry of War to this HQ.

May action please be taken to obviate future recurrence of similar unfortunate instances?

Passantini
21 Mar
CS
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

AEOS/ab

3707

Copy to : Ministry of War

Unit 2 less serial 12 - for action with local Allied comms.

Internal: Q

TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of War

Ref : 205143/II

To : MMLA

Date : 21 Mar 46

Subject: Allied Stores Depots

I have been informed that some depots of war disposal materials have been unexpectedly left without the gun which were mounted for the purpose by the Allied authorities.

In some cases the Military Territories Command have used their initiative and mounted ITALIAN units on guard, but, despite this, cases have occurred of removal and syphilis of the stored materials on the part of outside elements.

In order to avoid such inconvenience I should be pleased if your Mission would kindly approach the competent Allied authorities in order to ensure that on the occasion of a transfer of command of materials depots, the competent ITALIAN military authorities be given timely warning.

signed

PROSIO
War Minister

4/14

allied stores
CS

11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

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Ref 2703/01

Palermo 29 March 1946

Subject:- Civilian armed guard.

to:- 11 B.L.U.
Palermo.

With letter 20/4400/II of 24 March 1946, from
Min. of War, - Cabinet, have been given dispositions about
the badges of the civilian guard at the depots handed by the
Allied.

Necessary orders have been given.

By order
Il Capo di Stato maggiore
(Roberto Griglio Col.)

3706

URGENT

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/I/2.

28 March 1946.

Subject :- Armed Civilian Guards.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

1. We have been informed that all Civilian Armed Guards are to wear a GREEN Arm-Band.
2. Please take IMMEDIATE action to ensure that this War-Ministry order is being strictly adhered to.

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

REH/ED

3705

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : NMIA

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TO : 1 B.V.
 2 M.J.
 3 M.U.
 4 M.U.
 5 M.U.
 6 M.U.
 7 M.U.
 8 M.U.
 9 M.U.
 10 M.U.
 11 M.U.

REF : 0.195

RESTRICTED

MINISTRY OF WAR ORDER THAT ALL ARMED CIVILIAN GUARDS WILL
 WEAR GREEN REPEAT GREEN ARMBANDS (.) ENSURE UNIFORMITY IN
 THIS RESPECT BY STRONG ACTION WITH TERRITORIAL COMDS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AS APPLICABLE

As per initial

G/14

23 March 1946
 ARCE/nd

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11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

Ref 2074/01

Palermo 11 March 1946.

Subject:- Uditore C.I.P. guard.

To:- 11 B.L.U.
Palermo.

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Ref your PAL/1/2 of 5 March '46.

Due to the actual situation and location of the C.I.P. installation at Uditore, this H.Q. believes to don't change for the time being the military guard with civilian personnel.

Therefore no request at the moment will be submitted to the War Department.

By order
Il Capo di Stato Maggiore.
(Roberto Griglio Col.)

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/I/2.

5 March 1946.

Subject :- Guard at C.I.P. Installation UDITORE.

To :- Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

Ref. your 1537/01 dated 16 Feb. 46 regarding
substitution of military guard by civilians.

We have been informed by H.Q. M.M.I.A. that
such application must be submitted by you, direct to the
Ministry of War.

Please inform this Unit, whether this has in
fact, been done.

R.E. HECTOR
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/SP.

3702

SUBJECT : Employment of Civilian Guards

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (301A)

G/14

25 Feb 46

TO : 11 BIU ←

Ref your letter PAL/1/2 of 20 Feb.

See my G/14 of today's date, with particular ref to Appx.

Armed Civilian Guards can NOT be employed until 11 Terr Comd have applied to Ministry of War, Min of War have applied to this Hq, fulfilling all the conditions laid down, and this Hq has obtained authy from GHQ.

ARCS/abo

Lt Col
GS

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SUBJECT : Civilian Armed Guards

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

G/14

25 Feb 46

TO : List B less Serial 12

1. As a counter to an ITALIAN request for an increase in CERR ceiling to provide additional guards for dumps etc of ALLIED eqpt handed over to the ITALIAN Army, AFHQ agreed on 15 Dec 45 to permit the ITALIANS to employ a minimum number of armed civilians subject to certain strict limitations.

2. In spite of their own repeated complaints that soldiers are employed on guard duties, the Ministry of War continue to state that Terr HQ have not submitted any definite indent for civilian guards of this type.

3. Please investigate requirements, urge your ITALIAN Territorial Comm to make the necessary request to the Ministry of War, and at the same time inform this HQ of such detail as may come into your possession.

4. A copy of MMIA letter G/14 of 27 Dec (amended), defining the conditions under which armed civilians may be employed as guards attached hereto at Appx 'A' for your information.

Handwritten signature

Lt Col
GS

Internal: CERR Branch
War Diary (two)

AROS/abc

*Turn it in
no longer active
to change the ground
at present*
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important
ammit to the report
32004/3*

C O P Y

SUBJECT : Guarding of Stores handed over by the ALLIES

LAND FORCES SVE COM, A.C. (MILIA)

2/11

27 Dec 45

TO : Distn below

Ref your 224526/41 of 12 Nov 45.

1. I am in agreement with you on the necessity of guarding effectively the stores now being handed over to you but I am not authorized to discuss the question of placing or retaining under arms any personnel in excess of the 205,000 authorized for the ITALIAN Army (including CC.RR), in MILIA Directive No. 1 of 2 Nov 45.

2. ASHC, however, have now given permission for the employment of civilian guards to safeguard the stores involved, with the following provisos:

- (a) That the number of guards so employed is kept to a minimum consistent with efficient guarding.
- (b) That guards carry arms only while they are on duty. That the arms with which the guards are equipped do not exceed one per man on duty at any one time, and that these weapons are held as 'post' stores.
- (c) That all guards wear some easily recognisable badge or insignia.
- (d) That the authority of these guards to make arrests or use their firearms while on duty shall be clearly defined and conform to the general lines of that accorded to the Carabinieri. The general authority accorded to the GUR is as follows:

(1) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed as properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries, on such duties as guarding dumps, property, buildings, etc. they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after direct challenge in the following circumstances:

- (1) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- (2) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.

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- (1) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- (2) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- (3) There will be no following up in order to shoot beyond the immediate area to be guarded.
- (4) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on normal patrol and police duty, they may open fire on ALLIED personnel only in the following circumstances:
 - (1) When attacked by an armed ALLIED soldier in circumstances which render the use of firearms essential in self-defence.

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- (2) When attacked by an unarmed ALLIED soldier an the attack is of such a character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard their lives.
- (3) When an armed ALLIED soldier is making an attack with firearms on a third party.
- (iii) When COER and Civil Police are employed on patrol and police duty, they may open fire on civilians in such circumstances as are laid down by existing Italian regulations on this subject.
- (iv) Automatic fire will not be used. Automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may however be used as single shot weapons.
- (v) In no circumstances will fire be opened against women members of the ALLIED forces.
- (e) That this HQ be kept informed for transmission to the ALLIED Commission, of the numbers, locations and types of weapons employed by such guards.
- (f) That the arms with which such guards are equipped are supplied from ITALIAN resources, and that such guards are not equipped at the expense of the ITALIAN Army or Carabinieri.
- (g) That BEFORE any such guards are actually on duty, this HQ is informed, for transmission to the ALLIED Commission, to AFM, and to all ALLIED Military personnel in the neighbourhood of the depots, of full details of the distinctive insignia adopted in accordance with sub-para (c) above.
- (h) That such guards will not go on duty until confirmation has been given to you by this HQ that all those mentioned in sub-para (g) above have in fact been duly informed.

3. Your reply is awaited.

ALCS/abm

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signed L. TRAMING

Major General
M H Z A

TO : Ministry of War

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(f) That the area with which such guards are equipped are supplied from ALLIED resources, and that such guards are not equipped at the expense of the ITALIAN Army or Carabinieri.

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(h) That such guards will not go on duty until confirmation has been given to you by this HQ that all those mentioned in sub-para (g) above have in fact been duly informed.

3. Your reply is awaited.

AKS/abo

signed

L. BROWNING

Major General
M K I A

3698

TO : Ministry of War

Copy to : AFHQ

LC - 5 incl copies for Civil Affairs Sec
Public Safety Sub Com

Internal: 1

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War Diary (two)

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Ref:PAL/K/2.

24 February 1946.

Subject :- Guards - Allied Installations.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
ROME.

Ref. your G/16 dated 9 Feb. 46 and signal
(unreferenced) dated 21 Feb. 46.
Herewith required information.
The delay in forwarding this information is
regretted.

RRH
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

RRH/SP.

3697

ITALIAN GUARDS ON ALLIED INSTALLATIONS

Italian Unit performing Guard	Allied Unit for whom guard performed	Strength of Guard		Location of guard duty	Duration of duty
		Offrs.	N.C.O.s	O.R.s	
5 th Rgt. S.I.	U.S. Naval Detachment Palermo	-	1	30	American am- munitions De- pot, Mondello (Palermo).
45 th " " "	H.Q. British Troops Sicily.	-	-	5	British Food Warehouse DID Catania.
45 th " " "	do	-	-	3	Officers Club Catania.
45 th " " "	do	-	-	4	Signal-Catania
45 th " " "	do	-	-	3	Terminal Station do Submarine hollow for Malta.
45 th " " "	do	1	-	2	British rest Camp, Etna Catania.
45 th " " "	do	-	-	1	Refrigeratory wagon escort, Messina.
45 th " " "	do	-	-	7	British autowork do Catania.
16 th " " "	British Navy H.Q. Augusta.	1	-	16	British Naphtia do Depot, Augusta.

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such as
20 Jan 46

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Il Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

Ref 1794/01

Palermo 25 February '46.

Subject:- Military guards at Allied installations.

To:- Il D.L.U.
PALERMO.

herewith ^{return} one guard duties at Allied installations
supplied by the Units under our Command.

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore.
(Col Roberto Griglio)

3695

ITALIAN GUARDS ON ALLIED INSTALLATIONS

Italian Unit performing Guard	Allied Unit for whom guard performed	Strength of Guard Offrs. N.C.O.s O.A.s	Location of guard duty	Duration of duty
50 Rgt. S.I.	U.S. Naval Detachment Palermo	- 1 30	American ammuni- tions Depot, Mon- dello (Palermo).	Permanent duty
450 " "	H.Q. British Troops Sicily.	- 5	British Food Warehouse DID Catania	do
450 " "	do	- 3	Officers Club Catania	do
450 " "	do	- 4	Signal - Catania	do
450 " "	do	- 3	Terminal Station Submarine hollow for Malta	do
450 " "	do	1 2	British rest camp Etna Catania.	do
450 " "	do	- 1	Refrigeratory waggon escort, Messina.	do
450 " "	do	- 7	British autopark Catania	do
160 " "	British Navy H.Q. Augusta	1 16	British Naptha Depot, Augusta.	do

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

23 Feb. 46.

Subject : Guards - Allied Installation.

Ref : PAL/I/2.

To : Comando Territoriale,
Palermo.

Ref. your 1568/01 dated 19.Feb.46.

In view of the fact that the doubling of the Guard at the American Ammunition Dump never actually took place, necessitating other arrangements being made, it is now no longer necessary for these extra troops to be supplied.

R.E.H.

R.E. HECTOR,
Major, G.S.O. II.

REN/go.

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11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

Ref 1508/01

Palermo 19 Feb. '46.

Subject:- Ammunition depot in Mondello - Guard.

copy To 11 B.L.U.
to "Aosta" Div. H.Q. (Ref 469/op. of 15/2/46) PALERMO.

Will you please inform us whether is still believed necessary
at the moment the redouble of the guard at the American A
Ammunition Depot at Mondello.

BY Order
The Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Roberto Griglio Col.)

3692

TRANSLATION

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MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND OF PALERMO
(Service Office)

Palermo, 11 19 Febbraio 46

Subject: Guards at civil installations.

This command, with letter N°7937/01 dated 30 Nov. 1946 has indicated to this High Commissary, the necessity to substitute the military sentries at the installations dependant by other statal or civil administrations with Police agents or civil Guardes.

With letter N°758/01 dated 27 Jan. 46 this command has begged this High Commissary to let know the decision about the above mentioned matter.

As it is urgent to have the disposal of the military employees in the above said services, beg you to give us relative orders.

We enclose a prospect of military sentries of whom we ask the substitution.

d'ordine
CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF
(Col. R. Griglio)

3691

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/I/2/

20 February 1946

Subject :- Guard - Petrol Dump
UDITORE.

To :- Comando Militare Territoriale di Palermo.

Ref. your 1537/01 dated 16 Feb. 46.

1. The question of substituting the present Military guard on the Petrol Dump at Uditore with civilians has been referred to our H.Q. in ROME.

2. You will be informed of their decision as soon as a reply is received at this H.Q.

HJ
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

SES/EP

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref: PAL/I/2.

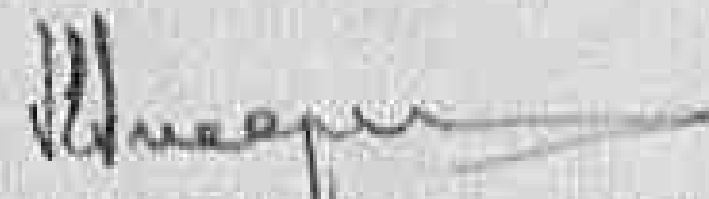
20 February 1946

Subject :- Guard-substitution by civilians.

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

1. 11 Territorial Command have requested our authority to substitute the present Military guard (32 men) on the Petrol Dump at UBITORE (Palermo) with a civilian guard.

2. Can this matter be investigated and this H.Q. instructed accordingly.


R.E. HECTOR, Major
C.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

SES/gp

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

19 Feb. 46.

Subject : Italian Guards - Allied Installations.
Ref : PAL/I/2.
To : Territorial Command.

1. An endeavour is being made to relieve Italian Troops of guard duties on Allied Installations.
(exclusive of Br - ITI and US - ITI units.
2. Will you please submit as soon as possible a report to this H.Q. in accordance with pro-forma attached as appendix "A" to this letter.

NOTE : If it is known that any particular guard at present doing duty on an allied installation is due to terminate within 1 or 2 weeks this guard need not be mentioned on attached Appendix "A".

REH
R.E. HECTOR,
Major, G.S.O. II.

REH/ec.

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ITALIAN GUARDS ON ALLIED INSTALLATIONS
11 Territorial Command.

Serial. No.	Italian Unit. Performing Guard.	Allied Unit. For whom guard performed	Strength of Guard.	Location of Guard duty	State "Pe or "
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Appendix "A" B.L.U. letter.
PAL/I/2 dated Feb. 46.

ITALIAN GUARDS ON ALLIED INSTALLATIONS
11 Territorial Command.

Allied Unit. For whom guard performed	Strength of Guard.	Location of Guard duty	State if Guard "Permanent" or "Temporary"	Remarks.

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11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

Ref 1537/01

Alerno 16 Feb. '46.

Subject:- Guard at Patrol Depot at Auditora.

11.B.L.U.

copy: Div. S.I. "Aosta" H.Q. (ref letter 364/op.)

Will you please authorise the substitution with
civilian guards of the military guard (32 men) at Patrol
Depot at Auditora.

By order
Il Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Col. Roberto Griglio)

3686

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SUBJECT: Italian Guards

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMM. AC (MMIA)

G/16

7 Feb 46

TO : List 'B' (less Ser 12)

1. The GOC intends to take up with AFHQ the question of Guards still being found for Allied use by ITALIAN Ips (exclusive of BR-ITIs and US-ITIs).

2. A report is required as soon as possible giving details of any such guards in your Territorial Region, showing whether the guards are of a permanent or merely a temporary nature.

for G. Hqs.
Brigadier,
G.S.

MWH/ab

3685

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

24 27
19 Jan. 1946.

Subject : Withdrawal of Italian *by vessel*.
Ref. : PAL/I/2.
To : Royal Navy,
Messina.

24 B
Ref. your U.2/7/1844 dated 12. January.46. addressed to
O.C. British Tps. Sicily.

We regret that we are unable to authorise the retention
of the Italian Military Guard, on the R.N. Fleet - Club.

It is suggested that a Guard be obtained from the
Questura for this purpose.

AKH
R.E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/gc.

Copy to : O.C. Br. Tps. Sicily. (your A.19 dated 14. Jan.46. refers)

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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19 Jan. 1946.

Subject : Guard at R. Navy - Messina.

Ref. : PAL/I/2.

To : Comando Territoriale,
Palermo.

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Ref. your 404/O1 dated 16. Jan. 46. Please arrange to
withdraw this Guard as early as possible.

M. H.
R. E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/go.

3683

11 Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office/.

Ref 404/01

Palermo 16 Jan. '46.

Subject:- Guards.

To:- 11 B.L.U. =

PALESTINE.

copy

to:- "Sabauda" Div. H.Q. =

MESSINA

Please notify our Unit if the guard at the SCOTTISH
Cantine of Allied Navy in Messina (1 N.C.O and 8 O.Rs.
is to be kept.

By order.

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore.
(Roberto Griglio Col.)

3682

Subject:- Withdrawal of Italian Military Guards
from R.N. Fleet Club at Messina

Ref. A 19
Tel. Catania 13016

14 Jan 46

11 B.L.U.

With reference to our telephone conversation.

Attached herewith copy letter from SNOES for
your attention please.

In the Field
FPF/CS

replied
18/1
F.P.L.
Capt RA,
Garrison Adjutant,
British Troops Sicily.

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1. SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF ITALIAN MILITARY GUARDS FROM
U.S. FLEET CLUB AT MESSINA.

FROM THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, EASTERN DISTRICT.

DATE 10th January, 1946. No. 2/7/184.

TO OFFICER COMMANDING BRITISH TROOPS, SICILY.

With reference to the proposed withdrawal of
the Italian Military Guards from the U.S. Fleet Club at Messina.

2. It would be greatly appreciated if this guard
of one U.S.C. and eight other ranks could continue their present
duties.

3. Robbery is very prevalent at the present time
in Messina, and the Fleet Club contains a considerable stock
of food and wine which cannot otherwise be safeguarded.

4. It is not possible to give a definite date for
the withdrawal of this guard, but three or four months should
be about the time, and further information will be given when
available.

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not anchored
18th*

P. E. H. 3680
(R.C. H. H. H.)
OFFICER U.S.C.
or CAPTAIN.

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20U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
PALERMO, SICILYFILE No: ND/A8-7
SERIAL:

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16 JAN 1946

Major R.E. HECTOR,
CO, British Liaison Unit #11,
Villa Rutelli, Via LaMarmora No. 48,
Palermo, Sicily.

Dear Major Hector:

Pursuant to my letter of 10 January 1946 stating the essential posts to be manned by Italian military personnel, local political developments make it necessary that we now make a further request.

At present there are thirty men and one officer maintaining six posts at the Naval Ammunition Depot. It is deemed advisable and necessary for the maintenance of security to increase this number of posts and to increase the number of personnel by twenty, making a total of fifty enlisted personnel and one officer.

It is understood that these guards will not be required after approximately 15 March. Again I should like to thank you for your cooperation in this most urgent matter.

E. J. Beall
E. J. BEALL,
Commander, USNR.,
Commanding Officer.

*Arranged &
Cmnd Beall informed
15/1*

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U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
PALERMO, SICILY

FILE No: WD/AS-7
SERIAL:

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16 JAN 1946

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E. J. BEALL,
Commander, USNR.,
Commanding Officer.

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FILE No: NH/A8-7
SERIAL: 37

U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
PALERMO, SICILY

19 Jan 46
19 Jan 46
D. January 1946.

Major H. E. HECTOR,
CO, British Liaison Unit #11,
Villa Rutelli, Via LaMarmora No. 48,
Palermo, Sicily.

Dear Major Hector:

Following the telephone conversation you had this morning with
Lieut. Comdr. Sheppard concerning the reduction of Italian military
personnel for security reasons by the U. S. Naval Detachment, Palermo,
I am forwarding to you a list of the Guard Posts concerned.

These posts are considered essential and are the minimum which
we require:

No. of Posts	Location	Date
1	Villa Sofia	Discontinue 12 January.
3	Port Area Scrap Dump	Approx. 15 March.
6	Naval Ammunition Depot	Approx. 15 March.
12	Black Oil Install- ations.	Discontinue 15 January.

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The other posts now manned by Italian military personnel for this
Naval Detachment may be discontinued today as follows:

1 post - LaFavorite Rifle Range.
4 posts - Roving Guards, Port Area.

I should like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter and
would like to request that in the future we be given prior notice in such
matters to avoid any possible misunderstanding with the Italian military
authorities.

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E. J. BEALL,
Commander, USNR,
Commanding Officer.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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20
8 Jan. 1946.

Subject : Guard - Duties.

Ref. : PAL/I/2.

To : Comando Territoriale
Palermo.

20/1/46
A reply is awaited to our letter of even reference
dated 31.Dec.45.

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

RKH/go.

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Il Territorial H.Q.
Operation Office.

Palermo 5/1.46. 17

Ref 94/01

Subject:- Guards.

To:- "Aosta" Div. H.Q.
"Sabauda" Div. H.Q.
copy to:-
Il B.L.U.

= PALERMO.
= Messina.
= Palermo.

Il B.L.U. has notified (Original letter and translation in Appendix,) that all the guards at any Allied installation are to be withdrawn within the 10th Jan.46, excepted:

7 Officers and 36 O.Rs to the Allied installation under the command of C.C.B.T.SCY, and one guard in Trapani at A.M. E.S. (R.A.F.).

Will you please inform us, after agreement and meeting with the Allied side:

difficulties (if any)

a list of the guard withdrawn and the strength.

By Order:

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore:
(Griglio Roberto) 8615

From: 134 FIVE S. - (12 AF)



31.8.78

TO II.B.L.U.

REPLY TO THIER MESSAGE RECIEVED THIS MORNING BY THIS UNIT
THE FOLLOWING IS THE NUMBER OF THE ITALIAN PERSONELL AT
PRESENT EMPLOYED IN GUARDING THIS INSTALLATION 1, SGT. 1,
CPL, AND 13, OTHER RANKS FROM 134 AMES

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Reply to sec 11A

31/10

ARMY FORM 02100 (Final)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM
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11 B.L.U.

31. 09.00

For Action

TO 134 A.M.E.S. (R.A.P.) TRAPANI.
(W) For Information (L.NFO)

Originator's No.

G/17

IMMEDIATE - Report number of Italian Army personnel at
present employed guarding your InstallationTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE RESENT AS WIRE
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPTIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TRANSLATION C.P.

RR.CC. Territorial Legion of Palermo.
Internal Group Palermo.

Ref 15/555=3

Palermo 28 Dec. '45.

To:- Legion Service Office.

Palermo.

Subject:- General duties for the Allied.

Ref your 114/14=1 dated 28 Dec.'45, the following is as
your request:

- = Piazza Mircemi = Private billet of U.S.A. General. Patrol. 6 OR's daily.
- = Piazza Croce= General U.S.A. Consulate. Patrol. 6 O.R.'s daily.
- = Via Libertà= U.S.A. library and propaganda office. 6 O.R.'s daily.
Outside patrol by night, duty in the Office in the
Office hours.
- = Via Notarbartolo 19 = Private billet of the secretary, Miss
Margaret Smith. One O.R.'s daily. By night
as guard at one W.D. vehicle, liaison car
with the British institutes in Sicily.
- = Via Mariano Stabile= British consulate = Patrol 6 O.R.'s daily.
- = Via Salvatore Meccio= Private billet of the British Counsel.
Patrol. 16 O.R.'s? daily .
- = Via Libertà- Villa "atrangola and Rotelli. Private billet of
Major Hector, O.C. 11 B.L.U. Palermo. Patrol.
6 O.R.'s. daily.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

OV file 13
3/Dec. 1945.
~~15A~~

Subject : C.C. R.R. Guard.
Ref. : PAL/I/2.
To : Miss. M. SMITH.
British Institute
Palermo.

Dear Miss Smith 13

Ref. your P/4/5/A. dated 29 December 45.

This arrangement is quite in order for the present.

However the whole question of C.C. R.R. Guards is under consideration at the moment, and I will inform you at a later date should any changes be necessary.

Yours sincerely

M. S. H.

REH/go.

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THE BRITISH INSTITUTE

PALAZZO COSTANTINI

217 VIA MAQUEDA - PALERMO - TELEFONO 10489

P/4/5/A

29, December, 1945

Dear Major Hector,

Before receiving your Circular about the Channels of Communication we made an application to have a carabinieri for night duty in the Garage where our truck is parked - you know how necessary this is at the present moment.

Had I received your circular before I should certainly have got in touch with you before making arrangements with the Carabinieri.

I hope you will give your sanction to this.

With many thanks,
Yours sincerely,

Margaret Smith

Major Hector,
11 British Liaison Unit,
Palermo
SICILY.

MB/MA

P.S. I enclose a copy of the application

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THE BRITISH INSTITUTE
Palazzo Constantini
217 Via Maqueda - Palermo

Copy

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Palermo, 8 December, 1949

= Al Comando Compagnia Interna CO.RR.

Palermo

e per conoscenza:

= Al Comando Legione CO.RR.
Palermo

= Al Comando Stazione CO.RR. "Crispi"
Palermo

Come probabilmente a conoscenza di questo Comando, questo Istituto Britannico, di recente riaperto al pubblico, è in fase di organizzazione per la ripresa della sua normale attività culturale e linguistica.

In tale fase di assentamento ed organizzazione, questa Direzione si sta preoccupando di risolvere, con l'ausilio delle Autorità Britanniche e con la valida e gentile collaborazione di quelle Italiane, alcuni problemi d'indole pratica.

Poichè, pertanto, è probabile che nella giornata di domani o doman l'altre sia inviata a Palermo, da parte del Comando Inglese di Catania, una autovettura per i servizi di collegamento e di trasporto di questo Istituto, sorge il problema della custodia della stessa, in considerazione delle difficili condizioni della sicurezza pubblica.

A tal uopo si prega questo Comando volere esaminare con tutta urgenza e cortesia di disporre che un militare dipendente della locale Stazione CO.RR. "Crispi" venga destinato a prestare servizio nelle ore notturne (dalle 20 alle 04) nel locale della automezza di questo Istituto Britannico, sito in Via Meterastello n. 10 (abitazione della nostra S. Secretary Miss M. Smith), le ali nel quali, in dette ore, parcheggerà la nostra autovettura.

Data la peculiarità del servizio sarebbe possibile che il militare comandato al guardia collocasse nell'interno dell'automezza una branda, al da trascorrere la notte con minore disagio. Sarebbe, naturalmente, cura di questa Direzione adottare tutti quegli altri opportuni accorgimenti per rendere meno disagiata il servizio notturno di tale Carabiniere.

Si chiede che questo Comando faccia conoscere le sue determinazioni in proposito, che siano certi favorevoli alla nostra richiesta, al più presto possibile, al da potere prendere accordi con il Competente Comando Stazione "Crispi" per i dettagli del servizio che ci interessa.

Con molti ringraziamenti anticipati.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

(URGENT) ¹³
31 Dec. 1945

Subject : Guard Duties.

Ref. : PAL/I/2.

To : Comando Militare Terr.
Palermo.

1. It has now been decided that the only Guards authorised by the 3 District are as follows :
 - a. 7 Officers and 36 OR's on British Installations for o.c.Br. Tps. Sicily. and a Guard at TRAPANI on 134 A.M.E.S. (R.A.P.)
2. As all Guards on any other Allied Installations are no longer authorised, they should be recalled and returned to the Italian Army proper without delay.
3. You are therefore requested to issue immediate instructions (copy to 11 B.L.U.) for the return of these Guards by 10 January 1946.

R.H.F.
R.E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.C. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/go.

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ARMY FORM C21W (Small)

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TO	HC. 3 DISTRICT. NAPLES;	For Action
		(W) For Information (INFO)



Originator's No.

8/16.

RESTRICTED IMMEDIATE. Ref your 353/G dated 24 Dec 49. Will you please confirm whether there are any guards still employed on Allied as against British installations in Sicily. An early reply would be appreciated

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SUBJECT: Italian Guards In SICILYREST.3 District
Ext 8
353/G

3 Dec 45

11 BLU

OC Tps SICILY

Reference your letter PAL/1/2 of 22 Nov 45.

1. This HQ has now been informed by OC Tps SICILY that the number of Iti-Iti personnel employed on guards on British installations number 7 NOOs and 36 ORs with an addition of a guard at TRAPANI for 134 A.L.E.S. R.A.F..
2. These guards are employed on vital installations and if relieved will have to be replaced by other troops.
3. This HQ has no information on the 126 Brit-Iti personnel mentioned in para 3 of the above letter.
4. These guards could, therefore, only be replaced by British troops of which there is a detachment of 24 at CATANIA. At the moment it is impossible, owing to the shortage of manpower in this District, to reinforce the above detachment.
5. Would you kindly agree therefore, to retain these Iti-Iti guards in their present employment.
6. Should you require any further information on these guards would you contact OC Tps SICILY direct.

W. Parks
(C.F. PARKS) Lt Col
G.S.

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ARMY FORM 62105 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 11 BLU Originator Date-Time of Origin 19.12.00

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TO MMIA ROME
(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GB

Originator's No.

G/11 IMPORTANT - RESTRICTED - REF. YOUR SIZ 3254
DATED 14 DEC. 45 @
THESE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED GUARDING INSTALL-
ATIONS. PALERMO & MESSINA-CATANIA @
QUESTIONS AT PRESENT BEING CONSIDERED BY
HQ. DISTHREE REGARDING CANCELLATION OR DECREASE @

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE INTERFERED WITH OR INTERRUPTED BY ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE DEGREE OF PRIORITY
WILL BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER

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Signed

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FROM AMIA 1A1320A
TO 11 DEU
BT

SB 3004 UNCLASSIFIED (.)
MINISTRY OF WAR ADVISED THAT APPROX 400 MEN IN
S A B A U B A ARE A O S T A DING REMAIN
EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIES IN S I C I L Y (.)
PLEASE REPORT HOW THIS PERSONNEL IS EMPLOYED
AND WHETHER EMPLOYING FORMATIONS PLAN A PROGRESSIVE
REDUCTION IN NUMBERS

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

RHH/go.

19 Dec. 1945

Subject :- Guards on Allied Installations.

File :- PAL/I/2

To :- 10 B.L.U.
3 District C.M.F.
(for G.S.O. II.,)

About three weeks ago I asked H.Q. 3 District to investigate the possibility of decreasing/cancelling some of the Guard Duties at Allied Installations in Sicily. (Our PAL/I/2 of 22 Nov. 45) in order that the Comando Terr. Palermo could comply with current M.M.I.A. Instructions and return the personnel to the Italian Army proper.

I sent a further request to H.Q. 3 District on 14 Dec. 45. Will you please contact H.Q. 3 District on my behalf, and ask them to inform me as to their decision.

R.E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

RRH/DA

14 Dec. 1945

Subject :- Italian Guards in Sicily.

File :- PAL/I/2

To :- 3 District H.Q.

May we please have a reply to our PAL/I/2 dated
22 Nov. 1945 as early as possible.

By order Centenario 5.4.5.

Palermo 10/11/45

RRH
R.E. HECTOR
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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URGENT MESSAGE BY HANDS.

From:- 11 Territorial H.Q. - Operation.
to:- CC.RR. Territorial Legion PALERMO.

copy to:- 6th CC.RR. Brigade H.Q. Palermo.
11 B.L.U. Palermo.

Ref 7977/01

Following request of Major Hector O.C. 11 B.L.U., it is ordered that a permanent guard will be sent to the billet of the a/m. Officer. (.) One N.C.O. will be i/c; of the patrol.(.) Orders will be given to the N.C.O. from the Office of Major Hector. Akn. (.)

By order Castamaggiore C.M.T.

Palermo 30/11/45

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FILE-3
242Orders for Carabinieri Guard at
Villa Matranga

1.- One Carabinieri Guard will be on duty at Villa Matranga at all times (24 hours a day).

2.- Duties.

He will remain on Guard out-side Villa Matranga and will prevent all persons from entering, who are not in possession of written permission from me.

3.- He will stop all Italians, coming from the Villa, and ensure that they have no personal or other property belonging to the Villa Matranga or the occupants there-of.

4.- He will arrest and detain any person(s) who attempts to violate these instructions.

5.- He will also be responsible for one M.M.I.A. - Box-Wagon which will be parked in the Garden of Villa Rotelli (next door).

6.- Hours and times of duties will be laid down by Comandante Carabinieri Reali.

30-11-45.

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R. E. Hector
R. E. Hector
Major, G.S.O. II.,
11 H.L.U.

Subject:- Italian Guards in Sicily.

11 B.L.U.,
Palermo. (SICILY)
PAL/I/2.
22 Nov 45.

(1A)

H.Q.

3 District. C.M.F.

1. In accordance with instructions received from H.Q., M.W.I.A., all personnel of ITL-ITI Category must be released from Guard Duties in Sicily and returned to the Italian Army proper by 15 Nov 45, in order that they may be included in the Training programme of the New Italian Army.
2. It has also been suggested that these Guards be substituted by personnel of BR-ITI and US-ITI categories.
3. However, there are only approximately 126 BR-ITI personnel and no US-ITI personnel in the Island.
4. In view of this shortage of personnel, will you please examine the question with a view to decreasing and/or cancelling some of the existing commitments.

Palermo.

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Major.
11 B.L.U.

Copy:- Commando Terr. Palermo.

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