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RAILWAY POLICE, ORGANIZATION REGION I
JUN. - NOV. 1944

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

ACC/14619/1/PS.

25th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Railway Police, Sicily.

TO : Director, Public Security, Ministry of the Interior.

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1. Reference your IO.15106, dated 11th November, 1944. Information has been received from the Public Safety Officer, Sicily that the special Railway Police Corps in Sicily, under the command of the Director, Dott. Castellana, is a most efficient organization.
 2. Difficulty is being experienced in providing rations, clothing and arms for the 630 men in this service, as at present they are a special force and not recognized as Agents of Public Security.
 3. This efficient force is performing an essential Public Safety duty and it is suggested that they be embodied in the services of Official Agents of Public Security.

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

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 MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
 P.S. Gen. HQ.

14619
 11 November 1944.
 N. 10. 35106

Subject : Sicily - Special Corps for the railway Police.
 To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The special Railway Police Corps in Sicily was instituted at the P.S. Compartmental Commissariato in Palermo in consequence of the official order n. 30, issued on 17/1/44, by A.M.G.

A.M.G. approved, at the same time, the regulation of the new Corps, which foresaw the recruitment, the organisation of the units, the discipline, the equipment, the fees and allowances for its members.

A competition was issued and, at first, 413 young men, in possession of the requested qualifications, were employed, later on, however, said number of agents having appeared insufficient, further 213 elements were recruited, who also had been judged fit in the competition sent out in January.

Said recruitment was carried out in consequence of the powers granted by art. 2 of a/m official Order n.30, dated 17 January and based on agreements taken between the Commander of the Corps and the Regional Officer Major Supt Civil Police B.J. Hefford.

The special Corps began functioning in Palermo on 1st March, when the first Group had attended successfully the opposite training course and actually is performing duties with 630 elements in 26 railway stations of the Island.

For the payment of the fees due to said unit no request of funds has been made to this Ministry, for which it is thought, that up-to-now, the High Commissariato had been able to provide directly.

Regards we add, that the relative financing should be put on the charge of the P.S. Administration, in whose interest the unit was constituted and is functioning.

Police Chief
 Ferrari

We call the attention to the letter of the B/C, ACC/14619/1/PS, dated 28 August 1944.

TO	INIT	DATE
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COL. YOUNG		
LT COL. WILCOX		
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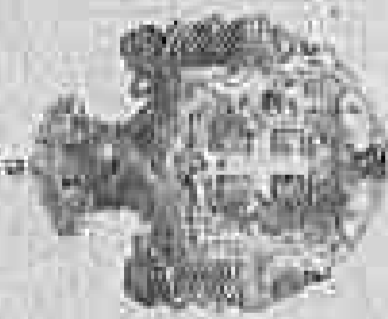
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DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALLA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Divisione Polizia Sc. Quarta
Prot. N. 10.35166 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sc. N. 2

OGGETTO SICILIA - Corpo speciale di polizia ferroviaria -

Il Corpo Speciale di Polizia Ferroviaria in Sicilia fu istituito presso il Comitato Regionale Comartimentale di P.S. di Palermo in dipendenza dell'ordine ufficiale n. 30 emanato il 17 gennaio 1944 dal Governo Militare Alleato.

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Tale ulteriore reclutamento fu eseguito in dipendenza delle facoltà concesse con l'art. 2 del citato Ordine ufficiale n. 30 del 17 gennaio ed in base ad accordi intervenuti tra il Comandante del Corpo e l'Ufficio Regionale Major Supt Civil Police B.J. Hafford.

FORMA DI RICAMBIO

Divisione Polizia Sez. Quinta
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Proposta al Capo del
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1944.

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Per il pagamento delle competenze spettanti a detto Re-
 parto nessuna richiesta di fondi è stata fatta a questo Mi-
 nistero, per cui ritenuto che abbia potuto provvedere fino-
 ra direttamente l'Alto Commissariato per la Sicilia .

Si esprime in proposito che il finanziamento relativo
 dovrebbe essere posto a carico dell'Amministrazione delle
 Ferrovie dello Stato, nel cui interesse il Reparto venne
 istituito e funziona .-

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

Fontana

Si richiama la nota di vertice del 15/1/1951

28 agosto 1944 ACC/14619/II/P.S./

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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28 August 1944

ACG/14619/1/PS

SUBJECT : Railway Police in Sicily.

TO : H.E. Director of Public Safety Minister of Interior.

Enclosed is a pro memoria dated 28th July 1944 from
the Chief of the Railway Police in Sicily.

This is forwarded for your information.

Paul G. Kirk
for PAUL G. KIRK, Lt. Col.
Colonel, Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

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FILE NO: RPS/014.1.

DATE August 2nd, 1944.

SUBJECT: Railway Police.

TO: Colonel Paul KIRK,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
ACC. H.Q.

(1) The attached pro-memoria contains a brief and accurate history of the organization in Region I of the Special Corps of Railway Police which may be of interest as a record in the Public Safety Sub-Commission and to be referred to the Italian officials concerned in the Central Government.

(2) This corps has filled an important need and, in spite of the difficulties, its organization and development represent praiseworthy achievements. It is now, however, in need of uniforms, and if it is continued, should be placed under proper control of the Italian Government.

R. A. Snook
Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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1- Pro-memoria as above.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394
(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)



FILE NO: RPS/014.1.

DATE 21st June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Railway Police in Sicily.

TO: Colonel A. E. YOUNG, Deputy Chief,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference your Memo dated 11th June (ACC/14619/1/RS) on
above subject.

1. The answers to the various points raised are as follows:

Legal status of the Railway Police.

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6. Type of uniform in use.

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7. Steps taken to procure uniform and equipment required.

Military warehouses and many firms have been contacted with a view to obtaining necessary cloth for uniforms but it is unobtainable.

R. Russell

RUSSELL A. SNOCK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

AEO 394

17 January 1944

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OFFICIAL ORDER:

NO. 30:

Considering the necessity of providing for the re-organization of the Railway Police of Sicily, and since it is therefore necessary to appoint an Acting Commissioner of Sicily Region

1. CHARLES POLLETTI, Lt. Colonel, Regional Civil Affairs Officer, by virtue of the powers conferred on me

O R D E R

Art. 1. Tottero Castellani Umberto is appointed Acting Commissioner of the Special Corps of Railroad Police of the Region of Sicily.

Art. 2. The Acting Commissioner has power to organize the Special Corps of Railroad Police as above mentioned, and has power to recruit and take into service such numbers of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Guards as may be necessary for the purpose.

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GOVERNAMENTO DELLA SICILIA
MINISTERO REGIONALE
DELLA SICILIA

17/1/44

COM. REGIONALE
NO. 304

In vista delle necessità di provvedere alla prosecuzione delle attività ferroviarie della Sicilia, e viste le necessità di fornire un Commissario funzionale per la Regione della Sicilia, lo, GIULIO BOLLINI, Deputato Regionale, Ufficio Regionale degli Affari Civili per la Sicilia, in virtù del potere conferitogli

O R D I N I

Art. 1. Il Dottore Casbellini Umberto viene nominato Commissario Funzionale del Corpo Speciale di Polizia Ferroviaria per la Regione della Sicilia.

Art. 2. Il Commissario Funzionale di cui sopra è di ordinare che il Corpo Speciale di Polizia Ferroviaria sia come un corpo unico, che il potere di reclutare e assumere le persone per il servizio di cui sopra è riservato al Ministero delle Finanze, e che il potere di assumere le persone per il servizio di cui sopra è riservato al Ministero delle Finanze.

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Charles Bolletti

GIULIO BOLLINI
It. Colonnello
Regionali Affari Civili

in vista della necessità. Il provvatore alla Direzione
della Polizia Ferroviaria della Sicilia, è visto la necessità di
nominare un Comandante Funzionante per le funzioni della Sicilia;

Loi OM. 15.10.1954 n. 11, Renato Colaninno, Ufficiale Regionale
e di Polizia Civile per la Sicilia, in virtù dei poteri conferiti

O R D I N I

Art. 1. Il Dottore Giustolanti Andrea viene nominato Comandante
funzionante del Corpo Speciale di Polizia Ferroviaria per
la Sicilia della Sicilia.

Art. 2. Il Comandante Funzionante alla Direzione della
Polizia Ferroviaria della Sicilia, è visto la necessità di
nominare un Comandante Funzionante per le funzioni della Sicilia;

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Charles Colitti

CHARLES COLITTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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21st June, 1944.

Railway Police in Sicily.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGC/14619/1/PS

June 11th, 1944

SUBJECT : Railway Police in Sicily.

TO : RPSO Reg. I (thru RC)

With reference to para 10, Public Safety monthly report for May 1944, would you please supply further information, as under, regarding the Railway Police in Sicily:-

1. Legal status of the Railway Police
2. Minister to whom responsible.
3. Strength and organization of Force
4. Source of supply of uniform and equipment.
5. Type of uniform in use.
6. Steps taken to procure uniforms and equipment required.

A. E. Young
 A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
 Deputy Chief, Public
 Safety Sub-Commission.

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RAILWAY POLICE FORCEExtract from Reg. 1
Pub. Safety Bulletin No. 6.

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1. Railway Police Force.

It is notified for information that the recently organised Railway Police Force is now beginning to function.

The Chief of the Railway Police is Dr. Umberto Castellani, whose Office is located in the Central Railway Station, Palermo.

When fully recruited, the Force will comprise some 500 Officers, NCO's and guards, and the primary duties being undertaken are the protection of Railway property, including equipment, rolling-stock and freight, and the detection of offenders when crimes are committed.

Recruits undergo a course of training extending over 21 days and by 1st May, 210 men will have completed their training and Sections will be posted to Provinces as shown below:

<u>Catania Province :</u>		
Railway Police Station, Catania Centrale.	30 Agents.	
Railway Police Station, Catania Acquilcella.	20 Agents.	
Attached to the Engine Depot.	10 Agents.	60
<u>Trapani Province.</u>		
Railway Police Station (Trapanià).	13	
Railway Police Station (Alcane Diramazione)	8	
	—	21
<u>Palermo Province.</u>		
Palermo Centrale Station	57	
Railway Police Station (Brancaccio)	21	
Railway Control Station (Chiovara)	22	
Railway Police Station (Lolli)	13	
Railway Police Station (Roccapalumba)	8	
Railway Police Station (Terminè Imerese)	8	
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Grand Total		<u>129</u> 210

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Further postings will be made monthly as candidates complete their training.

Public Safety Officers are requested to contact members of this organization in their provinces and to render all possible advice and assistance in order that the services of this Policing Force may be utilised to the best possible advantage within the scope of their prescribed functions.

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