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Chief Commissioner.
(thru C.A. Section)

The attached Aide Memoire for consideration and approval,
please.

18th February 1945. *JS* 19/2. *JS* 19/2 *JS* 19/2
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E. J. F. E. E.
Colonel,
Dep. Director,
Public Safety S/G.

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Letter has today been despatched to British Embassy by this
office. Copies have been retained for CC and EC files.

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SUBJECT :- Interference by F.S.S. Officer into the
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC.
MEMIA

CCRR/G/7

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CC.RR. BRANCH - P.A.I.A.

Minutes of CC.RR. Branch MIA Conference
held atL.A. L.A. HQ.
on

13th and 14th March 46.

1. PRESENT:

Lt. Col. H. MICHAEL
Lt. Col. F. WILSON
Maj. R.P. FIELDS
Maj. H. SYKES
Maj. J. WILDER
Maj. B. POWELL
Capt. T. MARCH

GSO I CC.RR. Branch (HQ)
Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC.
GSO II CC.RR. Branch (HQ)
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GSO II CC.RR. Branch (HQ)
GSO III (Trs). CC.RR. Branch (HQ)

Maj. A.G. HILLS
Maj. P.E. COGHEAD
Maj. W. GREENHOUGH
Maj. W. LACEY
Maj. C. FAYES
Maj. T. GOODACRE

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2. The Conference was opened at 0930 hrs MTD 13 March 46, by Col. W. PIDSLEY DSO, OBE, MC (A/Q MIA HQ), who expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity to meet the Liaison Officers again, and said how much he appreciated the work being performed by all officers of the CC.RR. Branch. He promised that MIA would give all possible assistance to CC.RR. Branch in its work towards improving the efficiency of the CC.RR. He welcomed the presence at the Conference of Lt. Col. P. WILSON from Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC. Col. PIDSLEY referred to certain items on the Agenda (viz) Channels of Supplies, Maintenance of Transport and Press Campaigns, as being of particular importance. He stated that the Ministry of War is appointing a Press Relations Officer by which it was hoped a better press would come about for the Italian Army, including the CC.RR. He warned LOs of the importance of confirming reports that come to their notice before taking drastic action on them. In conclusion, he promised LOs his assistance in any administration difficulties of their own respecting which they may like to make representations to him.

Col. PIDSLEY then handed over the Conference to Lt. Col. H. MICHAEL.

3. GSO I dealt with the objects of the Conference, and the Policy of the CC.RR. Branch HQ. He stated that he proposed to give LOs an assessment of the information which had been sent in by them, and a summary of the information which had been obtained by HQ Officers from HQ CC.RR. It was now time to put certain recommendations, based on that information, to the GSO, MIA, and before doing so, it was felt that all LOs should have the opportunity of knowing them and discussing them. In the main, the information obtained by LOs agreed with that obtained by this HQ. He stated the policy was to implement all possible improvements forthwith and to submit recommendations regarding organisation, training and administration for later implementation. It was not proposed to make drastic changes in the character of the CC.RR., having regard to the position held by the CC.RR. in relation to other Italian Police Agencies, but it was intended to do everything possible to improve the efficiency within itself. He pointed out that there was some good officer material at CC.RR. HQ but they regarded their-

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5. GSO I raised the question of distribution of supplies and pointed out that CC.RR.HQ. took no further interest in the matter of physical distribution once they had made an allocation. Plans 'A' and 'B', copies attached, outlining proposed method of distribution, were explained and discussed. The adoption of one of these plans is confidently anticipated, which should materially improve distribution problems. Major GREENHOURN stated that Legions never received an acknowledgement from CC.RR.HQ. to indents; if stocks were not available to meet an indent, Legion was not told so. They never knew whether their indent had ever been received at HQ. Action DAA&GMC. Maj HAYES complained of lack of discretion when issuing boots, many pairs were much too large or much too small, therefore though a Legion may receive 500 pairs, only (say) 300 pairs could be utilised. GSO I said part of the fault must be placed on Legion Commanders, who must state sizes required, and part on distribution depots. DAA&GMC would look into it. Action DAA&GMC. On question of general supplies, GSO I said that if Ministry of War did not have immediate requirements available issues would be requested from Allied sources. Maj LACEY stated that Legion Commanders were in doubt as to the scale on which they could base their immediate requirements. He requested that CC.RR.HQ. define "immediate requirements", to Legion Commanders, so that a true picture could be obtained. Maj. FILLERS supported. Action DAA&GMC (?).
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9. GSO I stated that a WE for CC.RR. transport had been agreed. Everyone agrees that transport is the most immediate necessity. MILA will do their utmost to press the war, to supply to the WE. Allotments so far are, 250 Jeeps immediately, 400 new medium and 100 heavy load carriers between now and June. Maj HILLS asked for an assurance of equitable distribution.

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GSO I produced tables showing how the Jeeps were being distributed, the policy being that they would go to the small outside stations. He assured the conference that this HQ would demand proper distribution. Maj GOODACRE raised the question of actual delivery. Maj FIELERS stated we had only just been notified of the method and had not yet had time to discuss and consider it. This would be done. Action Maj FIELERS.

500 new Motorola cycles and 2000 cycles are also to be made available. On the question of obtaining PCL, GSO I explained the situation respecting civil requirements coming through UHRA, and spoke of the need for CC.RR. requirements to be outside the control of the Prefect, and to place it under the control of Territorial Commands. Some discussion ensued and GSO I asked LOs to give the matter further consideration, especially the policy of obtaining supplies from CIP, and submit recommendations. Action LOs

10. GSO I referred to the lack of telephone communications. It would be recommended that private lines would be installed to all stations. He thought that certain materials were available and that the installations may not be so difficult as might be imagined. Maj GREENHORN pressed for priority to be given to repair of existing lines. GSO I stated that a scheme (copies attached) for Wireless Communication, down to Group level had been recommended. The sets are available and delivery can be expected fairly soon. Details of the scheme were explained. Operators were already under training. At the same time the P.R. system was to be maintained and if possible enlarged.

11. GSO I gave the conference information respecting the Mobile Bns. He said that, agreement on minor points had not yet been reached between CC.RR. and War Ministry as to the use of these Bns, but it is certain that the 12 Bns will be up to VI by the end of April 46. MAIA have obtained 125 STEIGMUND Armoured Cars and these are in the process of delivery. 24 are already at the Training School CESANO. A further 125 STEIGMUNDS will later be provided to replace the 45 HUMBERS at present held in North Italy i.e. PADUA, MILAN, TURIN AND GENOA. Efforts are being made to obtain spares for both HUMBERS and STEIGMUNDS and request has been made to ARHQ for supplies of ammunition for cannon.

On the 1st April a course of training for a minimum of 60 drivers will commence. Instructors in gunnery and wireless are at present being trained. These instructors will impart their knowledge to the crews in the Bns at the latter HQ, thus cutting delay in training.

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12. GSO I dealt with the question of transport maintenance. The general opinion was that the Mobile W/Shops with Mobile Bns were adequate, and it was considered that a similar W/Shop was required with each Legion Headquarters. These W/Shops to carry out certain repairs, whilst major repairs were to be done by Army Territorial W/Shops. Was providing line between major and other repairs was not known, but this was a matter for CC.RR. The existing system of repairs being carried out by local contractors was not altogether to be discouraged, as it was considered that more spares would be available in this way, though they were not for sale on the open market. The difficulty was Legions having only a small sum of money at their disposal for this purpose. Mobile W/Shops were to be staffed with civilians, under the control of CC.RR. personnel.

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13. GSO I stated that the CC.RR.HQ had asked for over 12,000 bicycles, and that he was of the opinion that this was grossly in excess of requirements. Discussion followed and eventually agreed that some bicycles were useful and necessary, but demand could be cut down. Attention GSO I.
 14. GSO I asked LOs to observe the qualification of the CC.RR. Officers and in the course of a few weeks be able to give a very brief resume of each officer's (down to Company level) ability.
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Maj GREENHOUGH said that there were general complaints that the CC.RR. rates of pay were not good enough, particularly for married men. EGS said that owing to the general state of Italian finances there was no chance of an increase and that the CC.RR compared favourably with other services and civilian rates of pay etc.

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Maj. COOMACRE said members of CC.RR were not performing duty as they were awaiting results of Espionage Committees. Either the men should be suspended altogether or in effective duty. GSO I stated that it was partly due to the CC.RR policy of giving every man a fair and thorough investigation.

Maj. HILLS asked if grey/green or blue uniforms would be issued. Reply: Grey/green in North, blue in Rome and South. Maj. HILLS stated that the CC.RR order respecting every CC.RR having one hour's instruction daily should be cancelled, as it could not be carried out properly, and led to abuse. GSO I stated that refresher courses at Company HQ were more desirable, and the matter was under review. Attention Capt. MARSH

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Maj COXHEAD said members of CC.RR were not performing duty as they were awaiting results of Evacuation Committees. Either the men should be suspended altogether or in effective duty. GSO I stated that it was partly due to the CC.RR policy of giving every man a fair and thorough investigation.

Maj HILLS asked if grey/green or blue uniforms would be issued. Reply: Grey/green in North, blue in Rome and South. Maj HILLS stated that the CC.RR order respecting every CC.RR having one hour's instruction daily should be cancelled, as it could not be carried out properly, and led to abuse. GSO I stated that refresher courses at Company HQ were more desirable, and the matter was under review. Attention Capt. MARSH.

Maj HILLS asked if he could have full exercise review of his Mobile Bns. EGS & GSO I concurred and said that it was very desirable. Maj HILLS said that TURIN has good canteen facilities staffed by the Mobile Bns.

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Arms & Ammunition. No difficulties envisaged, and distribution according to the War Establishment was being effected. Main deficiency in arms was pistols automatic, and provision of local manufacture had been made in this respect. The position with regard to Besa ammunition for HUMBER armoured Cars was fully realised, and supply had been requested, and should be met in the near future.

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Rations. Although the ration was small, no difficulty with regard to supply.

Transport. The immediate release of 250 Jeeps, and the delivery of one hundred heavy and four hundred medium lorries by the end of June, would considerably relieve the position. Mobile Bns were being equipped with STACHOUNDS, and although these vehicles were not ideal, they were adequate and had a heavy fire power. It was essential that some sealing of spares be effected with Allied vehicles, otherwise the position would rapidly deteriorate.

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C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Carabinieri Radio.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC.
MMLL.
CCRR/G/10/1
ROME.

9 March 46.

S.O. SIGS.

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(SGD) Richard Fielders

Major.S.O.II
CC.FR. Branch.
M. M. I. A.

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2 March 46.

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MILIA
ROME

CCRR/G/12

7 March 46.Col A/Q

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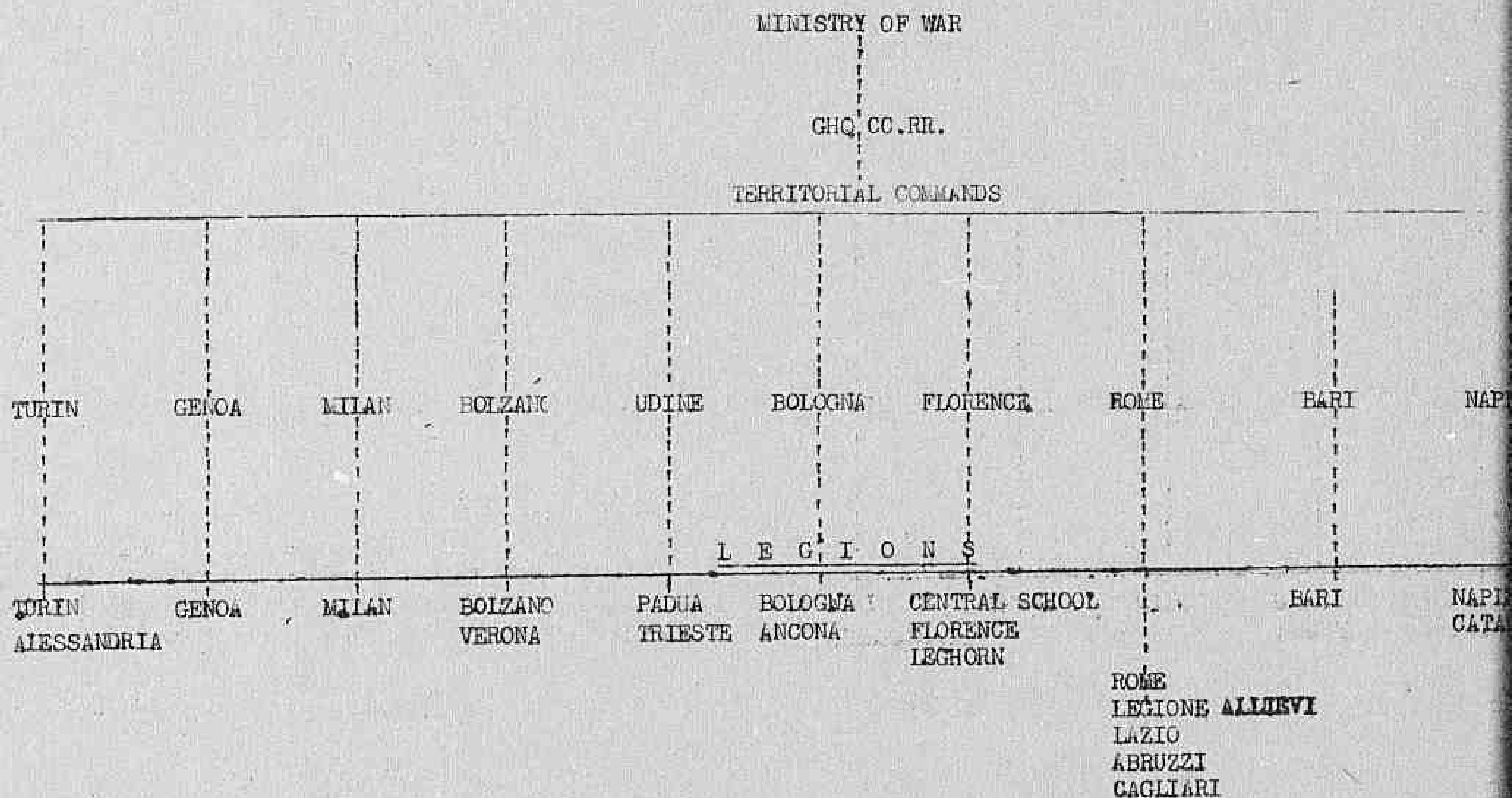
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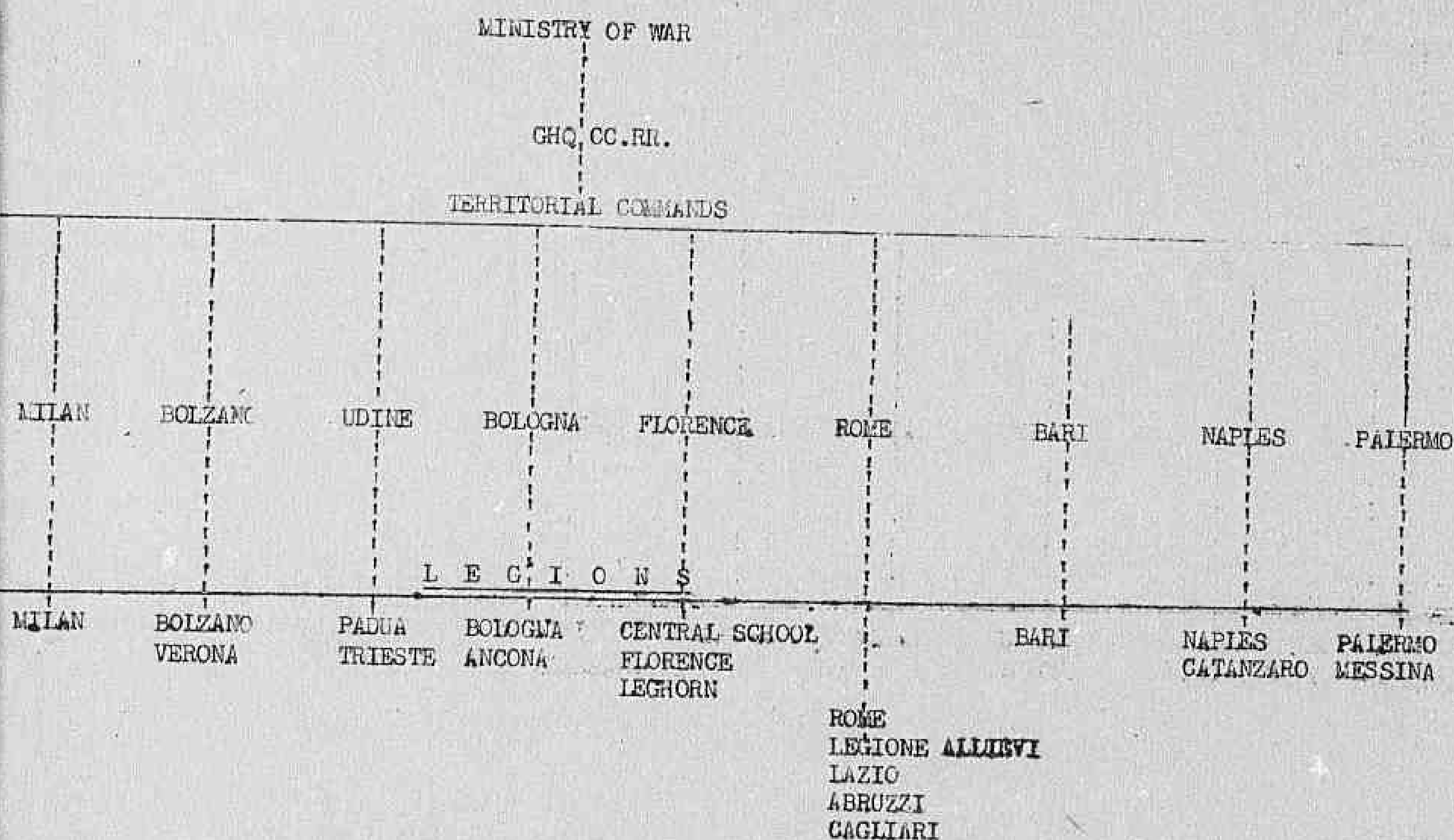
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SUBJECT :- Conference - CC.RR. Liaison Officers.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC.
 MILA ROME.

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6 March 46.List 'B'.14601/70.
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1. A conference of Liaison Officers (CC.RR.), attached to ELUs will be held at this HQ, commencing 0930 hrs, Wednesday 13 March 46, lasting TWO Days.
2. Will OOs ELUs, having a CC.RR.LO, attached to them, please facilitate the attendance of the LO to this Conference.
Air travel is authorized.
3. All OOs ELUs are invited to forward to this Branch, any matter, or recommendations affecting the CC.RR, which they may like to have discussed.
4. Your personal attendance will be welcomed, but this is left to your discretion.

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 for Major General,
 M. E. I. A.

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Copy to : List 'A'
 Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Lt Col Wilson

Will you please attend
 on behalf of this B/C?

Seen and noted -

Henry Wilson

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Ref: AG/4601/72/TS.22 February 1946.

A few days ago General Browning spoke to you from an Aide Memoire on the Carabinieri. He subsequently showed me his notes. I felt that he had, naturally, spoken only from the military aspect of their functions and organisation. I therefore instructed the Public Safety Sub-Commission to prepare some notes for you on the civil side of their work which is, of course, controlled, by the Ministry for Interior, and I am sending them herewith. I hope that they may be of value to you.

M. S. LUSH

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, K.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Rome.

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Copy to: Land Forces S/C.
Executive Commissioner.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 February 1946

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR H.E. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT : Carabinieri.

1. Although the CC.RR. is a unit of the Italian Army and organized as such, it is primarily a Police Force and its members are policemen charged with the duty of preserving the peace. It is for this reason that the CC.RR. is under the control of two Ministries, the Ministry of War and the Ministry of the Interior. The functions are as follows :-

- (a) Ministry of War. Administration; organization military training, discipline, recruiting, arms and equipment, transport (including horses). Military Police, action under mobilization orders, supervision of soldiers on leave and release, searched for deserters and those escaping from Military Prisons. The Ministry of War always works in agreement with the Ministry of Interior regarding the distribution and assignment of officers.
- (b) Ministry of Interior. Maintenance of public order and security, billeting and barrack equipment. The Ministry can order concentration of forces whenever necessary. In matters concerning the strength of the CC.RR., or its disposition, the Commanding General CC.RR. must obtain the previous authorization of the Ministry of Interior before interesting the Ministry of War in the matter.

2. The number of Police in Italy to-day is less than the number employed before Italy's entry into the war, before its industrial, commercial and economic resources had been destroyed, and before its population was confronted with hunger, homelessness, unemployment and inflation. Before the war, the aggregate number of police engaged in maintaining law and order (excluding Royal Finance Guards) was approximately 207,000 officers and men. Of this number 130,000 were organized into specialized police agencies including:-

- (a) Railway Police
- (b) Port Police
- (c) Highway or Road Police
- (d) Post and Telegraph Police.

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- (e) Frontier Police
- (f) Coastal Police
- (g) Forest Guards
- (h) Anti-Aircraft Guards.

These agencies were manned from M.V.S.N. (Black-shirt Militia), they were fascist organizations, and were all abolished when the Allies occupied Italy. No replacement was made, and as a result, Carabinieri are being used for duty on Railways, Ports, Roads, Frontiers etc. to the detriment of their primary function, the duty of preserving the peace. (The Italian Government has appreciated this situation and has issued Decrees creating Railway Police. Men are being enrolled as Agents of Public Security under Questore and will be trained as Port and Road Police).

3. The primary object of an efficient police is the prevention of crime. Next that of detection and punishment of offenders if crime is committed. These functions cannot be performed by police on static guard duty, nor by those held in reserve bodies in readiness to put down riots or other disturbances beyond the capacity of the carabinieri on patrol. The close contact with the public so necessary to the proper performance of police duty, is secured by the manning of 4,809 stations throughout the country. The location and importance of the station determines the number of police to be assigned. The extraneous duties which must at present be performed by CC.RR. militates against the effectiveness of their strength, with the result that the stations throughout the country are not manned to their proper strength. The minimum station allotment is usually 5 but this number has had to be reduced. The increase in mobility of a force increases efficiency. However, a reduction in strength in communes, to be replaced by visiting CC.RR. in motor cars or trucks, will inevitably lead to a worsening of public safety conditions. The presence of the CC.RR. resident on the scene frequently prevents crime being committed. Flying squads can only deal with the trouble after it has occurred. Experience at home has shown that with all the many modern aids so valuable and necessary in Police work to-day, the basis of the whole system is the 'man on the beat'. He cannot be replaced.

4. It is not generally appreciated that the CC.RR. is the only representative of law and order in the towns and communes below provincial level. He is not a village policeman. He is a member of a national Police force and is trans-

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ferred from a city or small town to a commune in the mountains in accordance with the exigencies of his service. The CC.RR in Rome is of the same type as the CC.RR in a Sicilian village.

5. Agents of Public Security are concentrated in cities and provincial seats and are not distributed into communes to assist in the duty of preserving order. Guardia Finanza are revenue agents, not Police in the generally accepted sense of the term. It is anticipated that an additional 6,000 Agents will be trained by April and a further 6000 by June. This increase in strength should enable a large number of CC.RR to return to proper police duty. When this occurs, every effort should be made to build up the strength of the force at the station level.

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16. February 1968

SUBJECT: Organisation of the CC.RR.

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

1. You were good enough to send me the aide memoire from which you spoke to the British Ambassador on the question of the CC.RR. in order to brief him for an interview on the subject with the Prime Minister.

2. If I may say so, it presents the military side of the CC.RR. and their organisation down to Legion level precisely. I think, however, if the British Ambassador is to speak to the Prime Minister on the subject he should also be briefed from the point of view of the functions of the Ministry of Interior with regard to the CC.RR. It is the Interior who deal with the CC.RR. as village policemen. It is this aspect of their work which is as vitally important as the organisation and equipment at the higher levels.

3. I have therefore instructed Colonel Bye, Public Safety Sub-Commission, to coordinate with Lt.Col. Mighal and produce a brief on the purely police aspect of the CC.RR.

M. S. Lavel
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: CA Section (Attn: Public Safety S/O).✓

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Subject : CC.RR

AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR H.P. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

The following are possible aspects of the CC.RR situation which might be discussed with the Prime Minister.

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reliability as the CC.RR would not be obtained and would be a certain inconvenience in recruiting and organizing such guards. But the whole matter appears to be the balance between the use of CC.RR for the maintenance of law and order in the country as a whole as opposed to the local or particular needs of certain ministries.

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6. CHANNELS OF SUPPLY, CC.RR.

At present, though the CC.RR is part of the Army, its channels ^{of supply} run parallel to those of the Army. It seems to us that in order to save overheads and centralise supply, the whole supply of the CC.RR should be done by the Ministry of War. A stat has been made on this by the provision of POL to the CC.RR Mobile Bus through Army channels instead of through the prefects. But it would seem that much greater efficiency would result if the whole of the POL and other supplies were controlled and distributed

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through Army channels. If this were so, it would fit in well with the Army Territorial Organization. The Ministry of War would deal in ROME with the head of the CC.RR while out in Army Territorial Regions the father and mother of the CC.RR would be the Territorial Regional Commander. This, it is suggested would not cut across the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior or the Ministry of Grace and Justice as regards the purely police duties aspect of the CC.RR. The big point of this should be that the CC.RR should not consider themselves as a separate organization running parallel to the Army but as part of the Army, working in very close touch and under the Ministry of War as regards administration, maintenance, and discipline generally.

7. PRESS.

The prestige and morale of the CC.RR has undoubtedly risen. Anything than can be done to increase this is all to the good. It is suggested that more use should be made of the Press and better propaganda put out to show the Nation that the CC.RR are rapidly getting on their feet and are doing a good job.

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SUBJECT: Re-organisation of Carabinieri.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (AMITA)

CC.RR/G/12

15 Jan 46

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Appendix 'A' to MIA letter
CC.RR/G/12 dated 25 Jan 1946

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STRENGTHS

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(ii) No. on HQ staff

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Workshop repairs ?

Suggest minimum transport requirements, giving type of vehicle required. Deduct number of present vehicles.

Training of drivers and instruction for maintenance of vehicles ?
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Appendix 'A' (Contd)

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Source of supply:-

- (a) For general use ?
- (b) For mobile battalions ?
- (c) Quantity for each of (a) and (b)
- (d) Are supplies adequate ?

4.

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Give details of service and state No. of stations without telephone.

- (b) No. of stations with part-time telephone service.
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- (d) Other means of communication ?
- (e) Suggestions for improvement ?

5.

RATIONS

- (a) From where obtained and by whom stocks held ? (this to be answered at Legion, Group and Company level).
- (b) Brief details of system of distribution.
- (c) Any difficulties experienced.

6.

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It is intended to recommend that standard equipment for arms will be rifle and pistol only and automatic weapons should be held in reserve and issued only for tasks involving special danger, i.e. road blocks, quelling serious banditry, riots etc.
- (c) Ammunition sufficient ?
- (b) Do CC.RR receive local instruction in the use of arms ?

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Appendix 'A' (Contd)8. MOBILE BATTALIONS

- (a) No. of vehicles ? Make, type and origin ?
- (b) Is training progressing satisfactorily ? By whom given, and brief details of nature of training course.
- (c) State of vehicles ?
- (d) Who services vehicles ? Have CC.RR efficient workshops ? Have Italian Army sufficient workshops ?
- (e) Spare parts ?
- (f) Are standard (or suitable) documents - log book, servicing records etc kept for each vehicle ?
- (g) Do members of Mobile Battalions perform other duties ? If so, to what extent.
- (h) Are the Mobile Battalions an efficient striking force ?

9. GENERAL SUPPLIES

For equipment, arms, ammunition, clothing, uniform, etc it is intended to consider whether all supplies should in future be drawn from Italian Army channels of supply. It is suggested this be done at CC.RR Legion level. Is this advisable and practicable and if so will this effect (at that level) any saving in manpower and transport ?

10. REDUNDANT STATIONS

Operation of small stations should receive close scrutiny. Information is desired as to the number and location of stations which could, with advantage in efficiency and security, be closed and personnel concerned centralised at stations where communications are/or will be more satisfactory. This is dependent on the provision of adequate transport and inter-communication; recommendations in these respects are required.

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Appendix 'B' to MEMA letter
 CC.RR/G/12 dated 25 Jan 1946

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Major HILLS	TURIN
Major COXHEAD	MILAN
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Major GOODACRE	PALERMO
Major LIMBERT	CC.RR Schools and Training.

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SUBJECT: Police Sec MMIA - Functions.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMIA)

G/8

24 Nov 45

TO	:	No.	1	BLU	(TURIN)	7	BLU	(FLORENCE)
		2	"	"	(GENOVA)	8	"	(ROMA)
		3	"	"	(MILAN)	9	"	(BARI)
		4	"	"	(BOLZANO)	10	"	(NAPLES)
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23 OCT 1945

SUBJECT : Aid to Civil Power

29 OCT. 1945

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The new mobile bn has 400 men and 12 tanks, but no tank can be started or moved or any driving instruction given because there is no petrol. Only four tank drivers are trained and there are no other vehs in the bn.

7. The result is that the CCRR find themselves in that area ill-clothed and heavily handicapped when their duties require them to make a raid or go to the scene of a disturbance. Their morale

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naturally sinks and undoubtedly keen men are losing heart.

8. In view of the Italian's natural liking for display I would suggest that a smart uniform would be of great encouragement, and that the sight of a well dressed body of men with obvious pride in themselves and adequately equipped would be a great deterrent to those of the public who at present treat them with contempt and challenge their authority.

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Subject : CC.RR.14601/70
72AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR H.E. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

The following are possible aspects of the CC.RR. situation which might be discussed with the Prime Minister.

1. GENERAL

The paramount importance of the CC.RR. has been stressed to the Minister for War and he fully accepts the necessity of priority of supply of clothing, arms, equipment, etc. for the CC.RR. As the responsibility for the CC.RR. has been handed over only comparatively recently to Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) and police officers to form a CC.RR. Section therein have only recently been made available, a comprehensive survey of the whole CC.RR. situation has not been possible to date. However, certain aspects have come to light already and these are specified below.

2. RELIEF OF CC.RR. FROM ESTRANE^XOUS DUTIES

The authorized establishment of the CC.RR. is 65,000 but at the urgent request of the P.M. Chief Commissioner on 9 Feb asked A.F.H.Q. if a further 10,000 could be authorized. Meanwhile it is necessary to make the maximum use of the CC.RR. available. One method of doing this is to relieve the CC.RR. from extraneous duties. Examples of these are :-

Railway and Dock Police	No. Employed.. 1,306	Ministry of Transport.
		Ministry of Interior.
ENAC Road Transport	)	850 Ministry of Transport.
	)	Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
ENDSI Distribution of Aid to Italy)		200 Ministry for Grace and Justice.
Prison Security		Ministry of the Interior.

3. GUARDS

Many CC.RR. are employed on guard duties, at the expense of their main function of preserving law and order. It is suggested

that these guards could be provided from ex-CC.RR., ex-POW, ex-soldiers etc. Uniform is not necessary though of course desirable. There is no limit to the civilian police who may be employed and can come under the control of the QUESTRA for administration and discipline. The only qualifications required are normal intelligence, fitness and good character. The same degree of reliability as the CC.RR. would not be obtained and would be a certain inconvenience in recruiting and organizing such guards. But the whole matter appears to be the balance between the use of CC.RR. for the maintenance of law and order in the country as a whole as opposed to the local or particular needs of certain ministries.

4. RAIL TRANSPORT

There is available sufficient stocks of uniform, clothing, boots, arms etc. for the immediate requirement of the CC.RR. In many cases however the stocks are located in stores far from the Legions where they are needed and the State Railways require 15 days notice for the reserving of a box car and will not allocate same unless it can be filled. It would seem that greater priority for movement of stores as above should be given to the CC.RR.

5. SURPLUS ALLIED MATERIAL

This is handed over to the Ministry of Supply to allocate and distribute through the A.R.A.R. organization. The Ministry of Supply could well be urged to ensure priority of allocation to the CC.RR. The most notable case in point is the vexed matter of transport for the CC.RR. After considerable pressure and discussion a compromise is being effected, it is hoped, whereby the Ministry of War will obtain the 1,800 army vehicles owed to it and now in the hands of civilians. Briefly the compromise will result in the Ministry of War getting a certain number of vehicles worth half a billion lire at once and a credit of $1\frac{1}{2}$ billion lire being made available to the Ministry of War (outside the Army budget) to enable the Ministry of War to buy new civilian production. Transport is one of the vital needs of the CC.RR. and the Ministry of Supply and Transport and the Treasury could help by agreeing to the compromise and making the vehicles and funds available quickly.

6. CHANNELS OF SUPPLY, CC.RR.

At present, though the CC.RR. is part of the Army, its channels of supply run parallel to those of the Army. It seems to us that in order to save overheads and centralize supply, the whole supply of the CC.RR. should be done by the Ministry of War.

A start has been made on this by the provision of POL to the CC.RR. Mobile Bns through Army channels instead of through the prefects. But it would seem that much greater efficiency would result if the whole of the POL and other supplies were controlled and distributed through Army channels. If this were so, it would fit in well with the Army Territorial Organization. The Ministry of War would deal in ROME with the head of the CC.RR. while out in Army Territorial Regions the father and mother of the CC.RR. would be the Territorial Regional Commander. This, it is suggested would not cut across the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior or the Ministry of Grace and Justice as regards the purely police duties aspect of the CC.RR. The big point of this should be that the CC.RR. should not consider themselves as a separate organization running parallel to the Army but as part of the Army, working in very close touch and under the Ministry of War as regards administration, maintenance, and discipline generally.

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