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PART I - GENERAL.

1. DOMESTIC. (11 BLU)

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8 Dec.46 Major SYKES W. GSO II returned from PRIVLEAVE.

12 Dec.46 Major BANKS W.D. DAA & QMG departed on PRIVLEAVE.

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2. ITALIAN.

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

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PART II - "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.

"AOSTA" Brigade.

Aosta Infantry Brigade:	HQ Palermo
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Artillery Group	: Palermo (Tukory Barracks)

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4. TRAINING.

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

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

(b) Diary of Events:-

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

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

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(e) Inspections.

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

(f) Command.

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

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iii. A programme be set out on the lines of the C.A.R., this to be prepared by M.M.I.A.

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(j) Care of Arms.

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Food
Ammn.
Weapon Training
Arms

Coy Stores:-
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(l) Maintenance Grant.

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

(m) Welfare.

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

Conclusion.

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

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

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

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

ii. Demonstration of a platoon:

a) In attack
b) In Defence.

Note. As many officers from Sicily to attend.

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

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COPY (Appx A)

Subject: Observations and Suggestions Applicable to all Bns.

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

Dec.46.

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

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

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

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

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5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

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

(c) Public Safety.

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

(d) General Political Situation.

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

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PART III "A"

6. DOMESTIC.

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

Officers - NIL
O.R's - 1

(b) Leave.

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

Major W.D. BANKS R.A. DAA & QMG returned from PRIVILEAVE 8 Jan.47.

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

NIL.

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

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

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

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Tradesmen -

a) Discipline.

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

b) Welfare.

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c) Pay.

Only the usual complaints.

d) Leave.

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Leave rosters are, as always, well maintained.

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PART IV "Q"

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

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

ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies and Services.

Nothing to report.

9. ITALIAN.

(a) REME.

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

(b) S & T

Nothing to report.

(c) R.A.O.C.

Nothing to report.

(d) Accommodation.

Still no action has been taken in respect of the barracks of the 45 Inf. Regt. in Catania. An allocation of funds to complete is urgently required (see report for Nov.46).

W. SYMES, Major
G.S.C. II.,
11. B.L.U.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

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

No Change

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STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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

TRAINING

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11 B.L.U.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st January 47.

Appe

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Be
1	Chevrolet 4x4 HUT 8 cwt	Z5906012	SM6407	4844520393	(E)		
2	Standard P.U. Uty 4x2	M6176381	23/58555	UV5851	(E)		
3	M/C BSA 500 cc	C1452436	N/A	WM2079478	(E)		
4	Fordson S/Car	M718564	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)		

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

Signed.....

Date.....

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Appendix "D"

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M6176381	23/58555	UV5851	(E)			
C1452436	N/A	WM2079478	(E)			
M718564	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)			

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Signed..... Major

Date.....

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65th Inf. Regt.	: 1st 2nd and 3rd Bn. (less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Orisanfulli Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	: Catania (Sommaruga Barracks)

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		3rd Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf. Regt.	:	H.Q. Palermo (Cascino Barracks)
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		1 Rifle Coy.Ragusa (Buccheri Barracks)
+6th Inf. Regt.	:	1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Orisafulli Barracks)
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4. TRAINING.

Army Issue CC.

No. 11 C.A.R.

a) GENERAL.

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

5 Inf. Regt.	472
6 Inf. Regt.	470
46 Inf. Regt.	296
45 Inf. Regt.	382
Other Units	136
Total	1,756

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b) INSTRUCTORS.

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

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PITTING of Equipment
Bayonet Training

ii) Weapons Training.

The Rifle
The Bren
Grenades.

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d) Equipment.

There are no attachments brace, for officers (Pistol equipment), can M.E.I.A. help in this deficiency please.

e) Conclusion.

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

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

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f) 6th Inf. Regt.

Location of Bns.

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

g) Strengths.

UNIT.		OFF.	N.C.O.s	CPLS & PTES.	TOTALS.
Regtl.Comd.Coy.	)Total	22	33	85	140
	)in station	22	30	77	129
No. 1 Bn.	)Total	15	29	334	378
	)in station	11	17	240	268
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	)in station	18	83	343	444
No. 3 Bn.	)Total	20	54	450	524
	)in station	17	43	364	424
Mortar Coy.	)Total	15	7	64	86
	)in station	14	6	55	75

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i. Band
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69 Extra Regimentally employed.

h) Palermo Commitments.

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

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j) Administration.

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

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

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k) Training.

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

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

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

l) Equipment.

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

m) Conclusion.

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

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

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

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5. INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

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

(c) Public Safety.

During the past month 26 leading gangsters have been apprehended by the police. There are still at large numerous bands of brigands.

(d) Political current of troops.

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

(e) Political General.

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

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

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PART III "A"

6. DOMESTIC.

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

Officers - NIL
O.R's - NIL

(b) Leave.

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

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

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

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

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

NIL.

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

7. ITALIAN.

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

Total strength against W.E. - Not yet received.
Tradesmen - 6[illegible]

a) Disipline.

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

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

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

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

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b) Welfare.

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b) Welfare.

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c) Pay.

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

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PART IV "G"

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

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

(ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies and Services.

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

9. ITALIAN.

(a) Mech.

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

(b) R & T

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

Petrol rations have been cut.

(c) Medical.

Nothing to report.

(d) Ed.C.I.

Nothing to report.

(e) Accommodation.

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

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

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

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(a) MMG.

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(b) S & T

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

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(c) Medical.

Nothing to report.

(d) R.A.O.C.

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

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

No Change

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Annx "B" to 11 BLU Progress
Report No. 17 dated 5 Dec.46.

STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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TRAINING

Major E.R. DAVIES

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11 B.L.H.Q. DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st December 46.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Keep (g)
1	Chevrolet 4x4 HUP 8 cwt	Z5906012	3E6407	4844520393	(E)	
2	Standard E.U. Uty 4x2	M5176381	23/58555	UV3851	(E)	
3	M/C BSA 500 cc	C1452435	N/A	WM2079478	(E)	
4	Fordson S/Car	M718564	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)	

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

Signed.....

Date.....

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APPENDIX "D"

MOTOR TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st December 46.

W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
25906012	SM6407	4844520393	(E)			
26175381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)			
01452435	N/A	WM2679478	(E)			
2713564	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)			

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Signed.....Major
4 Dec 46
Date.....

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As at 1 November 1946

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Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (MMIA)

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PART I - GENERAL.

1. DOMESTIC. (11 BLU)

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2. ITALIAN.

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

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PART II "G"

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.

"AOSTA" Brigade.

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

"REGGIO" Brigade.

Infantry Brigade H.Q.	: Messina (In the Barracks of Div.H.Q.)
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46th Inf.Regt.	: 1st 2nd and 3rd Bn.(less 1 Rifle Coy) Messina (Crisafulli Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy. Enna
Artillery Group	: Catania (Sammaruga Barracks)

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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		3rd Bn in Trapani (Giannettino Barracks)
6th Inf.Regt.	:	H.Q.Palermo (Cascino Barracks) 1 and 2 Bn and Mortar Coy at Palermo 3 Bn (less Rifle Coy) at Caltanissetta (Guccione Barracks) 1 Rifle Coy at Agrigento (Mosto Barracks)
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4. TRAINING. (a) Army less CC.

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

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

~~men were sent for specialist training on the~~

A training cadre of eight weeks duration started on the 28th Oct. for 208 selected men to train as prospective N.C.Os.

2. Instructors.

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

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

3. Soldiers.

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

4. Training Stores.

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

5. Drill.

Close order drill, is a very weak item in the training. My considered opinion is that the whole system of Drill, wants to be brought up to date, on a par with modern war. At the present, the formations are too close, and tends to create in the mind of the soldier, the "herd" instinct, instead of thinking of himself, as an individual in a team.
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More emphasis needs to be stressed on the necessity for the correct stores, to teach a particular lesson.
There are discrepancies in the teaching, I think it would help, if a circus from JEWANG, could visit Units and give demonstrations a short refresher courses.

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

7. Cleanliness of Weapons.

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

8. Inspections.

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

9. Range-Work.

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

10. Conclusion.

My criticism may appear to be somewhat pessimistic, but I would point out, that these are, in a sense minor descrepancies, that can, and will be remedied.
The main factors, morale, organisation, and enthusiasm are good. From my limited knowledge, when all things are considered, it is my opinion that they have done remarkably well.
With the prospects of better clothing, accommodation, and confidence in themselves, I think major improvement will be seen.
To my mind, the biggest fault, is this continual lack of preciseness to detail, and insufficient checking.

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Training with British weapons has only just started. There is no question that a tremendous improvement in training within the Regiments will have to take place in order to cater for with the training of recruits received from the C.A.R's and in order to ensure that training shall progress smoothly as between the C.A.Rs and the Regiments without interruption.
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There is a tendency on the part of Regimental Commanders to be too easily satisfied with results - I think that a period of attachment to an Infantry Division would be very beneficial as Regimental Commanders in Sicily seem to be rather ignorant of what is going on elsewhere-.
The Commander of the 45th Regiment admitted recently that he had never seen the C.A.R.

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

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

(c) Public Safety.

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

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Morale of the troops is high, particularly amongst the recruits at 11 C.A.R., probably a reflection of the time and attention paid to their welfare.

b) Welfare.

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c) Pay.

The high cost of living in Sicily makes the pay of O.R's hardly adequate. The increase

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

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c) Leave.

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

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PART IV "Q"

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

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

(ii) No deficiencies.

(b) Supplies.

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

(i) Rations.

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

(ii) NAAFI/ABI

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

(iii) ORD.

Collected every 2 weeks from Naples.

(c) Services.

No E.E., medical, REME, RASC (GT) or Welfare services exist in Sicily. The following arrangements have now been made:-

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

Italian Army services.

(ii) Medical.

Italian Army or civilian doctors and hospitals.

(iii) RASC (GT)

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

(iv) Welfare.

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

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(10 BLU REME 4 of 23 Oct.43 refers)

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1000 khaki and 500 green uniforms are on order in a drive to obtain uniformity of dress.

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

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11 Terr. and Adm. Tpt.Coy.
11 Food Distribution Depot
11 Military Depot
11 Military Bakery
68 Food Distribution Depot
66 Food Distribution Depot

(10 B.L.U. letter 4151 of 25 Oct.46 with reports attached refers)

d) Medical.
Ref. this H.Q. M/1 of 2 Oct.46 the following improvements have been effected at Ospedale Croce Rossa No.231-

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

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

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

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

e) Accommodation.
Accommodation for married officers and single officers who have no barrack accommodation is a major problem. Apart from the general shortage of housing, high rents make it impossible for officers without private means to obtain reasonable lodging. Lodging allowance for single officers is about L.4.00 per month.

W.D.Banks.

G.S.O. II.,
11. B.L.U.

WB/SI

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11 B.L.U.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st November 46.

Ser No. (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No. (c)	Contract No. (d)	Chassis No. (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)
1	Chevrolet 4x4 HUD 8 cwt	Z5906012	3E6407	48+4520393	(E)	
2	Standard P.U. Uty 4x2	M6176381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)	
3	M/C BSA 500 cc	01+52436	N/A	WM2079476	(E)	
4	Fordson S/Car	M71855+	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)	

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

Signed.....

Date.....

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DOMESTIC TRANSPORT STATE AS AT 1st November 46. Appendix "B"

W.D.No. (a)	Contract No. (b)	Chassis No. (c)	Efficient (d)	Local Repair (e)	Beyond Local Repair (f)	Remarks (g)
35906012	3E5407	4844520393	(E)			
M5176381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)			
01:52436	E/A	WK2079478	(E)			
M718564	V4150/4	Illegible	(E)			

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Signed.....Major

Date.....

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Serial No.	NAME	RANK	UNIT	APPOINT
		Amendments		
Page 3				
Delete:				
37	NATOLI Filippo	Colonel		Transferred to the
42	ROCANO Giuseppe	"		Discharged
Page 5				
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63	MARCELLINO Vincenzo	Lt.Colonel		Discharged
Page 6				
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115	AUFORE Camillo	Lt.Colonel	Inf.Regt.	Attached to this H.Q.
116	RUSSO Paolo	" "	" "	5th Infantry Regt.

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No.16 dated 5 Nov.45

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

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Amendments		
Colonel		Transferred to the Mil.Terr.H.Q. Rome
"		Discharged
Lt.Colonel		Discharged
Lt.Colonel	Inf.Regt.	Attached to this H.Q.
" "	" "	5th Infantry Regt.

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Annex "B" to 11 BLU Progress
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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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

TRAINING.

Major E.R. DAVIES

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LOCATION STATEMENTS & ORDER OF BATTLE

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

No Change

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As at 1 October 46

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PART I - GENERAL.

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PART II "G"

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army Ipsa CC.

Reorganisation of Sabauda and Aosta Divisions is now complete.

"AOSTA" Brigade.

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

"MESSINA" Brigade.

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

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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PART IV "G"

4. TRAINING.

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

Training is progressing well and with the promised arrival of 17 2" mortars platoon weapons with be up to establishment. There is also sufficient P.T. equipment.
The improvement of two ranges is also in progress.
The arrival of another 500 recruits last week has proved to be rather an administration headache but the Commandant assures me that they will be able to make up the lost time.
Welfare at the C.A.R. continues to improve Radio relays and loud speakers have now been installed in all Barrack rooms and we have been able to obtain supplies of records by courtesy of the U.S. Navy.

ii. Other Troops.

The fact that all Regiments are under strength and very fully employed on Guard and Security duties still interferes with training but I am more satisfied with the position and the efforts made to carry out training programmes. General Saporetti of the Reggio Bde is doing excellent work in this respect.
The proportion of "old soldiers" in the Regiments is below average - 200 as opposed to 500. This is partly accounted for by the fact that the call up and subsequent release of the 1924 class was earlier in Sicily and South Italy owing to the war.
Regimental Commanders have expressed satisfaction with the recruits from the first C.A.R. course. (your Trg/27 dated Sept.19.46 refers).

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

(b) Relations between troops and civilians.

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

(c) Public Safety.

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

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PART III "A"

6. DOMESTIC.

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

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

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

Cpl. Bray. Privleave. Approx return 10 Oct.45.

7. ITALIAN.

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

Total strength against W.E. =
Tradesmen - 8%

DISCIPLINE.

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

WELFARE.

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

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

MORALE.

Appears to be kept up to date.

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

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

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LEAVE.

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EDUCATION.

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

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ARMY OFFICERS.

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

ACTION.
(Our A/25 dated 9 July 46 refers)

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PART IV "Q"

DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Vehicle holding return despatched in our QF/Q/35 dated 1.Oct.46.

ITALIAN.

(a) R.E.M.E.

In an interview with C.O., 11 M.T. Repair Unit the following points were raised:-

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

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

iii) Spares. No spares for SPA L39's. Can be bought in the black market but too costly. Spares for other vehicles in good supply, mainly from civilian sources.

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(c) S & T.

Nothing to report.

(d) MEDICAL.

During the month an inspection was made of the [illegible]

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The following was noted:-

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i) Welfare.

Still practically non-existent.

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

ii) Wards.

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

iii) Latrines and wash-houses.

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

iv) Kitchen.

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

Food handlers had filthy finger nails.

Food is prepared and cooked in the same room.

In general the whole kitchen was dirty.

v) Food Store.

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

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

vi) Bath-house.

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

vii) Supplies.

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Tyres are short. The ambulance may shortly be immobilised through tyre trouble.

ACTION

(Our M/1 of 2 Oct.45 refers)

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

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

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

No Change

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7	LAZZARINI Attilio	Brigadier Gen.		
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RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Appendix		
[illegible]	Brigadier Gen.	
"	"	
[illegible] Paola	Colonel	Attached to 11 Zone. E.C.
"	"	" " " "
"	"	Transferred to Zone. E.C. Rome
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"	"	
"	"	Attached to Mil.Dist. Genoa

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1. DOMESTIC. (11 BLU)

(a) Aug.6. Major W.Sykes left Palermo for MMIA Conference.
Aug.12. Major W.Sykes returned to Palermo.
Aug.20. 1416169. Cpl.Room left this H.Q. on release.

2. ITALIAN.

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

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

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Public Relations.

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1. DOMESTIC. (11 [illegible])

(a) Aug.5. Major W.Sykes left Palermo for [illegible] Conference.
Aug.12. Major W.Sykes returned to Palermo.
Aug.20. 1416169. Cpl.Room left this H.Q. on release.

2. ITALIAN.

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Public Relations.

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

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PART II "Q"

EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less GC.HR.

Reorganisation of Sabauda and Aosta Divisions is now complete.

"AOSTA" Brigade.

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

"REGGIO" Brigade.

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

All troops employed on guard and Internal Security Duties.

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PART III "A"

DOMESTIC.

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

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

(b) Leave

NIL.

ITALIAN. Deficiencies:

Total strength against W.E. - 80%
Tradesmen - 45%

DISCIPLINE.

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

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

(b) Relations between troops and civil population.

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

(c) Public Safety.

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

TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

1. Training Establishments. 11. C.A.R.

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

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

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

During the month liaison visits by Officers of 11. C.A.R. have been made to other C.A.Rs. I think that these are very valuable and the reports which I have received, indicate that an exchange of ideas and experiences is very helpful and that the 11. C.A.R. has made very rapid progress since the appointment of Col. Alfieri as Commandant.

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PART IV "Q"

DOMESTIC.

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

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

ITALIAN.

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

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

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

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

(c) S & T.

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

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

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

No Change

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Annex "G" to 11 BLU E
dated 5 Sep 46.

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Page 1.				
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56	PLAIA Natale	"		Attached to
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Delete:-	RIZZO Vincenzo	Lt.Col.		

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RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
Brig.General		
Colonel		
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Lt.Col.		

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PART I - GENERAL

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July 26. Major W.D. Banks arrived at Palermo to take over duty as D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

2. ITALIAN.

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

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

PART II - "G"

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

"AOSTA" Division.

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

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

4. TRAINING.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

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

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With surplus steel scaffolding and rope which we obtained without payment from the U.S. Naval Base a quite effective assault course has been constructed at the C.A.R.

ii. Other Troops.

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

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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

Jugo Slav and Russian Agents are still reported to be in the island.

(b) Frontier Activity. NIL.

(c) Relation between troops and civilians. 3407

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

(d) Public Safety.

The "Celere" Public Safety Unit which recently arrived

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The imposition of the death penalty for offences of kidnapping and armed violence is expected to have a good deterrent effect.
The illegal grain traffic to Jugo Slavia continues.

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PART III - 'A'

DOMESTIC.

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

NIL

(b) Leave.

NIL

ITALIAN.

(c) Deficiencies

Total Strength against W.E. - 24%
Tradesmen. Not yet received from Terr. H.Q.

(d) Army Officers:

X
See folio.

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

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

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

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

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ACTION
(Our A/26 dated 9 July 46 refers)

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ACTION
(Our A/26 dated 9 July 46 refers)

PART IV - 'Q'

DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

Vehicle holdings return despatched in our CP/Q/35 dated 1 Aug 46.

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ITALIAN.

(a) R.E.M.E.

N.T.R.

(b) R.A.O.C.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) S & T.

Ex-Military Flour Mill (PALERMO)

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

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

for 3105

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

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

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LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE.

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

Insert:

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

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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

TRAINING.

Major W.D. BANKS. R.A.

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No.13 dated 5 A

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Page 1.		Amendments		
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11	SOZZANI Michele	Brigadier General	Commander 1 Bde Sabauda Div.	
Delete:-				
2	SANTINI Gino	Div. General		
3	BUTTAFUOCO Francesco	Brigadier General		
Page 6.				
Insert:-				
111	GIUFFRIDA Carmélo	Lt.Col.	Quartermaster General C.M.T.	
112	TURINO Paolo	" "	Mil. District Catania	
113	MESSINA Alfonso	" "	Mil. District Agrigento	
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109	VACCARI Francesco	" "		

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No.13 dated 5 Aug 46.

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	RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
		Amendments	
	Brigadier General		Commander 1 Bde Sabauda Div.
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o	Lt.Col.		Quartermaster General C.M.T.
	" "		Mil. District Catania
	" "		Mil. District Agrigento
o	" "		

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC.(BLU)

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

2. ITALIAN.

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

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

PART II - 'G'

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

"AOSTA" Division.

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

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

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

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PART II - 'G'

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ii. Other Troops.

All Regiments under Command 11 C.M.P. have submitted their Training Programmes - these are considered satisfactory.
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INTELLIGENCE

(a) Foreign Agents.

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

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

(b) Frontier Activity. NIL.

(c) Relations between troops and civilians. Good.

(d) Public Safety.

A number of kidnappings have occurred during the last fortnight - the style adopted has been different from the normal sicilian practice inasmuch as kidnappings have occurred in the streets in broad daylight - an American influence is suspected. The bandit Giuliano who was reported to have been seen in Rome and other parts of the mainland is now definitely stated to be in Palermo. Another notable character reported to be in Palermo is "Lucky Luciano" who had a notorious career in U.S.A. as a racketeer and white slaver.
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The Mafia is still at work on criminals.
In Eastern Sicily a reorganisation of the E.V.I.S. (Voluntary Army of Sicilian Independance) is reported.
The general political situation is very quiet and the Election period passed off without serious incident. There were a few harmless demonstrations and a transformer station at Salemi was blown up on June 3.
Newspaper reports of serious incidents in Palermo were unfounded.

PART III - 'A'

DOMESTIC.

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

O.A.R. Trg. Major.

(b) Leave.

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ITALIAN.

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

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

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

ACTION

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

PART IV - 'Q'

DOMESTIC.

Transport.

S.L.R. Certificate for Willy's Jeep W.D. No. M35631421 was forwarded to H.Q. W.A.I.A. on 6 June 46. As yet (4 July 46) we have been given no indication that a replacement has been obtained.

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

ACTION

(11 BLU GP/35 dated 6 June 46 refers).

11 R.A.O.C. vehicle holdings attached at Appx "D".

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

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

Reasons attributed to this are,

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

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

(iii) Cleaning material is unsatisfactory and its issue

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

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

(c) S & T.

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

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

ACTION

(11 BLU ST/9 dated 25 June 45 refers)

During the month, inspections were carried out on 11 Food Distribution Depot PALERMO, 68 Food Distribution Depot MESSINA. Both were found to be running efficiently. (for reports see this office letters ST/9 dated 18 June 29 June respectively).

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

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

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

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

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G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 ELU (Type "E")	PALERMO	

No Change

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STAFF LIST - 11 B.L.U.

GENERAL STAFF

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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

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Insert:-				
50	MORELLANO Giovanni	"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached to Terr.
51	ARTALE Salvatore	"	45° Regt. S.I.	Officer Commanding
52	BORROMA Enrico	"	15° Regt. S.I.	Attached "Sebastia
53	MAZZARELLA Francesco	"	Mil.District Siracusa	On sick leave
54	REALE Gaetano	"	Mil.District Catania	Attached to Terr.
55	SALVO Calogero	"	Camp Commandant Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Terr.
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109	VACCARI Francesco	"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached
110	ALESCI Angelo	"	11 Terr. H.Q. Palermo	Vice Officer Comm

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

RANK	UNIT	APPOINTMENT
	Amendments	
Colonel	45° Inf.Regt. Catania	Posted to 12 Terr. H.Q.
"	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached to Terr. H.Q.
"	45° Regt. S.I.	Officer Commanding 45° Regt. S.I.
"	16° Regt. S.I.	Attached "Sabauda Div" H.Q.
"	Mil.District Siracusa	On sick leave
"	Mil.District Catania	Attached to Terr. H.Q.
"	Camp Commandant Terr. H.Q.	Attached to Terr. H.Q.
Lt.Col.	9 Territorial Depot	Posted to Mil.District Rome
" "	6° Regt. S.I.	Attached
" "	11 Terr. H.Q. Palermo	Vice Officer Commanding

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11 B.L.U. Domestic Transport: State as at 1st July 46.

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1.	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	M5653421	N/A	341795			BLR
2.	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.F. 15 cwt	Z5906012	SM6407	4844520393	(E)		
3.	Standard Utility 4x2	M5175381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)		
4.	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	C1452436	N/A	WM2079378	(E)		

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

Signed [illegible]

Date [illegible]

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Z5905012	SS6407	4844520393	(E)			(M.E.L.A. 6.June 46.
M6175381	23/38555	UV5851	(E)			(Attached for use by
01452435	N/A	WM2079378	(E)			(CC.RE.Liaison Section

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Signed Wdykes Inan

Date July 5/46.

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As at 1 June 46

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Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

PART I - GENERAL

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

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PART II - 'G'

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

ACTION

ii. Other Troops.

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It would appear that on the average troops in Sicily are doing guard duties every other day but in all formations visited during the month training was beeing carred out according to Regimental Programmes.

INTELLIGENCE

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The presence recently of pocket submarines off the coast near Sciacca (South western coast nearly due south from Palermo) has been confirmed by fishermen.

Nonsense

(b) Frontier Activity NIL.

(c) Relation between tps and population.

Reported to be good. The "Fronte Giovanile Repubblicano" has been organising dances for soldiers and making promises that in event of a Republican

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

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

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(f) Public Security.

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

PART III - 'A'

6. DOMESTIC.

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

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

(b) Leave.

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

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

7. ITALIAN.

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

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

Discipline. - Fair.

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

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

PART III - 'A'

6. DOMESTIC.

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

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

(b) Leave.

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

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

7. ITALIAN.

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

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

Discipline. - Fair.

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

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

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

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

PART IV - 'G'

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

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

9. ITALIAN.

Transport.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

(b) R.E.M.E.

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

2) The bi-monthly inspection of vehicles still presents a problem owing to the difficulty of sending vehicles into workshops for inspection from distant units.
This has been overcome to a certain extent by 11 Repair Unit arranging for a Sgt.Mechanic to visit monthly units situated at TRAPANI, AGRIGENTO, CALTANISSETTA and RAGUSA for the purpose of carrying out the workshop 406 on vehicles held by these units.
This arrangement was put into effect from the 1st May 46.

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

9. ITALIAN.

Transport.

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(b) R.E.M.E.

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

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serve units located in the Eastern half of the island.

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

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(c) Clothing and Equipment.

Commanders of Regiments outside Palermo have asked for supplies of leather for boot soling instead of the present system of sending boots to Palermo for repairs
They consider that Regimental boot repairs would be quicker and more satisfactory.

(d) P.O.L.

Nothing to report.

(e) Supply.

Nothing to report.

(f) Medical.

Nothing to report.

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

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Report No. 11 dated 6 June 46

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	
2.	11 Territorial H.Q.	PALERMO	
3.	Arty H.Q.	PALERMO	
4.	Engineer H.Q.	PALERMO	
5.	11 Med Directorate	PALERMO	
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO	
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Remount Service	PALERMO	
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO	
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO	
10.	Autonomas Soc Mil Tribunal	CATANIA	
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
	1^ Sub-Commission	PALERMO	
	2^ "	MESSINA	
	3^ "	CATANIA	
	4^ "	SIRACUSA	
	5^ "	RAGUSA	
	6^ "	ENNA	
	7^ "	CALTANISSETTA	
	8^ "	AGRIGENTO	
	9^ "	TRAPANI	
12.	Officer Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
13.	Camp H.Q. C.M.T.	PALERMO	
14.	150 Motorized Unit (CC.RR.)	PALERMO	3387
15.	AOSTA DIVISION H.Q.	PALERMO	
16.	96 CC.RR. Unit	PALERMO	
17.	3 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	
18.	5 Inf Regt H.Q.	TRAPANI	
19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI	
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI	
22.	6 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO	
23.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
24.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
25.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO	
26.	1 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	

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7.	11 Directorate [illegible]	PALERMO
	Service	PALERMO
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO
9.	11 Military Tribunal	CATANIA
10.	Autonomas Sec Mil Tribunal	PALERMO
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24.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
25.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
26.	4 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO
27.	139 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO
28.	1 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
29.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
30.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
31.	22 Regt. H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
32.	1 Bn H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
33.	II Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
34.	Regt. Support Coy	AGRIGENTO

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
35.	28 Mixed Engineer Bn	PALERMO	
	28 Engr Tech Coy	PALERMO	
	28 R/T Coy	PALERMO	
	SERVICES		
36.	28 Supply and Ord Coy	PALERMO	
37.	28 M.T. Coy	PALERMO	
38.	SABAUDA DIVISION H.Q.	MESSINA	
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA	
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA	
41.	I Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA	
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA	
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA	
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA	
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA	
53.	I Coy/I Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA	
54.	76 Regt H.Q.	CATANIA	
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
56.	II Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
57.	6 Bty - II Bn	CALTAGIRONE	
58.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA	
59.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
60.	30 R/T Coy	MESSINA	
61.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	MESSINA	
	SERVICES		
62.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA	
63.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA	
64.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO	
65.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)	
66.	II Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)	
67.	III Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO	
68.	33 Mil. Dist.	PALERMO	
69.	20 " "	MESSINA	
70.	18 " "	CATANIA	
71.	60 " "		

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39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA
54.	16 Regt H.Q.	CATANIA
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA
56.	II Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA
57.	6 Bty - II Bn	CALTAGIRONE
58.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA
59.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
60.	30 R/T Coy	MESSINA
61.	30 Engr Tech. Coy	MESSINA

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

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Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
79.	10 Territorial Depot	PALERMO	
80.	11 Principal Territorial Hospital	PALERMO	
81.	141 Terr.Mil. Hospital	MESSINA	
82.	11 Hygiene Sec	PALERMO	
83.	11 Medical Coy	PALERMO	
84.	11 Terr.Med. War Pensions Comm.	PALERMO	
85.	11 Military Bakery	PALERMO	
86.	11 Bulk Supply Depot	CATANIA	
87.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO	
88.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA	
89.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA	
90.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO	
91.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO	
92.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO	
93.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO	
94.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO	
95.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA	
96.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA	
97.	" " "	VITTORIA	
98.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)	
99.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)	
100.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)	
101.	" " "	M.DEI CENTRI (Messina)	
102.	" " "	PIETRAZZA (Messina)	
103.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)	
104.	" " "	MASOTTO (Messina)	
105.	" " "	S.IACHIDDU (Messina)	
106.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)	
107.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)	
108.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)	
109.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)	
110.	" " "	KAGGI (Messina)	
111.	" " "	BIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)	
112.	111 Detached Artillery Sec.	PALERMO	
113.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO	
114.	" " "	P.DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)	
115.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)	
116.	" " "	CASTELVETRANO	
117.	" " "	VILLAGRAZIA (Palermo)	
118.	" " "	SCALILLI (Palermo)	
119.	" " "	LERCARA (Palermo)	
120.	" " "	ENNA	
121.	" " "	MINIERA TRABIA (Caltanissetta)	
122.	" " "	SALINE TRAPANI (Trapani)	

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88.	65 Mast. Depot	CATANIA
89.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA
90.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO
91.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO
92.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO
93.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO
94.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO
95.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA
96.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA
97.	" " "	VITTORIA
98.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)
99.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)
100.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)
101.	" " "	M.DEI CENTRI (Messina)
102.	" " "	PIETRASPA (Messina)
103.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)
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105.	" " "	S.IACHIDDU (Messina)
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107.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)
108.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)
109.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)
110.	" " "	KAGGI (Messina)
111.	" " "	BIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)
112.	111 Detached Artillery Sec.	PALERMO
113.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO
114.	" " "	P.DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)
115.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)
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119.	" " "	LERCARA (Palermo)
120.	" " "	ENNA
121.	" " "	MINIERA TRABIA (Caltanissetta)
122.	" " "	SALINE TRAPANI (Trapani)
123.	Chemical Store	PALERMO
124.	11 Wks Service and Eqpt Stores Directorate	PALERMO
125.	Detached Engr. Sec.	MESSINA
126.	" " "	CALTANISSETTA
127.	Detached Engr. Wks. Office	TRAPANI
128.	" " " "	CATANIA
129.	" " " "	SIRACUSA

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

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STAFF LIST - 11 BLU.

G.S.O. II.	Major W. SYKES	R.A.
Attached		
CC.RR., L.C.	Major W.A. LACEY	G.L.

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PRO-FORMA

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Domestic Transport: State as at 1st June 46.

Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D.No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)
1.	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	M5663421	N/A	341796		
2.	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.P. 15 cwt	Z5906012	SM6407	4844520393	(E)	
3.	Standard Utility 4x2	M6175381	23/28555	UV5851	(E)	
4.	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	C1452436	N/A	WM2079478	(E)	

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

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Domestic Transport: State as at 1st June 46.

W.D.No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
M5663421	M/A	341796			BLR	(Certificate sent to (H.Q.M.M.I.A.6.Jun.46
Z5906012	SW6407	4844520393	(E)			
M6175381	23/S8555	UV5851	(E)			(Attached for use by (CC.MR.LiaisonSection
C1452436	M/A	WM2079478	(E)			

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Signed W Stephens Lieut.

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PART I - GENERAL

1. DOMESTIC.(BLU)

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(b) MAJOR T.GOODACRE General List CC.RR. L.O. left the unit on Compassionate Posting to U.K. on 19.Apr.46.

(c) MAJOR S.E. SNEEZUM is due to go on PYTHON in MAY 46 and replacements for this officer and above mentioned officers are urgently required.

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

(e) Staff List 11 B.L.U. attached at Appx "B"

2. ITALIAN.

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

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

PART II - 'G'

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3. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS.

(a) Army less CC.RR.

"AOSTA" Div.

(i) 5 Regt: The Regt. H.Q. plus a Bn and Regt Support Coy located at TRAPANI

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They are accommodated in the modern type of Italian Army barracks which were left uncompleted in 1942. Construction is now being continued.
Included in these works is the construction of a large canteen, theatre and reading

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

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

(i) A theatre.
(ii) A canteen.
(iii) An Officers Mess and Bar.
(iv) A Sgts Mess.
(v) Extensive flower gardens in the barracks.
(vi) Vegetable gardens.

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(iii) 130 Inf Regt [illegible]

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(iii) 139 Inf Regt: Complete Regt located in Barracks at PALERMO. Employed on Guard Duties and Internal Security.
Condition of Regt was satisfactory when it was visited in March 46 but has not been visited again since.

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Much of this failing is attributed to Col. LONGO the Commandant who is not a disciplinarian and lacks drive.

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General de Castiglioni is not satisfied with Col. LONGO's work and is getting him replaced. It is hoped that improvements will be seen during the next training period.

(c) Accommodation.

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

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

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

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once a week at the C.A.R.

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

(g) British Weapons:

(i) 4100 rifles received.

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

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

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Good.

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(Republican Youth Front)

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

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Their paper propaganda consists solely of one card which is given to the troops and expresses three points:

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

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

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

Actionist Party: PURPURA Vincenzo - lawyer
Liberal Party: LO MONTE Giovanni - lawyer
Christian Democrat Party: Doctor CORTESE Pasquale

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Labour Party: CRACOLICI Francesco - lawyer
Communist Party: Doctor LICAUSI Girolamo
Socialist Party: Prof. DRAGO Giuseppe.

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

(iv) Monarchy:

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

B. Leaders and most active members:

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(v) E.V.I.S. (Bandits):

This organisation is now extinct.

(vi) L'Uomo Qualunque and Opposition Front.

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

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issued weekly in SICILY and distributed as follows:

PALERMO : 4000
CATANIA : 3000

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

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

C. Leaders and active members are:

- Engr. VIOLA Antonio - Palermo
- RUGGERO Giuseppe - Palermo
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- Baron MOTTA Stefano.
- BATTIATO Concetto - reporter.
- VILLASEVAGLIO Pietro - lawyer.
- TURCO Natale - Student, Catania.
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D. All means of propaganda used: News papers, placards, meetings etc.
Movement is very popular in SICILY since the people feel deeply the need for an extensive autonomy - NOT Separatism or Independence.-

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

A. Communist Party: Is planning a very big demonstration to occur in the near future.
Probably be of a violent nature and its numbers supplemented by the new foreign elements who have arrived in SICILY (see para 5 above).
It is thought that this move on the part of the Communists in Sicily is being coardinated simultaneously an International Communist move.
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18774 T/Major S.E. SNEEZUM M.C. The Suffolk Regt. Due for P.Y.T.H.O.N. in May 46.

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7. ITALIAN..

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

All ranks - 18%.

PART IV - 'Q'

8. DOMESTIC.

(a) Transport.

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

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(b) R.E.M.E.

Nothing to report.

(c) Clothing and Equipment.

Army less CC.RR.

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Nothing to report.

(e) Supply.

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Previously the Commissariato employed trained ratting dogs which where actually held on the W.E. These dogs are evidently no longer obtainable and the Commissariato suggest that an effort be made to train an adequate number of dogs to combat the very serious threat to rations in food stores.

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

SES/SI
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Appx "A" to 11 BLU Progress
Report No. 10 dated

LOCATION STATEMENT & ORDER OF BATTLE

Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
1.	11 BLU (Type "B")	PALERMO	
2.	11 Territorial H.Q.	PALERMO	
3.	Arty H.Q.	PALERMO	
4.	Engineer H.Q.	PALERMO	
5.	11 Med. Directorate	PALERMO	
6.	11 Commissariato Directorate	PALERMO	
7.	11 Directorate Vet and Remount Service	PALERMO	
8.	11 Administrative Directorate	PALERMO	
9.	11 Military Tribunal	PALERMO	
10.	Autonomans Sec Mil Tribunal	CATANIA	
11.	Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
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12.	Officer Ex-P.O.W. Investigation Commission	PALERMO	
13.	Camp H.Q. C.M.T.	PALERMO	
14.	150 Motorized Unit (CC.RR.)	PALERMO	
15.	AOSTA DIVISION H.Q.	PALERMO	
16.	96 CC.RR. Unit	PALERMO	
17.	3 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	
18.	5 Inf. Regt H.Q.	TRAPANI	
19.	1 Bn H.Q.	TRAPANI	
20.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
21.	Regt. Support Coy	TRAPANI	
22.	6 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO	
23.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
24.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
25.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO	
26.	4 Bde H.Q.	PALERMO	
27.	139 Regt. H.Q.	PALERMO	
28.	1 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	

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5.	11 Med. Directorate	PALERMO
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28.	1 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
29.	2 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO
30.	Regt. Support Coy	PALERMO
31.	22 Regt. H.Q.	AGRIGENTO
32.	1 Bn H.Q.	AGRIGENTO

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Ser :	Unit :	Location :	Remarks
33.	11 Bn H.Q.	PALERMO	
34.	Regt. Support Coy	AGRIGENTO	
35.	28 Mixed Engineer Bn	PALERMO	
	28 Engr Tech Coy	PALERMO	
	28 R/T Coy	PALERMO	
	SERVICES		
36.	28 Supply and Ord Coy	PALERMO	
37.	28 M.T. Coy	PALERMO	
38.	SABAUDA DIVISION H.Q.	MESSINA	
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA	
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA	
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA	
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA	
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA	
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA	
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA	
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA	
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA	
54.	16 Regt. H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA	
56.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA	
57.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA	
58.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA	
59.	30 R/T Coy	SIRACUSA	
60	30 Engr Tech Coy	SIRACUSA	
	SERVICES		
61.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA	
62.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA	
63.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO	
64.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)	
65.	II Bn/C;A;R;	PALERMO (Rocca)	
66.	III Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO	
67.	33 Mil. Dist.	PALERMO	
68.	20 " "	MESSINA	

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37.	28 M.T. Coy	PALERMO
38.	SABAUDA DIVISION H.Q.	MESSINA
39.	1 Bde H.Q.	CATANIA
40.	45 Regt. H.Q.	CATANIA
41.	1 Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
42.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
43.	Regt. Support Coy	CATANIA
44.	46 Regt. H.Q.	MESSINA
45.	I Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
46.	II Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
47.	Regt. Support Coy	MESSINA
48.	II Bde H.Q.	SIRACUSA
49.	145 Regt. H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
50.	I Bn H.Q.	CALTANISSETTA
51.	II Bn H.Q.	RAGUSA
52.	Regt. Support Coy	CALTANISSETTA
53.	I Coy/1 Bn 145 Regt.	ENNA
54.	16 Regt. H.Q.	SIRACUSA
55.	I Bn H.Q.	SIRACUSA
56.	II Bn H.Q.	CATANIA
57.	Regt. Support Coy	SIRACUSA
58.	130 Mixed Engr Bn H.Q.	MESSINA
59.	30 R/T Coy	SIRACUSA
60	30 Engr Tech Coy	SIRACUSA
	SERVICES	
61.	30 Supply Coy	MESSINA
62.	30 M/T Coy	CATANIA
63.	11 C.A.R.	PALERMO
64.	I Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO (Rocca)
65.	II Bn/C;A;R;	PALERMO (Rocca)
66.	III Bn/C.A.R.	PALERMO
67.	33 Mil. Dist.	PALERMO
68.	20 " "	MESSINA
69.	18 " "	CATANIA
70.	60 " "	AGRIGENTO
71.	32 " "	TRAPANI
72.	59 " "	SIRACUSA
73.	105 " "	RAGUSA
74.	108 " "	ENNA
75.	31 " "	CALTANISSETTA

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Ser	Unit	Location	Remarks
76.	8 Territorial Depot	CATANIA	
77.	9 " "	PALERMO	
78.	10 " "	PALERMO	
79.	11 Principal Territorial Hospital	PALERMO	
80.	141 Terr. Mil. Hospital	MESSINA	
81.	11 Hygiene Sec	PALERMO	
82.	11 Medical Coy	PALERMO	
83.	11 Terr.Med. War Pensions Comm.	PALERMO	
84.	11 Military Bakery	PALERMO	
85.	11 Bulk Supply Depot	CATANIA	
86.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO	
87.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA	
88.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA	
89.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO	
90.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO	
91.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO	
92.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO	
93.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO	
94.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA	
95.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA	
96.	" " "	VITTORIA	
97.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)	
98.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)	
99.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)	
100.	" " "	M. DEI CENTRI (Messina)	
101.	" " "	PIETRAZZA (Messina)	
102.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)	
103.	" " "	MASOTTO (Messina)	
104.	" " "	S. IACHIDDU (Messina)	
105.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)	
106.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)	
107.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)	3379
108.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)	
109.	" " "	KAGGI (Messina)	
110.	" " "	BIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)	

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85.	11 Bulk Supply Depot	CATANIA
86.	11 Dist. Depot	PALERMO
87.	65 Dist. Depot	CATANIA
88.	66 " "	CALTANISSETTA
89.	11 Clothing and Equipment Depot	PALERMO
90.	11 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	PALERMO
91.	11 Repair Shop	PALERMO
92.	11 Salvage Depot	PALERMO
93.	11 Supply Coy	PALERMO
94.	1011 Artillery Directorate	MESSINA
95.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	MESSINA
96.	" " "	VITTORIA
97.	" " "	CAMPO ITALIA (Messina)
98.	" " "	M.CAMPONE (Messina)
99.	" " "	PUNTAL FERRARO (Messina)
100.	" " "	M. DEI CENTRI (Messina)
101.	" " "	PIETRAZZA (Messina)
102.	" " "	SERRA LA CROCE (Messina)
103.	" " "	MASOTTO (Messina)
104.	" " "	S. IACHIDDU (Messina)
105.	" " "	OGLIASTRI (Messina)
106.	" " "	CONZAGA (Messina)
107.	" " "	SCHIAFFINO (Messina)
108.	" " "	MARINEO (Catania)
109.	" " "	KAGGI (Messina)
110.	" " "	BIVIERE LENTINI (Catania)
111.	111 Detached Artillery Sec.	PALERMO
112.	Ammunition Salvage Dump	PALERMO
113.	" " "	P. DEL LAGO (Caltanissetta)
114.	" " "	DEL FICO (Trapani)
115.	" " "	CASTELVETRANO

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

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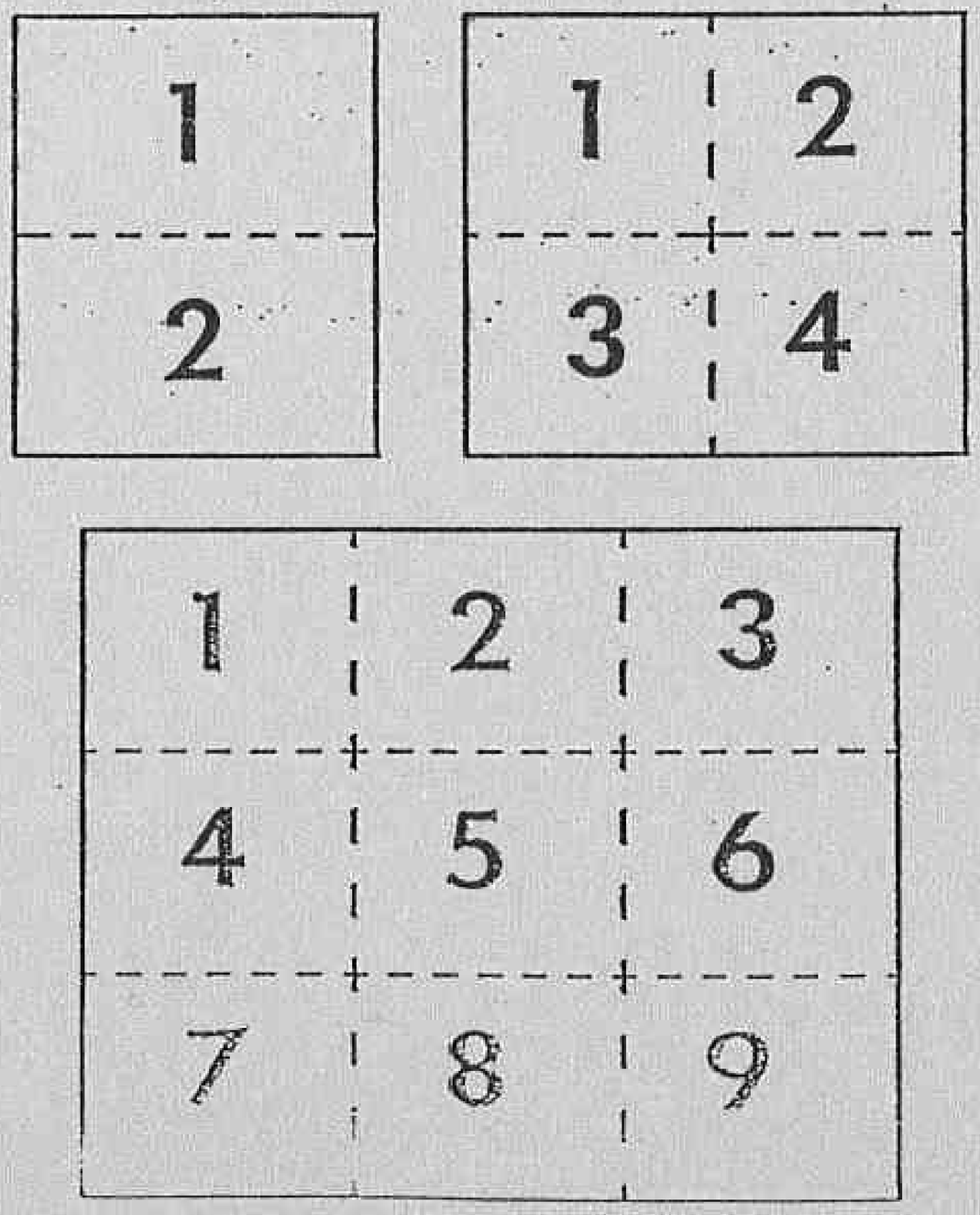

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME		
1	Colonel	Inf.	ALFIERI	Sebastiano	11 Ter
2	"	Arty	AGNELLO	Sebastiano	31 Mil
3	"	Inf.	ALFIERI	Antonio	5 Inf
4	"	Arty	AINIS	Ferdinando	11 Ter
5	"	Medical	BONACCORSO	Letterio	Ex P.o
6	"	Arty	BARRILE	Eugenio	22 Art
7	"	Inf.	CASSATA	Paolo	45 Inf
8	"	Inf.	COLOMBO	Vincenzo	6 Inf.
9	"	Inf.	CUSIMANO	Alfonso	139 In
10	"	Arty	CUTITTA	Antonio	11 Ter
11	"	Inf.	DE CARLI	Paolo	45 Inf
12	"	Inf.	DRAGO	Filippo	45 Inf
13	"	Inf.	D'ANGELO	Paolo	32 Mil
14	"	Arty	ESCALAR	Romeo	105 Mi
15	"	Inf.	FOTI	Egidio	11 Ter
16	"	Inf.	FRADELLA	Ruggero	46 Inf
17	"	Cavalry	FAZIO	Riccardo	11 Ter
18	"	Arty	FUSCO	Ugo	1011 A
19	"	Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111 En
20	"	Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11 Te
21	"	Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco	5 Inf.
22	"	M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino	M/T/ W
23	"	Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Commis
24	"	Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 Mil
25	"	Inf.	LONGO	Francesco	11 C.A
26	"	Arty	LEONARDI	Libero	16 Reg
27	"	Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Commis
28	"	Inf.	LOMI	Cesare	60 Mil
29	"	Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele	Territ
30	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 Inf.
31	"	Arty	MIGLIORE	Calogero	22 Art
32	"	Arty	MANGIONE	Domenico	33 Mil
33	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Salvatore	18 Mil
34	"	Inf.	MARCECA	Franc. Paolo	11 Ter
35	"	Inf.	MORETTINI	Francesco	Milita

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Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
Inf.	ALFIERI	Sebastiano	11 Territorial H.Q.
Arty	AGNELLO	Sebastiano	31 Military District
Inf.	ALFIERI	Antonio	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Arty	AINIS	Ferdinando	11 Territorial H.Q. Arty H.Q.
Medical	BONACCORSO	Letterio	Ex P.o.W. Investig. Commission.
Arty	BARRILE	Eugenio	22 Arty Regt H.Q.
Inf.	CASSATA	Paolo	45 Inf. Depot.
Inf.	COLOMBO	Vincenzo	6 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf.	CUSIMANO	Alfonso	139 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Arty	CUTITTA	Antonio	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	DE CARLI	Paolo	45 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
Inf.	DRAGO	Filippo	45 Inf. Depot
Inf.	D'ANGELO	Paolo	32 Military District
Arty	ESCALAR	Romeo	105 Military District
Inf.	FOTI	Egidio	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	FRADELLA	Ruggero	46 Inf. Regt.
Cavalry	FAZIO	Riccardo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Arty	FUSCO	Ugo	1011 Artillery Directorate
Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111 Engr. Service Coy.
Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino	M/T/ WKs Directorate
Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Commissariato Directorate
Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 Military District
Inf.	LONGO	Francesco	11 C.A.R.
Arty	LEONARDI	Libero	16 Regt H.Q.
Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Commissariato Directorate
Inf.	LOMI	Cesare	60 Military District
Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele	Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. Regt.
Arty	MIGLIORE	Calogero	22 Arty Depot H.Q.
Arty	MANGIONE	Domenico	33 Military District
Inf.	MILAZZO	Salvatore	18 Military District
Inf.	MARCECA	Franc. Paolo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	MORETTINI	Francesco	Military Tribunal Catania

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19	"	Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111
20	"	Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11
21	"	Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco	5 I
22	"	M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino	M/T
23	"	Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Com
24	"	Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 I
25	"	Inf.	LONGO	Francesco	11 C
26	"	Arty	LEONARDI	Libero	16 F
27	"	Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Com
28	"	Inf.	LOMI	Cesare	60 M
29	"	Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele	Terr
30	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 In
31	"	Arty	MIGLIORE	Calogero	22 A
32	"	Arty	MANGIONE	Domenico	33 M
33	"	Inf.	MILAZZO	Salvatore	18 M
34	"	Inf.	MARCECA	Franc. Paolo	11 T
35	"	Inf.	MORETTINI	Francesco	Mili
36	"	Inf.	NATALE	Domenico	6 In
37	"	Inf.	NATOLI	Filippo	11 T
38	"	Medical	PASSALACQUA	Gioacchino	11 Te
39	"	Engr.	PIAZZA	Giuseppe	11 Te
40	"	Inf.	RUMBOLO	Eduardo	139 I
41	"	REGGIS	REGGIS	Salvatore	6 Inf
42	"	Inf.	ROSANO	Giuseppe	59 MI
43	"	Arty	RANDI	Eugenio	6 Inf
44	"	Inf.	SALERNO	Giuseppe	145 I
45	"	Arty	SANTORO	Ernesto	22 Ar
46	"	Administr.	SULSENTI	Giovanni	11 Te

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Engr.	GUZZO	Giovanni	111 Engr. Service Coy.
Inf.	GRIGLIO	Roberto	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	GRILLO	Francesco	5 Inf. Regt. H.Q.
M/T	GENDUSO	Ottorino	M/T/ WKs Directorate
Comm/to	GUZZARDI	Nicolò	Commissariato Directorate
Inf.	LAURIANO	Gaetano	23 Military District
Inf.	LONGO	Francesco	11 C.A.R.
Arty	LEONARDI	Libero	16 Regt H.Q.
Comm/to	LO VECCHIO	Giovanni	Commissariato Directorate
Inf.	LOMI	Cesare	60 Military District
Inf.	LOVETERE	Michele	Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	MILAZZO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. Regt.
Arty	MIGLIORE	Calogero	22 Arty Depot H.Q.
Arty	MANGIONE	Domenico	33 Military District
Inf.	MILAZZO	Salvatore	18 Military District
Inf.	MARCECA	Franc. Paolo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	MORETTINI	Francesco	Military Tribunal Catania
Inf.	NATALE	Domenico	6 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	NATOLI	Filippo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Medical	PASSALACQUA	Gioacchino	11 Territorial H.Q.
Engr.	PIAZZA	Giuseppe	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	RUMBOLO	Eduardo	139 Inf. Regt.
REGGIS	REGGIS	Salvatore	6 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	ROSANO	Giuseppe	59 Military District
Arty	RANDI	Eugenio	6 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	SALERNO	Giuseppe	145 Inf. Regt.
Arty	SANTORO	Ernesto	22 Arty Depot.
Administr.	SULSENTI	Giovanni	11 Territorial H.Q.

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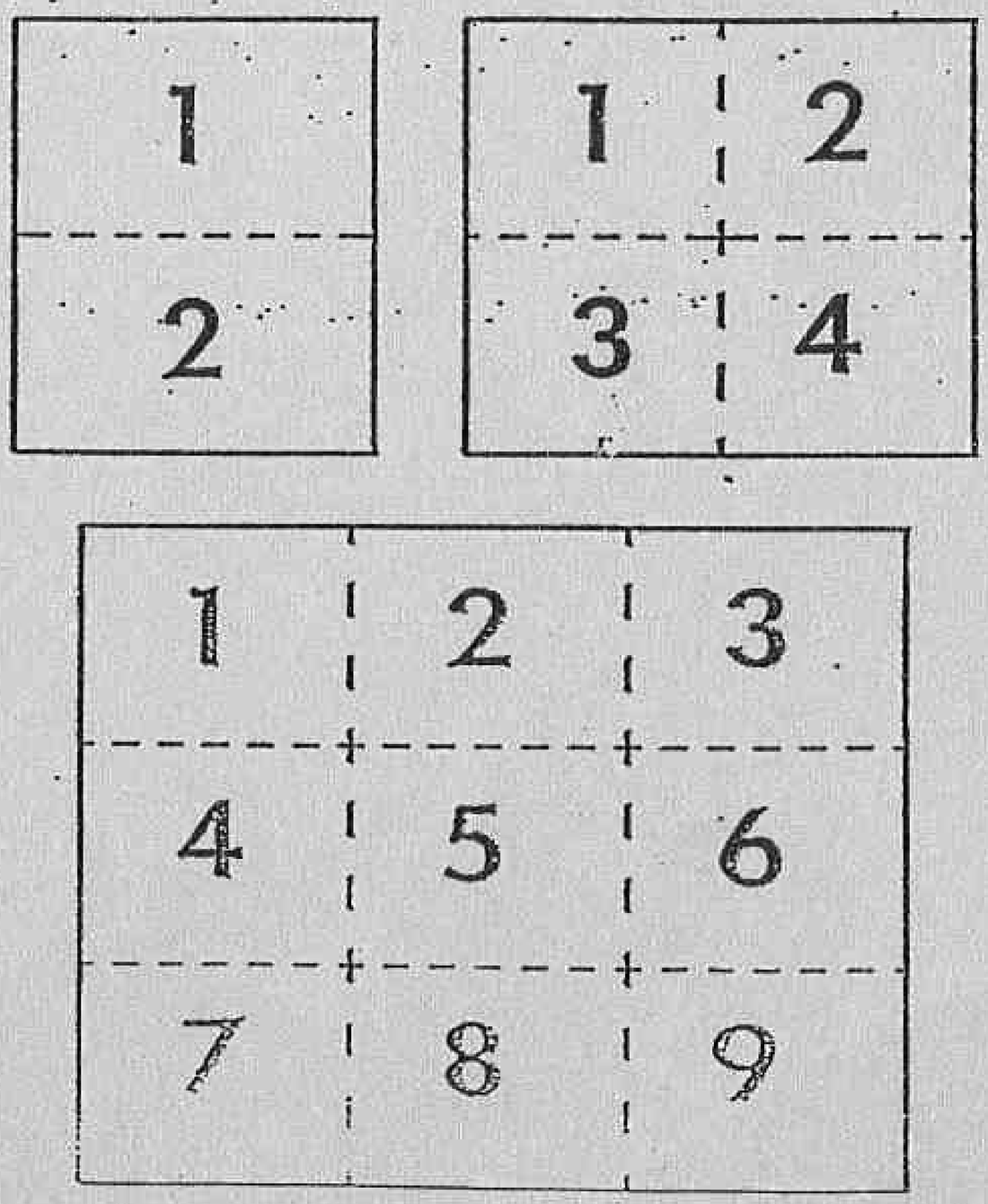

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94	Lt.Col.	Inf.	STAMPA	Natale	5 Inf
95	"	Adm.	SALEVA	Angelo	Princ
96	"	Inf.	STRAZZERI	Attilio	Sabau
97	"	Inf.	SINDONI	Cesare	11 C.
98	"	Inf.	SERIO	Vincenzo	Comp.
99	"	Inf.	SCOLARO	Luigi	20 Mi
100	"	Engr.	SARZANA	Francesco	Engin
101	"	"	SORRENTINO	Enrico	"
102	"	Inf.	SANCETTA	Giuseppe	5 Inf
103	"	Arty	SARULLO	Domenico	11 Mi
104	"	"	SALEMI	Francesco	33 Mi
105	"	Medical	TOMASELLI	Antonio	11 Me
106	"	Inf.	TRAPANI	Stefano	6 Inf
107	"	Arty	TORTORICI	Gustavo	22 Ar
108	"	Inf.	TERRANOVA	Paolo	33 Mi
109	"	Inf.	TESTA	Pietro	Aosta
110	"	Inf.	VIZZINISI	Salvatore	Aosta

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

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47	Lt.Col.	Arty	GALLINA	Filippo	16 Inf.R
48	"	Arty	GRASSO	Giovanni	16 Inf.R
49	"	Medical	INGRIA	Lorenzo	Principe
50	"	Inf.	IMBORNONE	Vito	33 Milit
51	"	Engr.	IMBURGIA	Biagio	11 Terri
52	"	Arty	INGHILLERI	Salvatore	11 Terri
53	"	Inf.	LA LUMIA	Giuseppe	20 Milit
54	"	Inf.	LIPARI	Giovanni	Principe
55	"	Inf.	LIOTTA	Giuseppe	59 Milit
56	"	Inf.	LA ROCCA	Giuseppe	105 Mili
57	"	Inf.	LIUZZO	Carmelo	18 Milit
58	"	Inf.	LA RICCA	Paolo	5 Inf. R
59	"	Inf.	LIOTTI	Giovanni	32 Milit
60	"	Engr.	LI CASTRO	Geniale	Engineer
61	"	Inf.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò	32 Milit
62	"	Arty	MARSALA	Paolo	Remaunt
63	"	Aut.	MARINARO	Antonio	11 M/T R
64	"	Inf.	MORELLI	Francesco	145 Inf.
65	"	Inf.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo	Principe
66	"	Inf.	MONACO	Paolo	11 Briga
67	"	Inf.	MICELI	Giuseppe	139 Inf.
68	"	Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 Art
69	"	Arty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 dete
70	"	Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Milit
71	"	Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Milit
72	"	Inf.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf. R
73	"	Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Briga
74	"	Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Terri
75	"	Inf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 Inf
76	"	Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Princip
77	"	Arty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico	1011 Art
78	"	Inf.	PISTOLA	Adriano	Sabauda
79	"	Inf.	PATTI	Adriano	6 Inf.
80	"	Inf.	PULEO	Antonino	11 Terri

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Arm of Service	NAME		UNIT
Arty	GALLINA	Filippo	16 Inf.Regt. H.Q.
Arty	GRASSO	Giovanni	16 Inf.Regt. H.Q.
Medical	INGRIA	Lorenzo	Principal Terr. Hospital
Inf.	IMBORNONE	Vito	33 Military District
Engr.	IMBURGIA	Biagio	11 Territorial H.Q.
Arty	INGHILLERI	Salvatore	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	LA LUMIA	Giuseppe	20 Military District
Inf.	LIPARI	Giovanni	Principal Hospital H.Q.
Inf.	LIOTTA	Giuseppe	59 Military District
Inf.	LA ROCCA	Giuseppe	105 Military District
Inf.	LIUZZO	Carmelo	18 Military District
Inf.	LA RICCA	Paolo	5 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	LIOTTI	Giovanni	32 Military District
Engr.	LI CASTRO	Geniale	Engineer Works Direct.
Inf.	LA BARBERA	Nicolò	32 Military District
Arty	MARSALA	Paolo	Remaunt H.Q.
Aut.	MARINARO	Antonio	11 M/T Depot.
Inf.	MORELLI	Francesco	145 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	MARCELLINO	Vincenzo	Principal Terr. Hospital
Inf.	MONACO	Paolo	11 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
Inf.	MICELI	Giuseppe	139 Inf. Regt.
Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 Arty Directorate
Arty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 detached Arty Sect.
Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Military District
Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Military Tribunal
Inf.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf. Regt. Depot.
Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 Inf. Regt.
Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Principal Terr. Hospital
Arty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico	1011 Arty Directorate
Inf.	PISTOLA	Adriano	Sabauda Division H.Q.
Inf.	PATTI	Adriano	6 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	PULEO	Antonino	11 Territorial H.Q.

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67	"	Inf.	MICELI	Giuseppe	139 Inf
68	"	Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 A
69	"	Arty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 de
70	"	Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Mil
71	"	Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Mil
72	"	Inf.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf.
73	"	Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Brig
74	"	Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Ter
75	"	Inf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 In
76	"	Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Princi
77	"	Arty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico	1011 A
78	"	Inf.	PISTOLA	Adriano	Sabaud
79	"	Inf.	PATTI	Adriano	6 Inf.
80	"	Inf.	PULEO	Antonino	11 Ter
81	"	Inf.	PERRICONE	Francesco	11 Ter
82	"	Medical	PERRICONE	Giuseppe	141 Te
83	"	Medical	PECORELLA	Mariano	Princi
84	"	Arty	PUGLISI	Nicolò	16 Inf.
85	"	Inf.	PERROTTA	Luigi	Princ.
86	"	Engr.	ROMANO	Francesco	11 Mili
87	"	Inf.	RICEVUTI	Olindo	Aosta D
88	"	Inf.	ROCCELLA	G. Battista	11 Terr
89	"	Inf.	RIZZO	Vincenzo	31 Mili
90	"	Arty	RANERI	Giuseppe	Sabauda
91	"	Inf.	RANDONI	Salvatore	145 Inf
92	"	Inf.	RUSCINA EZERCHIA	Paolo	59 Mili
93	"	Ingr.	SCADUTO	Giuseppe	111 Ing

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Arty	MOLLICA	Eusebio	1011 Arty Directorate
Arty	MULONE	Gaetano	111 detached Arty Sect.
Medical	MANGIONE	Giuseppe	33 Military District
Engr.	NOBILE	Ettore	11 Military Tribunal
Inf.	NATALE	Filippo	6 Inf. Regt. Depot.
Inf.	PETRICCIOLI	Luigi	1 Brigade Sabauda H.Q.
Inf.	PIRAINO	Giacomo	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	PANCAMO	Gioacchino	139 Inf. Regt.
Medical	PURPURA	Giovanni	Principal Terr. Hospital
Arty	PASSALACQUA	Domenico	1011 Arty Directorate
Inf.	PISTOLA	Adriano	Sabauda Division H.Q.
Inf.	PATTI	Adriano	6 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	PULEO	Antonino	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	PERRICONE	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
Medical	PERRICONE	Giuseppe	141 Territorial Mil. Hospital
Medical	PECORELLA	Mariano	Principal Terr. Hospital
Arty	PUGLISI	Nicolò	16 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	PERROTTA	Luigi	Princ. Pil. Hosp.
Engr.	ROMANO	Francesco	11 Military Tribunal
Inf.	RICEVUTI	Olindo	Aosta Division H.Q.
Inf.	ROCCELLA	G. Battista	11 Territorial H.Q.
Inf.	RIZZO	Vincenzo	31 Military District
Arty	RANERI	Giuseppe	Sabauda Division H.Q.
Inf.	RANDONI	Salvatore	145 Inf. Regt.
Inf.	RUSCINA EZERCHIA	Paolo	59 Military District
Ingr.	SCADUTO	Giuseppe	111 Ingr. Service Coy.

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Serial No.	Rank	Arm of Service	NAME		
1	Lt.Col.	Inf.	ATTINELLI	Emanuele	11 Terri
2	"	Comm/to	ALECCI	Angelo	Commissa
3	"	Inf.	ANDREOZZI	Pasquale	Ex P.O.W
4	"	Engr.	ALBERTINI	Antonio	Engineer
5	"	Medical	ARONICA	Ferdinando	11 Princ
6	"	Inf.	ARICO'	Mario	Transpor
7	"	Inf.	BARBATO	Emilio	6 Inf. R
8	"	Inf.	BERTINI	Luigi	5 Inf. R
9	"	Medical	BATTAGLIA	Michele	Principa
10	"	Medical	BARONE	Giovanni	11 Medic
11	"	Inf.	BRUNO	Giuseppe	6 Inf. D
12	"	Medical	CALVELLO	Salvatore	11 Med.
13	"	Engr.	CACACE	Nicolò	111 Engr
14	"	Inf.	CIRRINCIONE	Ettore	33 Milit
15	"	Inf.	CARROZZA	Fortunato	20 Milit
16	"	Arty	CONIGLIO	Ernesto	22 Arty
17	"	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido	16 Inf.
18	"	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe	141 Terr
19	"	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele	145 Inf.
20	"	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biaggio	11 Terri
21	"	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe	Aosta Di
22	"	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni	11 Milit
23	"	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo	139 Inf.
24	"	Inf.	CAMINITI	Sante	20 Milit
25	"	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore	108 Mili
26	"	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano	45 Inf.
27	"	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero	60 Milit
28	"	Engr.	DI SIMONE	Rosario	Engineer
29	"	Arty	DI STEFANO	Sante	16 Inf.
30	"	Inf.	DE RISI	Arturo	11 Terri
31	"	Inf.	DE GREGORIO	Camillo	33 Mili
32	"	Medical	D'ANGELO	Emanuele	Billeti
33	"	Inf.	D'ANGELO	Luigi	6 Inf. R

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

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17	"	Arty	CHIAPPINI	Guido	16 Inf.
18	"	Medical	COCCIA	Giuseppe	141 Terr
19	"	Inf.	CHIRONE	Michele	145 Inf.
20	"	Inf.	COSENTINO	Biaggio	11 Terri
21	"	Engr.	CITTADINI	Giuseppe	Aosta Di
22	"	Engr.	CANNIZZO	Giovanni	11 Milit
23	"	Inf.	COTTONE	Girolamo	139 Inf.
24	"	Inf.	CAMINITI	Sante	20 Milit
25	"	Inf.	DI DINO	Salvatore	108 Mili
26	"	Inf.	DI MAURO	Luciano	45 Inf.
27	"	Inf.	DI PAOLA	Calogero	60 Milit
28	"	Engr.	DI SIMONE	Rosario	Engineer
29	"	Arty	DI STEFANO	Sante	16 Inf.
30	"	Inf.	DE RISI	Arturo	11 Terri
31	"	Inf.	DE GREGORIO	Camillo	33 Milit
32	"	Medical	D'ANGELO	Emanuele	Billetin
33	"	Inf.	D'ANGELO	Luigi	6 Inf. R
34	"	Arty	FERRARA	Antonio	3 Brigade
35	"	Inf.	FUGALLI	Salvatore	C.A.R. H
36	"	Inf.	FERRARA	Francesco	108 Mili
37	"	Arty	FURMARI	Bartolo	20 Milita
38	"	Inf.	GRASSO	Rosario	45 Inf.
39	"	Inf.	GIUDICE	Luigi	4 Brigade
40	"	Inf.	GIORDANO	Francesco	Transport
41	"	Arty	GRECO	Benedetto	22 Arty D
42	"	Inf.	GIANNONE	Umberto	105 Mili
43	"	Inf.	GRECO	Giuseppe	32 Milita
44	"	Inf.	GIGANTE	Giuseppe	1101 P.O.
45	"	Aut.	GIANNOLA	Gioacchino	11 M/T Re
46	"	Inf.	GIACONIA	Gaetano	46 Inf. R

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

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

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STAFF LIST ITALIAN 11 MILITARY TERRITORIAL H.Q.

Serial No.	Rank	N A M E		U N I T
1	Major General	de CASTIGLIONI	Lazzaro Maurizio	11 Territorial H.Q.
2	Major General	SANTINI	Gino	11 Territorial H.Q.
3	Brigadier General	BUTTAFUOCO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
4	" "	FIUMARA	Rosario	1st Brigade "Sabau
5	" "	GIANGRECO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
6	" "	PETTINAU	Ettore	2nd Brigade "Sabau
7	" "	LAZZARINI	Attilio	Sabauda Division H.
8	" "	SCLAVO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
9	" "	VECE	Mario	3rd Brigade Aosta
10	" "	SAPORETTI	Vincenzo	4th Brigade Aosta
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STAFF LIST ITALIAN 11 MILITARY TERRITORIAL H.Q.

nk	N A M E		U N I T
or General	de CASTIGLIONI	Lazzaro Maurizio	11 Territorial H.Q.
or General	SANTINI	Gino	11 Territorial H.Q.
gadier General	BUTTAFUOCO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
"	FIUMARA	Rosario	1st Brigade "Sabauda" H.Q.
"	GIANGRECO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
"	PETTINAU	Ettore	2nd Brigade "Sabauda" H.Q.
"	LAZZARINI	Attilio	Sabauda Division H.Q.
"	SCLAVO	Francesco	11 Territorial H.Q.
"	VECE	Mario	3rd Brigade Aosta H.Q.
"	SAPORETTI	Vincenzo	4th Brigade Aosta H.Q.

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

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

Date:

Signed : [signature] Maj

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BRITISH EQPT. AND CLEANING MATERIALS RECEIVED AT 11 C.A.R.

Serial No.	Items assigned by S.M.R.E.		Items despatched according to Clothing and Eqpt Depot Frattaminore		Items received 11 C.A.R,		Surplus
1	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4270	
2	SHOULDERS STRAPS LEFT H. SIDE	4400		4400		4208	
3	SHOULDERS STRAPS RIGHT H. SIDE	4400		4400		4106	
4	HAVERSACK	4400		4400		4287	
5	BRACES LEFT H.	4400		4400		3840	
6	BRACES RIGHT	4400		4400		3918	
7	CARRIER WATER BOTTLE	4400		4400		4282	
8	WATER BOTTLE	4400		4400		4400	-
9	POUCHES RIFLE	8800		800		800	-
10	POUCHES PISTOL	91		91		91	-
11	CASES PISTOL	91		91		91	-
12	CASES BAYONET	4180		-		-	
13			FLANNELT YARDS	3456		2880	
14			BAYONET FROGS	4180		4196	16
15			POUCHES BREN	8200		7990	-
16			RIFLE OIL 80 PINTS			80	-

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S.M.R.E.	Items despatched according to Clothing and Eqpt Depot Frattaminore		Items received 11 C.A.R,		Surplus	Deficiencies
4400	BELTS	4400	BELTS	4270		130
EFT						
4400		4400		4208		192
4400		4400		4106		294
4400		4400		4287		113
4400		4400		3840		560
4400		4400		3918		482
LE 4400		4400		4282		118
4400		4400		4400	-	-
8800		800		800	-	8000
91		91		91	-	-
91		91		91	-	-
4180		-		-		4180
	FLANNELT YARDS	3456		2880		516 YARDS
	BAYONET FROGS	4180		4196	16	-
	POUCHES BREN	8200		7990	-	210
	RIFLE OIL 80 PINTS			80	-	-

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Pt. I - General

1. Domestic (B.L.U.) - (i) Brig. M.W. HOPE. D.S.O. (M.M.I.A.) visited this Unit between 10-13 Apr. 46.

(ii) Capt. F.A. MURRAY. R.A.S.1 (10 B.L.U.) visited this Unit 9th-16th Apr. 46.

2. Italian - Nil.

Pt.II - "G"

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

b. Italian. - Nothing to report.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

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

b. CC.RR. - Nothing to report.

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

Both the 139th & 145th Regts now have very good sand-tables and minature-ranges.

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

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

Instructors in many cases seem to be completely "foxed" in the use and handling of British Arms etc., and in spite of being shown the correct methods many times, continue do "stripping" using the very dusty, gritty ground as a table.

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

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

(ii) There have been a few Bandit-attacks around the MONTELEPRE & PARTINICO areas. Some CC.RR. have been wounded.

Pt.III - "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV - "Q"

Nothing to report.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No. 8 F.E. 31 Mar.46.

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

Pt. I - GENERAL

1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

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

2. Italian

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

Pt.II "G"

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - Nothing to report.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

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

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

3. TRAINING. 1. Army less CC.RR. a. Training is continuing steadily in all Units. Numerous Units have been visited since our last report, including 6th, 139th, 5th, 46th and 145th Infantry Regts. They are all carrying on with their training programs. The 145th Regt. at CALTANISSETTA are extremely well organized for all types of training - including having a good miniature-range. The Commanding Officer - Col. SALERNO has done a very good job in the organization of training in this Unit.

b. C.A.R. (1) The C.A.R. duly opened on the 15th March -

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

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

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

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

(v) British equipment has not yet arrived.

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

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

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(ii) Separatist Party

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

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

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

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

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Pt.III "A"

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(ii) Imprest. Position now simplified, due to Command Paymaster "playing" and letting us have a 500.000 Lire deposit in the Bank of Sicily.

(iii) Leave. O.R.'s are keen to have leave on the Mainland e.s. at Rome, Milan, Genoa etc.

We are endeavouring to make arrangements with other B.L.U.'s to this end.

b. Italian. Nothing to report.

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Pt. IV "Q"

1. Domestic. - Nothing to report.

2. Italian : Transport.

(A) R.E.M.E.

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

This system cannot be expected to work with 100% efficiency under the present organization of workshops whereby the only two repair units for servicing the whole island are located at PALERMO and MESSINA. However M.M.I.A. letter on this matter to the Ministry of War has been noted (ME/21 Dated 21 Mar. refers).

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

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

- 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot.
- 11 Salvage Depot.
- 11 Repair Shop.

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

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

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

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

11 Repair shop is organised as follows:-

(a) Offices general administration of depot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot

Efficiently run but space is inadequate.

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

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

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

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

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

ACTION
Our PAL/G/1 dated
27 Mar. 46 refers.

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

- 66 Food Distribution Depot (CALTANISSETTA)
- 65 Food Distribution Depot (CATANIA)

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

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

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

Nothing further to M.M.I.A. letter ST/180 dated 21 Feb. has been heard concerning the opening of a Distribution Depot at Messina.

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

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W FINOCCHIARO APRILE + VARVARO !
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La Sicilia ai Siciliani

LA SICILIA
AI SICILIANI

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref/G/9. 31 March 1946.

Subject :- Staff Lists.

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

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- Lt.Col. DETTORI Ettore - transferred to Mil. District, Sassari.
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11 Div. HQ

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:-G/5.

31 March 1946.

Subject :- Location Statements.

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

1. 11 British Liaison Unit.

Addresses :- OFFICES. Villa Rutelli - 55 Via Giovanni Bonanno, Palermo.

Telephones:- G.S.O.II - 18372

D.A.A.& Q.M.G. - 11393

Italian L.O. & Clerks } 10673

Night duty Clk. 15555

OFFICERS' - MESS. Villa Patronga
48 Via La Marmora., Palermo.

Telephone 18683

2. Italian.

Garibaldi Regt.:- "AOSTA" Bn. - Palermo to Catania.

" " :- "VENEZIA" Bn. - Palermo to Cefalù.

R.E. Hector.

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G.S.O.II.,
11 B.L.U.

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

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

Date: 1 Apr. 46

Signed : [signature]

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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Ref:PAL/G/3.

15 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.7. F.E. 15 March 46.

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

PA To GOC.
Dep Comd.
Con A/Q.
B. G. S.

Pt.I - General

1. Domestic - Nothing to report.

2. Italian - Nothing to report.

Pt.II "G"

1. Organisation - a. Domestic - Nothing to report.
b. Italian - Nothing to report.

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The C.A.R. will NOT be ready on time. However alternative arrangements have been made to cope with the first intakes.

British weapons arriving on 20th March. These weapons will be kept in "cold-storage" pending receipt of the reply to my PAL/G/17 dated 12 March 46.

b. CC.RR.- A certain amount of Training is carried out especially in the mounted Section.

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4. Intelligence

Local Government

(i) High Commissioner for Sicily ALDISIO resigned on 12 March - according to his own story "to enable him to give all his time to his election campaigne".

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Local opinion is that as he left Sicily at the time of the greatest strike and riot Palermo has seen for some years; it was for the sake of his own skin that he resigned.

(ii) There was a three-day Riot ~~which commenced~~ from 11th to 13th March, during which, the Rioters, who are believed to have been aided by bandit-elements opened fire on the Police, killing one "Pubblica Sicurezza" Commissario.

Police and Troops returned the fire killing and injuring a number of the rioters. Total casualties 6 killed (including 5 rioters) 25 wounded (including 2 Italian Army Officers).

The rioters burnt all the records, furniture etc. at the Tax-Office and at the "Preture".

Pt.III "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt.IV "a"

Nothing to report.

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

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

B/37/11/A

Ref:PAL/G/3.

1 March 1946.

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.6. F.E. 28 Feb. 46.

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

PA To Gov x LB x
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Pt. I - GENERAL

1. BRITISH

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

2. ITALIAN

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

Pt. II - "G"

1. ORGANIZATION

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(ii) It is hoped that M.M.I.A. will be able to influence the Min. of War in the appointment of Gen. de CASTIGLIONI as "Comandante Territoriale".

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

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(iii) O.C. British Troops Sicily attempted to "pull a fast one" and take some Italian Troops for duty at a new Officers Hostel they have opened. This did NOT take place.

b. GC.RR. - Still required to deal with a number of small incidents with small parties of Bandits.

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3. TRAINING

a. Army Loss CC.RR. (i) Training has now re-commenced in all Units, and the "Demonstration-Platoons" are being prepared, in case they should be needed to give demonstrations at the C.A.R.

(ii) At present, it is a difficult question to decide, whether the 46th or the 6th Regiment has the more efficient Demonstration-Platoon. However, we are certainly assured of a very good and very smart Platoon for this purpose.

(iii) The GARIBALDI Regt. (which have been in SICILY for the past month) when not in action against Bandits, has been having a series of field exercises some of which, have been attended by parties from some of the Units of the "AOSTA" Division.

a' C.A.R. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.A.R. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.A.R. is visited so we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major SPOSITARI have little interest in this assignment, and lack intelligence, and above all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loathe to change.

It is therefore requested, that the Min. of War please be asked to give instructions for the immediate removal of these two Officers from 11 Territorial Command. ACTION

(vi) British weapons have not yet arrived.

b. CC.RR. - Still impossible to carry out much training, due to:- (a) Constant calling out for operational duties. (b) Lack of in Instructional equipment. 0348

4. INTELLIGENCE

a. POLITICAL

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have been in SICILY for the past month) when not in action against Bandits, has been having a series of Field exercises some of which, have been attended by parties from some of the Units of the "AOSTA" Division.

a' C.A.R. (i) Although there has been a slight improvement in the building-situation here, the C.A.R. is still well behind schedule.

(ii) The Military Engineers engaged on this work are very slack, and are seldom seen "on the job" directing operations.

They are full of promises, none of which are ever fulfilled.

(iii) Each time the C.A.R. is visited so we find something else has been forgotten.

(iv) It appears quite obvious that the Military Engineers Col. VENTURI and Major SCORZARI have little interest in this assignment, and lack intelligence, and above all initiative in getting this job done.

(v) We have recommended the removal of the Engineers, to Comando Territoriale, but they seem loath to change.

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4. INTELLIGENCE

a. POLITICAL

(i) General. The General Political situation is somewhat quieter at the moment, although as mentioned in my previous report, much trouble is expected when the elections are held.

(ii) Separatist Movement.- Still showing a substantial increase in numbers. This movement is still aided in its' activities by the "BANDA GIULIANO".

Throughout the past two weeks, about 500-700 suspected Bandits have been arrested.

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Capt. MANNOIA of the E.V.I.S. Army has been arrested. This man was well known all over Sicily as a Bandit.

The number of casualties inflicted on CC.RR. and Army personnel, has decreased.

It is now reported that the battle-zone has moved from the Catania & Palermo areas, to a town called PRIZZI in the centre of the Island.

(iii) Fascist Party.- This movement although still in the early stages of the re-organization, has lately spread also to the Palermo area. There have been no large scale meetings.

(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers still increasing.

b. Legal Government.- Nothing unusual to report.

c. Economics. (1) Prices are about the same. Little change in Black-Market prices.

d. Public Security.- No change.

e. MORALE.- About the same.

f. MILITARY SECURITY continues to be quite good.

PART "A"

g. DOMESTIC. (1) Staff.- We have now been promised another Clk. by 02h, and have accordingly promoted our present one (who has greatly improved) to the rank of Cpl.

(ii) Interest.- Still continues to give us trouble, and I am still having to go "on bended knees" to the Director of the Bank of Sicily every time I want to pay my staff, due to the Command Pay Office not meeting our demands for cash on time.

(iii) Leave.- All ranks due for leave. Arrangements being made for R.R.'s to start leave shortly.

h. ITALIAN.- Deficiencies in total strengths expressed as per percentage of W.E. are as follows:-

AOSTA DIV.	1%
SABAUDA DIV.	9%
ADMN. & SERVICE UNITS	19%
TOTAL AV. Deficiency.....	10%

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Pt. IV "a"

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Pt. IV "B"

a. Transport.- Following an inspection of 11 Tpt. Coy. (this office letter PAL/ST/10 dated 19 Feb. 46 refers) the following points were brought out:-

(i) Vehicle Inspections :-

There exists no system of routine unit and wkshp. inspections. Present system is, that vehicles receive a complete overhaul in units once per week of which no record is kept.

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A.B.s 406 have only been received lately but their object does not appear to be well understood. The O/C did not appreciate that all 406's pertaining to the vehicles in his Coy should come into his office once a month for checking and signature.

The system of monthly wkshp inspections is practically impossible for reasons stated in R.E.M.E para below.

However the British system of routine inspections was put up to the Directorate of Repairs who has subsequently decided to employ it so far as is possible, under existing wkshp facilities, in units of 11 Terr. Comd.

(ii) Maintenance:-

Daily task system in not employed and they have no equivalent Italian system. They are not yet in possession of appropriate maintenance manuals but these have been requested. It is thought however, that practical instruction would be required before the system could be properly understood.

(iii) Recommendation:-

That a V & M course be run at Cesano which will cater to train sufficient instructors to form a school at Terr. H.Q. which could instruct personnel from all units. ACTION (PAL/Q/7 dated 23 Feb. refers)

b. R.E.M.E.

(i) The present vehicle holding comprising all units of 11 Terr. Comd. and CC.RR. is approximately 1000. The facilities for 2nd and 3rd line repair and servicing of these vehicles are:

11 Repair unit located at PALERMO
Artillery wkshps located at MESSINA.

Since units are dispersed all over SICILY, some of them 150 miles or more away from other of these wkshps. it is quite impracticable for them to utilise their own wkshps and are obliged to depend on civilian facilities. 3346

Although two wkshps might be able to cope with repair obligations under the existing arrangement of civilian aid, they cannot possibly cope with the routine inspections of some 1000 vehicles.

It would appear that the only solution to this problem would be :

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It would appear that the only solution to this problem would be :

(a) To increase the W.E. of 11 Repair Unit and decentralise so that a detachment could be stationed at an intermediate point (say SIRACUSA) which could serve units at CATANIA and on the S.E. peninsula.

(b) Create a new wkshps to serve latter units.

(c) 11 Light wkshps (W.E. serial 172/S.RE/1) has not yet been implemented owing to unavailability of skilled

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personnel and equipment. If this were implemented and well equipped it could at least serve the vehicles of 11 Transport Coy. and so relieve 11 Repair Unit considerably.

(ii) Spare parts:- Generally in short supply and much has to be bought off black market. The tyre situation has improved considerably through the application of method authorised in S.E.A.C. letter 28100 whereby old tyres could be renovated by application of patches secured by nuts and bolts inside and outside the cover.

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

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/G/9 / March 1946.

Subject :- Staff Lists.

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

1. British - Attached Maj. T. GOODACRE, L.O. to CC.RR. w.e.f. 1 Feb. 46.

2. Italian - 11 Territorial Command, Palermo.
- Bde General SCLAVO Francesco, attached.
- Bde General BATTAGLINI Gino - transferred to Territorial Command, Rome.

4° Inf. Regt., Catania
- Commandant - Col. CASSATA Paolo.

Military District, Caltanissetta
- Commandant - Col. AGNELLO Sebastiano.

Col. MASTRORILLI Vittorio - released.

Principal Military Hospital, Palermo
- Medical Lt.Col. PECORELLA Gaetano - attached.

Territorial H.Q., Palermo
- Lt.Col. PIRAINO Giacomo - Services Office/

Military District, Palermo.
- Lt.Col. SALEMI Francesco - attached.

Military District, Messina.
- Lt.Col. LA LOMIA Giuseppe - attached.

C.A.R. H.Q., Palermo
- Lt.Col. FUGALLI Santoro - Vice-Commandant. 344

Military District Palermo
- Lt.Col. CIRINCIONE Ettore - attached.

111 Engineer Service Coy., Palermo
- Commandant - For Lt.Col. BOMBONATO Giacomo -released
Substitute - Lt.Col. CACACE Nicolò.

Lt.Col. PIAZZA Carlo - released.
Lt.Col. ROSSITTO Giuseppe transferred to the

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w.e.f. 1 Feb. 46.

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

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/G/5. / March 1946.

Subject :- Location Statements.-

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

1. British - No change.

2. Italian - "GARIBALDI" Regt. from Central Italy to Palermo.

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

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PROFORMA

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg.No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
1	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	M5663421	(E)	-	-	
2	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.P. 15 cwt.	45906012	(E)	-	-	
3	M/C B.S.A. 500cc	C1452436	(E)	-	-	
4	Standard Utility 4x2	M6175381	(E)	-	-	CC.HR. Liaison Off
5	Willys Jeep 4x4 5 cwt	M5626965	(E)	-	-	To be shipped to N with our letter P
6	Standard Utility 4x2	M5246058	(E)	-	-	

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

Date :

Signed : D. A.A

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PROFORMA

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	Reg.No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
wt	M5663421	(E)	-	-	
	45306012	(E)	-	-	
	C1452436	(E)	-	-	
t2	M6175381	(E)	-	-	CC.RR. Liaison Officer.
wt	M5628965	(E)	-	-	To be shipped to Naples in accordance with our letter PAL/G/6 dated 20.Feb.46.
2	M5216059	(E)	-	-	

above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated

.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed : D. A. A & Q. M. G.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

PAL/G/3. 16 February 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.3 - F.E. 15 Feb. 46.

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

Pt. I - General

1. Domestic - nil
2. Italian - nil

Pt. II - "G"

1. Organisation.

a. Domestic - nothing to report.

b. Italian - nothing to report.

2. Employment of Troops.

a. Army less CC.RR. - The GARIBALDI Regiment arrived at the beginning of the month and have been deployed in the MONTERUSSO & CALTAGIRONE Areas.

b. CC.RR. - Still engaged in combat-duties against Bandits.

3. Training.

a. Army less CC.RR. - Individual Unit training proceeding, where possible. Most Units still engaged in guarding vulnerable-points due to Banditry.

C.A.R. - Since last report the C.A.R. has been visited on two occasions. Work is by no means going well (see 4/ letter PAL/G/17 dated 14 Feb.46 addressed Lt.Col. MEDLAM).

b. CC.RR. - Still unable to carry-out very much training due to increase in duties caused by Bandit Attacks.

4. Intelligence.

Very little to report.
Situation about the same as at the beginning of the month.

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Pt. I - General

1. Domestic - nil
2. Italian - nil

Pt. II - "G"

1. Organization.

a. Domestic - nothing to report.

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4. Intelligence.

Very little to report.
Situation about the same as at the beginning of the month. 2-300 Bandits have been arrested in the last week. Trouble expected when the Elections start.

Pt. III - "A"

Nothing to report.

Pt. IV - "Q"

Nothing to report.

MMIA. 'G'
FILE: G/37/11A
DATE: R/20/2

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

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

PAL/G/3.

4 February 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Progress Report No.4 - F.E. 31 Jan. 46.

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

PART I - General

1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

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

2. Italian

Location Statement and Staff Lists (Lt.Col.s and above) are attached.

PART II - "G"

1. Organization

a. Domestic - Nothing to report.

b. Italian - The Territorial H.Q. continues to run reasonably efficiently, due to the untiring efforts of Col. GRIGLIO, Chief of Staff.

2. Employment of Troops

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) Due to the increasing Bandit Operations and to the lack of CC.RR. to efficiently cope with the situation various Units including the 5th 6th and 139th Regts in Palermo area and the 45th and 145th Regts in Catania and Caltagirone areas, have been employed on garrison-duties, and in some cases semi-combat duties.

(ii) Most of the Allied Guard-Duties have now finished and the Troops returned to the Italian Army proper.

b. CC.RR. (i) During the whole of January the CC.RR. have been engaged in various battles with Separatist Bandits, and have sustained, in comparison with their numbers, quite high casualties.

(ii) The Mobile Battalion with both vehicles, (and one tank and one armoured-car) have also been engaged in these battles

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1. Domestic (B.L.U.)

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3. Training

a. Army Less CC.RR. (i) Training continues according to programme in most Units. The 46th Regt in Messina in particular, are getting on very well.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 2/37/11A
DATE: 2/8/2

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They have made full use of their Barracks and personnel in the provision of two extremely good Sand Tables and in the making of a number of demontration models of the P.I.A.T. and 2" inch MORTAR.

(ii) Further, whilst visiting this Regiment, I was very struck by their obvious efforts at maintaining a smart turn-out.

(iii) Each Regiment (as mentioned at the conference) is in the process of training a model Platoon, for demonstration purposes, within the Regiment. The best of these Platoons will be used initially at the C.A.R.

(iv) As will be seen in para 2 most Troops are at present engaged on Garrison Duties - due to the Bandits.

C.A.R. - (i) Building operations are proceeding according to plan.

(ii) Supplies of materials have now been received, and the number of workers engaged increased from 200 to 400 men.

Other Troops. - The Engineers, both the 28th Bn. in Palermo, and 130th Bn. in Syracuse, have commenced training. At the moment only on Italian Equipment. Allied Equipment has been requested (see my PAL/G/1 dated 11 Jan.46).

b. CC.RR. Very little training has been possible due to all the available CC.RR. being used in connection with the Bandit attacks, and in reinforcing outlying stations.

4. Intelligence

a. Political.- Events have been happening far too swiftly to be good in the Sicilian Political sphere throughout the past month.

(i) Separatist Movement. - This Party has had a considerable increase in its numbers since my last report - especially in the Palermo Province.

It has been confirmed that the TASCA brothers and Barone MONACO are providing the large sums of money necessary to keep this movement going.

Numerous arrests have been made during the month including Baron LA MOTTA one of the Separatist-Leaders.

The Separatist Bandits are aided by the famous Sicilian "BANDA GIULIANO".

Up to date casualties amongst CC.RR. and Troops have been; approx 30 CC.RR. killed and 85 wounded. Also 6 soldiers killed and 20 wounded.

So far, these Bandits have confined their activities to the Provinces of Palermo and Catania.

The general opinon in Sicily, is that these attacks are in

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The general opinon in Sicily, is that these attacks are in the nature of "training" for a future large-scale up-rising, led by this Party.

(ii) Communist Party is now beginning to organize itself, and just lately has held one or two reasonable size meetings. These have been quiet and orderly.

(iii) Fascist Party - This Party, which is being organized in Catania continues to thrive, and more propagander sheets (copy of one attached) have been distributed.

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(iv) Democratic Christian Party.- Numbers increasing, especially in the smaller villages.

b.(i) Local Government.- A very dim view was taken of the High Commissioner ALDISIO, and the Prefect D'ANTONA leaving Sicily at the height of the crisis.

(ii) It was thought that the communists were going to attempt to overthrow ALDISIO, and try to substitute the Communist Leader LI CAUSI. This however was, "just another rumour".

c. Economics (i) Food prices are about the same, but the prices of clothing and shoes are decreasing, due (a) to a number of stolen UNRRA goods flooding the market, and (b) to supplies arriving from N.Italy.

(ii) The Black-Market is still thriving, and a number of previously very poor people are now seen driving most expensive motor-cars.

d. Public Security.- Definitely on the decline. The CC.RR. are doing their best, but "incidents" still continue to happen.

e. Morale of the Italian Troops is still in a rather low state. This is due mainly, to the number of CC.RR. and Soldiers who have been killed and wounded during the Bandit attacks. Almost every day we see another Military Funeral.

f. Military Security.- Quite good; no incidents of any breaches of Military Security having been reported to me.

g. Movement of workers.- It is reported that 10.000 Italian Miners are being loaned to BELGIUM and are leaving shortly.

3. "A"

a. Domestic (i) STAFF.- The lack of a Cpl. (Clk) is still felt with increasing acuteness. However, we are placing high hopes in the A.A.G.'s letter to A.F.H.Q. on this subject.

(ii) IMPREST.- We are experiencing great difficulties in obtaining our cash drafts from No.6 Comd. Pay-Office. The present system is that on the 20th of each month we inform the Comd. Pay-Office how much cash we require.

ACTION

They, then (in theory) arrange for this amount to be placed in the Bank of Sicily by the 1st of the following month. In fact, what happens is; that this cash-draft does not arrive before about the 14th of the month, and consequently we have to borrow large sums of money from various sources in order to pay the civilian staff on time. May

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(ii) IMPREST.- We are experiencing great difficulties in obtaining our cash drafts from No.8 Comd. Pay-Office. The present system is that on the 20th of each month we inform the Comd. Pay Office how much cash we require. ACTION

They, then (in theory) arrange for this amount to be placed in the Bank of Sicily by the 1st of the following month. In fact; what happens is; that this cash-draft does not arrive before about the 14th of the month, and consequently we have to borrow large sums of money from various sources in order to pay the civilian staff on time. May No.8 Comd. Pay Office please have the necessary "screws" placed on them, and a request made, that they "remove the digital pressure".

(iii) Leave - NIL

b. Italian

(i) Deficiencies:

	Offrs.	W.O.s.	S.C.O.s.	Ptes
(a) Total Strengths (expressed as a percentage of W.E.).	-	-	18 %	8 %

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(b) Tradesman and Specialists (expressed as a percentage of W.E.) } 23 %

(ii) Discipline: The following figures have been submitted by Terr. H.Q. with regard to absentees, deserters etc. for the months of Jan. and Feb. :-

Month	Total absentees	Total listed as deserters	Total convicted by F.C.C.M. on charge of desertion.	Total convicted by F.G.C.M. on other charges	Total absentees not returned as at last day of month
Dec.	5	30	3	2	10
Jan.	9	31	3	1	5

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b. They then stay on the docks until the arrival of a train - maybe three days later.

c. These stores are then sent by Rail to CATANIA, where they are put into the depot, sorted, and the bulk of the supplies returned to Messina for distribution.

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At Messina there is an admirable sight for a Depot, to where all Supplies arriving at Messina could be taken immediately on arrival at the docks, sorted, and the smaller amount sent to Catania, thus saving a great deal of time and expense.

This matter has been discussed with the Comandante Territoriale, who is in complete agreement.

Could authority therefore be given, for the opening of this new Depot in Messina. ACTIC

(4) R.E.M.E. - Nothing to report.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/G/9 2 February 1946

Subject :- Staff Lists.

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

1. British - No change

2. Italian - a. 2 Bn. 5 Regt. S.I. "AOSTA" Div.
Commandant - For Lt.Col. GIUDICE Luigi
Substitute Maj. LICATA Antonino.

b. II Group 22nd Arty. Regt.
Commandant - For Lt.Col. TORTORICI Gustavo
Substitute Maj. BUCCHERI Giuseppe.

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Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAL/G/5

2 February 1946

Subject :- Location Statements.

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

a. British - No change.

b. Italian - No change.

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S. P. I. F. E.

(SOCIETA' PATRIOTTICA SICILIANA FASCISTA DELL'ETNA)

Italiani,

In queste nostre vicende politiche, tenete presente il Grande Martire della Rivoluzione Fascista:

BENITO MUSSOLINI

Siatene certi, lavoriamo per risorgere, e risorgeremo, per dare al mondo pace secondo giustizia.

VIVA LA RIVOLUZIONE FASCISTA

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Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg.No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks.
1	Willys Jeep 4x4 5cwt	M5663421	(E)	-	-	
2	Chevrolet 4x4 H.U.P. 15 cwt.	Z5906012	(E)	-	-	
3	M/C B.S.A. 500 cc	C1452436	(E)	-	-	

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

4 Feb. 1946. Signed [signature]

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily

Ref:PAL/G/3.

16 January 1946

Subject :- Fortnightly Report No.3 F.E. 15 Jan. 46.

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

PAL GOC
Dep Cond
BGS
Col A/Q WP

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2. Italian - nil

PART II - "G"

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DATE: K/22/1

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Casualties up to date 15 CC.RR. and Infantry men killed, and approx [illegible] wounded. A full report will be forthcoming.

3. "A"

a. Domestic - 1 Corporal (Clerk) deficient according to W.E.

b. Leave - NIL

Italian - a. Pay. - This is still a big problem amongst the Italian Troops here, especially in view of the very high cost of living.

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