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MOBILE BN

FLORENCE

Feb. 25, 1946 - Mar. 28, 1946

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Mobile Bn. M. B. Co.

LAND FORCE HQ WEST BIRMINGHAM
M.H.L.A. B.M.S.

DIR/6/3/8.

5 March 46.

O.C. M. B. Co.

It is reported that the effective strength of the M. B. Co. Mobile Bn, is 925 officers and men, but the actual strength is only 195.

Among those absent are 42 at PISA, on orders of the Ministry of the Interior, and 51 at PICCOLA on orders of your HQ.

Those at PISA have been there since the 31st December, 45.

It will be agreed that such dispersal of the Bn renders it ineffective for the purpose for which it is intended, and it is therefore suggested that unless there are very special reasons for the O.C. to remain at PISA and PICCOLA that they be returned at once to M. B. Co. Mobile Bn HQ's.

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H. MERRILL, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M.H.L.A.

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Florence 1st Mar. 1946

Subject : CC.RR. Mobile Bn. Florence.

To : M.M.I.A. Rome (Attention CC.RR. Sect.)

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From : 7 B.L.U. Florence.

1. Attached is Daily State showing strength of Florence Mob. Bn. as on 25 Feb.46, also location statement of personnel on detached duty.
2. Present strength of 193 officers and men, majority of whom are engaged on essential duties within the barracks, leaves only a very limited number available for emergency duties in connection with preservation of law and order.
3. Officers of the Bn. reside with their respective families in Florence and are not in telephonic communication with the barracks. This is due to barracks being occupied by the Mob. Bn. and the 7th Infantry Regt. The presence of the latter has also made necessary the employment of extra CC.RR. guards within the barracks. An unsatisfactory situation.
4. Efforts are being made to find other suitable accomodation for the Infantry Regt and release all barracks accomodation for use of Mob. Bn. and Special Coy CC.RR.
5. Personnel on special duty at Pisa, Sicily and Pistoia, (total 209 officers and men) were sent on instructions from CC.RR. General Command. Those at Pisa have been there since 9th Dec. 1945 and have had no training with their Bn. since then.
6. In its present reduced condition the Florence Bn. cannot be considered as a very effective striking force and the facts are submitted for whatever action may be considered necessary.

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W. Greenhough
 The majority of the officers
 are on special duty.

W. GREENHOUGH
 Major
 7 B.L.U.

RICHERIE CO. HR. MOUNTAIN BATTALION, COMPANY

TRANSITION

Outline of the strength under the date of 25th February 1945

	(Officers N. 20 M. Marshalls " 11 Sergeants " 68 Opls & OC. " 404)	Present Strength	(Officers N. 8 M. Marshalls " 7 Sergeants " 40 Opls & OC. " 118)	Supplied Strength	In kind	(Officers N. 6 Sergeants " 35 Opls & OC. " 44)	Total
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	Total " 503		Total " 193			Total " 251	
	(Cut of the base (Civitatecchia N. 44 " (Cecchiagnola " 7 " (Palermo " 116 " (Orzano (Rome) " 5 " (Fisa " 42 " (Pistoia " 52 Attached to internal group of Florence " 12 Hospital " 9 Infirmary " 2 Resting in the family " 11 On leave " 3 " for recovery " 6 Short leave " 3 Attached to other units " 5 Received at the Civilian Hospital of Pavia " 1		(Officer of the guard N. 1 Guard detail " 16 Sergeant of the day " 5 " of ammunition " 1 Telephonists " 2 Groupment Command " 6 Cooks " 7 Barrack-room sentry " 6 Offices " 6 Orderly " 1 Bugler " 1 Unit warehouse " 6 " " " 3 " " " 1 Food supply service " 1 Asteruel patrol " 6 Tanks armed guard " 16 Special tasks " 23 Workshop " 7				at disposal of Int Group Flor. N. 2 Resting " 4 Asking examination " 2 Summer course " 3 Driver course " 15 Total " 28
ABSENT STRENGTH	Total " 310						
	(Officers N. 12 M. Marshalls " 7 Sergeants " 59 Opls & OC. " 363)		(Officers N. 7 M. Marshalls " 4 Sergeants " 9 Opls & OC. " 25)				
NOT DISPOSABLE STRENGTH	Total " 442		Total " 45 + 16 driver with vehicle				

VARIATIONS HAPPENED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS:
Increases: 2 Carabinieri just arrived.

N.B. in the Supplied Strength are not included 52 military who left this morning for Pistoia - Military on leave are supplied.

THE MAJOR BEN COCCALANTO (Lello Islandri)

TRANSLATIONFLORENCE CC.RR. MOBILE BTN COMMANDPRO-MEMORIA

Florence, 25th February 1946

PERSONNEL OUT OF THE BASE

- N. 42 Military on reinforcement at Pisa since 9 December 1945 (Sheet N.309/2 dtd 8 Dec 45 of the 3rd Bgde CC.RR. of Florence per order of the Home Ministry).
- N. 41 Military at Civitavecchia to frequent the mechanical Specialisation Course since 14 January 1946 (per order Florence Legion).
- N. 7 Military at Cecchignola - Rome to frequent the mechanical Specialisation course since 14th January 1946 (per order Florence Legion)
- N. 116 Military on reinforcement in Sicily since 4th February 1946 (per order of the CC.RR. General Command.)
- N. 1 Military at Cesano - Rome to frequent the Military Police Course since 20 February 1946 (Per order Florence Legion)
- N. 4 Military at Cesano - Rome to frequent the Mechanical Specialisation Course since 5 February 1946 (per order Florence Legion)
- N. 12 Military on reinforcement to Florence Internal Group since 22 February 1946 (per order Florence Legion)
- N. 51 Military on reinforcement at Pistoia since 25 February 1946 (per order General HQ. of the Arma)
- N. B. From the personnel employed for barracks service, as in the enclosed outline, in case of grave disturbance of the public order in the town, we can recollect 38 individuals; the remaining is to be considered always undisposible for the defense of the barracks owing the known mixing with other units.
- Moreover it is possible to recollect for the same reason the military frequenting various courses in the base.

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THE COMMANDING MAJOR
- Lelio Palandri -

COMANDO BATA GLIONE MOBILE DE CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE

Specchio della forza alla data del 25 febbraio 1946

Forza Effettivi (Ufficiali n° 20, Maresc.M. II, Sottuff/li 68, App.e C/ri 404)

Forza Presente (Ufficiali n° 8, Maresc.M. 7, Sottuff/li 40, App.e C/ri 138)

Forza VETTOVAGLIATA (Ufficiali n° 6, Sott/li 35, App.e C/ri 41)

Totale... 503

Totale... 193

Totale... 361

Table with columns for location/status (e.g., Fuori sede, Ospedale, Infermeria) and counts. Includes sub-totals for SERVICIO and CASERMA.

VARIE: (A disp. Gruppo, Interno Firenze, A riposo, Chiedenti visita, Corsc armaioli, Artisti...)



Il Com. Comandante (Signature)

Forza indisponibile (Ufficiali n° 10, Maresc.M. 7, Sottuff/li 59, App.e C/ri 363)

VARIAZIONI AVVENUTE NELLE ULTIME 24 ORE: Aumenti: 2 Carabinieri nuovi giunti, 15 autisti con auto-mezzo, 52 militari parti stamani per Pistoia = 1 militari in permesso sono vettovagliati.

COMANDO BATTAGLIONE MOBILE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE

PRO-MEMORIA

Firenze, li 25 febbraio 1946

PERSONALE FUORI SEDE

- N°42 militari di rinforzo a Pisa dal 9 dicembre 1945 (foglio n.309/2 dell'8 detto della 3^a Brigata CC.RR.di Firenze in seguito ad ordine del Ministero dell'Interno).=
- N°41 militari a Civitavecchia per frequentare corso di specializzazione meccanica dal 14 gennaio 1946 (ordine Legione di Firenze).=
- N° 7 militari a Cecchignola - Roma per frequentare corso di specializzazione meccanica dal 14 gennaio 1946 (ordine Legione di Firenze).=
- N°116 militari di rinforzo in Sicilia dal 4 febbraio 1946 (ordine del Comando Generale dell'Arma).=
- N° 4 militari a Cesano - Roma per frequentare corso di specializzazione meccanica dal 5 febbraio 1946 (ordine Legione di Firenze).=
- N° 1 militare a Cesano - Roma per corso di polizia militare dal 20 febbraio 1946 (ordine Legione di Firenze).=
- N°12 militari di rinforzo al Gruppo Interno di Firenze dal 22 febbraio 1946 (ordine Comando Legione di Firenze).=
- N°51 militari di rinforzo a Pistoia dal 25 febbraio 1946 (ordine del Comando Generale dell'Arma).=

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N.B. Dal personale impiegato nel servizio di caserma, di cui all'allegato specchio nel caso di grave sovvertimento dell'O.P. in città, possono essere recuperate n°38 unità; la rimanenza deve essere considerata sempre indisponibile per la difesa della caserma a causa del noto frammi-schiamento con altri reparti.=

Possono inoltre essere recuperati per lo stesso motivo anche i militari che frequentano in sede corsi vari.=



IL MAGGIOR COMANDANTE

-Lelio Palandri-

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