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GARRISON TROOPS IN ITALY
SEPT. 1944 - APR. 1945

Depend on shape as Trump. If are sending vehicles note
1 May. 43

Transportation S/C

Reference is made to your Minute 40 on

Please see 79A.

this file.

Transposition that
for D.S.

26/10/55
BUT 365

Public Safety S/C

44

I.H.T. in Security will be.
Turned over to the Italian Gov't,
in the very near future. It is
suggested that all - engineers, on
this subject, should be directly
of them.

E. J. Green Jr.

US file this 5860

OK Sec

Please See 99A and minutes 43 and 44.

101A for signature please.

Transposition that.

10/10/55
BUT 365

2nd Sec

38

8th signature per.

3rd 365.

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white papers

39

Transportation Sub. Commission

24 Three ton trucks have been sent by
MMA to the CCR in Sicily. These must be

returned by 30 April 1945.

On 92A G15 AFHQ state that the
24 Three ton trucks are to be replaced by vehicles
from Allied Commission resources.

May this be done, please?

Butler W-68
Public Safety etc

21st April 1945

Min 40.

TEL. 378

~~TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION~~

GF/ep

REF: AC/3/16/1945

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for C.O.R.R. in Sicily.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Returned by 30 April 1945.

In 92A G.S. ATHQ state that the 24 Three ton trucks are to be replaced by vehicles from Allied Commission resources. May this be done please?

Attache W-62-
Public Safety etc

21 April 1945

Min. 40.

Tel. 378

~~IN OFFICE MEMO~~
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

GF/ep

Ref: AC/3/16/Tn5

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for C.C.R.R. in Sicily.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 21 April 1945, reading the above subject. Transportation Sub-Commission are in no position to supply 24 three (3) ton trucks for the use of the C.C.R.R. in Sicily.

2. It is therefore suggested that this is a matter entirely between M.M.I.A., Public Safety Sub-Commission and the Italian Government.

For the Director:

Geo. V. Gross Jr.
G. V. GROSS JR.
Chief,
Roads Division.

- 34 -

C.A. Section

In 9A the Ministry of the Interior asks for 3 battalions of Italian troops to augment the Internal Security troops in Sardinia.

This subject was previously discussed in December last vide Minute 15 when it was decided that 4,200 Italian garrison troops should be sufficient for internal security in Sardinia.

In accordance with FAN 487 Allied Commission is not concerned with Public Safety conditions in Sardinia. Since the disposition of Italian troops in Italy is controlled by IMIA it is recommended that 81A & 81B be forwarded to them for reply to the Ministry of the Interior.

Bygones PP.

14 March 1945

AFW/G.

To Land Forces Sub-Commission (IMIA).

This Section is not in a position to decide on the disposition of Italian troops. Public Safety in Sardinia is entirely a matter for the Ministry of the Interior whose views are expressed in 81A. This Section has nothing to add.

The Ministry of the Interior will be informed that their letter has been forwarded to you and that they may expect a reply in due course.

[Signature]
G.R. BRUSH, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

19th March, 1945.

(36)

VP Sec.

*Ref above, please see MMIA
Letter 50/150 of 20th March 1945 for onward*

14 March 1945

ATW/G.

To Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

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[Signature]
E.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP GA Sec.

19th March, 1945.

VP Sec.

Ref above, please see MMIA
Letter SD/150 of 21 March 1945, for onward
transmission.

MMIA.

21 March 45.

37

P.S. 314, 315 and 316

CA.
22 MAR 1945

[Signature]
564
H. C. G. S.

2.7

Handwritten signature.

25.

1871

15

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Transcription rate

DM Sec.

CA.
5 MAR 1945

PS.

There are 23 at (4) Personnel will be brought upon the
to requisition such vehicles as are available when they are
the ideas for the purpose.

77 is with the in draft - on the basis of a delegation to
the Board. It wants vehicles to be requisitioned when it they
are such ideas. If they cannot be obtained the matter will
be referred to the Board between representatives of the
the reported to the Board. Limitations as to how provisions shall
be made.

CA.
5 MAR 1945

PA Sec.

31.

79A for Signature psc. Him 30 has been noted.

and in the event of failure to requisition trucks A.F.H.Q.
will be asked to decide on disbandment of mobile

lms.

32.
506.0

32

Land Forces

Will you please let us have your views on the draft at 79A

CA.
7 MAR 1945

33.

PA Sec.
& Hanes

PS. agreed. 79A for signature psc.
Let the at 79A for signature psc.

Handwritten signature

Transportation that
looks?
506.0

NOTE SHEET 7.

27.

Explain.

10. ~~See~~

There are much all in particular the recommendations of the Commission under the terms of the 1987 act is no longer to inhibit itself in the law and order in society, then it is recommended that some two be

Adopted.

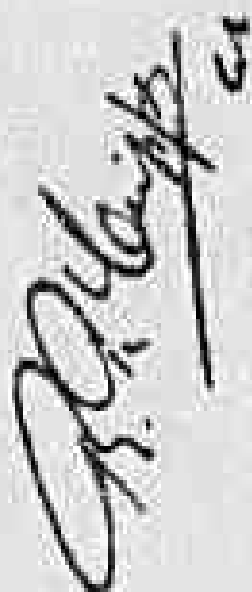
Before signing the draft letter at 77A may I please have your instruction

CHS

3/11/88

L. G. O. S.

11/4/83



28.

V. P. C. A. S.

I regard these mobile battalions as of great value to the C.C.R. & it would be a great pity if they were disbanded. As we (AFVRS) were instrumental in making their formation possible by providing transport - we should, even under the new policy, try to see that they are maintained

Italy, then it is recommended that come two to

Adopter

Before signing the auth. letter at 77A may I please
have your instruction

CMS

3/10/43

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5/11/43

R. H. Knight

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value to the CERR. & it would be a great
pity if they were disbanded. As we (AFRIC)
were instrumental in making their formation possible
by providing transport - we should, even under the
new policy, try to see that they are maintained

- (a) by bringing pressure on Ben Drando to get the
necessary trucks requisitioned in Sicily: we know
they exist. (Pressure should also be brought to
bear by R.C. in H.C. Sicily)
- (b) by getting AFRIA to prolong the loan - (by
rather the order of disorder a little)

775/24/3

OHA Sec.

26.

2 COBR Battalions were formed in Sicily in Jan 1945. Please see:-

25A - forwarding Scheme to MMIA.

28A - from MMIA to AFHQ recommending Scheme, and suggesting that 24 trucks and 24 A/Vehicles be supplied. Further, that if 3 ton trucks could not be requisitioned, then that 12 trucks be issued from Army sources.

34A - from MMIA to this SFC notifying AFHQ approval, and stating that the 24 trucks were on a loan basis for 1 month, during which time trucks were to be requisitioned from civilian sources.

46A - R.C. Sicily asked to assist COBR in requisitioning trucks

49A - Commanding General COBR requested to requisition 24 trucks.

57A - Reply from COBR that after liaison with Sicily transport authorities and the Military Command, it has not been possible to requisition 24 trucks.

70A - R.C. Sicily replies unable to requisition trucks

74A - to MMIA pointing out the failure to requisition trucks and asking that existing trucks remain with COBR for such time as mobile lns. are necessary.

75A - from MMIA requesting the return of the trucks to Naples by 15 March 45.

The withdrawal of transport will cause the disbanding of the two mobile lns. in Sicily. Accordingly it is for decision whether

1. We should make a strong request to AFHQ to

- were on a train ~~which~~ ^{which} trucks went to be requisitioned from civilian ~~border~~ ^{border} trucks.
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- 49A - Commanding General CARR requested to requisition all trucks.
- 57A - Reply from CARR that after liaison with Sicily transport authorities and the Military Command, it has not been possible to requisition 24 trucks.
- 70A - R.C. Sicily replies unable to requisition trucks
- 74A - 46 NMIA pointing out the failure to requisition trucks and asking that existing trucks remain with CARR for such time as mobile hrs. are necessary.
- 75A - From NMIA requesting the return of the trucks to Naples by 15 March 48.

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1. We should make a strong request to AFHQ to leave the transport in Sicily, or
2. Allow the transport to be withdrawn after bringing to the notice of AFHQ that this will cause the disbanding of these battalions.

In view of the present policy in the South of Italy, and the fact that 'call-up' results have recently been satisfactory, the Second alternative is favoured, and TTA has been prepared for signature. It must be remembered that we are asking A.F.H.Q. to supply 48 trucks for 4 mobile hrs in the North

Chapman

D.P.S.

343
365

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2) Noted. Perhaps you will bring this matter up again after Cole Younger returns.

CA S
21 JUL 1945

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25 Dec

nothing fresh as a result of Col. Young's visit to Sandvica. Birds raised in 55^A and 56^A covered by CA Sec.

72^A - for Signature please.

92/65
5m 36s

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Q. S. A.

-24-

CA Section:
75A and 76A for information. I am sure that the
Executive Commission will also be interested.
Chapman
11 D.D.
2d Feb. 43-

66

5B

V.P. has seen 76A on your file "C.C.R. Transport" & will
inform E.X.C. when forwarding your memo, then
OKS. *proceed.* *R.R. Knight* an

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Chapman

D.P.S.

-24-

CA section:
75A and 76A for information. I am sure that the
Executive Committee will also be interested.

Chapman
Encl - D.P.S.
24 Feb. 45

25

P.S. V.P. has seen 76A in your file "cc. RR. mem. put." & will
inform Ex.C. when passing your memo. then
OK. [Signature] R.R. Crippen

26

Ch. Sec. In view of 70A and 75A, 77A has been prepared
for signature. [Signature] [Signature]
1/1/45
4x365.

24

19

CA, See

Please see 55^A and 56^A copies forwarded to hand 'Comes 50' with covering letter 50^A (for signature).

Paras. 5 and 6 of 56^A are important, although

not from a P/Safety point of view, and you may decide to raise the issues involved with C.O.S.

24/45.
not 305

John W. Chapman
Director of Supply.

20

To C.O.S.

55a & 56a passed to you for action.

VP is not forwarding 59A, but copies of 56a & 55a are

being forwarded to KAD7 issues SE & KCONSEC the

latter's particular action is being drawn to your attention

of 56a.

CAS

25 JAN 65

K 608

R. H. Cripps ^{cd}

-21-

(A Direction:-

Re 55^A para 6.

its demonstration has already been made that

To P.S.

LD

55a & 56. passed to you for action.

WP. is not forwarding 59A, but copies of 56, 55a are being forwarded to LAMP, traces SE & KCONSEC the latter particular also is being drawn to para 6

of 56a.

R. R. Cripps ^{ch}

CAS

25 JAN 65

K. 608

-21-

(A Section:-

Re 55A para 6.

Sub para (a) Representation has already been made that

Troops be not reduced below 4900.

Sub para (b). Ground in same representation:-

Sub para (c). This has been agreed by Land to co-OPK.

Sub para (d) = representation ??

Sub para (e) = Policy dictated removal of P.S. Officer reduction of

Sub para (f) = Policy dictated removal of P.S. Officer not to act on this

present program in Station that Strategy.

prior to Col Young's return from London.

Sub para (g) Agreement was made for Military Police and was decided.

Chapman

Col. R. R. C.

27 Jan 65

Due to Supply

MINUTE SHEET

15.

15

TO: Public Safety.

As agreed at the Meeting - COM, 1000 CA Section, 500 Land Forces, and Deputy Director Public Safety, today it was agreed:

- (1) that 1,200 troops should be sufficient on the island and AC would not ask for any to be returned.
- (2) That Land Forces were not contemplating moving any more from the island unless so ordered by AFHQ.

Public Safety to draft letter for signature by the VP, asking AFHQ not to reduce the forces below 1,200; and to write a letter to the R.C., Sardinia Region setting out the position.

T. R. Ripton
 G.M. TROJEN, Brig..
 VP CA Section,
 1000

31 Dec 44.

16

VP. CA Section

letter prepared in accordance with

Minute 15 above. 36A.37A

Chapman

Director of Public Safety etc

1 Jan 1945.

VF.

Re: 36A

It is a matter of staff work to determine the number of troops to be maintained on the island. The number should not be reduced below 1,200 unless it is necessary to do so. The number should be maintained at 1,200 unless it is necessary to do so.

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T. R. Peyton
G.R. UPJOIN, Brig.,
VP CA Section,
DCOS

31 Dec 44.

16

VP. CA Section

letter prepared in accordance with

Memo 15 above. 36A.37A

Shapman

Director of Public Security

1 Jan 1945.

VP.

Refer 36A. It is a mission of with some of the... decision should not be conveyed to a... as may be necessary to enable them to... of time and away out to... I suggested that... decided to reduce the... to... and that... of the... The... beyond... opinion

17.



7 JAN 1945

18.

PS

letter retransmitted

[Signature]

8 JAN 1945

to be

TO: CAS

Minute
14.

- 4-B Bonomi requesting 2 R.C.s.
 5-A Eric Upjohn to Chief Commissioner on conf. MIA
 6-A Eric Upjohn to R.C. Sardegna.
 7-A Cable R.C. Sardegna reply to 6-A
 7-B Letter R.C. Sardegna reply to 6-A.
 16-A Cable ACC to AFHQ minimum for Sardegna.

28/12/44
 Room 6 5th Floor
 Ext 666. PS S/C.

VP

The story of this matter is as follows.

On 13 Dec. the Thin of this matter is as follows.
 from Sardegna to the mainland, after different arrangements.

On 24 Sep. AC submitted the case to AFHQ for review, and AC consulted R.C.
 on 26 Sep. R.C. replied that the minimum amount required for Sardegna was \$1000.

There is nothing to show that Land Rover, AFHQ, or AFHQ was given this
 information at this stage.

On 30 Sep. The Thin of this matter is as follows.

On 28 Sep. AFHQ enquired what minimum of R.C.s. should be sent
 and after communication with R.C.

On 2 Nov. AC replied to AFHQ - \$1000.

On 18 Dec. AC sent AFHQ for a decision and on
 on 20 Dec. AFHQ (directly to R.C.) ordered the substitution of
 one R.C. from Sardegna.

Apparently AFHQ is preparing to discuss with R.C.
 the minimum number.

On 28 Dec. AFHQ. The following comments

The responsibility for presenting order on Sardegna rests
 primarily upon the Italian R.C. and only secondarily upon the AFHQ.
 That the Italian R.C. has a more intimate knowledge of Sardegna
 the conditions and the number of R.C.s which are necessary
 than AFHQ, and the R.C. has twice asked for the withdrawal
 of these R.C.s. It is therefore necessary to discuss the
 minimum number.

That AFHQ has been advised of the minimum for Sardegna
 necessary for the winter, and that there are 10 R.C.s in Sardegna.

As a point of criticism. A month before the end of 1944
 when it was decided on 26 Dec. the communication to AFHQ on 28 Dec.
 that the R.C. was to be sent for a further 10 months after they had
 been sent to the mainland.

Colonel
 D.P.S.

Chapman

5/1/45
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14B On 20 Feb. the MR of the asked our agreement to his. One thing moved from Sardinia to the mainland, after internal arrangements. 14C On 20 Feb. MR requested the case to 14B for review and to consider 14D On 20 Feb. 14C replied that the minimum amount required in Sardinia was 1000. There is nothing to show that Land Forces, MR, or MR have given this information at this stage.

14A 15 Feb 1974

14A On 30 Feb. The MR of the repeated his request 14B On 28 Feb. 14B enquired what minimum of troops should be kept and after communication with 14C, 14A On 2 Mar. 14C replied to 14B - 1000. 14A On 19 Mar. 14C asked 14B for a decision and to 14B On 20 Mar. 14B replied to 14C (direct copy to 14C) saying the substitution of one man from Sardinia. 14A On 20 Mar. 14C is proposing to discuss with 14C the minimum 14C is

On 20 Mar. 14C shows the following comments

The ~~main~~ responsibility for providing order on Sardinia rests ~~with~~ primarily upon the Sardinian GPs and only secondarily upon the Italian. That the Italian GPs has a more intimate knowledge of Sardinia the Sardinians and the number of troops which are necessary to maintain order. And the GPs has been asked for the 1000 minimum of troops for maintenance now nearly 3 1/2 months ago.

That 14B has been advised of the minimum we consider necessary ~~and~~ for another day, and then we will be in a position to make a point of criticism. A note was passed before the MR of 1000 which was received on 20 Feb. was communicated to 14B on 20 Feb. And the MR went to sleep for a further few months after they had got that figure - and never woke up until after 14B made a decision was not

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29 DEC 1944

MINUTE.

12To Civil Affairs Section.

With reference to the reduction of the strength of 5,000 Italian garrison troops (Calabria Division) in Sardinia:

On the 1st November, 1944, Regional Commissioner, Sardinia sent a signal to Headquarters, Allied Commission, stating: "High Commissioner has been consulted and responsibility cannot be accepted if effective troops reduced below minimum of 5,000."

On the 2nd November, HQ, AC, sent a signal to ATHQ stating: "This Headquarters considers that a minimum of 5,000 troops is essential to meet internal security requirements of Sardinia. It should be understood that this is a minimum figure and does not provide any margin to meet unexpected emergencies."

On the 8th November, the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia, reported: "If the whole of the Calabria Division, that is, 5,000 effective troops in addition to administrative troops are left, the requirements of the Island as regards internal security should, in my opinion, be covered. There will, however, be no margin to meet an unexpected emergency and responsibility cannot be accepted for any reduction below this figure."

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John W. Chapman

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John W. Chapman

John W. Chapman,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

5630

26th December, 1944.

Room 8 1/2th Floor
Set 696 PS S/C

(13)

VP

Min 12 above relates to the marginally mounted forms of 3rd A
In view of the above form of 2nd A you will probably wish to speak

to WCC.

CAS.

27 DEC 1944

John W. Chapman

Minute 8.

CA Sec.

Please see 18th 19th 20th 22nd 23rd for your information. C.O. and C.O.S. might like to know that agreement has been reached on the formation of a battalion for Sicily. When full details are settled R.C. Sicily will be informed.

13th 14th

Phone no. 365.

Chapman
Col D.L.

P.S. The WP will pass this information on

W. H. H. H. H.
H. H. H. H. H.

CAS
1 DEC. 1944

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CA Sec.

Please see 25th A-B. Mobile Bns are being formed for Palermo and Messina regions. Hand Jones SPO (MNA) will supply transport. R.C. Sicily has been informed.

Hand Jones SPO
for D.F.S.

13th 14th
4x7365.

11.

To: P.S. Re: 10 & 25 A.B.

Would thank you. R.A. H. H.

CAS.
17 Dec. 44.
R. H. H.

Col H.H.H.

Phone no. 365.

P.S. The WP will pass this information on

H.H.H.
for info

CAS
1 DEC. 1944

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CA Sic.

Please see DS A-B. Mobile Bns are being
formed for Palermo and Messina regions.
and Jones SPO (MNH) will supply transport.
R.C. Sicily has been informed.

Frank Wilson MPT
for D.F.S.

18¹² 44
to 7365.

11.

To: R.C. Re: 10 + 25-0-3

What thank you. R.H. Whipp

CAS.
14 Dec. 44.
R. 6 44.

5632

CA Sec.

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This file was called for by COS yesterday as a result of a meeting he had had with Gen. Browning. I had not seen it until after the meeting today.

2. Ref 17 a. There is no action on this letter as a reply was sent to G-5 some time ago recommending that a garrison of 5000 be left in Sardinia, and I think RC had a copy.

Col.

22/11.

CA Sec. Please send copy of
Cable 5822 your folio 16A
to R.C. Sardegna.

PS. Please send copy as requested
22 NOV 1944 *Pharmacia* sit
CA Sec.

562+
22/11
Done.
See 21A

Deos C.A.S.

lf

? advice in this file

(1) that no reply has been sent to R.E. Sordani's
Done. 21^A

P. 7 A

(2) that there is no record of R.E. Sordani having
been consulted or informed with reference to ft

18 B to 20 A

MS (21/21)

5630

Minute 1.Col. Chapman.

I have ascertained from F.I.A. that the position of Italian troops in Sardinia is as follows:-

Military H.Q.	150
Administrative Personnel	
Services	1,500
Calabria Division	5,000
205 Division	3,000
A.A. & C.B.	5,400

It is planned to keep only the 5,000 troops of the Calabria Division as internal security troops with the exception of two battalions of these troops which it is proposed to move from Sardinia to Calabria, thus releasing two battalions in Calabria for Sicily.

These plans will not be put into operation until orders are received from A.I.H.Q.

W. Wilcox

14th October, 1944.

A.F. Wilcox, Lt. Col.

M.N. 2

See by D.P.S.

To P.S.

Re 13a 9 its action taken by Cos at 149.

C.A.S.

27.01.44

X. 608

Noted

27

2nd Nov 1944

Civil Affairs Section

15A for your information

5623

Public Safety

Release Note No. R 156

H. Q. 2 DISTRICT

To Allied Commission

Release is authorised to you of :-

Q(AE)AFHQ
Against ~~xxx~~ Serial :-

Humber Armoured Car Mark IV (with
Kits Part I, II, III)

qty 28

A/VA/8573

For :- Public Safety Sub Commission

To be drawn 4 Veh Group NAPLES within ^{25/6/6} ~~14~~ days

To be returned to nearest RVP on _____ (Temporary releases only)

Remarks Balance of 20 vehicles will be released when this quantity is handed in by
another unit.

THIS NOTE MUST BE PRODUCED BY UNIT
WHEN COLLECTING

5620
G. P. Campbell ^{capt}
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.

8 PUBLIC SAFETY 40

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

NWH-S/seb

7812

18 April 1945

G-5: 014.12

SUBJECT: CC. RR Mobile Battalions - SICILY

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference your AC/14056/5/PS dated 8 March 45.
2. Instructions have now been issued to MMIA by cable authorizing retention of 24 Italian Army vehicles by CC. RP in SICILY until 30 April, and ordering replacement from Allied Commission resources by that date if possible.
3. Will you please take immediate action with regard to the feasibility of shipping trucks from the mainland to SICILY to replace these 24 trucks on loan from MMIA. In this connection it is thought that there is no shortage of civilian vehicles in ROME.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

N. W. Hind-Smith
N. W. HIND-SMITH
Captain, R.A.

Copy to:

G-3
Land Forces S/C (MMIA)

DIRECTOR	<i>W</i>	<i>21/4</i>
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>W</i>	<i>21/4</i>
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	<i>W</i>	<i>25/4</i>
HC. & REG.		
PRISON		

5621

SECRETFX 59836
APR 141236B91A ^{PS}
15 APR. 1945D/7125
APR 151216B
ROUTINE

FREEDOM SIGHTED SACHED CITE PHOAB PHORB

ACTION DISTWO, ALCOM FOR P SAFETY SO, RAAC, 38 VEH COY, 4 VEH GP
38 VEH COY, 12 VP 38 VEH COY, 16 VP 38 VEH COY, ADV HQ 46 BR INF
DIV, MAIN HQ 46 BR INF DIV, 2 VEH GP 38 VEH COY**SECRET**

Cur FX 57830 of 10 not to all refers.

1. Release serials AVR 8549 and 8550 authorising issue Greyhound Armad cars M8 are cancelled.

2. Released to you for ALCOM for mobile carabinieri under serial AVR 8573 EX 12 VP NAPLES. Number IV Armad cars Qty 28 with kit parts 1 11 and 111. For 4 veh Gp. Advise DISTWO earliest repeated this Hq when vehs ready for collection. DISTWO on receipt of this information will arrange collection by unit drivers.

3. Balance Qty 20 number IV Armad cars to complete requirements for 4 Bns will be released ex 01 1 Afva to be handed in by nominated unit. You will be notified earliest details time and location for collection.

TO	
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
PRIN. OFFICER	
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PRISONS	
ADJ. GEN.	15 APR 1945
SEC. GEN.	
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Colt. J. J. J.	

DistInfo - Action - P Safety
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX 57830**
 Date-Time of Origin: **APR 101341B**

Message Centre No: **D/7347**
 Date-Time Rec'd: **APR 110940B**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQAE FHTRB**
 TO: **DISTNO INFO (2) ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION (3) RAAC (4) HQ 38 VEHICLE COY (5) 4 VEHICLES GP 38 VEH COY (6) 12 VEH PARK 38 VEH COY (7) 2 VEH GP 38 VEH COY (8) 16 VEH PARK 38 VEH COY**

SECRET

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INFO - ACTION

AFHQ ESD/81/3 of 3rd not to all refers.

GREYHOUND armoured cars M8 released to you for ALLIED COMMISSION for Mobile Carabinieri under serial shown.

1. AVR8549 ex 12 vehicle park NAPLES quantity 18. Vehicles issued will be those serially numbered prior to 7401. AVR 8550 ex 16 vehicle park ANCONA quantity 11. All equipments with kit part 1, 2 and 3.

2. Vehicle group concerned will advise DISTNO earliest repeated this HQ when vehicles ready for collecting. DISTNO on receipt this information will arrange immediate collecting.

INFO - ACTION

DIST

INFO-ACTION: P.Safety
 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 CA Sec
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[Signature]

N.F.A. at present await XI then B/F.
11/25. [Signature]

SECRET



Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. Hq.

7th April, 1945.
N. 14/26

Reply to letter AC/14056/5 dated 29/3/45.

Subject : CC.RR. Battalion of Sardinia.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

With ref. to the a/m letter, it is deemed opportune to represent that further researches in Sardinia of trucks to be requisitioned for the Cagliari Battalion could not give a result different to that reported with letter n. 14/23, dated 19 March, 1945.

In fact, the situation of auto-vehicles on the Island is well-known and the deficiency of these materials has recently induced the Allied Authorities to grant a considerable quantity of trucks to the High Commissioner of Sardinia for the exigencies of civilian transport.

Therefore the Sub-Commission is requested kindly to take up the matter again with the Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.), so that it authorises the definit cession of 8 of the 12 trucks temporarily assigned to the Cagliari Battalion, in order to avoid that the efficiency of this unit be compromised from the beginning.

Commanding General
- Brunetti Brunetti -

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TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIR.	
EXEC. OFFICER	
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LC. & REG.	
PRISON	
ADJ. GEN.	
SEC. ST.	
CHIEF	

MMIA have already given a decision - 87A. There is no point in repeating the request.

2 B/F on 23⁴ for further letter to MMIA requesting time extension

12⁴/₄₅. *[Signature]*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 4030-1 - 365

11 June, 1945

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR Mobile Battalions - Sicily.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your G-5:014.12 dated 21 May 45.
2. The question of surplus transport in Sicily has been discussed with Transportation Sub-Commission. No trucks are available from Allied Commission resources.
3. All Sicily transport will be turned over to the Italian Government in the near future and it is suggested that when that takes place, the Italian authorities be asked to provide 24 3 ton trucks for the Mobile Battalions.
4. Your attention is called to your cable EX 71459 dated 6 May 45 from AFHQ signed SACRED DATE FIXCT to IMIA ALCON, in which authority was granted for the Italian Army trucks to remain at the disposal of Carabinieri in Sicily until their retention is no longer justified by the state of public order.

For the Chief Commissioner :


G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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TRANSLATION MC.
CO. RR. GENERAL HQ.

n:148/151-1944

n:148/151-19th
Subject: Mixed Battalions for Sicily.
To : Allied Commission P.S. s/c.

For information it is reported that the "Alpini" of the two mixed battalions Montenegro 1^o & 2^o, for Sicily, following dispositions of this Command, have been substituted with military soldiers of the S.I. "Aosta" Division.

The new denomination of those units is mixed battalion 1^o (Palermo legion) with his HQ in this last town, mixed battalion 2^o (Messina legion) with HQ in Catania.

The total number of each battalion is of 400 soldiers officers included.

Commanding General
-Brunetti Brunetto-

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EXEC. OFFICER		
POWERS		
INS. & ADJ.		
PRISONS		
ADJ. GEN.		
SEC. GEN.		
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Translate please.



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 148/151 di prot. 1944

Roma, li 23 maggio 1945.

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Battaglioni misti per la Sicilia.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

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Comunicasi, per notizia, che gli Alpini dei due battaglioni misti Montegranero 1° e 2° <sup>per disposizione di quest Comando</sup> sono stati sostituiti con militari della Divisione S.I. "Aosta".

La nuova denominazione di tali reparti è battaglione misto 1° (legione Palermo) con sede in quest'ultima città, battaglione misto 2° (legione Messina) con sede in Catania.

L'organico complessivo di ciascun battaglione è di 400 uomini compresi gli ufficiali.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
-Brunetto Brunetti-

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*Public Safety S/C*  
*1012*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

CJM/3

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21 May 1945

G-5: 014.12

SUBJECT: CG RR Mobile Battalion, Sicily.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference is AC/14056/5/FS 30 April 1945.

1. It is alleged that a surplus of transport exists in Sicily and that some is finding its way to the mainland.
2. The Allied Commission is reputed to have enjoyed the use of 1500 - 1800 captured Italian trucks during their administration. These, it is said, are still in use.
3. Will you please enquire into these allegations so that, if substantiated, arrangements may be made for the immediate release of the twenty four trucks loaned to the Carabinieri and their substitution from local resources.

For Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*C. J. MacNamara*  
C. J. MACNAMARA,  
Major, P. C.

| TO              | INITIALS  | DATE        |
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| DIRECTOR        | <i>JW</i> | <i>24/5</i> |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |           |             |
| EXEC. OFFICER   | <i>JA</i> | <i>24/5</i> |
| POLICE          | <i>DP</i> | <i>25/5</i> |
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| ADM. OF PRIS.   |           |             |
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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PSAFETY

Originator's Reference: FX 71459  
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 061426B

Message Centre No: D/9864  
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 061700B  
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SA GRED CITE FHGOT  
 TO: ADIA ALCOM

14056/5

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Further our FX 61002 dated 16 April.

ALCOM unable provide trucks from their resources. Authority granted therefore for Italian Army trucks to remain at disposal of CCHR in SICILY until their retention no longer justified by state of public order.

| TO              | INIT | DATE |
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| DIRECTOR        |      |      |
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ACTION: Land Forces S/C 2

\* Pub Safety S/C

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

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CA Sec

Tn S/C 2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APC 394.

AC/14601/65/TS.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

2nd May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Training of drivers for CC.RR.

TO: Lord Posen Sub-Commission (MIA).

1. With reference to the training of 18 drivers of the Italian Carabinieri on Maser 4 x 4 armoured cars at Portici, Naples: at the conclusion of their training the Carabinieri should be instructed to report to the Legion Commander, Carabinieri Headquarters, Naples.

2. The 18 Maser 4 x 4 armoured cars should be released to the Carabinieri and driven by them to the Legion Headquarters, Naples.

3. Your assistance in training these Carabinieri drivers is very much appreciated by the Commanding General of the Royal Carabinieri and by this Sub-Commission.

*W. W. L. L.*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to Commanding General, CC.RR.

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**SECRET**FX 67406  
APRIL 28/1916BD/9105  
APRIL 29/1625B  
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQAE

30 APR 1945 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

ACTION: DISTWO INFO: ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SC, RAAC, HQ 38 VEH COY, 4 GP  
38 VEH COY, 12 VP, 38 VEH COY, 6 VEH GP 37 VEH COY, 5 VP 38 VEH COY, 740 AB WORKSHOPS**SECRET.**

Reference para 3 our FX 59836 of 14 April

1. Qty 20 Humber IV Armd cars to complete equipment of mobile carabinieri released to you as under.

2. Serial AVR 8623. Qty 12 these AFVS now being overhauled in 740 W/Shops REHE and will be available for collection by unit drivers ex 5 Vp BISCEGLIE on 9 May.

A/ 3. Serial AVR 8624 ex 12 VP NAPLES. Qty 8. Immediate available for collection by unit drivers.

4. Kit. All above AFVS with kit parts 1 11 and 111

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INFO-ACTION: Public Safety S/C  
INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
CA Sec  
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Spence 26/45.**SECRET**

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

30 April, 1945

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR. Mobile Battalions, - Sicily  
TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ

1. Reference your G-5: 014.12 dated 18 April, 1945.

2. The question of shipping 24 trucks from the mainland to Sicily has been discussed with Transportation Sub-Commission. No trucks are available from Allied Commission resources.

3. It is therefore suggested that the 24 Italian Army vehicles remain at the disposition of the Carabinieri in Sicily until such time as their use is no longer justified by the state of public order.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.  
VP CA Sec.

Copy to:  
Land Forces S/C (MILIA)

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen.HQ.

14056/5 94A  
19 April, 1945.  
N. 148/143-1944

Subject : Autovehicles for the Mobile Battalions of Sicily.  
To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The Military Territorial Command, following request of the Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) has confirmed the impossibility of requisitioning on the spot 20 trucks of a type suitable to replace those temporarily allotted to the two Battalions of the Island.

Therefore, the Sub-Commission is requested kindly to contact the M.M.I.A. to the effect that the 20 trucks temporarily allotted to the a/m Battalions be definitely left at their disposal.

N.F.A.

Done.

See 95A.  
By Order  
Colonel Chief of Staff  
-Ronao dalla Chiesa-

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**UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO**

Roma, il 19 aprile 1945

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*Adapted from*

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Si prega, pertanto, codesta Sottocommissione di compiacersi intervenire verso la M.M.I.A. onde ottenere che i 20 autocarri ceduti in via provvisoria ai predetti battaglioni siano ad essi lasciati definitivamente.

N. F. A. 

30/1 ordine  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.  
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

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SUBJECT: Veh Releases

HQ 2 District CMF  
2353/13 G(SD2)

19 Apr 45

Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Allied Commission ROME  
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Ref AFHQ message FX 59836 dated 14 April 1945, copy to you.

1 The 28 Humber Armoured Cars Mark IV referred to in this message are now ready for collection. The attached release note No 156 should be taken to 4 Veh Group at NAPLES and detailed arrangements for the physical drawing of the vehicles made.

2 As agreed in telephone conversation with you today, the drivers for these vehicles will require some days special training before they can take over their vehicles. It is accordingly confirmed that your representative in NAPLES is to arrange accommodation for about 50 drivers near the vehicle park, where a temporary school of instruction is to be set up, commencing on or about 26 April 45. It is understood that arrangements for petrol etc will be made by you with the appropriate authorities. It is further confirmed that your representative in NAPLES is to apply for the necessary instructors to Lt Col N.E.O. WATTS (GSO I-MT.3) at the Directorate of Military Training (Telephone NAPLES automatic 16872) referring to his telephone conversation of today's date with GSO I this HQ.

3 When arrangements are provisionally complete would you please notify this HQ so that the Vehicle Coy may be given some idea of how much longer the vehicles will have to remain in the park.

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| DIRECTOR        |      |      |
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| ADJ. OFFICER    |      |      |
| SEC. TO         |      |      |
| CHIEF           |      |      |

Major General,  
Comd 2 District.

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. I4/26 di prot.

Roma, li 7 aprile 1945.

Risposta al foglio del 29 marzo u.s. „AC/I4056/5/PS“ allegati n.

OGGETTO: Battaglione CC.RR. della Sardegna.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto, si ritiene opportuno rappresentare che le ulteriori ricerche in Sardegna di autocarri da requisire per il battaglione di Cagliari non potrebbero dare esito diverso da quello segnalato col foglio n. I4/23 del 19 marzo u.s.

E', infatti, nota la situazione degli automezzi nell'isola ed è altresì risaputo che la constatata deficienza di detti materiali in luogo ha recentemente indotto le autorità Alleate a concedere un congruo quantitativo di autocarri all'Alto Commissariato della Sardegna per le esigenze dei trasporti civili.

Si prega, pertanto, codesta Sottocommissione di compiacersi insistere presso la Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) affinché voglia autorizzare la cessione definitiva di 8 dei 12 autocarri temporaneamente assegnati al battaglione di Cagliari, onde evitare che sia compromessa fin dall'inizio l'efficienza di detto reparto.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
-Brunetto Brunetti-

*Brunetti*



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

29 March 1945

AG/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR. Mobile Battalions  
TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. Reference your 14/23 dated 19 March 1945.
2. Your request for the allotment of 8 trucks to the Cagliari Legion, has been referred to MMIA who have asked that you make further efforts to requisition the trucks from civilian sources.
3. In the meantime, it is expected that the borrowed Army trucks will be returned not later than 1st May 1945.

*John W. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Transportation for Mobile CC RR  
Bn in SARDINIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/141  
26 March 45

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

Your ref.: AC/14056/5/PS dated 24 March 45.

1. Please have the C.G. CC RR make further efforts to requisition the eight civilian trucks in SARDINIA which the CC RR have need of there.
2. In the meantime, we shall plan upon the CC RR returning the eight borrowed Army Trucks not later than 1 May 45.

*Rex E. Penley*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

WB

| TO              | INT | DATE |
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| DIRECTOR        |     |      |
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| LIC. & REG.     |     |      |
| PRISON          |     |      |
| ADM. CO. CPT    |     |      |
| SEC. TV         |     |      |
| CHIEF CLERK     |     |      |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

27 March, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : CG.RR Mobile Battalions - Sicily.

TO : AFHQ C-5

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 8 March 45 on the above subject.
2. May we be informed please how this matter now stands.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.  
VP CA Sec.

Copy to M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

21 March 1945

AC/14153/PS

SUBJECT : Transport for CC.RR.-Mobile Battalions  
TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. Reference your signal PX 43562 dated 14 March, 1945.

2. Mobile Carabinieri Battalions are necessary in each of the four northern Regions of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia. Battalions have already been organized for Service in Sicily and Sardinia. Each battalion consists of 305 CC.RR. (all ranks) carried by 1 motor car, 12 3ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles. An additional 200 men are trained and held on reserve. Organization is as shown on attached Appendix 'A'.

3. Personnel can be supplied by Carabinieri from the normal strength of the Legions concerned. A spearhead force has been arranged for each of the four northern regions, and as reinforcements are provided to bring the region to its allotment on a 55,000 ceiling, the mobile battalion can be activated if transport is available.

4. Carabinieri for N.W. Italy have been concentrated in the Florence area, and if transport is allotted it should be made available at Florence. Men awaiting movement to the north can then be trained for duty in mobile battalions.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Copy to:

MMIA

Commanding General CC.RR.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.  
VP CA Sec

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## Appendix 'A'

MOBILE BATTALION (305 All Ranks)  
MAJORA COMPANY  
CaptainB COMPANY  
Captain  
(101 All Ranks)C COMPANY  
Captain

## 1st Platoon

1 Lieut  
1 H.C.O.  
23 CC.RR.  
1 3-ton truck  
1 Armoured Vehicle

## 2nd Platoon

2 Lieut  
1 H.C.O.  
23 CC.RR.  
1 3-ton truck  
1 Armoured Vehicle

## 3rd Platoon

1 Maresciallo  
1 H.C.O.  
23 CC.RR.  
1 3-ton truck  
1 Armoured Vehicle

## 4th Platoon

1 Maresciallo  
1 H.C.O.  
23 CC.RR.  
1 3-ton truck  
1 Armoured Vehi  
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## Strength of each Mobile Battalion

PERSONNEL

1 Major  
3 Captains  
6 Lieutenants  
6 Marescialli  
12 H.C.Os  
277 CC.RR.

TRANSPORT

1 Motor car  
12 3-ton trucks  
12 Armoured vehicles  
(Note: above will carry 305 CC.RR.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

24 March 1945

AG/14056/5/P8

SUBJECT : Mobile CC.RR. Battalion for Sardinia  
TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Reference your SD/28 dated 24 Jan, 1945.
2. The Regional Commissioner Sardinia and the Commanding General CC.RR. were informed on 1st Feb, 45, of the conditions under which 12 3-ton trucks were supplied to the Mobile Battalion in Sardinia, and requested to co-operate in the requisitioning of 12 trucks within one month from civilian sources.
3. Reply has now been received that 4 trucks have been requisitioned and it is asked that 8 of the military trucks remain with the CC.RR. during the time that the employment of a Mobile battalion is necessary in Sardinia.

*John W. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Public Safety Conditions in SARDINIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/150  
21 March 45

TO : MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR  
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT through CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC. A.C. (2)

1. In reply to your 442/2300 of 27 Feb. I have to state that AFHQ took into account the internal situation of SARDINIA when ordering two Bns of the CALABRIA Div to guard the SILOS LAKES, CALABRIA in Jan of this year.
2. Furthermore, from a conversation between Gen. BROWNING, GOC MMIA and Gen. BRUNETTI, GOC CC RR, on 20 March it is evident that there is NO cause for alarm in SARDINIA.
3. It is regretted that an increase in the ceiling of Internal Security Tps cannot be agreed.

/s/ S.M. INGLEDEW, Lt.Col.  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Internal: File: SD/142  
MA to GOC

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translation M.C.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND.

Subject: Mobile Battalion for Sardegna.  
 To.....: A.C. Public Safety Subcomm.  
 Ref.to...AC/I4056/PS dated 1-2-45

Rome 19-3-45  
 N: 14/23

With reference to the a/m letter, it is communicated that in Sardegna it is possible to require only 4 motor-lorries of the indicated type and in perfect efficiency to assign them to the Cagliari battaglione.

The Subcommittee is requested kindly to authorize that 8 of the 12 motor-lorries which have been temporarily assigned to the a/m unit, will be definitely handed over to the Cagliari Legion.

Col. Chief of Staff  
 Romano dalla Chiesa.

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| DIRECTOR        |     |  |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |     |  |
| EXEC. OFFICER   |     |  |
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| LEG. & REG.     |     |  |
| PRINTS          |     |  |
| ADJ. GEN.       |     |  |
| CHIEF OF STAFF  |     |  |
| CHIEF OF LEGION |     |  |

23/3/45

See 84<sup>A</sup>  
 87<sup>A</sup>  
 88<sup>A</sup>  
 500<sup>A</sup>





*Trandate*

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 14/23 di prot.

Roma, li 19 marzo 1945.

Risposta al foglio del 1° febbraio u.s.n.AC/I4056/PS allegati n.

OGGETTO: Battaglione mobile per la Sardegna.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

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Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto, si comunica che in Sardegna è possibile requisire solo 4 autocarri del tipo indicato ed in perfetta efficienza, per assegnarli al battaglione di Cagliari.

Si prega, pertanto, codesta Sottocommissione di voler compiacersi autorizzare che 8 dei 12 autocarri temporaneamente assegnati al predetto reparto siano ceduti alla legione di Cagliari in via definitiva.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

[Signature] 5603

TRANSLATION.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

Rome, 27th February, 1945.

No. 442/2390

SUBJECT: Public Safety conditions in Sardinia.

TO : A.C., P.S. S/O. and for information
Ministry of War. Rome.

The High Commissioner for Sardinia, who has already previously pointed out the necessity of maintaining on the Island an army contingent of at least 10,000 men, to be used in conjunction with the normal police force, see his letter of the 4th February, copy of which is attached, in pointing out that the public security situation on the Island is becoming more preoccupying, forebodes a further deterioration of the position and asks that at least three battalions of soldiers should be sent there, this, also in consideration of the fact that the garrisoned troops on the Island have suffered and continue to suffer considerable reductions.

Since the strength of the Italian Army, the garrisons of the various regions and the use of units and men are decided by the Allied Authorities, the Commission is earnestly asked to bear in mind the necessity - given the conditions of Sardinia - that the three battalions requested should be sent there.

The Ministry of War, also, is requested on its side, to get into touch with the competent office of the Allied Commission in order to settle the question under discussion, furnishing news to this Ministry as soon as possible.

FOR THE MINISTER

Ferrari.

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TRANSLATION.

C O I I.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SARDINIA

No. 2823 Div. 1.

Cagliari, 4th Feb. 1945.

SUBJECT : Cooperation of Italian Military in the maintenance of Public Order.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior - General Directorate of Public Security.

For information to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, and the Ministry of War.

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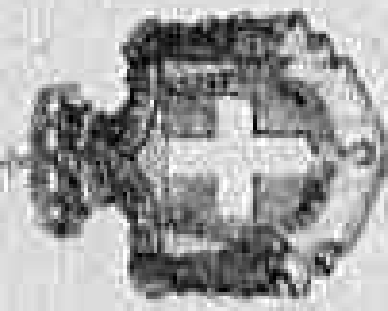
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I ask that the present request may be taken into urgent consideration and that I may be favoured with a reply in this regard.

THE HIGH COMMISS IONER FOR SARDINIA
(Gen. (Air Guard;) PIETRO PINNA,
Signed PINNA.

Consideration	6/3
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Direzione A.G.R.

Vol. 2

Prot. N. 442/2300 Allegato

OCCORRENZA

SARDEGNA - Condizioni della P.S.

Roma 27 febbraio 1945

Al. On. COMMISSIONE

ALLEGATA

Sottocommissione per la
Pubblica Sicurezza

e, p.c.: ON. MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto -

R.O.M.A.

Proposta al Foglio del

Dir. Sec.

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Divisione A.G.R. *Sec. 2*
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Pubblica Sicurezza
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n. 2853 Div. I.

Cagliari, 4 febbraio 1945

ON. MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Direzione Generale di P.S.ROMA

e.p.c.: ON. PRESIDENZA CONSIGLIO MINISTRI - Gabinetto -

ROMA

" " " ON. MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -

ROMA

OGGETTO: Concorso di militari del R. Esercito al mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico.

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In vista di un peggioramento della situazione ritengo doveroso insistere perchè le forze di polizia siano messe in grado di poter efficacemente far fronte ad eventuali esigenze di speciali servizi di ordine pubblico. E poichè, come noto a codesto On. Ministero, gli attuali organici della P.S. della Sardegna sono inadeguati e il contingente di truppe di stanza nell'isola ha già subito e continua a subire notevoli riduzioni, prego

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voler interessare il Ministero della Guerra perchè vengano inviati in Sardegna almeno 3 battaglioni di 1000 uomini ciascuno da poter eventualmente impiegare in servizi di ordine pubblico.

Prego prendere in particolare considerazione la presente richiesta e favorirmi cortesî notizie in proposito.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SARDEGNA
(Gen. Squadra Aerea Pietro Pinna)

F.to Pinna

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SUBJECT : Trucks for Mobile CC.RR. Bns in SICILY

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No S/G/33
2 March 1945

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

Copy to : MMIA LO SICILY

Your ref.: AC/14602/6/PS dated 27 Feb. 1945.

1. When the Army Trucks on loan to the CC.RR. in Sicily are returned to Army control, it is desired that they be turned over to Major LONG, MMIA LO, PALERMO, SICILY.
2. In the event you are unable to requisition trucks in SICILY (it is not our desire to hamper the efficiency of the Mobile Bns) it is suggested that some of the unserviceable vehicles the CC.RR. now have in Sicily could be repaired or, failing that, you secure permission from AFHQ to transfer a number of the ARMY Trucks you now have to CC.RR.

sgd S.M. INGLENDEN Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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pen note: Await decision by AFHQ as to
withdrawal of transport and
disbanding of CC.RR. bus on
Garrison troops file.

WB

sgd FJW - 5/3/45

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489061
Ext: 365

8 March 45

Ref AC/4096/5/12

SUBJECT: USAR Mobile Battalions - Sicily

TO: 1. AFHQ, G-5

- 1 During December 44 you authorized the formation of two Mobile USAR battalions for Sicily (Land Forces 3D/28 of 19 Dec 44 refers).
- 2 The necessary transport of 24 Jeep trucks was authorized to be temporarily supplied from Italian Army sources as on loan for one month and the permanent requirements were to be met by requisition of civilian trucks. The USAR report and our RUCO confirm that it has not yet been possible to find suitable trucks to requisition. The Commanding General USAR has been requested to intensify his efforts, and to inform us within one month of what success he has.
- 3 Land Forces 2/C (MIA) has meanwhile reported that the 24 Jeep trucks on loan, be returned by 15 Mar.
- 4 In view of the recent serious disturbances in Sicily which culminated in open fighting in Ragusa last January and of the subversive propaganda which is rife in Sicily it is considered essential that the USAR should be strengthened by these Mobile battalions. Accordingly it is asked that the loan of the trucks be extended to 30 Apr on the understanding that the USAR will release the vehicles earlier if they are successful in obtaining their requirements.
- 5 If they are not successful the question as to how vehicles are to be provided or whether the battalions must be disbanded will be submitted to you for decision by 15 Apr.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

C.F. UNDER DIRC.
VF. C. Section

Copy to: 1. Land Forces 2/C (MIA)

[Handwritten signature]
See 92A

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMIA LO SICILY

Date 02 1715 Time A

INFO: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILY REGION A.C.
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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

SD 1378

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Confidential

PHASE III SICILY CALL UP IS POSTPONED FROM 15 - 31

WAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST AND WILL TAKE PLACE

1 - 15 APR

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED J. M. L. (Adm.)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

March, 1945.

AO/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR. Mobile Battalions - Sicily.

TO : AFHQ G-5.

1. During December 44 as a result of a letter HD/28 dated 19 December 44 from Land Forces S/C (MGLA) agreement was reached with you on the formation of two Mobile CC.RR. battalions for Sicily.

2. The necessary transport of 24 3 ton trucks was authorized to be supplied from Italian Army sources on a loan basis for one month, on the understanding that civilian trucks would be requisitioned. It has not been possible to requisition trucks and accordingly Land Forces Sub-Commission (MGLA) have requested that the 24 3 ton trucks be returned to the Italian Vehicle Park, Naples, by 15 March 45.

3. Before the necessary instructions are given to Commanding General CC.RR. it is brought to your notice that the withdrawal of transport will cause the disbanding of the 2 mobile battalions in Sicily and your authority for this step is requested.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. WYCH, Brig.
Vp. CA Sec.

Copy : Land Forces S/C (MGLA).

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FJW/G.

COPY 21/2/45

SUBJECT : Provision of Mob Carabinieri

SECRET
HQ No 2 DISTRICT COM

2021 G(0)
20 Feb 45

AFHQ G-3 Org

1. It is requested that consideration may be given to the provision of mobile Carabinieri for NW Italy.
2. The responsibility for the maintenance of law and order is primarily a civil one and will fall on the Carabinieri. Should the Carabinieri be unable to deal with the situation it will then be a military responsibility to act in aid of the civil power.

As principle it is most undesirable that the military, either Italian or British, should be called in to aid the civil power in view of the tense political situation which is likely to exist in NW Italy following on the withdrawal of German authority.

The Carabinieri organization is of a static and immobile nature and in the event of widespread disturbance it will not be possible for them to switch reserves to threatened areas or points. The provision of mobile Carabinieri units would provide the necessary mobile reserves to enable the civil authority to deal with such disturbances.

3. Owing to the size of the area, and the small amount of tpt likely to be available from Italian sources, I recommend that tpt is provided from Allied Sources.
4. The matter has been discussed with the Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC. It is recommended that three mobile bodies should be formed, ie. one for each Compartimenti within 2 District, on similar lines to those now understood to be operating in SICILY. Each of these to consist of:-

300 Carabinieri
12 Lorries 3-ton 4 X 2 GS
12 Arm'd Cars.

5. Unless some provision is made for the Carabinieri as suggested above, it is feared that they will prove ineffective.

Major General
Comd No 2 District.

MEMO ID/whh

Copy : Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC

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Agree with on N.W. Planning
File by A.E. request 5594
4 Bns.

28.4.45

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14153/10

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Transport for CC RR Mobile Bns

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 File No. SD/141
21 Feb 45

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

Ref your AC/14056/5/PS of 20 Feb 45.

1. It is regretted that the request made in your para 3 cannot be complied with.
2. Gen MARIOTTI has stated in writing to this HQ towards the end of last year that civilian vehicles could in fact be requisitioned and it was on this understanding that AFHQ agreed to the formation of Mobile CC RR Units. AFHQ stated that Army Vehicles could only be lent temporarily and this is to inform you that said vehicles are required by the Army by 15 March and it will be appreciated if you will return them to the Italian No. 2 Efficient Vehicle Park, NAPLES.

J.M. Ingledew
H. Col
 Major General
 M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: A/C
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COL CHARMIN		
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WICK		
MAJ. GORDON		
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MAJ. BALLANCE		
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MAJ. GORDON		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Extra
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Tel : 489081 - 365

20 February, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : Transport for CC.NR. Mobile Battalions.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your SD/28 dated 2 January 45 and meeting held at H.Q. M.M.I.A. on 9 February 45.
2. The Regional Commissioner Sicily and the Commanding General CC.NR. were informed of the conditions under which 24 3 ton trucks were supplied to the two Mobile Battalions in Sicily, and requested to co-operate in the requisitioning of 24 trucks within one month from civilian sources.
3. Replies have now been received from the Regional Commissioner and the CC.NR. stating that it has not been possible to requisition any trucks.
4. It is recommended that the existing Italian Army trucks remain with the CC.NR. during the time that the employment of Mobile Battalions is necessary in Sicily.

John W. Chan Lt. Col.
JOHN W. CHAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

17 February 1945

Ref : 5823/10/EC.

SUBJECT : Transport for CC.RR. for N. Italy
TO : V.P. Civil Affairs Section

1. You will remember at the N.W. Italy meeting on 12th February the question was raised as to the provision of load-carrying vehicles for the CC.RR. I also asked that Public Safety Sub-Commission should consider the setting up of mobile units in N.W. Italy on the same lines as in Sicily.

2. I find that of the four Regions in the North, two have asked for trucks for the CC.RR., two have not. We should have a co-ordinated policy on this and I should like to know what are the views of the Public Safety Sub-Commission and yourself. If these vehicles are to be provided they will have to come out of the 1700 vehicles allotted for carrying of supplies. In considering the matter we should have regard to former experience.

3. Will you also submit the views of the Public Safety Sub-Commission and yourself on this question of mobile CC.RR. units in the North.

sgd M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

copy on 14153/PS. 30^A NW/Ordn. Planning,
14601/62/PS 50^A ERRR Transport 1

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel , 489081 - 365

10 February, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : Security - Sardinia.

TO : Regional Commissioner Sardinia Region.

1. Reference your H/Q 1021 of 16 January and 19 January 1945. -55A
2. Copies of your letters have been forwarded to Land Forces Sub-Commission and Economic Section for information and action. A recommendation was made to Land Forces Sub-Commission that troops should not be moved from Sardinia without prior consultation with you. -56A
3. Transport for a CC.RR. mobile battalion is now being made available, and particulars were forwarded to you by Public Safety Sub-Commission by letter AC/14056/5/PS dated 2 February 1945. 165A
4. In view of the recall from CC.RR. attachment of the 500 soldiers of Italian Army for combat duties, no transport will be necessary for them.
5. The allotment of an additional Public Safety officer to Sardinia is not possible at the present time.
6. The question of a Military Police detachment being stationed in Cagliari has been discussed, but not approved.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec.
DCOS AC.

FJW/G.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

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8 February 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS TRANSPORT FOR CHARLES CHARLES ROGER ROGER PD

PARISH TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FROM PD ALCOHOL PARISH

PARA ONE PD REFUSED TO TAKE ROGER FROM STOP NINE ZERO DATED SIX FEBRUARY FOUR FIVE PD

PARA TWO PD TRUCKS WILL REMAIN WITH CHARLES CHARLES ROGER ROGER PENDING DISCUSSION

WITH APPEAL ON RETENTION FOR INDISTINCT PERIOD PD

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Nicholas FICCHINO
CWO USA

Message Centre No: D/824
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 06 1900A
Precedence: PRIORITY

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1. Refer your signal 9560 dated 9 January.
2. Difficulty experienced requisitioning 24 serviceable trucks civilian sources for mobile battalions.
3. Local Carabinieri received similar instructions their headquarters but have replied that it is impossible.
4. Please reply present position regards the 19 trucks sent to SICILY.

See 71. - retain for the present.

ACTION: Public Safety 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
CA Sect
File 2
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ACTION

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HEADQUARTERS
7 - FEB 1945
A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : AB9081 - 365

4 February, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : Mobile Battalion of CC.RR.

TO : P.P.S.O. Sardegna Region.

68A
Enclosed for your information is a copy of the
order issued by the Commanding General of the CC.RR. regarding
the formation of the Mobile Battalion of CC.RR. in Sardinia.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enclose a copy of order
and translation.

AW/C.

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Translation/MBc

CC.RR. General Hq.
No. 14/11

25th Jan. 1945

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Subject: Constitution of a CC.RR. Battalion for operations in Sardinia -

To : Hq. CC.RR. Legion

COPIES TO: Hq. 2nd CC.RR. Division "Podgora"

Hq. 14th CC.RR. Brigade

Cagliari

Rome

Rome

You are requested to take the necessary action in order to gradually form a Battalion of 500 men; using the "appropriate" CC.RR. (who will be drawn, on the basis of 1% and according to the regulations issued on this subject, from the strengths conveyed to the various Districts) and other personnel to be drawn from the various CC.RR. Hq. in the Island and from the recently promoted CC.RR. who have been assigned to your Legion.

by order

Romano della Chiesa
Col., Chief of Staff

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copy true to the original
Maj. Angelo Cappellotto, Maj.
Officer in Charge

Please initial reverse side. gds

Urgente



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. I4/II di prot.

Roma, li 29 gennaio 1945.

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Costituzione di un battaglione CC.RR. per operazioni in
Sardegna.

AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE CC.RR. DI
e, per conoscenza:

CAGLIARI

AL COMANDO DELLA 2^a DIVISIONE CC.RR. "PODGORA"

ROMA

AL COMANDO DELLA 4^a BRIGATA CC.RR.

ROMA

Codesto comando provveda alla graduale formazione del Battaglione di 500 uomini con i carabinieri aggiunti che saranno prelevati in ragione del 4 % della forza che affluirà ai distretti, con le norme a riguardo impartite, e con altro personale da prelevarsi dai comandi dell'isola e dai carabinieri nuovi promossi assegnati a codesta legione.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

P.C.C.
IL MAGGIORE CAPO UFFICIO
-Angiolo Cappetti-

Cappetti

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

2nd February 1945

REFERENCE: HQ/2151

SUBJECT: Demonstration - CAGLIARI

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

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COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILCOX	4/5/52
MAJOR HAN	
MAJOR DON	
MAJOR HANBY	1/5/52
MAJOR EAL	
CAPT. P. WIL	
MAJOR	

REQUANTERS

4 FEB 1952

SUBJECT: Mobile CC.RR Battalion for SARDINIA

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/28

2 Jan 45.

To : Public Safety Sub Com, A.C. ←Copy to: Chief of Staff Section, A.C.
MMIA LO SARDINIA
Regional Commissioner, SARDINIA.

Further to MMIA SD/28 of 24 Jan 45.

1. It is now learned verbally from A.F.H.Q. that, in approx 2 or 3 months, when the need for a Mobile Coln CC.RR in SARDINIA has died, the tks will be withdrawn and shipping arranged to the Mainland for employment in say N.W. ITALY.

tvs.SML.

Int: AQ.
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War Diary (2)
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TO	DATE
COL CHAPMAN	3/17
COL. YOUNG	
LT COL WILCOX	
MAJ LUCKHAY	
MAJ WILSON	5/2/45
MAJ HANBURY	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWER	
CHIEF CLERK	

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

2 February, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS Pol.

SUBJECT : Mobile Battalion for Sardinia.

TO : Regional Commissioner Sardinia
(Attention R.P.S.O.).

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 11 January 1945 addressed to Director Land Forces Sub-Commission copy to you.
2. AFHQ has now given authority for the formation of a Mobile CC.RR. Battalion in Sardinia on the same lines as the two battalions now operating in Sicily.
3. The unit will be formed within the existing CC.RR. coiling and authority has been given for the issue of 12 3 ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles on loan from Italian Army resources in the island until such time as CC.RR. obtain their own vehicles a provisional time limit of one month has been agreed.
4. It is requested by Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) that you contact the MMIA LO in Sardinia to arrange the transfer of suitable vehicles.
5. Will you please explore the possibility of requisiting 12 3 ton trucks within one month and reply urgently if this is possible.
6. The following particulars of a mobile battalion are set out for your information :
 - (a) Strength 500 commanded by a Major.
 - (b) Battalions has 3 Companies each with 4 platoons.
 - (c) Companies are of 100 CC.RR. (25 each platoon) commanded by a Captain with 2 Lieutenants and 6 NCO's.
 - (d) Transport. 12 3 ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles.
 - (e) 300 men can be moved at one time. The balance of 200 men will be kept on reserve and transported if necessary by special journey.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.

Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

1 February 1945

AG/14056/PS/5 *psl*

SUBJECT : Mobile Battalion for Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

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2. Authority has now been given for the formation of a Mobile CC.RR Battalion in Sardinia on the same lines as the two battalions now operating in Sicily.
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4. Will you please explore the possibility of requisitioning 12 3 ton trucks within one month and reply urgently if this is possible.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy : Regional Commissioner
Sardinia Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 489081 - 365

2 February, 1945.

AC/14056/5/RS

SUBJECT : CC.RR - Mobile Battalions.

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission. 34A

1. Reference your SD/28 dated 2 January, 1945.
2. Information has been received from CC.RR W/Q that on 12 January 1945 one of the 24 trucks en route from Naples to Sicily was destroyed by fire at Velle della Lucania (Salerno). The load of flour was also destroyed.
3. Commanding General CC.RR has reported the facts to Minister of War with a view to the allocation of an additional truck.
4. Arrangements are in hand in Sicily to requisition trucks, but so far without result.

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John W. Chapman, Lt. Col.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Mobile CORR Battalion for SARDINIA.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A. C.
(M.E.I.A.)

SD/28
24 JAN 45

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see 64A
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TO : Public Safety Sub-Com. A.C.

Copy to: Chief of Staff Section, A.C.
MEMO LO SARDINIA Regional Commissioner SARDINIA

Ref MEMO SD/28 of 11 Jan 45.

1. AFHQ has authorized the formation of a mobile CARABINIERI Bn for use in SARDINIA on the same lines as the two bns now operating in SICILY (AGC14.12/051 OCT-0 of 19 Jan).

2. The unit is to be formed within the existing CO. RR. ceiling, and authority has been given for the issue of 12 A.P.V's, and of 12 X 3 ton vehicles on loan from Italian Army resources in the island, until such time as CO. RR. obtain their own vehicles. A provisional time limit of one month is hereby agreed.

3. It is requested that A.C. Commissioner SARDINIA contact the MEMO LO in island to arrange the transfer of suitable vehicles.

COL. CHAPMAN	1/25/45
COL. YOUNG	2/2/45
LT. COL. WILSON	2/2/45
MAJ. LUCKHURST	2/2/45
MAJ. WILSON	2/2/45
MAJ. HARRIS	
MAJ. BELL	
CAPT. POWELL	
CAPT. CLARK	

J.M. England
Major General
M.E.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Mobile CC.RR. Bn for SARDINIA.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)SD/28
11 JAN 45

TO : AFHQ.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Com. A.C.,
Chief of Staff Section A.C.Ref this HQ letter SD/28 of 19 Dec 44 and your
AG 014.12/253 OCT-0 of 28 Dec 44.

1. A request has now been received from Public Safety Sub Com. A.C. for a mobile GARIBOLDI Bn to be formed, for use in SARDINIA, on the same lines as the two Bns in SICILY.
2. The total commitment for this Bn would be 12 Italian Arm'd Vels or light tanks and 12 Italian 3-ton Vels (excl 1 car).
3. Will you please state if you agree to this proposal, when arrangements will be made by this HQ for 12 Arm'd Vels to be made immediately available from SARDINIA and for 12 3-ton vels to be loaned from Italian Army sources until CC.RR. obtain their own vels.
4. In view of the fact that a call-up is due to take place in SARDINIA next month, will you please forward your reply as soon as possible.

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN	16/1	
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX	17/	
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON	17/25	
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

INTERNAL: A/Q
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War Diary (2)Major General
M.F.I.A.

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Translation

CC-RR. Gen. HQ.

28 Jan 1945
N. 146/76

Reply to AC/15056/5/PS dated 11 instant.

Subject : Auto-vehicles for the mixed battalions
constituted in Sicily.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

With ref. to a/m letter, we communicate, that during the night of the 10th inst. one of the 24 trucks bound from Naples to Sicily, when at Valle della Lucania, was destroyed by fire, together with the load of flour, which it transported.

The incident was provoked by the escort soldier Salvini Pietro, who in order to the Battalion to see, approached the patrol tank with a lit lighter.

The Ministry of War has been contacted in order to provide for the replacement of the truck, thus completing the detention fixed for the Sicily battalions.

By order
Colonel Chief of Staff
-Romano della Chiesa-

rv.

TO	DATE	NO.
COL. CHIESA N.		
COL. YERIN		
LT. COL. W.		
MAJ. L.		
MAJ. W.		
MAJ. H.		
MAJ. B.		
CAPT. P.		
CAPT. C.		

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. I48/76 di prot. I944

Roma, li 28 gennaio I945.

Risposta al foglio del l'II corrente n. AC/I5056/5/PS Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Automezzi per i battaglioni misti costituiti in Sicilia.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

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Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto, si comunica che la notte del I2 corrente uno dei 24 autocarri diretti da Napoli in Sicilia, giunto a Vallo della Lucania, rimase distrutto per incendio, insieme al carico di farina che trasportava.

L'incidente fu provocato dal fante Salvini Pietro di scorta, il quale, per farsi luce, si avvicinò imprudentemente al serbatoio della benzina con una macchinetta accendisigari accesa.

E' stato interessato il Ministero della Guerra a provvedere alla sostituzione dell'autocarro, onde completare la dotazione stabilita per i battaglioni della Sicilia.

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d'ordine  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S. M.  
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/35.3/CA

26 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Internal Security

TO : Land Forces S/C.

Herewith a copy of two letters recently received from RC Sardegna, (HQ/1021 of 16 and 19 Jan), for your information and such action as may appear necessary.

As regards para 3 of the former a signal was despatched on 18 Jan.

As regards para 7 it is considered undesirable that any further troops should be moved from Sardegna until there has been full consideration of the security position and consultation with the RC. The Public Safety Sub-Commission will be consulting you on some of the recommendations contained in this para.

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,  
for VP CA Section

Copy to: Public Safety S/C. ✓

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| TO            |  |  |
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| COL CH-PM-4   |  |  |
| COL YOUNG     |  |  |
| LT COL WILSON |  |  |
| MAJ TUCKER    |  |  |
| MAJ WILSON    |  |  |
| MAJ HANCOCK   |  |  |
| MAJ BRADSHAW  |  |  |
| CAPT A. WEL   |  |  |
| CAPT CLARK    |  |  |

BF for Col Young

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/35.3/CA

26 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Internal Security

TO : ~~Economic Section~~

Herewith a copy of two letters (HQ/1021 of 16 and 19 Jan) recently received from RC Sardegna for such action as you may consider desirable. You will no doubt be interested in para 4 of the former and para 6 of the latter.

*[Signature]*  
S.H. WHITE Lt Col  
for VP CA Section

COPY TO: P. Safety S/C ✓  
Land Forces S/C

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Public Safety Sub-Com.

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FROM MMIA LO SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS

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TO MMIA FOR KERR  
AFHQ G-3  
MMIA LO SICILY

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RESTRICTED

ETA PALERMO of SS BRIGHTON with 12 light tanks 2 cages spare parts  
for tanks and 2 ramps for tanks top stowage 23 Jan (\*) Details of  
cargo for DUKC will follow by signal soonest

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Action copy SD/14  
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| COL. CHAMBERLAIN |  |  |
| COL. YOUNG       |  |  |
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CC.RR. FORCE HQ.

22nd Jan. 1945

|                |                                                    |
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| TO             | No. 148/69                                         |
| COL CHAPMAN    | 1944                                               |
| COL YOUNG      |                                                    |
| LT. COL WILCOX | Ref. letter AC/14056/5/P.S. of 11th January 1945 . |
| MAJ LUCKMAN    |                                                    |
| MAJ WILSON     | TO: A.C.                                           |
| MAJ HANBURY    | P.S. Sub-Commission                                |
| MAJ SALLIS     |                                                    |
| APT P. WEL     | SUBJECT: Mobile battalions of CC.RR. for Sicily.   |

In reference to the above specified letter, we inform you that, having also heard the opinion of the Sicily High Commissioner, of the Ispettotayo della Motorizzazione (Ministry of Transport) and of the Territorial Military Command of Palermo; it would not be possible to requisition in Sicily 24 trucks of the type indicated by this Sub-Commission. In fact the few motor vehicles existing in the Island do not give any guarantee of efficiency, owing to the condition of the engines and tyres.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER

Sig. Taddeo Orlando





*Transite Please  
Urgent*

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 148/69 di prot. Roma, li 22 gennaio 1945  
1944  
Risposta al foglio del '11 corrente AC/14056/5/P.S. Allegati n.  
OGGETTO: Battaglioni mobili CC.RR. per la Sicilia.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

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Con riferimento al foglio sopradistinto, si comunica che, sentito anche l'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia, l'Ispettoria to della Motorizzazione, nonché il Comando Militare Territo- riale di Palermo, non è possibile requisire in Sicilia 24 au- tocarri del tipo indicato da codesta Sottocommissione, giac- chè i pochi automezzi esistenti nell'isola non danno alcuna garanzia di efficienza per le condizioni dei motori e delle gomme.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddeo Orlando -

*Taddeo Orlando*

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

S-3 C-R-B-T

REFERENCE: HQ/1021

SUBJECT: Internal Security

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| COL. CH. P. M. N. |  |
| COL. YOUNG        |  |
| 18 January 1945   |  |
| MAJ. LUCK         |  |
| MAJ. WILSON       |  |
| MAJ. HANBURY      |  |
| MAJ. BALLANCE     |  |
| CAPT. POWELL      |  |
| CHIEF CLERK       |  |

1. In continuation of my HQ/1021 of 16 January 1945, there have been two demonstrations, on the 17th and 18th January, against the call-up for the Italian Army. There were no casualties on the 17th but on the 18th January one police agent was killed and eleven persons, including four Italian soldiers, injured. The casualties were caused by grenades and the police agent died in hospital. The Carabinieri seem to have acted well and they kept cool, no firing was reported.
2. The High Commissioner, who has been in to see me, has prohibited further meetings, ordered the arrest of certain agitators and organised a search for arms, particularly in the students' quarters. Carabinieri and Police patrols are in the city, and the P.W.B. are also fixing up a loud speaker in the Piazza Jena. The town is now quiet.
3. The demonstration on the 17th seems to have been a more or less spontaneous affair got up by students who wanted the local newspaper, the Unione Sarda, to publish a manifesto they had prepared protesting against the call-up, and publish the Armistice terms. The newspaper obviously could not comply with these requests.
4. On the evening of the 18th an organised demonstration took place, again led by students, in the Piazza Jena. One speaker was allowed and a man by the name of MOCCI put forward his views. He said he was a Lieutenant in the Army released for study and he protested against the call-up, arguments brought forward being:
  - (a) Senior Officers in the Italian Army under the Fascists were inefficient and the same Officers are with the Army now.
  - (b) The Army lacks essential equipment, boots, clothes, etc.
  - (c) The Armistice terms have not been published.
  - (d) Economic arguments.

The speaker did not take up an unreasonable attitude and when he finished the Carabinieri stopped further speeches and kept the crowd moving. Just after 1900 hrs., thunder flashes and then grenades were thrown by people in the crowd and attempts were made to move on the office of the Unione Sarda and the Italian Army Headquarters. It was at this period that the casualties occurred.
5. The call-up is, I understand, to affect 10 classes, 1914 to 1924, which means 40,000 to 50,000 men in SARDINIA. Of these more than half are now on indefinite leave from the Colours. A special point being made is the economic effect of the call-up. Soldiers only get some 5 lire a day pay and dependents receive an



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6. I suggest for your consideration that men who are being called up be given the option of working in the coal mines instead of going into the Army. They would then get good pay though conditions would have to be made to ensure the immediate call-up of any man who did not work full time or give satisfactory service. As we want 2,000 to 3,000 more miners immediately this may be a way to get them.

JACP/geh

Copy to: H.Q. No.3 District.

Files HQ/2151 & HQ/2157

J. A. C. PERRYQUICK,  
Colonel,  
Regional Commissioner.

*J. A. C. Perryquick*

*Gen. 5 CH Section*



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|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| TO           | INT. DATE                       | HEADQUARTERS |
| COL. CHAPMAN | ALLIED                          | COMMISSION   |
| COL. YOUNG   | SARDEGNA                        | REGION       |
| CHIEF WILCOX |                                 |              |
| REF: H/1021  |                                 |              |
| SUBJECT:     | Internal Security               |              |
| TO:          | Headquarters, Allied Commission |              |

16 January 1945

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT:

TO:

1. With reference to your AC/14056/5/PS of the 6th January 1945, the situation as regards SICILY is noted. Should not Para.6 refer, however, to SARDINIA and not SICILY? The endeavour of this Headquarters has been to keep Sardinian affairs quiet as being the best contribution to the war effort. I do not know what repercussions there may be if disturbances start on this Island and if they would have any outside material effect. I feel, however, that I should repeat previous warnings that trouble is not far below the surface and if it once starts it may be difficult to stop without considerable expenditure of force, and, therefore, the points below are set out for your consideration.
2. There are two immediate causes that are likely to bring unrest:
  - (a) A call up of new classes for the Italian Army.
  - (b) Organised upheaval at the mining centres of IGLESIAS and CARBONIA.
3. As regards 2(a), I have received no information of the proposed call up as yet except for a reference in AC/14056/5/PS dated 11th January 1945 and received on the 15th January 1945, and so cannot yet comment on the proposals; but the implications might be serious in view of what has happened in SICILY.
4. As regards 2(b), instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. to step up the local production from its present rate of about 40,000 tons a month to 100,000 tons a month. This will mean the importation of a large number of miners from the mainland, and the adoption of firm measures in the mining districts where there has been some unrest. We must, therefore, be able to show force if it becomes necessary.  

The Italian Army troops in SARDINIA have, however, been reduced below the minimum considered essential for internal security in the Island, and troops have been taken away from the mining centre of IGLESIAS. In this connection your Para.5 does not appear to represent the whole position. You refer to two battalions, but I understand that 800 men were taken from the Calabria Division early this month; and I am informed that the organisation required for battalions sent to the mainland does not match that of the battalions now in the Calabria Division. The despatch of 800 men has, therefore, unless I am misinformed, upset to some extent the organisation and effectiveness of four out of the eight battalions remaining in SARDINIA. The choice of the mining centre of IGLESIAS as one of the two places from which the 800 men were withdrawn is unfortunate. I have had to ask the High Commissioner to arrange to send Carabinieri to replace them at IGLESIAS in an endeavour to re-establish strength at this centre.
5. The reduction of troops is partly offset by the creation in the Island of a new



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5. The reduction of troops is partly offset by the creation in the Island of a new Italian Army unit 500 strong to assist the Carabinieri, and some of these men are already being used as train guards, etc. The unit has, however, no transport and I understand it may only be regarded as a temporary re-inforcement to the Carabinieri. We may be able to send part of this unit immediately to IGLESIAS.

6. The internal security situation has been further complicated by the transfer of Public Safety Officers out of the Region and the departure of Allied Military Police. A great deal of the time of the small Public Safety staff is taken up over constant incidents between Naval personnel and seamen from merchant ships and civilians. Firearms have been freely drawn and used and the Italian Authorities have expressed concern over relations with the Allies. This affects in particular the Port of CAGLIARI and has been the subject of a separate report.

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I do not wish to be in any way an alarmist, but I have already reported that crime is increasing. More coal is being demanded from the mining district and firm action may well be required to get it. Although conditions in SARDINIA have been kept quiet we do not, therefore, want to allow disturbances to break out if they can be foreseen and prevented. I suggest, for your consideration, the following urgent requirements :-

- (a) Movement of Italian troops out of SARDINIA to cease, and the return of the 800 men removed to be considered so as to leave the Calabria Division complete.
- (b) The Regional Commissioner to be informed, and consulted before further moves of troops take place now that the minimum recommended for internal security has been reached.
- (c) Transport and equipment to be provided at once to enable one fully mobile Carabinieri Battalion to be formed from the Carabinieri now in this Island; as recommended in your AG 14056/5/PS of 11th January 1945, with which I entirely concur.
- (d) Transport (5 trucks) to be provided to enable the five companies of the battalion already formed to help the Carabinieri to be used, if necessary, on detached duties.
- (e) The Regional Public Safety Officers not to be reduced but if possible to be re-inforced by an additional Officer.
- (f) A detachment of Allied Military Police, British and American, to be sent over to CAGLIARI. Details have been communicated separately.

JACP/ajs.

*J.A.C. Penry-Jick*  
Colonel.  
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to : No. 3 District (with copy of AG/14056/5/PS)

C.O. 63 Staging Wing, for information.

File PS/1528.

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Colonel

J.A.C. PENRYOUICK,  
Colonel,  
Regional Commissioner.

JACP/ajs.

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| TO              | INITIALS       |
|-----------------|----------------|
| COL. CHAPMAN    | <i>14/2/45</i> |
| COL. YOUNG      |                |
| LT. COL. WILSON |                |
| MAJ. LUCKY      |                |
| MAJ. WILSON     | <i>14/2/45</i> |
| MAJ. HAYES      |                |
| MAJ. BAY        |                |
| MAJ. HAYES      |                |



REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILY ATTENTION RP50

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18 January, 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS MOBILE BATTALION

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILY ATTENTION RP50 FROM HQ AIDOM PAREN PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE OUR CABLE NINE FIVE ZERO FOUR DATED EIGHT JANUARY FOUR  
FIVE SUBJECT MOBILE BATTALION PD

PARA TWO PD ONE TWO ITALIAN LIGHT TANKS FROM SARDINIA WILL ARRIVE PALERMO TWO  
ONE JANUARY FOUR FIVE PD

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Ext 365

F.J. WILSON Major.

Nicholas PICCHINO  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA ATTENTION RPSO

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18 January, 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

OUR CABLE REFERENCE NUMBER NINE EIGHT NINE EIGHT DATED ONE FIVE JANUARY  
FOUR FIVE

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA ATTENTION RPSO FROM HQ. ALCON PAREN  
SENT TO YOU IN ERROR IS CANCELLED PD

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Ext 365

F.J. WILSON Maj.

Nicholas POMBINO  
CWO. USA  
Asst Adjutant.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

TBJ/mls

G-5: 091.711-1 (Italy).

SUBJECT: Italian Garrison Troops.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

16 January 1945

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16 JAN 1945

1. Reference is made to your AC/14056/5/PS of 6 January 1945.
2. Interested Staff Sections here have informed this Section that the contents of your memo have been noted.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

  
T. B. JACKMAN,  
Lt. Colonel.

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| TO              | DATE     | INITIALS |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| COL. CHARMAN    | 10/18/61 | WJL      |
| COL. YOUNG      |          |          |
| LT. COL. WILCOX |          |          |
| MAJ. LOCKMAN    |          |          |
| MAJ. WILSON     |          |          |
| MAJ. HANBURY    |          |          |
| MAJ. BALLANCE   |          |          |
| CAPT. POWEL     |          |          |
| CHIEF CLERK     |          |          |





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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA ATTENTION RPSO

9898

15 January. 1945

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE OUR CABLE NINE FIVE ZERO FOUR DATED EIGHT JANUARY FOUR  
FIVE SUBJECT MOBILE BATTALION PD *Sixty*  
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Ext. 365

F.J. WILSON Major

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 84812  
 Date Time of Origin: JAN 14/1445

Message Centre No: c/roob 50  
 Date Time Rec'd: JAN 150500  
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FREEM, FROST  
 TO: MOV LO 204 SUB AREA INFO SSTO SICILY, 204 SUB AREA, MELA, ALCOM SICILY FOR MELA,  
 ALCOM, MELA LO SARDINIA, MOVIT

SECRET

INFO - ACTION

SECRET.

Reference our FX 81335 of 8 January and MELA SD 2058 of 7 January. LO SARDINIA ?  
 ALCOM ? For Public Safety Commission. 12th Italian light tank are being loaded in  
 vessel BRIGHON Eta PALERMO 21 January. Agreed

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| W. CHAPMAN     |  |  |
| OL. YOUNG      |  |  |
| LT. COL. W. F. |  |  |
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INFO - ACTION

HEADQUARTERS  
 15 JAN 1945  
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Info-Action: P. Safety  
 " : L. Forces  
 Info: A/President  
 Chief Commissioner  
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 C. A. Sec.  
 Navy  
 Air  
 Pol. Sec.  
 P. R. O.  
 File

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ERR informed  
 by 2 4-30 pm 15/45

15/45  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

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Tel : 489081 - 365

11 January, 1945.

AC/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : Mobile Battalions for CC.RR.

To : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. Reference our copy letter of even number dated 16th December 1944.
2. 24 three ton trucks have been sent from Naples to Sicily. 6 trucks left on 6 January 1945, and 6 trucks left on 7 January 1945 for Palermo. 12 trucks left on 8 January 1945 for Catania.
3. 12 armoured vehicles will be sent from Gardinia and 12 from Lecce. This movement has been arranged and the estimated date of arrival will be communicated to you in the near future.
4. Six armoured vehicles left Rome on 5 January 44 by rail for Palermo. These will be returned when other vehicles arrive from Gardinia and Lecce.
5. The policy regarding the supply of the 24 three ton trucks is that they are on a loan basis for a period of one month only. During this period trucks are to be requisitioned from civilian sources in Sicily.
6. Will you please explore the possibility of requisitioning 24 three ton trucks within one month, and reply urgently if this is possible.
7. It should be remembered that to be suitable, trucks would need to be in sound mechanical condition and fitted with serviceable tyres.

W. A. Wilson M.M.  
JOHN A. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
No. 394

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Tel : 539-81 - 365  
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11 January, 1945

10/11056/5/45

SUBJECT : Mobile Battalion for Sardinia.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference your 10/28 dated 2 January 1945.
2. Commanding General CC.RR. is anxious to form a Mobile Battalion in Sardinia on the same lines as the two battalions in Sicily.
3. Transport required for the battalion would be on the agreed scale of 12 J-ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles.
4. Can these vehicles be made available to CC.RR. in Sardinia and arrangements made to train CC.RR. in the use and maintenance of the armoured vehicles.
5. It is understood that a "Call up" will take place in Sardinia in the near future, and it is therefore considered advisable that the mobile battalion should be formed as soon as possible.

*John A. Gilman*  
JOHN A. GILMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy : Commanding General CC.RR.  
R.C. Sardinia (Att: WCO).

R. 7 days  
*[Signature]*

RJS/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

2 January, 1945.

AC/14602/6/PS.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your telegram dated 26 December 1944 concerning reinforcements of Carabinieri and troops for Sicily.

The Party of "Alpini" referred to which has arrived in Sicily is the Montegrone Battalion, Italian Army transferred to the Carabinieri. It comprises 36 officers and 786 men.

200 Carabinieri have also been transferred from the mainland to Palermo. A further 100 are in transit from Bari to Palermo and should arrive shortly.

800 men of the Calabria Division, Italian Army, have now arrived in Sicily.

Very truly yours,

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.  
DOGS, AC.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,  
The President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
Rome.

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ALCOM SICILY REGION ATTENTION RPSO

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PARA ONE ID REFERENCE OUR NINE FIVE ZERO FOUR DATED EIGHT JANUARY FORTY FIVE  
SUBJECT TRANSPORT FOR MOBILE BATTALIONS

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILY REGION ATTENTION RPSO FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN ID

PARA TWO ID MEMO STATE THAT TWENTY FOUR THREE TON TRUCKS ARE ON A LOAN  
BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH ONLY ON AND THAT DURING THIS PERIOD TRUCKS  
ARE TO BE REQUISITIONED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES IN SICILY FOR THE MOBILE  
BATTALIONS ID

PARA THREE ID PLEASE EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUISITIONING TWENTY  
FOUR SERVICEABLE THREE TON TRUCKS WITHIN ONE MONTH AND REPLY URGENT IF  
THIS IS POSSIBLE ID

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Ext. 502

F.J. WILSON Maj.



## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 81807

Date Time of Origin: NO DATE

Message Centre No: 9/222

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 9/2359

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHDM FHGT

TO : ACTION: ALCOM SARDINIA INFO: MMIA, MMIA LO PBS, ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, MOVWIT, MOV LO SICILY

SECRET ACTION

SECRET.

Ref MMIA SD 2058 of 7 January.

1. Situation SICILY now demands tanks must arrive PALERMO soonest possible.
2. Essential you load them BRIGHTON Sta CAGLIARI 10th January as CARLTON not arriving? CAGLIARI before 14 January. Agreed PSTO MED.
3. Reply requested as in out FX 81337 of 7 January.
4. For MMIA. Request you endeavour transmit this signal by W/T

| TO           |  |  |
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| COL CH-PM N  |  |  |
| COL YOUNG    |  |  |
| COL WICK X   |  |  |
| MAJ LUCKY    |  |  |
| MAJ WILSON   |  |  |
| MAJ HANBURY  |  |  |
| MAJ BALLANCE |  |  |
| CAPT POWELL  |  |  |
| CHIEF CLERK  |  |  |

INF ACT: LAND Force (2)

~~Inf. Act. Safety~~ 10/45

INF: A/P. B. Commissioner

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P.R. Br.

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13 JAN 1945  
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INCOMING MESSAGE  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originators reference FX 78887  
Date/time of Origin : JAN 04NPT

Message Centre No; C/6527  
Date Time Rec'd JAN 042200  
Precedence : OF PRIORITY

From : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PHCDA PHCCT  
To : ACTION ALCOM SARDINIA INFO TO PENSOUTH, PENBASE, NOV NAPLES, ALCOM

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Request you load 12 Italian light tanks now waiting shipment  
at CAGLIARI to first available list 7 vessel. Agreed.

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AFHQ Rptd CINCPAC DISTURBES ALCOM SICILIA REGION

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8 Jan 45

OF PRIORITY

SECRET PD

SICILIAN DISTURBANCES ARE SUBJECT PD

PARISH TO AFHQ REPEATED CINCPAC CMA DISTURBES CMA ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR  
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM HQ ALCOM PARISH

RESENT CONFERENCE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THIS COMMISSION DECIDED THAT ALL  
 POSSIBLE STEPS MUST BE TAKEN PREVENT SPREAD OF DISORDER PD RESIDENT IMMEDIATE  
 STEPS BE TAKEN EXPEDITE MOVE REMAINDER BATTALION AOSTA DIVISION TO SICILY AND OF  
 TWENTY LIGHT TANKS FROM CAGLIARI BARDINIA TO PALERMO

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Land Forces S/C (10MIA)  
 Navy S/C  
 C.A. Sec.  
 Public Safety S/C ✓

| TO              | DATE | TIME  |
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| COL. CHAPMAN    | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| COL. YOUNG      | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| LT. COL. WILCOX | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| MAJ LUCKMAN     | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| MAJ WILSON      | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| MAJ HANBU Y     | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| MAJ BALDWIN     | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| CAPT POWELL     | 1/11 | 11:10 |
| CHIEF OF STAFF  | 1/11 | 11:10 |

Office of the Chief of Staff

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H. W. DRAGHETT  
 Major, AGD  
 ADJUTANT

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **SD 2058**  
 Date/Time of Origin: **JAN 071730**

Message Centre No: **C/6959**  
 Date/Time Recd: **JAN 081130**  
 Precedence: **IMMEDIATE**

FROM **MMIA**

TO : **AFHQ (G3 ORG) INFO MMIA IO SARDINIA, ALCON SICILY FOR MMIA IO, MMIA IO NAPLES,  
 PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION AC, MINISTRY OF WAR**

**SECRET****INFO - ACTION****SECRET.**

Ref my SD 2044 of 04. Shipment of 12 Italian light tanks will now be direct from SARDINIA to PALERMO on CARLTON. For LONG. These tanks will be turned over on arrival PALERMO to local CO RR HQ as part equipment of the 2 Mobile CC RR Bns being formed in SICILY. Contact local Rep Public Safety S.C.A.C. For AFHQ. Please notify addressees Ets CAGLIARI Ets PALERMO. For SMTH. No action required.

**INFO - ACTION****DIST**

INFO-ACTION P SAFETY SC (2)  
 INFO A/PRESIDENT  
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
 C A SEC  
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8 JAN 1945

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| TO            | DATE |
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| COL CHAPMAN   |      |
| COL YOUNG     |      |
| LT COL WILCOX |      |
| MAJ LUCKING   |      |
| MAJ WOOD      |      |
| MAJ HENDON    |      |
| 1ST BATT      |      |
| 2ND BATT      |      |

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JAN 061600AC/6964  
JAN 081350A  
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ACTION MMIA. INFO PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMM

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**SECRET.**

Your 3D2044 dated 4 January refers.

Arrangements made move 12 Italian light tanks on first available ship from  
SARDINIA.LISTACTION: Land Forces 2  
INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
Pub Safety  
C.A. Sec  
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| TO           | INFO | DATE |
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| COL. CHAPMAN |      |      |
| COL. YOUNG   |      |      |
| LT. COL. W.  |      |      |
| MAJ. LUK     |      |      |
| MAJ. WILSON  |      |      |
| MAJ. HARRIS  |      |      |
| MAJ. BAL     |      |      |
| CAPT. P.     |      |      |

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Subject :- Transfer of Autocarri to G.I.RR

ST/1025/8

3 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)  
ROME  
tel. ROME 489381 EXT 526

To :- S.M.R.E. Ufficio Automobilismo

Copy to: L.Os Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)  
Naples  
Sicily

1. Confirming telephones Lt.Col ALOTA - Major Papineau and Major Nelson - Major Papineau on 30 Dec 44.
2. It is required to transfer immediately 24 x 3 ton Autocarri of those arrived from Sardinia to Legione Territoriale G.I.RR Napoli.
3. These trucks will be required to proceed to Sicily and should therefore be of the best grade available mechanically and for Tyres.
4. S.M.R.E. and MIA IO, Naples please issue to Comando Campania instructions for transfer of these vehicles.
5. Confirming telephone Major Nelson - Major Papineau on 3 Jan 45 as many of the trucks as possible should be loaded with flour.
6. Subsequent to both above conversations it has been notified that these Autocarri will be on one month loan only to G.I.RR. S.M.R.E. please therefore instruct Comando Sicilia to re-claim the Autocarri on 15 Feb 45 if not otherwise notified in the meantime.

(sgd) O.C. PAPINEAU  
Major RAFE  
For Lt. Col

ABST Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

GCP/END

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGDM PHGOT

ACTION: ALCOM SARDINIA, INFO: MMIA, MMIA LO PBS, ALCOM P SAFETY SC,  
MOVWIT, MOV LO SICILY.

SECRET.

Ref MMIA SD 2044 of 4 January and our 78887 of 4 January.

1. 12 Italian light tanks to be given top storage for first <sup>new</sup> discharge. Intend routing vessel via PALERMO discharging tanks only 3.
2. Advise by signal and fast air which vessel will load these tanks.
3. Agreed.

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Info - A/President  
Chief Commissioners  
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| COL. CHAPMAN    |    |
| COL. YOUNG      |    |
| LT. COL. WILCOX |    |
| MAJ. LUCKMAN    |    |
| MAJ. WILSON     |    |
| MAJ. HANBURY    |    |
| MAJ. BALLANCE   |    |
| CAPT. POWEL     |    |
| CHIEF CLERK     |    |

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9 JAN 1945

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FROM PHCOT

ACTION: ALCOM SARDINIA, INFO: MIA, MIA LO PBS, ALCOM P SAFETY SC,  
MOVWIT, MOV LO SICILY.

SECRET.

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2. Advise by signal and fast air which vessel will load these tanks.
3. Agreed.

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Info-Action - Land Forces (2)  
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Chief Commissioner  
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ACTION NMIA, INFO PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMM

SECRET.

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| LT COL WILCOX |      |      |
| MAJ LUCKMAN   |      |      |
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| MAJ HANBURY   |      |      |
| MAJ BALLANCE  |      |      |
| CAPT POWEL    |      |      |
| CHIEF CLERK   |      |      |

DISTACTION: Land Forces 2  
INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
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ALCOM SICILY REGION ATTENTION SPSC

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PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD TWO FOUR TRUCKS FOR MOBILE BATTALIONS CHARLIE CHARLIE ROGER  
ROGER HAVE BEEN SENT FROM NAPLES TO SICILY PD

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILY REGION ATTENTION SPSC FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN PD

PARA TWO PD SIX TRUCKS LEFT ON SIX JANUARY FORTY FIVE ON SIX ON SEVEN  
JANUARY FORTY FIVE FOR PALERMO PD

PARA THREE PD ONE TWO TRUCKS LEFT ON EIGHT JANUARY FORTY FIVE FOR CATANIA PD

PARA FOUR PD ONE TWO ARMoured VEHICLES WILL BE SENT FROM SARDINIA AND  
ONE TWO FROM LEDGE PD DATE NOT YET FIXED PD

PARA FIVE PD SIX ARMoured VEHICLES LEFT ROME ON FIVE JANUARY FORTY  
FIVE BY RAIL FOR PALERMO PD THESE WILL BE RETURNED WHEN OTHER VEHICLES  
ARRIVE FROM SARDINIA AND LEDGE PD

Internal C.C.  
C.O.S.  
C.A.

Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Ext 502

F. J. WILSON Maj.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

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Sec 52A

tel : 189081 Ext 365

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6 January 1945

AG/14056/5/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Garrison Troops

TO : G-5 AFH.

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1. Reference is made to your letter TBJ/1420 dated 19 December 1944 in which it was suggested that the strength of Italian Garrison Troops in Sardinia (at present 5000) should be reduced by two Battalions (800) in order to send reinforcements to Sicily.

2. When this matter was raised in November 1944 this Commission expressed the view that 5000 troops were the minimum necessary to meet internal requirements in Sardinia.

3. The situation has again been reviewed in the light of existing circumstances and it has been agreed at a meeting at this Headquarters, presided over by the Chief of Staff, and attended by the Deputy Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Section, G. CG Land Forces Sub-Commission and the Deputy Director of Public Safety, that 4200 Italian Army Garrison troops will be sufficient for internal security purposes in Sardinia.

4. It is requested that no reduction below figure of 4,200 be made.

For the Chief Commissioner :

*G. H. Upton*  
G. H. UPTON Brig.  
VP CA Sec  
DCOS AG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

AC/14056/5/PS

Tel : 489081 Ext. 365

6 January 1945

SUBJ CT : Italian Garrison Troops in  
Sardinia

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region

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1. With further reference to your letter H/1021 dated 8th Nov. 1944.

2. The views contained in the last paragraph of your letter, namely that 5000 troops were the minimum necessary to meet internal security requirements in Sardinia, were conveyed to Allied Force Headquarters.

3. The matter was re opened in 19th Dec. 1944, by Allied Force Headquarters when reinforcement were needed in Sicily owing to disorders arising out of the military call-up.

4. The only available reinforcements were two battalions of the Aosta Division at that time employed in guarding the Power Station in Calabria. To send these battalions to Sicily entailed either :

- (a) Guarding the power station out of other resources available to III District, or
- (b) Bringing two Battalions (Calabria Division) over from Sardinia to the mainland, and in the interim guarding the power station by ad hoc arrangements.

5. These alternatives were fully discussed by the authorities concerned and it was agreed to adopt proposal (b) above. It should be pointed out that the Ministry of the Interior had on 18th Sept and again on 30th Sept. 44, requested the transfer of two battalions of the Calabria Division from Sardinia.

6. AFHQ have been requested <sup>Sardinia</sup> not to reduce the strength of internal security troops in Sicily below the figure of 4,200. A copy of our letter is enclosed for your information.

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By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

AFW?wmg.

*[Signature]*  
G. H. BRIDGES Brig.  
VP CA Sec  
LWS AC.



## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: EX78983  
 Date/Time of Origin: JAN 04NYT

Message Centre No: C/6551  
 Date Time Recd: JAN 050900A  
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ, SIGNED SAC CITE FIRSTTO: ASIA INFO DISTRICT, ALCOM**SECRET****ACTION**

SECRET.

Our EX79116 dated 2nd January refers.

1. 2 bns CALABRIA Div arrived MESSINA 2nd January.
2. They are to relieve 2 bns at BILAN LAKES for move SICILY. Our

EX71471 of 19th December refers.

| TO             | INITIALS      | DATE |
|----------------|---------------|------|
| COL CHAPMAN    |               |      |
| COL. YOUNG     |               |      |
| LT. COL WILCOX | <i>Jan 5/</i> |      |
| MAJ LUCKY      |               |      |
| MAJ WILSON     |               |      |
| MAJ HANCOCK    |               |      |
| MAJ BALDWIN    |               |      |
| CAPT P. W.     |               |      |
| CHIEF          |               |      |

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ACTION: Pub Safety 2  
 " : Land Forces 2  
 INFO: Chief Commissioner  
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 C.A. Sec  
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HEADQUARTERS  
 5 JAN 1945

**SECRET**

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SECRETSUBJECT: Mobile CCRR Bns in SICILY.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)SD/28  
2 JAN 64TO : Public Safety Sub-Com. A.C.Copy to: AFHQ  
CCS Sec A.C.

1. AFHQ has approved the formation of two mobile CCRR Bns in SICILY as presented in MMIA letter SD/28 of 19 Dec 44.
2. The units will be formed within the existing CCRR authorized ceiling and equipped with Italian transport.
3. Twenty-four Italian Army three ton trucks are now being made ready in NAPLES for transfer, on a loan basis for a period of one month, by Mil Hq CAMPANIA to Hq CCRR, NAPLES. Trucks are to be requisitioned from civilian sources in SICILY for the mobile Bns. The Italian Army has bid for transportation for

12 light tanks from MESAGNE - SICILY  
6 armd cars ROME - SICILY\*  
12 light tanks ex SARDINIA

\*on loan pending arrival 1t tanks ex SARDINIA. Move by rail subject special authority being granted.

4. Please inform this HQ when civilian transportation has been requisitioned in SICILY to replace the twenty-four trucks on loan to CCRR from Italian Army.

| TO            |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| COL. CHAPMAN  |  |  |
| COL. YOUNG    |  |  |
| LT. COL. WICK |  |  |
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| MAJ. WILS     |  |  |
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| CAPT. P       |  |  |

Major General  
M.M.I.A.



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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMIA  
 TO AFHQ (G3 ORG)  
 RPTD MMIA LO SARDINIA, MMIA LO NAPLES, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM A.C.  
 MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 2044

SECRET

SHIPMENT OF 12 ITALIAN LIGHT TANKS REQUIRED SARDINIA TO NAPLES (.)  
 REQUEST YOU ALLOT SHIP BOG SERIAL LIST 7 (.) ESSENTIAL THESE SHOULD  
 BE SHIPPED ON RETURN TRIP OF CARLTON SAILING FROM NAPLES IN NEXT  
 FEW DAYS (.) FOR SUTTON (.) SELECT 12 BEST RUNNERS TO FILL THIS  
 REQUIREMENT AND SUPERVISE DESPATCH TO MAINLAND (.) FOR SMITH (.)  
 THESE TANKS WILL BE TURNED OVER ON ARRIVAL NAPLES TO LOCAL CC RR HQ  
 FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO WHICH AS PART OF THE EQUIPMENT OF THE TWO  
 MOBILE CC RR BNS BEING FORMED IN SICILY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

W. H. Lawrence Capt.

## INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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 SD/50 (2)

| TO              | INITIALS | DATE |
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

TBJ/lasc

19 December 1944

*Learn. 83/*  
*19 Dec.*

TO : Colonel T.R. HENN.

1. I attended a Meeting in Colonel Torrence's room this morning at which were present Colonel Torrence, Major Barnes (G-3 MMIA) and myself.

2. The numbers of troops and carabinieri presently in Sicily were stated to be as follows:

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Carabinieri</u>                    | 8000 |
| <u>Italian Troops.</u>                |      |
| Saubeda internal security Div.        | 5000 |
| Aosta internal security Div. (2 Bns). | 5000 |

3. 830 men of the Montegrano Battalion are moving today from the mainland to Sicily in order to supplement the carabinieri - this is in accordance with Alcom's request.

4. Two battalions of the Aosta Division, <sup>approx. 1000 in all</sup> ~~which are in Sicily~~ are presently employed in guarding the power station in Calabria. Alcom have on various occasions asked that these two battalions should be returned to Sicily so that the two divisions there may be up to full strength, and have made a final request for this in Cable MC IN 14904.

5. G-3 are endeavouring to see who they can get to replace the battalions guarding the power station, in order that their move to Sicily may be effective. There are two alternatives,

- To guard the power station out of other resources available to III District.
- To bring two battalions over from Sardinia to the mainland, and in the interim to guard the power station by ad hoc arrangements.

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*Noted*  
*JHM*



6. A.C. have expressed the view that 5000 Italian troops on Sardinia are the minimum necessary there. Colonel Torrence is seeing Admiral Stone, and will endeavour to get him to agree to the strength of the Italian troops in Sardinia being reduced by two battalions in order that they may be shipped over to the mainland to do guard duty on the power station.

  
T. B. JACKMAN,  
Lt. Colonel.

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Subject : Movement of Italian Bn from  
SARDINIA to CAGLIARI

To : HQ AD, (for Col SIMONIS)  
SARDINIA

BY FAST AIR

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (Mov & Tr) 2/323/COM

21 Dec 44

Tel: FREEDOM 419

1. The following signal has been sent today to you and to DISTANCE, ROMA and HQ AIGCM (for information) -

"Reference our FK 71471 of 19 Dec (.) MONTESCUCCOLI VIA CAGLIARI  
28 Dec will embark one Guard Battalion ex CALABRIA Division  
inclusive strength 800 (.)

This Battalion will be selected and as far as possible equipped  
with personal arms and equipment and minimum housekeeping  
equipment by AD SARDINIA (Col SIMONIS) (.)

Vessel will proceed direct CAGLIARI to MESSINA (.)

After disembarkation MESSINA vessel will return to CAGLIARI to  
resume ferry (.)

C in C Med concurs (.)

Signed SACRED cite FREEDOM FREEDOM

JTW/30

Copy to : HQ Allied Commission  
HQ No3 District  
HQ Military Mission to Italian Army

(H.D. PHILIP) Lt Col  
for Brigadier,  
DMG (Mov & Tr)

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**SECRET**

EX 71932  
MSG 201900A

MSG 210700A  
OF PRIORITY

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HQ ALCON SARDINIA FOR SIMONS INFO: DISTRICT 3, MIA, MOVEMENTS,  
WEST ITALY, ROVERMENT CATANIA, HQ ALCON

**SECRET.**

1. Ref our EX 71471 of 19 December not to all.
2. MONTUCCOLI etc CAGLIARI 28 December will embark one guard battalion ex CALABRIA Division inclusive strength 200.
3. This battalion to be selected and as far as possible equipped with personal arms and equipment and minimum house keep equipment by AC SARDINIA (Colonel SIMONS).
4. Vessels will proceed direct CAGLIARI to MESSINA.
5. After disembarkation MESSINA vessel will return to CAGLIARI to resume ferry.
6. CINC MED concurs.

1 N F #1: R SAFETY H. (2)

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LAND FORCES

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Cable to MM1A

21<sup>st</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> 12/19

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HQ ALOCH SARDINIA FOR SIMONS INFO: DISTRICT 3, MEIA, MOVEMENTS,  
WEST ITALY, MOVEMENT CATANIA, HQ ALOCH

SECRET.

1. Ref our EX 71471 of 19 December not to all.
2. MONTUCUGOLI aka CAGLIARI 28 December will embark one guard battalion ex GALLERIA Division inclusive strength 800.
3. This battalion to be selected? and as far as possible equipped with personal arms and equipment and minimum house keep ? equipment by AO SARDINIA (Colonel SIMONS).
4. Vessels will proceed direct CAGLIARI to MESSINA.
5. After disembarkation MESSINA vessel will return to CAGLIARI to resume ferry.
6. CINO MED concurs.

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~~INF~~ : R. S. A. G. S. T. Y. H. (2)

INF : C. (Commissioner)

C. O. S.

LAND FORCES

C. A. S. M.

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C. A. S. M. to M. M. I. A.

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SECRET





MMIA

AFHQ

Public Safety Sub Com  
Chief of Staff Sec AC

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CONFIDENTIAL

Partner to our 3D/28 of 19 Dec 44 (.) Correction (.)

In para 2 read twenty-four Italian 3 ton vehs (.)

In appx A of a/1a letter under transport at bottom  
of page read twelve 3 ton trucks

Amended

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ROUTINE

Rex B Pinkley Major



SUBJECT: Fin of two reb CC.RR. Bns in SICILY.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/28

Dec 44

TO : A.F.M.C.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Com. A.C.  
Chief of Staff Sec A.C.

1. Public Safety Sub Com. A.C. has recommended that mobile bns of Carabinieri be formed, from within the present CC.RR. ceiling and with personnel now serving in the CC.RR., in order expeditiously to suppress riots. It is felt that the very presence of such a column would serve as a deterrent to aggression. It is desired to form two bns in SICILY as a start. Column HQ would be at PALERMO with one Mobile Bn at PALERMO and one at MESSINA. Details are at Appendix "A".

2. It will be seen that the total request for the two bns in SICILY amounts to 24 Italian armoured vchs or light trucks and 24 Italian 3 ton vchs (excl two cars).

3. The scheme is thoroughly supported by this HQ and it is requested

(a) that you agree in principle,

(b) that you authorize this HQ to issue Italian Armoured vchs mentioned in para 2 above as and when available. Majority of vchs are still in SARDINIA.

4. If it is conclusively shown that it is not possible to requisition 3 ton vchs, or for these to be supplied from A.C. sources, it is recommended that up to a total of 12 vchs be issued from Army sources.

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Chief of Staff Sec A.C.

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War Diary (2)

| TO             |  |
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| COL. C. P. P.  |  |
| COL. P. P.     |  |
| LT. COL. W. W. |  |
| MAJ. L. L.     |  |
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| CAPT. P. P.    |  |
| CHIEF CLERK    |  |

Major General  
M. I. A.



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18 Dec 44

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SECRET PD

ONE PD INTERNAL SECURITY POSITION IN SICILY IS WEAKENED BY TWO BATTALIONS OF THE TWO ITEM SUGAR DIVISIONS IN SICILY BEING EMPLOYED ON THE MAINLAND PAREN CALABRIA PAREN FOR GUARD DUTIES PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM FROM LUSH PAREN

TWO PD THE PROBLEM OF ITEM SUGAR TROOPS FOR THE MAINLAND CMA SARDINIA AND SICILY WAS PASSED TO YOU FOR A DECISION BY HEADQUARTERS ASLE ASLE ITEM IN THEIR LETTER

1605/20/1951 1/24 Sep  
ONE SIX ZERO FIVE SLANT THREE ZERO SLANT ONE SLANT GEORGE PAREN SUGAR DOG ONE PAREN OF TWO FOUR SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FOUR PD

THREE PD IN YOUR SIGNAL FOX XRAY FOUR THREE SEVEN ONE THREE OF TWO FIVE OCTOBER YOU ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF TROOPS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN SARDINIA WHICH WAS ANSWERED BY OUR FIVE EIGHT TWO TWO OF TWO NOVEMBER PD

FOUR PD IN VIEW OF RECENT DISTURBANCES IN CATANIA I AGAIN RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT TWO FULL ITEM SUGAR DIVISIONS ARE MINIMUM PRESENT GARRISON REQUIRED FOR SICILY AND THAT MOVE OF TROOPS TO ACHIEVE THIS BE UNDERTAKEN EARLIEST

Distribution:

Land Forces Sub-Comm (MIA) *Safek*  
Civil Affairs Sec for Public Health Sub-Comm ✓

Office of Chief of Staff

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N.W. DEAN  
Major, Adjutant

| TO              |                 |
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| COL. CHAPMAN    |                 |
| COL. YOUNG      |                 |
| LT. COL. WILCOX | <i>W. J. W.</i> |
| MAJ. LUCKMAN    |                 |
| MAJ. WILSON     | <i>W. J. W.</i> |
| MAJ. HANBURY    |                 |
| MAJ. BALLANCE   |                 |
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SUBJECT: W.E. - Mobile CC RR Unit

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/28  
4 Dec 44

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

Ref your AC/14056/5/PS para 3. of 29th. November.

It would be appreciated if you will forward as early as possible what you consider to be the minimum W.E. of a mobile CC RR Unit together with minimum workable Tpt requests.

| TO             | INIT | DATE             |
|----------------|------|------------------|
| COL. CHAPMAN   |      |                  |
| COL. YOUNG     |      |                  |
| LT. COL WILCOX | EW   | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| MAJ LUCKMAN    |      |                  |
| MAJ WILSON     | EW   | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| MAJ HANBURY    |      |                  |
| MAJ BALLANCE   |      |                  |
| CAPT POWEL     |      |                  |
| CHIEF CLERK    |      |                  |

*J. M. Ingledew*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A. *Jr. Col*

*Done overleaf 25<sup>th</sup>*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

AC/14056/5/PS.

16th December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Formation of CC.RR Bn. in Sicily.

TO : Director General, Land Forces Sub-Commission,  
(MMIA).

1. Reference your SD/28 of 10 November 1944, 14th November, 1944, and our reply of even number dated 29th November, 1944.

2. It has now been agreed with the Commanding General CC.RR to form two mobile battalions in Sicily: one attached to the Palermo Legion and one attached to Messina Legion.

3. Each battalion will consist of 500 men commanded by a Major. Battalions will be of three Companies, each with four Platoons.

4. Companies will be of 100 CC.RR (25 each Platoon) commanded by a Captain with two Lieutenants and 6 M.C.Os.

5. 12 three ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles will be required for each battalion, together with a motor car for the Major in command. Total 2 cars, 24 trucks, 24 armoured vehicles.

6. With the transport mentioned, 600 men can be moved at one time. The balance of 200 men for each battalion will be kept as reserve and transported if necessary by special journey.

7. The organisation of personnel for the two battalions is in hand by the Commanding General CC.RR in conjunction with the Minister of War.

8. It is asked that the transport mentioned in paragraph



5 be made available to the CC.RR from Italian Army sources and that arrangements be made to train CC.RR in the use and maintenance of the armoured vehicles.

*John W. Chapman* M.A.J.  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

*Copy Commanding Gen. CCRR  
R. E. Sicily (at R.P.S.D.)*

FJW/ea



SICILYBRIGADE COMMANDER.

PALESTINE LEGION  
COLONEL  
MOBILE BATTALION  
MAJOR

MOBILE BATTALION  
COLONEL  
MAJOR

| A Company<br>Captain | B Company<br>Captain | C Company<br>Captain |               |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1st Platoon          | 2nd Platoon          | 3rd Platoon          | 4th Platoon   |
| 1 Lieut.             | 1 Lieut.             | 1 Maresciallo        | 1 Maresciallo |
| 1 N.C.O.             | 1 N.C.O.             | 1 N.C.O.             | 1 N.C.O.      |
| 25 CC.RR             | 25 CC.RR             | 25 CC.RR             | 25 CC.RR      |
| 1 3 ton truck        | 1 3 ton truck        | 1 3 ton truck        | 1 3 ton truck |
| 2 Armoured vehicle   | 1 a/v.               | 1 a/v                | 1 a/v.        |

Strength of each Mobile Battalion.

PERSONNEL

1 Major  
3 Captains  
6 Lieutenants  
6 Marescialli  
12 N.C.Os  
500 CC.RR.

TRANSPORT

1 Motor car  
12 3 ton trucks  
12 Armoured vehicles  
(Note: above will carry 300 CC.RR, 200 CC.RR on res)

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SICILY

BRIGADE COMMANDER.

~~REGIMENT~~ ~~LEGION~~  
COLONEL

MOBILE BATTALION  
MAJOR

O Company  
Captain

| Platoon     | 3rd Platoon   | 4th Platoon   |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st Platoon | 1 Maresciallo | 1 Maresciallo |
| C.O.        | 1 N.C.O.      | 1 N.C.O.      |
| C.R.R.      | 25 CC.RR      | 25 CC.RR      |
| 3 ton truck | 1 3 ton truck | 1 3 ton truck |
| v.          | 1 a/v         | 1 a/v.        |

Battalion.

TRANSPORT

1 Motor car  
12 3 ton trucks  
12 Armoured vehicles  
(Note: above will carry 300 CC.RR, 200 CC.RR on reserve).

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.  
APC 394.

AC/14056/5/PS.

29th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Formation of CC.RR Bn. in Sicily.

TO : Director General, Land Forces Sub-Commission,  
(MMIA).

1. Reference your SB/28 of the 10th November, 1944 and the 14th November, 1944. The Commanding General CC.RR is in favour of the formation of a CC.RR Bn. in Sicily, on the lines indicated by you. It is understood that this unit will be formed from within the ceiling authorised for the island.

2. CC.RR Headquarters also agree with the formation of similar Bns. in other parts of Italy, but it is considered that the scheme should be started in Sicily.

3. The Commanding General CC.RR has been asked to submit a plan for Sicily detailing the transport he would require.

*sgt John W. Chapman.*

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, M.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Translation RV.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

21 November 1944.  
F. 148/19

Answer letter ACC/14056/5/PS, dated 16 November 1944.

Subject : Constitution of a CC.RR. battalion in Sicily.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The serious conditions of public order in Sicily are well known and fully justify the constitution of a battalion of the Arma on the island.

Therefore I express favourable opinion for the constitution of said battalion, with the modalities indicated in the proposal of the Ministry of War, transmitted to me in copy with a/m letter.

Commanding General  
- Taddeo Orlando -



*Tramite 2/11*

# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

## UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. I48/I9 di prot.Roma, li 21 novembre 1944Risposta al foglio del I6 corrente n. R.E.F./A.C.C.I4056/5/P/S.

OGGETTO: Formazione di un battaglione di CC.RR. in Sicilia.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R O M A

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Le gravi condizioni dell'ordine pubblico nella Sicilia sono ormai note e giustificano pienamente la costituzione in quell'isola di un battaglione dell'Arma.

Esprimo, pertanto, parere favorevole alla costituzione del battaglione stesso, con le modalità indicate nella proposta del Ministero della Guerra trasmessami in copia col foglio sopradistinto.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddeo Orlando

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA

HQ ALCON PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

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16A  
PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A CABLE SENT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO AFHQ ON SECOND NOVEMBER FORTY FOUR PD

PARIN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA FROM HQ ALCON PARIN

PARA TWO PD QUOTE SECRET PD REFERENCE YOUR FA FOUR THREE SEVEN ONE THREE OF TWO FIVE OCTOBER CONCERNING SARDINIA GARRISON CMA THIS HEADQUARTERS CONSIDERS THAT A MINIMUM OF FIVE THOUSAND TROOPS IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET INTERNAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF SARDINIA IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS A MINIMUM FIGURE AND DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY MARGIN TO MEET UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES QUOTE PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub Commission  
APO 394

*See 22*

REF/ACC/14056/5/PS

16 November 1944

SUBJECT: Formation of CC.RR Battalion  
in Sicily

TO: Commanding General CC.RR

1. Attached <sup>19A</sup> is a copy letter from Ministry of War to Land Forces Sub Commission (MSIA) passed to this Sub Commission for information and comment.
2. As you will see it is proposed to form a CC.RR Battalion in Sicily of 600 men. They would be provided with special arms, tanks and transport.
3. The formation of such a battalion would serve a useful purpose in Sicily at the present time.
4. May we have your observations on the proposal at the earliest possible opportunity please.

  
John S. Chapman  
Colonel-J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Formation of a CC RR Bn in SICILY

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/28  
14 Nov 44

TO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

Further to MMIA letter SD/28 dated 10 Nov.

1. I have just returned from a tour of SICILY where I had a conference with Gen. MARIOTTI the Italian Military Commander there on the whole matter of Internal Security.
2. (a) I am convinced that the proposal to organize a Special well armed Carabinieri Bn in SICILY as proposed by Ministry of War is the correct answer and I back it strongly.  
  
Gen MARIOTTI told me that, in his opinion, with such a CC RR Bn we would soon have SICILY tranquil.  
  
(b) This conception merely follows the normal military principle that the best form of defence is attack.
3. I should be glad of your very early approval and would suggest that the same sort of thing be laid on in other parts of ITALY also.

*L. Browning*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Formation of a CC.RR. Bn. in SICILY.

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see 19A

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/28  
10 Nov 44

TO : Public Safety Sub-Com. A.C.

18B  
Ref att copy of letter from Ministry of War.

Will you please confirm that you have no objection to the form of this unit from within the ceiling authorized for the Island of SICILY.

This H.Q. will take action on the release of tanks and arms, if you approve the scheme as a whole.

| TO                       | INIT | DATE |
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| COL CHAPMAN              |      |      |
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| LT COL WILCOX            |      |      |
| <del>MR. [unclear]</del> |      |      |
| MR WILSON                | DN   | 16   |
| MAJ HANBURY              |      |      |
| MAJ HARVEY               |      |      |
| MAJ BALLANCE             |      |      |
| CAPT POWELL              |      |      |

*J.M. Ingledew*  
Major General  
M.M.I.A.  
H. Col

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.  
TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 304155/CA.  
Date: 8.11.44

SUBJECT: Formation of a CC.RR. Bn in SICILY.

1. Highway robbery is daily increasing in SICILY.

Proper bands formed by large numbers of bandits, mostly armed with automatic rifles, L.M.G., H.M.G. and hand grenades, live well organised and protected in the mountains from where they operate extorting money, looting farms and factories.

2. Bearing in mind that in order to tackle and suppress these bands it is necessary to have suitable means, this Ministry, in agreement with the Cabinet, has the intention of forming a special Bn. of CC.RR. in the Island, whose duty it would be to suppress these formations of bandits as and when their presence is reported.

3. The details of the Bn. to be formed would be as follows:-

W.E.: 4 Coys., each 150 men strong.

Arms: Personal, rifle, 96 automatic rifles, 64 L.M.G.'s,  
12 H.M.G. 6 to 8 "L" tanks.

Means of Transport necessary to make the units speedily mobile to be requisitioned on the spot in agreement with the High Commissioner in SICILY. *Now supplied by tanks 21/00.*

4. Personnel for the formation of the unit will be drawn from strength at present on the Island. It would form part of the contingent authorised by M.M.I.A. for the CC.RR.

5. The arms necessary would be supplied by this Ministry.

The "L" tanks required could be drawn from the disbanded 5th "L" tank Coy. CC.RR. personnel to drive and maintain tanks would be previously trained by means of a special course.

6. Bearing the social and political aims to be attained by the use of said Bn. M.M.I.A. is requested to kindly authorise its formation. *521*

The Minister  
(Sgd) A. CASATI



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

1 November 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (Office of the Chief of Staff)

SUBJECT: Italian Army personnel in Sardinia.

REFERENCE: HQ/1021

8 NOV 1944

1. With reference to your 5509 of 27 Oct 44 and in continuation of my wire 591 of 1 Nov 44 and letter numbered HQ/1021 of 26 Sep 44, I regard with concern proposals to reduce the Italian Army left in SARDINIA below an effective strength of 5,000.

2. The High Commissioner has been consulted and presses for a minimum of 10,000. The difference in these figures is, however, largely represented by his anxiety to keep adequate guards for the Italian Army installations and buildings all over the Island.

3. Undoubtedly there may be serious losses of material, but I am more concerned over the possibility of loss of life that can be avoided. I have already pointed out in my Monthly Reports that banditry is showing a tendency to increase. Crime also increases at this time of the year, as an example we have a report that 800 sheep have been wantonly slaughtered in the last few days in the MURO district as a result of some kind of vendetta now being investigated.

4. The Carabinieri, though greater in strength than in pre war days, have been reduced to a state of partial immobility on account of lack of vehicles and lack of tyres. Their boots and shoes are in a miserable condition so that their effective strength and efficiency is impaired.

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J. A. C. PENNYCUIK,  
Colonel,  
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to: O.C. 63 Staging Post, R.A.P.

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| MAJ HENBRY    |      |      |
| MAJ HARVEY    |      |      |
| MAJ BALLANCE  |      |      |
| CAPT POWELL   |      |      |

NICHOLAS POMBINO, CWO, USA, Asst Adj

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ACG SARDINIA

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CALABRIA DIVISION NOT REQUIRED FOR ISLAND INTERNAL SECURITY PAREN TO  
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L.T. MONTANI, JR, 1st Lt, AGD, Adjutant



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**SECRET.** Reference conversation LUSH-WAFLER. 1. Internal security commitments of ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA at present under revision. It is desired to withdraw from SARDINIA for duties on the mainland all personnel of the CALABRIA division not required for security purposes in the island. 2. Request you confirm number of troops you consider should remain in SARDINIA.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.  
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25th September 1944.

For your personal information I think there is a possibility of the Allied garrison, SARDINIA (Italian troops) of 9,000 being withdrawn, leaving one division for internal security.

PBS will probably try and get these 9,000 Italians attached to their mainland labour gangs. I suggest that without giving any source of information on this point, we should try and get some of these troops to relieve Carabinieri if they cannot be found from anywhere else.

*MSL*

Brigadier G.R. Upjohn,  
Vice President,  
Administrative Section.

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MSL/JG.



*Attended to file*

*14613/9*

*R. J. P. G. (initials)*

*10/10 11A*

SUBJECT: Garrison in Rome

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY  
R O M E  
SD/18  
7 Oct 44

A.A.I.  
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Copy to : AFHQ  
A.C.C. (see enclosure)  
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1. Att is copy of correspondence from ACC asking for an additional gd bn for Rome.
2. There are at present two coys under comd RAAC and you have allotted all the remaining gd bns.
3. As the decision is one effected by operations and manpower the correspondence is passed to you for further action.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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Ref: AOC/14613/9/PS

1st October, '44.

SUBJECT:- Garrison in Rome

TO:- Army Sub Commission

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Following my recent conversation with Major General Browning, I attach for your information copies of letters addressed by the Prime Minister to the Acting Chief Commissioner, and his reply thereto. The second paragraph in particular refers to the matter of the garrison in Rome.

It is the view of the Acting Chief Commissioner that as a capital city there should be some form of garrison stationed in Rome, but that one Battalion should be sufficient. It would have the advantage, provided it was well turned out, of helping to raise the status of the Italian Army in the eyes of the public and would also have the primary and more important function of internal security.

He feels that the necessity for some form of regular Italian Army troops is enhanced by the Caretta incident of last week. Furthermore as the Italian Government is responsible for law and order in Italy, and are insisting on this aspect of their responsibility, we are anxious to comply with the Prime Minister's request if possible.

I shall be glad therefore if you can make a security Battalion available for this duty.

G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier 5510  
V.P. Admin. Section.

c.c. to A/CC.

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Encl: Copies A/CC's letter to P.M. dated 24th Sept. ref. AOC/14613/PS  
P.M. Letter to A/C dated 19th Sept '44, ref. N.5379  
Ministry of Interior letter to P.S. dated 19th Sept '44.



Translation ABC

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Ministry of the Interior

No 442/7801

Subject: SICILY. POLICE FORCES

To A.C.C. P.S. SUBCOMMISSION.

With letter dated 18th inst No 5323, this Ministry had asked that Commission to kindly take in urgent consideration, the public order situation of Sicily, and to examine the possibility of not yet sending from Sicily to Calabria the two R.E. battalions, and that two other battalions, actually in Sardinia, be transferred, for important public order necessities, from Sardinia to Sicily.

With a second letter dated 27th inst, we have notified to that Commission the telegram No306, dated 24th, of the High Commission of Sicily, who, while confirming for the 25th of Sept., the departure of troops for the continent, notifies that the island situation concerning public order, has become more serious, so that he finds himself obliged to refuse any responsibility.

Meanwhile the War Ministry notifies that ~~he~~ they are not in a position to negotiate with that Subcommission the question of the transfer of the two battalions from Sardinia to Sicily, and asks us to take an interest in the matter.

So, considering that public order conditions in Sicily are very uncertain, that reinforcements are urgently needed to keep in hand the spreading criminality, and to encourage the population giving it the feeling that the State has the means of safeguarding the people and their belongings, we ask again that Commission to kindly consider the propositions made in the above mentioned letter of the 18th sept. No 5323, or, at least, to hasten the transfer from Sardinia to Sicily of two Regio Esercito Battalions.

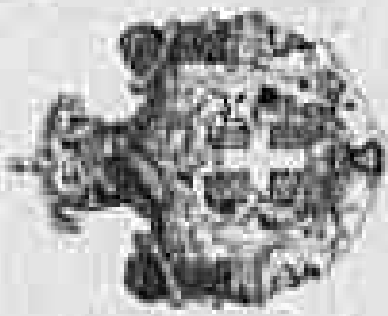
We should be glad to hear about the decisions which will be taken.

HA/B

For the Minister.

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

*Roma* 30 Settembre 1944  
*del 2.6.44*

Al l'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEA-  
TA DI CONTROLLO -  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLI-  
CA SICUREZZA ROMA

*Direzione A.G.R. L. 2°*  
*Prot. N. 442/7801 Allegato*

*Risposta al Foglio del*  
*Dir. L. 2°*

OGGETTO Sicilia - Forze di Polizia.

Con lettera in data 18 corrente n. 5323 il Ministero scrivente ha rivolto vive premure a cotesta On. Commissione perchè, in considerazione della situazione dell'ordine pubblico in Sicilia, si compiacesse di esaminare l'opportunità di soppressedere dall'inviare dalla Sicilia in Calabria - come già disposto - i due Battaglioni del R. Esercito, e che altri due Battaglioni, di stanza in Sardegna, fossero trasferiti, per imprescindibili esigenze di ordine pubblico, dalla Sardegna in Sicilia.

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Intanto il Ministero della Guerra comunica, da parte sua, che non ha competenza per trattare con cotesta On. Sottocommissione la questione del trasferimento dei due Battaglioni dalla Sardegna in Sicilia e chiede l'interessamento del Ministero scrivente al riguardo.

Ciò premesso, in considerazione che le condizioni dell'ordine pubblico in Sicilia sono molto precarie; che è urgente l'invio dei rinforzi, sia



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il trasferimento dalla Sardegna in Sicilia di due Battaglioni del R. Esercito.

Si gradirà avere cortese notizia delle determinazioni adottate.

PEL MINISTRO





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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
DIRECTION GENERAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Rome 27 Sept.

N.555/

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission

The following is a telegram received from the High Commissioner of Sicily:

" Palermo 24 Sept. No. 308 S.P. - Notwithstanding my telegrams and written reports I understand that the Sabaudia Military Division is leaving Sicily to-morrow morning for the Continent.

The situation of public order was prospected on my recent visit to Rome and it is getting serious as the continual drain on the Military Forces of the Island requires replacement.

I am very sorry that from to-day I cannot accept any responsibility."  
High Commissioner Aldisio"

The Head of Police  
Ferrari

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*Ministero dell'Interno*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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N. 555/

Roma, 27 settembre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza

R O M A

Trascrivo per opportuna notizia di codesta  
On. Commissione il seguente telegramma pervenuto  
dall'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia:

""Palermo 24 settembre - N. 308 S.P.- Malgrado mie  
segnalazioni telegrafiche e relazioni scritte appren-  
do che domani mattina partirà da Sicilia battaglione  
Divisione Militare Sabaudia diretto Continente.

Situazione ordine pubblico prospettata mia  
recente visita Roma e che aggravatasi continuamente  
più che progressivo salasso forze militari isolate  
richiedono rinsanguamento.

Sono dolentissimo dover da oggi declinare  
ogni responsabilità - Alto Commissario Aldisio"".

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IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

*[Signature]*



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FROM : A C C REGION SIX 261333A

TO : HQ A C C FOR UPJOHN

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REFERENCE YOUR FOUR SLANT THREE FIVE POINT ONE SLANT ABLE SUGAR  
 OF TWO TWO SEPTEMBER I UNDERSTAND STRENGTH OF ITALIAN ARMY IN  
 SARDINIA IS COMING TO SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO EFFECTIVES AND  
 CARABINIERI TO THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO ROUND FIGURES PD NO  
 ADDITIONAL REDUCTION BEYOND THESE FIGURES SHOULD BE MADE PD  
 INTERNAL POSITION IN SARDINIA QUIES/// QUIET BUT CONTENTMENT WILL BE  
 DISTURBED BY THE REDUCTION IN WORKERS RATIONS WHICH IS BEING  
 EFFECTED ON FIRST OCTOBER PD REPORT FOLLOWS BY LETTER PD  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SECTION VI.

26 September 1944

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section, A.C.C.  
Attention Brigadier UPJOHN.

SUBJECT: Italian Troops and Carabinieri in SARDINIA

REFERENCE: HQ/1021

1. With reference to your 4/35.1/AS of 22 Sep 44 which reached me by the hand of Major ALEXANDER, I have despatched a cable to give you my views and follow up with this brief report. I want to sound a note of caution, however, as my report is based on scanty information. I have received no official information of contemplated changes in the Allied Garrison or of moves of CARABINIERI, or of the Italian Army, and I feel I could give you a more reliable report if I was kept informed as to the position officially and did not have to seek information by a process of informal visit and enquiry.

2. I assume that when you refer to the move of 2 Battalions of the Italian Army from SARDINIA that this means the move of Italian troops from the final remnants left and exclusive of the moves now in progress which will take some weeks to complete.

3. Present Italian Troops in SARDINIA.

By courtesy of Colonel STAMANT I have been informed that Italian troops in SARDINIA now consist of:-

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| Military H.Q.                                                   | .....      | 150   |
| Administrative Personnel)                                       | .....about | 1,500 |
| Services                                                        | .....      | 5,000 |
| Calabria Division                                               | .....      | 5,000 |
| 205 Division                                                    | .....      | 5,400 |
| A.A. & C.D.                                                     | .....      |       |
| plus about 15,000 Italian troops now on the move from SARDINIA. |            |       |

4. Strength of Carabinieri.

I have already reported on the strength of the CARABINIERI in my Monthly Report. The pre-war establishment was about 2,000 and their present strength about 3,000. Their present effectiveness is reduced as compared to pre-war effectiveness because all means of transport - cars, bicycles, horses - are reduced in efficiency. If a reduction in CARABINIERI is contemplated it will affect the security position and we shall require very early notice of such proposals. Their strength is also insufficient to provide guards for N.A.P. starting units etc. If these come to SARDINIA. It is proposed to augment the effective strength of the CARABINIERI by borrowing 500 men from the Italian Army (Calabria Division) and pairing them with



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### 5. Internal Security Problems

(a) SARDINIA has been the home of banditry for many years and there are bands of lawless men situated, in particular, in the hills South and East of NUORO and smaller parties North of IGLESIAS. Large scale trouble is not anticipated from these parties, but cattle thieving and robbery is on the increase and they cannot be ignored. There have also been recent cases of attacks on Officers and vehicles on the roads at night.

(b) Industrial Workers. The largest concentration is in the mining district of CARBONIA not far from IGLESIAS, but they are also distributed throughout SARDINIA. These men have enjoyed special rations with the approval of A.C.C. for over 10 months and are now to have their privileges reduced, so that they come into line with the rest of Italy, as from 1st of October. Workers all over SARDINIA will be affected and careful arrangements have been made to explain our motives with the help of the various Italian party leaders. There will undoubtedly be

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discontent as the workers find it difficult to understand why their rations were increased two months ago and now have to be decreased, but I do not wish to be organized trouble on a large scale.

(c) Apart from the above, large scale disaffection is not reported in the island although the people are very poor and may easily become discontented if there is any hitch over the arrival of essential imported grain.

#### 6. Final Strengths

Of the troops in Para.3 the 205 Division and the A.A. & C.D. are due to leave SARDINIA in addition to troops now on the move. The final position will therefore be about 6,500 Italian troops of whom 5,000 are effective useful personnel plus 3,000 CARABINIERI, i.e. the Calabria Division plus CARABINIERI. I have asked for a detail of the proposed distribution of these troops and if they are left, as stated, the requirements of the island as regards Internal Security should be covered, but there will be no margin to meet unexpected emergencies.

*the Secretary General*

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK,  
Colonel,  
Regional Command

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SUBJECT: Italian Grn of SICILY  
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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel : FILPOT 23.

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24 Sep 44.

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Copy to : HQ 3 District  
ACC (Brig LUSH)  
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Ref attached MMIA SD/25 of 19 Sep.

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7. The decision as to which alternative is accepted rests with AFHQ. Should it be decided to reduce the grn of SARDINIA, AAI will allot the bns an appropriate priority on List 7.

General,  
Commander in Chief.



COPYSUBJECT: SICILYSECRETMilitary Mission Italian Army.  
ROMESD/25.  
19 Sept. 44.  
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C O P YSECRET 6AHEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

4/35.1/AS

Tel: 525

SUBJECT:- Public Safety in SardiniaTO :- Regional Commissioner,  
Region VI.

22nd Sept., '44.

1. As you probably know, HQ, AAI with the concurrence of this HQ are considering the transfer in the very near future of 2 Battalions of the Italian Army from Sardinia to Calabria. In addition we are very anxious to transfer an additional two Battalions from Sardinia to Sicily in the course of the next month in order to deal with the internal security problem in Sicily.
2. The internal security problem in Sicily is much more serious than in Sardinia, and the Italian Government are very seriously concerned about the position in Sicily. Hence the suggestion which has been made by the Prime Minister himself with the consent of the Minister of War for the transfer of 2 Battalions to Sicily. Before consenting to this transfer, however, and thereby removing in the aggregate 4 Battalions from Sardinia within the next month or six weeks, I have been asked by the acting Chief Commissioner to ascertain your views as to how far the security problem in Sardinia would be affected by such a withdrawal.
3. Bearing in mind the seriousness of the position in Sicily you will not I am sure oppose the above suggestion unless in your opinion it is really necessary for your essential security to keep these 2 Battalions in Sardinia. Will you please signal your views on the above proposal as soon as possible.
4. I am sending this by the hand of Major Alexander.

Copy to Public Safety.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier,  
VP. Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

HQ ACC, APO 394  
317 Sec'y Gen.  
Rec'd 1730 12/9  
By 41

25 SEP 1944

SUBJECT:- Public Safety in Sicily

Tel: 525

TO:- Acting Chief Commissioner

22nd Sept., '44.

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Reference the attached correspondence.

1. I have seen General Browning and discussed with him
  - a) the question of leaving 2 battalions in Sicily and therefore sending 2 battalions from Sardinia to Calabria, and
  - b) sending an additional 2 battalions from Sardinia to Sicily as suggested by the Minister of War.
2. With regard to (a) General Browning had already discussed this matter with the Minister of War and he agrees that it would be better to leave the existing SABAUDA Division in Sicily and to transfer 2 battalions from SARDINIA to CALABRIA. He has accordingly written a letter (copy attached) to HQ AAI. 50
3. With regard to (b) so far as General Browning is concerned he has no objection to ordering a further 2 battalions from Sardinia to Sicily, but he points out that we shall have to consider whether the transfer of these additional battalions to Sicily will not leave Sardinia dangerously low in armed forces from a public safety point of view especially having regard to the airfields there.
4. Accordingly I propose to write to Regional Commissioner Region VI and ask his views.

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G.R.

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G.R. UPJOIN. Brigadier  
V.P. Admin. Section. 550~

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Military Mission Italian Army.  
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SD/25

19th Sept. '44.  
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Copy to: H.Q. No.3 district.

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Major General  
M.M.I.A. 5501

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SD/25 dated 9 Sep Secret *6149 A.H.*

In order to meet the pressing needs of the services connected with public order in Sicily, I had asked the Minister of War to order the transfer of two battalions of the R. Army from Sardinia to Sicily for the 1st of October when the Allied troops will leave Sicily, deeming it absolutely necessary that the garrison of the island be reinforced.

However, I am now informed that the Allied Command has ordered two battalions now in Sicily be transferred immediately to Calabria.

If this is true, I must draw the Commission's particular attention on the serious repercussions that the execution of such an order would bring on the conditions of public safety in Sicily, where the lack of two, and from 1 October, of four battalions would aggravate a situation which is already hardly reassuring because of the shortage of police forces.

Hence I wish to beg the Commission to examine with particular attention the advisability of not transferring two battalions at present in Sicily ~~to Calabria~~ to Calabria, and of permitting two more battalions to be transferred, as already pointed out above, from Sardinia to Sicily on 1 October.

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THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

N. 5323 Gab.

Roma, 18 September 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394  
282-17 Gen.  
Recd 20 Sept 1944  
By DPP

→ Admiral ELLERY W. STONE

Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied  
Control Commission

R o m e

I want to draw your particular attention on the enclosed letter sent  
by me to the Public Safety Sub-Commission; I should appreciate it very much if  
you adopted the solution I suggest.

Thanking you in advance for everything you will be able to do, I remain,  
my dear Admiral,

Truly Yours,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Trans. E.C.

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TRANSLATION

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THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 18 September 1944

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
P.S. Sub-Commission

R o m e

and for information:

TO H.E. THE MINISTER OF WAR - ROME  
TO THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF P.S. - SEAT

I had interested the Minister of War for the needs of the services of public order in Sicily, so that he should order two battalions of the R. Army to be transferred from Sardinia to Sicily, on the 1st of October, ie when the Allied troops will leave Sicily, as I deem it absolutely necessary that the garrison of the island should be reinforced.

Nevertheless I have been informed that the Allied Command has ordered that the two battalions now in Sicily should be sent to Calabria.

If this is true, I must draw the special attention of the Commission on the serious repercussions that the execution of such a disposition would determine on the conditions of public safety of Sicily, where the absence of two battalions - and on October 1st of four - would make worse a situation which is already little encouraging because of the lack of police troops.

✓ Therefore, I ask the Commission to take in particular consideration the fact that it is necessary that the two battalions now in Sicily should not be transferred to Calabria and that two other battalions should be transferred - as mentioned above - from Sardinia to Sicily, on the 1st of October.

If necessary, the two battalions requested for Calabria could be immediately transferred in this region of Sardinia.

✓ Any communication on this subject will be welcome.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

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*Administrative Sec.*  
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ACC/44613/PS.

24th September, 1944.

My dear Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter N.5379 dated 19th September.

The question of providing a regiment of Italian troops in Rome will be considered but in view of the limited ceiling laid down for the Italian Army and the necessity of organising combat units for operational purposes and internal security divisions in other parts of the country, I can assure you that the provision of troops for Rome will only be permitted if it is considered absolutely necessary to maintain law and order.

The preservation of law and order is the primary duty of the CC.NR, CC.PP and other police agencies. Only if they are likely to fail can the presence of troops be deemed necessary. While in the opinion of my advisers your request is not unreasonable, they consider that a great improvement is essential in the loyalty, initiative, energy and sense of public duty of the CC.NR, CC.PP and other police agencies, and that we must be assured of far greater effort to instil these qualities into the forces of law and order: this is an immediate and paramount necessity.

Eye witnesses have informed me that the unhappy incidents on Monday were due not to any lack of numbers of CC.NR but to extremely bad organisation connected with the arrangements for the trial itself, and to complete lack of organisation, initiative and fortitude displayed by the CC.NR, CC.PP and other police agencies themselves. In conference with General Orlando, General Ayomoni and M.E. Ferrari, Brigadier Upjohn urged upon them the necessity of instilling greater enthusiasm, energy and esprit de corps among the various forces. Much can and must be done by Commanding Officers to instil the qualities of leadership into their subordinates, to teach them to regain their pride and their authority. Separation of the Fascist elements and of others whose conduct has been lacking, must be carried out more rapidly and with greater vigour. The confidence of the public in the various forces must be re-established by sympathetic investigation into complaints and immediate action to remove those complaints.

There should be no delay in taking steps to effect these remedies and I beg you in the interests of law and order in Italy to use your personal influence with General Orlando, General Ayomoni and M.E. Ferrari to see that this is done.



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Moreover, I think that much could be done to increase the morale of your police forces if you yourself and your colleagues in the Government would influence the press in their present campaign against the police, persuading them to adopt a new note of encouragement by pointing out the very good work done by them rather than criticising and discouraging the forces.

I do not under estimate, my dear Prime Minister, the difficulties which face your Government and your police forces: I am fully aware of the distressing shortage of boots and clothing, and the difficulties under which the police forces are working, and I assure you that I am doing all that is possible to assist you. In particular I hope it may be possible to increase the ration of the *QG.FF* and the police agencies and to bring over from North Africa more *CC.MR*.

For operational reasons it has been necessary to remove one battalion of troops from Sicily but I hope that they will be replaced without delay by a battalion or battalions from Sardinia. I shall be in a position to give you more information on this subject in a few days.

BILLY W. STONE  
Captain, USMC  
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
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| Hq ACC Sec'y Gen. |
| DISPATCHED        |
| Date: 26 SEP 1944 |
| Via: AG. OYH      |
| Initials: CH      |

*Drafted by Admin. Sec. (Public Safety S/C)*  
*cc: Admin. Sec.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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22 SEP 1944

A/CG 250.1

22 September 1944

Subject: Public Order in Rome

To: Vice President, Administrative Section

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The Acting Chief Commissioner wishes me to call your attention to attached copy of a communication from the Prime Minister, requesting that you put up a suitable reply for his signature in the light of your recommendations.

J. A. Quayle.

J. A. QUAYLE  
Major, R. A.  
Chief Staff Officer

1 Incl:  
Ltr fr Bonomi, No. 5379  
dated 19 Sept 1944, with  
enclosure thereto.

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

n. 5379

Rome 19 September 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394  
283 Sec'y Gen.  
Rec'd 20 Sept 1945  
By \_\_\_\_\_ per

Dear Captain,

Here is a copy of the letter which I sent to the Allied Control Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission; will you kindly see that the competent Allied organs provide without delay adequate reinforcements to face the present urgent need of the public order in the Capital.

I take the liberty of drawing your attention on this subject and of appealing to your kind comprehension.

Trusting in your help to solve in a satisfactory way a problem, the importance, the gravity and the urgency of which have been but too emphasized by the regrettable incident of yesterday, I thank you and remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral ELLERY W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Control Commission

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THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 19 September 1944

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

R o m e

The painful events of yesterday morning have tragically proved the grave numerical deficiency of the forces for the public order services in the Capital, as well as the urgent necessity to appoint adequate reinforcements to face the needs of the services during the present moment.

If, because of the limited efficiency of the cadres of the P.S. Agenti' Corps, it should prove impossible to transfer more police contingents, to employ troops would be the only solution left.

Even this solution could not be put to immediate execution, for, from what the competent military organ say, no army unit can be disposed of in Rome.

If this was to be a lasting deficiency, other unpleasant repercussions might occur; it is therefore necessary that we should be able to dispose of the forces of one regiment at least, to fulfill the above mentioned duties.

This could be done by transferring temporarily from Calabria here two battalions of the Mantova Division. An other Infantry Regiment could be formed with the elements which will come to Rome from the Districts of the Latium, following the levy now taking place. As soon as this unit should be formed, the battalions of the 'Mantova' could be sent back.

As the chief difficulty seems to be the lack of foodstuffs, the competent Allied Authorities would have to grant a greater number of rations, corresponding to a regiment of about 1800 men.

If this should not prove possible, will you ask the above mentioned authorities to authorize that these rations should be taken from the contingent assigned to the Carabinieri, which is not entirely drawn as the present force of the Corps does not reach the number of the fixed effectives.

I hope that the Allied Control Commission will agree with these proposals, considering the special gravity of the problem and the necessity of finding a solution. These proposals have been made in agreement with the Minister of War.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

/s/ Bonomi 5490

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*Il Ministro dell'Interno*  
*N 5379*

Roma, 19 settembre 1944.

Caro Comandante,

HQ ACC, APO 394

283 Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 20 Sep 1945

By \_\_\_\_\_ PPK

Le invio copia della lettera con la quale ho interessato la Commissione Alleata di Controllo - Sottocommissione per la pubblica sicurezza - onde voglia opportunamente intervenire presso gli Organi Alleati competenti, perchè venga assicurata al più presto la disponibilità di adeguati rinforzi di truppa allo scopo di fronteggiare le gravi esigenze attuali dell'ordine pubblico della Capitale.

Mi permetto di richiamare in proposito tutta la Sua attenzione e tutta la Sua benevola comprensione.

Nella fiducia ch'Ella vorrà interporre i Suoi autorevoli uffici per l'auspicata favorevole soluzione del problema, la cui portata, gravità ed urgenza sono state, purtroppo, dolorosamente sottolineate dai deprecati incidenti di ieri, Le porgo le espressioni del mio ringraziamento ed i miei cordiali saluti

*Baron*

Al Signor  
 Ammiraglio ELLERY W STONE  
 Commissario Capo della Commissione  
 Alleata di Controllo

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Roma, 19 settembre 1944

*M. Ministro dell'Interno*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza

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Peraltro, anche tale soluzione non si ravvisa di possibile immediata attuazione, in quanto, a quel che assicurano i competenti organi militari, non è disponibile in Roma alcun reparto dell'Esercito.

Poichè il permanere di sì grave deficienza potrebbe, come è ovvio, dar luogo a nuove spiacevoli ripercussioni, è necessario che si possa disporre almeno della forza di un Reggimento da destinare ai compiti di cui trattasi.

A ciò si potrebbe, in un primo tempo, provvedere mercè l'immediato temporaneo trasferimento dalla Calabria di un paio di battaglioni della Divisione Mantova. Indi mediante la costituzione di un nuovo Reggimento di Fanteria con elementi che affluiranno a Roma dai Distretti del Lazio in seguito ai richiami in corso, si che, appena costituita detta unità, i battaglioni della "Mantova" potrebbero rientrare alle sedi di provenienza.

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prelevato dai Carabinieri, in quanto la forza attuale dell'Arma non  
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO  
MINISTRO DELL' INTERNO

F/to: Bonomi

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MINISTRO DELL' INTERNO

F/to: Bonomi

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

14613/1  
19 September 1944. 1A

N. 5379.

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The painful events from yesterday morning have constituted, among others, a tragic confirmation of the serious numerical deficiency of the Forces attached to services of public order of the Capital and of the urgent necessity, that reinforcements be organized adequate to meet the exigencies of mentioned services in this particular moment.

Having stated the impossibility to rely on further Police Forces, considering the limited efficiency in the lists of the P.S. Agents Corps, no other solution is given than to employ military.

However, also said solution is not deemed possible to be immediately carried into effect, since, according to competent Military Authorities' statements no Army Unit is available in Rome.

Since the continuation of a so serious deficiency could, as it is obvious, give arise to new disappointing repercussions, it is necessary, that at least a regiment could be put at our disposal, in order to assign said tasks in question.

For this, at first, it could be provided by the immediate temporary transfer from Calabria of 2 battalions of the Mantova Division. Then with the formation of a new Infantry Regiment, constituted by elements coming to Rome from the Lazio Military Districts, as a result of enrollment in course, so that as soon as said Unit is constituted, the "Mantova" battalions could return to their original seats.

Since, it seems, the principle obstacle would be the deficiency of food-supply, it would be necessary that the Allied Authorities grant further rations, equal to the force of a Regiment of 1800 men.

Should this not be possible, we beg you, to submit to the a/m Authorities the opportunity that the supply of those rations be authorized on the quantity, which is not entirely drawn by Carabinieri, as the present strength of the Arma does not reach the number of the foreseen effectives.

I am sure that the A.C.C. considering the particularly serious problem and the impellent necessity of solution, will kindly support the a/m proposals, in conformity with the agreements taken with the War Ministry for this purpose.

Council's President  
Minister of Interior  
Sgd. I. Bonomi.

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