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Subject:- La Guardia di Finanza

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ASGOT HQ, SICILY

3 Sep 42

To:- All SCAGs

(With copies sufficient for distribution to CAOs, CAPCs, FOCs and ROs.)

1. La Regia Guardia di Finanza is constituted under Italian Law for the performance of the following duties:-

(a) Supervision at source of yield of the following revenues:-

Customs Duties

Production Taxes.

Taxes on beer, wines, and spirits

State Monopolies

Direct Taxation and taxes on affairs

(b) Guarding and patrolling, in the Revenue interest, the coast-line and adjacent territorial waters; frontiers, lakes, lagoons and ports, including airports, and all points at which revenues are charged or liable to be charged.

(c) Special Investigation of Revenue offences, prevention, detection and repression of smuggling and tax evasion.

2. The Corps is organised in Zones, Legions, Circuits (Circoli), Companies, Platoons, Sections, and Brigades, to which are assigned certain areas of territory for supervision and executive duties. In addition to, but under the administrative control of the higher of these formations are two specialised sub-divisions, viz,

(a) Squadrons, normally provided with sea-craft, for Revenue service afloat, wearing naval uniform.

(b) Neuf di Polizia Tributaria, specially selected personnel for observation, investigation, research, and verification in all cases of suspected Revenue offences, a plain-clothes force

3. In the general dislocation of services and communications since the occupation of Sicily, the Corps may have been employed on duties other than those set forth above. This is provided for, in a state of emergency, in the Regulations of the Corps. It should be borne in mind, however, that the primary function of the Corps is a Revenue one.

4. In existing circumstances, concealment of liability and evasion of tax-paying on the part of the population may be anticipated on an abnormal scale.

5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the law in so far as Revenue charge and collection are concerned also "Black Market" and control of merchandise, and that no laxity is permitted. Please contact the senior officer of the Corps in your district and impress this matter upon him, and

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6. Any instance of neglect of duty or lack of zeal by units or members of the Corps should be reported to this H.Q. without delay. Similarly all offences by members of the public brought to notice by the Corps should be prosecuted by either Allied Military Court procedure or Civil Authority according to the nature of the offence.

Handwritten signature

A.P. GRANTIER-SALUT,
Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

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AG 371.2 (IBSGC)

SUBJECT: Security Plan for Palermo Area

TO : See Distribution

HEADQUARTERS

26 NOV 1943

1. Transmitted herewith is one copy of the Security Plan for Palermo Area. This plan supersedes the plan issued by the Palermo Military Area. (Destroy old plan by burning).
2. This plan goes into effect at 0800 hrs on 27 November 1943.
3. Units leaving the Palermo Area shall hand in their copies of the Security Plan to the Operations & Security Division of this Headquarters.

No copy
here

For the Commanding Officer:

E. G. Hoyt
E. G. HOYT,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Ass't Adj General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ISLAND BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 550

26 Nov 1943

SECURITY PLAN FOR PALERMO AREA

REF. MAP - TOWN PLAN OF PALERMO.

1. MISSION. The purpose of this plan is to provide protection to military personnel, equipment and supplies in the event of an emergency, such as an amphibian landing, attack by parachutists and civil disorders.

2. RESPONSIBILITY. No. 1 District is responsible for the ground defense and general security of the whole of Sicily, including the Island Base Section Area. In the event of civil disorders, it is the responsibility of the Carabinieri to maintain law and order. If they are unable to deal with the situation, then the military may be called to restore control. Troops will be withdrawn when the civil administration has regained control.

3. CONTROL. The Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, will command all troops, including the 119th Infantry Brigade, 46th Infantry Regiment of the Sabauda Division and all American Troops, except those used to guard Seventh Army Headquarters Installations.

4. COMMUNICATIONS. In the event of an alert or warning order, each unit included in the plan will immediately send a messenger mounted in a jeep or on a motorcycle to their respective assembly area. The following units will send a liaison officer and a messenger to Headquarters, Island Base Section (Map Ref. B 439-467) upon an alert or warning order. The commanding officers of the units listed below will command all troops assembling in their respective areas and all unit messengers will report to them.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY AREA</u>	<u>MAP REF.</u>
43rd Ordnance Bn	Artillery Barracks	B 438500
528th QM Bn	Race Track (Favorita Park)	B 425507
339th Ordnance Co	Ordnance Depot #1	B 420468
206th Signal Co	Signal Depot	B 423453
175th Engr Regt	Mondello Staging Area	B 400550
119th Inf. Brigade	#8 Via Ostia Mondello Staging Area	B 433480

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5. NOTIFICATION. In the event of an alert, the following will be notified immediately:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
Seventh Army Headquarters	Chief of Staff	Cadet 105
	Duty Officer (at nights)	Cadet 155
Air Corps	Major Coles, Exec	Owl North
	Sector Operations Room	Gin Fizz
Navy	Commander Rebel, Exec	Navy
34th F.A. Brigade	Lt.Col. Persons, S-3	Chipmunk
Island Base Section	Commanding Officer,	Clover 5 or 6
" " "	Colonel R. Sears	
" " "	F.A.D. Operator (who	Clover Green
" " "	will control the sound-	
" " "	ing of sirens)	
" " "	Provost Marshal,	Clover 27
" " "	Lt. Col. J.J. Shy	
" " "	Dispatcher	Clover 35

The IBS Dispatcher shall notify the Motor Pool and call ten (10) C & R vehicles or jeeps to IBS Headquarters for use during the emergency.

6. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS. Troops in the number listed in the column entitled "Initial Force", will be moved to and held in readiness at the assembly area listed opposite the name of the unit, upon the sounding of an alert or upon receiving orders to do so. In no event will starting the movement to the assembly area be delayed more than 30 minutes after the alert or designated time for starting the movement. The "Reserve Force" will be alerted, but will not move from their bivouac area until ordered to do so by the assembly area commander or higher authority.

<u>Assembly Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Initial Force</u>	<u>Reserve Force</u>	<u>Total Force</u>
Ordinance Depot	63d Chemical Co (Depot)	0	50	50
" "	339th Ord Co (MTS)	50	50	100
" "	201st Ord Co (Depot)	50	50	100
Artillery Bks	3rd Ord Co (MM)	50	50	100
" "	9th Ord Co (MM)	60	40	100
" "	3408th Ord Co (MTS)	50	50	100
" "	396th Port Bn	200	150	350
Race Track	78th Ord Co (Depot)	40	40	80
" "	255th QM Bn (Serv) (Cld)	100	100	200
" "	301st QM Bn, Co "G" (Steril) <i>Signal Depot</i>	50	50	100
" "	305th QM Co (Rhd) (Cld)	0	30	30
" "	246th QM Bn (Serv)	200	100	300
" "	55th QM Bn (T.M.)	100	200	300

225th QM Co (Salv Rep) Assembly Area "Signal Depot" initial force 50 - 50 - 100

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Assembly Area	Unit	Initial Force	Reserve Force	Total Force
Signal Depot	232nd QM Co (Salv Coll)	50	50	100
" "	206th Signal Co (Depot)	50	50	100
" "	177th Sig Rep Co, 3 Dets	0	0	0
Unit Bivouac	Hq & Hq Co, Island Base Sec.	100	50	150
" "	184th QM Co (Dep Sup)	0	50	50
" "	498th QM Co (Ldy) (Cld)	50	50	100
" "	549th QM Co (Ldy) (Cld)	100	80	180
Airport	54th QM Bn (Trk)	100	200	300
Staging Area #3	175th Engr Regt	400	100	500
Artillery Bks	3405th Ord Co (MM)	50	50	100
TOTAL IBS TROOPS		1850	1640	3490
<i>Mondello Staging Area</i>				
#8 Via Catania	119th Infantry Brigade (Br)	100	100	200
Staging Area #3	46th Inf Regt, Sabauda Div (I)	300	200	500
TOTAL TROOPS		2250	1940	4190

Seventh Army units will protect Seventh Army Installations. Headquarters, Seventh Army will be contacted for any assistance necessary.

7. SPECIAL UNITS. Eight (8) light tanks and twenty four (24) half tracks will be combat loaded and manned by the 83rd Ord Co (HM) upon call from the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.

8. ALERT SIGNAL. The Alert Signal will be an undulating note sounded on the air raid sirens or notification to assembly area commanders by telephone or by messenger. (The undulating note will be produced by turning the electric current to the sirens off and on at short intervals, depending on the characteristics of each siren).

9. AMMUNITION. All units will have full TEA allowance of ammunition on hand, ready for any emergency. Ammunition may be obtained at the Ordnance Base Depot near Piazza Olivuzza (Map Ref. B 422468). The use of grenades, gas and smoke against civilians is prohibited.

10. MEDICAL & First Aid Stations are located at: Map Ref.

1. 10th P of E Dispensary, 404 Via Roma (old #52) 438474
2. Navy Dispensary, 19 Via Florestano Pepe 433480
3. Navy Dispensary, Via Aquasanta, 1 block N. of Via Cantieri 446490
4. 56th Medical - Mondello Staging Area
5. Between Red Cross Rec. & Bank of Italy on Via Cavour between Via Roma and Via Maqueda 438472

b Hospitals are located at:

1. 34th Station Hospital) Corner Via Dei Vespri 441453
 2. 59th Evac Hospital) & Via Filiciussa
 3. 56th Medical Bn - Mondello Staging Area 415550
- 11th Evac Hospital, Mondello Staging Area,*

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11. UNIFORM: The following uniform will be worn by American Troops:

Wool O.D. Uniform
Steel helmet and liner
Leggings
Canteen (filled)
Web belt
First Aid Pack

NOTE: Officers will
carry carbines or wear
side arms.

British and Italian Soldiers will wear the uniforms prescribed by their commanding officers.
Troops will be armed with basic weapons.

R. SEARS
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Colonel, Ordnance
Commanding

Note: X. Amendments notified in
AG 3712 (IBSGG) of 3 Dec 43 (returned
to Central Registry) J.S./12

Colonel Meaney;

Inquiry should be made to determine if Col Snook has a copy of this plan. If not, he should obtain one, and have a plan for the employment of the CCA which can be integrated with the Security Plan for the Palermo area. Inquiry should be made to determine extent to which coordination has been effected.

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Security Plan

Col. Knook does not have a
copy. Is going to secure one

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