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REPORTS FROM OFFICER

PALERMO

Feb. 2, 1946 - JAN. 31, 1947

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Subject: Monthly Report. 03.RR.

11 British Liaison
Tel. 18372 PALERMO
COTR/A/3

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

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03.RR.

1. SUMMARY

a) Total strength of Palermo Legion:

Organic 4529 - Effective 3932 - Present 3722.

(including 496 men belonging to other legions, here as reinforcements).

b) Percentage on leave: 10%

c) Percentage employed on extraneous duties: 1,4%

d) Strength of the Mobile Battalion of Palermo:

Organic 537 - Effective 537 - Present 440.

e) Percentage on leave: 13%

f) Total strength of Messina Legion:

Organic 3343 - Effective 3220 - Present 3343.

(Including 275 men belonging to other Legions)

g) Percentage on leave: 5,8%

h) Percentage employed in extraneous duties: 0,05%

2. ORGANISATION.

Personnel deficiencies

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Messina Legion

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b) 597 less on the effective strength

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During the month no serious incident occurred.

4. INSTRUCTIONS - PROGRESS.

Nothing to report. The result of the instructions made by officers and O.Rs to the Carabinieri of the Instructions Nucleus and of the Station are satisfactory.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

- a) Discipline: Serious crimes - NIL
- b) Wages : Serious deficiencies and difficulties. The service regarding the wages - anticipations and supplies of funds are

regular.

c) Personnel: Transfer of senior officers. During the month the Ministry of War, in agreement with the General Carabinieri HQ, has transferred the following officers: Administration Major CARBONARO Carmelo - from the Legion of Catanzaro to Messina for service.

Major BELLONIA Vincenzo - from the Legion of Messina to the Military District of Messina for service.

Further, the General Carabinieri HQ has cancelled the transfer of Lt. Col. FIORINO Antonino who was assigned to the Legion of Messina as vice-commandant.

6. GENERAL DEFICIENCIES. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

The issue of overcoats, pullovers and new boots to the carabinieri for the coming winter, would be indispensable. Actually, the most urgent needs are as follows:

	<u>Messina Legion.</u>	
Handkerchieves	5000	
Towels	3000	
New boots	1000	pairs
Wannel shirts	1500	
Overalls for drivers etc.	500	
Woolien underwear	1000	

7. CARABINIERI MORAL.

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In addition. - Attempted murders 7. Thefts 4. Serious thefts 23. Criminal associations 5.

During the month the Carabinieri had 10 conflicts involving shooting, and increase of three on the previous month.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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S.C.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission.

Subject:- Palermo and Messina Legions.

1. With reference to the memoranda presented by C.C.C. Palermo and Messina Legions, the matters referred to have been taken up with S.H.Q. C.C.C.

2. In connection with some of the points raised it is pointed out that:

- (a) No provision has been made for CC. Stations below Group H.Q.s to be provided with W/T.
- (b) S.H.Q. have NOT received a request for 30,000 metres of telephone wire from Palermo.
- (c) Palermo has NOT a deficiency of 183 S/Gs. It has in fact an excess of 57.
- (d) Revette pistols. CC. has a deficiency of over 50,000, consequently Palermo must wait its turn.
- (e) Equipment for Workshops. This matter is under discussion.
- (f) Deficiency of W/T is noted, and is being supplemented by monthly releases from War Ministry.
- (g) Tyres. A substantial number of tyres has been allotted to Palermo, and an officer of that 1299 is at present in Rome to take them back.
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- (j) W/T for wireless for Messina is correct. As soon as their personnel has been trained, it will be equipped with the necessary number of transmitters, etc.

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C.C. PALERMO LEGION

- 50 (fifty) transmitting-receiving radio sets (long and medium range) for communications with outer stations or those located in "cut-out" areas.
- 30,000 (thirty thousand) metres of telephone wire to re-establish communications between CC barracks in Palermo town and surroundings.

Palermo, 23 Oct 46.

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CC PALERMO LEGION

LACK of automatic weapons necessary to complete personal and unit armament.

Automatic rifles Beretta mod.38/42 167
 A/Pistols Beretta 34 1850

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REQUIREMENT OF AMN ACCORDINGLY TO THE PLAN 1000 (ten days of fire).

Cartridges for rifle cal 6,5 mod.38	1.400.000
Canister-shotcartridges cal 6,5	400.000
Cartridges for a/rifle cal .9 m/m	1.200.000
" " LMG cal.6,5	2.100.000
" " MG cal .8 mm	500.000
" " autom.pistol mod.34	180.000

Palermo, 23 Oct.46.

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LIST OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO START LEGION'S
WORKSHOP (type "B").

- 1) Spares for 250 m/m lathe.
- 2) Square steel for manufacture of tools.
- 3) Square steel "vidia" for manufacture of tools.
- 4) 300 m/m calibre
- 5) Compasses
- 6) Spares for "Rabotti" tasting board.
- 7) 20 various limes with handles.
- 8) 3 metallic inoxidable metres.
- 9) A set of inch scale concave screws for wire-drawing-plate "Wilter".
- 10) A set of m/m scale concave screws Fiat.
- 11) Black smith's tongs, various shapes.
- 12) 1 black smith's hammer.
- 13) 1 heavy black smith hammer.
- 14) 12 saw blades, double cut.
- 15) 2 brushes for limes.
- 16) 10 hammers for mechanics.
- 17) 12 sets of end wrenches.
- 18) 3 sets of socket wrenches.
- 19) 2 sets of "star" wrenches.
- 20) 20 screwdrivers, various type.
- 21) 1 screw-caliber, inch and m/m scale.
- 22) 1 Tube volcanizer.
- 23) Solution for volcanization.
- 24) Gasogene with hoses and manometres.
- 25) 1 electric solder with pincers, face-screen and electric aids.
- 26) 1 carpenter bank with 3 planes, 3 saws, 1 hammer, 1 pincer, 2 small saws, 6 chisels, etc.
- 27) 2 scissors for expanded metal.
- 28) Tin smith tools.
- 29) 1 screw-vices.
- 30) 20 drill cutters.
- 31) 1 set cylinder adjusters.
- 32) 1 set variable cylinder adjusters.
- 33) 1 grind stone.
- 34) 1 light electric drill.
- 35) 1 portable hydraulic jack.
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- 39) 1 voltametre.
- 40) 1 amperometre.
- 41) Right-angle ruler.
- 42) 1 exagonal angle ruler.
- 43) 2 working banks.

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CO PALMCO LEGION

Position of M/TPT on 23 Oct 46. Legion and Mobile Bn.

Type of vehicle	Legion		Mobile Bn.		Total deficiency.
	WE	Held	WE	Held	
P/V	51	45	2	2	6
Light trucks	51	22	22	22	29
Heavy "	3	3	8	-	8
Light vans	6	1	1	1	5
M/cycles	162	93	67	31	105
Side cars	-	-	3	1	2
A/Cars	-	-	12	12	-
Petrol carrying lorry	1	-	-	-	1
Break-down lorry	1	-	1	-	2
Workshop lorry	-	-	1	-	1

Tyres & tubes required

110 tyres for M/cycles	seize 3,50x19"
110 tubes " "	" "
28 tyres for P/V	" 4,25x17"
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50 tubes " "	" 6,00x16"
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Palermo, 24 Oct. 46

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Remark: WE of four-wheeled load carry-
ing vehicles for Palermo Legion is 102
not 60 (51+3+6); WE M/C is 102, not
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W/E M/C for Hub Bn. is 62, not 67.

No workshops or Break-down lorries
is contemplated for Hub Bn.

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MEMORANDUM

This Legion still lacks the new Staghound armoured cars allotment of which is expected.
Actually Legion is in possession of two Italian Armed cars borrowed temporarily from Palermo Legion.

Allotment of Allied Mine Detectors is expected. This instrument is very efficient in the search of hidden arms. Legion personnel has been sent to GHQ for professional training.

Issue of the following wireless sets is also expected:

- 1 main station to Legion HQ to connect this with higher authorities and other Legions.
- 1 set for communication with Group Hqrs.
- 3 mobile sets at Legion HQ for special services.
- 5 sets to the Mob. Bn for communication with operating A/Cs. This are not available now.

Besides, there are following deficiencies:

M/Vehicles:

- a) 13 Passenger vehicles;
- b) 38 Light trucks
- c) 14 Heavy trucks
- d) 45 Light vans
- e) 7 Sidecars
- f) 113 Motorcycles two-seaters
- g) 37 " one-seaters
- h) 6 Three-wheelers
- i) 1 P/U.
- l) 511 Bicycles.
- n) 1 Workshop.

Tyres and tubes:

- a) 72 Tyres & tubes for lorries
- b) 108 " " " P/Vs.
- c) 101 " " " M/Cs.

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Messina, 26 Oct. 46

Sgd. Michele TETAMO, Lt. Col.
Acting Commander.

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Remarks: a) Territorial C.C. Legions are not supposed to have any Armoured Car. Two Armoured Cars (Italian) mentioned here belong to Palermo Stabide Br not to Palermo Legion. 294

b) Legions are not supposed to have three-wheeled M/Cs or side-cars; WE of M/C for Messina Legion is 94; they got 76 efficient ones, so the lack would be 18 and not 150 M/Cs.

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CARABINIERI TERRITORIAL LIGION OF MESSINA
ENNA GROUP

Ref. No: 86/10 Div. 3.

Date: 23 Sept. 46

SUBJECT: P.S. SITUATION REPORT

TO: A.C. Western Sicily, Catania.

During the period from 21st August to 22nd Sept. the following crimes were committed:

- 4 attempted murders - 3 of which were detected - 9 persons were arrested and one denounced, as responsible.
- 6 seizures of persons, with purpose of extortion - all detected - 9 persons arrested and 1 denounced.
- 1 attempted seizure of person - detected - 9 persons arrested and 1 denounced.
- 18 robberies - 10 detected - 9 persons arrested and one denounced.
- 11 extorsions - all detected - 9 persons arrested and 1 denounced.
- 5 attempted extorsions - all detected - 9 persons arrested and one denounced.
- 5 cases of arson - 3 detected - one person arrested and 7 denounced.
- 46 thefts, in aggravating circumstances - 18 detected - 21 persons arrested and 14 denounced.
- 2 fights between Carabinieri and criminals.
- 2 gangs were detected - 14 persons were arrested and 5 denounced.
- 3 cases of damage - 2 detected - 9 persons were arrested and 2 denounced as responsible.
- 2 cases of personal injuries - both detected - 1 person arrested and 1 denounced.
- 5 cases of illegal grazing - all detected - 5 persons denounced.
- 1 case of violence - detected - 9 persons arrested and 1 denounced.

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Giuseppe Puffa,

Capt.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI DI MESSINA
Gruppo di Enna

N°86/10 di prot.Div.3^a Enna, 11 23 settembre 1946
OGGETTO: Condizioni della P.S.--RAPPORTO MENSILE.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA SICILIA ORIENTALE

CATANIA

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Durante il mese che va dal 20 agosto scorso al 22 corrente, nella
giurisdizione di questo Gruppo sono stati accertati i seguenti
delitti:

- quattro tentati omicidi di cui tre scoperti con 9 persone arrestate
e una denunciata;
- sei sequestri di persona a scopo di estorsione, scoperti con 9
persone arrestate ed una denunciata;
- un tentato sequestro di persona scoperto, con 9 persone arrestate
ed una denunciata;
- 18 rapine di cui 10 scoperte con 9 persone arrestate ed una denun-
ziata;
- 11 estorsioni scoperte con 9 persone arrestate ed una denunciata;
- 5 tentate estorsioni scoperte, con 9 persone arrestate ed una denun-
ziata;
- 5 incendi dolosi dei quali tre scoperti con una persona arrestate
e sette denunciate;
- 46 furti con circostanze aggravanti di cui 18 scoperti, con 21 per-
sone arrestate e 14 denunciate;
- due conflitti a fuoco fra militari dell'arma e malfattori;
- due associazioni per delinquere scoperte con 14 persone arrestate
e 5 denunciate;
- tre danneggiamenti di cui due scoperti con 9 persone arrestate e
2 denunciate;
- due lesioni personali, scoperte, con una persona arrestate ed una
denunciata;
- 5 pascoli abusivi, scoperti, con cinque persone denunciate;
- Una violenza carnale, scoperta, con 9 persone arrestate e una denun-
ziata.

Nei reati sopra indicati non sono coinvolti militari o interessi
dell'Esercito Alleato.

IL CAPELLANO COMENDANTE INT. DEL GRUPPO
(G. M. M. M. M.)

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SUBJECT : Carabinieri Reports.LAW FORCES THE COMMISSION, A.C.
M. H. I. A. HCR.

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22 October 1976.H.Q. 11 Bde.

1. As the reports of the two Legions of 6 Bde. CC. have not reached this office, it is thought possible that as there is no longer a CC. L.O. with you, the Brigade Commander may be under the impression that the monthly reports are no longer required.

2. It would be very much appreciated if you could have the reports forwarded to this section.

C. HAYES,
Major,
G.I.O. II, CC.RR. Branch

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SUBJECT:- Monthly Report. CC.RR.

11 British Liaison Unit.

Tel: 10673 Palermo.
Ref: CCRR/A/3

6 Sep 46.

To : Land Forces Sub-Com. 4.C.
(M.M.I.A.) CORR Section.
ROME.

10 SEP 1946

CC.RR.

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GSO II-290

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Subject: Monthly Report. CC.RR.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

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

6 Aug 46.

PART I.

CC.RR. 12 AUG 1946

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1. Domestic: As a result of Major LACEY's departure from the unit on 11 July 46. Major S.E. Sneezum D.A.A. & Q.M.G. has taken over the duties of liasing with CC.RR. This is thought to be the most satisfactory arrangement with regard to making a fair distribution of duties within the unit.

PART II 'A'

2. CC.RR.

It is realized that the general problems of the CC.RR. are understood by your H.Q. but the fact remains that these problems appear to be still unsolved and as such are the cause of justifiable discontent among CC.RR. personnel. These problems are as follows:

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Evidently the process of clearing these officers is a central commission for both the officers of the Army and CC.RR.

For reasons explained in para (a) above is it not possible to accelerate the clearing of CC.RR. officers e.g. by means of forming a separate commission of investigation?

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c) There are many reserve officers in the CC.RR. who have served long and exemplary service but who now, if over 32 years old, have no means at their disposal of remaining in the service but are obliged to go on release.

They are replaced in many cases by young and inexperienced Army officers.

It is asked therefore if it would be possible to introduce a system whereby deserving reserve officers even over 32 years old can pass into the Regular service (naturally with an age limit of say 40).

d) Propaganda encouraging enlistment in the CC.RR. continues to be bad owing to the unattractive economic situation for officers N.C.Os and men.

A general increase in pay would seem the ideal solution but if this is not possible the main bugbears at present are, the completely inadequate amount paid as lodging allowance and the small amount of the 3 yearly increment.

Is there any chance of increasing these amounts.

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At present most of the pickets are disposed in the PALESTRO province as a result of bandit activities in the MONTELEONE and PARTINICO areas.

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These pickets have NO system of wireless or telephone communication between themselves or to the nearest station.

It is essential to the success of this form of operation that all pickets should be in wireless communication with themselves and their stations.

For this reason an URGENT request is made that 50 (fifty) wireless sets with a range of a minimum of 10 km. and a desirable maximum of 25 or 30 km. (perhaps No. 18 sets would suffice) be issued to the Bde. at the disposition of the Bde. Commander.

Would you take immediate action on this request.

Attached as Appendix 'A' to this report is a map showing the present layout of these pickets in one zone of activities as an example.

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The amount of cable requested by the Legion to link up these stations is 15,000 metres.

Would you please investigate the possibility of obtaining an issue to the Legion of this length of cable.

PART IV GENERAL.

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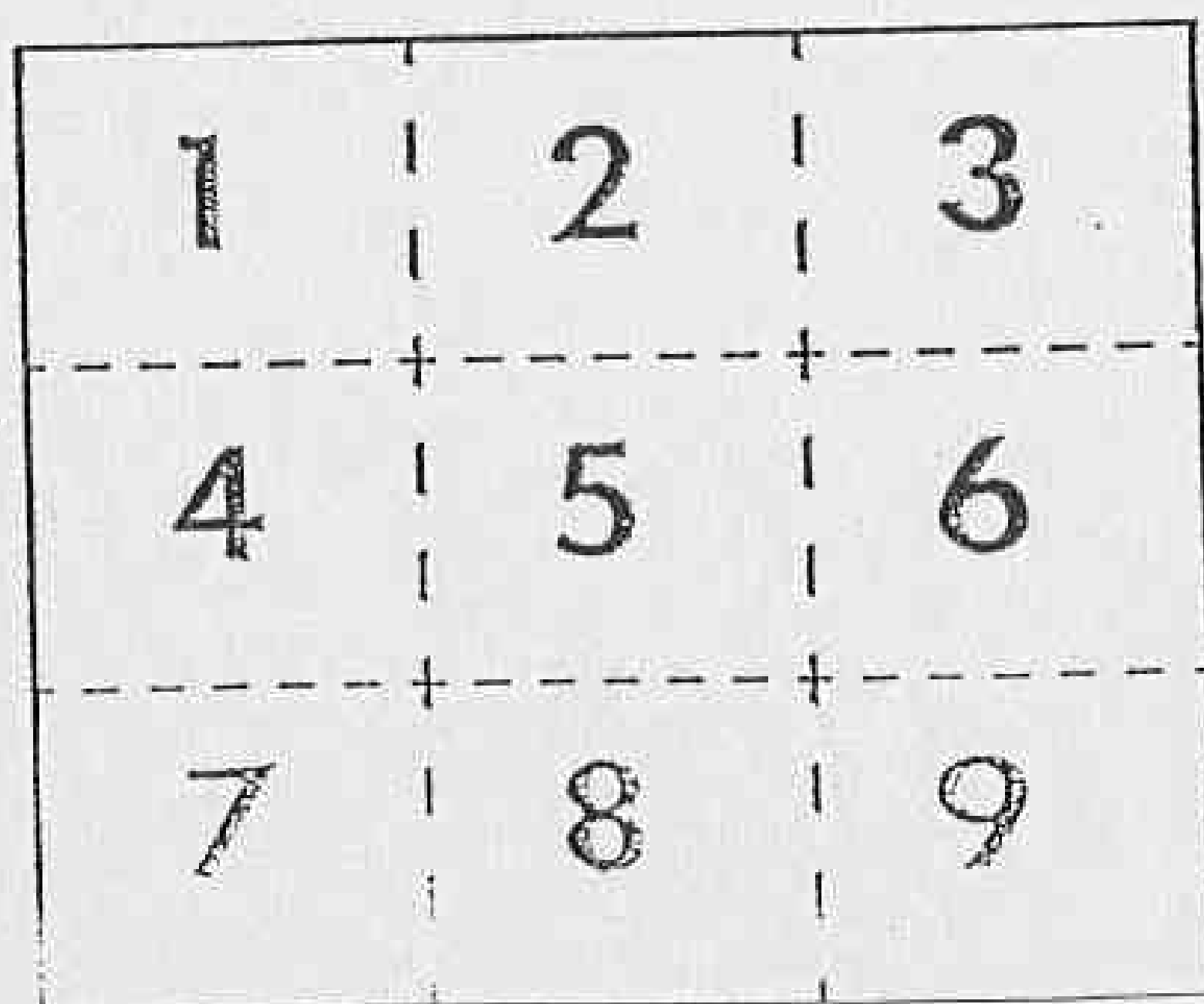
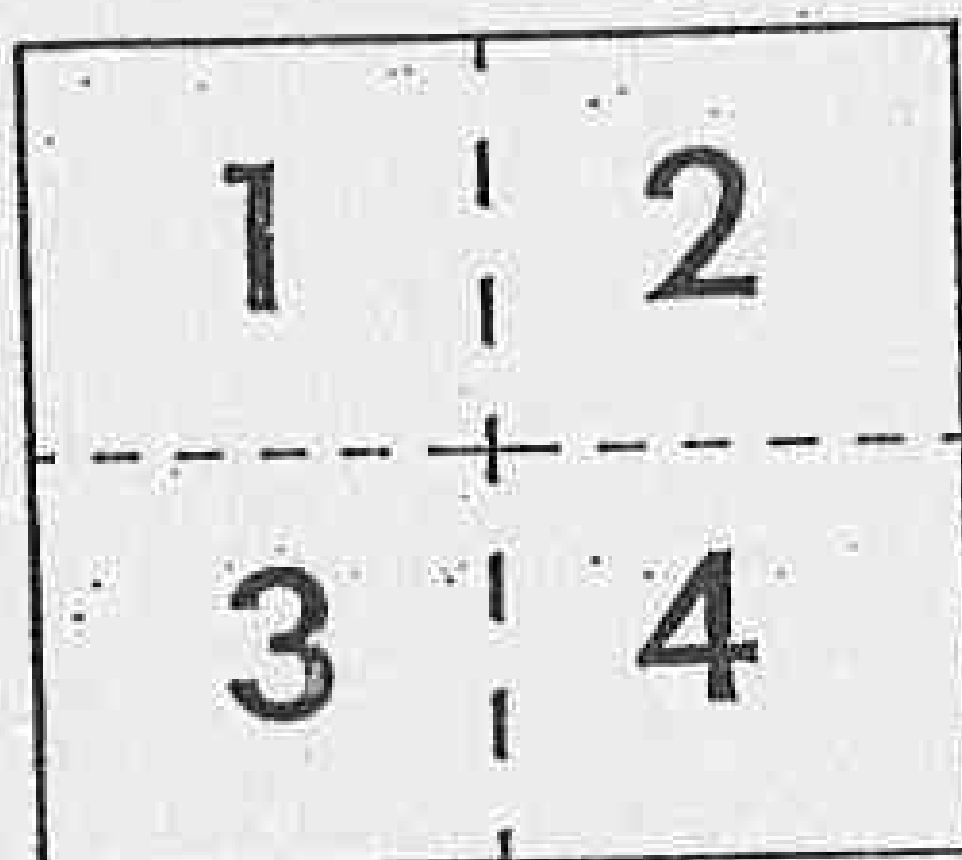
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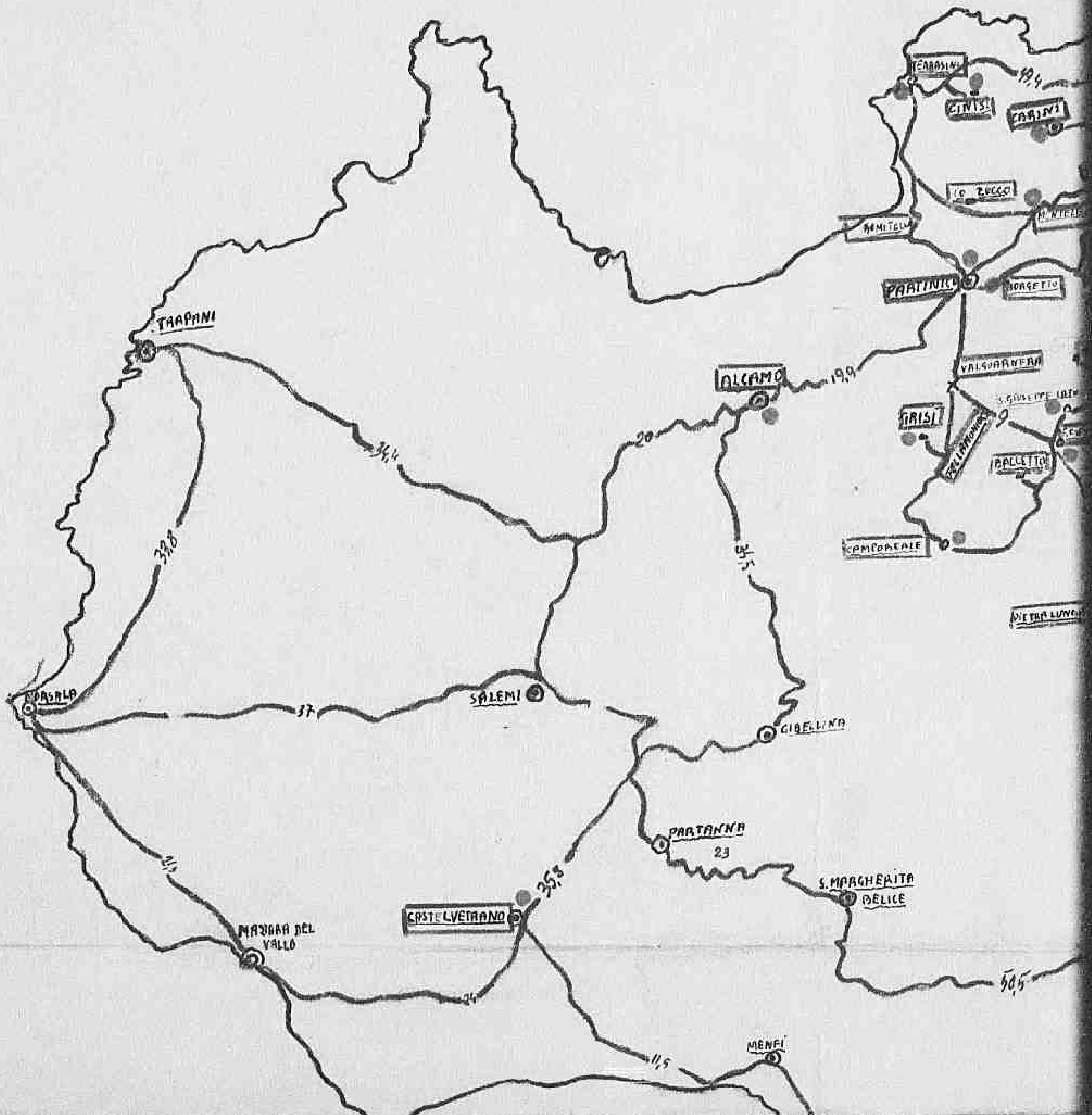
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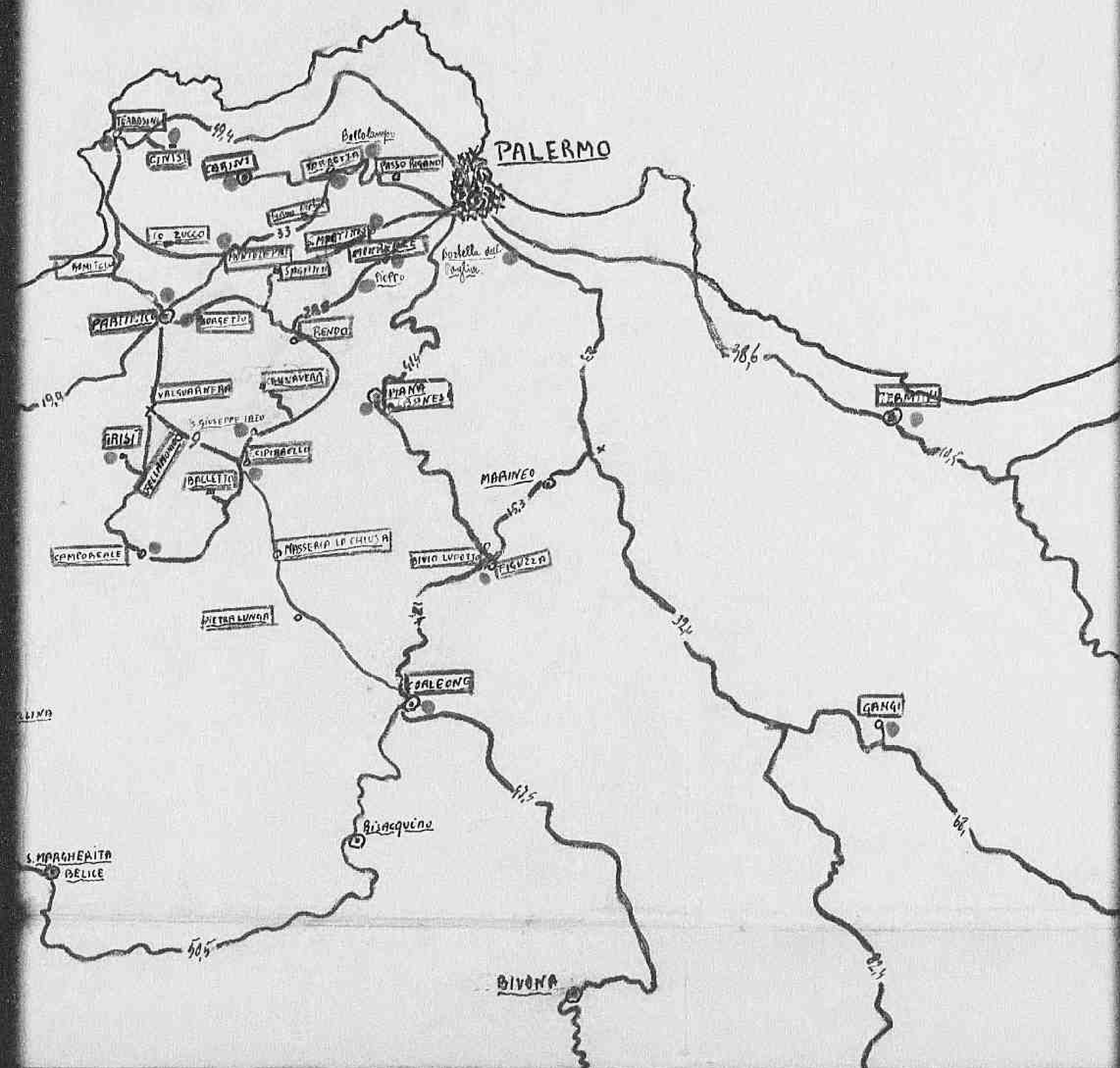
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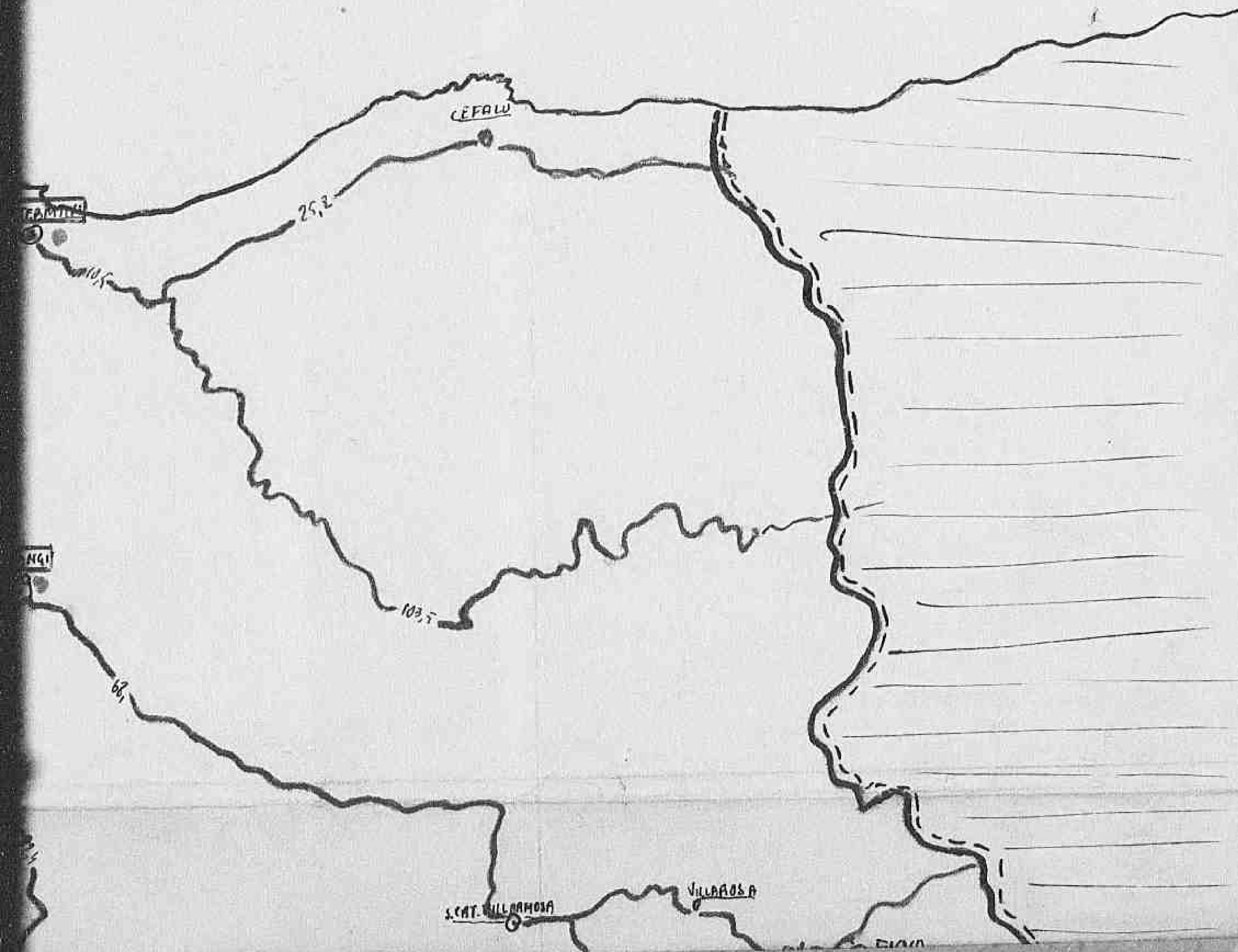


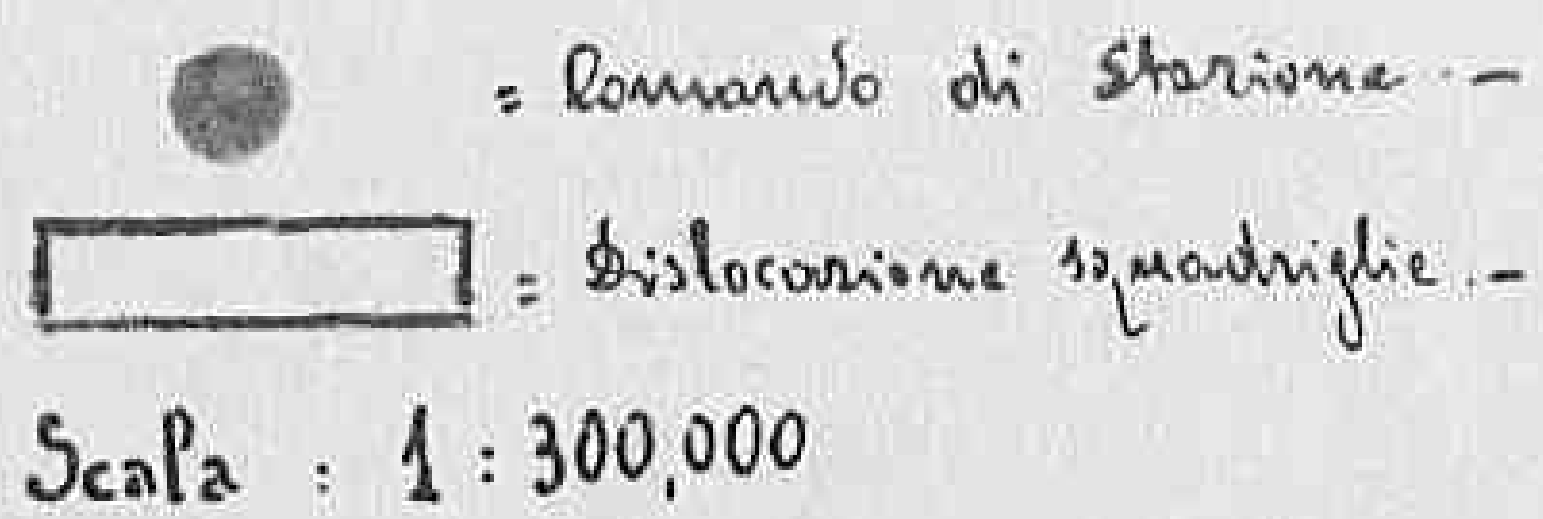
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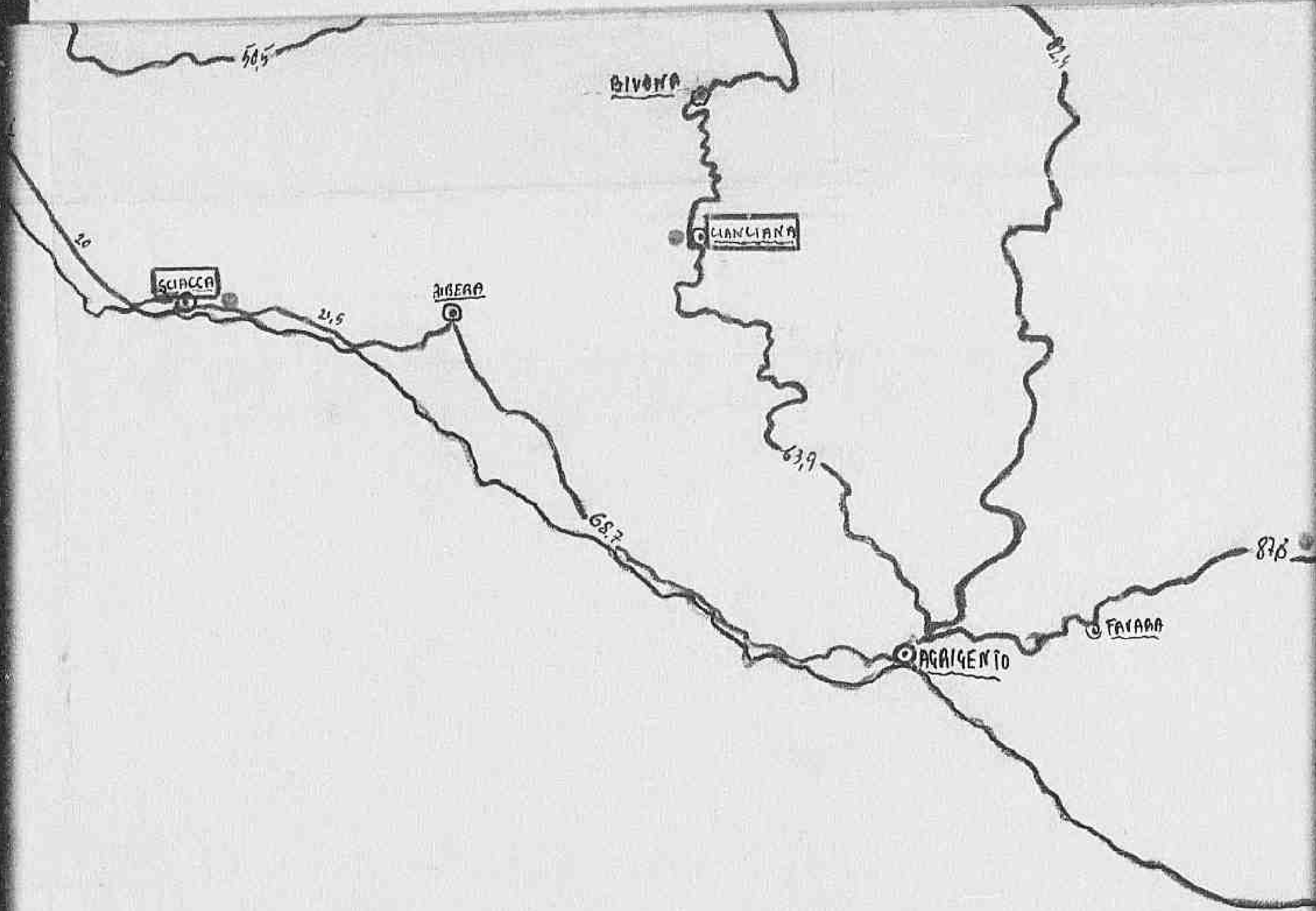


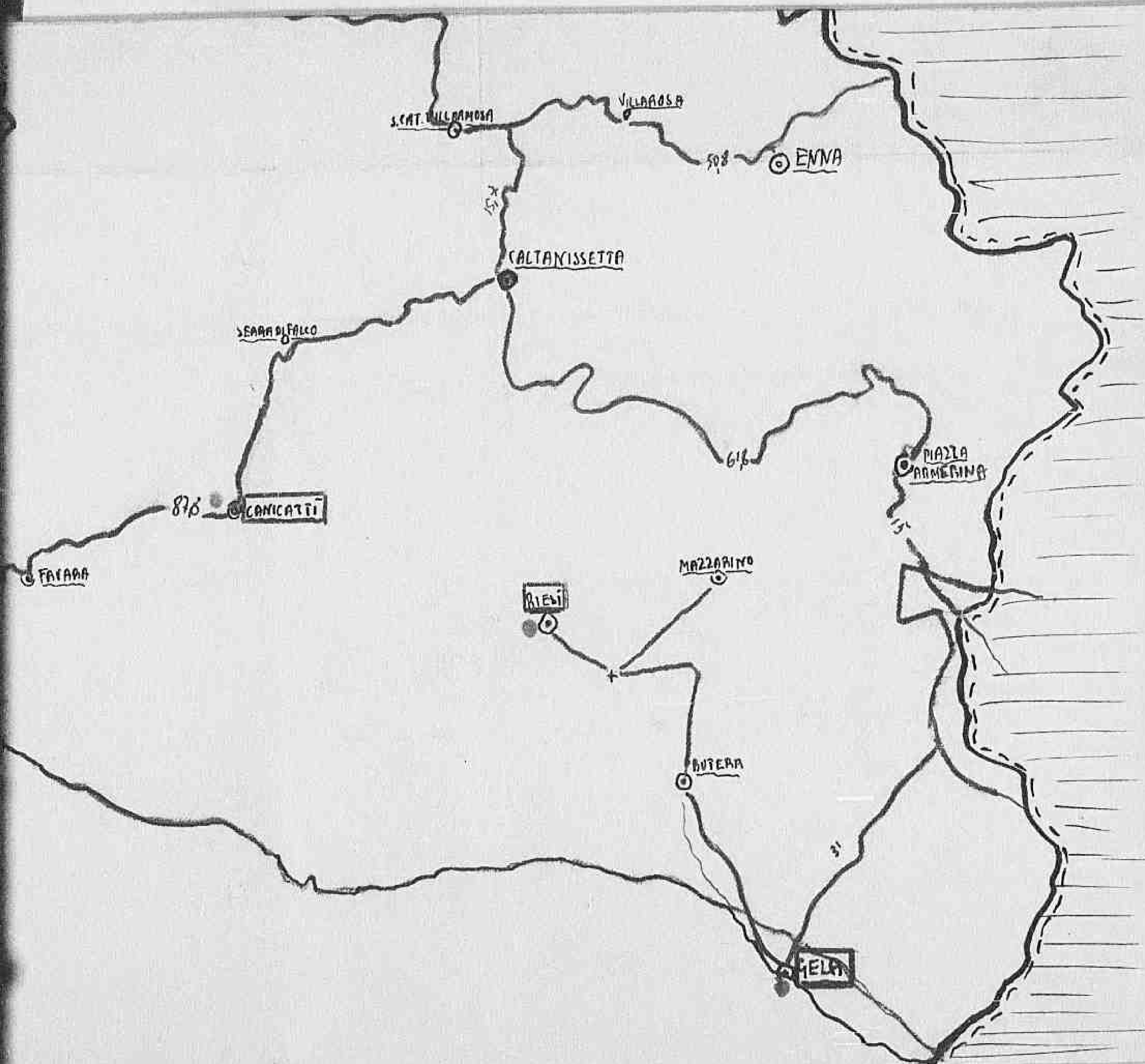
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

11 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 11393. Palermo.
CCRR/SIC/101/9.

TO : Major HAYES,
CCRR. Section, MMIA.

5 July 1946.

Herewith report for the month of June 1946 of the 6th. CCRR.
Brigade.

1. STRENGTHS.

	Authorised.	Effective.	Present.
(a) Palermo Legion :	4515	3960	3638
Messina Legion :	3343	3116	3016
Mobile B. Palermo :	523	583	491

(b)

Percentage on leave :	5 %	0.60 %	4 %
Percentage on extr.duties :	1.5 %	0.11 %	—

2. ORGANISATION.
Nothing to report.

3. INTELLIGENCE.
There appears to be a general dissatisfaction regarding the trend of the proposed peace conditions for Italy. Public opinion is that insufficient ^{work} is being paid to the Italian war effort after the armistice.

No serious demonstrations have taken place, neither at the election period nor after.

4. TRAINING.
Normal.

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6. GENERAL DEFICIENCIES.
 Clothing situation generally satisfactory.
 The following items are stated to be still required.
 Palermo Legion.

- Towels..... 4.000
- Woollen under-vests..... 4.000
- Handkerchiefs..... 4.000
- Shirts..... 2.400
- Under-pants..... 1.500
- Complete khaki uniforms..... 1.000
- Khaki overcoats mod. 45..... 5.000

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Messina Legion.

Handkerchiefs.....	0.000
Towels.....	3.000
Under-pants.....	1.500
Boots, pairs.....	1.500

7. MORALE OF CC.RR.

Satisfactory. I have heard of no cases of personnel wishing to resign owing to the advent of the Italian Republic. The general sentiment seems to be that the CC.RR. will carry on, provided that their basic organisation is not subject to violent changes, of a political color.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

Bad. Even the local newspapers are commenting on the situation.

There have been several cases of daylight kidnapping in the centre of Palermo itself. Banditry, murder and conflicts between police and armed law-breakers continue.

A meeting is about to be held between the Divisional General of CC.RR., a representative of the Ministry of Interior, and local police authorities to discuss what further measures can be taken.

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Tel. 11393. PALERMO
CCRR/SIG/101/8 -

5 June 1946.

TO : Lt.Col. H. MICHALL
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CL.R.R.

1. Herewith monthly report for the month of May 1946 on the
6th. CCRR. Brigade.

1. STRENGTHS.

	Authorised.	Effective.	Present.
(a) Palermo Legion	3958	3793	3721
Messina Legion	2550	3078	3012

* includes mobile battalion figures.

(b)

Palermo

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Percentage on leave : 4 %

Nil

Percentage on extr.duties: 2 %

1 %

(c) Mobile Battalion.

Authorised.

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Palermo Mobile Battalion: 540

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3. INTELLIGENCE.

The month has been characteristic for considerable activity on the part of all political parties. Generally speaking there were no incidents of consequence.

During the month, supplies of flour in the black market were less, leading to an increase in the price of bread and pasta.

Public order apart from a few demonstrations against the excessive cost of living, has been fairly good.

4. TRAINING.

This is being conducted at Gruppi H.Q. During the month this covered about 400 men in the Brigade.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

Discipline.	Nothing to report.
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A list of current deficiencies of material allocated but not yet received is attached. Cannot something please be done to accelerate its arrival?

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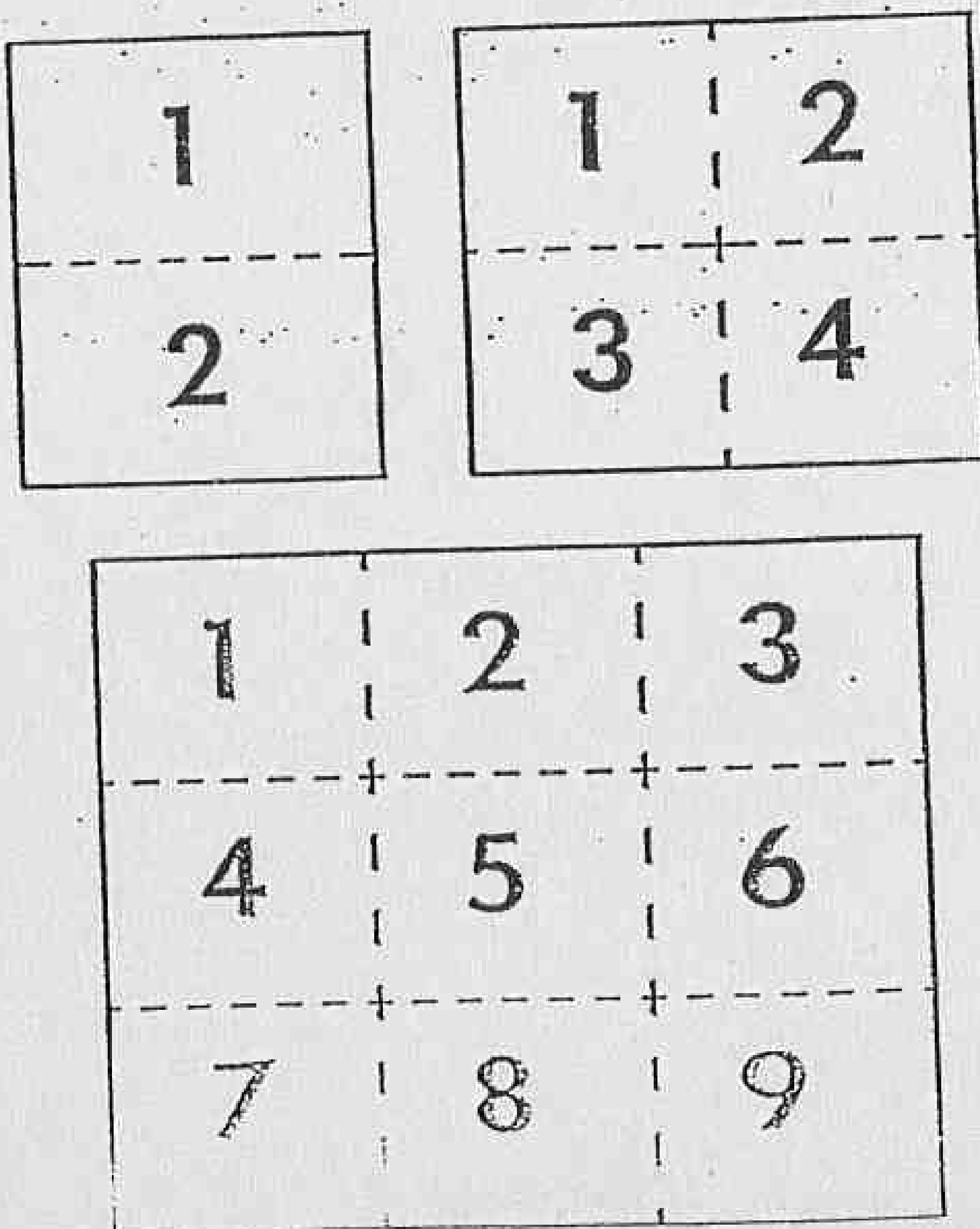
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DENOMINAZIONE DEI MATERIALI	QUANTITA'	LOCALITA' ED ENTE CHE DEVE CEDERE I MATERIALI	A N N O T A
Staffili di sella da battaglione	40	<u>LEGIONE MESSINA</u> Direz. Artigl. OZIERI 'Sardegna)	La legione di Cagliari ha fatto conoscere veduto ancora alla mancanza di mezzi di trasporto
Coperte da campo.....	1000	Legione CC.RR. Bari	Interessata la legione spedizione.
Lucchetti con chiave per catenelle)	500	Direz. Comm. Milit. Milano	Interessata la Direzione di Milano per
Ferri di sicurezza.....)	100		
Fasce di erica.....	40	Direz. Artigl. Napoli	Provvederà la legione, al ritiro a espressa.
Berretti a busta g.v.....	3000	Legione CC.RR. Catanzaro	Provvederà la legione, al ritiro non appena la direzione comunicerà l'ordine.
Asciugatoi.....	3300	Direz. Comm. Milit. Bari	Provvederà l'Ente direzione.
Bisacce per bardature a Sella.....	50)	Sezione staccata di artiglieria COSENZA	Provvederà l'Ente direzione.
Selle da cavalleria.....	100)		
Spugne per governo quadrupedi.....	200)		
Striglie.....	50)		
Coperte sottosella.....	30	Deposito Artigl. PORTICI	idem.
Filetti abbeveratoi.....	50)	Deposito Giulio BLUM PORTICI	idem.
Porta moschetti.....	50)		
Brusche di erica.....	50	Dep. Artiglieria Napoli	idem.
Mezze suole alleate.....paia...	800	Deposito Vestiario Misto NAPOLI	Disposto il ritiro espressa.
Cuoio suola.....Kg.	500	Legione CC.RR. PALERMO	Provvederà l'Ente direzione.
Tende di tela.....	1500	Legione Allievi Roma	idem.
Mutande corte di tela.....	1000	Direz. Comm. Milit. Bari	idem.
Camicie K.O.....	1000	Direz. Comm. Milit. Milano	idem.

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1st. April 1945.

Ref.No.:CC.RR./SIC/IOI/7.

Subject: Monthly Report.

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CC.RR. Section.
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4. TRAINING.

Owing to the heavy calls upon personnel in the island it has been decided to stop the concentrating of men at Gruppi Headquarters. This was weakening the number of men available at Casermas and also the men were not getting along with training at Groups because they were being used for service.

Maresciallos have been instructed that they must carry

out the daily hour of instruction as prescribed. Written record of the hours of instruction and subject discussed has to be kept and officers have been told to examine this regularly and see that it is being carried out.

It is noted that in the allocation of ammunition no provision is made for supplies for training purposes. With the arrival of automatic rifles it is essential that all should have practical training in the use of the weapons. This cannot be done unless ammunition be provided for this purpose.

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CC.RR. Section,
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Often the articles written about use of aero=planes and plane-throwers in the local press the commander of the "Garibaldi" troops wrote a letter clearly stating that the articles were untrue. Since then the tone of articles has been much lower. The clearing out of the "rebel" area still continues and over 400 persons have been arrested. Large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosive have been found.

TRAINING.

Nothing to report.

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ADMINISTRATION.

Certain allocations of clothing have been made and I am at present awaiting details of these from the Commissariato. The difficulty is that some allocations are at Milan. If we are unable to collect our-selves I will send in an application in compliance with circular of the 19th. Feb. 1946 on clothing and equipment.

MORALE OF CC.RR.

Good.

PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

There still continues to be armed hold ups and robberies but nothing from the "separatisti" who are no doubt feeling the effects of the large scale action against them.

GENERAL.

Nothing to report.

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SUBJECT :- Progress Report.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

OGR/C/7.

5 March 46.L.O. COM, No 11 R.L.

With reference to your Progress Report dated 22 February 46 requirements of clothing and ammunition.

While the peculiar conditions in Sicily are appreciated, it is felt that the demands are much in excess of actual requirements, having regard to the strength of the OGR in Sicily.

It is the policy of this HQ to equip all Legions as soon as possible, and to that end, it is essential that Legion Commanders submit actual figures of requirements, as it is futile at this stage to demand large reserves.

H. MIGNALL, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
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CC.RR. SECTION
II. B.L.U.

Subject: Detailed Situation Report on CC.RR.

TO : G.S.O. I.

CC.RR. Section,
HQ. M.M.I.A.

Copy to: CC. II. B.L.U.

I.(a) STRENGTHS.

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The amount of personnel involved on extraneous duties is very low. It will be impossible to withdraw them as they all are performing duties which CC.RR. are reasonably expected to perform. eg. Tribunale di Guerra, Ispettorato del Lavoro.

It is laid down that CC.RR. shall perform a minimum of eight hours duty. At the present time they are performing 12 to 15 hours per day. This is due to the special emergency existing. There has also been a control put upon free hours. Men are only permitted to leave the Caserma one day in three. This answers that there is always a strong force of men available to be sent out upon demand.

2. UNIFORMS and CLOTHING.

There is here, as in other parts of Italy, a great shortage of all items of clothing. The great majority have only the uniform in which they stand with no change of shirt or under-clothing. This lack of change has no doubt a great bearing on the amount of illness in the island. At present this involved 523 men. Assignments of shirts have been made from stores at Naples and boots from Bari. No action has been taken from this Command to send for the items which are urgently required but they appeared to be content to wait for them to arrive. Now, as a result of my bringing the matter forward, transport is being dispatched to fetch the goods.

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Socks	: 7000 pairs	7000 pairs
Wollen under vests:	6000	3500
Ties	: 4000	1000
Handkerchiefs	: 4000	3000
Lapel insignia	: 5000 pairs	5000 pairs
Hat badges	: 5000	4500
Puttees	: 4000	4000
Hats	: 4000	4000
Leggings	: 1000	1000.

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Repairs to tyres are carried out by private vulcanizing shops. Mechanical repairs are carried out by the drivers or the Legion repair shops. Major repairs are carried out in the repair shops of the "Direzione d'Artiglieria" under an arrangement made with the Territorial Commander. Lack of spare parts has resulted

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in a number of vehicles being completely out of service. It appears that on the 16th. Sept. 1945 the General Command HQ. issued a circular No 56/10 laying down certain establishments for transport. In compliance with this circular the following are the requirements to bring the Legion up to standard:

	Palermo	Messina
Motor cars :	-	20
Motor lorries (heavy):	3	19
Motor lorries (light):	42	58
" " (P.U.type):	1	3
Motor tricycles :	3	7
Motor cycles (2 seats):	785	604
Motor cycles (solo): :	-	41
Bicycles :	2000	-

Both Legions have large numbers of bicycles which are out of use by reason of no tyres (details given on appendices 3 and 4). The chief requirement is tyres of all sizes and spares. If any further transport does become available it is recommended that the 15 cwt.size is the one likely to be most useful in Sicily.

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There has been no difficulty in obtaining supplies which are adequate for present amount of efficient transport.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

In the Legion HQs switch boards are operated and there are private lines to the Internal Groups. There are no private lines between towns.

(a). The following are the numbers of CC.RR. stations without telephones:

Palermo Legion	Messina Legion
118	180

(b). Number of stations with part time service only:

Palermo Legion	Messina Legion
49	45

(c). The only private lines are from Legion HQ. to Group Interno and do not pass outside the town involved.

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6. ACCOMMODATION.

At the present strength, with reinforcements from other Legions, there is insufficient accommodation. The HQ. buildings are good but many of the stations in country area are private houses. Many lack, light, water and heat. This is very bad hygienically and also for the morale of personnel. These are privately owned buildings and the owners will not carry out any repairs or improvements because they are operating

under very old contracts with rentals that are far too small to admit any expenditure. Many were damaged by the war and have not been repaired. Contractors for the supply of Gasernas equipment are unable to carry out the requirements due, either to the non availability of goods or else the exorbitant "black market" prices asked. It is however, the CC.RR., men who suffer for their pay does not permit them to make purchases so that they live under very bad conditions. This is bound to undermine their health and efficiency.

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Ordinary weapons.

There is a reserve of 1016 muskets held in reserve at Palermo Legion HQ.

Issued	Palermo	Messina
Muskets mod.38 cal.6.5	4027	2880
Muskets mod.9I	-	646
Revolvers mod. 89	1335	723

(b) Information has been given that an assignment of 1300

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automatic arms has been made to the Legions. This has not yet arrived but will adequately deal with all arms requirements.

(d). Considerable quantities of ammunition are being expended both in action and for practice purposes. Request has been made for allocation of ammunition sufficient for 10 days fire and also the requirements for the annual training courses of personnel. Details as follows:

Requirements for 10 days fire.

Arms	Palermo	Messina
Musket mod.38 cal.6.5	3,244,300	1,720,000
Pistol automatic Beretta mod.34 cal.9.	1,073,582	122,600
Rifle automatic Beretta cal.9.	1,824,250	4,238,000
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Mortars 81 m/m	10,000	20,000
Ballistics cartridges for 81 m/m	20,000	40,000
Mortars 45 m/m	43,000	38,000
Ballistics cartridges for 45 m/m	86,000	76,000
Hand Granades	150,000	102,200

Ammunitions required for annual training of personnel:

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Musket mod. 9I cal. 6.5	-	80,000
" " 38 cal. 6.5	48,324	-
Beretta auto-pistol mod.34 cal.9	56,378	40,000
Machine gun light cal.8	25,000	35,000
Revolvers mod.89 cal.10.35	-	25,000
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Mortar bombs for 81 m/m	1,600	3,000

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" ballistics cartr.for 45m/m :	10,400	3,000

(d). In respect of training all personnel in turn are sent to Group HQ in the case of Messina Legion and to Legion HQ. in the case of Palermo, where they are given one month training in the use of all types of arms. The numbers are so arranged that each year all personnel pass through the course. The requests

for ammunition in para (c) are to enable this to be carried out.

8. MOBILE BATTALIONS.

(a) VEHICLES. The following is a list of vehicles attached to the mobile battalion (reparto motocorazzato) Palermo.

Heavy trucks Fiat 626	No	9
Light trucks Lancia I.Z.		2
" " SPA 38		4
Small utility truck Fiat 1100		1
Solo Motor cycles		14
Motor cycles with pillion seats		7
Medium tanks type "M" 15/41 Spa Ansaldo		4
" " " "M" 14/41 " "		8
Light tanks type "L" 33-35 Fiat Ansaldo		12
Armoured cars. German Auto Union (recovered)		1
" " " " Spa mod. 41		3

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Solo motor cycles	15
Motor cycles with pillion seat	5
Cars (saloon)	2
Armoured vehicles.	
Tanks light Spa Ansaldo 33-35	11
" " medium Fiat Ansaldo M. 13/42	4
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(b). The training of personnel is not preceeding very satisfactorily for the following reasons:

- (1) The mobile battalion have not been properly formed, so that personnel are not available.
- (2) The men are constantly being called out and are also performing other duties.
- (3) The instructors state that they are badly handicapped by reason of lack of instructional charts, tools for practical training and parts.

The training is given by specially trained officers and N.C.O.s and during normal times takes 40 days for mechanics and lorry drivers. It consists of 240 hours of class room and work shop training and 20 hours on the road. The practical driving has been reduced to conserve fuel.

Tank drivers are recruited from the lorry drivers and undergo a further 20 day course on tanks. They study all mechanical functions of the Tank and are also specially trained in the use of the arms.

At the end of both courses examinations both written and practical, are taken. The examination is set and marked by a technical officer from the Military Transport Company in Palermo.

(c) State of vehicles.

For the state of ordinary transport reference may be made to the appendices 3 and 4. With regard to armoured vehicles in Palermo five medium tanks are in running order but are not reliable. The remaining seven are out of order and need batteries, injection pumps and other spare parts.

Of the twelve light tanks eleven are in order and one needs repair. These vehicles however are very small and not suitable for the work.

Three armoured cars are in running order but one of these, the German Auto-Union is not reliable. The fourth armoured car is awaiting a differential which has been ordered from Turin.

Of the armoured vehicles at Messina Legion all eleven light Spa Ansaldo tanks are in fair running order but are not suitable vehicles. All of the eight medium tanks are out of order and lack a variety of pieces of equipment.

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(e) There is a complete lack of spare parts and tyres in Sicily. Urgent requests have been made to the General Command Rome but practically nothing has been forthcoming.

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(f) Documentary records of vehicles. When a vehicle goes out the driver is issued with a proper trip ticket which he has to scrupulously keep. These are carefully checked upon his return on mileage, fuel used, time etc. These are standard forms used through the CC.RR. service. With each vehicle there is also kept a book in which are entered all details of mileage, servicing, repairs etc.

(g) Mobile battalions are not properly constituted. Tank crews are used only for maintenance and use of their vehicles. Other personnel who are in training as lorry drivers etc are used for other duties. They are being used as guards at Military and Civil Tribunals also as reinforcements of Prison guards due to the threat of attacks on prisons. The hours vary but it has delayed their training considerably. This is entirely due to the special conditions at present in Sicily and not through inefficiency by training officers or interference by senior commanders for the services of the men. It is impossible however to expect men to be on duty all night and then attend lectures during the day and to practical work in the afternoon.

(h) It cannot be said that the mobile battalion is completely inefficient because the number of personnel available have, and are doing some good work. They are severely handicapped by their vehicles and fall short of the standard of northern Italy. They do however work very closely with the Territorial Command and the section of 100 men both in Palermo and Catania (Messina Legion) are available as a striking force. They always, however, go out with military personnel. They are then no longer a CC.RR. force, but a military force.

9. GENERAL SUPPLIES.

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Due to the attacks on isolated units of CC.RR. in Sicily, all temporary stations (posti fissi) have been closed down. Under present conditions in Sicily it is not advisable to close down any of the permanent stations. This would give the

rebels the opportunity to proclaim a moral victory by the withdrawal of CC.RR. from one of their stations. It would possible have a serious reaction in the minds of the public. I am therefore, at present, against the closing of any stations. In the future remains to so improve communications by the allocation of telephones, motorcycles, radio transmitters, and improved arms to strengthen the CC.RR. physically and morally to withstand attack. By the proper formation of the mobile battalion to be able to dispatch a strong striking force anywhere in the area at once.

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Appendix. 1 -

CC.RR. LEGION OF PALESTINE

ORGANIC, EFFECTIVE and PRESENT STRENGTH

G R O U P.	COMPANY.	Organic strength	Effective strength	Present strength.
Palermo Interno	Palermo Interna	455	543	435
	Palermo Suburbana	252	198	180
	Monreale	207	251	231
Palermo Esterno	Palermo Esterna	157	112	104
	Termini Imerese	188	200	187
	Cefalù	220	203	175
	Corleone	135	101	96
Agrigento	Agrigento Interna	286	203	184
	Agrigento Esterna	248	208	171
	Sciacca	203	181	150
Trapani	Trapani	267	186	159
	Marsala	185	170	162
	Alcamo	152	160	138
Caltanissetta	Caltanissetta Interna	203	250	215
	Caltanissetta Esterna	176	218	168
Compagnia Comando	-	100	448	169
Mobile Battalion	-	548	-	-
Mobile Armoured section.	-	14	155	145
Public Order Detachment	-	-	101	80
Training nucleus	-	-	151	106
	Total	3982	4039	3255.

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3. RR. LEGION OF MESSINA
ORGANIC EFFECTIVE, PRESENT STRENGTH

GRUPPO	COMPAGNIA	Organic strength	Effective strength	Present strength.
Messina Interno	Messina Interna	305	316	332
	Messina Esterna	203	230	289
	Training nucleus	-	-	100
Messina Esterno	Patti	199	192	120
	Mistretta	206	171	100
Catania	Catania Interna	200	276	275
	Catania Esterna	171	197	133
	Acireale	201	272	234
	Caltagirone	173	219	171
	Public Order	-	-	98
	Training nucleus	-	-	100
Siracusa	Siracusa	183	260	188
	Noto	101	126	102
	Training nucleus	-	-	50
Ragusa	Ragusa	136	156	105
	Vittoria	84	99	66
	Training nucleus	-	-	50
Enna	Enna	176	182	142
	Nicosia	122	123	85
	Training nucleus	-	-	50
Compagnia Comando	-	90	620	198
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	Public Order Division	-	-	98
	Training nucleus	-	-	100
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Appendix 3.

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION OF PALERMO LEGION

Type of vehicles	Make of vehicle	Number	Efficient	Not efficient for types and parts	Not efficient for types and parts
Heavy trucks	Lancia 3 RC	2	1	1	1
"	Fiat 666	1	1	1	1
"	Fiat 626	1	1	1	1
Light trucks	Spa 38 R	2	2	2	2
"	Lancia 1 Z	4	2	2	2
Military Lorries	Spa 39	2	1	1	1
Light Lorries	Fiat 514	1	1	1	1
	Total	13	8	3	2
AUTOMOBILES	Fiat 518 Arita	1	1	1	1
"	Lancia Artana	1	1	1	1
"	Lancia Augusta	1	1	1	1
"	Fiat 1100	13	13	4	1
"	Fiat 508 M.	1	1	1	1
"	Fiat 508 Berlina	18	12	6	18
"	Fiat 508 Spyder	23	23	3	2
"	Fiat 500 Teplint	6	6	3	3
	Total	64	23	15	21
MOTORCYCLES	Benelli 500	6	2	2	2
"	Guzzi 500	1	1	1	1
MOTORTRICYCLES	Gilera 500	3	2	1	1
"	Guzzi 500	1	1	1	1
MOTORCYCLES WITH PILLION SEAT	GILERA, BENELLI	27	16	4	7
	GUEZI, SEATUM, BIANCHI.				
ONE SEAT MOTOR CYCLES	"	89	55	21	13
	Total motorcycles	116	71	25	20
Bicycles.					
Property of the Ministry of War			31	84	115
			Efficient	Inefficient	Total

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Property of the Ministry of War	31	84	115
" " " Ministry of Interior	24	295	319
	<u>55</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>434</u>

Appendix 4.

LIST OF TRANSPORTATION OF MISSINA LEGION

Type of vehicle	Make of vehicle	Number	Efficient	Not efficient for lack of tyres	Not efficient for lack of tyres and spare parts.
Heavy trucks	Fiat 626	8	2	4	2
"	O.M. Taurus	1	1	-	-
"	Spa Devunqua	2	-	-	-
Light trucks	Spa 38	3	1	6	1
"	Fiat 613	1	1	-	-
"	Bianchi S/9	1	1	-	-
"	Fiat 621 G.	2	-	1	1
"	Lancia I Z.	2	-	1	1
	Total	25	6	12	7
Military lorries	Spa L/39	2	1	1	-
AUTOMOBILES	FIAT 1500	2	-	-	-
"	FIAT 1100	16	2	9	-
"	FIAT 500	5	7	4	1
"	FIAT 508	23	5	10	8
"	Bianchi S/9	1	1	-	-
"	Lancia Augusta	1	1	-	-
	Total	48	16	23	9
MOTORCYCLES	Guzzi 500	23	17	6	-
"	Guzzi 250	1	-	1	-
"	Bianchi 500	8	2	6	-
"	GILERA 500	17	2	9	-
"	Bischi 250	1	1	-	-
"	Benelli 500	12	3	7	-
"	Benelli 250	2	-	2	-
"	N.S.U. 250	1	-	1	-
"	C.M. 350	1	-	1	-
"	Sertum 500	2	1	1	-
"	Sertum 250	2	1	1	-
"	Norton 500	1	-	1	-
	Total	71	27	36	8
MOTORCYCLES with PILLION SEAT.	Guzzi 500	1	-	1	-
"	Alice Guzzi 500	5	2	3	-
"	Bianchi 500	23	3	13	-
"	Gilera 500	15	3	9	-
"	Benelli 500	3	-	3	-
	Total	47	8	29	4

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STRENGTH.

Palermo Legion.

Authorised.

3434.

Percentage on leave: 5%.

Percentage on extraneous duty: 7%.

Effective.

3632.

Present.

2924.

Mobile Battalion.

Authorised.

548.

Effective.

407.

Present.

331

N.B. Mobile Battalion not formed. See details in para. organisation.

Messina Legion.

Authorised.

2550.

Effective.

3439.

Present.

2988.

Percentage on leave :

5%.

Percentage on extraneous duty : less than 2%.

ORGANISATION.

The "Mobile Battalion" as it is known in northern Italy has never been formed in Sicily. An organic strength of 548 was given to them but about three months or so ago instructions were received to suspend it's formation. Instead there was formed the "reparto motocarrozzato" or motorised armoured section. This comprises 155 men who are drivers, mechanics, radio operators, etc of the armoured vehicles supplied to the Legion of Palermo, and 52 for the Legion of Messina.

These men are still undergoing instruction but it is interfered with by reason of the calls upon their services and also because they are used for special duties such as guards at Tribunales, both Civil and Military and reinforcing Prison guards.

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It therefore appears to me that there must be **260** representation made to the Central CC.RR. Command that the Mobile Battalions should be activated on a parity with those of northern Italy and that they be maintained for the specific purpose for which they were designed, and only under very extraordinary circumstances be used for other duties.

In each of the towns of Palermo and Catania a special force of 100 men each is held at local Military Casermas. These do duty with Military personnel when called upon only.

These personnel are to be incorporated into Mobile Battalions when these are activated properly.

INTELLIGENCE.

I would like to state an opinion on this arrangement at this stage. It appears that the responsibility for public order seems to have been taken from the hands of the CC.RR. and is now shared with the Military. When demonstrations have occurred which have not been out of the powers of CC.RR. to contest, this special section has been called on, and accompanied by Military personnel have attended. I am sure this has a bad effect on the public morale. On large scale operations such as are at present in course against bandits (including the political elements) by all means use the military, but not against small demonstrations and the like.

There also seems a need for greater liaison between the units taking part in the present large scale round-ups. There should be nominated a Supreme Commander who shall be in charge of all operations and all sections of military or police agencies taking part. At present all seem to be working separately and the reports received are very conflicting and one section seems to have no idea of the presence, actions or results of any one else.

TRAINING.

Owing to the outside activities of CC.RR. and armoured section, training has been interfered with. The training course appears to be very adequate for the mobile section but the instructors inform me that they suffer badly from lack of demonstration charts, parts and tools for practical work. The men themselves appear enthusiastic but the ordinary CC.RR. higher command appear to think that the training of these specialists is a thing to be taken as for secondary importance to the man being available for ordinary duties.

Training of ordinary personnel in the use of arms is carried out at Group level. All men in turn attend a course lasting one month and covers the use of all types of arms. Within one year every man will have carried out his training course.

ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Discipline. The conduct of the Force is good and there appears to be no serious breach of discipline. Cases are dealt with by own Command, or crime by the Military Tribunal which is operating in Palermo.

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GENERAL DEFICIENCIES.

There is a general deficiency of uniforms, underclothing and boots. With recently made allocations 2000s hoped that the position will soon improve. There is a shortage of automatic weapons but with the arrival of arms which are somewhere on route this will adequately deal with all requirements. Ammunition is in short supply. Request has been made for sufficient for ten days fire and for monthly training requirements.

MORALE OF CC.RR.

This is good and there is the feeling that,

adequately equipped they themselves will be able to deal with any situation that may arise.

PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

There are, at present time large scale operations all over the island by all police agencies to round up thieves and brigands. In the larger scale operations military are being used, and there have been large number of thieves arrested as well as suspected persons. In the last three days it was reported in the Press that over two hundred persons had been arrested. Some local Press have given highly coloured pictures of the military activities (attached found article from "Giornale di Sicilia" of the 13th. Feb. 1946). There is a suggestion in this that flamethrowers might be used but there is no confirmation of this officially.

GENERAL.

Nothing to report.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

GENERAL.

Nothing to report.

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Major.

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Aeroplani e lanciafiamme in azione con la fanteria

Il Comando della «Garibaldi» si insedia nella casa di Giuliano - Cento fuori legge catturati - Ingente bottino di armi, munizioni e quadrupedi

MONTELEPRE, 12. Le notizie che abbiamo raccolto nella giornata di ieri e durante la notte, sulle operazioni di rastrellamento in corso nella zona da noi delimitata ieri, sono tali da fare legittimamente sperare che i fuorilegge riceveranno finalmente un colpo tale da restarne fortemente menomati.

L'alto Comando milita e che dirige l'azione, regola il movimento concentrico in modo da non lasciare respiro e da non permettere che attraverso le maglie della rete sia possibile, sia pure ad un solo bandito, sfuggire alla stretta.

Il quartier generale militare si è insediato a Montelepre, che pulula letteralmente di carri armati, autobotte ed artiglierie in continuo movimento poiché si vuole che tutti i mezzi di appoggio alle fanterie in movimento siano sempre pronti ad intervenire, e disponibili sul terreno ad ogni richiesta. Abbiamo visto una Montelepre, quasi immesa a nuovo e vivificata da tutta questa gioventù, che si affatica in un'opera che tanto contribuisce alla pacificazione potrà dare, se decisamente continuata anche altrove, a questa nostra terra così provata.

In paese, sono numerosissimi gli ufficiali di tutte le armi e senza tener conto di allegria, ci a tecnici, ci pare questo sia il chiaro sintomo di una organizzazione efficiente che finalmente è pronta a scattare al momento buono. Se questo si preserverà, ed il momento buono verrà, come si crede, alla fine dell'operazione, i reparti dell'ordine stringeranno dentro il loro cerchio di ferro e di fuoco il nucleo centrale dei fuorilegge che saranno decisi a tutto, pur di vender cara la pelle. Può darsi, però, che questo momento di crisi finale non ci sarà, perché già le cifre dei rastrellati sono tali da far ritenere che un certo sfaldamento si sia verificato tra le unità così tenacemente braccate, sia per la ormai clamorosa disperata situazione, sia per la fame che da parecchi giorni batte alle porte.

Abbiamo visto la casa di Giuliano in una luce nuova, trasformata in unico comando della «Garibaldi». Il colonnello ha lasciato al suo posto il grande ritratto del bandito in un angolo della stanza. Gli indumenti, ci ha assicurato un amico, sono rimasti intatti, nel grande salotto di famiglia. Sembra un gran brutto colpo per Giuliano questa notizia, che egli amava spesso negli intervalli tra un'avventura e l'altra, fare una sosta in famiglia, anzi una volta siugi di giuosa man- ai a sua cattura, nascondendosi

al comando di un gruppo di fuorilegge. Ogni tanto senti un rombo e i proprietari avranno rimpianto la perdita in questi ultimi tempi.

Noi, che non abbiamo avuto sulla lingua nel segnalare le notevoli deficienze dell'azione delle forze dell'ordine in certi casi, dobbiamo questa volta ossequiosamente segnalare, che abbiamo avuto la visione di una azione a vastissimo raggio, perfettamente e sincreticamente organizzata, costentissima, condotta da comandanti grandi e piccoli, che ha dato ottimi risultati e ancora migliori potrà darne presto, se si saprà continuare a portarli a fondo. Speriamo che essi, pressano presso seguitare altre, in altre zone nevralgiche della nostra isola, in modo da normalizzare al più presto la situazione e da riclare sicurezza e tranquillità a chi, lavorando nei campi, deve assicurare il pane a tutti.

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Lasciamo il convulitone e cerchiamo di capire qualche notizia sui risultati finora raggiunti: i nuovi rastrellati, cento individui, sono già stati avviati in città per gli accertamenti delle responsabilità. Tra essi, otto erano ricreati dalla polizia per gravi reati comuni, ventuno sono fortemente indiziati e sono in corso ulteriori indagini per completare quanto risulta dagli interrogatori. Tra gli arrestati è l'assuntore della stazione di Montelepre-Zucco, tale Candela da Montelepre.

Ingente è anche il bottino raccolto, abbiamo visto mucchi di fucili '91 e tedeschi, abbondante munizione di ogni qualità ed una bella lepre.

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Il Comando militare che dirige l'azione, regola il movimento concentrico in modo da non lasciare respiro e da non permettere che attraverso le maglie della rete sia possibile, sia pure ad un solo bandito, sfuggire alla sirella.

Il quartier generale militare si è insediato a Montelepre, che pulita letteralmente di carri armati, autobombardieri ed artiglierie in condizione di movimento poiché si vuole che tutti i mezzi di appoggio alle fanterie in movimento siano sempre pronti ad intervenire e disponibili sul terreno ad ogni richiesta. Abbiamo visto una Montelepre, quasi annessa a nuovo e vivacitata da tutta questa gioventù, che si affaccia in un'opera che l'auto contributo di pacificazione potrà dare, se decisa, mentre continua a anche altrove, a questa nostra terra così provata.

In paese, sono numerosissimi gli ufficiali di tutte le armi e, senza tema di sfiggirci a tecnici, ci pare questo sia il chiaro sintomo di una organizzazione efficiente che finalmente è pronta a scattare al momento buono, se questo si presenterà. Ed il momento buono verrà, come si crede, alla fine dell'operazione, i reparti dell'ordine strazieranno dentro il loro cerchio di ferro e di fuoco il nucleo centrale dei fuorilegge che saranno decisi a tutto, pur di vender cara la pelle. Piu' cara, però, che questo momento di crisi finale non ci sarà, perché già le cifre dei rastrellati sono tali da far ritenere che un certo sfaldamento si sia verificato tra le unità così tenacemente organizzate, sia per la ormai clamorosa disperata situazione, sia per la fame che da parecchi giorni batte alle porte.

Abbiamo visto la casa di Giuliano in una luce nuova, trasformata in ufficio comando della « Garibadi ». Il colonnello ha lasciato al suo posto il grande ritratto del bandito in un angolo della stanza. Gli indugi, ci ha assicurato un amico, sono finiti infatti, nel grande guardacoba di mangia. Sa-a un gran brutto copo per Giuliano questa novità, che egli amava spesso, negli intervalli tra un'avventura e l'altra, fare una sosta in mangia, anzi una volta sfuggi di giuosa mangia una cattura, nascondendosi a un cambio di acqua e l'indugi un colossale pagò con al via la gestione.

Non è naturalmente permesso a Giuliano di essere portato nella zona delle operazioni ma da questo punto è sempre possibile raccogliere qualche particolare interessante.

Sul terreno agiscono, in collaborazione con le forze del carabiniere, le parti delle Divisioni « Folgore », « Nubio », « Ariete », della brigata « Asa » e della « Garibadi ». E un vivale di uomini in movimento, che a seguirli da lontano, si sembrano diserte formiche al lavoro. Il rastrellamento, questa volta, si fa proprio sul serio, qua e là senti crepare la mitragliatrice ma chi sa scattare dice che si possono chiamare per queste raffiche che a comprendere il significato non può più spa notare incompreso di Giuliano innervositi che si danno da fare, ma le battute finali di una azione, che si conclude con l'arrivo

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Notes on Liaison Visit to CC.RR. Headquarters; 8 February 1946.

UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO E MOTORIZZAZIONE - Colonel CELLI.

1. Arms and Ammunition.

The position was requested regarding 10,000 MITRA muskets, model 38/42, calibre 9, and 3,000 BERETTA pistols model 38. CELLI stated that 4,300 muskets had already been "proved" and were in transit to Legions. The remaining 5,700 were yet to be proved and later issued. Difficulty had been experienced in obtaining the necessary ammunition. The 3,000 pistols had not been issued as ammunition of the correct calibre was not available. It should be forthcoming in the near future; and the pistols would be issued to one Legion "en bloc" in order to facilitate administration. I emphasised that release of these weapons had been made by M.M.I.A. on 20 November and as arms for CC.RR. were supposedly in short supply, I could not understand the delay. CELLI then produced the release from Ministry of War, dated 8 January: Ministry of War therefore appear to be at fault.

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2. "A" and "B" Vehicles.

The urgent requirements in respect of spares for "A" and "B" vehicles in Sicily was explained. CELLI stated that a number of items were available at the ANSALDO works, GENOVA, and that a CC.RR. representative was coming ITALY in order to find further sources. The question of armoured plating for fitting to personnel carrying vehicles was mentioned, and CELLI stated that some suitable sheet metal was available at GENOVA, but he anticipated considerable difficulty in obtaining release.

CELLI then requested that immediate release be made of the Bren Carriers which had been promised for SICILY. As this was news to me, I asked him for correspondence on this matter. He stated that verbal agreement had been made between himself and Major KING of M.M.I.A. and as Major KING had stated there would be no difficulty in obtaining these; he had notified PALERMO accordingly on 5 January. He further emphasised that he considered the immediate supply of efficient..../2..

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armoured cars essential.

3. Ufficio di Commissariato - Colonel LA ZARA.

I stated that CC.RR. SICILY were urgently in need of shirts, under-clothing, uniform and boots. Could arrangements for immediate issue be made. LA ZARA produced an inventory of a consignment of these articles already earmarked for SICILY, and stated that the difficulty was NOT initial supply, but transport. Before rail space could be allotted, a bid had to be made at least a fortnight in advance. Additionally, a guarantee had to be given that a complete truck load would be consigned at any one time, and part loads would not be accepted. This caused considerable delay, particularly in this instance, when stores were waiting to be moved from BARI and MILANO. It was pointed out that reinforcements from BARI to PALERMO were despatched by rail only a few days ago. Why couldn't these men have taken the clothing with them? LA ZARA said that it was a matter of liaison by Legion Commanders, and not one over which he had control.

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The appreciation I made of both departments at CC.RR. Headquarters was favourable. Any data requested was immediately forthcoming. ²⁵and co-operation was good. In my opinion, departments were operating efficiently, and if the serious problem of transport could be remedied, there would remain few major problems with regard to administration.

Sgd:

W. H. WRITER
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CC.RR. Branch, MIA.

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CC.MR. SECTION
II B.L.U.

Subject: Preliminary Report

To: G.S.C.I.
CC.MR. Section,
Hq. M.M.I.A..

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OSO I	5th Feb.
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I. GENERAL SITUATION. Whilst highway robbery by armed bandits continues there have been no large scale attacks on CC.MR. casermas or other establishments for some time. It is not anticipated that these have ceased but there is a general feeling that there is to be a large scale uprising in the near future. Towards the end of February is a period quoted for this to occur.

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ARMS. All CC.RR. have a pistol and carbine and in a few cases automatic rifles are kept at Casernes for emergencies. Further automatic arms should be provided for defence of 254 arms or for manning road blocks or large scale actions against bandits. Suggested a minimum of 2 per station and as there are 500 in Sicily, it requires 1000 automatic rifles for this scale of issue.

AMMUNITION. Stocks are not good. It is requested that there should be an issue of sufficient for 10 days fire for all arms and further supply for training purposes. Details to be given in report to follow.

TRANSPORT. This is in short supply. Many vehicles are inefficient through lack of spare parts and tyres. There are approx.

be used on all types of work and are not allocated solely for mobile battalion.

ARMoured VEHICLES AND TANKS.

There are 12 medium tanks (Italian) in Sicily but only 4 are in state of efficiency. These are in Palermo. They dare not be sent out single for fear of breakdown. They are very slow and not suitable. The cannon mounted in the turret cannot be used (1) they have an order forbidding its use and (2) they have no ammunition. This leaves them with twin machine guns which have a restricted field of fire in a small arc forward. No spare parts are available. Cannibalisation could be carried out but they are not suitable.

There are 24 very small light tanks in Sicily. They are distributed in various parts but only a small proportion are in working order. They are armed with twin light machine guns firing forward only. It is stated that these vehicles bounce so much that it is impossible to aim the guns and they are useless for carrying personnel as they have only room for the driver and the gunner. No one wants them and they are used for training purposes only.

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P.O.L. Up to the present there has been no difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of P.O.L. which is obtained from A.G.I.P. on a monthly assignment basis through the Prefects.

RATIONS. These are obtained from military sources each 15 days at "Gruppi" level and the Mobile Battalion. No difficulty has been encountered but it is suggested that a reserve issue should be made to Battalion of tinned rations to be kept in reserve for operational use.

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They have no mobile feeding arrangements and tinned rations would ease the problem.

TRAINING. This is being carried out on a regular plan and each carabinieri carries out a course of firing with machine gun, automatic rifle and pistol and use of grenades. Further supplies of ammunition required.

COMMUNICATIONS. Many stations are without telephones and the majority of the remainder are on part time service. Exact lists to be submitted. In any case telephones lines have been cut and the only answer is for radio transmitting sets to be supplied. The question of motor cycles already dealt with. If possible bicycles should be supplied which would enable CC.RR. to carry out extended beat work particularly on perimeters of cities where robberies take place.

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Information in detail as required in Appendix A to M.M.I.A. letter CC.Ra./G/12 of 25th Jan. 1946¹⁹⁴⁷ is listed. Further recommendations will be made in this report.

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CC.Ra. Section

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of Public Order

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

G/92

2 Feb 46

To : Ministry of War

1 Ref my letter G/92 of 21 Dec 45.

1. I have been informed that the CARIBALDI Regt of the POLICORE Div is being ordered to SICILY for the purpose of assisting to restore public order.

While I appreciate that it is entirely a matter for the ITALIAN Govt to decide where and when additional troops are needed for this purpose, I feel I am bound to draw your attention to certain unsatisfactory aspects of the situation in SICILY which have made this action necessary.

2. Provision has been made in the layout of the Interim Army for two Internal Security Divisions for SICILY, each 5,000 strong, plus one CORR Mobile Battalion 578 strong. These forces have been considered by your Ministry to be ample for maintaining law and order in the island, and there is no doubt in my mind that if they are up to strength and have been properly employed there should be no need for extra troops at this time.

3. Your circulars 226090/41 of 6 Dec and 227900/41 of 20 Dec lay down precise instructions on how and when the military are to co-operate with civil powers to restore or maintain law and order, but from reports I have received there appear to have been several cases in SICILY recently in which:

(a) troops were called out hurriedly without adequate consultation between civil and military authorities as to the object to be achieved and the method to be followed;

(b) these troops were given insufficient orders and instructions by the military command as to the precise task that they were to undertake, and the way they were to carry out that task and as a result they were employed in a totally ineffective manner.

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5. It is appreciated that at the time in question :

- (a) The Territorial Comd was engaged in political activities entirely out of keeping with his post;
- (b) That relations between military and civil authorities were strained;
- (c) That the High Commissioner was absent in Rome during the critical period;

and it is understood that this has come to the notice of the appropriate authorities and that this state of affairs is not likely to be repeated.

6. Over and above this, however, it would appear that no attempt was made to deploy the Mobile bn of the OCRR before resorting to the use of tps, and this may have been due to :

- (a) Previous dispersal of this bn so as to make it unavailable at short notice;
- (b) The Bn being understrength;
- (c) Lack of tpt to make the bn mobile;
- (d) Lack of adequate equipment.

7. I feel that the first essential in restoring the situation in SICILY is to reinforce with men and equipment the OCRR Mobile bn in PALERMO, at the expense of Regions that are at present less unsettled, so as to provide a readily available striking force and so reduce the necessity of calling out tps. In this connection, issue from Allied Army sources of 125 Armoured cars is shortly to be expected and it is hoped that the first Armoured cars to be delivered will be made available by you to the PALERMO bn.

8. When, however, it may still become necessary to make use of military forces, I trust that the most careful consideration will be given by the military commander :

- (a) To the method of employment of the tps on a proper military plan;
- (b) To the co-ordination of their action with that of the OCRR;
- (c) That clear and comprehensive orders be issued to the officer

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6. Over and above this, however, it would appear that no attempt was made to deploy the Mobile bn of the OORR before resorting to the use of tps, and this may have been due to:

- (a) Previous dispersal of this bn so as to make it unavailable at short notice;
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- (c) Lack of tps to make the bn mobile;
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7. I feel that the first essential in restoring the situation in SICILY is to reinforce with men and equipment the OORR Mobile bn in PALERMO, at the expense of Regions that are at present less unsettled, so as to provide a readily available striking force and so reduce the necessity of calling out tps. In this connection, issue from Allied Army sources of 125 Armoured cars is shortly to be expected and it is hoped that the first Armoured cars to be delivered will be made available by you to the PALERMO bn.

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- (a) To the method of employment of the tps on a proper military plan;
- (b) To the co-ordination of their action with that of the OORR;
- (c) That clear and comprehensive orders be issued to the officer in command of the tps that are to be employed.

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Major General.

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