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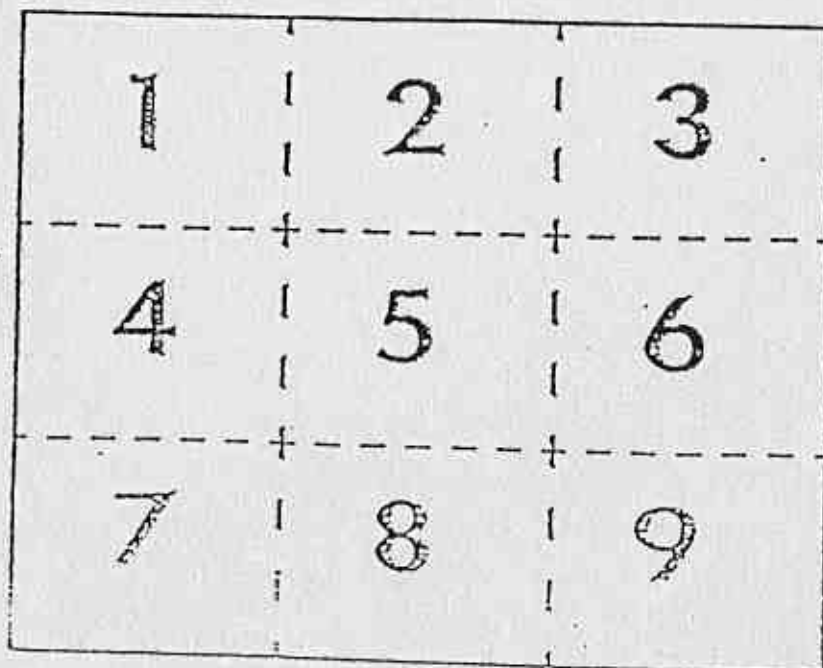
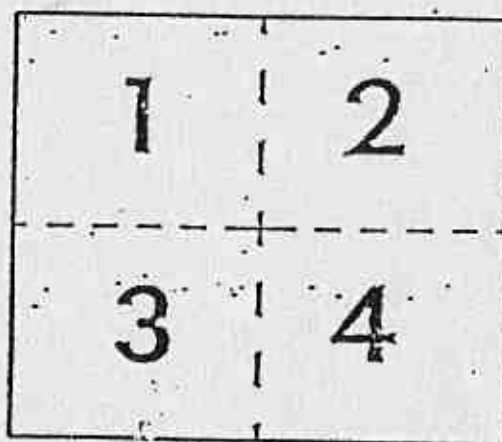
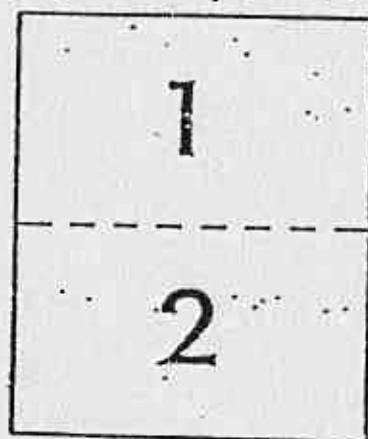
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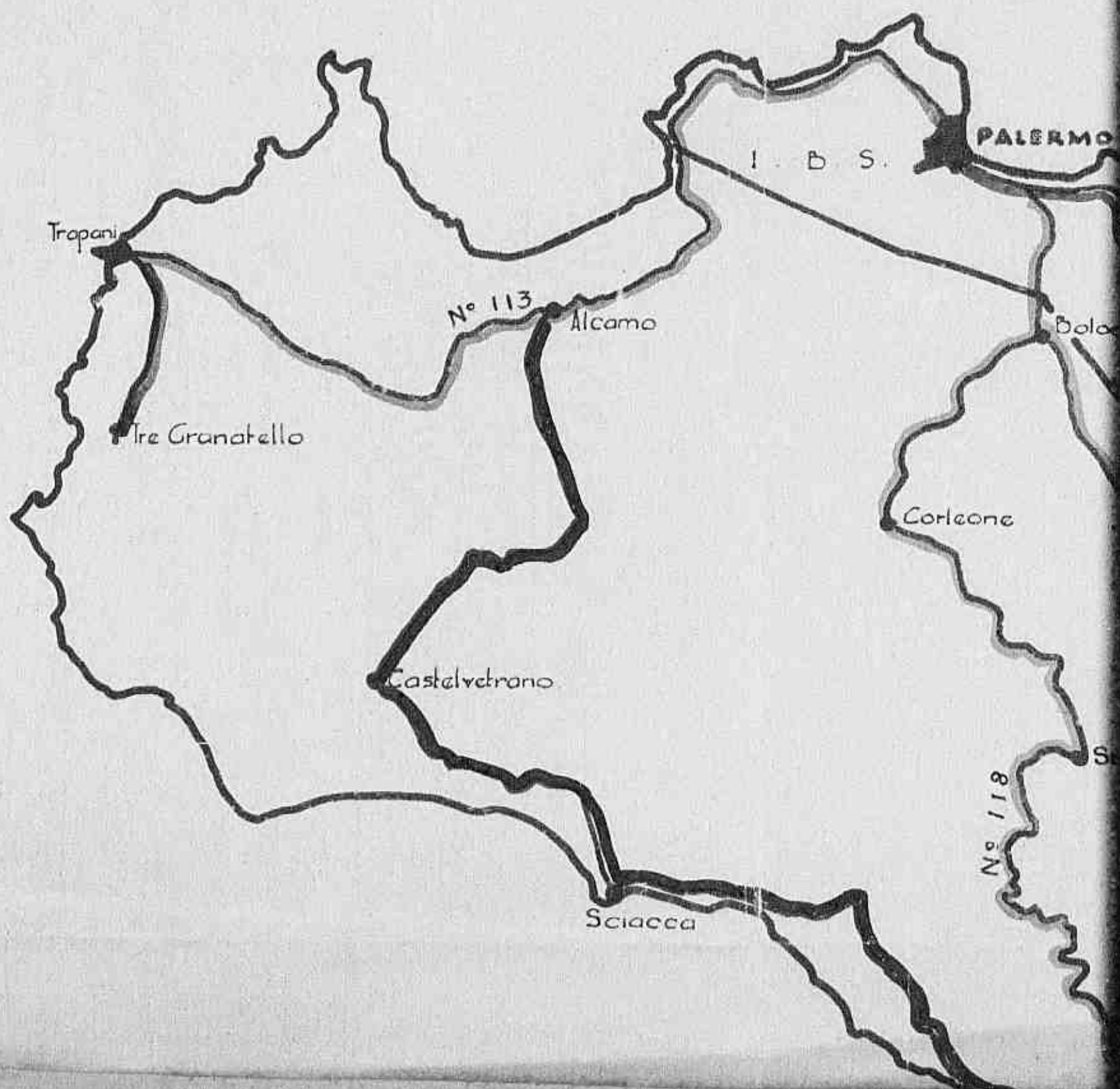
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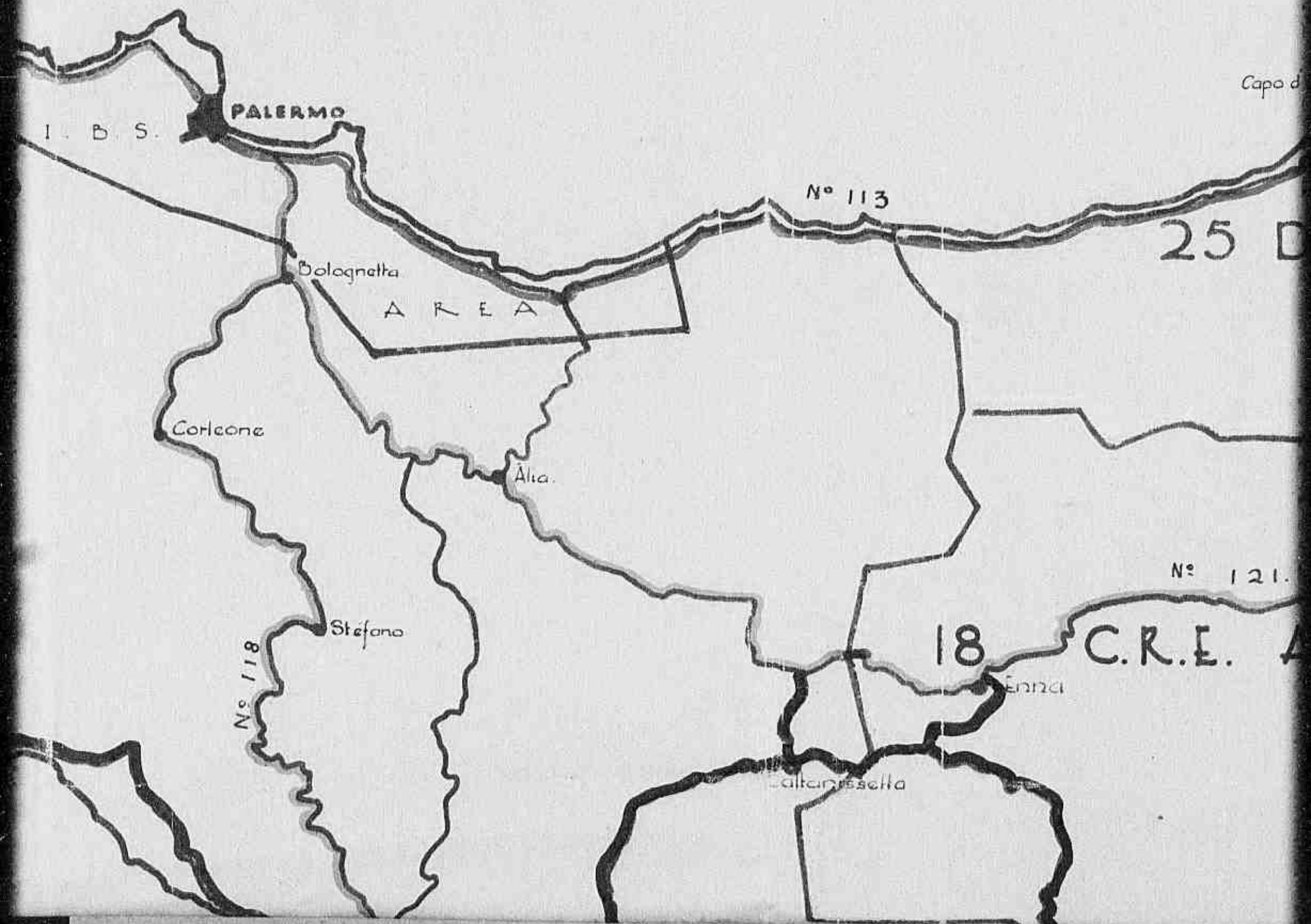
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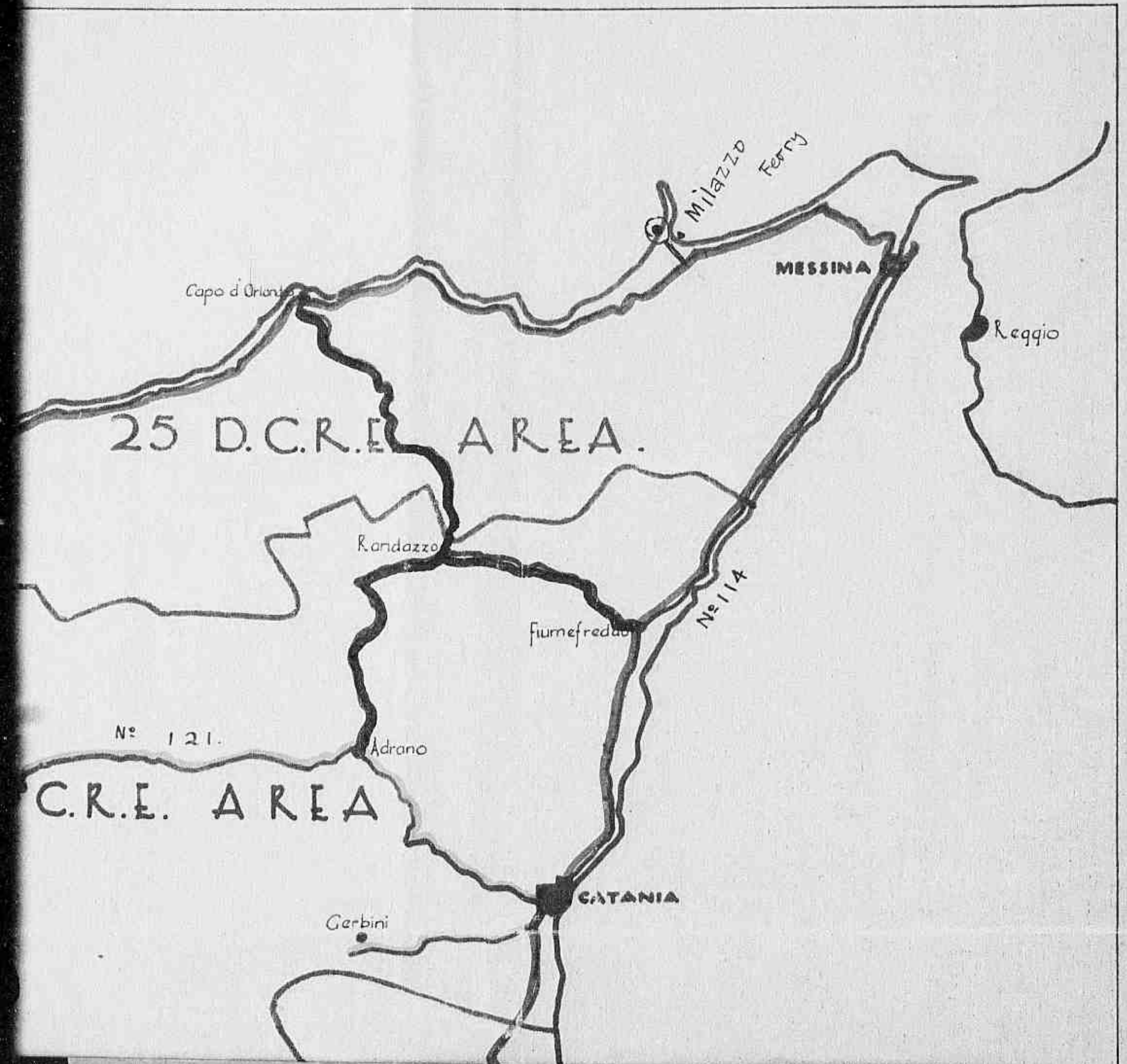
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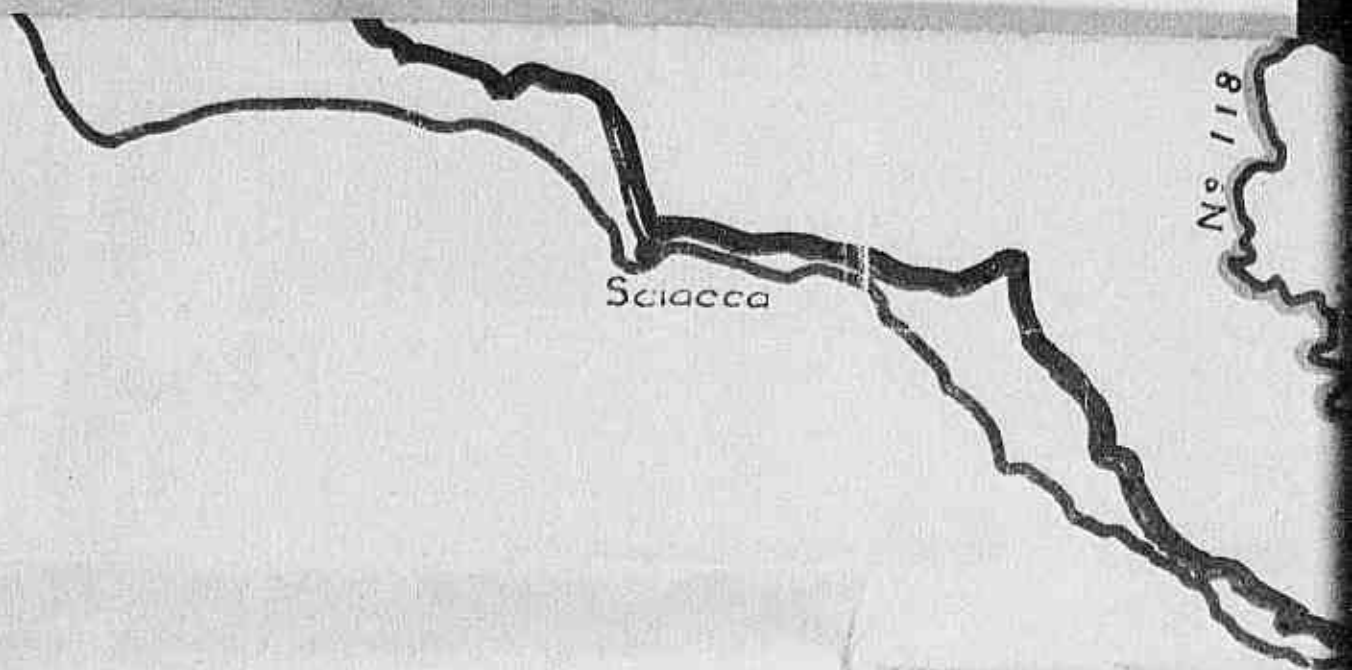
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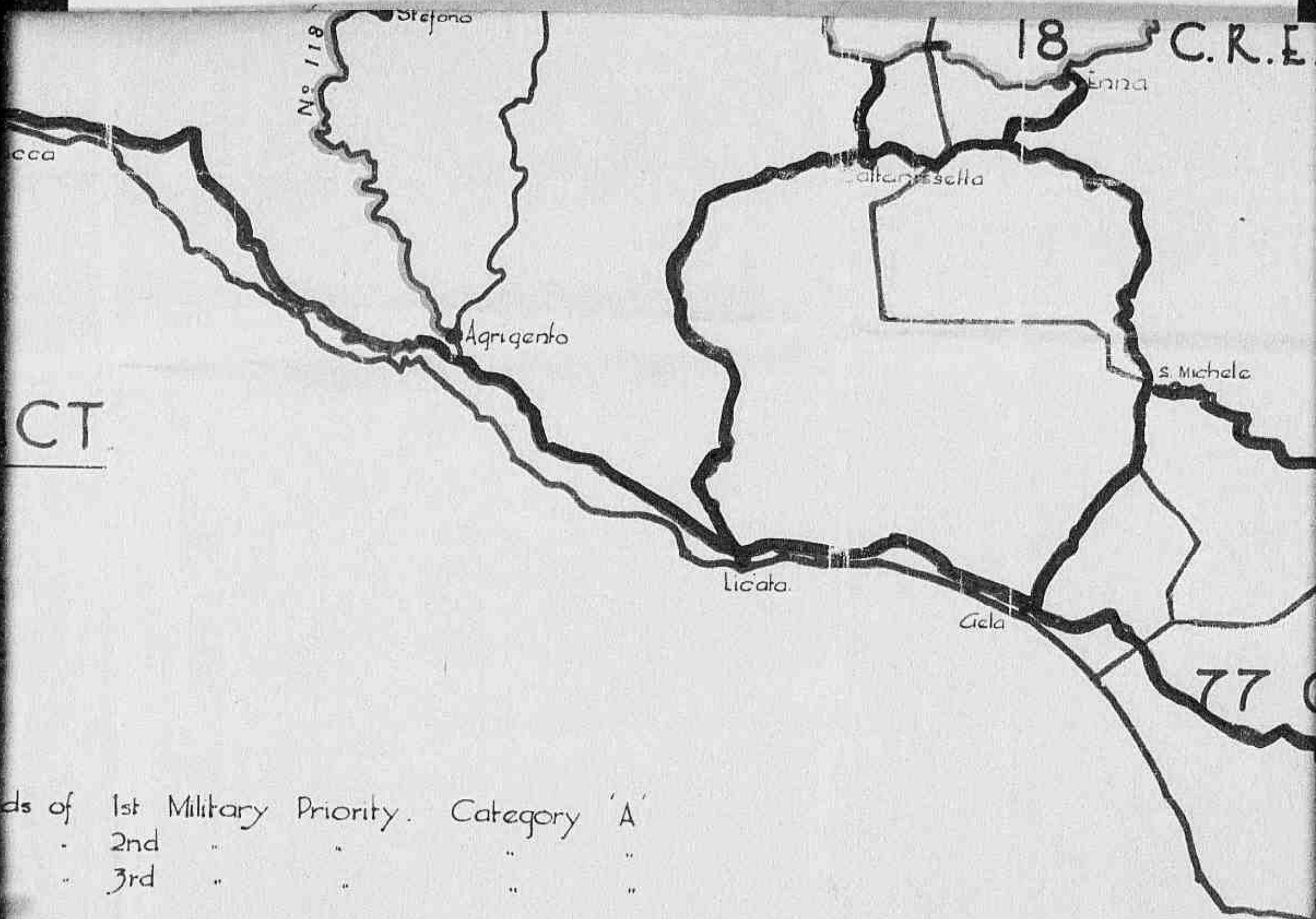


H.Q. N°1 DISTRICT R.E. LAYOUT.

LEGEND

	Indicates Roads of 1st Military Priority
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Subject: Road & Bridges.H.Q. A.C.C. 1 Region.1D/2103/Q4 May 44

1. My Chief Engineer reports, and I am glad to note it, that the condition of the main roads of military importance in Sicily is generally satisfactory, and compares favourably with the roads on the Mainland. He also tells me that the removal of Bailey Bridges is proceeding strictly according to programme, with the exception of the Motta Bridge, the removal of which has been indefinitely postponed in agreement with this H.Q.

2. But there are less satisfactory aspects. I notice a distinct tendency to delay putting repairs to roads in hand. The powdered rock obtainable from Ragusa makes road repair a simple matter in this Island, provided repairs are put in hand in the early stages. Too frequently, the road is allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that its repair is a major undertaking. The Catania-Syracusa road in the neighbourhood of Priolo is an example of this delay, but the most serious cases of unsatisfactory road surface are in the towns of Carlentini, Lentini and Messina. At Messina the main roads to Palermo and Catania, within the town boundaries, are in a shocking condition. They present a bottle-neck to any considerable movement.

3. As for the Bridging programme, alternative crossings can be provided for use during the summer, but I regard it as essential for replacement bridges to be built without fail before winter, at the following places.

Location.Map Ref.

(a) TORRENTI TUSA	239346)	On North
(b) TORRENTI ROS MARINO	586419)	Coast Road
(c) MOTTA	810730	Over R. SIMERO
(d) RANDAZZO	836207)	On RANDAZZO -
(e) UCRIA	841286)	CAP D'ORLANDO Rd.

4. I shall be glad of your fullest co-operation in ensuring that main roads are maintained in a traffic worthy condition through steady and continuous work on them, that work on the roads in Carlentini, Lentini, and Messina is put in hand at once, and completed to a timetable, and finally that A.S.S.

Given by May Boyd 21
while at Palermo May 1945

My opinion is that everything possible will be done and
make grants in connection with the programme

of the Motta Bridge, the removal of which has been indefinitely postponed in agreement with this H.Q.

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(a) TORRENTI TUSA	239346)	On North
(b) TORRENTI ROS MARINO	586419)	Coast Road
(c) MOTTA	810736	Over R. SIMETO
(d) RANDAZZO	636207)	On RANDAZZO -
(e) UCRIA	841286)	CAP D'ORLANDO Rd.

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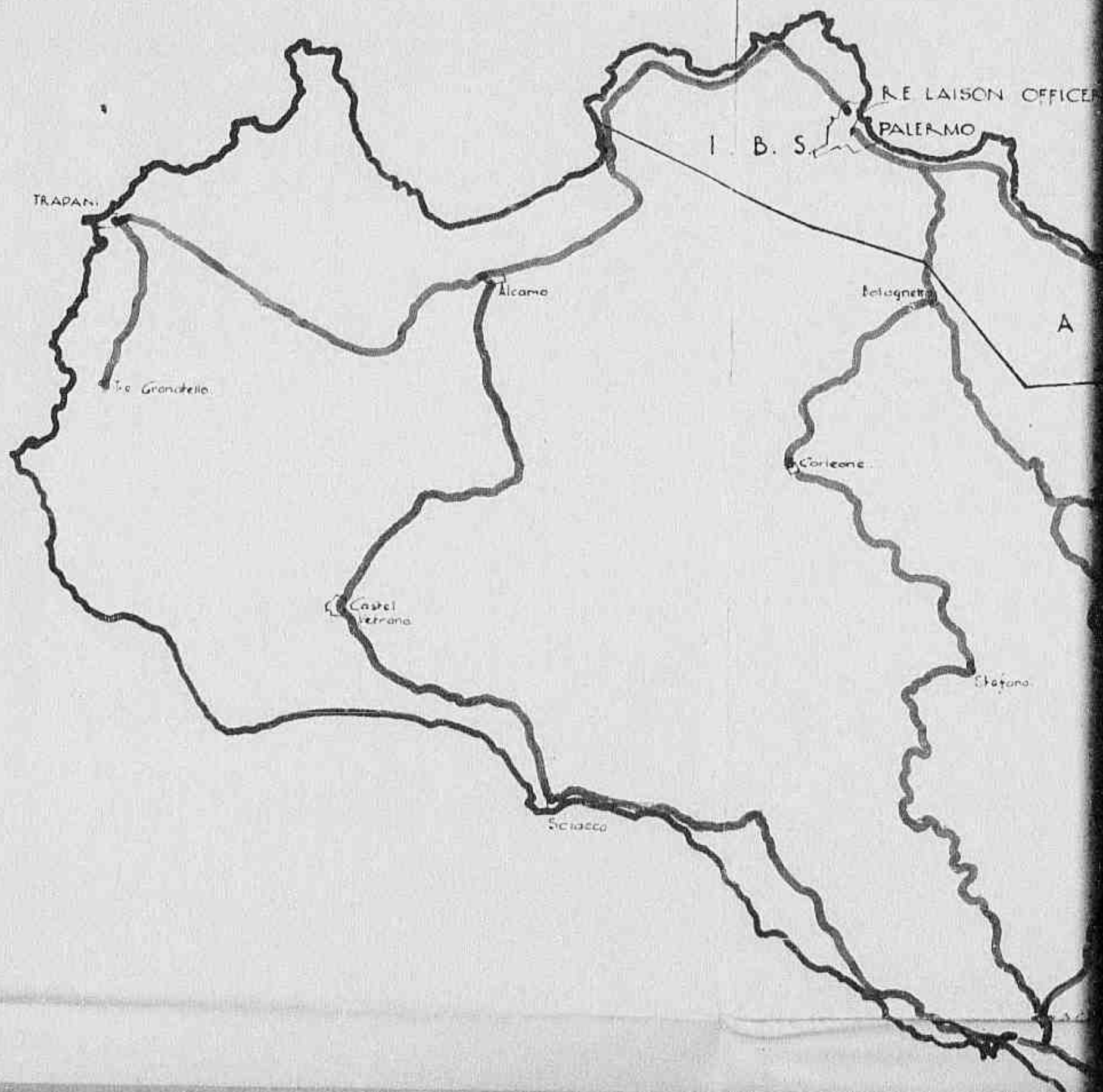
5. The Roads Liaison Officer to be attached to my H.Q. has not yet arrived. I hope that he will arrive in the near future, so that difficulties may be more easily settled and work proceed more smoothly and efficiently.

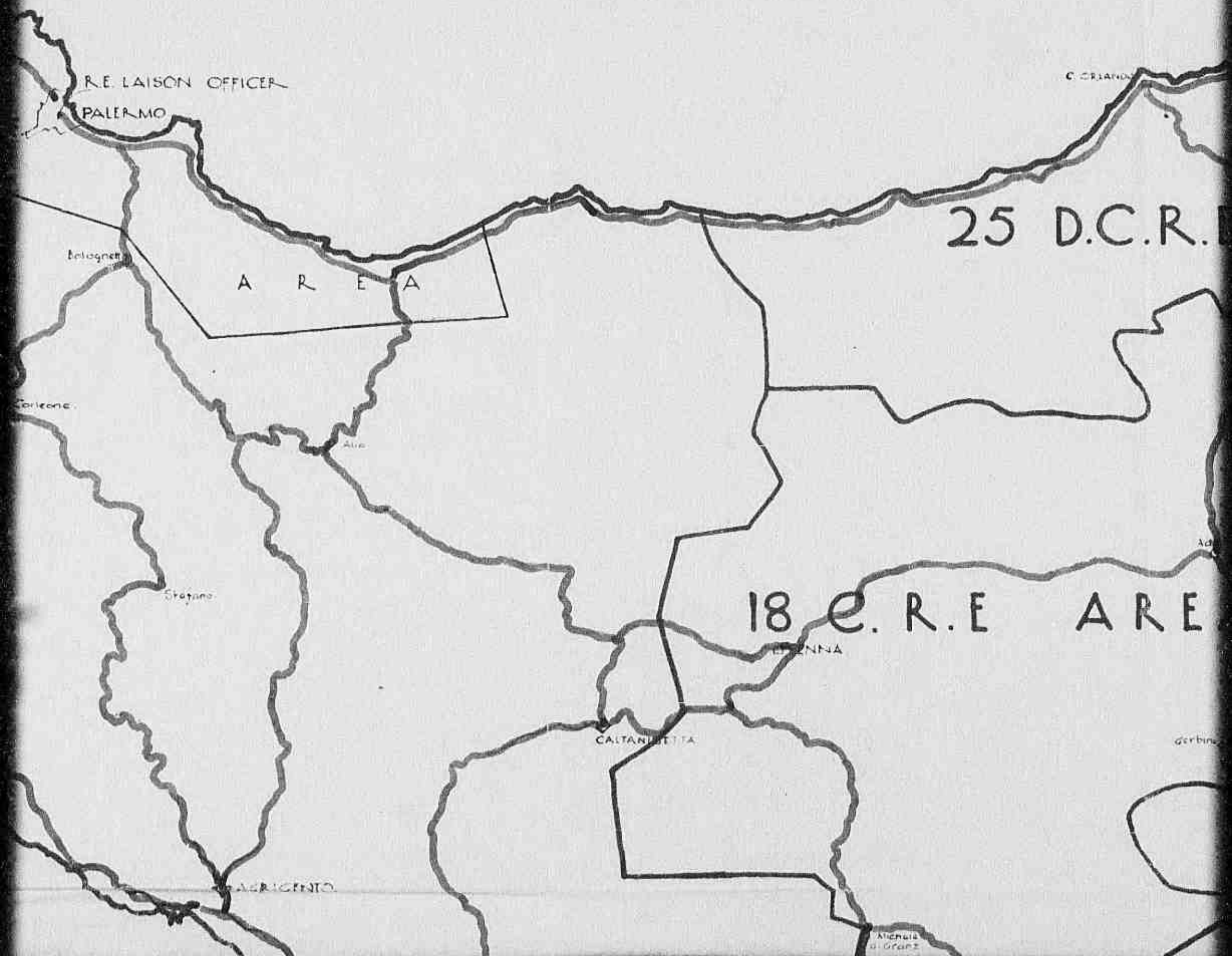
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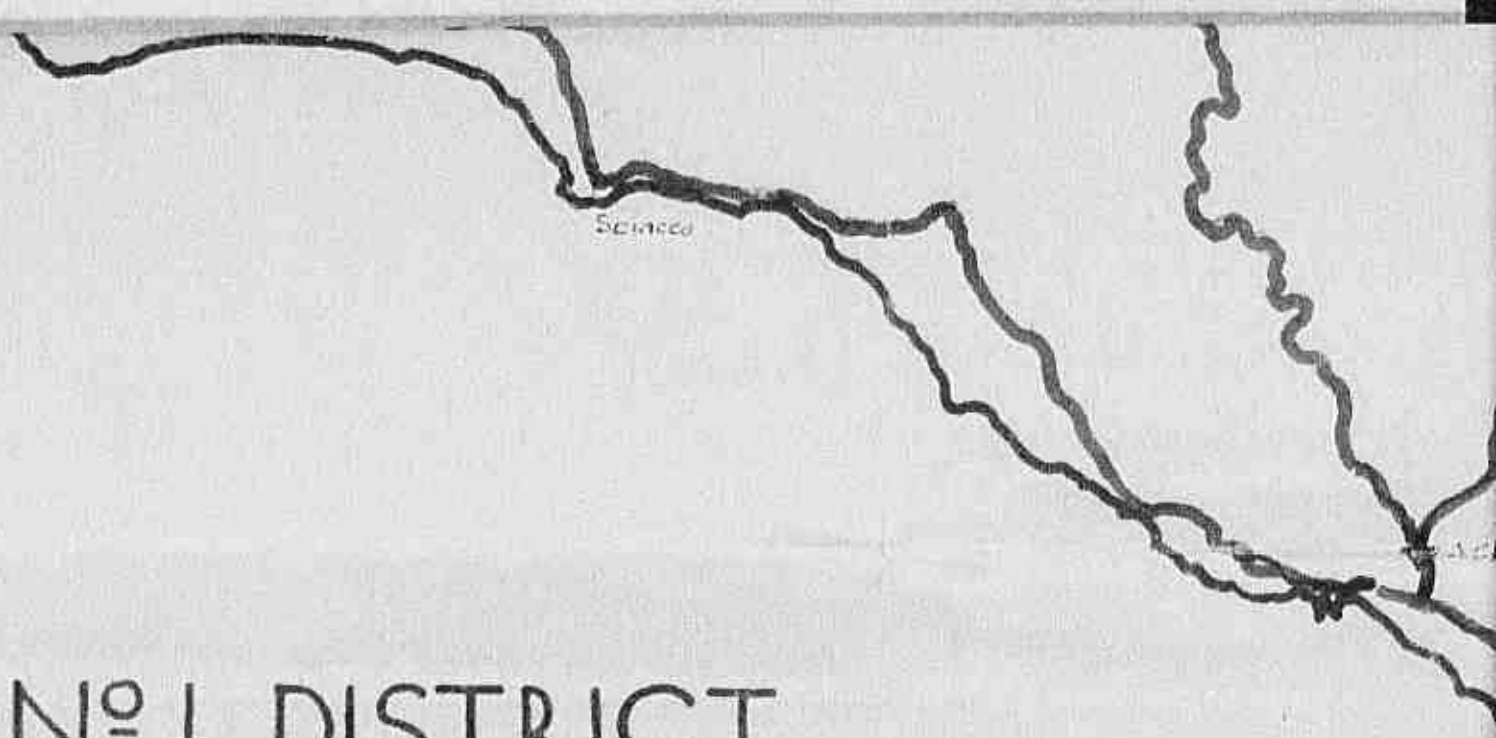
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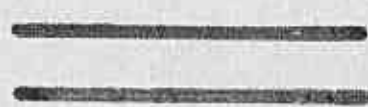




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R.E. LAYOUT.

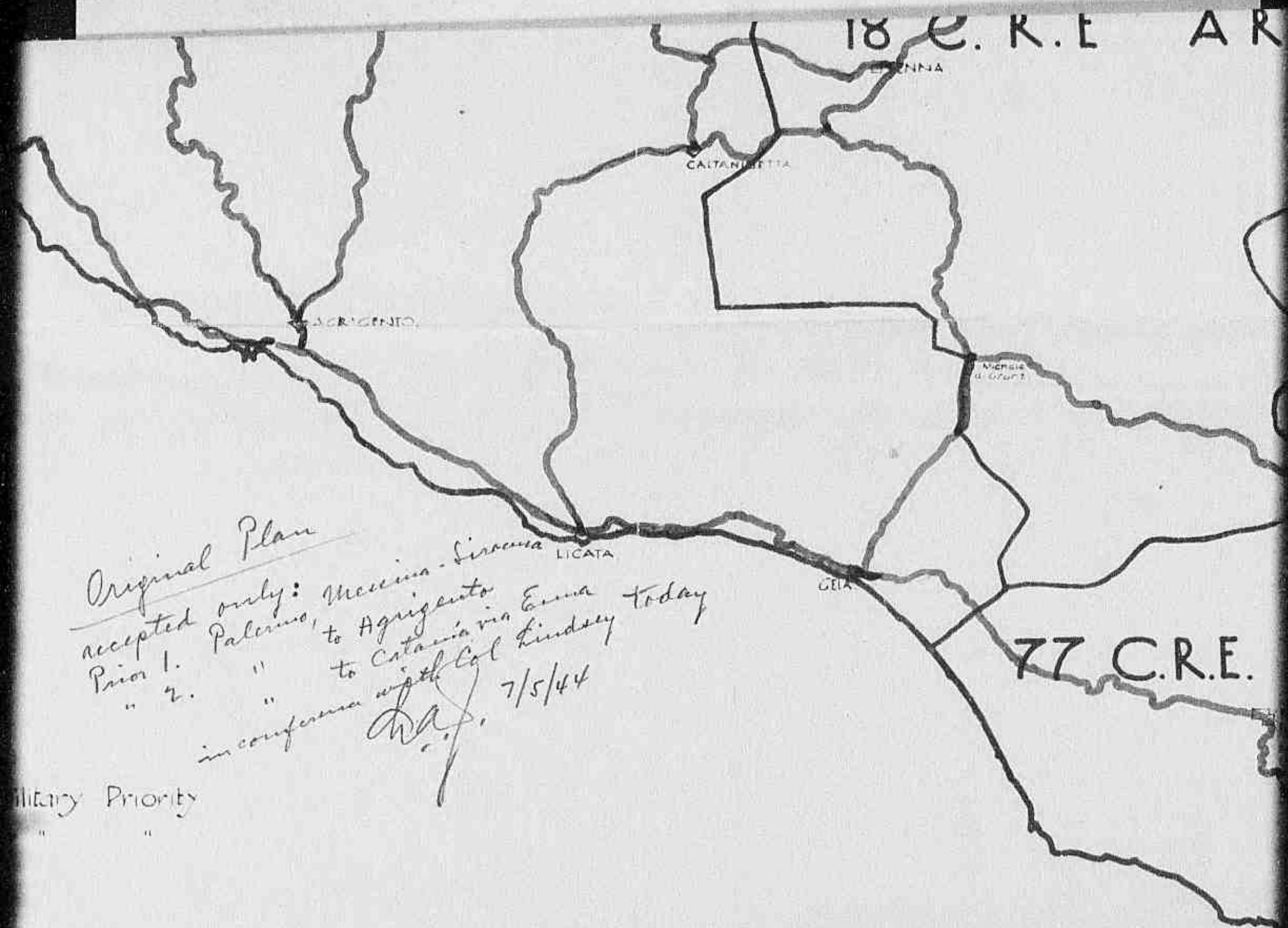
LEGEND



Indicates Roads First Military Priority
" " Second " "

*Original Plan
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Prior 1. Palermo, to
" 2. " to
in conference*

OVERLAY TO EUROPE



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