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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

In the text of the " White Book " forwarded to the Secretariat and deposited in its archives, the Spanish translations of the documents in Italian are accompanied in every case by photolithographic reproductions of these documents.

The Spanish delegation has agreed that only a certain number of these reproductions should be included, as examples, in the present document.

Any Member of the League desiring to do so may consult the original White Book deposited in the archives of the Secretariat.

LETTER FROM THE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE

Geneva, May 28th, 1937.

[*Translation.*]

To the Secretary-General.

I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the White Book published by the Spanish Government entitled "La agresión italiana — Documentos ocupados a las unidades italianas en la acción de Guadalajara".

I should be grateful if you would be so good as to communicate this document for information to all the Members of the League of Nations.

(Signed) Julio ALVAREZ DEL VAYO,

*Representative of Spain on the Council of the League
of Nations.*

WHITE BOOK

I. NOTES

I. NOTE FROM THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

[*Translation from the Spanish.*]

Valencia, March 13th, 1937.

1. From the statements made by the Italian officers and men taken prisoner on the Guadalajara front the following facts emerge: On February 6th and the following days, numbers of Italian regular troops, equipped, armed and supplied, landed at Cadiz from the Italian steamer *Sicilia* and other ships. They were concentrated in the port of Santa Maria and subsequently conveyed to the Guadalajara front to take part in the present offensive. This is being conducted by four divisions of the Italian army — the first, second and third divisions of Blackshirts, the last being commanded by General Nuvoloni, whose headquarters are at Brihuega, and the Littoria division, commanded by General Bergonzoli, with headquarters at Almadrones. The commander-in-chief of this army corps is General Mangini, whose headquarters are at Algora. The attacking forces are completed by two special brigades, one of German and Italian regular troops and the other of German regular troops and four motorised companies of "carabinieri". Each division has two regiments of three battalions of 650 men, composed of four companies — three of rifles and automatic rifles, and one of Fiat machine-guns. Each regiment has one platoon of 45-mm. mortars and one battery of 65.17-mm. guns, one platoon of 75.27-mm. and one of 100.17-mm., each consisting of three batteries having four pieces, the first on lorries and the others on tractors; an anti-aircraft battery of 20-mm. firing 260 shots a minute, a battalion of fifty mixed tanks, some armed with eight Fiat machine-guns and anti-tank machine-guns, others having in addition 47-mm. guns, one gas and flame-projector company with six platoons of the former and two of the latter, and lastly bridge-train, sappers, artificers, hospital orderlies, supply corps and wireless telegraphists. All the divisions are motorised. Each battalion has seventy lorries and the division has also a reserve park. The battalions in action include Nos. 500, 624, 824, 835 and 840. The air force consists of three German flights and four Italian flights of twelve machines each. The Italian flights comprise one fighting and one bombing section. The machines are of the Fiat, Savoia and Romeo types. Two more Italian divisions are to come. Headquarters plans to take Madrid while the Italian and German squadrons, under pretext of guarding the coast, attack Barcelona and Valencia. The above is a summary of the statements made by Antonio Luciano, major on the active list of the Italian regular army, commanding the machine-guns of the first Littoria division; Achille Sacchi, lieutenant on the active list of the Italian regular army, of the third Blackshirt division; Giuseppe Moretti, of the first company of battalion 835; Andrea Cappone, of the mortar platoon of mortar battalion 835; Francesco Lodo, rifleman of battalion 835; Giuseppe Rossotto, of the second company of battalion 624, etc.

2. The statements summarised in the previous paragraph confirm beyond all possibility of denial the presence in the Guadalajara sector, and hence the participation in the Spanish conflict, on the side of the rebels, of actual contingents of the Italian regular army. In particular, the Government of the Republic wishes to remind the United Kingdom Government that in its Note of January 8th it pointed out that, if, as a result of delay in the establishment of control, successive contingents of "volunteers" were despatched, it might be obliged to modify its attitude of principle towards the idea of control.

3. The participation in the struggle of military contingents forming part of the Italian regular army not only constitutes the most scandalous violation perpetrated on the European continent since the Great War of the very principles on which any juridically organised international community is founded and which form the essence and basis of the League of Nations, but openly raises a political issue on the importance of which it is hardly necessary to insist. This is a clear case of the very danger to which the Spanish delegate drew the attention of the Assembly of the League of Nations, of war being openly waged without a previous declaration.

It is impossible for anyone to confuse a more or less open infringement of the obligation not to authorise the departure of "volunteers" for Spain with the organisation and despatch by the Italian Government itself of a veritable military expedition to fight on the side of the rebels. The former can be checked by a more or less perfect technical system of control. The latter raises a political question of the utmost gravity and importance which can certainly not be settled by the application of control, no matter how perfect, but requires the direct collaboration of those countries on which fall the honour and responsibility of applying the fundamental principles governing international relations to-day.

In the opinion of the Spanish Government, this question has already been raised and the responsibilities resulting from it are quite clear; moreover, its opinion is based on definite and categorical evidence. The Spanish Government asks that this should be examined and a final decision reached to the effect that its opinion coincides with the facts.

This is the purpose of the present Note.

The Government of the Republic appeals in a spirit of confidence and co-operation to the United Kingdom Government to use its weighty influence with the Non-Intervention Committee to induce the latter to undertake at the earliest possible moment the tasks mentioned above, consisting, in short, of the examination of the Spanish Government's charges regarding the real nature and character of the military assistance afforded by the Italian Government to the rebels and deciding whether these are well founded.

The Government of the Republic declares its readiness to co-operate fully in the measures which the Non-Intervention Committee may consider it necessary to adopt for this purpose.

(Signed) Julio ALVAREZ DEL VAYO.

His Excellency Mr. Anthony Eden,
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
London.

II. NOTE FROM THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

[Translation from the Spanish.]

Valencia, March 13th, 1937.

The statements of the Italian officers and men taken prisoner during the last few days in the Guadalajara sector confirm beyond possibility of denial the presence of regular military units of the Italian army sent to fight on Spanish soil in flagrant violation of the provisions of Article 10 of the Covenant, whereby "the Members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League".

From these statements made in the presence of the Spanish authorities, it appears that, on February 6th and the following days, numbers of Italian regular troops, equipped, armed and supplied, landed at Cadiz from the Italian steamer *Sicilia* and other ships. They were concentrated in the port of Santa Maria and subsequently conveyed to the Guadalajara front to take part in the present offensive. This is being conducted by four divisions of the Italian army—the first, second and third divisions of Blackshirts, the last being commanded by General Nuvoloni, whose headquarters are at Brihuega, and the first Littoria division, commanded by General Bergonzoli, with headquarters at Almadrones. The commander-in-chief of this army corps is General Mangini, whose headquarters are at Algora. The attacking forces are completed by two special brigades, one of German and Italian regular troops and the other of German regular troops and four motorised companies of "carabinieri". Each division has two regiments of three battalions of 650 men, composed of four companies — three of rifles and automatic rifles, and one of Fiat machine-guns. Each regiment has one platoon of 45-mm. mortars and one battery of 65.17-mm. guns, one platoon of 75.27-mm. and one of 100.17-mm., each consisting of three batteries having four pieces, the first on lorries and the others on tractors; an anti-aircraft battery of 20-mm. firing 260 shots a minute, a battalion of fifty mixed tanks, some armed with eight Fiat machine-guns and anti-tank machine-guns, others having in addition 47-mm. guns, one gas and flame-projector company with six platoons of the former and two of the latter, and lastly bridge-train, sappers, artificers, hospital orderlies, supply corps and wireless telegraphists. All the divisions are motorised. Each battalion has seventy lorries and the division has also a reserve park. The battalions in action include Nos. 500, 624, 824, 335 and 840. The air force consists of three German flights and four Italian flights of twelve machines each. The Italian flights comprise one fighting and one bombing section. The machines are of the Fiat, Savoia and Romeo types. Two more Italian divisions are to come. Headquarters plans to take Madrid while the Italian and German squadrons, under pretext of guarding the coast, attack Barcelona and Valencia. The above is a summary of the statements made by Antonio Luciano, major on the active list of the Italian regular army, commanding the machine-guns of the first Littoria division; Achille Sacchi, lieutenant on the active list of the Italian regular army, of the third Blackshirt division; Giuseppe Moretti, of the first company of battalion 835; Andrea Cappone, of the mortar platoon of mortar battalion 835; Francesco Lodo, rifleman of battalion 835; Giuseppe Rossotto, of the second company of battalion 624, etc.

These facts, besides constituting an attack upon the "territorial integrity and political independence" of Spain, represent a series of consummated acts which reproduce under aggravated circumstances the situations incompatible with international law created in recent times by the totalitarian States and amount to a resort to war without previous declaration — a dangerous proceeding denounced by the representative of Spain in the September Assembly.

The Government of the Republic, being of the opinion that, ever since the foundation of the League of Nations, there has been on the continent of Europe no more scandalous violation of the obligations imposed by the Covenant, and in the same spirit of loyalty to the great institution to which it belongs that led it in December to ask for the extraordinary meeting of the Council to denounce a situation "affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace", now brings to Your Excellency's notice the facts stated above and requests you to communicate them urgently to all States Members.

(Signed) Julio ALVAREZ DEL VAYO.

His Excellency M. Joseph Avenol,
Secretary-General of the League of Nations, Geneva.

III. IDENTICAL NOTE FROM THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

[Translation from the Spanish.]

Valencia, March 29th, 1937.

During the recent action at Guadalajara, the Republican forces seized the orders of the Italian Headquarters Command directing the military operations in that sector and the service documents of the Italian divisions fighting on the side of the rebels.

These documents reveal, in a form which leaves no room for doubt, the nature of the Italian armed intervention in Spain denounced to the League of Nations on November 27th, 1936, and again referred to by the Government of the Republic in its communication to the Secretary-General of March 13th, 1937, and its Notes to the Powers of the same date.

The existence of an Italian army of occupation fighting against the legitimate Government of Spain not only constitutes a violation of international law and plainly conflicts with the Council resolution of December 12th, 1936, affirming that "every State is under an obligation to refrain from intervening in the internal affairs of another State", but represents the most flagrant infringement so far committed of the non-intervention policy and the international obligations resulting from the Declaration of Non-Intervention of August last.

By this procedure, Italy has helped to prolong the war in Spain, has infringed Article 10 of the League Covenant and has acted as a real belligerent Power.

The following conclusions emerge from an examination of the documents accompanying the present Note:

1. The existence on Spanish territory of complete units of the Italian army whose personnel, material, organs of liaison and command are Italian.
2. The Italian military units are behaving in the sectors assigned to them exactly as a veritable army of occupation.
3. The Italian Government has established on Spanish territory its own services for its military units.
4. The most outstanding personages of the regime are taking an active part in the operations of the Italian forces in Spain and are directing and encouraging them.
5. All this is equivalent to an invasion of Spain by Italy, with the result that the confidence which should be engendered by solemn agreements is being seriously undermined and that the security of Western Europe and the cause of peace in general are being gravely endangered.

The Government of the Republic regards the evidence in its possession, attached to the present Note, as sufficient basis for the foregoing conclusions, and has the honour to communicate it to the Government of France (the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), without waiting for the whole of the material collected to be sorted out.

(Signed) Julio ALVAREZ DEL VAYO.

2. TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ITALIAN UNITS SEIZED DURING THE ACTION AT GUADALAJARA.

[Translations from the Italian.]

I.

Annex No. 3.

No. 14 (15) of the Catal.
(List 1933. Year XI.)

MILITARY DISTRICT OF POTENZA.

INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AND TRAVEL FORM.

of...Di Cristo Michele...son of...Pasquale (deceased)... and of ... Lo Monte Angela ... born on July 20th, 1890 ... in the Municipality of ... Palazzo S. Gervasio ... Province of ... and entered in the recruiting register of the Municipality of ... Palazzo S. Gervasio.

Military District of ... Potenza (Registered No. ...) Profession, art, trade or status ... Peasant. Can he read? ... No. Can he write? No. Drafted to the 16th Infantry Regiment. Left Potenza on 8. II. 1936 for Cosenza.

Itinerary ¹.....

Provided with	}	Bread	}	No.	ration
		Tinned meal		No.	ration
		Subsistence allowance		Days No.	L

POTENZA 8. II. 1936. A...

[Circular seal in black ink, bearing the Italian arms and the words:] Military district — Potenza.

DISTRICT COMMANDER
[Signature illegible].

¹ The chief places passed through should be specified.

Space reserved for the notes of the military railway organs (control, halts, distribution of rations, etc.)

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NOTES FOR THE RECRUIT.

1. Any recruit who breaks his journey or changes the route for unjustifiable reasons and any recruit behaving incorrectly in trains, steamers or at halts shall be liable to severe disciplinary punishment on arrival at the corps headquarters.

2. Any recruit who during a railway journey pulls the alarm signal unnecessarily shall be liable, in addition to the foregoing penalties, to payment of a fine of up to 500 lire and to the penalties laid in the railway laws and regulations for ordinary passengers.

3. The recruit must retain the present identity and travel form, which must be produced to the military authorities upon request during the journey and handed over to the corps to which he is drafted.

4. The second part of this form must be handed to the command of the unit to which the recruit is drafted to enable him to complete his outfit and draw any payments to which he may be entitled.

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Part II (to be handed to the Command of the Unit).

Articles supplied by the military district of to the recruit.....

Articles supplied	N	O	B	M	Articles supplied	Number
Towels	Blankets .....	.....
Haversacks for infantry	(.....)
Haversacks for cavalry	Mugs (aluminium, tin)	.....
Bread bags	Spoons .....	.....
Water-bottles for infantry	Armlets .....	.....
Water-bottles for cavalry
Mess-tins (aluminium, tin)
Knitted vest.

OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT
in charge of equipment.

II.¹

BLACKSHIRT BATTALION 530.

326.

Order of the day for December 28th, 1936/XV.

No. I.

ON BOARD.

From to-day I take command of the battalion.

I send my greetings to all officers and request them to communicate to all Blackshirts under their orders the verbal message from the DUCE transmitted by His Excellency Russo to be included in to-day's report.

I recommend the officers to keep in constant touch with their company commanders, so that they can communicate to them any orders that may be necessary.

ON DUTY.

Inspecting Centurion. — Centurion Domenico Pisabia.

Officers on Piquet Duty. — Two = One subaltern of the 1st Company; one subaltern of the 2nd Company.

Inspecting N.C.O.s — Four = One for each company detached from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Assisted by. — Eight Deputy Squad Leaders or selected Blackshirts, two from each company, detached from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Surveillance Service. — Six Deputy Squad Leaders or selected Blackshirts; two from the 5th Company, one from the 1st, one from the 2nd, one from the 3rd and one from the 4th Company.

N.C.O.s on Embarkation Deck Duty. — Two N.C.O.s from the 5th Company.

Sentry Duty. — One subaltern to be in charge of the guard detached from the 3rd Company.

Two N.C.O.s detached from the 1st Company.

Four Deputy Squad Leaders or selected Blackshirts detached from the 1st Company.

36 Blackshirts detached from the 1st Company.

The Inspecting Captain, the officers on picket duty and the inspecting N.C.O.s. will find the password in the place where they are told to look for it. The troops will be provided with cartridge pouches but not with arms.

The company commanders will send me before 10 a.m. to-morrow, the 29th, two signed copies of the marching report, stating the numerical strength of the troops under the officers, the names of N.C.O.s and other ranks, giving the surname, christian name, father's name and legion of origin of each man. I shall receive company commanders in cabin No. 112 every morning at 11 a.m. to hear their daily reports.

Situation of the Effectives. — Every day before 8 a.m. the company commanders will report to the Office of the Command (Cabin No. 52) any new occurrences, giving the name of the officer in command for the day.

Distribution of Tobacco. — While company commanders will give orders that no one is to smoke in the dormitories and will persuade the men to obey these instructions, since the breaking of this rule might obviously have serious effects, they will take steps to comply with requests for tobacco, bearing in mind the fact that each Blackshirt (excluding N.C.O.s) is to be allowed 100 cigarettes for the whole crossing at a reduced price. The cigarettes must be paid for in advance and the whole quantity will be handed over at the place specified by the inspecting captain on duty.

Company commanders will confirm, in their verbal reports to me to-morrow (December 29th), that all arms have been handed over.

If other ships are encountered during the crossing, orders must be given that no one is to remain on deck and particularly on the side from which these ships are approaching.

Alarms. — Company commanders will decide forthwith where their company is to meet in case of alarm, and must supply each man with the lifebelt prescribed.

In the meantime, they will take steps to see that the lifebelts are complete in every respect.

The meeting-points must be marked on the plans hung up in each dormitory, showing the dormitories and number of bunks in each and the place where the men are to meet in such cases. Company commanders will keep themselves informed of the instructions issued by the Royal Commissioner on board.

Time-table for the Crossing. — Reveille at 6 a.m.; distribution of coffee with milk and bread at 6.30 a.m.; sick parade at 8 a.m.; first cleaning of quarters from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m.; at the disposal of the officer in command of each unit from 8.30 to 10 a.m.; men's dinner, 10.15 a.m.; N.C.O.s' dinner: first service, 10.30; second service, 11.30; third service, 12.30; second cleaning of quarters after dinner from 11.15 to 12; at the disposal of the officer in command of each unit from 3 to 4 p.m.; supper at 4.30 p.m.; third cleaning of quarters after supper from 5.15 to 6 p.m.; lights out at 10 p.m.

It is understood that, on hearing the call for meals, all men whose turn it is will proceed to the deck assigned to them to wait for the men sent to draw the bread and wine (Deck B) and the men sent to the kitchen for the hot food (Deck A).

No N.C.O. or private may enter the parts of the ship reserved for officers, not even the subalterns' orderlies, as subalterns may command the services of the ship's stewards.

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

(Centurion Giuseppe CORRIERI).

[Autograph signature.]

(Signed) Franco PETRUCCI,
Officer in Command of the Battalion.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 1, page 86.

III.

SPECIAL BATTALION C.C.V.V. No. 530bis.

(1) 3rd Company.

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for the month of December 1936/XV (from 27 to 31.12.36).

TABLE I. — Position of the unit on each day of the month, and collective changes.

- do. 2. — List of officers (and corresponding numerical strength).
- do. 3. — List of N.C.O.s and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
- do. 4. — List of horses for officers and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
- do. 5. — Daily changes in respect of officers, N.C.O.s and men, and horses for officers and men.
- do. 6. — Allowances due to N.C.O.s and men.
- do. 7. — Bread and rations account.
- do. 8. — Cash allowance for food, and various observations relating thereto.
- do. 9. — Debt account of N.C.O.s and men.

Position of the Permanent Fund.

Date of transaction	Reason for cash transactions	Increase		Decrease	
		N.	N.	N.	N.
	Fund on the 1st of the month	N.	N.	N.	N.
.....
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	Total				
	Less				
	Balance in lire				

Cadiz, December 31st, 1936.

Officer in Command of the Unit:
(Signed) C. M. Giuseppe LARGHI.

(1) Company or platoon drafted to.....

Separate sheets are printed for Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.
(See notes on the last page.)

Table I. — Position of the Unit on Each Day of the Month and Collective Changes.

Day of the month	Place	(In garrison, on ordinary or special draft, public order service, war zone, on the march, in quarters, etc.)	Changes	Allowances due ¹
1 etc. 27 28 29 30 31	<i>The Company was constituted at Caserta, payments due being made up to the 27th inclusive. Mediterranean Sea.</i>	<i>On board ship.</i>	<i>(N.B.— The unit is proceeding by sea from Italy to Spain, from Gaeta to Cadiz.)</i>	<i>Special allowance M.O.S. (Military Operations in Spain).</i>

¹ On the march, in quarters, public order service, active service allowance.

Officer in Command of the Unit:
[Autograph signature]:
C. M. Giuseppe LARGHI.

IV.¹

COMMAND OF THE FIRST BRIGADE OF VOLUNTEERS.

Order of the day No. 1.

[In manuscript:] Serial No. 51.

24.I.37/XV.

Seville, January 1st, 1937/XV.

VOLUNTEERS!

I am to-day taking command. I greet you; I know and think highly of you; I feel sure that I can rely — now and at all times — on you all, officers, N.C.O.s, corporals and Blackshirts, to carry out any task, no matter how difficult, to fight fiercely and to conquer.

We, the Volunteers of the 1st Brigade, have asked to come to Spain to fight for the triumph of the Fascist Idea.

It is our duty to carry out our engagement and the hard task we have undertaken. We shall triumph because this is our determination as Italian soldiers and Fascists.

Firmly united by the same ideal and a common duty, and inspired by a vigorous and warlike spirit, we, the Volunteers of the 1st Brigade, will uphold the honour of our Imperial and Fascist Italy, and will conquer in the sacred name of Rome and under the propitious sign of the "Fascio Littorio".

Let us prepare ourselves passionately, gravely, and with an active joy for the ordeals that await us, and we shall conquer.

It is the will of God — this is the watchword of the Brigade, which expresses and defines the nature of our undertaking, because we, the Volunteers, are true "Crusaders" of the Fascist Idea, which, as a result of our inevitable victory, will triumph throughout Spain, inspiring the enemies with the human and divine Truth inherent in our Idea.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE 1ST BRIGADE!

Lift up your hearts, your bayonets, and the Black Flames!

Let us remember at all times that we represent our great, powerful and beloved country and the fighting strength of Fascist Italy. Remember that we must conquer, and we shall conquer at all costs! "IT IS THE WILL OF GOD!"

Who is going to win? WE ARE!

The Brigadier-General:

(Signed) ARNALDI.

Countersigned:

Lieut-Col. Chief of Staff:

(R. NASI).

[Autograph signature.]

N.B. — The present order to be read by company commanders to their respective units, in armed formation, and afterwards to be commented on.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 2, page 88

V.1

SECRET.

VERY URGENT.

[In blue pencil:]

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4.3.37
XV.

MINISTRY OF WAR: HEADQUARTERS COMMAND — ORDERS AND MOBILISATION SECTION.

No. 430/369 of the Register.

Rome, January 6th, 1937/Year XV.

- To the Command of the Army Corps of Naples.
- To the M.O.S.² Commission Spezia.
- To the Command of Lines of Communication M.O.³ Naples.
- To the Commission for Preparations and Embarkation Naples.

and for their information:

- To the Cabinet Ministry.
- To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — "S" Office⁴ Rome.
- To the Inspectorate of Engineers Ministry.
- To the General Command of the V.M.N.S.⁵ Rome.
- To the General Directorate of Officers Ministry.
- To the General Inspectorate of Recruiting, N.C.O.s and Men Ministry.
- To the Motorisation Inspectorate. Ministry.
- To the Secretariat and Staff Section Ministry.
- To the Service and Transport Sections Ministry.

SUBJECT: Volunteers for any destination. In confirmation of telephonic orders. The whole of the personnel (officers, N.C.O.s and other ranks of the Royal Army and the V.M.N.S.) in readiness in Italian territory for M.O.S. requirements must be provided with badges of rank and the stars (R.A.) or the Lictors' fasces (V.M.N.S.).

These badges must also be retained while the troops are concentrated at the ports of embarkation. They must not be removed until they embark for the destination specified.

Deputy Chief of Staff Intendant:
(Signed) Rosi.

Countersigned:

For the Staff Colonel in Command
of the Section:
(P. BERARDI).

[Autograph signature:]
(MANTI).

[There is a circular seal in violet ink bearing the words:] Ministry of War, Headquarters Command. [In the centre the Italian arms.]

Notes by the Secretariat:

- ¹ See Annex 3, page 90.
- ² M.O.S.: Military Operations in Spain.
- ³ M.O.: Military Operations.
- ⁴ "Spain" Office.
- ⁵ V.M.N.S.: Volunteer Militia for National Security.

VI.¹

VERY URGENT.

26.

MINISTRY OF WAR: HEADQUARTERS COMMAND — SERVICE SECTION.

No. 0641 of the SECRET Register.

Rome, January 15th, 1937/XV.

To the Army Corps Commands of Florence-Naples-Cagliari. Ministry.
 To the General Directorate of the Commissariat Ministry.
 To the General Directorate of Artillery Ministry.
 To the Motorisation Inspectorate Ministry.

and for their information:

To the Cabinet Ministry.
 To the Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) Rome.
 To the General Command of the V.M.N.S. Rome.
 To the General Directorate of Army Medical Services Ministry.
 To the General Directorate of Engineers Ministry.
 To the General Directorate of the Administrative Services. Ministry.
 To the Directorate of the Army Chemical Service Rome.
 To the Commands of the Army Corps of Milan-Rome-Bari.
 To the Administrative Office of Miscellaneous Military Personnel Ministry.
 To the Military Intelligence Service Rome.
 To the Central Paymaster's Office Ministry.
 To the Orders and Mobilisation Section—Transport Ministry.
 To the Command of Lines of Communication M.O. Naples.

SUBJECT: The constitution of units for M.O.S. requirements.

Reference Folio No. 1750/369 of this Command (Orders and Mobilisation Section) dated this day (for organs which have received it).

In confirmation of verbal arrangements:

I. In principle, individual and unit equipment (with the exception of v.e. Series) is that set out in Volume II — No. 1 for the formations specified on the form attached to the said folio.

The v.e. Series is that specified on Folio 8926 — November 21st of last year — by this Command, with field-service cap and khaki uniform, haversacks being replaced by Alpine rucksacks. An aluminium plate and a knife, fork and spoon will also be supplied.

II. The Commands of the Army Corps I am addressing will allot the individual and sectional equipment to the units constituted in their respective areas:

- Army Corps of Florence: 5th Mortar Platoon;
- " " " Cagliari: 3rd and 4th Auxiliary Batteries;
- " " " Naples: the remaining units.

III. The Directorate of the Commissariat must send the v.e. Series to the place where each unit is constituted by the time they are needed.

IV. The Command of the Army Corps of Sardinia will employ for the constitution of the two 65/17 batteries the pieces of artillery stored with the competent Directorate of Artillery: the corresponding supplies will be taken from the stores in the possession of the Army Corps.

The machine-guns allotted to the batteries in question must be of the Fiat 914 mark.

V. The Command of the Army Corps of Naples will supply to each battalion 30 (27 + 3 reserve) automatic rifles Model 30 and 10 (9 + 1 reserve) Fiat 914 machine-guns.

VI. Ammunition for replacement purposes: this will be supplied by the General Directorate of Artillery as follows:

Cartridges Model 91/95 in chargers	2,880,000
" for automatic rifles	2,106,000
" for Fiat 914 machine-guns	1,080,000
" for officers' pistols	24,000
" (half of calibre 76,5, half of calibre 9) for revolvers	24,000
Hand-grenades	120,000
Shells for trench mortars	24,000
65/17 shells	120,000
65/17 perforating shells	1,000

The above-mentioned munitions must reach Naples before the 21st instant: in applications for transport, explicit reference must be made to the present folio.

VII. Motor transport — bicycles: separate regulations.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 4, page 91.

VIII. Should any material be lacking, an indent must be sent as quickly as possible to the competent central organs, and this Command (Services Section) must also be notified.

IX. The Command of the Army Corps of Naples, within whose territory it is proposed to constitute other units very shortly, must indent for the replacement of supplies as quickly as possible to the competent organs of the Ministry, which will at once send supplies and will inform this Command (Services Section) that this has been done.

The Commands of the other Army Corps mentioned above must indent at each place for the replacement of material taken from the supplies reserved for the I.B. units.

Deputy Chief of Staff Intendant:
(Signed) ROSI.

Countersigned:
Staff Colonel in Command of the
Section:
A. FERRERO.

VII.¹

SECRET.

41.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE: VOLUNTEER MILITIA FOR NATIONAL SECURITY:
GENERAL COMMAND — OPERATIONS SECTION.

Rome, January 15th, 1937/XV.

OFFICE: *Arms and Ammunition.*
No. 531 A.R.S.

SUBJECT: Supply of daggers of the old Austrian model to the Blackshirt battalions of the Special Group.

To the 3rd Central Stores V.E. — Arms Section.	Terni.
To the Command of Blackshirt Battalion 624	Eboli.
To the Command of Blackshirt Battalion 635	Lower Nocera.
To the Command of the Blackshirt Battalion 651	Capua.
To the Command of Blackshirt Battalion 630	Caserta.
To the Command of Blackshirt Battalion 640	Salerno.
To the Command of Blackshirt Battalion 638	Naples.
To the Command of Legion 24 V.M.N.S.	Milan.
To the Command of Legion 35 V.M.N.S.	Spezia.
To the Command of Legion 130 V.M.N.S.	Aquila.
To the Command of Legion 151 V.M.N.S.	Bari.
To the Command of Legion 140 V.M.N.S.	Salerno.
To the Command of Legion 138 V.M.N.S.	Naples.

and for their information:

To the Command of the 4th Group of Blackshirt Battalions (in Legion 138).	Naples.
To the Command of the 3rd Group of Blackshirt Battalions (in Legion 140)	Salerno.
To the General Command — Services Section — (ref. folio No. 156/RS/3 of the 14th instant)	Headquarters.
To the Command of the Blackshirt Areas II, III, X, XI, XII, their respective	headquarters.

The Third Store will despatch immediately, under escort, to the undermentioned Commands the quantities of daggers of the old Austrian model specified at the side of each.

The daggers must reach the Commands in question before midday of the 19th instant.

To the Command of Battalion 624 (Eboli), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " " 635 (Lower Nocera), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " " 651 (Capua), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " " 630 (Caserta), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " " 640 (Salerno), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " " 638 (Naples), daggers of the old Austrian model	558
" " " " Legion 138 (Naples), for the Command of the 4th Group Battalion, daggers of the old Austrian model	29
To the Command of Legion 140 (Salerno), for the Command of the 3rd Group Battalion, daggers of the old Austrian model	29

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 5, pages 94.

The number of daggers allotted includes those required for officers, who are to be supplied with daggers of the same model as the troops.

For the regularisation of the loading operations, it is provided that:

The Third Store at Terni shall specify the quantity and value of the material despatched and shall transmit a statement to the effect that the packages have been closed to the Command of the receiving battalion, to this Office, and to the Legion of the Mobilisation Centre, attaching as proof Mod. 16/S, which must be signed by the escort when the material is handed over to the Commander of the receiving battalion.

The Legion Commands of the mobilisation centres, on receiving the statement that the packages have been closed at the store and the receipt of the battalion commander, shall load and unload the packages, checking the quantity and value (analytical register, ordinary Mod. A.), Part III of Mod. 50 being sent to this Office.

For the Head of the Operations Section:
(Lt. LORENZO ALLEGRETTI).

By order of
The Consul, Head of the Ordering Office:
(Signed) (VIRGILIO NURCHIS).

Countersigned:
Head of the Arms and Ammunition Office:
(Sen. S. MORELLI).
[Autograph signature.]

VIII.

COMMAND OF THE "BRANDIMARTE" SPECIAL GROUP OF BATTALIONS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMAND.
No. 901/S of the Register.

Naples, 18.I.1937/XV.

42.

SUBJECT: Rôle of officers of the units under my orders.

To the Battalion Commands under my orders Headquarters.
To the Mortar Platoon Commands under my Orders Headquarters.
To the Commands of Batteries of 65/17 Guns under my Orders Headquarters.
and for its information:
*To the Command of the 3rd and 4th Special Group of Battalions Naples,
Salerno.*

I am enclosing a number of printed forms to be filled up in accordance with the headings. Six copies of each must be made and the information furnished must provide an absolutely accurate statement of the effectives, including officers, N.C.O.s and men.

As regards officers, all and any changes must of course be communicated to this Command in sufficient time to enable the necessary additions and modifications to be made and for purposes of control.

In the case of other ranks, the information must be inserted in pencil, and not in ink as in the case of the officers.

I would explain that the six copies in question must reach this Command without fail on the day previous to departure — according to the orders to be communicated in due course — but two copies showing the present situation must be transmitted immediately.

*The General, Commander in Chief
of the Special Group of Battalions:*

[Autograph signature:]

BRANDIMARTE.

[There is a circular stamp in red ink, with a grenade in the centre and the words:] Special Group of Battalions — Command.

IX.¹

EXTRACT.

MINISTRY OF WAR: HEADQUARTERS COMMAND — ORDERS AND MOBILISATION SECTION.

Rome, January 18th, 1937/XV

No. 1930/369.

SECRET. - VERY URGENT.

(NAMES OF ADDRESSEES OMITTED.)

SUBJECT: Organisation of the mail service for military operations in Spain.

2 Annexes.

For the organisation of the mail service to and from M.O.S. (Military Operations in Spain), the organs which I am addressing, each in so far as it is concerned, will make the following arrangements:

I. Service Organs.

1. In Italy.

- (a) The military (centralising) post office of Rome will set up a special M.O.S. section for the *air mail service*.
A similar section will be established with the present staff of the military (centralising) post office of Naples for the *ordinary mail service (not by air) and the parcel service*.
- (b) Censorship will be exercised by the special offices attached to the two central post offices and will cover incoming and outgoing mail.
- (c)

2. M.O.S.

- (a) The following organs will be established:
Special post office No. 1 (at the M.O.S. base); special post office No. 2 (at the headquarters of the M.M.I.S.²).

The supreme Office for the Inspection of Military Mail will furnish to the head of post office No. 1, before departure, the necessary instructions:

For the establishment, in agreement with the Command of the M.O.S. Base, of the branch postal services to the Commands and Units in the line;
For the detachment to Cadiz of one of the officers under its orders to supervise the embarkation and disembarkation service and the reforwarding of mail, including the Rome-Cadiz air service.

- (b) Establishment and mobilisation of the offices: see Annex No. 1.

II. Working of the Service.

The Supreme Office for the Inspection of Military Mail will issue instructions in accordance with the general principles laid down in Annex No. 2.

III. Date on which the Whole Organisation will begin to operate.

As soon as possible, and in any case not later than February 1st next.

Deputy Chief of Staff, Intendant:
(Signed) ROSI.

¹ Notes by the Secretariat; ² See Annex 6, pages 96.
³ Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia.

X.

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SUBJECT: Request for (some words missing for same reason).

To the Commands of Battalions 630, 638, 651.
To the Command of the Battery of 65/17 Guns.
To the Command of the Trench Mortar Platoon.

The above Commands will send me before 4.30 p.m. this afternoon the following information concerning their forces:

Officers — N.C.O.s — men;
Motor transport — motor-cycles — automatic rifles — machine-guns — trench mortars — serviceable artillery pieces loaded on board.

They will also state where the units were quartered on 21.1.1937, the date of their arrival at Naples for embarkation and the date on which each unit was constituted.

Consul in Command:
(PITTAU, Mario).

Countersigned:
Senior Adjutant:
(Sen. BERNARDI, Luigi).
[Autograph signature.]

XI.

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Record No. 2.

On board, 23.1.1937/XV.

TO ALL BATTALIONS UNDER MY ORDERS AND TO THE COMMAND OF THE BATTERY OF 65/17 GUNS
AND THE TRENCH MORTAR PLATOON.

Confirming the verbal orders previously given, instruction will be given in turns on the "port side of the deck" as follows:

- (1) From 9 to 9.30 a.m., Battalion 638;
- (2) From 9.30 to 10, Battalion 651;
- (3) From 10 to 10.30, Battalion 630.

The machine-gun companies will receive continuous theoretical instruction on the use of arms from 9 to 10.30 a.m. in the places selected by their respective battalion commanders. The Commander of the Battery of 65/17 guns and the Commander of the Trench Mortar Platoon will instruct their men in places suitable for this purpose.

The battalion commanders, as soon as the turn of their battalion is over, will order the deck to be cleared and collect their units elsewhere for the purpose of continuing the theoretical instruction.

Consul in Command:
M. PITTAU.
[Autograph signature.]
PITTAU.

XII.

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Record No. 3.

On board, 23.I.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Guard services.

*To the Commands of Battalions 630, 638, 651.
To the Commands of the Battery of 65/17 Guns.
To the Command of the Trench Mortar Platoon.*

For the purpose of ensuring order and discipline on board during the voyage, in accordance with the regulations in force, the following must be detached for guard duty each day (18 hours):

An Inspecting Centurion—a guard officer for the bows, a guard officer for the stern, a guard of 24 Blackshirts and one selected Blackshirt and a leader of an Inspection Squad for the bows—a guard of 24 men, one selected Blackshirt and a leader of an Inspection Squad for the stern—one bugler—a patrol consisting of a Squad Leader, a Deputy Squad Leader and two Blackshirts, for each hold, from reveille until lights out.

The above-named guards must keep four stationary sentries in the bows and four at the stern, two on the port and two on the starboard side—for the relief of the various guard services, the Adjutants of the Battalions and the officers appointed by the Battery and the Trench Mortar Platoon must report to the Senior Adjutant of the group.—The battalions and units belonging to this group will be on guard in turn as follows:

- (a) From 23 to 24/I, Battalion 630. (b) From 24 to 25, Battalion 638.
(c) From 25 to 26/I, Battalion 651. (d) From 26 to 27/I, Battery 65/17, and Trench Mortar Platoon.

The Battalion Adjutants and the Commanders of the 65/17 Battery and the Trench Mortar Platoon will be responsible for seeing that the present orders are strictly complied with. When it is their turn for duty, the respective units must first report to Captain Bernardi. The name of the Inspecting Officer must be communicated to this Command in the morning. The battalion or unit on duty must also provide the bugler, who will be at the orders of the Inspecting Centurion.

*Consul in Command:
(Signed) M. PITTAU.*

Senior Adjutant:

BERNARDI.

[Autograph signature.]

XIII.¹

[Heading missing owing to the paper's having been torn.]

Record No. 10.

On board, 26.I.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Destruction of documents and identity-cards.

*To the Command of the Battalions under my orders: 630, 638 and 651.
To the Command of the Fourth Battery of 65/17 Guns.
To the Command of the Fifth Trench Mortar Platoon.*

To-day all the personal documents (note-books, mobilisation notices, etc.) of the volunteers under my orders will be collected by the various Company Commands, which shall be responsible for the custody and absolutely safe keeping of the said documents.

All notices or instructions, circulars, documents, printed papers, regulations, etc., which might serve to identify the source of the document in question must be destroyed.

To-day it is necessary to get rid of all marks of rank, decorations, etc.

Report action taken.

*Commander of the Battalion Group:
(Signed) Mario PITTAU.*

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

sen. Luigi BERNARDI.

[Autograph signature.]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 7, page 98.

XIV.

COMMAND OF THE FOURTH GROUP OF SPECIAL BATTALIONS.

Record No. II.

On board, January 26th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Postal service.

To the Command of the Battalions under my orders: 630, 638 and 651.
To the Command of the Fourth Battery of 65/17 Guns.
To the Command of the Fifth Trench Mortar Platoon.

As from February 1st next, all correspondence from Italy to the units that have been sent outside the Kingdom for Military Operations in Spain should be addressed "*Special Post 500*", with the Christian name and surname of the addressee followed by the name and number of his unit, which should be given so far as it is known.

It is absolutely forbidden to include in the address any indication of the place of destination of the correspondence or of the rank or position of the addressee.

All mail to or from Spain shall be subject to censorship, which shall be exercised by the competent offices.

This correspondence will be stamped as for letters within Italy, with the reductions in force for correspondence sent to soldiers on active service.

Military post offices for Military Operations in Spain will be provided with forms which will make it possible to sent postal cheques in the national currency at the rates obtaining for internal postage.

Units on military service in Spain shall be requested to obtain these forms and postal cheques. In any case, the Central Military Post Office will arrange with the national post and telegraph service for unstamped correspondence from units on military service in Spain to be paid for at ordinary postal rates in Italy without surcharge.

The same Office will discuss with the competent Ministry the possibility of providing post-free postcards.

Until February 1st, the address will be that already announced, namely:

"CHRISTIAN NAME AND SURNAME — FATHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME
O.M.S. VIA DEI CROCIFERI, No. 23, ROME."

Please bring the foregoing to the notice of all the Blackshirts under your orders.

Commander of the Group of Battalions:
(Signed) Cons. Mario PITTAU.

Countersigned:
Senior Adjutant:
(Signed) Luigi BERNARDI.
[Autograph signature.]

XV.

[In manuscript:] Next report 19-20.
[Signature illegible.]

Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia.

[In manuscript:] 824.

[In manuscript:] No. 144/P.O.
25-2-37

Already communicated to the units.
To be sent to the Archives.
[Signature illegible.]

Loja, January 12th [sic], 1937/XV.

GENERAL ORDER No. 7.

285

TO ALL COMMANDS UNDER MY ORDERS, INCLUDING THE COMMANDS OF BANDERE AND GROUPS (OR OF COMPANIES AND CORRESPONDING UNITS IN THE CASE OF UNITS NOT DIVIDED INTO BANDERE OR GROUPS).

SUBJECT: Abandonment of arms and articles of equipment.

In spite of the clear warnings given in my General Order No. 2 of 22.I.1937, some units abandoned, during the recent actions, knapsacks, arms, spare parts of arms, ammunition boxes and similar articles.

The most serious thing is that this was allowed by the higher officers and was even ordered by some of them on the pretext, which I do not hesitate to call absurd, of lightening the troops.

(The pretext is absurd because in this case it was not a question of launching an attack against a single neighbouring position, after the capture of which the troops would return to their starting-line, but of continuing the advance for hours and days. In these circumstances, the order to abandon, or the permission to abandon, the material mentioned above was equivalent to a "sabotage" of future actions — *i.e.*, it constituted a veritable *offence in face of the enemy*).

I order the commanders of the 1st Volunteer Division of the IVth and Vth Group of Banderas to enquire into this matter, to replace the material abandoned (charging it to the account of the unit commanders responsible) and to inform me what disciplinary or penal action they propose to take.

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Countersigned:

Deputy Chief of Staff:

(Lt.-Col. Giorgio MORPURGO).

[Autograph signature:] G. MORPURGO.

XVI.¹

COMMAND WOLVES BANDERA 530bis.

Palma del Condado, 29. I. 1937/XV.

*To all the Companies
Headquarters.*

This nerve-racking wait before starting is depressing the militiamen too much.

Company Commanders will utilise the next few days by giving lectures to the militiamen, in order to lift them out of this depressing state of discouragement.

The subjects to be dealt with are the following: discipline, the task which the DUCÈ has assigned to us in this land of Spain, the prestige which we must uphold for the affirmation of Fascism, the Christian mission which has been assigned to us to safeguard the thousand-year-old Roman civilisation. Show and convince your hearers how great an honour this is for us and how each militiaman should feel proud of having been called upon to fight for so lofty a cause. Describe the vandalism and barbarities committed by the red civilisation even in the small town of Palma del Condado, where the cathedral (the most beautiful church in Southern Andalusia) has been sacked and burnt, arouse an aggressive spirit continuing the tradition of audacity of the Great War, the forerunner of the Fascist *esprit de corps* and undoubtedly to-day the inspiration of the martial spirit of the volunteers and of the Bandera.

Acting Commander of the Bandera:

(Signed) PAGANESTI.

[There is a stamp with the words:]

Special Battalion 530bis Command.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 8, page 99.

No. 63 R. A.
 Administr. Regl.
 (Arts. 403-410-416-648)

XVII.¹

Catal. No 706.
 (R. 1932/Year X.)

(1) ARTILLERY GROUP OF THE ARMY CORPS.
 (2) 6TH BATTERY.

JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1937.

- Table 1.* — Position of the unit on each day of the month and collective changes.
do 2. — List of officers (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 3. — List of N.C.O.s and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 4. — List of horses for officers and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 5. — Daily changes in respect of officers, N.C.O.s and men, and horses for officers and men.
do 6. — Allowances due to N.C.O.s and men.
do 7. — Bread and rations account.
do 8. — Cash allowances for food and various observations relating thereto.
do 9. — Debt account of N.C.O.s and men.

(1) Corps. (2) Company or platoon drafted to.....

POSITION OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

Date of transaction	Reason for cash transaction	Increase	Decrease
	Fund on the 1st of the month		
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.....
	Total		
	Less		
	Balance in lire		

Leghorn, January 6th, 1937/XV.

OFFICER IN COMMAND
 OF THE UNIT.

Separate sheets are printed for Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.
 See notes on the last page.

Table 1. — Position of the Unit on Each Day of the Month, and Collective Changes.

Day of the month	Place	In garrison, on ordinary or special draft, public order service, war zone, on the march, in quarters, etc.	Changes	Allowances due ¹
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6	Leghorn	Garrison	Travelling by rail	
7	S.S. Calabria	At sea		
8	"	"		
9	"	"		
10	"	"		
11	"	"		
12	Cadiz			
13	"	In the war zone	In quarters	
14	"	"	"	
15	"	"	"	
16	"	"	"	
17	"	"	"	
18	"	"	"	
19	"	"	"	
20	"	"	"	
21	"	"	"	
22	"	"	On the march	
23	Sanlúcar	"	In quarters	
24	"	"	"	
25	"	"	"	
26	"	"	"	
27	"	"	On the march	
28	Seville	"	On the march	
29	Ecija	"	On the march	
30	Aguilar	"	In quarters	
31	"	"	"	

¹ On the march, in quarters, public order service, active service allowance.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 9, page 100.

OFFICER IN COMMAND
 OF THE UNIT.

XVIII.

COMMAND OF BATTALION No. 835 OF C.N.S. (BLACKSHIRTS IN SPAIN): 3RD COMPANY.

179.

The undersigned C.N.S. (*Blackshirt in Spain*), *Domenico Diaco*, son of *Domenico (deceased)*, serving in the above battalion, mobilised for O.M.S. (Military Operations in Spain), authorises his wife.....*Sig. Mantello Maria Caterina*....., residing at (*Cardinale - Via Cavour*.....) to receive the monthly sum of Lire...600... (*six hundred*) as from *February 1937*.

Nocera Inferiore, January 30th, 1937.

[Autograph signature.]
DIACO Domenico.

SUBJECT: Authorisation to receive cash.

TO THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICE OF THE VARIOUS ARMS,
Administrative Office, ROME.

XIX.

NOMINAL ROLL OF THE XIIITH SECTION OF THE IIIRD PLATOON AND*
ARTICLES ISSUED.

Rank	Christian name and surname	Class	District	Personal registration number	Studies	Occupation	Arma-ment number	Letter	Special duties	Regis-tration number of revolvers	Regis-tration number of machi-ne-guns P.M. 14	Pistols is-sued	Trenching tools is-sued	Spe-cial is-sued	[In red pencil:] 12
Sergt.	Salvatore Aquilia	1912	Messina	31181	6th Elem.	Brick-layer	1978	F.N.	Section leader						
Private	Pietro Cacciola	195 [sic]	Messina		6th Elem.	Farmer			C.A.	D 37 77		+			Notes
P.	Santo Ravida	1899	Messina		4th Elem.	Farm hand			P.T.	A I 155					
P.	Gaetano Scalisi	1904	Catania		None	Butcher	1131	A.C.	P.B.			+			
P.	Fortunato D'Pasquale	1899	Messina		4th Elem.	Farm hand	6175	I M	P.M.			1	+		
Corpl.	Francesco Recupero	1895	Messina		3rd Elem.	Miner	2568	F.	C N.-M					+	
P.	Domenico Larrocca	1903	Messina		2nd Elem.	Baker	666 7338	BES F	P.M.						1
P.	Nicolo Priola	1991 [sic]	Messina		1st Elem.	Farm hand	341	C.C.	P.M.			1	1		
P.	Santo Raimondo	1907	Messina		2nd Elem.	Labourer	16-43	O.R.	P.M.				1		

* Two words illegible.

— Ravida C.A.
— Raimondo P.T.

Sabaudia 30.1.37/XV.

Sergeant, Section leader.

Salvatore AQUILIA.
[Autograph signature.]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 10, page 101.

XX.

N. 36 R.A.
Administrative Regulations
(Art. 210)

Catal. No. 693
(R. 1932 - Year X).
PAYMENTS FIXED FOR TROOPS.

Chapter.....of the budget.

- (1) ARMY CORPS ARTILLERY GROUP.
(2) IIND GROUP OF 149/12.

Month of 193...

Food and Ammunition Section.

PAY-SHEET FOR THE ABOVE MONTH.

Daily allowance (as detailed on the back)	L.	74,213	.....
Extra medal allowance (see Table 6 of the Journal) . . . . .	"		.....
Total	L.	74,213	.....

Aguilar de la F., January 31st, 1937/XV.

Seen:
Head of the Administrative Service:

Officer Commanding the Unit:
[Signature illegible.]

Remarks.

1. — The pay-sheet is made out for units and detachments and attached to the monthly accounts. 2. — The necessary particulars are taken from Tables 3, 6 and 9 of the Journal.

(1) Corps. — (2) Unit or detachment.

ARMY CORPS ARTILLERY GROUP.
IIND 149/12 HOWITZER GROUP.
FOOD AND AMMUNITION SECTION.

N. 106 R.A.
(Circular 283-1912-Annex 3 and Articles
403 and 410 of R.A.)

Catal. No. 724.
(R. 1933 - Year XI).

RECAPITULATION OF MONTHLY ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 1937.

No.	Documents	Amount	
1	Pay-sheet (Mod. 693 [36 R.A.] Net of deductions for rooms, etc.)	L.	74,213 —
2	Re-enlistment premiums (Mod. 694 [37 R.A.]) . . . . .	"	.....
3	Bread and food rations in cash (Mod. 695 [38 R.A.]) . . . . .	"	.....
4	Short leave allowances (Mod. 697 [40 R.A.]) . . . . .	"	.....
5	do. and allowances for collective journeys and services (Mod. 700 [43 R.A.]) . . . . .	"	.....
6	Cost-of-living allowance to N.C.O.s (Mod. 690 [33 bis R.A.])	"	93 65
7	Military allowance to N.C.O.s (Mod. 690 [33 bis R.A.])	"	1,091 65
8	Family grant	"	923 75
9	Special allowance	"	13,942 50
10	.....		.....
11	.....		.....
	Total	L.	90,264 55
12	Sums withheld for debts to the Pay Office (Mod. 672 [9 R.A.])	L.	
13	do. withheld as punishments (Mod. 723 [103 R.A.])	"	
14	do. withheld as mess contribution (Mod. 704 [47 R.A.])	"	
15	.....	
	Sums actually paid	L.	90,264 55

Sums drawn				Liquidation	
No. of voucher	Reason	Amount			
1	Ten days	12,092	40	Sum paid	L.
2	" "	29,772	30	Sum received	"
3	Ten days	32,348	30	Balance to the credit } of the debit } unit	L.
3	Allowance to N.C.O.s	16,051	55		
		90,264	55		"

Dos Hermanas, January 31st, 1937.

Officer Commanding the Unit:
[Signature illegible.]

XXI.

[In manuscript] 4th Group of Banderas,
Serial No. 28.

6-2-937

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C.B.M.I.S. (BASE COMMAND OF THE ITALO-SPANISH MILITIA).

Record No. 524.

Seville, January 31st, 1937/XV.

TO ALL COMMANDS AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

I forward a copy of Circular No. 12/37 from the "Ala Littoria" management on the following subject:

New time-table of Line 364 "Rome-Pollensa-Melilla-Cadiz."

We have the honour to inform you herewith that, as from February 1st next, there will be a tri-weekly service on the line Rome-Pollensa-Melilla-Cadiz — *i.e.*, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the direction of Rome-Cadiz, and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the direction of Cadiz-Rome.

The hours of arrival and departure at the termini and intermediate stations remain unchanged.

Requesting you to communicate the foregoing to the officers under your command, I have the honour to be etc.,

Chairman of the Board of Management:
(Signed) U. KLINGER.

Countersigned:
Lieut.-Col. in Command of the Base:
(G. ZANUSSI)

[Autograph signature:] G. ZANUSSI.

XXII.

WOLVES BANDERA No. 530bis.

[In manuscript:] 96

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Montilla, 1.2.937/XV.

SERVICE ORDER No. 26.

Duties.

All armed guard duties will be undertaken by the 1st Company.

Picket Duty.

In view of the position of the encampments, the armed picket, instead of being formed by a full company, will consist of half a platoon per company, and each of these will accordingly make the necessary rounds with an officer in command of each two half-platoons. The name of the officer proposed for this duty, who will spend the night at the encampment, will be communicated to these Bandera headquarters.

Group.

As from to-day, the Bandera will belong to the 1st Bandera Group.

Greeting.

"I send greetings to all the units which have been placed under my tactical orders.

"I am proud to have under my orders such a powerful group of excellent units.

"The motto of my Bandera Group is: *Usque ad metam et ultra.*"

I am certain that all the units which are joining us to-day will be inspired by this motto, and will successfully go beyond every objective, in order to win fresh laurels for our arms under the orders of His MAJESTY the KING Emperor and with the guidance of the DUCE, for the ever greater glory of our ITALY.

Colonel, Commanding Officer:
D. BALESTRIERI.

Officer Commanding the Wolves Bandera:
Nello BROGI.

Countersigned:
Adjutant:
Cent. Giuseppe CORRIERI.

[Autograph signature.]

[There is a circular stamp with a grenade in the centre, and the words:] Special Battalion 530
— Command.

XXIII.

No. 63 R.A.
 Administr. Regl.
 (Arts. 403-410-416-648).

Catal. No. 706
 (R. 1932-Year X).

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(1) COMMAND OF THE 4TH GROUP OF SPECIAL BATTALIONS.
 (2) COMMAND PLATOON.

JOURNAL

for the month of February 1937/XV.

- Table 1.** — Position of the unit on each day of the month and collective changes.
do 2. — List of officers (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 3. — List of N.C.O.s and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 4. — List of horses for officers and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do 5. — Daily changes in respect of officers, N.C.O.s and men and horses for officers and men.
do 6. — Allowances due to N.C.O.s and men.
do 7. — Bread and rations account.
do 8. — Cash allowances for food and various observations relating thereto.
do 9. — Debt account of N.C.O.s and men.

POSITION OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

Date of transaction	Reason for cash transactions	Increase	Decrease
	Fund on 1st of the month		
.....
.....
	Total		
	Less		
	Balance in lire		

..... 19...

OFFICER IN COMMAND OF THE UNIT.

(1) Corps. — (2) Company or platoon drafted to

Separate sheets are printed for Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.

See notes on the last page.

Table 1. — Position of the Unit on Each Day of the Month and Collective Changes.

Day of the month	Place	(In garrison, on ordinary or special draft, public order service, war zone, on the march, in quarters, etc.)	Changes	Allowances due ¹
1	Jerez de la Frontera	In camp		M.O.S. (Military operations in Spain)
2	Travelling	At Burgo		"
3	Burgo	In camp		"
4	"	"		"
5	"	"		"
6	"	"		"
7	"	"		"
8	"	"		"
9	"	"		"
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25	"	"		"
26	"	"		"
27	"	"		"
28	"	"		"
29	"	"		"
30	"	"		"
31	"	"		"

¹ On the march, in quarters, public order service, active service allowance.

OFFICER IN COMMAND OF THE UNIT.

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[In manuscript:]

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15.9.37

Seville, February 3rd, 1937/XV.

M.M.I.S. (ITALO-SPANISH MIXED MILITIAS).

Serial No. 132.

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One Annex.

[In manuscript:]

For filing.

*To the Command of the 1st Volunteer Brigade.
To the Command of the 2nd Volunteer Brigade.
To the Command of the 1st Mixed Volunteer Brigade.
To all the Commands of the Bandera Groups.
To the Command of the Legionary Air Forces.
To the Royal Naval Office.
To the Inspectorate of Volunteer Units.
To the Artillery Command.
To the Engineer Command.
To the Royal Carabineers Command.
To the Quartermaster-General's Command.*

and for information:

*To the Base Command - Seville.
To the Detached Section - Cadiz.
To the Post Office.*

SUBJECT: Correspondence for Italy. Postal Censorship.

We forward the attached sheet regarding the censorship at Naples of correspondence from soldiers in O.M.S. (military operations in Spain).

There must be no further ground for complaint, especially as regards wireless communications, officers and volunteers being absolutely prohibited from speaking at wireless stations.

As regards the postal service, a circular has already been sent out by the Seville Base Command.

By order.

Chief of Staff:

(Signed) FERRARIS.

Annex 1.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM VOLUNTEERS TO ALL DESTINATIONS.

(Letters examined: 11,757; postcards: 183.)

Good correspondence. No substantial change as regards the points mentioned in the previous report. The moral remains high.

Correspondence continues to come in with indications of the various localities from which it has been sent and with information, often detailed, regarding the strength and location of the units and the arms and materials distributed to them.

Pay does not seem to have been definitely fixed. Most of the volunteers remain in doubt as to whether or not allowances have actually been paid to their families, with whom they have not yet got into touch by letter.

References are frequently made in correspondence to radio appointments made by officers and volunteers with their relatives listening in on the Italian system, to whom they wish to speak from a station at Seville. The conversations are usually fixed between 8 and 9 p.m. with a wavelength of 41 metres.

Many, believing that mail arriving from Italy is not subject to censorship, ask their own families for detailed news "without reticence" on all that is happening in Italy. Others, however, recommend that political subjects and delicate matters should be avoided in order that the letters should not be "held back by the censorship".

From Seville there are reports of attacks against our volunteers by Spanish Communists disguised as National Phalangists; but it is added that steps were immediately taken by the Italian authorities to protect the volunteers.

Remarks:

Many volunteers, including officers, have not yet realised the scrupulous reserve required by their mission. In the most careless manner they give confidential information in their correspondence, transgressing the instructions given by the authorities. The wireless appointments with relatives constitute a clear proof of the presence of Italian troops in Spain, and it is a proof accessible to all.

In addition, many letters containing the inevitable criticisms and the usual complaints have been posted in civilian letter-boxes in various towns. As such letters are censored by the Spanish military authorities, they are liable to give rise to erroneous and unfavourable impressions of the character and discipline of the Italian legionaries.

It would be desirable to remove the ground for complaint on this score as soon as possible.

Countersigned:

Chief of the Service Office of the M.M.I.S.
(Signed) G. MODIANI.

XXV.¹

COMMAND OF THE 4TH SPECIAL GROUP OF BATTALIONS.

Serial No. 6 - R.P.

Burgo, 4.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Proposals for repatriation.

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To the Commanders under my Orders.

I have noticed that many officers, N.C.O.'s and Blackshirts do not possess the minimum qualities of brave and loyal volunteers worthy of Fascist Italy. Such elements must be removed.

Please send me your proposals in writing by to-morrow.

Consul Commanding:

(Signed) M. PITTAU.

XXVI.

WOLVES BANDERA.

4th Machine Gun Company.

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Serial No. 51.

Sigüenza, February 4th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Deputy Squad-Leader Gennaro De Vecchis, son of Antonio.

To the Command of the Wolves Bandera,

Headquarters.

On February 3rd last (*sic*), this company, on setting off for Loja, left at Montilla in charge of the heavy baggage Deputy Squad-Leader Gennaro De Vecchis, son of Antonio and of Amalia Bocci, of Legion 132 of the Volunteer Militia for National Security, and Blackshirt Ermanno Santirocco.

This company received the baggage in question while at Labra. Meanwhile Blackshirt Ermanno Santirocco rejoined and, among other things, reported to the undersigned that Deputy Squad-Leader Gennaro De Vecchis was not with him because, by order of the Divisional Command at Montilla, he had been sent to the Seville Reserve Battalion for subsequent repatriation, as the war mutilation from which he was suffering incapacitated him for the rigours of the campaign in Spain.

The undersigned is still waiting for an official communication from the said Reserve Battalion as to the action taken in regard to De Vecchis, although I instructed Blackshirt Santirocco, when he was transferred to a unit stationed at Seville, to report De Vecchis' case to the Reserve Battalion.

I am therefore reporting the matter to you.

Company Commander:

(Cent. Antonio SPITILLI.)

[Autograph signature.]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 11, page 102.

XXVII.

COMMAND OF THE 651ST SPECIAL BLACKSHIRT BATTALION.
HISTORICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL DIARY.

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Date and day of the week	Position of the unit in the morning. Orders received and given. Operations carried out and troops taking part therein. Atmospheric conditions	Observations
31.1.XV.	<p>At 10 a.m. the 651st Special Blackshirt Battalion left Jerez de la Frontera.</p> <p>The train, consisting of 30 coaches of different types, started for Seville.</p> <p>At 2 p.m. stop at San Jerónimo for food. The cold rations were much appreciated. The train, which proceeded in a north-easterly direction, followed a special route different from that of the ordinary trains. As the locomotives were unable to pull the train owing to its excessive weight, it had to be divided into two parts. This led to a delay and to a wait of nearly three hours at the station of Villa Nueva. This stop was the occasion of a lively and sympathetic exchange of greetings and cheers between the local population and the battalion. A fraternal character was given to the proceedings by the singing of the Phalangist anthem by a group of pretty village girls, to which our Blackshirts responded by singing "Giovinezza".</p>	
1.2.XV. Monday.	<p>Weather rainy.</p> <p>Train moved forward slowly.</p> <p>At 10 a.m., at Mérida, the troops got off the train to allow the coaches to be cleaned.</p> <p>Rations were served out. The second meal was taken at 7 p.m. at Cáceres.</p> <p>The officers and N.C.O.s got into a motor-bus and went into the town of Mérida for dinner.</p>	
2.2.XV. Tuesday.	<p>The train proceeded towards Salamanca, which it reached at 1.30 a.m.</p> <p>The officers and N.C.O.s had supper at the railway buffet at 1.45 a.m.</p> <p>The Blackshirts had their rations.</p> <p>The officers of the 651st proceeded to General Headquarters at Salamanca to organise a demonstration in honour of the Commander-in-Chief, General Franco. Some of the higher officers at G.H.Q. answered the 651st's enthusiastic demonstration in the friendliest terms.</p>	
3.2.XV. Wednesday.	<p>Weather cold and somewhat damp.</p> <p>At 10 a.m. on the 3rd we reached Valladolid, the city which saw the birth of the first Phalangist nucleus.</p> <p>This beautiful city gave the battalion an enthusiastic reception. The officers went to the Hotel d'Inglaterra for a meal. The N.C.O.s ate at the station. The Blackshirts also had their rations at the station.</p> <p>At about 3 p.m. the dense crowd which had collected in the station square opposite the monument of Christopher Columbus made its way into the station through all the entrances. Inside there was a swaying mass of people and flags, friendly greetings and great demonstrations of enthusiasm for the Italo-Spanish Entente and the brotherhood of arms between the two countries.</p> <p>At 9.30 p.m. the train arrived at the station of Burgos de Osma. The battalion detrained and after a two hours' march reached the village of that name, where it was given quarters in the Seminary Barracks.</p>	
4.2.XV. Thursday.	<p>Weather mild, mainly cloudy.</p> <p>On Thursday morning the battalion settled into its quarters at the barracks of Burgos de Osma and cleaned its weapons. The orders received by this command were as follows: orders regarding quarters, depots and ammunition — outer guards — officers' meals and daily routine orders. This Command issued the ordinary service orders.</p>	
5.2.XV. Friday.	<p>There was no movement of any kind. This Command also received no orders of any kind.</p> <p>This Command issued the ordinary daily orders. The companies began theoretical and practical training.</p> <p>Weather mainly rainy. Cooler in the morning than yesterday.</p>	

Commanding Officer:
[Autograph signature:] SPAGNOLO.

XXVIII.

COMMAND OF THE FIRST MIXED BRIGADE.

PERSONNEL SECTION.

Serial No. 105.

Seville, February 6th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Name of the Brigade.

[In manuscript:]

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- To the Command of the Mixed Regiments I and II
- To the Command of Bandera Groups IV and V
- To the Command of the Medical Section (for all medical services)
- To the Command of the Cars Company
- To the Command of the Mixed Engineer Company
- To the Command of the 100/17 Group
- To the Command of the 75/27 Group
- To the Command of the Commissariat Section

At their Headquarters.

In view of the orders issued by the Command of the Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia on Sheet No. 117, Operations, dated January 31st last, the First Mixed Brigade will be known henceforward by the name "First Blue Arrows Mixed Brigade".

All men belonging to this brigade will wear half-way up the left sleeve of their tunics (in the place where the divisional badge is worn at home) a cloth embroidered badge of the type attached (red background, blue design and words).

Please take the necessary steps, reporting to this command by February 15th.

Acting Officer in Command of the Brigade:
(Egisto CONTI), Colonel.

COMMAND OF THE VTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

Serial No. ...

Priego, February 12th, 1937/XV.

To all Commands under my Orders.

..... for information.

Officer in Command of the Vth Group of Banderas:

(ENRICO FRANCISCI, Consul, Grand Officer).

[Autograph signature:] E. FRANCISCI.

[In manuscript:] To all Companies
..... for information.

BADGE TO BE WORN BY UNITS BELONGING TO THE FIRST MIXED BRIGADE.



XXIX.

a.b.c. SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE" (BLACK FLAMES)
STAFF.

No. 11 op. of SECRET Record.

El Burgo del Osma, 6.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Position of subordinate units.

<i>To the Officer Commanding the VIth Group of Banderas . . .</i>	<i>Headquarters</i>
<i>" " " " " VIIth " " " . . .</i>	<i>Almazan</i>
<i>" " " " " VIIIth " " " . . .</i>	<i>Headquarters</i>
<i>" " " " " IXth " " " . . .</i>	<i>San Esteban</i>

As usual, I communicate the present and forthcoming position of the commands of the units under my orders:

Command of the IInd Brigade "Fiamme Nere"	El Burgo del Osma
Command of the VIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo del Osma
Banderas 630, 651, 638 — support battery and trench mortar platoon	El Burgo del Osma
Command of the VIIth Group of Banderas	Almazan
Banderas 724, 735, support battery and trench-mortar platoon .	Almazan
Bandera 740	Cadiz
Command of the VIIIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo del Osma
Banderas 730, 738, support battery and trench-mortar platoon .	El Burgo del Osma
Bandera 751	Seville
Command of the IXth Group of Banderas	San Esteban
Bandera 624, support battery and trench-mortar platoon	San Esteban
Bandera 640	Osma
Bandera 635 to proceed to	Aranda del Duero
L.C. Company	El Burgo del Osma
r.t. Station	El Burgo del Osma

General in Command of the Brigade:
(Signed): A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:
Chief of Staff:
(P. BODINI)

[Autograph signature:] P. BODINI.

[In ink, in MS.]
37.XV
7.2.1937.

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[In manuscript:] Serial No. 109
11.2.937

SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE"
STAFF.

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No. 4 of op. Record.

February 7th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: General Order No. 1.

To the Commands of the Bandera Groups under my Orders (down to company commands, including independent units).
To the Special L.C. Company Command.
To the General Headquarters Command.
To the Medical Section Command.
To the Commissariat Command.

I. GARRISON RULES.

(a) *Boundaries.*

1 kilometre from the outskirts of the village. Account must be taken of the special situation at the front (which is not continuous or distant) and the situation of the country (there may be red elements anywhere).

Accordingly:

Absolute prohibition to go beyond the garrison limits;
General prohibition for isolated soldiers to go to the outskirts;
Invitations should not be accepted from local inhabitants in isolated houses or in the country.

(b) *Daily Time-table.*

<i>Working days.</i> — Reveille	6 a.m.
Medical inspection	7 a.m.
First (secondary) drill	7.30-10 a.m.
First meal	10.30 a.m.
Second (main) drill	12.30-4.30 p.m.
Second meal	5 p.m.
Free time	6.30-8.30 p.m.
Lights out	9.15 p.m.
<i>Holidays.</i> — Reveille	6.30 a.m.
First meal	10.30 a.m.
First period of free time	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Second meal	5 p.m.
Second period of free time	5.30-8.30 p.m.

(c) *Dress.*

At main drill: full marching kit, with helmet.
Out of camp: tunic, cartridge belt, bayonet, dagger.

(d) *Guards.*

Guard to be mounted at 5.30 p.m., after second meal.
Full marching kit, with helmet.

Guards should be placed at frequent intervals round camps in order to ensure *absolute safety* of encampments, commands, arms and ammunition depots, motor-cars, etc.

It should be remembered that there may be subversive or ill-intentioned elements in the neighbourhood, and that attacks, etc., may be made.

Each Bandera Group Command will organise police rounds in the inhabited area and the outskirts. Energetic N.C.O.s., and if necessary officers too, will be detailed for this duty, and they will be given clear and definite instructions regarding their police duties and the maintenance of order.

Men in a state of intoxication will be taken to barracks and handed over to the officer of the guard.

Houses of ill-fame, inns, hostelries, etc., will be inspected.

Strength: one N.C.O., five militiamen, always armed.

II. GENERAL AND BARRACKS SERVICE.

(a) *Service at Headquarters.*

Staff for the prompt receipt and distribution of orders (clerks, telephonists, intelligent orderlies).

(b) *Barracks Service.*

Officer of the guard — orderly sergeants — guard.

Orderly captain of the week — evening roll-call and check list — cleaning fatigues — latrine sentry — water — guard inspections (day and night officers).

(c) *Unit Service.*

Orderly officer of the day — orderly sergeant of the week — orderly corporal of the day — dormitory sentry, latrine sentry, etc.

(d) *Commissariat Service.*

Commissariat officer of the bandera group — mess committee.

(e) *Motor-transport Service.*

Introduce travel vouchers.

Travel permit for each journey by car.

Provisional vouchers for petrol and oil.

(f) *Medical Service.*

Despatch of sick to hospital by the head of the Medical Service.

(g) *Communications Service.*

Personnel acquainted with the position of the command posts and of the main and subordinate units.

III. SECURITY AND ALARM SERVICE.

(a) *Fundamental principle — always on the alert.*

Every act, every operation, every situation (sleeping, eating, fighting, spare time) must be considered from the point of view of safety.

Do not allow yourselves to be surprised by events, situations or incidents — eyes and ears open, always and everywhere. Rely only on yourselves. As regards measures of security within the garrison, apart from the internal measures taken by each bandera group or detached unit,

special orders will be issued separately. Detached units will be regarded as military garrisons. The present general orders will be applicable to them, *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) *Alarms*.

Arrangements as regards place and action must be made for:

- Alarms regarding air and gas attacks.
- Alarms calling for emergency departures.
- Fire alarms.

Practice alarms will be given in order that everyone may know where to go and how to behave in an orderly, rapid and silent manner.

As regards alarms calling for emergency departures: marching kit, individual equipment and as much as possible of the unit's complement of ammunition, overcoats, gas-masks, armoured cars.

Commands and officers on guard must know the exact whereabouts of subordinate officers for the rapid despatch of orders.

Troops going out for drill must notify the officer on guard of their destination.

IV. EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, TELEPHONIC AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE.

Ordinary correspondence:

at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, at these headquarters;

Urgent correspondence:

at any time.

At 6 p.m. I will receive personal reports from bandera group commanders.

Avoid making communications of a military, confidential, delicate or important nature by telephone or telegraph.

V. OFFICERS' MESS.

Bandera group commands should inform the mess officer early in the morning of the number of officers who will be present.

Attendance at mess is compulsory.

Requests to mess in private rooms should be refused owing to the shortage of staff and the mess organisation.

VI. SALUTING.

Inform subordinates that they should salute superiors and colleagues in the Spanish Army. This is a duty of courtesy and military correctness. Salute Spanish flags and badges.

Brigadier-General, Commanding:
(G. A. COPPI).

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[*Autograph signature:*] P. BODINI.

XXXI.

HEADQUARTERS, "FIAMME NERE" DIVISION.

[In manuscript:] Serial No. 60.o.

Serial No. 13. O.P.S.

February 8th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Post Office.

*To the Command of the 6th-8th-9th Groups of Banderas
at their Headquarters.*

You are informed for necessary action that correspondence is to be handed in at a post office situated at No. 2 Calle de Marqués, Burgo de Osma.

You will see that all private correspondence is collected in bags and handed in at that office, which will be responsible for forwarding it to Italy.

By order:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[*Autograph signature:*] P. BODINI.

XXXII.

COMMAND OF THE 7TH SPECIAL GROUP OF BLACKSHIRT BATTALIONS.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.
Serial No. 57.

San Fernando, February 8th, 1937.
XVth of the Fascist Era. 2.I.

SUBJECT: Registration and Discipline.

[In manuscript:]
Already transmitted to Companies. Arrange as regards Battalion.

*To the Commands of the Blackshirt Battalions 824, 835, 840.
To the Command of the 7th Infantry Support Battery.
To the Command of the 7th Trench Mortar Platoon.*

[Signature illegible.]

Headquarters.

and for information:

*To Adjutant.
Staff Officers of the Group.*

[Several words illegible.]

*Headquarters.
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I intend that registration shall be carried out strictly and conscientiously, in view of its moral and administrative importance.

I shall allow no negligence in this matter, and shall accordingly hold the Adjutants and Commanding Officers of companies and autonomous units responsible.

My orders are therefore as follows:

1. From the section up to the battalion, the nominal rolls must always be kept in perfect order and up to date.

The following particulars will be entered, in addition to the optional ones:

RANK — NAME AND SURNAME — FATHER'S NAME (or in default MOTHER'S NAME) — CLASS — BIRTHPLACE — HOME ADDRESS (whether married and how many children) — OCCUPATION — ARM FROM WHICH DRAFTED — PRESENT EMPLOYMENT — REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE ARM — CHANGES IN UNIT AND POSITION.

2. Group and battalion headquarters must keep a similar nominal roll (showing the same particulars except the registration number in the arm) for officers.

3. Every member of the group, from officers down to the rank and file, must be in possession of an identity-card showing the following particulars:

RANK — NAME AND SURNAME — FATHER'S NAME — CLASS — HOME ADDRESS — MOBILISATION CENTRE — LEGION OR REGIMENT FROM WHICH DRAFTED — GROUP OF BATTALIONS — BATTALION TO WHICH ATTACHED — COMPANY — BATTERY — TRENCH MORTAR PLATOON — REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE ARM (for rank and file only).

4. These identity-cards will be made out at once, as follows:

By the group command for all officers, and signed by the undersigned;

By battalion, battery, or trench mortar platoon commands for all other ranks, and signed by their commanding officers.

Every card will bear in the top left-hand corner the serial number of the officers' nominal roll (groups) or the nominal roll of other ranks (battalions, batteries, and trench-mortar platoons).

5. All internal changes, including admissions to hospital, punishments involving deductions of pay, charges, etc., must be recorded on the nominal rolls.

6. Transfers from one battalion, battery, etc., to another, and losses of effectives through repatriation, admission to hospital, or transfer to other groups, units, etc., *must always be reported by all units, both those whose effectives are reduced and those which are increased* — by letter in the case of officers and by daily or internal order in the case of other ranks — to the proper mobilisation centres and to Headquarters, Blackshirt ZONE XI, NAPLES.

Transfers of N.C.O.s for disciplinary reasons must always be reported by letter.

7. The mobilisation centres for our units are:

For Group Command and Battalions: The 138th Legion "A. PADOVANI", Naples.

For the 7th Battery: The 10th Legion M.D.S.C.A.T., Naples.

For the 7th Trench Mortar Platoon: The 84th Infantry Regiment, Florence.

All the changes referred to above, with the corresponding documents, must also be sent to this Group Command for information.

8. As regards punishments, until further orders the same forms will be used as in Italian East Africa, viz.:

- (a) Reprimand in writing for officers;
- (b) Reprimand in writing and confinement to barracks for administrative purposes for N.C.O.s;
- (c) Reprimand in writing and confinement to room for administrative purposes for other ranks.

Capo Manipolo LO CICERO is requested to issue the necessary administrative instructions to units and to send me copies of the explanations given. He will proceed similarly in respect of any charges made.

In addition to the punishments specified above, repatriation may always be proposed.

9. It should also be borne in mind that in respect of officers and N.C.O.s, reports are required which must be drawn up on the occasion of every transfer from unit to unit, and sent not only to the new unit but also to the mobilisation centre and to headquarters here.

In the case of other ranks, reports must be drawn up in the event of transfer for disciplinary reasons or on other special and specified grounds.

10. It should be borne in mind that punishments and charges must also be notified to the mobilisation centre and to headquarters here in the manner laid down in paragraph 6.

11. In consequence of the above, every battalion must be in possession of:

- A register of punishments inflicted on officers;
- A register of punishments inflicted on N.C.O.s;
- A register of officers reporting sick;
- A register of other ranks reporting sick;
- A general register of charges brought.

Every company must be in possession of:

- A register of punishments inflicted on N.C.O.s and men;
- A register of those reporting sick;
- A register of charges brought.

Group headquarters must be in possession of a register of punishments inflicted on officers and another for N.C.O.s.

I should also like every headquarters to keep registers (one for officers and one for other ranks) of bounties, rewards, distinctions, etc.

12. Every battalion and company command must also keep a journal for the unit.

13. Every battalion command, and the battery and the trench mortar platoon, will also keep the prescribed register with a view to improving the ration issue.

14. I take this opportunity of calling attention to the necessity for keeping the register of materials on charge and individual deposits, as already prescribed in folio No..... of

I recommend all concerned to devote the utmost attention to all these instructions, which are the very life of the units. Further instructions may be issued in due course. I may say that I shall inspect the arrangements under these instructions at the earliest possible date.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND ASSURE ME OF COMPLIANCE.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Giovanni MARTINI.)

[Autograph signature:] MARTINI

XXXIII.

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SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE" HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Serial No. 26 Op.

URGENT.

SUBJECT: Safety and anti-aircraft service.

El Burgo, 8.2.1937/XV.

[In ink:] Annex, one sketch-map.

- To the Command of the VIth Group of Banderas El Burgo
- To the Command of the VIIIth Group of Banderas El Burgo
- To the Command of the IXth Group of Banderas San Esteban
- To the Command of the VIIth Group of Banderas Almazan

and for information:

- To the Command of the Spanish Supply Service El Burgo
- To the Command of the Medical Section (on arrival)
- To the Command of the Supply Section (on arrival)
- To the Command of the L.C. Company El Burgo
- To General Headquarters El Burgo

I. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE GARRISON OF EL BURGO.

Two barrier posts will be established:

POST No. 1. — Eastern exit from El Burgo, at the fork of the roads to Soria and Lodaes. This to be manned by the VIIIth Group of Banderas.

POST No. 2. — Southern exit from El Burgo, at the fork of the two roads leading to the railway.

This to be manned by the VIth Group of Banderas.

Platoons are to be provided with support against aircraft. Failing the regulation equipment, emergency arrangements will be made.

GARRISONS OF SAN ESTEBAN AND ALMAZAN.

To proceed on similar lines.

General Officer Commanding Brigade:
(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:
(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature:] P. BODINI.



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XXXIV.

SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE" HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

[In manuscript:] Serial No. 93.

11.2.1937.

No. 39. Op. S.

El Burgo, 8.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Names of the Brigade, the Groups of Banderas, and the Banderas.

To the Command of the VIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo
To the Command of the VIIth Group of Banderas	Almazan
To the Command of the VIIIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo
To the Command of the 638th Medical Section	El Burgo
To the Command of the 638th Supply Section	El Burgo

and for information:

To the Command of the Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia	Salamanca
To the Command of the IIIrd Volunteer Brigade (on arrival)	
To Base Command	Seville
To Northern Base Command	Aranda de Duero
To Southern Base Command	Cadiz
To Post Office No. 1	Seville
To Post Office No. 2	Salamanca

A. The Brigade is entitled: IInd Volunteer Brigade "Fiamme Nere".
Command El Burgo de Osma

B. VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS (Pittau Group) (formerly IVth Group):

Headquarters	El Burgo de Osma
630th Bandera — Ardita	El Burgo de Osma
638th Bandera — Audace	El Burgo de Osma
651st Bandera — Intrepida	El Burgo de Osma
6th Infantry Support Battery	El Burgo de Osma
6th Trench Mortar Platoon	El Burgo de Osma

VIIITH GROUP OF BANDERAS (Marino Group) (formerly Vth Group of Battalions):

Command	Almazan
724th Bandera — Terribile	Almazan
735th Bandera — Invincibile	Almazan
740th Bandera — Implacabile	Cadiz (temp. det.)
7th Infantry Support Battery	Almazan
7th Trench Mortar Platoon	Almazan

VIIIITH GROUP OF BANDERAS (Vandelli Group) (formerly VIth Group of Battalions):

Command	El Burgo de Osma
730th Bandera — Impavida	El Burgo de Osma
738th Bandera — Disperata	El Burgo de Osma
751st Bandera — Temeraria	Seville (temp. det.)
8th Infantry Support Battery	El Burgo de Osma
8th Trench Mortar Platoon	El Burgo de Osma

C. 638th Medical Section	El Burgo de Osma
639th Supply Section	El Burgo de Osma

D. DISTINGUISHING MARKS, FLAGS AND PENNANTS.

All members of the Second Volunteer Brigade "Fiamme Nere" will bear as a brigade distinguishing mark a small blue shield with a black flame, on the left sleeve of the tunic.

Brigade Command flag: Blue field one metre square with four black flames (one in each corner);

Group Command flag: Blue field, triangular, with three black flames (one in each corner);

Bandera Command pennant: Blue field with a black flame in the upper corner.

• E. IXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS (Bulgarelli Group) (formerly IIIrd Group of Battalions).

Attached to IIIrd Volunteer Brigade.

Command	San Esteban
624th Bandera	La Raza
640th Bandera	San Esteban
638th Bandera	Arando de Duero (temp. detached)
9th Infantry Support Battery	San Esteban
9th Trench Mortar Platoon	San Esteban

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature:] P. BODINI.

General Officer Commanding Brigade:

(A. G. COPPI).

XXXV.

ADDITIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2 OF FEBRUARY 10TH, 1937.

1245.

PAYMENT TO THE TROOPS OF THE SPANISH MONEY DRAWN FROM THE MILITARY PAYMASTER'S OFFICE.

It appears that for various reasons many units have not been able to distribute to the troops the pesetas drawn in advance from the Military Paymaster's Offices on presentation of regular monthly accounts.

These sums improperly remaining in the hands of units must be paid to those entitled to them WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Should the person so entitled be dead, or have been transferred to an unknown unit or repatriated, or be undergoing punishment on board ship, or be untraceable for any other reason, the sums must be paid, accompanied by a list on the attached model, to the Administrative Services Office at Headquarters, to be set aside as an assistance fund at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Units at a distance will use postal money orders for payment.

No omissions or diversions will be tolerated. Investigations will be made in order to prevent any misuse of monies not received by those to whom they are due.

XXXVI.

COMMAND OF VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

1246.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS SERIES.

Notice.

In order to make promptly available to the families concerned in Italy the Italian monies due up to the end of January and not yet paid to officers, N.C.O.s and men, every unit command managing its own funds will close the January accounts as quickly as possible, establishing accurately the amounts due to every man under its orders, and will send, by the speediest means, copies of the payment warrants referred to in No. 2 of Administrative Order No. 2, which will forthwith be forwarded to Italy by air for immediate payment.

The same arrangements must be made with all speed at the end of February and at the end of every month thereafter.

The most urgent questions affecting units and individuals have been dealt with and settled by the instructions accompanying Administrative Order No. 2.

Other instructions will follow as experience or new requirements may dictate.

With this object, the Administrative Service's Office will remain in close and constant touch with the unit commands.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE CONSCIENTIOUSLY, INTELLIGENTLY, AND CONTINUOUSLY CARRIED OUT.

It is a matter of honour for officers commanding units to interest themselves closely in this particular activity, which has a valuable effect on morale. Troops who are well administered, well fed, looked after, and assisted to obtain their rights are contented and efficient troops.

No negligence and no malpractice will be tolerated.

XXXVII.

[In manuscript:] Serial No. 126
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1182.

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE".

HEADQUARTERS STAFF — OPERATIONS AND SERVICES SECTION.

Serial No. 52 Op. S.

El Burgo de Osma, February 10th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: General Service Order.

To the Commands of the Groups of Banderas.

Headquarters

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Water Supply and Health Service.
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Police Service — Discipline.
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Postal Service.

Correspondence will be officially handed in and collected at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at this Headquarters.

Correspondence in closed bags, one per Bandera. To be handed in at the Post Office, Calle de Marqués del Vadillo, No. 26.

Correspondence from and to Italy: with Italian stamps (if these are not available at the post office, the postage, without surcharge, will be paid in Italy by the addressee); same regulations as in Italy; the following will be accepted: postal cheques, registered letters, insured letters, parcels (as indicated elsewhere).

Private correspondence from Italy must bear the official address indicated elsewhere, which will remain in force until further orders.

For the present, until the post office is working, only letters will be accepted.

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XXXVIII.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

No. 7-Op.

El Burgo de Osma, 11.2.37.

SUBJECT: Emplacement of the battery in anti-aircraft positions.

To the Command of the Second Brigade "Fiamme Nere",

El Burgo de Osma.

With reference to your Folio No. 26 Op. of the 8th inst., a diagram of the situation of the battery is transmitted herewith.

The diagram shows that the four pieces have been placed at very wide intervals and subdivided into two sections, each facing in a different direction, to meet any attack within the sector running from north-west to east-north delimited on the diagram.

With the present arrangement and the maximum efficiency, it is possible to obtain a vertical field of fire varying, according to the emplacement of each piece, from 620 mm. to 690 mm.

Officer Commanding the Sixth Group:

(Mario PITTAU).

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XXXIX. 1

SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE" HEADQUARTERS.

Serial No. 2A/III. Confidential and personal.
2nd Section, Intelligence.

Burgo de Osma, February 11th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Political service.

To the Officers Commanding Groups of Banderas VI, VII, VIII and IX.

It is necessary to institute a political service for each group of Banderas.

This service should be staffed by a selected personnel, known to nobody, entirely reliable, and absolutely discreet.

Duties: To watch, listen, study individuals, and report everything. I have reason to believe that subversive cells are being formed in the district, and that *agents provocateurs* have been instructed to conduct defeatist propaganda among the troops.

Vigilance is necessary in order that everything may be known—what both soldiers and country people are thinking.

Accordingly, this personnel should frequent all canteens, inns, taverns, meeting-places, listen to what is said, etc.

Each Group Command will organise this service as it thinks fit, in order to be constantly aware of the pulse of its own men and the temper of the local people.

Never allow yourselves to be surprised, either by the enemy or by events.

I should be glad to be informed by letter addressed to me personally and confidentially, on the 15th and 30th of the month, of anything new that has taken place in this field.

General Commanding the Brigade:

(G. A. COPPI).

[Autograph signature:] A. G. COPPI.

XL.

MIXED ITALO-SPANISH MILITIA. SERVICES OFFICE.

426.

Serial No. 320 O.P.

Loja, February 11th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Discharge of men from Spanish hospitals.

[In manuscript:] 252

4.3.37

To the Command of the First Volunteer Division Malaga.
To the Base Command Seville.

It has been arranged with the Spanish military authority that wounded and sick men discharged from the Spanish civil and military hospitals shall all be sent to the base at Seville, which will arrange for them to rejoin their units or be repatriated, as the case may be.

Hospital directors must notify Base Command at Seville of the day of discharge and the unit to which the discharged man belongs, so that the necessary checks may be carried out.

BY ORDER:

Chief of Staff:

(Signed) FERRARIS.

COMMAND OF THE FIFTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

Serial No. 104.

Cabra, February 21st, 1937/XV.

T Subordinate Commands.

.....for information and necessary action.

Officer Commanding the Fifth Group of Banderas:

(Consul, Grand Officer ENRICO FRANCISCI).

[Autograph signature:] E. FRANCISCI.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 12, page 103.

XLI.¹

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MINISTRY OF WAR: COMMAND OF THE GENERAL STAFF CORPS: ORDERS AND MOBILISATION SECTION.

Serial No. 4330/369.

Rome, February 11th, 1937/XV.

INSTRUCTIONS OMITTED.

SUBJECT: Formation of 6 additional battalions for the requirements of the O.M.S. (Military Operations in Spain).

Annexes: 2 (Annex No. 1 omitted for zone and military district commands).

In confirmation of arrangements already circulated.

I.— Army Corps Commands at Florence, Naples, and Palermo, and G.H.Q. of the Volunteer Militia for National Security, each within its own province, are requested to arrange for the immediate formation of the units shown in annexed Table No. 2, to be drafted for Military Operations in Spain.

II. — Numbers, names, and mobilisation centres of the units to be formed: see Annex No. 2.

III. — Formations: Those specified in Annex No. 1; for Blackshirt battalions, with the differences mentioned in the notice on page 1 of that Annex.

IV. — Personnel (all volunteers for any destination and physically fit for war):

(a) *H.M. Army.* — The Army Corps Commands concerned will make use of all effectives under their orders, drawing upon those who have volunteered for any destination. It should be borne in mind that:

Officers should, as a rule, *not be on the active list*; the employment of officers on permanent service with the colours should therefore be regarded as exceptional, and limited in any event to one or two officers per battalion;

Regular N.C.O.s must not be employed; any shortage of N.C.O.s must be made good with corporals;

Preference must be given to members of the subordinate units on draft for Italian East Africa;

This Headquarters will make good any deficiencies on being informed by telephone of the requirements.

(b) *Volunteer Militia for National Security:* G.H.Q. of the Volunteer Militia will provide as usual.

V. — *Equipment, material, motor transport, bicycles:* separate arrangements will be made by the Services Section of the General Staff.

VI. — *To be ready:*

By noon of the 17th instant: 4th Additional Battalion;

By midnight of the 17th instant: remaining battalions.

Arrangements for embarkation will be made by the Transport Office.

VII. — The following are additional instructions for the Naples and Palermo Army Corps Commands:

(a) The VIth Battalion will be formed at the depot of the 85th Infantry Regiment, and will move (without arms and with only such personal effects as are essential) to Naples (40th Infantry) by the 15th instant, where arms and equipment will be issued.

Movement will be arranged for by the Transport Office of the General Staff, to which details of the force travelling and the station of entrainment must be telegraphed in good time.

(b) The additional Mixed Company of the Vth Battalion may be formed of volunteer machine-gunners from the expeditionary units of the Aosta Light Horse and the 1st Regiment of Bersaglieri.

Deputy Quartermaster-General:

(Signed) Rosi.

Countersigned:
Staff Colonel, Chief of Section:
(P. BERARDI).

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 13, page 104.

Annex No. 1 to Folio No. 4330/369,
dated February 11th, 1937/XV, from
the Staff Corps Command of the Orders
and Mobilisation Section.

FORMATIONS OF THE MIXED BATTALION OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS.

The mixed battalion of additional troops will comprise:

- 1 battalion command;
- 3 additional rifle companies (1st, 2nd, and 3rd);
- 1 additional mixed company (4th);
- 1 additional artillery platoon.

NOTICE.

For the additional mixed battalions of Blackshirts, these formations are modified as follows:

- (a) Battalion command (command platoon) plus 2 lorry-drivers and 2 lorries;
- (b) 4 additional rifle companies (instead of 3);
- (c) Each additional rifle company to consist of 4 additional rifle platoons (instead of 3);
- (d) Each additional rifle section to consist of 12 men (instead of 11);
- (e) Summary of establishment of the mixed battalion of additional troops:

	Officers	N.C.O.s	Other ranks	Automatic rifles	Machine-guns	Trench mortars	Light lorries	Bicycles
Battalion command	5	5	47	—	—	—	4	2
4 additional rifle companies	20	52	668	16	—	—	4	4
1 additional mixed company	5	12	160	—	3	1	2	1
1 additional artillery platoon	1	4	48	—	—	—	1	1
Total for Battalion	31	73	923	16	3	1	11	8

COMMAND OF THE MIXED BATTALION OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS.

Comprises:

- Commanding officer and headquarters staff;
- 1 headquarters platoon { commanding officer;
- 1 signal section;
- 1 headquarters section and details.

	Personnel			Light lorries	Bicycles
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men		
COMMANDING OFFICER AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF.					
Commanding officer (lieutenant-colonel or major)	1	—	—	—	—
Assistant adjutant (subaltern)	1	—	—	—	—
Subaltern for various duties ¹	1	—	—	—	—
Medical officer (subaltern)	1	—	—	—	—
Total officers	4	—	—	—	—
HEADQUARTERS PLATOON.					
Commanding officer (subaltern) ²	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Headquarters Section and Details.</i>					
Sergeant-major	—	1	—	—	—
Quartermaster-sergeant	—	1	—	—	—
Engineer staff-sergeant	—	1	—	—	—
Armourer sergeant	—	1	—	—	—
Assistants to sergeant-major and quartermaster-sergeant (corporals)	—	—	2	—	—
Corporal, medical corps	—	—	1	—	—
Clerk	—	—	1	—	—
Stretcher-bearers	—	—	2	—	—
Lorry-drivers	—	—	2	2	—
Motor-mechanic	—	—	1	—	—
Miscellaneous details ³	—	—	12	—	2
Total Headquarters Section and details	—	4	21	2	2
<i>Signal Section ⁴.</i>					
N.C.O.	—	1	—	—	—
Telephonists and repair mechanics (corporals and men)	—	—	10	—	—
Signallers (corporals and men)	—	—	14	—	—
Total Signal Section	—	1	24	—	—
Total Headquarters Platoon	1	5	45	2	2
Total Battalion Command	5	5	45	2	2

¹ See notes on next page.
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³ do.
⁴ do.

NOTES.

- (1) For signals and anti-gas, and if necessary to command all the engineers.
- (2) Also in charge of supplies.
- (3) 2 assistant cooks, 5 batmen, 1 cook and 1 waiter for the officers' mess, 3 cyclist orderlies.
- (4) To form:
 - 3 telephone stations with 6 kilometres of wire { 1 corporal and 1 telephonist per station;
4 linesmen;
 - 2 heliograph stations;
 - 2 semaphore stations;
 - 1 station for signalling to aircraft.

ADDITIONAL RIFLE COMPANY.

Comprises:

- Commanding officer;
- 1 headquarters section;
- 3 additional rifle platoons (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) (of three sections each).

ADDITIONAL RIFLE COMPANY.

	Personnel			Automa- tic rifles	Light lorries	Bicycles
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men			
<i>Commanding officer</i> (captain)	1	—	—	—	—	—
HEADQUARTERS SECTION.						
Quartermaster-sergeant	—	1	—	—	—	—
Quartermaster-sergeant's assistant (corporal) . .	—	—	1	—	—	—
Bugler	—	—	1	—	—	—
Cyclist orderly	—	—	1	—	—	1
Signallers ¹	—	—	2	—	—	—
Stretcher-bearers.	—	—	2	—	—	—
Armourer's apprentice	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scouts	—	—	6 ²	—	—	—
Miscellaneous details ³	—	—	4	—	—	—
Lorry-drivers	—	—	1	—	1	—
Total Headquarters Section.	—	1	19	—	1	1
ADDITIONAL RIFLE PLATOON.						
Commanding officer (subaltern)	1	—	—	—	—	—
Orderly	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	1	—	1	—	—	—
Additional Rifle Section.						
Sergeant	—	1	—	—	—	—
Corporals	—	—	2 ⁴	—	—	—
Men	—	—	9 ⁵	—	—	—
Total	—	1	11	—	—	—
Total for Platoon (3 sections)	1	3	34	—	—	—
Summary of Company.						
Commanding officer	1	—	—	—	—	—
1 Headquarters Section	—	1	19	—	1	1
3 additional rifle platoons	3	9	102	3	—	—
Total for Company	4	10	121	3	1	1

ADDITIONAL MIXED COMPANY.

Comprises:

- Commanding officer;
- 1 headquarters section;
- 3 additional machine-gun platoons (1st, 2nd and 3rd) (three sections each);
- 1 additional trench-mortar platoon (of two sections).

¹ Equipped with signalling appliances.
² Including 1 corporal.
³ Cooks, batman, etc.
⁴ Including 1 to be employed as chief gunner.
⁵ Including 1 to be employed as chief gunner and 3 to be employed in rotation as ammunition-carriers for the automatic rifles.

ADDITIONAL MIXED COMPANY.

	Personnel			Machine-guns	Light lorries	Bicycles
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men			
Commanding officer (captain)	I	—	—	—	—	—
HEADQUARTERS SECTION.						
Quartermaster-sergeant	—	I	—	—	—	—
Quartermaster-sergeant's assistant (corporal) . .	—	—	I	—	—	—
Bugler	—	—	I	—	—	I
Cyclist orderly	—	—	I	—	—	—
Signallers ¹	—	—	4	—	—	—
Sappers	—	—	6 ²	—	—	—
Stretcher-bearers	—	—	4	—	—	—
Armourer's apprentice	—	—	I	—	—	—
Miscellaneous details ³	—	—	4	—	2	—
Lorry-drivers	—	—	2	—	—	—
Total	—	I	24	—	2	I
ADDITIONAL MACHINE-GUN PLATOON.						
Commanding officer (subaltern)	I	—	—	—	—	—
Orderly	—	—	I	—	—	—
Total	I	—	I	—	—	—
ADDITIONAL MACHINE-GUN SECTION.						
Sergeant	—	I	—	—	—	—
Chief gunner (corporal)	—	—	I	—	—	—
Tripod-carrier	—	—	I	—	—	—
Magazine-carrier	—	—	I	—	—	—
Corporal in command of ammunition-carriers . .	—	—	I	—	—	—
Ammunition-carriers ⁴	—	—	7	—	—	—
Total for section	—	I	II	—	—	—
Total for Additional Machine-gun Platoon (3 sections)	I	3	34	I	—	—

¹ Equipped with signalling appliances.

² Including I corporal.

³ Cooks, batman, etc.

⁴ Each platoon should include an ammunition-carrier qualified as an armourer's apprentice.

ADDITIONAL TRENCH-MORTAR PLATOON.

	Personnel			
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men	Machine-guns
Commanding officer (subaltern)	I	—	—	—
Orderly	—	—	I	—
Artificer	—	—	I	—
Total	I	—	2	—
Additional Trench-mortar Section.				
Sergeant in command of section	—	—	I	—
Chief gunners (corporals)	—	—	3	—
Gunners	—	—	3	—
Ammunition-carriers	—	—	10 ¹	—
Total	—	—	I	16
Total for Additional Trench-mortar Platoon (two sections)	I	—	2	34

¹ Including 2 corporals and I armourer's apprentice.

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL MIXED COMPANY.

	Personnel			Machine-guns	Light lorries	Bicycles
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men			
Commanding officer	I	—	—	—	—	—
Headquarters Section	—	I	24	—	—	—
3 additional machine-gun platoons	3	9	102	3	2	I
I additional trench-mortar platoon	I	2	34	—	—	—
Total for Mixed Company	5	12	160	3	2	I

ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY PLATOON

(for Infantry Support Battery).

	Personnel				
Commanding officer (subaltern)	1	—	—	—	—
Specialists	—	—	2	—	—
Specialists in signalling	—	1	5	—	—
Driver	—	—	1	1	—
Miscellaneous details ¹	—	—	4	—	1
Total	1	1	12	1	1
ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY SECTION.					
Sergeant in charge of gun	—	1	—	—	—
Assistant gunners	—	—	6	—	—
Sappers	—	—	2	—	—
Stretcher-bearers	—	—	1	—	—
Labourers and apprentices	—	—	1	—	—
Drivers	—	—	2	—	—
Total for section	—	1	12	—	—
Total for Additional Artillery Platoon (three sections) .	1	4	48	1	1

¹ Including 1 batman and 1 cyclist orderly.

NOTES.

- (1) The personnel of the platoon belongs to the artillery arm.
- (2) For administrative purposes the platoon is attached to one of the companies of the battalion.

SUMMARY OF THE ADDITIONAL MIXED BATTALION.

	Personnel			Automa- tic rifles	Machine- guns	Trench mortars	Light lorries	Bicycles
	Officers	N.C.O.s	Men					
Battalion Headquarters . . .	5	5	45	—	—	—	2	2
3 additional rifle companies .	12	30	363	9	—	—	3	3
1 additional mixed company .	5	12	160	—	3	1	2	1
1 additional artillery platoon.	1	4	48	—	—	—	1	1
Total for Battalion . . .	23	51	616	9	3	1	8	7

XLII.

[In manuscript (pencil):]
Serial No. 73.
17.2.37.

[In manuscript:]
P. 177
17.2.37/XV.

COMMAND OF THE 1st VOLUNTEER DIVISION.

(Dio lo vuole.)

Serial No. III.

Malaga, February 12th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Thefts of motor vehicles.

TO ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS UNDER MY ORDERS.

In the course of a few days, the Spanish authorities have reported to me five thefts of motor vehicles, some of which were accompanied by threats of violence. Those guilty of such offences are unworthy to be Italians and representatives of the Fascist idea.

Their isolated and sporadic action throws a sinister light on the representation of a country with a millenary civilisation.

This state of affairs must cease forthwith.

Commanding officers will take effectual corrective action, and should such incidents recur will not hesitate to report the offenders to the Court Martial and, if need be, to take even more painful, but necessary, action.

Report immediately registration numbers, types of vehicle irregularly in your possession, and whence and by whom taken. Withdraw them from service and hold them at my disposal.

General Officer Commanding the Division:
(Giangualtiero ARNALDI).

Countersigned:
Lt.-Col. Chief of Staff:
(Roberto NASI).

COMMAND OF THE VTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

Cabra, February 17th, 1937/XV.

Serial No....

TO ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS.

.....and for information.

[In manuscript:] Reply, even if in the negative.

Officer Commanding the Vth Group of Banderas:
Consul FRANCISCI, Grand Officier Enrico.
[Autograph signature:] E. FRANCISCI.

XLIII.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 126.

El Burgo de Osma, 12.2.37/XV.

GENERAL SERVICE ORDER.

*To the Commands of the Banderas under my orders.
To the Command of the 6th Battery of 65/17 Guns.
To the Command of the 6th Trench-mortar Platoon.*

Following Folio No. III of yesterday, the general service order issued by Brigade Headquarters on 10.2.37 is transmitted herewith.

Subordinate Commands will see that all services are organised in accordance with the instructions issued by Brigade Headquarters.

For the artillery service, each Command will arrange:

(a) To report at once to this Headquarters the actual stock of ammunition, classified according to kind, stating also the quantities allowed by Brigade Headquarters;

(b) To deliver to this Headquarters, with the regulation receipt, any excess ammunition to form the Group reserve.

The return of stocks of ammunition must be made in the form attached.

As regards the clothing and equipment service, the instructions received from the Commissariat Office are being transmitted separately.

Water-Supply Service. — Subordinate Commands, after consulting the Barrack Commandant, will make the necessary proposals to me.

Police Service and Discipline. — Already dealt with by daily order No. 8 of to-day.

Postal Service. — The instructions already given remain unchanged, except for correspondence, which must be sent separately for each Bandera, in closed packets, to the Post Office, Calle de Marqués del Vadillo No. 26. The Commands under my orders will detail suitable personnel for this purpose. The rules for the postal service must be brought to the knowledge of all ranks.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Signed) Mario PITTAU.

Countersigned:
Adjutant:
Luigi BERNARDI.
[Autograph signature:]

XLIV.

[Copy.]

MIXED ITALO-SPANISH MILITIA.

190.

Serial No. 367. Op.

Loja, February 12th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Officers.

From the Command of the Vth Group of Banderas to the under-mentioned Commands, for information and necessary action.

[In manuscript:]	To the Command of the Bandera "Implacabile".
242	To the Command of the Bandera "Ardente".
<u>4-3-37</u>	To the Command of the Bandera "Lupi".
XV	

During the recent operations, all ranks engaged showed the utmost enthusiasm and gallantry. Certain officers, however, were found to have a professional training, and in some cases a physique, not equal to the above-mentioned qualities, nor, in particular, to the duties entrusted to them. Greatly as the high spirit displayed by all officers is appreciated, responsible commands cannot be allowed to be held in action by persons not possessing the minimum qualifications for such commands.

This cannot be permitted, both in the general interest of the operations and in the interest of the troops, who must be commanded under fire by men who really know how to handle them. Officers commanding troops who have already been engaged will therefore ascertain which of their officers do not possess the minimum qualifications mentioned above, and will inform me of any who, not being even capable of quickly attaining the necessary standard, should be repatriated or employed in Spain in duties more suitable to their capacities.

Officers commanding units which have not yet been under fire will, as a rule, await the test of action before making me any proposals of this kind.

They should, however, do so at once in any isolated cases in which the officer's inadequacy is so serious and clear that it is inadvisable to await the perilous test of action before judging.

General of Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.
Head of Mission.

Countersigned:

Deputy Chief of Staff:

Giorgio MORPURGO, Lt.-Col.

Serial No. 87.

COMMAND OF THE VTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

To all subordinate units, for information and necessary action.

Cabra, February 21st, 1937/XV.

Officer Commanding the Vth Group of Banderas:
(Consul Grand Officer ENRICO FRANCISCI).
[Autograph signature.]

41.

[In manuscript:]

Serial No. 174-14-II-937-113.

[In coloured pencil:]

XLV.

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE".

HEADQUARTERS STAFF — OPERATIONS AND SERVICES SECTION.

Serial No. 76 op./C-I.

El Burgo, February 13th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Names of the Brigade, the Groups of Banderas, and the Banderas. 35.

To the Command of the VIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo
To the Command of the VIIth Group of Banderas (Reference Folio No. 22/RR of 12th instant)	Almazan
To the Command of the VIIIth Group of Banderas	El Burgo
To the Command of the IXth Group of Banderas	San Esteban
To the Command of the 638th Medical Section	El Burgo
To the Command of the 638th Supply Section	El Burgo

and for information:

To the Command of the Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia	Salamanca
To the Command of the IIIrd Volunteer Brigade (on arrival)	
To the Base Command	Seville
To Northern Base Command	Aranda de Duero
To Southern Base Command	Cadix
To Post Office No. 1.	Seville
To Post Office No. 2.	Salamanca

In partial modification of the information given in Folio No. 39 op/S of the 8th instant, you are informed that the 724th Bandera of the VIIth Group will be known as *Inflexibile* and not as *Terribile*.

General Officer Commanding the Brigade:
(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:

For the Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Signature illegible.]

XLVI.¹

NATIONAL FASCIST PARTY.

Ward Fascist Group — (Duilio Sinigaglia), S. Lazzaro.

[Fascist emblem.]

Modena, February 13th, 1937, Year XV.
Telephone 34-14.

Serial No. 750.
Reply to Folio No.
of
from Office

Dear FURINI,

Thanks for remembering your group. I hope you will do yourselves honour on Spanish soil by always upholding the glory of ITALY, the DUCE, and FASCISM.

Your family is in excellent health, and is being solicitously assisted in all its needs.

Think of us often.
Fascist greetings.

Warden:
(FRANCESCO GOFFREDO).
[Autograph signature.]

[Circular stamp bearing the Fascist emblem in the centre and inscription: Ward Fascist Group "Duilio Sinigaglia" — S. Lazzaro.]

XLVII.¹

[In manuscript:] Serial No. 214.
26.2.937/0.5.

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE".

Section 3. — Personnel and Secretariat.

HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Serial No. 28.
Confidential.

Burgo de Osma, February 15th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Request to Spanish Military Commands.

- To the Commands of the VIIth, VIIIth, VIIIth Groups of Banderas.
- To the Command of the 638th Medical Section.
- To the Command of the 638th Supply Section.
- To Brigade Headquarters.
- To the Command of the Special L.C. Company.

At their Headquarters.

Many officers passing through or stationed in garrisons approach the local Spanish military commands to ask for various objects of equipment or other things which they lack.

I realise that, owing to our hurried departure, not all officers are fully equipped; but I do not think it proper that they should all apply to the Spanish military commands to obtain what they need.

I therefore request you to issue imperative instructions forbidding any person not in possession of a special authorisation or written request (to be issued by this Headquarters) to approach the Spanish military commands with personal requests (pistols, paper, greatcoats, leggings, or other things).

Any requests for necessaries for Commands or Offices should be addressed to this Headquarters.

General Commanding the Brigade:
(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:
Chief of Staff:
(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature:]

[Ms. note:] To Commands of Banderas, Battery and Trench-mortar Platoon, for their guidance. To be communicated to all subordinates.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annexes 14 and 15, pages 113 and 114.

XLVIII.¹

(1) ARMY CORPS ARTILLERY GROUP.

(2) SIXTH BATTERY.

Month of February 1937.

- Form* 1. — Position of the unit on each day of the month and collective changes.
do. 2. — List of officers (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 3. — List of N.C.O.s and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 4. — List of horses for officers and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 5. — Daily changes in respect of officers, N.C.O.s and men, and horses for officers and men.
do. 6. — Allowances due to N.C.O.s and men.
do. 7. — Bread and rations account.
do. 8. — Cash allowances for food and various observations relating thereto.
do. 9. — Debit account of N.C.O.s and men.

Position of Permanent Funds.

Date of transaction	Reason for cash transaction	Increase	Decrease
	Fund on the 1st of the month		
	Total		
	Less		
	Balance in lire		

Aguilar de la F., February 1st, 1937/XV.

Officer Commanding the Unit:

[Signature illegible.]

(1) Corps. — (2) Company or platoon drafted to

Separate sheets are printed for Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.

See notes on last page.

Table 1. — Position of the Unit on Each Day of the Month and Collective Changes.

Day of the month	Place	(In garrison, on ordinary or special draft, public order service, war zone, on the march, in quarters, etc.)	Changes	Allowances due ¹
1	Aguilar	In the war zone	In quarters	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	
4	"	"	"	
5	"	"	"	
6	"	"	"	
7	"	"	On the march	
8	Loja	"	"	
9	"	"	On the march	
10	Antequera	"	"	
11	"	"	"	
12	"	"	On the march	
13	Aguilar	"	"	
14	"	"	On the march	
15	Ecija	"	"	
16	"	"	"	
17	"	"	"	
18	"	"	"	
19	"	"	"	
20	"	"	"	
21	"	"	"	
22	"	"	"	
23	"	"	"	
24	"	"	"	
25				
26				
27				
28				
29				
30				
31				

¹ On the march, in quarters, public order service, active service allowance.

OFFICER COMMANDING THE UNIT.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 16, page 115.

XLIX.

[In manuscript (ink):]
8.R.P.

16/2.937.XV

SECOND VOLUNTEER BRIGADE "FIAMME NERE":

Command's Office.

No. 1. Confidential and personal.

15.2.37.

SUBJECT: Training of the Brigade.

To the Officer Commanding, VIth Group of Banderas El Burgo
To the Officer Commanding, VIIth Group of Banderas Almazan
To the Officer Commanding, VIIIth Group of Banderas El Burgo

For your general guidance, I am sending a few data and criteria relating to the preparation of the "Fiamme Nere" Brigade for action in the near future.

The following is SECRET and personally confidential to *Officers Commanding Groups of Banderas only*.

I. The formation of the Brigade with Groups VI, VII and VIII complete is confirmed. The two Banderas left at Seville and Cadiz will rejoin the rest within two or three days. Their material and moral training must be speeded up and intensified to bring them up to the level of the others already at the front.

II. It is a point of honour for the Brigade to be ready to act at the shortest notice—every day, every hour, every minute lost is a serious fault.

III. February 25th must be regarded as the latest date for our preparations to be completed.

IV. The Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia, to which I have already transmitted, through a staff officer, the request for missing materials, will see that these are delivered as quickly as possible.

We shall not lack resources, but that does not mean that we must wait until we have received the last button, belt, or oil-bottle before we can say we are ready.
Essentials must be sufficient.

V. Meanwhile, it is necessary to intensify to the utmost the training of units for battle. This must be well advanced by the early weeks, and completed by the 23rd instant. Difficulties due to the lack or shortage of materials must be overcome by goodwill on all sides. In this connection, I am assured of your full, complete, and comprehensive co-operation.

Meanwhile, I would ask you to send me by the evening of the 20th instant a brief, synthetic, concrete report on the following subjects:

1. Morale and mentality;
2. State of discipline;
3. Technical training:
 - (a) Individual fire (lessons given, general results);
 - (b) Collective fire (lessons given, general results);
 - (c) Training of units for battle (how many units have been trained, and to what extent);
 - (d) Battery and trench-mortar platoon fire, hand bombing;
 - (e) Marching exercises with safety precautions;
 - (f) Training in the use of gas-masks;
 - (g) Training of specialists (signallers for aircraft, scouts, patrols, shock troops, etc.);
 - (h) General training of officers (lectures, meetings, reconnaissances, collective exercises, etc.).

General Commanding the Brigade:
(A. G. COPPI).

[Autograph signature:] A. G. COPPI.

L.

COMMAND OF THE XTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

[In manuscript:] A.U.-5.

La Vid, February 17th, 1937/XV

Headquarters Office.
Serial No. 164/5/7.

[In manuscript:] 40.

SUBJECT: Working of motor transport.

499

<i>To the Command of the 824th Bandera</i>	<i>Ardito</i>
<i>To the Command of the 835th Bandera</i>	<i>Ferreo</i>
<i>To the Command of the 840th Bandera</i>	<i>Audace</i>
<i>To the Command of the Xth Infantry Support Battery</i>	<i>Folgore</i>

and for information:

Headquarters.

To Seniore Cav. Aldo Maramaldi.

Headquarters.

I note that the motor vehicles are not well kept and the drivers not very practical. I also note that motor transport is used without proper supervision, and is employed for matters of little importance. Officers commanding battalions will make the Officer-in-charge of Miscellaneous Services responsible, and will give him instructions for the supervision, preservation, and control of motor transport.

Accordingly, the car-book and the journey-book will at once be posted up as prescribed, all accessories being registered in the former, and all journeys and quantities of oil and petrol drawn being recorded in the latter.

Having personally checked at Aranda the delivery of oil and petrol, which is done by noting in a book with the signature of the drawer, I have decided that the converse procedure must also be carried out, the person who delivers the fuel signing on the journey-book.

Further, with regard to the present unit services, I have decided that each battalion and the battery must in turn have the use of only one service lorry per day, and only for genuine and necessary daily supply services. In case it should be necessary, for any other special reason, for a lorry to go out, it must carry a service card signed by the officer commanding the battalion or battery, which must be presented to the Orderly Officer, who will sign it, noting the hour of departure and, again, noting the hour of re-entry.

Seniore Maramaldi will give the necessary instructions to Orderly Officers.

I have also noticed that lorry-drivers go out completely unarmed, and even any escort they may have is not armed in the prescribed manner—*i.e.*, with cartridge-belts, bayonets, and daggers. This impropriety must cease forthwith.

Lorry-drivers not on daily duty must take part in unit training with their respective headquarters platoons—*i.e.*, in the handling and knowledge of arms, the transmission of orders, and signalling.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND ASSURE ME OF COMPLIANCE.

[In manuscript:]

Acknowledge receipt and give assurances.

Officer Commanding the Group:

(Giovanni GARTINI.)

[Autograph signature.]

LI.

BATTALION No. 530bis "LUPI".

Serial No. 186.

Cabra, February 17th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Thefts of motor vehicles.

To the Command of the 5th Group of Banderas.

Headquarters.

Reference Folio Serial No. III from the Command of the First Volunteer Division, I have to inform you that no theft of motor vehicles has been committed by the Legionaries under my command.

[Circular stamp in blue ink with a grenade in the centre and the inscription:] Special Battalion 530bis. Headquarters.

Officer Commanding the Bandera:

(Seniore Nello BROGI.)

LII.

NORTHERN BASE HEADQUARTERS.

Serial No. II.

Aranda de Duero, February 19th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Postal service at Northern Base.

1221.

INSTRUCTIONS.

At Northern Base Headquarters in Aranda de Duero — Casino Tertulia, Plaza Mayor—a special Army Post Office has been established, which is for the present authorised only to forward correspondence and issue money orders.

In accordance with the instructions given by Circulars Nos. 855, 679 and 649, dated January 30th, February 4th, and February 8th respectively, the service will be conducted as follows:

(1) Outward correspondence will be concentrated at the office in question, which will then forward it to Post Office No. 2; it will also sort and deliver inward correspondence.

(2) Correspondence will be handed in and collected, and money orders presented, at the office in question by Brigade, Group, and Bandera Headquarters, which will send specially authorised representatives. Group Headquarters may, if they find it more convenient, centralise the correspondence and money-order service of their units.

(3) Units drawing rations in Aranda may hand in and collect their correspondence daily. Other units must arrange for their representatives to attend when possible, using the railway or any other means available.

(4) As regards the money-order service, the instructions in Circular No. 679 of February 4th must be followed.

(5) The Post Office has a stock of stamps, postcards, and money-order forms, which may be purchased against payment in Italian currency. Such purchases may be made only by the representatives of Commands.

Officer Commanding the Northern Base:
(Signed) Staff Lieut-Col. Adolfo GAIPA.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

[In manuscript:] O/IV.
Serial No.....

El Burgo, 23.2.1937/XV.

To Subordinate Commands.

At their Headquarters.

All outward correspondence must be sent to this Command by 9 a.m. daily, and handed to Section-Leader Cornelliani.

BY ORDER:
Adjutant:
for (Luigi BERNARDI).
[Signature illegible.]

LIII.

BASE HEADQUARTERS, ITALO-SPANISH MILITIA.

[Copy.]

Serial No. 1105.

Seville, 20.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Basque bérets.

1626.

Addresses omitted.

Troops are still seen in public wearing the old Basque béret issued in Italy.

In accordance with the contents of Folio No. 1000, a copy of which is enclosed, I would ask you to prohibit any personnel under your orders from leaving barracks unless wearing the new type of Basque béret or the flat cap.

By order of the General Officer Commanding, no soldier wearing the old Basque béret must be seen in public.

Staff Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Base:

(Signed) G. ZANUSSI.

Countersigned:

Assistant Staff Major:

(F. RAUCCI).

[Autograph signature.]

COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

Section 3 — Personnel and Secretariat.

Serial No. 268.

Burgo de Osma, March 4th, 1937/XV.

To all Subordinate Commands.

At their Headquarters.

.....for scrupulous observance.

BY ORDER:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature.]

[Rectangular stamp in red ink, inscribed:]

Serial No. 565.

Date: March 16th, 1937.

Cat. 0/3. Spec.

[Circular stamp in blue ink, with flames in the centre and the inscription:] 2nd Volunteer Division — "Fiamme Nere". Headquarters.

g/b

LIV.

[Copy.]

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

Transport Office,

Salamanca, February 21st, 1937/XV.

Serial No. 1399.

SUBJECT: Money-order service.

To all Commands, Offices, and Services at their Headquarters.

It has been arranged for the subordinate Post Offices to issue money orders against payment in pesetas at the rate of 60 pesetas per 100 lire.

By Order:

Chief of Staff:

(Signed) FERRARIS.

Countersigned:

Deputy Chief of Staff:

(Cap. O. CAROLLO.)

[Autograph signature:] Cap. O. CAROLLO.

COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

Divisional Staff — 1st Section.

Serial No. 245 op./B-4.

El Burgo, February 24th, 1937/XV.

To the Commands of the VIth, VIIth, and VIIIth Groups of Banderas.

To the Commands of Autonomous Units.

At their Headquarters.

.....[In manuscript:] To all subordinate Commands.
.....to be made known to all their personnel.

By Order

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Rectangular stamp, inscribed:]

Serial No. 415.

Date: 25.2.37.

Cat.: 0/4. Spec.

LV.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

No. 8 — Confidential and Personal.

El Burgo, 23.2.37.
43.

SUBJECT: Report.

To the Command of the IInd Division "Fiamme Nere".

Headquarters.

The reservation made in my report bearing the same number dated the 20th instant is hereby cancelled, and I transmit my report on the efficiency of the 6th Infantry Support 65/17 Battery.

The 65/17 material issued to the Battery is in a somewhat poor condition.

Apart from the artillery piece itself, the material is not in a condition answering to our requirements.

During firing, the following defects have been observed:

(a) The extractor of the first gun had to be changed during the second exercise, because it broke.

(b) A union bolt of the cradle broke during the third exercise. It could not be replaced because we had no spare part. We have arranged to have one made at a local works.

(c) A union bolt of the gun-carriage is continually opening during fire. This also we have made arrangements to repair. The first gun is not at present in working order, as the firing-lever also does not work properly.

We have been able to remedy all these defects now, being in an inhabited centre, but in the open country we shall not be able to do so, as the Battery has no specialised workmen.

The other three pieces have shown no noteworthy features during fire. It is to be assumed that, if more effectively used, they may not meet the requirements of the moment, considering the worn state of the material.

It is therefore urgent that two expert Battery workmen should be allotted to us.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Mario PITTAU).

[Autograph signature:] M. PITTAU.

LVI.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 373. o.

El Burgo, 23.2.37/XV.

To the Special Army Post Office,

1223.

Aranda de Duero.

Sergeant Alfredo CORNELLIANI, attached to the Command of this Group of Banderas, is hereby delegated to collect ordinary, registered, and insured letters, and to do everything required in connection with the postal service, so far as concerns this Group.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Mario PITTAU).

[Autograph signature.]

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with flames in the centre and
the inscription:]

Command of the VIth Group
of Banderas "Pittau".

LVII.

"Dio lo Vuole".

[In manuscript:] 253.

COMMAND OF THE BANDERA "CARROCCIO".

Serial No. 478. Ord.

Montemayor, February 23rd, 1937/XV
of the Fascist Era.

DAILY ORDER No. II.

Services:

Time-tables:

Instructions:

The Third Company will carry out a march — with safety precautions — along the route Montemayor-Fernán Nuñez and back. Officers, N.C.O.s and men will take part in the march in question in full marching order, with complete armament and ammunition. I shall personally see that this instruction also is carried out.

I would particularly urge upon the Officer Commanding the Third Company that on the return from this exercise, when the safety precautions are discontinued, I do not wish to see tired-looking men, but soldiers of the new Italy.

Return of men who have been in action:

(2)

Uniform: I must once more insist that officers commanding subordinate units shall see that legionaries do not make changes in the prescribed uniform, and especially that, so far as possible with the resources available, the marks of rank are made uniform, in accordance with paragraph (b) of Daily Order No. 7 dated the 18th instant.

Request for particulars:

Acting Commander of Bandera:
(Centurion Cav. Guglielmo NOBIS).
[Autograph signature.]

LVIII.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

1186.

Serial No. 12-S-I-Secret.
SUBJECT: Addresses.

El Burgo, February 24th, 1937/XV.

To all Commands under my Orders at their Headquarters.

The present addresses of the commands detached for military operations in Spain are communicated for your guidance:

- Command of the Littorio Division Cadiz.
- Command of the 1st Volunteer Division Córdoba.
- Command of the 2nd Volunteer Division Burgo de Osma.
- Command of the 3rd Volunteer Division La Vid.
- Command of the 1st Mixed Brigade Seville.
- Command of the 2nd Mixed Brigade Badajoz.
- Command of the Specialised Units Sanlúcar la Mayor.
- Command of the Artillery Seville.
- Command of the Engineers Salamanca.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Mario PITTAU).

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

Luigi BERNARDI.

[Autograph signature.]

g/b.

LIX.

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

Divisional Staff — 1st Section.

Serial No. 238. op./B-2.

El Burgo, February 24th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Issue of rations.

*To the Commands of the VIth, VIIth and VIIIth Groups of Banderas.
To the Commands of Autonomous Units.*

At their Headquarters.

.....copy of Folio 1348 from the Command of the Volunteer Troops dated 21st instant.

You are informed by way of further explanation:

Food coming from Italy: will be reckoned in the ration (in order not to exceed the figure of 3 pesetas daily per man) but *not* withheld from the troops.

Rations of N.C.O.s: free as hitherto: number in the mess to be shown separately when rations are drawn.

Drawing of rations by Banderas: through an officer, who *must* ensure that all are provided for, including isolated men, *in good time*; it should be remembered that the Supply Section is a distributive organisation, and is therefore not equipped to prepare the rations. (During the action against Malaga, several Banderas actually applied to the Supply Section for prepared rations.)

It should also be remembered that, in the matter of rations, the fighting men must be made to feel that nothing is being left undone by the personnel responsible for this highly important service: it should be remembered that the soldier fights partly *with his belly*: if the latter is well provided for, morale rises, and the utmost can be got out of such excellent soldiers as ours.

General Commanding the Division:

(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature.]

[Rectangular stamp inscribed:

Serial No. 473.

Dated: 25.2.1937.

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LX.

[Copy.]

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

Serial No. 69.

Salamanca, 25.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Issue of postal money orders.

Addresses omitted.

In completion of telephoned telegram No. 1713, dated 24th instant, from this Command, the following instructions are to be observed in issuing money orders:

(a) Officers commanding battalions and units administering their own funds will make a return of money orders issued by the officers and other ranks under their command, and will enter the total amount in the cash-book as advance funds received from the Administrative Office of the Command of the Volunteer Troops.

(b) The aforesaid commanding officers must also see that, together with the money orders and the return, the following declaration is presented at the Aranda Post Office:

"(clear indication of unit)....."

"Received from the Administrative Office of the Command of the Volunteer Troops the sum of lire (.....) as an advance on funds due to the above-named unit.

(Date.) (Full name, and rank of commanding officer—Write clearly.)"

(c) The Section of the Aranda Post Office will pay the sum shown as received for the issue of money orders according to the above procedure to the Salamanca Post Office, producing the receipts given by the various commanding officers.

(d) The Salamanca Post Office will follow the same procedure in paying the sum received to the Administrative Office of the Command of the Volunteer Troops.

(e) The Administrative Office of the Command of the Volunteer Troops will make the entries in its own cash-book, crediting the sum shown as paid by the Post Office for the issue of money orders, and at the same time giving discharge of an equal sum as advances made to battalions and units administering their own funds, in accordance with the receipts given by them.

By Order:
Chief of Staff:
(Signed) FERRARIS.

Countersigned:
Adjutant:
Luigi BERNARDI.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 408 — 0/4/2 —

El Burgo, 1.3.1937/XV.

To all Autonomous Administrative Bodies at their Headquarters.

In continuation of Folio No. 427 — 0/4 —
.....for observance of the rules laid down above.

By Order
Adjutant:
Luigi BERNARDI.
[Initialled.]

LXI.¹

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 427/04.

El Burgo, 25.2.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Issue of money orders.

To all Commands under my Orders at their Headquarters.

Pending the complete settlement of the question of Italian pay, authority has been given, as a quite exceptional measure, for the issue of a money order for 300 lire for every Blackshirt and N.C.O.

Money-order forms will be issued by this Command, and the men themselves have only to fill them up.

Orders respecting officers will follow.

Officer Commanding the Group:
(Mario PITTAU).

By Order:
Adjutant:
(Luigi BERNARDI).
[Initialled.]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 17, page 116.

LXII.¹

[In manuscript:] 1410.

b.c.

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

SECTION I — OPERATIONS AND SERVICES.

Serial No. 283 O.p.

Burgo de Osma, February 25th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Money orders.

*To the Command of the VIth Group of Banderas.
To the Command of the VIIth Group of Banderas.
To the Command of the VIIIth Group of Banderas.
To Divisional Headquarters.
To the Command of Medical Section 638.
To the Command of Supply Section 638.
To the Command of the Special L.C. Company.
To Commandant, Field Hospital No. 1.*

[In manuscript:] To be registered with previous orders [and one illegible word].

At their Headquarters.

I herewith communicate the following telegram, received from the Command of the Volunteer Troops.

"For 2nd and 3rd Divisions. Authority is given, as an exceptional measure, for the issue of a money order for the amount of 300 Italian lire per man and *two thousand* per officer without payment of the corresponding sum. Forms must be obtained from the Post Office at Aranda and handed in there. Summary nominal roll must include name, surname, and address of payee. — By Order: FERRARIS."

Accordingly:

1. — All officers and men under your command will be advised before to-day's ceremony.
2. — This Command will arrange during the day for the necessary money-order forms to be obtained from the Aranda Post Office.
3. — The above-named Commands will arrange:
 - To have the necessary money-order forms fetched from this Command;
 - To have them filled up with the utmost accuracy and with all the required particulars;
 - To return them as quickly as possible, together with the nominal rolls in triplicate.

*General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) A. G. COPPI.*

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature.]

[Rectangular stamp with inscription:

Serial No. 425.
Date 25.II.937.
Cat.o/4 Spec.....]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 18, page 117.

<p style="text-align: right;">A.</p> <p>Prov.</p> <p>Office</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;">Stamp</div> <p style="text-align: center;">MONEY ORDER NO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(in figures) for L. 300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">payable at the Office</p> <p>at Renate Veduggio to Francesca Borali</p> <p>Date 5.3.37/XV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Postal Official</p> <p>.....</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;">Issuing Office Stamp</div>	<p style="text-align: right;">B.</p> <p>Prov.</p> <p>Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL POST OFFICE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;">Royal Arms 10 c.</div> <p style="text-align: center;">MONEY ORDER NO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(in figures) for L. 300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(in words) L. three hundred cent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">payable at the Office at Renate Veduggio (Prov. of Milan) to Francesca Borali.</p> <p>Street: Dante 13. Date 6.3.37/XV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Postal Official</p> <p>.....</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;">Issuing Office Stamp</div>
<p>Space for adhesive confirmation slip</p>	
<p>Name, surname and address of sender. { Section Leader Raimondo Borali Special Post Office 500 = 530bis Bandera Lupi</p>	
<p><i>This Money Order is valueless unless the corresponding confirmation slip has been issued by the Post Office.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">Form I. MONEY ORDER NO. for L. 300: =</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE.</p> <p>The Money Order may be paid only by the Office of destination in the month of issue or the month following. If drawn by or on an office in the Colonies or the Ægean Islands, it is payable in the month of issue and within four months thereafter. A money order not presented for payment within the financial year following that of issue will be cancelled.</p> <p>Endorsements are permitted, provided that the endorsee who should present for payment can be found.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto; text-align: center;">Issuing Office Stamp.</div>	
<p>Name, surname and address of sender. { Section Leader Raimondo Borali Special Post Office 500 = 530 bis Bandera Lupi</p>	

1 Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 19, page 118.

[On back of counterfoil.]

Sender's Message.

Dear Mother,

I am quite well. I hope you and Rina are the same. These lire are the beginning of what will follow. Many loving greetings and kisses Write, and when you receive this money order send a telegram to the usual address.

Many kisses and best wishes to all. — RAIMONDO.

LXIV.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. II-R-p. *Confidential.*

El Burgo, February 25th, 1937/XV

1215.

To the Commands under my Orders—at their Headquarters.

In the battle of Malaga, it was found impossible to identify some of our dead and seriously wounded, owing to the absence of identification marks and papers; in other cases, it was impossible to learn the home address.

This may lead to serious consequences, especially from the standpoint of morale.

You will therefore satisfy yourself personally that the instructions issued by this Command in Folio No. 383 of the 24th instant (identity and registration cards) are carried out in full, and that in all units the registration of all men is introduced and kept up to date, the exact home address being given.

These particulars must also appear on the unit nominal rolls of officers and N.C.O.s.

Kindly assure me that this is being done.

Officer Commanding the Group:

(MARIO PITTAU).

[Autograph signature:] MARIO PITTAU.

LXV.¹

EFFECTS AND VALUABLES OF MEN KILLED, TAKEN PRISONER, OR MISSING.

(a) It is the duty of those who verify death and identify the body to take every care that the effects, private papers, money, valuables, and any other property of men killed, missing, or taken prisoner, are collected and handed over as soon as possible to the Command of the man's unit, or to the Garrison Headquarters in the case of unattached men, together with a descriptive note signed by the officer who was present at the identification of the objects.

(b) The effects, private papers, and valuables of men killed, missing, or taken prisoner will be forwarded to the nearest Base Headquarters, together with a descriptive note signed by the officer commanding the unit or hospital.

Money belonging to the deceased will be forwarded by the officer commanding the unit or hospital to the Mobilisation Centre (138th Legion of Militia, Naples, for Blackshirts, and Naples Military District for H.M. Army) by money order, for transmission to the recognised heirs.

Pay due but not drawn will be included in these remittances. Base Headquarters will give a receipt for the objects handed over, after identification and acknowledgment.

They will then have the articles made up into parcels, properly closed, corded, and sealed, bearing on the outside clear indications and an address, and will have them forwarded to the Detached Section at Cadiz or any other such section which may hereafter be formed at some nearer port of embarkation, with instructions to forward them to Italy, to the Mobilisation Centres indicated on the parcels and on the accompanying notes.

Every precaution must be taken to prevent loss or misdirection.

The address on the outside must always include, in addition to the particulars of the Mobilisation Centre, the following clear information: contents—weight—rank, name, and surname of the dead or missing man.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 20, page 119.

LXVI.

[In manuscript:] To be registered.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

1189.

Serial No. 422 — 0/3.

El Burgo, February 25th, 1937/XV.

To all Commands under my Orders—at their Headquarters.

..... copy of Folio 12888 from the Command of the Volunteer Troops, dated 20th instant, for observance of the instructions issued by the General Officer Commanding the Volunteer Troops.

I recommend all officers commanding Banderas to take direct and energetic action to carry out these instructions.

Officer Commanding the Group:

(Mario PITTAU).

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[Autograph signature.]

LXVII.

[In manuscript:] 1st Section.

[In manuscript:] Cyclostyle.

No. 231 op. D-2

23.2.37.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS: GENERAL STAFF.

No. 1288.

Salamanca, February 20th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Discipline and training.

To all Commands under my Orders (down to Bandera Commands).

The General Officer Commanding has made the following observations:

(1) In the various places where troops are billeted, especially in Seville—probably owing to the influx of men returning from the zone of the recent operations—troops are seen improperly dressed.

(2) Notwithstanding strict instructions to the contrary, lorries and other vehicles are still seen bearing flags, inscriptions, etc.

(3) Outsiders, including civilians, move freely about in the car-parks.

(4) Sentries, when presenting arms, do not execute the movement promptly and with precision.

The General Officer Commanding accordingly issues the following orders:

(1) Strong measures will be taken to ensure the strictest order both in the uniform and in the deportment of men under your command.

(2) Any flags or inscriptions that may still be affixed to your lorries and motor vehicles in general will be removed. Only passenger cars may bear in front, flown on a small metal staff fixed to the radiator cap, two pennants, one with the colours of the Italian flag and the other with those of the Spanish flag.

The pennants will be in the form of an isosceles triangle of base 15 centimetres and height 30 centimetres.

The Spanish pennant will be flown below the Italian.

These instructions must be carried out as soon as possible.

(3) Until proper and satisfactory training in the handling of arms can be given:

(a) Salutes with arms, both individually (sentries) and collectively (units in close order), will *not* be given by presenting arms, but simply by standing to attention.

(b) On the march in close order, the rifle or carbine will *not* be carried at the slope, but either slung or trailed.

Exercises in presenting and sloping arms will of course be carried out during ordinary training. When fixing bayonets in a body, the troops will shout, "A NOI!". They will do the same when dismissing.

The commands must, of course, be so given that the shout can be simultaneous with the movement.

Until all buglers are properly trained, bugle calls will *not* be blown, except for practice.

The General Officer Commanding has also ordered a band to be formed for every group of Banderas.

Officers commanding Groups of Banderas will therefore arrange for suitable men to be drawn from the Banderas under their command to form these bands.

This Headquarters should be notified as soon as possible of the formation of the bands and the musical instruments required.

By Order:
Chief of Staff:
[Autograph signature:] FERRARIS.

LXVIII.

TELEGRAM.

Urgent.

Special Battalion 638. Special Post 500 Command 2/V/29 Rome.

Category	Destination	From	Number	Words	Date	Hour and minutes
State	Rome	Fr rieti	1	34	3	17/10

21/4 16 In reply to Form 31 February 9th last wife Deputy Section-Leader Felice Breschi died January 25th last Mother residing Florence good health. — Sergeant-Major CARRIERO.

LXIX.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS:

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL QUESTIONS SECTIONS.

Salamanca, February 26th, 1937/XV.

No. 171 of the PAG. Register.

STANDING ORDERS No. 1.

To all Commands, Offices and Services under my Orders.

SUBJECT: Granting of leave in the event of the death of relatives.

Should any of the Commands or men under their orders receive direct news from the Carabinieri or competent authorities of the death of a relative, entitling the person concerned to the special leave pass provided for, the Commands to which the present orders are addressed are authorised at once to grant leave. For this purpose they will send the person concerned to the "INTENDANCE, MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SPAIN — SEVILLE", with an "accompanying letter", a copy of which must be transmitted at the same time to this Command.

Arrangements for repatriation will be made by the undersigned.

General in Temporary Command:
(Signed) BERGONZOLI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

[Autograph signature:] FERRARIS.

Command of the Littorio Volunteer Division. Staff.
Serial No. 185 Pers. Ariza 3.3.37/XV.

To the First Littorio Volunteer Machine-Gun Battalion, Ariza.
For information and guidance.

By order of the Chief of Staff
(Lieut.-Colonel Gaetano GIANNUZZI).
(Signed) Lieut.-Colonel Franco RIPPA.

LXX. 1

[In manuscript:] To be filed.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

1219.

El Burgo, 26.2.1937/XV.

Serial No. 423 — 0/4.

SUBJECT: Volunteers' correspondence.

To all Commands under my Orders — Headquarters.

..... copy of Form 1263 of the Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia, Salamanca, dated 19th instant, for information and necessary action. I ask them to see that the infringements of military secrecy mentioned therein are not repeated in the future.

By Order:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[Initialled.]

Mixed Italo-Spanish Militia.

Office of the Chief of Staff.

No. 1263.

Salamanca, February 19th, 1937/XV.

Addresses omitted.

SUBJECT: Volunteers' correspondence.

I. *Annex.*

We enclose an extract from the weekly report (from January 28th to February 4th, 1937) of the Censor's Office of Military Mail at Naples concerning correspondence to or from O.M.S. (Military Operations in Spain).

In this connection, we draw the attention of the Commands under our orders to the necessity for doing their utmost by the use of persuasive methods to put a stop to these regrettable occurrences as soon as possible.

By Order:

Chief of Staff:

(Signed) FERRARIS.

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[Initialled.]

Annex to Form No. 1263 dated 19.2.1937/XV.

CENSOR'S OFFICE OF MILITARY MAIL AT NAPLES.

Extract from Weekly Report (from January 28th to February 4th, 1937/XV) concerning Correspondence from or to O.M.S. (Military Operations in Spain).

(a) Certain volunteers are having correspondence addressed to them by their families at private addresses under names rendered into Spanish. Many of them have their correspondence sent to the following address: "Plaza de los Bandos, 8, Salamanca".

(b) Letters are also being sent to the correspondent of the *Tribuna*, enclosing others for volunteer officers.

(c) We find that certain volunteers, possibly with a view to evading the censorship, hand letters containing detailed information regarding the local political situation to sailors returning to Italy.

(d) Notwithstanding the orders issued in the matter, certain volunteers continue to mention in their letters the names of places, marching-routes, halts, etc. Moreover, certain officers not only state their place of residence but also mention movements of troops, their situation and position and the strength of the units, in some cases even going into details.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 21, page 120.

LXXI.

ENVELOPES OF LETTERS SENT FROM ITALY TO ITALIAN SOLDIERS.¹

Hundreds of letters were left behind by the Italian soldiers on the Guadalajara front; a few specimens of the envelopes are reproduced on the opposite page.² The Italian stamps and postmarks can be clearly seen in the reproduction.³ According to the instructions of the Ministry of War, letters for units sent outside Italy for O.M.S. requirements ("Military Operations in Spain") were to be addressed to Special Post No. 500 ("Posta Speciale 500"), Via dei Crociferi, 23, Rome. The envelope was to mention the christian name and surname of the addressee, father's name, "O.M.S." and the unit to which the addressee belonged (in the usual form). No indication of the place of destination, the rank or office of the addressee was to be given; nevertheless, some of the envelopes contain these particulars: one—as will be noticed—includes the word "Spagna", another mentions "Borgo Osma", another "Cadiz", etc.

By an order of the Ministry of War, Rome, dated January 18th, 1937, this correspondence was centralised at the Military Post Office of Rome, in the case of air mail, and of Naples, in the case of ordinary letters and parcels. These two offices censored both incoming and outgoing mail. Two central postal services were also established in Spain, an official was detached to Cadiz (port of embarkation and disembarkation), and a special system was organised for reforwarding mail. The Italian soldiers put Italian stamps on their correspondence, or, if they had none, sent it unstamped (postage payable by the addressee without any surcharge). Correspondence with the units drafted to Spain, including ordinary letters and air mail, parcels, money orders, etc., was regarded as inland correspondence and charged for accordingly.

LXXII.

"It is the Will of God."

[In manuscript:]
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26/2.

COMMAND OF THE BANDERA "CARROCCIO".

Serial No. 533.

Montemayor, 26.2.1937/XV Fascist Era.

ORDER OF THE DAY No. 14.

Services.
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(2)

.....
Blackshirt Giovanni Missolotti

Third Company. —

(3)

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.....
Guard service in the quarters for men under arrest. —
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.....

Greetings from Seniore Cav. Lino Severi. — I am transcribing hereunder, for communication to all legionaries, the letter of leave-taking I have received from Seniore Cav. Lino SEVERI, former Regular Commander of the Bandera "Carroccio", who is being repatriated for reasons of health.

Seville, February 25th, 1937/XV Fascist Era.

COMMANDER, OFFICERS, LEGIONARIES !

I greet you with an anguish of mind that is even more painful than my physical sufferings.

Above all, I greet you with the same faith, trust and love which I felt when I formed the Bandera and guided its initial efforts and when I led you to your first victory against Bolshevik fire and beyond.

As I am unable to go before you with a firm step, I shall follow with an eager heart each of your bold advances.

The daring spirit of the Bandera "Carroccio" and its martial vigour will turn each combat and each objective reached into a glorious page in the scroll of Fascist victories.

I greet you with the greeting of the Duce.
To us !

(Signed) Seniore SEVERI.
Acting Commander of the Bandera:
(Centurion Cavaliere Guglielmo NOBIS).
[Autograph signature.]

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — Translation of a note in Spanish, page 223 of the original White Book published by the Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
² Note by the Secretariat. — See page 222 of the original White Book published by the Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

LXXIII.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.
SERVICES SECTION.

Serial No. 1903.

Salamanca, 27.2.1937.

SUBJECT: Air mail.

To all Organs and Units in O.M.S. (Military Operations in Spain).

Inform all soldiers under your orders that air mail from Italy to O.M.S. (and *vice versa*) is subject to the same regulations as air mail from or to foreign countries, namely:

Instead of only 5 grammes (with a surcharge of 1 lira), letters weighing up to 15 grammes may be sent.

By Order:
Chief of Staff:
(Signed) FERRARIS.

COMMAND OF THE VTH GROUP OF BANDERAS.

Serial No. 151.

Sigüenza, 4.3.37.

To all units under my orders.
For information and necessary action.

Officer in Command of the Vth Group:
(Consul Grand Officer Enrico FRANCISCI).
[Autograph signature.]

LXXIV.

(1) IIND HOWITZER GROUP 149. — 12: MUNITIONS AND RATIONS SECTION.

(2)

Month of February 1937.

- Table 1. — Position of the unit on each day of the month and collective changes.
do. 2. — List of officers (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 3. — List of N.C.O.s and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 4. — List of horses for officers and men (and corresponding numerical strength).
do. 5. — Daily changes in respect of officers, N.C.O.s and men and horses for officers and men.
do. 6. — Allowances due to N.C.O.s and men.
do. 7. — Bread and rations account.
do. 8. — Cash allowances for food and various observations relating thereto.
do. 9. — Debt account of N.C.O.s and men.

Position of the Permanent Fund.

Date of transaction	Reason for cash transactions	Increase	Decrease
	Fund on the first of the month	4,000.—	
.....
.....
	Total	4,000.—	
	Less		
	Balance in lire	4,000.—	

OFFICER COMMANDING THE UNIT:
[Signature illegible.]

(1) Corps. (2) Company or platoon drafted to
Separate sheets are printed for Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5.
See notes on last page.

Table 1. — Position of the Unit on Each Day of the Month and Collective Changes.

Day of the month	Place	(In garrison, on ordinary or special draft, public order service, war zone, on the march, in quarters, etc.)	Changes	Allowances due ¹
1	Aguilar de la Frontera			
2	"			
3	"			
4	On the march, transfer			
5	"			
6	"			
7	Malaga			
8	"			
9	"			
10	"			
11	"			
12	"			
13	On the march, transfer			
14	Aguilar de la Frontera			
15	"			
16	On the march, transfer			
17	Ecija			
18	"			
19	"			
20	"			
21	"			
22	"			
23	In the train			
24	"			
25	"			
26	Sigüenza			
27	Torre Sevillana			
28	"			
29				
30				
31				

¹ On the march, in quarters, public order service, active service allowance.

OFFICER COMMANDING THE UNIT.

LXXV.

IVTH SPECIAL GROUP, COMMAND OF BANDERA 65I "INTREPIDA".

REPORT ON EFFECTIVES ON¹ FEBRUARY 28TH, 1937.

Strength of the Units during the Last 24 Hours.

Unit	Officers	N.C.O.s	Corporals	Privates	Grand total	Observations
Staff Platoon of Battalion	5	3	4	29	41	
I Company	5	8	19	83	115	
II Company	5	9	15	88	117	
III Company	5	9	25	85	124	
IV Company	5	10	32	80	127	
Total	25	39	95	365	524	

¹ Should refer to 5 p.m. on the day on which the report on effectives was compiled.

(Sheet No. 2)

EFFECTIVES present on¹ March 1st, 1937.

Unit	Officers	N.C.O.s	Corporals	Privates	Grand total	
Staff Platoon of Battalion	5	3	4	29	41	
I Company	4	8	19	80	111	
II Company	5	7	14	82	108	
III Company	5	8	24	73	110	
IV Company	5	9	30	72	117	

Number who received Rations on February 28th, 1937.

	N.C.O.s	Corporals	Privates	Grand total	
	35	91	336	462	

¹ Should refer to the day following that on which the report on effectives was compiled.

OFFICER COMMANDING THE
[Signature illegible.]

LXXVI.

b.c. COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

SECTION 3 : PERSONNEL AND SECRETARIAT.

Serial No. 263.

Burgo de Osma, March 2nd, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Duties of control posts.

Urgent.

To the Commands of the VIth and VIIIth Groups of Banderas—at their Headquarters.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Forms No. 4 and No. 152, of February 7th and 19th last respectively, the surveillance posts are creating their own functions. They do not allow anyone to pass.

I had given instructions that the only duty of these posts was to keep a watch on Italian soldiers leaving the garrison, and nothing more!

Civilian traffic is to be left exclusively to the Spanish Civil Guard.

Contrary to these instructions, Italian and Spanish officers, convoys, etc., and even the General of the Soria Division, have been stopped.

I order that the passwords are to be suspended; the posts are to be withdrawn. Traffic must be free, especially at the present time, when it is very heavy, and must not be obstructed.

INFORM ME THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

General Commanding the Division:

(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:

[In manuscript:]

Chief of Staff:

To all Commands of Banderas.

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature:] P. BODINI.

[In manuscript:] The guard of the Control post has been suspended. Bandera 630 will withdraw the personnel immediately.

[Circular stamp with flames in the centre, and the inscription]:
2nd Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere" — Staff.

Forms Nos. 4 and 152 were.....
[The following word is illegible.]

[Rectangular stamp inscribed:]

Serial No. 24.

Date: 3.3.37.

Cat. 5/2 Spec.

LXXVII.

530bis BATTALION "LUPI".

Sigüenza, March 2nd, 1937/XV.

Serial No. 236.

SUBJECT: Blackshirts Ruggeri Paolo, Sammarani Annibale.

To the Command of the Vth Group of Banderas—at Headquarters.

On the afternoon of February 22nd, at Cabra, the patrol of the Third Company was requested by a number of residents to come to a house in a certain street, at the door of which were the Blackshirts Paolo Ruggeri and Annibale Sammarani, of the Third Company of this Bandera, who were trying to force their way into the home of two girls who had caught their eye.

They struck a phalangist who came to the assistance of the women, and when the patrol arrived they resisted so violently that the patrol had great difficulty in taking them to the guardroom; they also threatened to use their weapons against the patrol leader.

It is proposed that they should be discharged and should receive exemplary punishment, and I await your orders on the matter.

Officer Commanding the Bandera:

("Seniore" Nello BROGI).

[Autograph signature:] BROGI.

[Circular stamp in blue ink with a grenade in the centre and the inscription:] 530bis Special Battalion Command.

[Written in ink:]

Seen: I agree to the repatriation of the Blackshirts in question.

Sigüenza, March 3rd, 1937/XV.

Officer Commanding the Vth Group of Banderas:

(Consul Field Officer Enrico FRANCISCI).

LXXVIII.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

[In manuscript:] To be filed.

El Burgo, 3.3.1937/XV.

Serial No. 528 — 0/4/2.

SUBJECT: Money-order Service.

To all Commands under my Orders—at their Headquarters.

In accordance with the rules laid down in Circular 69 of the Volunteer Troops Command, Salamanca, dated 25.2.37, sent to all Commands, with Note No. 408 of the 1st instant on the other side, as from to-day money orders for the sums already mentioned may be issued by the Post Office of the Second Division.

The charge for each order must be paid in cash or be deducted from the sum fixed for the special orders.

Commands are reminded that requests for the issue of orders must be accompanied by a complete list and also by the statement referred to in Section (B) of the above-mentioned Circular 69.

By Order:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[Autograph signature.]

[Circular stamp with flames in the centre, and the inscription:]

"Command of the Sixth Group of Banderas 'Pittau'".

LXXIX.

M.A. ...

[In manuscript:] 603 Op. 7.3.937.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

SERVICES SECTION.

Serial No. 2143.

Salamanca, March 3rd, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Duties of the National Road Militia.

To all Corps, Units, Services—at their Headquarters.

A unit of the National Road Militia has been placed at the disposal of the Traffic Commissioners by this Command.

This unit will see that all the road regulations are observed and must, in particular:

- (a) Place notices at suitable places indicating routes, roads closed, roads in bad condition;
- (b) Prevent motorised columns and single vehicles from parking on highways in built-up areas, thus hampering traffic;
- (c) Take the full name and address of the driver and the registration number of cars which have stopped or are moving;
- (d) Prevent cars unable to proceed on account of damage from being abandoned by their drivers and ascertain the reason why the car has stopped;
- (e) Make enquiries into motor accidents and road accidents in general;
- (f) Assist persons who have been injured;
- (g) Arrange for the removal of cars which have broken down.

This Command trusts that by the use of specially trained personnel, which is rendering in the mother country a service appreciated by all, it will be possible in a very short time to regulate traffic and organise the circulation of the large number of mechanically propelled vehicles now on the roads.

Officers of all ranks should do their utmost to facilitate the task of the road militiamen by showing a spirit of comprehension, so that the desired result may be achieved as soon as possible.

Divisional General in Command:

(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

[Autograph signature:] FERRARIS.

LXXX.

COMMAND OF THE SIXTH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 533 — 0/7.

El Burgo, March 3rd, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Motor drivers.

To the Command 630, 638, 651.

To the Capomanipolo Arrigoni of the Group Command.

and for information:

To the Command of the Second Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere" — at their Headquarters.

In continuation of the orders of the Divisional Command (Form No. 269 of to-day) arrange for the undermentioned men to be transferred to Headquarters service — Divisional Command — to-day:

Deputy Section Leader Giuseppe Marongelli — of the Group Command — chauffeur;
Blackshirt Giuseppe Di Paolo — of the 638th Bandera — chauffeur;
Blackshirt Gino Togni — of the 630th Bandera — chauffeur;
Blackshirt Giovanni Montemarrano — of the 651st Bandera — chauffeur;
Blackshirt Vitaliano Nominelli — of the 651st Bandera — chauffeur;
Blackshirt Antonio Bonavita — of the 651st Bandera — motor-cyclist.

They must be armed and equipped.

BY ORDER:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[*Autograph signature.*]

LXXXI.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS:

March 4th, 1937/XV.

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL QUESTIONS SECTION.

No. 138 of the PAG. Register.

STANDING ORDERS No. 2.

To all Commands, Offices and Services under my Orders.

SUBJECT: Saluting.

(1) I have noticed that not all soldiers salute and that some do not use the Roman salute.

(2) I require the outward sign of respect to be shown by *all soldiers without distinction*, in the form prescribed by me (ROMAN SALUTE).

(3) This is required for the sake of uniformity, but chiefly because in this war and among our troops the Roman salute is not only a form of discipline but has an important spiritual meaning.

Divisional General in Command:

(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

[*Autograph signature:*] FERRARIS.

[In manuscript:] No. 377.

[Rectangular stamp, in red ink,
inscribed:]

Serial No. 388.

Date 18.3.1937/XV.

Cat. 0/3 Spec.....

LXXXII.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 458—0/4/2 —

El Burgo, March 4th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Rations.

34.

To the Spanish Military Intendance

and for information,

To the Command of the IInd Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere".

El Burgo.

I beg to remit on account pesetas 69,000 (sixty-nine thousand) for rations drawn by the Banderas and Units of this Group during the month of February.

Steps will be taken to remit the balance as soon as the Command of the IInd Division, which has already been notified, has given the necessary instructions for the repayment of the general expenses incurred by this Group.

I shall be glad if you will acknowledge receipt and state the amount of the balance outstanding.

Officer in Command of the Group:
(MARIO PITTAU).

[Autograph signature:] M. PITTAU.

LXXXIII.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS:

March 4th, 1937/XV.

PERSONNEL AND GENERAL QUESTIONS SECTION.

No. 319 of the PAG. Register

STANDING ORDERS No. 3.

SUBJECT: Reporting for military and other offences.

In penal matters, so long as the troops remain on service in Spain, the following general rules shall henceforward be applied:

1. Soldiers guilty of military offences covered by the Military Penal Code shall be reported to the Military Court now being set up at the Seville base.

2. The corps, after completing the evidence against the offenders, must at once place them at the disposal of the said Court and remove them as effectives to the Supernumerary Battalion or the detachment thereof at Seville.

3. Such soldiers, from the day on which they are reported, shall lose the whole of their Spanish pay, which, after the amount due for rations has been deducted, shall be transferred to the M.O.S. Intendance, which shall hold it in reserve.

4. Should the accused be discharged, the sums kept back shall be refunded to him.

5. Offences not covered by the Military Penal Code also come within the jurisdiction of the Seville Military Court.

6. Offences reported by the Spanish authorities shall also be referred to that Court. All other questions shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions relating to soldiers guilty of offences covered by the Military Penal Code.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

No. 389 — 0/3.

Brihuega, March 18th, 1937/XV.

To all Commands under my Orders.

for information and necessary action.

[Circular stamp with flames in the centre, and the inscription:]
Command of the Sixth Group of Banderas "Pittau".

BY ORDER:

Adjutant:

(LUIGI BERNARDI).

[Autograph signature.]

LXXXIV.

31. COMMAND OF THE SOUTHERN BASE.
EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION OFFICE.

No. 40/881 of the S.I. Register.

Seville, March 7th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Preparation of documents.

To the Command of the Supernumerary Battalion Headquarters.
and To the Command of the Base Company Headquarters.

The above-named Commands are notified that on Tuesday a boat will sail on which all men to be repatriated should be embarked; the prescribed Form 5 should therefore be prepared in good time. The part applicable to those Commands should be carefully filled up.

Lieut.-Colonel in Command of the Southern Base:
(A. FARINA.)

[Written in ink:]

[Autograph signature:] A. FARINA.

The following particulars must be inserted in Form 5:

1. Date of embarkation at Italian port;
2. Date of disembarkation in Spain;
3. Date of departure of the unit.

The amount of pay received in Italian lire and the date up to which it has been drawn should also be clearly stated.

LXXXV.

[Front of envelope.]

Postage stamp for 0.25 lira with the head of Victor Emmanuel III and two postmarks reading:

“VITTORITO-AQUILA 8.3.37/XV”

Selected Blackshirt

Armando Lozzi

Volunteer Division — First Group
Battalion — 530 — Aquila Battalion
2nd Company. Ministry of War,
O.M.S. Rome.

[Back of envelope.]

Circular postmark reading:

“ROME DISTRIBUTION

21-22

8-III

37/XV”

Rectangular stamp inscribed:

“The Tripoli Lottery will make you a millionaire”.

Vittorito, March 8th, 1937.

My dear Son,

We have been to see Cesare, who gave us good news of you and told us that you and the other men from our village were in good health. My dear Son, I have spoken to a friend who tells me that, if you were discharged from service in Africa, you should have had a demobilisation bounty of 300 lire, like the rest; let me know if you have not received this and make enquiries of your superiors: if it is true that this sum is owing to you, you should apply for it to the General Headquarters in Rome. I have written you several letters, the last bearing the date March 4th, in which I told you about the “dopolavoro”. Not so much wine is being consumed this year because the men are not here to drink it; many have left for Africa; you say you want to know how we are getting on. We are getting on all right, but, as you can imagine, all our thoughts are for you. You know all our hopes are centred in you; do not think of Marcello; think only of yourself. Take care of yourself and keep your eyes open; is it true that in addition to your pay you receive 20 lire a day over and above the Italian pay? Cesare told us when he came back: We were given 20 lire a day; we hope you also are receiving this pay.

Dear Armando, you have your wits about you; I only pray that God and all the Saints may help you and, if you come back in good health, that we may be able to see Rome again and spend a good sum on replenishing our stocks. I repeat, tell me something about yourself.

This very day, March 8th, Nerino del Beato married the daughter of Antonio Dicesare and they have left for Rome.

We read the newspaper. All the news is good. I hope that it will all end as soon as possible with a smashing victory; do not forget your dagger, which gives you courage against your enemies; if possible, tell me what the town of Malaga is like; nothing has happened at Vittorito. We and all our relations are well. Affectionate greetings from your mother, who is always thinking of you. Greetings from Ilda and many kisses from your devoted father.

Feliciano Lozzi.

[Front of envelope.]

Postage stamp for 0.25 lira with the head of Victor Emmanuel III and two postmarks reading:

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Selected Blackshirt

Armando LOZZI.
Volunteer Division — First Group
Battalion — 530 — Aquila Battalion
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Circular postmark reading:

"ROME DISTRIBUTION

21-22
8-III
37/XV "

Rectangular stamp inscribed:

The Tripoli Lottery will make you a millionaire".

LXXXVI.¹

BANDERA " CARROCCIO "

3RD COMPANY.

Serial No.....

9.3.1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Grant to the family of the Legionary GIOVANNI DORIGO.

To the Secretary of the Fascio of Ampezzo Carnico (Udine).

The Legionary Giovanni Dorigo, son of the late Luigi Dorigo, informs me that his mother is not in receipt of the grant to which she is entitled in accordance with the legal provisions in force. He also informs me that he is the sole support of his family, as his brother Riccardo, of the 1911 Class, is unemployed.

I would therefore ask you to be good enough to attend to this matter and settle it as soon as possible and as best you can; kindly let me have a reply so that I can reassure the Blackshirt in question.

Commander of the 3rd Company:
(C. M. Guido MOSSINI).
[Autograph signature.]

LXXXVII.

COMMAND OF THE FIRST DIVISION OF LITTORIO VOLUNTEERS.

STAFF.

No. 132 of the Op. Register.

Alcolea, March 9th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Continuation of the operations at Guadalajara.

Map: 1 : 400,000.

- To the Command of the Brigade
- " " " " " 1st Infantry Regiment.
- " " " " " 2nd Infantry Regiment.
- " " " " " Machine-gun Battalion.
- " " " " " 1st Artillery Regiment.
- " " " " " 3rd Anti-Aircraft Battery of 20-mm. Guns.
- " " " " " Mixed Company of Engineers.
- " " " " " Special Section L.C.
- " " " " " 1st Medical Section.
- " " " " " Hospitals Nos. 2, 3, 4.
- " " " " " 1st Supply Section.
- " " " " " 10th Mixed Motor Section.
- To the Head of the Medical Section. ■
- " " " " " Commissariat Office.
- To the Command of the Section of Royal Carabinieri.

(1) The 2nd Volunteer Division, getting through the enemy defences, yesterday afternoon reached the following line: east of Almadrones (on both sides of the Algora-Guadalajara road, between the side road to Mandajona and the side road to Masegoso) - Alaminos.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 22, page 123.

(2) The enemy have withdrawn along the whole front attacked by us, except in the Almadrones section. Their forces, unspecified, with a few pieces of artillery and a few Russian tanks, are maintaining their positions on this side of Almadrones, on both sides of the road. A number of Red units have left Guadalajara for Almadrones.

(3) The action begun by our troops is being continued to-day according to plan.

(4) The Littorio Division must be *ready to leave* its present quarters for service if required.

Consequently:

(a) No soldier may leave his quarters; officers must remain with their respective units.

(b) Individual soldiers, obliged to leave their unit in order to perform certain duties, must be given a proper pass signed by the officer in command of the unit.

(c) Motor vehicles must be kept in perfect running order; they must have a full supply of petrol and be ready to start as soon as the order is given; the engines should be started up from time to time to prevent the water from freezing; the radiators should be covered up with blankets.

(d) When on the road, motor columns should be divided up into sections of not more than 20 to 24 vehicles, the distance between sections being not less than 200 metres, *both when the vehicles are moving and when they are stationary*, so that traffic may proceed along the road in both directions notwithstanding the presence of the column.

All motor vehicles not due to start as soon as the order is given must *in every case* be parked off the road.

(5) No change as regards the services.

General in Command:

(A. BERGONZOLI).

[Autograph signature:] BERGONZOLI.

LXXXVIII.

[Front of envelope.]

(Postage stamp of 25 centesimi with the head of Victor Emmanuel III and two illegible postmarks.)

Blackshirt Renzo LAZZARETTI, son of Celso.

1st Battalion Group { Bandera } 1st Volunteer Division
Battalion { "Leone" } 3rd Company.

Special Mail 500.

I.V.12.

O.M.S.
Ministry of War
Rome.

Urgent.

March 9th, 1937/XV.

Dear Cousin,

Forgive me for not having written to you since you left and for taking such a long time to answer you. You asked for news of my husband, and so I have had to wait for a letter from him. Do you know that on account of you fellows the African mail is always very late? I have received letters by air mail dated 32 days previously. What do you think of that? I have got it into my head that you are to blame; is that so? Othello has been at Lalibela in the Semien and told me he was daily waiting to be relieved with a view to repatriation, as orders had arrived from General

Pizzo Biroli to send them to Italy. Think of it, Renzo, he has been there for over two years and I think he is entitled to a little rest. Don't you agree? I read in the papers that in March four divisions would be repatriated as well as other isolated units, and I hope that that blessed Group will also be among them; for I am very tired of this enforced solitude. What a lovely honeymoon I had, don't you think? Two days marriage and 25 months of interminable and painful waiting. If the miracle of his return happens, we will send you a letter. I haven't told him anything of your journey or of Aldo's or of his great friend Zarzanelli's, because I was afraid that he would commit a second folly, you understand. His country comes first and love only second, but I am selfish and rightly so, for he was among the first volunteers to go to Africa and is now among the last to return; I would rather divorce than go a second time through all I have suffered during this long period of despair. Don't you think I am right? What do I know of married life and of family joys? And I have been married over two years! I hope that Othello has come to his senses and will not give me any more cause for anxiety; I am so weak and nervous that I could not bear any grief. But enough of these lamentations; you need joy and not sadness, don't you? Let us speak of yourself. It has been learned here, through the "Federale", who has had news from Lieutenant Fruttero, that you, Aldo, Bottazzi, Gherardi and others have behaved very well and have been praised, and that all the bigwigs of the district are talking about you. You see that you are not forgotten, even when you are far away. Bravo! Renzo, you are a true Fascist who does not shirk any difficulty, illuminated and guided as you are by your great faith. And God will help you and watch over you. I hope that when you return a poor little job will be kept for you in your ungrateful country, so that you need not wander through the world again in search of work. And those heroes who talk of war in the cafés will have to give up the jobs which they unworthily occupy to those who deserve them better. I am also worried about Othello. Will he find work here or will he have to go back to Rome? That would be sad for me, because then he would say good-bye to his promised conjugal fidelity and my forehead would be adorned with horns like a snail. Well, let us hope that all will go well and that God, who has saved him from certain death in dreadful Tembien battles, will continue to help him in Italy and will enable him to earn the bread of the family which he has founded and of the children that may come. Is this too much to ask? But those whose future is assured do not even think of those who are hungry, and there will be much trouble and anxiety before we can be sure of the morrow in our city; don't you agree? And what is Aldo doing? Lucilla is always asking about him and about you; she is working hard at school and is one of the best in her class, the mistress says, but she is nervous and obstinate like me. Tell Aldo that Lucilla will deserve the present which he promised her . . .

And where is Bruno don Sturzo? Tell him that I am not angry with him, but that, on the contrary, now that he cannot take my Othello from me, we shall send him a joint letter when he returns. Ask him if he has forgotten Livia and if he does good business with the beauties out there. Poor Bruno, now he can play the hero, don't you think? He would have his way, and now he must pay for it.

Tell Aldo that his family are well and they hope that what he said in his rare letters is true. And you, Renzo, how are you? How are you getting on? And Aldo, is he well? Give my kind regards to him and to Bruno. I wish you a final victory and a prompt return; may Easter see peace and tranquillity throughout the world.

Love and kisses to Cousin Renzo and Uncle Aldo from Lucilla Rapaggi.

Au revoir.

Cousin ARDITA.

[*Front of envelope.*]

(Postage stamp of 25 centesimi with the head of Victor Emmanuel III and two illegible postmarks.)

Blackshirt Renzo LAZZARETTI, son of Celso.

1st Battalion Group | Bandera | 1st Volunteer Division,
"Leone" | 3rd Company.

Special Mail 500.

I.V.12.

Urgent.

O.M.S.
Ministry of War,
Rome.

LXXXIX.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.
SERVICE OFFICE.

Serial No. 2606.

Arcos, March 10th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Road discipline of motor columns.

To all Formations under my Orders.

Further to and in confirmation of my previous orders, the following instructions will apply to *halted columns*:

- (a) There will be a space of at least five metres between lorries.
- (b) There will be a space of at least 200 metres between sections of motor vehicles (*i.e.*, groups of about twenty lorries).
- (c) Halted motor vehicles of all types will have their right hand wheels on the outer edge of the road, and if possible off the road.
- (d) Troops alighting from halted lorries will remain on the *right-hand side* of the motor column.

When halting uphill, drivers often place stones behind the wheels to stop their vehicles from running back. Such stones must be removed from the road when the vehicle moves on.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Adjutant:

(Luigi BERNARDI).

[*Autograph signature.*]

[Circular stamp, with flames in the centre, and the inscription]:
Command of the VIth Group of Banderas "Pittau".

XC.¹

Copy.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

Serial No. 2720.

Arcos, March 11th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Morale of the Blackshirts.

*To the Officers commanding the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Volunteer Divisions.
To Consul de Francisci.*

and for information:

To the Officer commanding the Littorio Volunteer Division.

PERSONAL.

At their Headquarters.

1. In this conflict the Blackshirts are psychologically nearest to the firing-line.
2. Many by fighting in the streets, and others through the youth organisations, have become imbued with these deep-rooted beliefs which to-day form their political creed.
3. The Blackshirts, who are typical soldier-politicians, know well what they are fighting and why they are fighting. They feel it in their blood.
4. Accordingly, it is the duty of every commander to maintain them in a state of the greatest exaltation, in order that he may be able to get the best out of them.
5. This is an easy matter if they are frequently spoken to with political allusions on all occasions and are always reminded of the DUCE; the DUCE, who is working for the greatness of the Nation; the DUCE, who has fought and is fighting for the extermination of Communism; the DUCE, who has willed this conflict and is keeping a special eye on their conduct in it.
6. I know that all the commanders do this, but I nevertheless think it desirable to urge on all the officers under my command to act on this principle.
7. Bravery, devotion to duty, devotion to their chiefs—such are the results which will undoubtedly be achieved.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Deputy Chief of Staff:

(Capt. O. CAROLLO).

[*Autograph signature.*] Cap. CAROLLO.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 23, page 124.

XCI.

COMMAND OF VOLUNTEER TROOPS.
CHIEF OF STAFF'S OFFICE.

No. 2759.

Arcos, March 13th, 1937/XV.
IO.

Addresses.

SUBJECT: Telegram from the Duce.

I communicate the following telegram which I have received from the Duce:

"I am receiving on board the *Pola* on my way to Libya the *communiqués* of the great battle in progress in the direction of Guadalajara. I am following the vicissitudes of the battle with confidence, for I am certain that the dash and tenacity of our legionaries will sweep away the enemy's resistance. The route of the international forces will be a success of great value, also from the political point of view. Tell the legionaries that I myself am following hour by hour their movements, which will be crowned with victory. — MUSSOLINI."

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff.

(Signed) FERRARIS.

COMMAND OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER DIVISION.
"Dio lo vuole".

No. 216/34 of Staff file.

Brihuega (Monument), 15.3.37/XV.

- To the Commands of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Groups of Banderas.
- To the Command of the 6th Group of Banderas.
- To the Officer Commanding the Divisional Artillery.
- To the Officer Commanding the Tank Company.
- To the Officer Commanding the 20-mm. Battery.
- To the Officer Commanding the Medical Section.
- To the Officer Commanding the Supply Section.
- To the General Headquarters Command.

..... to be communicated to the units under their orders.

BY ORDER.

Lieut.-Colonel Chief of Staff:
(Roberto NASI).

[Rectangular stamp in green ink, inscribed:]

[Autograph signature in pencil:] NASI.

Serial No. 575.
Date 16.3.37.
Cat. o/8 Spec.

XCII.

149.

DEATH AND IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

of the persons named therein belonging to the 638th Bandera "Audace", killed in the action at Brihuega on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

At Brihuega on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, the undersigned:

Centurion Don Vincenzo Pizzo — Military Chaplain,

Capomanipolo Carmelo PUGLIESI — lieutenant, Medical Corps,

after direct examination and identification, recognised and ascertained the death of the persons named in the following table which occurred on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, in the action against the Spanish Government troops; this is recorded in the present certificate in accordance with the instructions regarding death and birth certificates and testaments.

Registration No. or district	Rank	Full name and father's name	Evidence of the deceased's identity
Rome	Militiaman	Giuseppe FERRETTI, son of Antonio	Identity disc and papers

Done and concluded on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

Medical Officer:

(Signed) Carmelo PUGLIESI.

Military Chaplain:

(Signed) P. Vincenzo Pizzo.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 24, page 125.

EXTRACT

FROM THE DEATH CERTIFICATE ENTERED IN THE REGISTER KEPT BY THE COMMAND OF THE 638TH BANDERA "AUDACE".

The undersigned, Lieutenant Adjutant of the 638th Bandera "Audace", responsible for the Civil Registers, declares that page 3, No. 2, of the Register of Death Certificates contains the following entry: In the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, on the twelfth day of the month of March, at two p.m., the militiaman

Giuseppe FERRETTI,

aged twenty-five, born in Rome, son of Antonio and Elvira Mancini, unmarried, died of wounds received in battle and was buried at the Brihuega Cemetery, as shown by the relevant certificate, Form. 2720, signed by Centurion Chaplain Don Vincenzo Pizzo.

Certified copy.

Adjutant II:

(Lieutenant Federico ROMANELLI).

Seen: [Autograph signature:] Lieutenant Federico ROMANELLI.

Major Commanding the 638th Bandera "Audace"
(Cav. Alberto ZACCHERINI).

[Autograph signature]: ZACCHERINI, Alberto.

FACSIMILE OF THE INSCRIPTION ON THE IDENTITY DISC.

Rome
FERRETTI Giuseppe
son of Antonio and Elvira Mancini
Rome

BURIAL

Place — Brihuega Cemetery. No. of grave. — Unknown.
Date. The thirteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

WOUNDS

Machine-gun bullets in the neck.

Military Chaplain:
P. Vincenzo PIZZO.
[Autograph signature.]

XCIII.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

Office of Chief of Staff

Arcos, March 14th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Prisoners.

GENERAL ORDER No. II.

Captured Italians and foreigners will, until further orders, be treated in the same way as Spanish prisoners—i.e., their lives will be spared.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 394 — 0/3.

Brihuega, March 18th, 1937/XV.

To all Subordinate Commands.

..... to be carried out strictly.

BY ORDER.
Adjutant:
(Luigi BERNARDI).
[Autograph signature.]

[Circular stamp, in red ink, inscribed]: Command
Vith Group Banderas "Pittau".

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COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".
STAFF — 1ST SECTION.

Serial No. 634 Op. B-7.

[In manuscript:] To be filed.
Hontanares, March 15th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Copy of Folio No. 2606 of the Volunteer Troops Command dated 10.3.1937.
(Adresses omitted). 1609,

Everyone has noticed the congestion on the roads.

Traffic discipline to remedy this grave drawback is essential. In addition to the rules contained in the above-mentioned document, the following orders will be observed:

No driver may leave his vehicle except in a parking place and with proper permission. At parking places there will always be a guard at the head and rear.

No column of motor vehicles may overtake another column. The only exceptions are light vehicles, ambulances, isolated lorries.

It is forbidden for two vehicles to stop abreast, even temporarily.
Strict and exemplary measures will be taken against offenders.

General Commanding the Division:
(A. G. COPPI.)

COMMAND OF THE VIth GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial No. 55 — S/I.

Brihuega, March 16th, 1937/XV.

To all Subordinate Commands.

..... for information and necessary action.

BY ORDER:
Adjutant:
(Luigi BERNARDI).

[Circular stamp with flames in the centre and the inscription:]
Command of the VIth Group of Banderas "Pittau".

XCIV.¹

COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

STAFF — 1ST SECTION.

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No. 691 Op. A-I.

Hontanares, March 15th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Reorganisation of Units.

- To the Officer Commanding the VIth Group of Banderas . . . Brihuega.
- " " " " " VIIIth " " " . . . Villaviciosa.
- " " " " " VIIIth " " " . . . Yela.
- " " " " " Divisional Artillery " . . .
- " " " " " 1st 20-mm. Battery Brihuega.

and for information

To the Command of Volunteer Troops Algora.

[In manuscript:] To the commands [and another word which is illegible].

While the first steps are taken to reorganise the units and recondition material, etc., the units must once more be got well in hand and be strengthened organically, morally and psychologically.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 25, page 126.

Consequently it is necessary:

(a) To talk to the officers and men, using the following principal arguments:

Make much of our victorious operations.

To-day we are victoriously resting after reaching our objectives in order to take breath before continuing our advance.

Tell the men that the Duce is greatly pleased with the work of his Blackshirts.

Explain to all the enormous losses suffered by the enemy in men, material, aeroplanes shot down and towns destroyed by the artillery and air force.

Speak of the low morale of the enemy, who feels himself being strangled and is desperately defending himself in order not to be surrounded and destroyed by our operations.

Do not overvalue the enemy: they are a rabble of adventurers without faith.

(b) *Strengthen the organic links in the units.*

Immediately reconstruct sections even with reduced effectives, beginning with the section-leaders, marksmen and under-marksmen; replace the less efficient, encourage and promote those who have shown signs of ability.

Reconstruct the fighting nuclei of the Fiat 14 machine-guns.

Training in the use of weapons is not difficult, and it is easy to find substitutes and fill the ranks, etc., even before drafts arrive.

Re-form and consolidate the cadres of the units with the present elements which have already fought and know the enemy.

The drafts will fill minor gaps.

To sum up: reorganise the cadres of the main units, even with reduced effectives, on the following basis:

- For each company of fusiliers: 9 effective weapons;
- For each machine-gun company: 9 effective weapons;
- For each trench-mortar platoon: 6 effective weapons;
- 65/17 battery: 4 effective weapons;
- For each divisional battery: 4 effective weapons.

General Commanding the Division:
(A. G. COPPI).

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature] P. BODINI.

[Circular stamp with black flames in the centre and the inscription:] IInd Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere", Staff.

XCVI.

b.c.

COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

SECTION 3: PERSONNEL AND SECRETARIAT.

Serial No. 369.

Hontanares, March 16th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Orders of the day.

To all Commands under my Orders.—at their Headquarters.

I enclose Order of the Day No. 4 and Circular No. 2281 issued by the Volunteer Troops Command for communication to the troops with suitable comments.

General Officer in Command:
(Signed) A. G. COPPI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

(P. BODINI).

[Autograph signature.]

[Circular stamp in violet ink inscribed:] 2nd Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere" Staff.

[Rectangular stamp, in green ink, inscribed:] Serial No. 391. Date: 18.3.37. Cat. 0/5 Spec.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 26, page 128.

[Rectangular stamp inscribed:]
Serial No....54.
Date...16.3.37.
Cat. 3/1 Spec.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

Arcos, March 6th, 1937/XV.

*To all Units under my Command
(down to Company Commands inclusive).*

ORDER OF THE DAY No 4.

His Excellency the Head of the Government instructs me to convey his greeting to the legionaries who are to take part in the forthcoming operations and to express his confidence that their dash will reduce casualties to a minimum and will give us a second victory.

*General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.*

Countersigned:
Chief of Staff:
[Autograph signature]: FERRARIS.

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Salamanca, March 3rd, 1937/XV.

No. 2281.

*To all Commands under my Orders
(down to Commands of Banderas and Corresponding Units).*

SUBJECT: Order of the Day.

I have the honour to communicate to the Commands and troops of all the units under my orders the Resolution adopted by the FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL on March 2nd:

“THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL expresses its solidarity with national Spain and greets the armed forces of Franco, whose victory will mark the end of all Bolshevik designs in the West and the beginning of a new period of power and social justice for the Spanish people, which is bound to the Italian people by ancient ties of language, religion and history.”

THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL, in sending its greetings to the armed forces acting under the orders of His Excellency Generalissimo Franco, has in mind above all the 50,000 comrades who are fighting on Spanish soil under the Fascist emblems and for their glory.

OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS!

The greetings which come to us from the Mother Country through the FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL, the highest spokesman of the Spirit of the Nation, fill us with pride and emotion, while fresh victories await us.

Let us be worthy of so much honour and with gratitude and determination let us utter the cry which is the symbol of our faith and our aspiration to victory.

HAIL TO THE DUCE!

TO US!

*General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.*

Countersigned:
Chief of Staff:
[Autograph signature] FERRARIS.

XCVII.¹

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

OPERATIONS SECTION.

Serial No. 3033.

Arcos, March 16th, 1937/XV. ^{14.}

SUBJECT: Greetings.

To all Commands and Sections under my Orders.

The DUCE, having been informed of the engagements of the first seven days, instructs me to send his greetings to all combatants, and particularly to the wounded.

For necessary action.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Staff Major:

(F. RAUCCI).

COMMAND OF THE VITH GROUP OF BANDERAS "PITTAU".

Serial File No. 384 — 6/7.

Brihuega, March 18th, 1937/XV.

To all Commands under my Orders.

.....for the greeting to be conveyed to all troops under your command.

By Order:
Adjutant:
(Bernardi LUIGI).
[Autograph signature.]

[Circular stamp in red ink, with flames in the centre and the inscription]: Command Vith Group of Banderas "Pittau".

XCVIII.¹

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

Arcos, March 16th, 1937/XV.

Serial No. 2984.

SUBJECT: Discipline.

To all Units under my Orders (down to the Commands of Battalions or Groups and Autonomous Companies or Units).

Even the best and bravest troops have some "cowards" among them. Hence we need not be surprised if there are also some amongst us. But we will get rid of them.

I. Some cases of self-inflicted wounds have been discovered.

II. There have been cases of wounded or bandaged soldiers who in reality had nothing the matter with them.

III. There have been cases where a genuinely wounded soldier was accompanied by others who had no permission to do so and who on their own initiative took this opportunity to leave the firing-line.

ORDER:

A. Any soldier clearly found to be guilty of the above offences will be shot immediately (five men have already suffered this just punishment since yesterday).

B. The Medical Service is to report immediately cases of self-inflicted wounds or cases which they suspect to be such.

C. The Command of the Royal Carabinieri, of the Volunteer Troops and of the Divisions will establish a vigilance service for this purpose on the lines of communication, in the medical services, in the field hospitals, etc.

A particularly close watch will be kept on motor-ambulances.

General Commanding the Division:
(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

[Autograph signature] FERRARIS.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annexes 27 and 28, pages 131 and 132.

XCIX.¹

COMMAND OF THE IIND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".
Staff — First Section.

1592.

DIVISIONAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

"FIAMME NERE" (Black Flames) of the IInd Volunteer Division!

The task entrusted to your Division has been brilliantly performed.

You have broken the resistance of the enemy, who brought against you his best troops and most powerful weapons of war in strong positions prepared on favourable ground, and you have frustrated all his attempts to counter-attack.

Stoically enduring the hardships of bad weather conditions, fatigue and want of rest, you have advanced many kilometres, placing yourselves by the sides of your comrades of other Divisions, to give fresh impetus to the attack.

"FIAMME NERE!"

You are worthy of Italy and her Duce, and your General, who has seen you fight and win, is proud of you.

Use these days of rest to retemper your energies, to clean your weapons, to get your equipment in order and to prepare yourselves for new trials which I am sure will give still more striking proof of your martial virtues.

Remember that the "Fiamme Nere" know one direction only — *forward*, which will lead to inevitable and final victory.

"FIAMME NERE"! TO US!

Hontanares, March 16th, 1937/XV.

General Commanding the Division:

(A. G. COPPI).

[Autograph signature] A. G. COPPI.

[Rectangular stamp inscribed]:

Serial No. 361.

Date 16.3.37.

Cat. 0/8 Spec.

C.¹

COMMAND OF THE VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

OPERATIONS SECTION.

Serial No. 3002.

Arcos, March 16th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Preparation of morale.

To Divisional Commanders.

To Consul Francisci.

To Colonel Zanotti.

To Colonel Rivolta (for specialised units).

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and for information:

To the Officer Commanding the 1st Mixed Brigade.

To the Officer Commanding the IInd Mixed Brigade.

A. — Various circumstances, with which you are acquainted, show that although the units are composed of troops with a high morale and ready to follow their leaders, etc., they are often lacking in dash and aggressiveness, and allow themselves to be impressed too easily by the vicissitudes of battle.

In view of the intrinsic quality of the troops, this is due in 90% of cases to the *command*, and especially to the subordinate leaders (of whom several are of little professional value, while others show apathy, passivity and a utilitarian and pacifist attitude unworthy of Italian leaders of men in the year XV of the Fascist Era).

This state of affairs, which is already sufficiently regrettable in itself, might become a real danger if, in addition, there was a tendency to over-estimate the value of the enemy, especially in the sense of crediting him with the ability to do with ease things which we ourselves cannot even attempt.

Obviously, units commanded by officers holding this point of view would be placed at the very outset in a state of inferiority to the enemy.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annexes 29 and 30, pages 133 and 134.

B. — The Commanders to whom I am addressing these remarks must react urgently, energetically and constantly against such defects and such a mentality. They should keep in continual touch with their units and should see to it that their immediate subordinates do the same (I already know who does it and who does not), and should speak to the officers, to the N.C.O.s and, when possible, to the whole force together.

Except for the special cases mentioned later, they should endeavour to produce a state of *exaltation* — that is to say, they should explain carefully to those under their command that our troops in the past few days have gained an important tactical success, rapidly overrunning several lines of enemy trenches in the most unfavourable weather conditions, that they have conquered at one blow an enemy zone 36 kilometres in depth, that they have beaten and taken the positions of some of the best Red troops—the Internationals—that they have repulsed several attacks by the latter, that we have stopped only to allow the most highly tried troops the rest they have earned, etc.

C. — Tell the troops that with such a record it would be inexplicable madness to think that even the most seasoned enemy troops would be capable of doing anything that ours cannot do.

Explain the conditions in which the enemy is placed (virtually abandoned even by Russia; strangled by the blockade), and point out that his moral and material situation is extremely bad, and that his resistance is the resistance that precedes a collapse.

Tell them that the "International Brigades", although composed of better fighters than the ordinary Spanish militiamen, are few in number, that their ranks were already depleted when they came against us (according to reliable documents, one of these units arrived with only 700 men), and that their numbers have been still further reduced by the great losses we have inflicted on them.

Moreover, these men are the same as, or brothers so to speak of, those whom our Fascist squads thoroughly thrashed on the roads of Italy. And, for lack of recruits from abroad, some of these international units are partly made up of poor quality local militiamen.

The Russian tanks do not bear a charmed life. They are armed with guns, it is true, but their caterpillar wheels are most defective, they easily get stuck, and if we do not lose our heads, they can quickly be put out of action.

In our advance we captured ten, and hit and immobilised nine others in front of our lines. Obviously, they do not bear a charmed life!

Of our own tanks, only four were hit, and these are still in our hands.

D. — It should also be explained to the men, who have plenty of common sense and will readily understand, that when we are suffering under the rain the enemy is not sitting in a grand hotel, but is in the same plight as ourselves; if sometimes (an inevitable annoyance in war) the rations are late or do not arrive at all, the enemy is not dining at a restaurant but is fasting more than we are (as his communications are much worse and all the Red areas are short of food), etc.

Explain the reasons why in the early days — when the weather was appalling — the Red aeroplanes were able to fly and ours were not: the Reds have *permanent* aerodromes near Madrid from which they can start below the clouds, while ours have to use *improvised* aerodromes situated of necessity on the other side of the mountains; hence, it is often impossible to take off owing to the muddy ground, and it is almost always impossible to cross the mountains flying blindly through the clouds.

As soon as the weather improved, our aeroplanes came into action and have brought down sixteen enemy machines, while three have been destroyed by our anti-aircraft guns.

This has been a terrible lesson to the enemy, who during the same period has only been able to bring down one of our machines and to wound one pilot, who was nevertheless able to fly back to his base!

E. — Commanders, by simple and elementary reasoning, should make it clear to their subordinates (and in some cases also to themselves) how absurd it is to attribute fantastic powers to the enemy: "Forces that attack in daytime without cover or artillery preparation or after only a few rounds; detachments that steal on us by night over unknown ground between the positions occupied by our troops and then advance several kilometres in order to cut off our regiments, etc."

Let us look at things seriously!

I ask, "Would any of you or of your subordinates ever dream in similar circumstances of doing or ordering any of the things which you so lightly attribute to the enemy? Have any of you ever done it?"

I am sure you have not, and if any one of you has, let him bring me the proofs and I will propose him for a gold medal.

Reflect and make others reflect. At the very moment when some of you become anxious and exclaim, "My God! what will the Reds do next?", on the other side, the Reds are asking each other in agitation, "By Lenin! what are the Whites going to do?"

F. — In typical and clear cases of lack of energy, power of command and courage, and when punishment can serve as an example, there should be firm punishment without pity. (There may be pity in private affairs but not in cases in which the lives of others — who are doing their duty — and the good name of Italy are at stake.)

There must be no stragglers. Their rounding up is not a matter of routine as if it was a mere question of collecting material, but a preliminary to an act of military justice involving an investigation of error or guilt, and in the latter case condign punishment.

G. — Whenever possible, especially when the units are at rest, they should be got well in hand again, especially as regards appearance, behaviour, dress and equipment.

Explain why, as even a child could understand, there are only limited possibilities of obtaining supplies owing to the blockade, and point out that nothing should be thrown away. Steps should be taken to stop this deplorable habit.

H. — Take every opportunity of instructing your men or having them instructed. It is a question of willingness and nothing else. Anyone can learn the very elementary things which are necessary in war (such as the use of arms and means of communication, etc.).

I. — Many of these recommendations have already been made before, but not always with satisfactory results. So far I have shown a certain tolerance because I have thought it right to allow some time for adaptation. *But now enough!* Be energetic — make your wishes plain — *Command!* Above all, let it be clearly understood that here it is not as if we were in our own country, lost in the mass of our comrades (in which case the possible deficiencies of some might be offset by the brilliant actions of others).

Here on foreign soil we are the representatives of armed Italy and of Fascism (by the side and under the close observation of our allies and under the distant but searching scrutiny of the rest of the world. By our actions will be judged the quality and efficiency — both moral and technical — of the Italy of the Year XV (even more than in the Ethiopian war, owing to the theatre of operations in which we find ourselves). The judgment formed by friends and enemies will have consequences of incalculable importance to our country.

We have an enormous responsibility, and we must be or make ourselves worthy of it, even though we lose our lives.

Anyone who does not realise this, or who allows his subordinates not to realise it or not to behave as if they did, is no true soldier of Italy.

General Commanding the Division:

(Signed) MANCINI.

Countersigned:

Chief of Staff:

[Autograph signature]: FERRARIS.

CI.¹

COMMAND OF THE SECOND VOLUNTEER DIVISION "FIAMME NERE".

STAFF — FIRST SECTION.

Serial No. 725 Op./A-3.

Hontanares, March 17th, 1937/XV.

SUBJECT: Recognition of aeroplanes.

1707.

To the Commands of the VIIth, VIIIth and VIIIth Groups of Banderas.
To the Command of the Divisional Artillery.
To the Command of the 20-mm. Battery [*crossed out*].
To the Command of the 638th Medical Section.
To the Command of the 638th Supply Section.
To General Headquarters.
To the Officer Commanding Field Hospital No. 1.
To the Director of the International Red Cross Hospital No. 031.

At their Headquarters.

1. We inform you, for communication to subordinate commands and units, that the German aviation will shortly use the following large bombing machines:

n. 2 Do 17
n. 2 Ju 86
n. 2 He III

2. The machines mentioned above will carry the same distinctive signs as national aeroplanes.
3. Diagrams of the machines seen from different sides will be distributed later.

By Order:
Chief of Staff:
(P. BODINI.)
[Autograph signature.]

[Rectangular stamp, in green ink, inscribed:]

Serial No.....
Date

Cat.....Spec.

[and a circular stamp in violet ink with flames in the centre, and the inscription:]

Volunteer Division "Fiamme Nere" — Staff.

¹ Note by the Secretariat. — See Annex 31, page 140.

ANNEXES

ANNEXE 1.

II

510° BATTAGLIONE CO IN
Ordine del giorno 28 dicembre 1936 XV

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N° I

DA BORDO

D'oggi assume il comando del Battaglione.

Nel porgere il mio saluto a tutti i Sigg. Ufficiali li invito a comunicare a tutte le comico nere dipendenti il messaggio verbale del DUCE trasmesso da S. Ecc. RUSSO al rapporto di oggi.

Raccomando ai Sigg. Ufficiali di mantenersi in continue contatte con i Loro Comandanti di Compagnia per eventuale ordine che devessi comunicare.

SERVIZIO di BORDO

CENTURIONE d'ISPEZIONE Cent. Pisabia Sig. Domenico
UFFICIALI DI PICCHETTO Due = Un subalterne della I° Comp.
Un " " 2° "

SOTT'UFFICIALI d'ISPEZIONE QUATTRO = Uno per ciascuna compagnia
dati dalla I° 2° 3° 4°

COADIUVATI da OTTO Vice Capisquadra e CC NN Scelte DUE per
compagnia dati dalla I° 2° 3° 4°

SERVIZIO DI SORVEGLIANZA SEI Vice C. Sq. e CC NN Scelte dati
2 dalla 5° comp. Uno dalla I° I° dalla 2°
Uno dalla 3° e uno dalla 4° comp.

SOTTUFFICIALI AL PONTE D'Imbarcazione = Due sottufficiali dati dalla
la 5° compagnia

SERVIZIO DI SENTINELLA Un Subalterne CC. la Guardia sara' data dalla
la 3° compagnia

Due Sottufficiali dati dalla I° Compagnia
QUATTRE Vice C. Sq. e CC. NN. Scelte dalla
I° comp.

36 CC. NN. dati dalla I° compagnia.

Il Capitano d'Ispezione gli Ufficiali di Picchetto e i sott'Ufficiali d'ispezione ritireranno, dove sara' loro indicate il contrassegno di servizio. La truppa sara' fornita delle giberne senza armi.

I Sigg. Comandanti di Compagnia mi faranno tenere per domattina 29 non oltre le ore 10 due copie firmate del ruline di marcia, nel quale sara' indicate numericamente la forza dei Sigg. Ufficiali e nominativamente l'elenco dei sott'ufficiali e Truppa, specificando per ciascun grado CASATO, Nome, paternita' e legione di provenienza. Tutte le mattine alle ore UNDICI terro' rapporto dei Sigg. Comandanti di Compagnia nella CABINA N° II2.

SITUAZIONE Per le ore otto di ogni mattina i Comandanti di Compagnie faranno pervenire all'Ufficio Comando (Cabina n° 52) il rapporto delle novita' indicando altresì il nome dell'Ufficiali comandate di giornata.

PRELEVAMENTO TABACCHI mentre i comandanti di compagnia provvederanno a disporre che nessuna funi nelle camerate, facendo opera di persuasione per tale osservanza la cui trasgressione e' di intuitiva gravita' provvederanno a compilare la richiesta per tale prelevamento

Annexe 1 (suite — continued).

II

tenendo presente che ad ogni canna nera (esclusi i sott'ufficiali) spettano per tutta la traversata 100 sigarette a pagamento a prezzi ridotti. Il pagamento delle sigarette volute viene fatto anticipatamente, ed il prelievo sarà effettuato là dove indicherà il Capitano d'Ispezione di servizio.

I Sigg. Comandanti di Compagnia mi daranno assicurazione al rapporto di domani (29 dic) dall'avvenimento versamento di tutte le armi.

Incontrando durante la traversata, delle navi, sia disposte che nessuna rimanga sopra coperta e specialmente sulle passeggiate prospicienti al lato dove incroceranno le altre navi.

ALL'ARMI — I Sigg. Comandanti di compagnia disorganano sin da ora in quale punto dovrà riunirsi la propria compagnia per tale evenienza fornendo adunata il pr'escritte salvagente.

Si assicurino pertanto che il salvagente sia completo in tutte le sue parti.

I punti di riunione saranno rilevati dagli specchi esistenti in ogni camerone e precisando i cameroni col numero dei posti per ogni singolo camerone e la località nella quale tali riunioni dovranno avvenire.

I sigg. Comandanti di compagnia mi terranno edotti delle maxime avvertenze per la permanenza a bordo, emanate dal Regio Commissario.

ORARIO DA OSSERVARSI DURANTE LA TRAVERSATA

Sveglia ore 6

Distribuzione caffè latte e pane ore 6,30

Visita ammalati Ore 8

Prima pulizia locale dalle 7,30 alle 8,30

A disposizione dei Sigg. Comandanti di Reparto dalle 8,30 alle 10

Pranzo truppa ore 10,15

Mensa Sott'Ufficiali I° turno ore 10,30 II° turno 11,30 terzo turno ore 12,30

Seconda pulizia locali dopo il pranzo dalle 11,15 alle 12

A disposizione dei Sigg. Comandanti di reparto dalle 15 alle 16

Cena ore 16,30

Terza pulizia locali dopo la cena dalle 17,15 alle 18

Silenzio ore 22

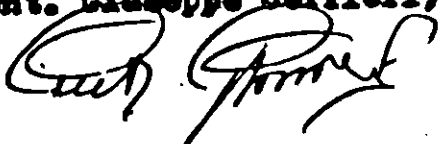
Resta stabilito che al segnale per i pasti, tutti i componenti i vari reparti si recano sul ponte loro assegnate per attendervi gli individui incaricati di ritirare il pane ed il vino (Ponte B) e quelli inviati alla cucina a ritirare il cibo caldo (Ponte A)

Nessun sott'Ufficiale o militare di truppa dovrà circolare sulla nave né nelle località riservate ai Sigg. Ufficiali neppure gli attendenti degli ufficiali Subalterni, potendo essi disporre dei camerieri di bordo.

IL COMANDANTE del Battaglione
F. te FRANCO PETRUCCI

P. C. C.

L'Aiutante Maggiore
(Cent. Giuseppe Carrieri)



ANNEXE 2.

IV

COMANDO DELLA 1^a BRIGATA VOLONTARI

Ordine del giorno n° 1

*Profondo
N. 51
24-1-37-22*

Siviglia, 1^a gennaio 1937/IV^a

V O L O N T A R I

Assumo oggi il comando. Vi saluto; vi benedico e vi stimo; sono certo di poter contare - ora e sempre - su tutti voi, Ufficiali, Sottufficiali, Graduati e CC.NN., per ogni difficile impresa, per duramente combattere e vincere.

Nei Volontari della 1^a Brigata abbiamo chiesto di venire a combattere in Spagna per il trionfo dell'Idea fascista.

Il nostro dovere s'identifica nella realizzazione dell'impegno assunto e del duro compito che ci siamo imposti. Riusciremo perché questa è la nostra decisa volontà di soldati Italiani e Fascisti.

Uniti saldamente dalle stesse ideali e dal comune dovere, animati da forte spirito guerriero, nei Volontari della 1^a Brigata terremo alto l'onore dell'Italia nostra Imperiale e Fascista, e vinceremo nel nome sacro di Roma e nel segno fatidico del Fascio Littorio.

Prepariamoci con passione, con serietà, con alacrità fattiva alle prove che ci attendono e vinceremo.

"DIO LO VUOLE" è il motto della Brigata; esso esprime e precisa il carattere della nostra impresa, perché nei Volontari siamo qui veri "Cresciuti" dell'Idea fascista che trionferà con la nostra immaneabile vittoria su tutta la Spagna, imponendo ai nemici la Verità umana e divina che ad Essa si sottomette.

VOLONTARI DELLA 1^a BRIGATA!

In alto i cuori, le baionette e le fiamme nere!

Ricordiamo in ogni istante che qui rappresentiamo la nostra grande, potente, amatissima Patria e la forza guerriera dell'Italia Fascista. Ricordiamo che dobbiamo vincere e vinceremo ad ogni costo! "DIO LO VUOLE".

Annexe 2 (suite — continued).

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A chi la vittoria? A NOI!

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
1° Arnaldi

IL TEN.^{P.} COLONNELLO CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE^{G.}
(R. Nasi)^{G.}

(sig. 1/1)

N. B. = Il presente ordine sia letto dai Comandanti di Compagnia ai
rispettivi reparti, giunti in armi, e poi commentato.

ANNEXE 3.

V

URGENTISSIMO

Quo
4-5-37
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
COMANDO DEL CORPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE

N. 430/369 di protocollo Roma, li 6 gennaio 1937 anno XV°

AL COMANDO DEL CORPO D'ARMATA DI..... NAPOLI
ALLA COMMISSIONE O.M.S..... LA SPEZIA
AL COMANDO TAPPA O.M..... NAPOLI
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLESTIMENTO ED IMBARCHI..... NAPOLI

e, per conoscenza :

AL GABINETTO..... SEDE
AL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI - ufficio "S"..... ROMA
ALL'ISPETTORATO DEL GENIO..... SEDE
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA M.V.S.N..... ROMA
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI..... SEDE
ALL'ISPETTORATO GENERALE LEVA, SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA..... SEDE
ALL'ISPETTORATO DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE..... SEDE
ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE DI STATO MAGGIORE..... SEDE
AGLI UFFICI : SERVIZI = TRASPORTI..... SEDE

OGGETTO : Volontari per qualsiasi destinazione.

A conferma disposizioni telefoniche.

Tutto il personale (ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppa del Regio Esercito e della M.V.S.N.) in approntamento in territorio per esigenza O.M.S. deb'essere provvisto dei distintivi di grado e delle stellette (R.E.) o fasci littori (M.V.S.N.).

Tali distintivi debbono essere conservati anche nel periodo di concentramento ai posti d'imbarco; dovranno esser tolti solo all'atto dell'imbarco per nota destinazione.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. INTENDENTE
j/to Rosi

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(P. Berardi)

U. Berardi

ANNEXE 4.

VI

URGENTISSIMO

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
COMANDO DEL CORPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Ufficio Servizi

N° 0641 di prot. SEGRETO

Roma, 15 Gennaio 1937 XV

AI COMANDI DEI CORPI D'ARMATA DI: FIRENZE - NAPOLI -
CAGLIARI

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI LOGISTICI	S E D E
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI ARTIGLIERIA	S E D E
ALL'ISPETTORATO DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE	S E D E

•, per conoscenza:

A L G A B I N E T T O	S E D E
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA (Gabinetto)	R O M A
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA M.V.S.N.	R O M A
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE	S E D E
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO	S E D E
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI	S E D E
ALLA DIREZIONE DEL SERVIZIO CHIMICO MILITARE	R O M A
AI COMANDI DEI CORPI D'ARMATA DI: MILANO - ROMA - BARI	
ALL'UFFICIO D'AMMINISTRAZIONE DI PERSONALI M/RI VARI	S E D E
AL SERVIZIO INFORMAZIONI MILITARE	R O M A
ALLA RAGIONERIA CENTRALE	S E D E
AGLI UFFICI: ORD. E MOBILITAZIONE - TRASPORTI	S E D E
AL COMANDO TAPPA O.M.	N A P O L I

OGGETTO : Costituzione di unità per esigenza O.M.S. -

Riferimento foglio di questo comando (uff.ord.e mob.)
n°1750/369, in data 04 gennaio (per gli enti che l'hanno ricevuto).

A conferma antese verbali:

1) Le dotazioni individuali e di reparto (tranne la serie v.e.) sono, di massima, quelle previste dal tomo II - fascicolo 1°, in relazione alle formazioni allegato al suddetto foglio.

La serie v.e. è quella prescritta dal foglio 8926 - 21 novembre s.a. - di questo comando, con berretto a busta ed una divisa di pappo cachi; nonchè col sacco alpino in sostituzione della borsa a zaino. Sarà inoltre completata con piatto di alluminio e pecato.

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II) I comandi dei corpi d'armata in indirizzo provvederanno all'assegnazione delle dotazioni individuali e di reparto alle unità che si costituiscono nella rispettiva circoscrizione:

- corpo d'armata di Firenze: 5° pl.mortai d'assalto;
- " " " Cagliari: 3° e 4° btr.accompagnamento;
- " " " Napoli: rimanenti unità.

III) Le serie v.e. saranno fatte affluire in tempo, a cura della direzione generale dei servizi logistici, alle località di costituzione delle singole unità.

IV) Il comando del corpo d'armata della Sardegna per la costituzione delle due batterie da 65/17 impiegherà i pezzi del tipo artiglieria esistenti presso la dipendente direzione di artiglieria: i relativi carichi saranno tratti dalle dotazioni esistenti nel corpo d'armata.

Le mitragliatrici da assegnare alle predette batterie dovranno essere del tipo Fiat 914.

V) Il Comando del corpo d'armata di Napoli provvederà ad assegnare a ciascun battaglione 30 (27+ 3 di riserva) fucili mitragliatori mod.30 e 10 (9+ 1 di riserva) mitragliatrici fiat 914.

VI) Munizionamento di rifornimento: vi provvederà la direzione generale artiglieria nella seguente misura:

↳ cartucce mod.91/95 in caricatori	n°	2.880.000
- " per fucili mitragliatori	"	2.106.000
- " per mitragl.Fiat 914	"	1.080.000
- " per pistole da ufficiale (metà cal.7,65 - metà cal.9)	"	24.000
- bombe a mano per pistole a rotazione	"	24.000
- bombe a mano	"	120.000
- colpi per mortai d'assalto	"	24.000
- colpi da 65/17	"	12.000
- colpi da 65/17 perforanti	"	1.000

Le munizioni di cui sopra saranno fatte affluire a Napoli entro il 21 corrente: nelle richieste di trasporti sarà fatto esplicito riferimento al presente foglio.

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Annexe 4 (suite — continued).

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- VII) Automezzi - biciclette : disposizioni a parte.
- VIII) I materiali eventualmente mancanti saranno richiesti con la massima urgenza agli organi centrali competenti, informandone questo comando (uff. Servizi).
- IX) Il comando del corpo d'armata di Napoli, nel cui territorio si prevede la costituzione di altre unità entro brevissimo tempo, richiederà con la massima urgenza il reintegro delle dotazioni impiegate agli enti competenti del ministero, i quali vi provvederanno immediatamente, dandone assicurazione a questo comando (uff. Servizi).

I comandi degli altri corpi d'armata in indirizzo richiederanno il reintegro dei materiali comunque tratti dalle dotazioni accantonate per le unità dell'I.B. -

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. INTENDENTE

F/to Rosi

P. C. C.

IL COLONNELLO DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO

A. Ferrero

ANNEXE 5.

VII

SEGRETO



PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MILIZIA VOLONTARIA PER LA SICUREZZA NAZIONALE
COMANDO GENERALE-REPARTO OPERAZIONI

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UFFICIO : Armi e Munizioni

Roma li 15 gennaio 1937-XV°

n° 531.A.R.S.-

OGGETTO: Dotazioni pugnali vecchio tipo austriaco per i Battaglioni cc.nn. del Gruppo Speciale.-

- AL 3° MAGAZZINO CENTRALE V.E.-Sezione Armi - TERNI
- AL COMANDO DEL 624° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. EBOLI
- AL COMANDO DEL 635° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. NOCERA INFERIORE
- AL COMANDO DEL 651° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. CAPUA
- AL COMANDO DEL 630° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. CASERTA
- AL COMANDO DEL 640° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. SALERNO
- AL COMANDO DEL 638° BATTAGLIONE CC.NN. NAPOLI
- AL COMANDO DELLA 24° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. MILANO
- AL COMANDO DELLA 35° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. LA SPEZIA
- AL COMANDO DELLA 130° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. AQUILA
- AL COMANDO DELLA 151° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. BARI
- AL COMANDO DELLA 140° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. SALERNO
- AL COMANDO DELLA 138° LEGIONE M.V.S.N. NAPOLI
- e per conoscenza,
- AL COMANDO DEL 4° GRUPPO BATTAGLIONI CC.NN.(presso 138° Legione) NAPOLI
- AL COMANDO DEL 3° GRUPPO BATTAGLIONI CC.NN.(presso 140° Legione) SALERNO
- AL COMANDO GENERALE - Ufficio Servizi - S E D E
(rif. s.fon. n° 156/RS/3 del 14 corr.)
- AL COMANDO DELLA II° - III° - X° - XI° - XII° - ZONA CC.NN. LORO SEDI

Si dispone che il 3° Magazzino spedisca, subito sotto scorta, ai Comandi sottocelencati i quantitativi di pugnali vecchio tipo austriaco a fianco di ciascuno segnati...

I pugnali dovranno pervenire ai Comandi interessati non oltre le ore 12 del giorno 19 corrente.

Al Comando del 624° Btg. (Eboli) pugnali v.t. austriaco.....n.	558
" " " 635° " (Nocera Inferiore) id	" 558
" " " 651° " (Capua) id	" 558
" " " 630° " (Caserta) id	" 558
" " " 640° " (Salerno) id	" 558
" " " 638° " (Napoli) id	" 558
" " " 138° Leg. (Napoli) per Comando 4° Gruppo Btg. id	" 29
" " " 140° Leg. (Salerno) " " 3° " " " "	" 29

Nel quantitativo dei pugnali assegnati è compreso il fabbisogno per gli Ufficiali ai quali viene assegnato lo stesso pugnale della truppa.-

Annexe 5 (suite — continued).

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Agli effetti della regolarizzazione delle operazioni di carico si dispone ;

Il 3° Magazzino di Terni si dara scarico a numero e valore dei materiali spediti e trasmetterà i Verbali di chiusura colli: al Comando del Battaglione ricevente, a questo Ufficio e alla Legione centro di mobilitazione, allegando a giustificazione anche il mod. 16/S, che a mezzo della scorta, si sarà fatto firmare all'atto della consegna dal Comandante del Battaglione ricevente.-

I. Comandi di Legione, centri di mobilitazione, in base al verbale di chiusura colli del magazzino e alla ricevuta del Comandante dei Battaglioni effettueranno, a numero e valore, le operazioni di carico e scarico (registro analitico mod. A ordinario) inviando a questo Ufficio le parti III^a del mod. 50.

p. IL CAPO DEL REPARTO OPERAZIONI
(Lgt. Lorenzo Allegretti)
d'ordine

IL CONSOLE CAPO UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO
Fto. (Virgilio Nurchis)

P.....C.....C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO ARMI E MUNIZIONI
(Sen. S. Morelli)

Morelli

ANNEXE 6.

IX

S T R A L C I O

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Comando del Corpo di Stato Maggiore
Ufficio Ordinam. e Mobilitazione

na 1930/369

Roma, 18 gennaio 1937-IVa

SECRETO-URGENTISSIMO

.....INDIRIZZI OMESSI.....

O G G E T T O: Organizzazione del servizio postale per O.M.S.-
Allegati: n° 2.

Per l'organizzazione del servizio postale da o per O.M.S. gli enti in indirizzo, ciascuno per la parte di competenza, sono pregati disporre quanto segue:

I. - Organi del servizio.

1° - In Italia

a) - L'ufficio postale militare di Roma, concentramento costituisca una speciale sezione O.M.S. per il servizio corrispondenza aerea.

Analogha sezione sia costituita, utilizzando il personale esistente, presso l'Ufficio postale militare di Napoli concentramento, per il servizio delle corrispondenze comuni (non aeree) e dei pacchi.

b) - La censura sarà effettuata dagli speciali uffici annessi ai due concentramenti postali o sarà esercitata sulle corrispondenze in arrivo e partenza.

c) -

2° - In O.M.S.

a) - Vengono costituiti i seguenti organi:

- ufficio postale speciale n° 1 (presso la Base O.M.S.)
- ufficio postale speciale n° 2 (presso la M.M.I.S.)

~~Intimità~~

Annexe 6 (suite — continued).

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L'ufficio superiore d'ispezione posta militare impartirá, al capo dell'ufficio postale n° 1, prima della partenza, apposite istruzioni:

- al fine di stabilire d'intesa con il Comando Base O.M.S. gli organi di irradiazione della posta verso i Comandi ed i Reparti in linea;
- circa il distaccamento a Cadice di uno dei dipendenti Ufficiali per la vigilanza sul servizio imbarchi e sbarchi e proseguimento affetti postali, compresi quelli del servizio aereo Roma-Cadice.

b) - Formazione e mobilitazione degli uffici: v. allegato n° 1.

II. Funzionamento del servizio.

Impartirá disposizioni l'ufficio superiore d'ispezione posta militare secondo le norme di massima contenute nell'allegato n° 2.

III. - Data d'inizio del funzionamento dell'intera organizzazione.

Al piú presto possibile e ad ogni modo non oltre il 12 febbraio
p.v.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. INTENDENTE
F.to Rosi.

ANNEXE 7.

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N° IC di prot.

a bordo 16/I/1937 17

O G G E T T O : Distruzione documenti e carte di identificazione.
AL COMANDO DEI DIPENDENTI BATTAGLIONI : 630 - 638
AL COMANDO DELLA 4° BATTERIA CANNONI 65/I7
AL COMANDO DEL 5° PLOTONE M.A.



Entro la giornata di oggi tutti i documenti personali : (tessere, cartoline pro-cetto, ecc.) dei volontari dipendenti devono essere ritirati dai rispettivi Comandi di Compagnia i quali dovranno provvedere per la loro custodia ed evitare nel modo più assoluto che possono essere manomessi.-

Tutte le iscrizioni e indicazioni, sia circolari, documenti, stampati regolamenti ecc, che possono fare identificare l'Ente compilatore devono essere distrutti..

Con la giornata di oggi dovranno essere anche tolti tutti i distintivi di grado, decorazioni ecc.

Assicurare.-

IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO BATTAGLIONI
f/to Mario Pittau

P. e. C.
L'AIUTANTE MAGGIOR IN I°
sen. Luigi Bernardi

ANNEXE 8.

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COMANDO 830 BIS BANDIERA - LEPD

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Palma del Condado 29/1/37 IV

A TUTTE LE COMPAGNIE

S I D R

QUESTA SERVAZ. N. ATTESA ALLA PARTENZA INTERINE OLTREMODO
I MILITI.

I COMANDANTI DI COMPAGNIA UTILIZZINO QUESTE SIGNEAZZE CON
CONFIDENZA AI MILITI SOLLEVANDOLI DA QUESTO STATO DI ES-
PRIMITE ABRATTIMENTO.

ARGOMENTI DA TRATTARE SARANNO : LA DISCIPLINA, IL COMPITO
CHE IL DUCE CI HA ASSUNTO IN QUESTA TERRA DI SPAGNA,
IL PRESTIGIO CHE DOBBIAMO TENERE PER L'AFFERMAZIONE E
DEL FASCISMO, LA MISSIOME CRISTIANA CHE CI E' STATA ASSICURA-
TA PER LA SALVEZZA DELLA NOSTRA CIVILTA' ROMANA.

ILLUSTRARE E CONVINCERE COME GRANDE SIA QUESTO ONERE PER NOI
E COME OGNI MILITE DEVE SENTIRSI ORGOGLIOSO DI ESSERE CHIA-
MATO A COMBATTERE PER UNA SI ALTA CAUSA.

ILLUSTRARE I VANDALISMI E LE BARBARIE COMMESSE DALLA CI-
VILTA' ROMANA ANCHE NELLA PICCOLA PALMA DEL CONDADO OVE LA
CATEDRALE E LA PIZ DELLA CHIESA DELLA ANDALUSIA MERIDIONALE
E STATA MESSA A SACERDOIO ED DEGRADATA) ESORTARE LO SPIRI-
TO AGGRESSIVO CONTINUAZIONE DELL' ANDITIERO DELLA GRANDE
GUERRA, PADRE DELLO SQUADREMO FASCISTA, E SICURAMENTE COSI

GUIDA A LA SPIRITO COMBATTIVO DEI VOLONTARI DELLA BANDIERA

IL COMANDANTE INTERINALE DELLA BANDIERA

Gen. Paganessi



ANNEXE 9.

XVII

N. 68 R. A.
REGOLAM. D'AMMINISTRAZ.
(Art. 403-410-416-848)

N. 706 del Catal.
(R. 1932 - Anno X)

(1) Reggimento Artiglieria C. & A.
(2) 5. Batteria

GIORNALE DI CONTABILITÀ

del mese di Gennaio 1937

- Quadro 1. — Posizione del riparto nei singoli giorni del mese e variazioni collettive.
- Id. 2. — Ruolino degli ufficiali (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 3. — Ruolino dei sottufficiali, caporali e soldati (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 4. — Ruolino dei quadrupedi di ufficiali e di truppa (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 5. — Variazioni giornaliere riguardanti gli ufficiali, i sottufficiali, caporali e soldati ed i quadrupedi di ufficiali e di truppa.
 - Id. 6. — Assegni personali dovuti ai sottufficiali, caporali e soldati.
 - Id. 7. — Conto del pane e dei viveri.
 - Id. 8. — Assegni in contanti pel vitto e indicazioni varie relative al vitto.
 - Id. 9. — Conto dei debiti dei sottufficiali, caporali e soldati.

Dimostrazione del fondo permanente.

DATA dei movimenti	RAGIONE DEI MOVIMENTI	AUMENTI	DIMINUZIONI
	Era il fondo al 1° giorno del mese . . .		— —
	TOTALI		
	DEDUCESI		
	RIMANE IL FONDO DI . . L.		

1. 1. 1937 " 5. Gennaio 1937

Il Comandante del Reparto

Lu. Marchionni

(1) Corpo. — (2) Compagnia e plotone distaccato a

Per i quadri 2, 3, 4 e 5 sono stampati anche fogli intermedi.

V. Avvertenze nell'ultima pagina.

ANNEXE 10.

XVIII

Comando del Battaglione CC. NN. S.
..... Compagnia 179

Il sottoscritto C. M. S. Diaco Domenico
Diaco Domenico appartenente al suddetto Battaglione; mobilitato per O. M. S. delega a favore della propria moglie
Sig. Martello Maria Caterina
residente in Casimale Via Carosio
la somma mensile di Lire 600 (Seicento)
a incominciare dal mese di Febbraio 1937
Mostra Inferiore li 30 gennaio 1937

Il Diaco Domenico

Oggetto:
Delega per riscossione assegni

ALL'UFFICIO PERSONALI MILITARI VARI
Ufficio Amministrazione
ROMA

ANNEXE 11.

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COMANDO DEL 4° GRUPPO BATTAG. SPECIALE

Pfte. N° 6- R.P.

Burgo li 4-2-1937-KV°

Oggetto: Proposte rimpatrio.

Ai Sigg: Comanti dipendenti.

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Ho notato che molti Ufficiali, sottufficiali, graduati e CC.NN. non possiedono le qualità minime indispensabili per essere dei bravi e fedeli volontari degni dell'Italia Fascista. Tali elementi devono essere eliminati.

Prego le SS.LL. avanzarmi le relative proposte scritte entro la giornata di domani.

IL COMANDANTE COMANDANTE

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ANNEXE 12.

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II^a BRIGATA VOLONTARI "FIAMME NERE"

COMANDO

N. 2 / III di pret. RIS. PERSONALE. 2^a Leg. Inf.

Burgo de Osma II febb. 1937 (IV)

OGGETTO: Servizio Politico.

AI SIGNORI COMANDANTI DEL VI^o VII^o VIII^o IX^o GRUPPO BANDERAS

E' necessario istituire un servizio politico per ciascun Gruppo di Banderas.

A tale ufficio sia adibite personale scelte, non conosciute da alcuno, fidatissime, segretissime.

Compiti: vigilare, sentire, individuare, riferire tutto.

Ha ragione di ritenere che in paese si annidino cellule sovversive ed agenti provocatori incaricati di far propaganda disfattista fra le truppe.

Occorre vigilare perchè tutte si sappia: ciò che pensano militi e paesani.

Per ciò queste personale frequenti tutte le bettole, fonde, esterie luoghi di riunione, asceltine discorsi ecc.

Ogni Comanda di Gruppo organizzi come crederà più opportune tale servizio in modo da conoscere sempre il paese dei propri uomini e la temperatura dell'ambiente locale.

Non lasciarsi sorprendere mai: nè dal nemico, nè dagli avvenimenti.
Gradirei ricevere, in riservata personale al 15 e 30 del mese le novità riscontrate in queste campagne.

IL GENERALE: COMANDANTE LA BRIGATA
(G.A. COPPI)

G. A. Coppi

ANNEXE 13.

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XLI

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
COMANDO DEL CORPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

EG

N° 4330/369 di prot.

Roma li 11 Febbraio 1937 XV^a

INDIRIZZI - OMESSI

OGGETTO: Costituzione di 6 Battaglioni di complementi per esigenza
O.M.S.-

Allegati : n° 2 (allegato n° 1 omesso per i comandi di zona e di distretto militare)

A conferma provvedimenti in corso.

- I.- I comandi dei corpi d'armata di Firenze, Napoli e Palermo ed il comando Generale della M.V.S.N., ciascuno per la parte di competenza, sono pregati provvedere per la immediata costituzione delle unità di cui allo specchio allegato n° 2, da destinarsi in O.M.S.
- II.- Numerazione, denominazione, centro di mobilitazione delle unità da costituire: v. allegato n° 2.
- III.- Formazioni: ~~su~~ quelle di cui all'allegato n° 1; per i btg. cc. nn. con le varianti di cui alla avvertenza alla pagina 1 dell'allegato stesso.
- IV.- Personale (tutto volontario per qualsiasi destinazione ed idoneo fisicamente alla guerra):
- a) R. Esercito - I comandi dei corpi d'armata interessati si varranno di tutti gli elementi dipendenti, attingendo ai volontari per qualsiasi destinazione segnalati. Tener presente che:
- gli ufficiali dovranno appartenere, di massima, alle categorie in congedo; l'impiego di elementi in s.p.e. deve pertanto considerarsi di carattere eccezionale e comunque limitato ad uno o due ufficiali per battaglione;
 - è escluso l'impiego di sottufficiali di carriera; deficienze eventuali di sottufficiali siano ripianate con graduati di truppa;
- ./.

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

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- dovrà essere data la precedenza agli elementi dei dipendenti reparti di marcia per l'A.O.I.;
- al completamento del fa-bisogno occorrente provvederà questa O.S.M. previa richiesta telefonica del fa-bisogno stesso;
- b)- M.V.S.N. = vi provvederà il comando generale della M.V.S.N. con le consuete modalità.

V.- Dotazioni, materiali, automezzi, biciclette: disposizioni a parte, a cura dell'ufficio servizi di questo S.M.-

VI.- Approntamento:

- entro le ore 12 del 17 corr.: IV battaglione compl.;
- entro le ore 24 del 17 corr.: rimanenti battaglioni.

L'ufficio trasporti disporrà per l'imbarco.

VII.- Per i comandi di corpi d'armata di Napoli e di Palermo si soggiunge :

a) il VI btg. si costituirà presso il deposito 85^o rgt. ftr. e si trasferirà (disarmato e provvisto degli oggetti di corredo strettamente indispensabili) a Napoli (40^a Fanteria) per il 15 corr. ove effettuerà le operazioni di armamento e di equipaggiamento.

Il movimento sarà disposto dall'ufficio trasporti di questo S.M. al quale dovranno essere tempestivamente telegrafati i dati della forza partente e la stazione di carico;

b) la compagnia mista di complementi del V^o btg. potrà essere costituita con elementi volontari mitraglieri dei reparti di marcia del reggimento cavalleggeri Aosta e I^o reggimento bersaglieri.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. INTENDENTE
F/to Rosi

P. G. G.
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(P. Berardi).

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

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allegato n.1 al foglio n.4330/369 in data
11 Febbraio 1937 XV² del comando del corpo di
S.M. Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

FORMAZIONI DEL BATTAGLIONE MISTO DI COMPLEMENTI

Il battaglione misto di complementi comprende :

- 1 comando di battaglione;
- 3 comp.di complementi fucilieri (1^a- 2^a e 3^a);
- 1 comp.mista di complementi (4^a);
- 1 plotone di complementi artiglieri.

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Per i btg. misti di complementi ec. pn. le presenti formazioni debbono
interdersi così modificati:

- a) - comando del btg. (plotone comando) in più : 2 automobilisti, conduttori e 2 autocarri;
- b) - 4 compagnie di compl.fucilieri (anzichè 3);
- c) - ciascuna compagnia di compl.fucilieri su 4 plotoni compl.fucilieri (anzichè 3);
- d) - ciascuna squadra di compl.fucilieri su 12 uomini (anzichè 11);
- e) - riepilogo btg.misto complementi:

	Ufficiali	Sottuff. e	Truppa	Fucili Mitraglia	Mitraglie	Morbi d'assalto	Autocarri Leggeri	Biciclette
Comando di Battaglione	5	5	47	-	-	-	4	2
4 comp.di compl.fucilieri...	20	52	668	16	-	-	4	4
1 comp.mista di compl.....	5	12	160	-	3	1	2	1
1 plotone di compl.di artigl.	1	4	46	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALE BATTAGLIONE...	31	73	923	16	3	1	11	8

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

(2)

COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE MISTO DI COMPLEMENTI

Comprende:

- il comandante e gli ufficiali del comando;
 - un plotone comando
- { il comandante
 1 squadra collegamenti
 1 squadra comando e servizi.

	Personale			Autocarri Leggeri	Biciclette
	Ufficiali	Sottufficili	Truppa		
<u>COMANDANTE E UFFICIALI DEL COM.do</u>					
COMANDANTE (ten.col.o maggiore).....	1	-	-	-	-
Aiutante magg.in2 ^a (uff.le infer.)...	1	-	-	-	-
Uff.le inf.per incarichi vari(1)....	1	-	-	-	-
Ufficiale medico (subalterno).....	1	-	-	-	-
Totale Ufficiali.....	4	-	-	-	-
<u>PLOTONE COMANDO</u>					
Comandante (ufficiale subalterno (2))	1	-	-	-	-
<u>Squadra comando e servizi</u>					
Sottufficiale di maggioranza.....	-	1	-	-	-
Sottufficiale di contabilità.....	-	1	-	-	-
Sottufficiale zappatore	-	1	-	-	-
Sottufficiale capo armaiolo.....	-	1	-	-	-
Graduati di maggioranza di contabil.	-	-	2	-	-
Graduato aiutante di sanità.....	-	-	1	-	-
Scritturale.....	-	-	1	-	-
Porta feriti.....	-	-	2	-	-
Automobilisti : (conduttori.....	-	-	2	2	-
{meccanici.....	-	-	1	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (3).....	-	-	12	-	2
Totale squadra comando e servizi.	-	4	21	2	2
<u>Squadra collegamenti (4)</u>					
Sottufficiale	-	1	-	-	-
Telefonisti e guardafili(grad.e sold)	-	-	10	-	-
Segnalatori (graduati e soldati)....	-	-	14	-	-
Totale squadra collegamenti.....	-	1	24	-	-
Totale plotone comando.....	1	5	45	2	2
TOTALE COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE.....	5	5	45	2	2

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

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NOTE

- (1) Per i collegamenti, per la difesa chimica e per il comando eventuale degli zappatori riuniti.
- (2) E' anche addetto ai rifornimenti.
- (3) 2 cuinieri, 5 attendenti, 1 cuoco e 1 inserviente per la mensa ufficiali, 3 ciclisti porta ordini.
- (4) Per la costituzione di
 - 3 stazioni telefoniche con 6 km. di filo (1 graduato e 1 telefonista per stazione; 4 guardafili.
 - 2 stazioni ottiche;
 - 2 stazioni di segnalazione x con bandiere;
 - 1 posto di segnalazione con aerei.

(4)

COMPAGNIA DI COMPLEMENTO FUCILIERI

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Comprende :

- il comandante ;
- 1 squadra comanda ,
- 3 plotoni di complemento fucilieri (1^a - 2^a e 3^a) (su tre squadre ciascuno).

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Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

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COMPAGNIA DI COMPLEMENTI FUCILIERI

	Personale					
	uff. G.	Sott. G.	Truppa	Fucile mitragliatore	Autocar. veggere	Bicicletta
COMANDANTE (Capitano).....	1	-	-	-	-	-
<u>SQUADRA COMANDO</u>						
Sottufficiale di contabilità.....	-	1	-	-	-	-
Graduato di contabilità.....	-	-	1	-	-	1
Trombettiere	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ciclista o prota ordini.....	-	-	1	-	-	1
Segnalatori (1).....	-	-	2	-	-	-
Porta feriti.....	-	-	2	-	-	-
Allievo armaiolo.....	-	-	1	-	-	-
Esploratori.....	-	-	(2)6	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (3).....	-	-	4	-	-	-
Automobilisti conduttori.....	-	-	1	-	1	-
Totale squadra comando.....	1	-	19	-	1	1
<u>PLOTONE DI COMPLEMENTI FUCILIERI</u>						
Comandante (subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Attendente e prota ordini.....	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totale	1	-	1	-	-	-
<u>Squadra di complemento fucilieri</u>						
Sottufficiale	-	1	-	-	-	-
Graduati.....	-	-	(4)2	-	-	-
Soldati.....	-	-	(5)9	-	-	-
Totale	-	1	11	-	-	-
TOTALE DEL PLOTONE (3 squadre).....	1	3	34	-	-	-
<u>Riepilogo della compagnia</u>						
Comandante	1	-	-	-	-	-
squadra comando	-	1	19	-	1	1
plotoni di complemento fucilieri.....	3	9	102	3	-	-
Totale compagnia.....	4	10	121	3	1	1

- 1) - Dotati di bandiere a lampo di colore.
- 2) - Di cui 1 graduato.
- 3) - Cucinieri, attendente, ecc. ecc.
- 4) - Di cui 1 da impiegare quale capo arma.
- 5) - Di cui 1 porta arma tiratore e 3 da impiegare a turno quali porta munizioni dei fucili mitragliatori.

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Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

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COMPAGNIA MISTA DI COMPLEMENTI

Comprende:

- il comandante;
- I squadra comando .
- 3 plotone di complementi mitraglieri (1a-2a e 3a)
(su 3 squadre ciascuno;
- I plotone di comp. per mortai d'asalto (su 2 squad.)

COMPAGNIA MISTA DI COMPLEMENTI

	Personale			Mitra	Autoc.	Bicicl.
	Uff. S.	Uff. T.	Trup.	glia.	logg.	
EM						
COMANDANTE (capitano).....	I	-	-	-	-	-
SQUADRA COMANDO						
Sottufficiale di contabilità.....	-	I	-	-	-	-
Graduato di contabilità.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Trombettiere.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Ciclista a portordini.....	-	-	I	-	-	I
Segnalatori (I).....	-	-	4	-	-	-
Zappatori.....	-	-	(2) 6	-	-	-
Porta farti.....	-	-	4	-	-	-
Allievo armaiolo.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (3)	-	-	4	-	-	-
Automobilisti conduttori.....	-	-	2	-	2	-
Totale.....	-	I	24	-	2	I
PLOTONE DI COMPL. MITRAGLIERI:						
Comandante (subalterno).....	I	-	-	-	-	-
Attendants e portordini.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Totale.....	I	-	I	-	-	-
SQUADRA DI COMPLEM. MITRAGLIERI						
Sottufficiale.....	-	I	-	-	-	-
Graduato porta arma tiratore.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Porta cappa di.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Porta badone.....	-	-	I	-	-	-
Graduato com. nucleo munizioni..	-	-	I	-	-	-
Porta munizioni.. (4).....	-	-	7	-	-	-
Totale della squadra.....	-	I	11	-	-	-
- Totale plotone di comp. mitr. (3 S)	I	3	34	I	-	-

(1) Dotati di bandiere a lampo di colore

(2) Di cui un graduato

(3) Cucinieri, attendente ecc.,

(4) In ogni plotone vi deve essere un soldato porta munizioni abilitato come allievo armaiolo.

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

PLOTONE DI COMPLEMENTO PER MORTAI D'ASSALTO

	Personale			
Comandante (subalterno).....	1	-	-	-
Attezzante e porta ordini.....	-	-	4	-
Artificiere	-	-	1	-
Totale	1	-	2	-
<u>Squadra di complementi per mortai d'assalto</u>				
Sottufficiale capo squadra.....	-	1	-	+
Graduati capi arma	-	-	3	-
Porta arma tiratori.....	-	-	3	-
Porta munizioni rifornitori.....	-	-	(1) 10	-
Totale	-	1	16	-
TOTALE PLOTONE DI COMPLEMENTI PER MORTAI D'ASSALTO (su 2 squadre)	1	2	34	1

(1) - Di cui 2 graduati ed 1 allievo armaiolo.

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RIEPILOGO DELLA COMPAGNIA MISTA DI COMPLEMENTI

	Personale						
Comandante	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Squadra comando.....	-	1	24	-	-	2	1
3 plotoni di complementi mitr.	3	9	102	3	-	-	-
1 plotone di compl. mortai as- salto.....	1	2	34	-	1	-	-
TOTALE DELLA COMPAGNIA MISTA.	5	12	160	3	1	2	1

Annexe 13 (suite — continued).

(8)

PLOTONE DI COMPLEMENTI ARTIGLIERI
(per batteria d'accompagnamento)

	Personale				
COMANDANTE (Subalterno).....	1	-	-	-	-
Specializzati per	-	-	2	-	-
Specializzati per la trasmissione.....	-	1	5	-	-
Automobilista conduttore.....	-	-	1	1	-
Militari per servizi vari.(1).....	-	-	4	-	1
Totale	1	1	12	1	1
<u>Squadra di complementi artiglieri</u>					
Settufficiale capo pezzo.....	-	1	-	-	-
(Serventi.....	-	-	6	-	-
zappatori.....	-	-	2	-	-
Artiglieri (porta feriti.....	-	-	1	-	-
operai ed allievi.....	-	-	1	-	-
automobilisti conduttori....	-	-	2	-	-
Totale squadra.....	-	1	12	-	-
Totale plot.di compl.artigl.(su 3 sq.)..	1	4	48	1	1

(1) Di cui 1 attendente, 1 ciclista porta ordini.

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- 1^a) Il personale del plotone appartiene all'arma di artiglieria.
- 2^a) Il plotone è amministrato da una delle compagnie del Battaglione.

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Annexe 13 (suite — continued)

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RIERICO BATTAGLIONE MISTO DI COMPLEMENTI

	Complementi			Fac. Mitre- poli- tori	Ma- trile- trici	Mm- l. 6- 1.	Aut. illeg- perit	Bicic- clet
	U. S/11	Trup.						
Comando di battaglione.....	5	5	45	-	-	-	2	2
3 cp. di complementi fucilieri	12	30	363	9	-	-	3	3
1 cp. mista di complementi....	5	12	150	-	3	1	2	1
1 plot. compl. di artiglieri...	1	4	46	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALE BATTAGLIONE.....	23	51	616	9	3	1	8	7

ANNEXE 14.

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PARTITO NAZIONALE FASCISTA

Gruppo Nazionale Fascista - (Dulio Sinigaglia)
S. LAZZARO



MODENA, 13. Febbraio, 1937 A. XV.
TELEFONO 24-14

N. di protocollo 450

Risposta al foglio N.

del

dell' Ufficio

Care FURINI

OGGETTO.

Grasie del ricordo che ha del Gruppo suo, in terra Spagnola si faccia onore tenendo sempre alto il nome d'ITALIA, del DUCE e del FASCISMO.

La sua famiglia gode ottima salute ed è benevolmente assistita in ogni suo bi-

... merdi spesso

Saluti fascisti.



IL FIDUCIARIO
(Francesco Garofalo)

ANNEXE 15.

XLVII

COMANDO II° BRIGATA VOLONTARI "FIAMME VERDE"
Sezione 1° - Personale e Segreteria
STATO MAGGIORE

Prof. 27° 214
16-12-1937 - 10-8

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n° 98 di Prot. Ris.

Burgo de Omba, 15 Febbraio 1937 - XV

OGGETTO: Richieste ai Comandi militari spagnoli.

- AI COMANDI VI° - VII° - VIII° GRUPPO BRIGATA
- AL COMANDO 638° SEZIONE SANITA'
- AL COMANDO 638° SEZIONE SOSTISTENZA
- AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE DI BRIGATA
- AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA SPECIALE L.C.

L. RO. B. E. E.

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Molti Ufficiali di passaggio ed in sosta presso presidi, si recano ai comandi militari spagnoli dal posto per richiedere oggetti vari di equipaggiamento e d'altre di cui sono sprovvisti.

Io mi rendo conto che l'affrettata partenza non abbia consentito a tutti un completo equipaggiamento; ma non trovo conveniente che tutti si rivolgano ai comandi militari spagnoli per fornirsi di quanto mancano.

Prego perciò dare tassative disposizioni vietando a chiunque non sia munito di apposito mandato ufficiale e richiesta scritta (da rilasciarsi dal questo Comando) di presentarsi ai Comandi militari spagnoli per richieste personali. (pistole, carte, cappotti mantel, gambali ed altro).-

Per eventuali necessità di Comandi ed Uffici far capo a questo Comando.

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA COMANDANTE
Pte A.G. Ceppi

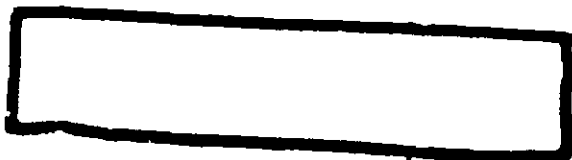
P. S. S.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(P. Bodini)

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di permesso di (Bodini) P. S. S.
il P. S. S. - Per. 4/1/37 con -
nome (comunicazione) di permesso - Escezione

ANNEXE 16.

XLVIII



(1) Regg. ^{to} Artiglieria di C. F. d. Ar. ^{to}

(2) 6^a Batteria



del mese di Febbraio 1937

- QUADRO 1. — Posizione del riparto nei singoli giorni del mese e variazioni collettive.
- Id. 2. — Ruolino degli ufficiali (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 3. — Ruolino dei sottufficiali, caporali e soldati (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 4. — Ruolino dei quadrupedi di ufficiali e di truppa (e relativa dimostrazione numerica).
 - Id. 5. — Variazioni giornaliere riguardanti gli ufficiali, i sottufficiali, caporali e soldati ed i quadrupedi di ufficiali e di truppa.
 - Id. 6. — Assegni personali dovuti ai sottufficiali, caporali e soldati.
 - Id. 7. — Conto del pane e dei viveri.
 - Id. 8. — Assegni in contanti pel vitto e indicazioni varie relative al vitto.
 - Id. 9. — Conto dei debiti dei sottufficiali, caporali e soldati.

Dimostrazione del fondo permanente.

DATA dei movimenti	RAGIONE DEI MOVIMENTI	AUMENTI		DIMINUZIONI	
	Era il fondo al 1° giorno del mese . . .			-	-
	TOTALI				
	DEDUCESI				
	RIMANE IL FONDO DI . . . L.				

1 quietar della 7^a 16^a febbraio 1937

Il Comandante del Reparto

Luigi Marchionni

(1) Carpa. — (2) Compagnie e plotone distaccate a.....

Per i quadri 2, 3, 4 e 5 sono stampati anche fogli intermedi.

V. Avvertenze nell'ultima pagina.

ANNEXE 17.

LXI

***** COMANDO VI° GRUPPO BANDERAS "A P I T T A U" *****

Prot. N° 497/04-

El Burgo, 25/2/1937-XV°

OGGETTO: Emissione vaglia.-

A TUTTI I COMANDI DIPENDENTI

S E D E

In attesa della soluzione integrale della paga Italiana, è stata autorizzata in via e assolutamente eccezionale l'emissione di un vaglia di £ 300,00 per ogni camicia nera e graduato.-

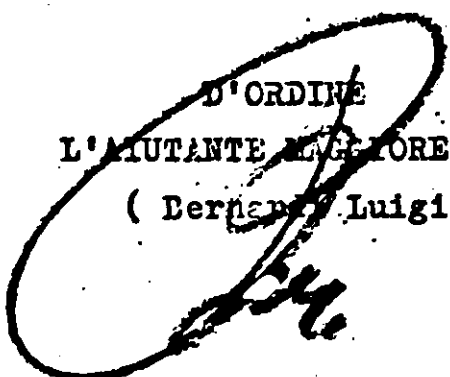
I moduli dei vaglia saranno consegnati da questo Comando ed i militi stessi non hanno che riempirli.-

Per gli ufficiali seguivano ordini -

IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO

(Mario Pittau)

D'ORDINE
L'AIUTANTE MAGIORE IN I°
(Bernabè Luigi)



ANNEXE 18.

LXII

b.c. **COMANDO II^a DIVISIONE VOLONTARI "FIAMME VERDE"**
 Sezione I^a - Operazioni e Servizi

16/11

n° 283 O.p. di Pret.

Burgo de Osma, 25 febbraio 1937 - IV

OGGETTO: Vaglia postali.

- AL COMANDO VI° GRUPPO BANDERAS
- AL COMANDO VII° GRUPPO BANDERAS
- AL COMANDO VIII° GRUPPO BANDERAS
- AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
- AL COMANDO 638° SEZIONE DI SANITA'
- AL COMANDO 638° SEZIONE DI SOSTITENZA
- AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA SPECIALE L.C.
- ALLA DIREZIONE OSPEDALE DA CAMPO N°1

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L O R O S E D E

Comunicò il seguente telegramma pervenuto dal Comando della truppa -
volontarie:

**** Per 2^a et 3^a Divisione. Si autorizza via di eccezione emissione
 di un vaglia per importe lire italiane 300 per soldate et duemila
 per ufficiale senza versamento corrispondente importe. Moduli devono
 essere ritirati ufficio postale di Aranda et ad esse consegnati. Elen-
 se nominative respilegative deve contenere anche nome et cognome et
 indirizzi destinatarie. d'ordine Ferraris.****

In conseguenza:

- 1° - Siano avvertiti, prima della cerimonia di oggi, tutti gli ufficiali e militi dipendenti.
- 2° - Questo Comando provvederà in giornata a far ritirare presso l'ufficio postale di Aranda i moduli dei vaglia necessari.
- 3° - I Comandi in indirizzi provvedano:
 - a far ritirare presso questo Comando i moduli dei vaglia occorrenti;
 - a farli compilare con la massima esattezza e con tutte le indicazioni volute;
 - a restituirli al più presto unitamente agli elenchi nominativi redatti in triplice copia.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE

Fto A.G. Ceppi

P. O. O.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(P. Bedini)

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ANNEXE 19.

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<p>Prova ESP.</p> <p>VAGLIA N° L. 237</p> <p>proprietà dell'Ufficio <i>Renate Veduggio</i> a favore di <i>Borali Francera</i> del 5-3-27-28.</p> <p>L'UFFICIALE DI POSTA</p>	<p>SPAZIO RISERVATO PER L'APPLICAZIONE DELLA CEDOLA DI CONVALIDAZIONE</p>	<p>COME COMUNE E MUNICIPALE DEL DISTRETTO <i>Capo Squadrone Borali Ramondo</i> <i>Borali Francera 500 - 510 Bis. Bandiera Super</i></p>	<p>Prova ESP.</p> <p>AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE</p> <p>VAGLIA N° L. 237</p> <p>proprietà dell'Ufficio di <i>Renate Veduggio</i> a favore di <i>Miloub Borali Francera</i> del 5-3-27-28.</p> <p>L'UFFICIALE DI POSTA</p>	<p>Mod. 1</p> <p>VAGLIA N° L. 237</p> <p>AVVERTENZE</p> <p>Il vaglia per essere pagato... L'ufficiale di posta... Il valore del vaglia... Il vaglia deve essere... Il vaglia deve essere... Il vaglia deve essere...</p>	<p>COME COMUNE E MUNICIPALE DEL DISTRETTO <i>Capo Squadrone Borali Ramondo</i> <i>Borali Francera 500 - 510 Bis. Bandiera Super</i></p>
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<p>Prova ESP.</p> <p>VAGLIA N° L. 237</p> <p>proprietà dell'Ufficio <i>Renate Veduggio</i> a favore di <i>Borali Francera</i> del 5-3-27-28.</p> <p>L'UFFICIALE DI POSTA</p>	<p>SPAZIO RISERVATO PER L'APPLICAZIONE DELLA CEDOLA DI CONVALIDAZIONE</p>	<p>COME COMUNE E MUNICIPALE DEL DISTRETTO <i>Capo Squadrone Borali Ramondo</i> <i>Borali Francera 500 - 510 Bis. Bandiera Super</i></p>	<p>Prova ESP.</p> <p>AMMINISTRAZIONE</p> <p>COMUNICAZIONI DEL DISTRETTO</p> <p><i>Com. Francera</i> <i>Ho bisogno con</i> <i>spese di 4 e 100</i> <i>questo lire sono</i> <i>per principio di</i> <i>quello abnorme</i> <i>fonti cari voluti</i> <i>e loro richiesta e</i> <i>questo vale a</i> <i>franchi 200</i> <i>indiviso alle</i> <i>Tout in 200</i> <i>a tutti i</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> per me pagato <input type="checkbox"/> (firma del Girante) <input type="checkbox"/> per me pag <input type="checkbox"/> (firma del Girant <input type="checkbox"/> per me p <input type="checkbox"/> (firma del G </p>
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ANNEXE 20.

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Effetti e valori dei defunti, prigionieri e dispersi

a) Coloro che procedono alla constatazione della morte ed alla identificazione della salma, hanno l'obbligo di porre ogni loro cura affinché gli effetti, le carte personali, il danaro, gli oggetti di valore e qualunque altra cosa di pertinenza degli uomini morti, dispersi o prigionieri siano ritirati e consegnati appena possibile al Comando del Reparto di appartenenza o al Comando di Presidio se trattasi di personale fuori corpo, accompagnati da una nota descrittiva firmata dall'ufficiale che ha presenziato alla ricognizione degli oggetti.

b) Gli effetti, le carte personali, gli oggetti di valore di proprietà degli uomini morti, dispersi o prigionieri, sono trasmessi al Comando della Base viciniorre accompagnati da nota descrittiva firmata dal Comandante del Reparto o direttore di Ospedale.

Il danaro di proprietà dei defunti sarà spedito per cura del Comd. di Rep. o Diret. di Ospedale al Centro di mobilitazione (138 a Legione Milizia Napoli, per la CC. NN. e distretto Militare Napoli per il R. E) a mezzo di vaglia postali, per l'inoltro agli eredi riconosciuti.

Dovranno essere comprese in tali rimesse, anche le competenze maturate e non pagate. I Comandi delle Basi rilasciano ricevuta degli oggetti ritirati, previa ricognizione e riscontro.

Indi provvedono a una opportuna confezione in colli ben chiusi, ammagliati e piombati, muniti di chiare indicazioni esterne ed indirizzi, e provvedono all'inoltro alla Sezione staccata di Cadice o di quella che eventualmente potrà essere costituita in altro porto d'imbarco più prossimo, con l'incarico di spedire in Italia, ai Centri di mobilitazione indicati sui colli e sulle NOTE di accompagnamento.

Ogni accorgimento pratico dovrà essere usato per evitare disperdimenti od erronei invii.

L'indirizzo esterno dovrà sempre portare oltre le indicazioni del Centro di mobilitazione, le seguenti chiare indicazioni complementari: contenuto - peso - grado - nome e cognome dello scomparso.

ANNEXE 21.

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Cisti

..... CO. REG. VI° GRUPPO BATTAGLIE "PIRELLA" U° 1219

Prot. N° 423 - C/4

El Burgo, C/2/1937-IV°

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza dei volontari.-

A TUTTI I COMANDI DIPENDENTI

S I D E

..... copia del foglio 1263 della N.°.I.S. - Salamanca - in data

15 corrente, per conoscenza e norma, con preghiera di provvedere per

eliminare le infrazioni al segreto militare in caso segnalato.

D. ORTIZ
LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN I°
(Bernard Luigi)

Annexe 21 (suite — continued).

M.M.L.S.

Salerno, 19 febbraio 1937-XV°

Ufficio del Capo di S.°.

N°1263

*****indirizzi onesti*****

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza dei volontari.

Allegato° I

Si dà comunicazione di uno stralcio della relazione settimanale (dal 28 gennaio al 4 febbraio 1937-) dell'Ufficio Censura Postale Militare di Napoli, relativa alla corrispondenza da e per C.° S.

Con l'occasione si richiama l'attenzione dei dipendenti Comandi sulla necessità di svolgere intensa opera di persuasione a fine di ottenere che i lamentati inconvenienti cessino al più presto.-

d'Ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIOR

f/to: Ferraris

P. C. C.

L'AIUTANTE MAGGIOR IN I°

(Bernardi Luigi)



Annexe 21 (suite — continued).

Allegato al foglio n°1261
in data 19/2/1937-IV°-

UFFICIO CENSURA POSTA MILITARE — NAPOLI

STRALCIO DELLA RELAZIONE SETTIMANALE (dal 28 gennaio al 4 febbraio 1937-IV°-) SULLA CORRISPONDENZA DA E PER 1°O.M.S.

- a) - Diversi volontari si fanno scrivere dai familiari ad indirizzi privati con nomi spagnolizzati. Molti si fanno dirigere la corrispondenza a recapito: " " Plaza de los Bandos 8 - Salamanca".
 - b) - Anche alla corrispondente della "Tribuna" vengono inviate lettere in doppia busta da consegnare ad ufficiali volontari.
 - c) - Risulta che alcuni volontari, forse allo scopo di evitare la censura, consegnano lettere contenenti notizie dettagliate sulla situazione politica locale a marinai che fanno ritorno in Patria.-
 - d) - Nonostante gli ordini emanati in merito, alcuni volontari continuano a scrivere comunicando nomi di località, itinerari di marcia, luoghi di sosta, ecc. Inoltre alcuni ufficiali, non solo indicano le località di residenza, ma segnalano spostamenti di truppe, situazioni, dislocazioni e forze di reparti scendendo anche in particolari.
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ANNEXE 22.

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BANDERA " C A R R O C C I O "

3^a Compagnia

Prot. N° _____

9/3/1937 XV°

OGGETTO : Sussidio ai famigliari del Legionario

DORIGO GIOVANNI

AL SEGRETARIO DEL FASCIO
di

AMPEZZO CARNICO

(Udine).

Il Legionario Dorigo Giovanni fu Luigi, mi comunica che la Madre non gode del sussidio spettante secondo le vigenti disposizioni di Legge. Mi comunica ancora di essere l' unico sostegno della famiglia dovendosi escludere il fratello Riccardo della Classe 1911 - disoccupato.

Prego pertanto la S.V. voler prendere in esame la cosa onde risolverla nel piu' breve tempo possibile nel modo migliore e darmene nel contempo cenno di risposta, onde possa a mia volta tranquillizzare la C.N. in oggetto.

IL COMANDANTE LA 3^a COMPAGNIA
(C.M. Guido Mossini)

Guido Mossini

ANNEXE 23.

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COLLA

OSCARO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE

N° 2729 di Prot.

Arcos, 11 marzo 1937 -XV

OGGETTO: Morale delle CC.NN. .

AI SIGG. COMANDANTI 1° - 2° - 3° DIVISIONE VOLONTARI
AL SIG. CONSOLE DI FRANCISCI

0. per conoscenza:

AL SIG. COMANDANTE LA DIVISIONE VOLONTARI LITTORIO

LORO SEDE

PERSONALE

- 1)- Le Camisole Nere in questa lotta sono quelle spiritualmente più in linea.
- 2)- Molte battendosi sulle piazze, altre attraverso le organizzazioni giovanili, hanno assorbito quel fondo spirituale che oggi forma il loro credo politico.
- 3)- Esse, tipiche figure di soldato-politico, sanno bene cosa combattono, perchè si battono. Lo sentono nel sangue.
- 4)- E' perciò dovere di ogni comandante tenerle nella massima esaltazione, per chiederne ed ottenerne massimo rendimento.
- 5)- E ciò torna facile quando si parla loro molto spesso, non omettendo mai le spunte politico e richiamando sempre alla loro mente il DUCE; il DUCE che opera per la grandezza della Nazione; il DUCE che ha combattuto e lotta per lo sterminio del comunismo; il DUCE che vuole questa lotta e che in questa lotta lo segue con occhio particolare.
- 6)- Se che tutti i comandanti fanno ciò, tuttavia crede bene insistere, per ottenere che così si regolino anche gli ufficiali dipendenti.
- 7)- Ardire, attaccamento al dovere, devoto affetto - questi saranno risultati certi che se ne otterranno.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE

F/te Mancini.

P. C. C.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Cap. O. Carolio)



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COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE
Ufficio Capo di S.M.
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Arco li 13 marzo 1937 XV

N.2759

.....indirizzarsi.....



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OGGETTO: Telegramma del Duce.-

Comunico il seguente telegramma inviato al Duce:

" Ricevo sul "POLA" navigante verso la LIBIA i comunicati della grande battaglia in corso in direzione di Guialajara al seguito le vicende della battaglia con animo sicuro poiche' sono certo che l'impeto et la tenacia dei nostri legionari troveranno le resistenze nemiche al sbaragliare forse internazionali sara' un successo di gran valore anche politico al faccia sapere ai Legionari che io seguo, era per ora, la loro azione che sara' coronata dalla vittoria al MUSSOLINI".

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE
F/to Mancini

P. O. O.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to Ferraris

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COMANDO PRIMA DIVISIONE VOLONTARI

- Dio lo vuole -

N°216/34 di prot. S.M.

Brihuega (Monumento) li 13/3/37/XV

- AI COMANDI 1° 2° 3° GRUPPI BANDERAS
- AL COMANDO 6° GRUPPO BANDERAS
- AL COMANDANTE ARTIGLIERIA DIVISIONALE
- AL COMANDANTE COMP. CARRI D'ASSALTO
- AL COMANDANTE BTR. DA 20 m/m
- AL COMANDANTE SEZIONE SANITA'
- AL COMANDANTE SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA
- AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE

.....perche' sia portate a conoscenza dei reparti dipendenti.-

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| Prot. N.° | 529       |
| Data      | 16-3-37   |
| Cat.      | e/l Spec. |

a' ordine  
IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.  
(Roberto Nasi)

*Nasi*

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COMANDO II° DIVISIONE VOLONTARI FIAMME VERDI

Stato Maggiore - 1° Sezione

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N°. 691 op. A-1

Montanares 15 marzo 1937-XV°-

Oggetto : Riorganizzazione reparti.

AL COMANDANTE VI° GRUPPO BANDERAS

BRIHUESA

" " VII° " "

VILLAVICIOSA

" " VIII° " "

YKLA

AL COMANDANTE ARTIGLIERIA DIVISIONALE

" " 1° BATTERIA DA 20 m/m

BRIHUESA

e per conoscenza

AL COMANDO T.V.

ALGORA

*Al Comandante*

Intanto che procedono le prime operazioni di sistemazione dei reparti recupero materiali, ecc? è necessario riprendere subito alla mano i reparti per rinsaldare subito i vincoli organici, ~~morali~~ morali e spirituali dei reparti.

Pertanto necessita :

a)-Parlare agli ufficiali/ed alla truppa trattando i seguenti principali argomenti :

-valorizzare le nostre vittoriose operazioni -

Mostrare oggi vittoriosi sulle nostre note per prendere fiato e proseguire -

Dire che il Duce è assai contento dell'opera della sua CC.NN.

-Illuminare tutti sulle perdite enormi subite dal nemico in uomini, mezzi, aerei abbattuti, paesi distrutti da artiglieria e da aviazione -

Parlare sul morale basso del nemico che si sente preso per la gola e si difende disperatamente per non rimanere circondato e distrutto dalla nostra manovra.

-Non sopravvalutare il nemico : gente avventuriera, raccogliticcia

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| Data      | 16-3-37 |
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| Spec.     |         |

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e senza fede.

**B)-Rinsaldare i vincoli organici nei reparti -**

-Ricostruire subito le squadre ~~ex~~ anche a effettivi ridotti, iniziando con i capi squadra, tiratori, vice tiratori; sostituire i meno attenti, valorizzare e promuovere quelli che hanno dimostrato di valere.

-Ricostruire i nuclei di combattimento delle mitragl. Fiat. 14.

L'istruzione delle armi non è difficile ed è facile provvedere a sostituzioni, ripianamenti ecc. anche prima che giungano i complementi.

-L'ossatura dei reparti sia fatta e solidificata con gli elementi attuali che già hanno combattuto e conoscono il nemico.

I complementi riempiranno i vuoti accessori.

In sintesi : rimettere a posto i quadri delle cellule fondamentali anche ad effettivi ridotti in modo da aver fin da ora :

-per comp. fucilieri : 9 armi che sparino

-per comp. mitr. : 9 armi che sparino

- per plotone mortai : 6 pezzi che sparino

-batteria 65/17 : 4 pezzi che sparino

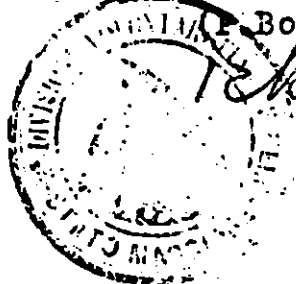
-per batteria divisionale : 4 pezzi che sparino

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE LA DIVISIONE  
(A. G. Coppi)

p. c. c.

IL CAPO DI SEATO MAGGIORE

(P. Bodini)





ANNEXE 26.

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b.o. COMANDO II° DIVISIONE VOLONTARI FIAMME VERDE  
Sezione 1° Personale e Segreteria

n° 369 di Prot.

Montanaras, 16 marzo 1937 - XV

OGGETTO: Ordini del giorno.

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A TUTTI I COMANDI DIPENDENTI

L O R O   S E D E

Trasmette gli ordini del giorno n°4 e la circolare n° 2281 del  
Comando delle Truppe Volontarie perchè siano portati a conoscenza  
delle Truppe e opportunamente commentati.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
F.to A.G. Coppi



P. C. C.  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(P. Rodini)

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| Prof. N° | 344      |
| Data     | 18-3-37  |
| Col.     | 9/5 Spz. |



COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE

Arcos, 6 marzo 1937 -XV-

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A TUTTI I REPARTI DIPENDENTI  
(dramazione estesa sino ai  
comandi di compagnia)

ORDINE del GIORNO n° 4

S.E. il Capo del Governo mi incarica di portare il Suo saluto  
ai legionari che prenderanno parte alle prossime operazioni, espri-  
mendo la Sua sicurezza che il loro "mordente" ridurrá al minimo de-  
siderabile le perdite e ci dará la seconda vittoria.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
COMANDANTE  
F.to: MANCINI

P. C. C.  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE  
Ufficio del Capo di S.M.

Salamanca, 3 marzo 1937-XV<sup>a</sup>

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n<sup>o</sup> 2281

A TUTTI I COMANDI DIPENDENTI  
(DIRAMAZIONE ESTESA FINO AI COMANDI DI  
BANDERAS E CORRISPONDENTI)

O G G E T T O: Ordine del Giorno.

Ho l'onore di portare a conoscenza dei Comandi e delle Truppa dipendenti l'Ordine del Giorno votato dal GRAN CONSIGLIO DEL FASCISMO il 2 marzo:

"IL GRAN CONSIGLIO DEL FASCISMO esprime la sua solidarietà alla Spagna nazionale e saluta le forze armate di Franco la cui vittoria deve rappresentare la fine di ogni conato bolscevico nell'occidente e l'inizio di una nuova epoca di potenza; di giustizia sociale per il popolo spagnuolo, legato a quello italiano da secolari vincoli di lingua, di religione, di storia."

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IL GRAN CONSIGLIO DEL FASCISMO, nell'inviare il Suo saluto alle forze armate che lottano agli ordini di S.E. il Generalissimo Franco, aveva soprattutto presenti al Suo spirito i 50.000 camerati camerati che in terra di Spagna si battono sotto i Segni e per la gloria del Littorio.

UFFICIALI, VOLONTARI !

Il saluto che viene dalla Madre Patria, espresso dal GRAN CONSIGLIO DEL FASCISMO, altissimo interprete dello Spirito della Nazione, giunge ai nostri animi commossi ed orgogliosi mentre nuove Vittorie ci attendono.

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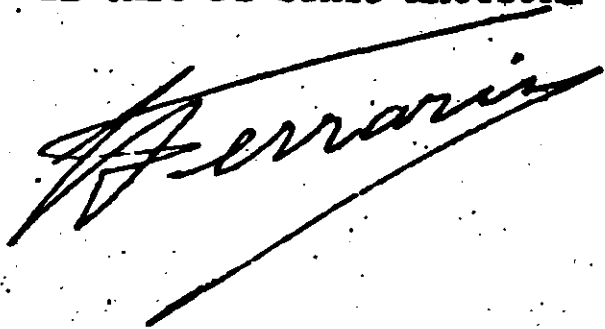
Rendiamoci degni di tanto onore, e con animo grato, con ferma volontà, lanciamo il grido che é il simbolo della nostra Fede, che é anelito di Vittoria.

SALUTO AL DUCE !

A NOI !

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE  
C O M A N D A N T E  
F.to Mancini

P. J. C.  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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ANNEXE 27.

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COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE  
Ufficio Operazioni

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N°3033 di prot.

Arco, 16 marzo 1937-XV°

OGGETTO: Saluto.

A tutti i Comandi ed Uffici dipendenti

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Il DUCE, avuta notizia dei combattimenti svoltosi nei primi sette giorni, mi incarica di portare il suo saluto a tutti i combattenti ed in particolar modo ai feriti.

Disporre in conseguenza.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE  
P/to Mancini

P. C. C.

Il Maggiore Addetto

( F. Raucò )

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\*\*\*\*\* COMANDO VI° GRUPPO BANDERAS " P I T T A U " \*\*\*\*\*

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Prot. N°384 - 0/7 -

Brihuega, 18 marzo 1937-XV°

A TUTTI I COMANDI DIPENDENTI

.....perchè l'ambito salute sia portato a conoscenza di tutti i dipendenti.



B' O R D I N E  
E' AIUTANTE MAGGIORE IN I°  
( Bernardi Luigi )

ANNEXE 28.

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COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE  
Il Generale Comandante

Arcos, 16 marzo 1937. -XV-

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n.º. 2984 di prot.

OGGETTO : Disciplina.

A TUTTI I REPARTI DIPENDENTI

(diramazione estesa sino ai comandi di  
Btg. o gruppi, e cp. o rep. autonomi)

- Anche nelle masse migliori e piú valorose esistono dei "vigliacchi"
- Non ci stupiamo perciò che ne esista anche qualcuno fra noi.  
Peró noi lo facciamo fuori
- I<sup>2</sup>) - E' stato constatato materialmente qualche caso di autolesionismo
- II<sup>2</sup>) - E' stato constatato che qualche ferito, bendato ecc. in realtà non aveva nulla.
- III<sup>2</sup>) - E' stato constatato che qualche ferito, reale, era accompagnato da gente che non aveva nessun incarico del genere, e che, di sua iniziativa, approfittava della circostanza per abbandonare le linee di fuoco.

### ORDINO :

- A) - CHI SI RENDE CHIARAMENTE REO DI QUANTO SOPRA SIA IMMEDIATAMENTE FATTO PASSARE PER LE ARMI (5 individui hanno già subito, fra ieri ed oggi, questo giusto castigo).
- B) - I sanitari segnalino di urgenza le ferite prodotte da autolesionismo, o sospette di esserlo.
- C) - Il Comando CC.RR. del C.T.V. ed i Comandi di divisione stabilisca no un servizio di vigilanza in proposito sulle vie di comunicazione, alle sezioni di sanità, ospedali da campo, ecc.  
Specialmente vigilate siano la autoambulanze.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE  
F.to - MANCINI

p. c. c.  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE





ANNEXE 30.

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COMANDO TRUPPE VOLONTARIE

Ufficio operazioni

N. 3002 di prot.

Arco, li 16 marzo 1937.XV

OGGETTO: Preparazione morale.

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AI SIGNORI COMANDANTI DI DIVISIONE

AL SIGNOR CONSOLE FRANCISCI

AL SIGNOR COLONNELLO ZANOTTI

AL SIGNOR COLONNELLO RIVOLTA ( per quanto riguarda i reparti  
specializzati)

e per conoscenza:

AL SIGNOR COMANDANTE LA I BRIGATA MISTA

AL SIGNOR COMANDANTE LA II BRIGATA MISTA

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A) - Diverse circostanze note alle SS.LL. dimostrano come i reparti, pur essendo composti di truppa dal morale elevato, facilmente guidabile ecc., difettino sovente di " mordente", di aggressività, e si lascino con relativa facilità impressionare dalle vicende del combattimento.

- Questo dipende, per il 90 per cento, dalle qualità intrinseche della truppa, dai quadri, e specialmente da quelli inferiori ( di cui parecchi sono professionalmente poco a posto, e diversi si dimostrano apatici, passivi, ed ispirati al programma utilitaristico e pacifista, indegno del conduttore italiano di uomini dell'anno XV., del " tira a campà").

- Detto stato di cose, già di per sè stesso sufficientemente increscioso, potrebbe costituire un vero pericolo se vi si aggiungesse una supervalutazione dell'avversario, nel senso specialmente di far ritenere possibili e facili a lui delle azioni che

Annexe 30 (suite — continued).

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noi riteniamo, da parte nostra, impossibili ad ordinare.

Evidentemente, infatti, un tale punto di vista metterebbe i reparti comandati da chi lo adottasse, in uno stato iniziale di inferiorità rispetto all'avversario.

B)-I comandanti in indirizzo debbono reagire urgentemente, energicamente e costantemente a tali difetti ed a tale mentalità.

Girino continuamente, e pretendano che i loro sottordini immediati facciano lo stesso, (so già benissimo chi lo fa e chi non lo fa), fra i loro reparti, parlino agli ufficiali, sottufficiali, graduati, e, sempre quando possibile, alle truppe riunite.

- Procedano, salvo nei casi speciali di cui in seguito, per esaltazione. Ossia spieghino bene ai loro dipendenti, che le nostre truppe, nei giorni scorsi, hanno riportato un considerevolissimo successo tattico, superando rapidamente, in condizioni atmosferiche proibitive, numerose linee di trincee avversarie, che hanno conquistato, di sbalzo, una zona nemica profonda, in linea retta ben 36 km. che hanno battuto, conquistandone le posizioni parecchie tra le migliori truppe rosse -le internazionali-, che ne hanno respinto diversi attacchi, che ci siamo arrestati unicamente per concedere alle truppe più provate il giusto riposo ecc. ecc.

C)-Dicano che, con tali precedenti, sarebbe pazzia inspiegabile quella di chi stimasse anche le più agguerrite truppe avversarie <sup>capaci</sup> di fare in più e meglio che noi.

Spieghino bene le condizioni in cui si trova il nemico (abbandonato praticamente persino dalla Russia - strangolato dal blocco) che la sua situazione morale e materiale è pessima, - che la sua resistenza è quella che precede il crollo.

-Dicano che le "brigade internazionali", per quanto composte di combattenti migliori degli ordinari miliziani spagnoli, sono poche, ridotte già di uomini quando sono venute contro di noi (una, da do-



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cumenti sicuri, risulta arrivata con solo 700 uomini ) ed ancora più ridotte dopo le grandi perdite da noi inflitte.

I loro uomini sono, d'altra parte, quegli stessi, o fratelli - per così dire - di quegli stessi che i nostri squadristi hanno sonoramente legnato nelle vie d'Italia. E, per mancanza di affluenza dall'Astero, una parte di questa "internazionali" è costituita da poco brillanti miliziani locali.

- I carri russi non sono veicoli fatati. Sono carri, armati di cannone, è vero, ma deficientissimi nei cingoli, che si impantanano facilmente e che, affrontati con calma, vengono messi rapidamente fuori uso.

Noi ne abbiamo presi dieci nell'avanzata, e ne abbiamo colpiti ed immobilizzati davanti alle nostre linee altri nove. Altro che carri fatati !

Dei nostri carri solo quattro sono stati colpiti, e sono nelle nostre mani.

D)- Occorre illuminare anche la gente, che ha molto buon senso e capisce, sul fatto che quando noi soffriamo sotto la pioggia il nemico non è alloggiato al "grand Hotel", ma si trova nelle stesse nostre condizioni; - che se talvolta (inconveniente inevitabili in guerra) il rancio tarda, o non arriva, il nemico non pranza alla trattoria, ma digiuna più di noi (avendo dei mezzi molto inferiori e difettando tutte le regioni rosse di viveri) - ecc.

Siano delucidate le ragioni per cui, nei primi giorni - di tempo pessimo - l'aviazione rossa poteva volare e la nostra no - (i russi dispongono dei campi permanenti prossimi a Madrid, dai quali si alzano volando sotto le nubi - i nostri dovevano utilizzare campi

Annexe 30 (suite — continued).

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di fortuna, situati, per forza di cose, al di là della Sierra; quindi, spesso, impossibilità di alzarsi a causa del terreno inzuppato, e, quasi sempre, impossibilità di attraversare alla cieca nelle nubi la Sierra stessa.

Appena il tempo è diventato un pochino migliore, la nostra aviazione è entrata in lizza, ed ha buttato giù 16 apparecchi nemici, mentre tre sono stati distrutti dalla nostra artiglieria contraerea.

Enorme lezioni per il nemico, che, nello stesso tempo è riuscito appena ad abbattere un nostro apparecchio, ed a ferire un pilota, che, però, è tornato in volo al suo campo!

E)- I Comandanti, col semplice - elementare ragionamento, dimostrino ai loro sottordini ( ed in qualche caso anche a se stessi ) quanto sia assurdo attribuire al nemico delle possibilità fantastiche: " Gente che attacca di giorno, allo scoperto, senza preparazione di artiglieria, o dopo poche cannonate- nuclei che si insinuano, di notte, in terreno sconosciuto, fra truppe nostre in posto, e che procedono quindi per chilometri, aggirando reggimenti - ecc. ecc.

Ma andiamo ! Siamo seri!

Io domando: " C'è qualcuno di Voi, o dei Vostri dipendenti che, in casi consimili, si sognerebbe di ordinare o di fare quello che, con tanta leggerezza, attribuisce al nemico ? C'è qualcuno di Voi che l'abbia fatto ? "

Sono sicuro della risposta negativa. E se qualcuno rispondesse affermativamente, fuori le prove, che lo proporrò per la medaglia d'oro al Valor Militare

Riflettete e fate riflettere: nello stesso momento in cui dà noi qualcuno si cruccia " Dio mio ! Cosa faranno i rossi? " Al di là i rossi si consultano affannosamente: " Per Lenin ! Cosa faranno

i bianchi ?

F)- Nei casi tipici, chiari, di mancanza di energia, di qualità di comando, di coraggio, e quando la repressione è di esempio, si deve reprimere decisamente, senza pietà ( la pietà si può avere nelle faccende private e non nelle faccende in cui è in giuoco la vita di altra gente - che fa il suo dovere - ed il buon nome d'Italia ! -).

Gli sbandati non sono ammessi : -Il loro rastrellamento non è una operazione logistica, come se si trattasse di materiali, ma una preparazione di giustizia militare, che comporta la determinazione dell'errore, o della colpa, ed, in quest'ultimo caso, la repressione.

G)- Appena possibile, specie a riposo, riprendere alla mano i reparti, anche dal lato forma, comportamento, vestiario, equipaggiamento.

Spiegare le ragioni ( fra l'altro quella comprensibile anche da un bambino), che causa il blocco, non esiste che limitata possibilità di rifornimento, per cui occorre non buttare via nulla. Reagire a questo deplorable andazzo.

H)- Approfittare di ogni circostanza - per istruire e fare istruire la propria gente- E' questione di buona volontà e di null'altro. Tutti possono imparare le cose - in realtà elementari - che servono in guerra ( uso ed impiego delle armi, dei mezzi di trasmissione ecc. ecc.).

I)- Molte delle suddette raccomandazioni sono già state fatte in precedenza, non sempre con risultati soddisfacenti. -

Io ho tollerato tale inadempienza, perchè ho giustificato opportuno ammettere un certo periodo di adattamento. -

Ma ora basta : Datevi d'attorno - Esigete - Comandate!

Soprattutto fate capire bene che noi qui non agiamo e ci battiamo

Annexe 30 (suite — continued).

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in patria, perduti in una massa enorme! ( in cui le eventuali deficienze degli uni possono essere compensate dalle brillanti azioni degli altri)-

Noi siamo qui in terra straniera, ( a fianco e sotto gli occhi vicini di alleati, e sotto gli occhi lontani, ma vigili, di tutto il mondo), i rappresentanti dell'Italia armata e del Fascismo.

Dalla nostra azione si giudicherà la qualità e l'efficienza - morale e tecnica - dell'Italia dell'anno XV<sup>o</sup>, ( meglio ancora che nella guerra etippica, dato il teatro di operazioni in cui ci troviamo), e dal giudizio che amici e nemici daranno scaturiranno conseguenze di valore incalcolabile per il nostro paese.

Abbiamo un'enorme responsabilità, e dobbiamo essere o metterci all'altezza di essa, anche sacrificando la vita.

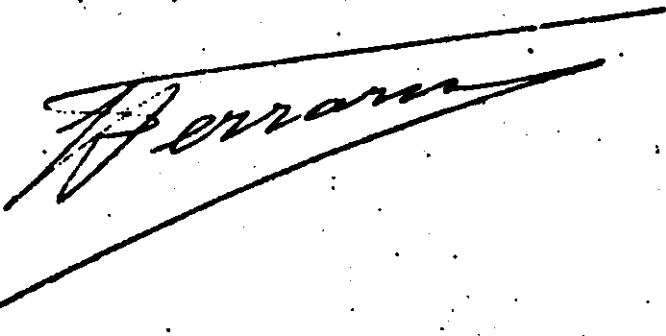
Chi non senta così, o chi tollera che i suoi dipendenti non lo sentano e non si comportino in conseguenza, non è degno soldato d'Italia.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE

F/to Mancini

P. C. C.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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ANNEXE 31.

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COMANDO II° DIVISIONE VOLONTARE FIANCHE NERE  
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№ 215 di Prot.op./A-3

Hontanares, 17 marzo 1938 - XV

OGGETTO: Riconoscimento aerei.

AI COMANDI VI - VII - VIII GRUPPO BADERAS  
AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA DIVISIONALE

1707

- " ~~BATTERIA DA 20 mm~~
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- " " " SUSSISTENZA
- " QUARTIER GENERALE
- DIRETTORE OSPEDALE DA CAMPO N° 1
- " " " G.R.I. N° 031

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1°- S'informa per la opportuna diffusione ai comandi e reparti dipen-  
denti, che l'aviazione tedesca impiegherà prossimamente i seguenti  
grandi apparecchi da bombardamento:

- n. 2 Do 17
- " 2 Ju 86
- " 2 He 111

2°- I suddetti apparecchi porteranno gli stessi segni distintivi in uso  
sugli aerei nazionali.

3°- Si fa riserva di trasmettere i disegni schematici degli apparecchi  
visti dai vari lati.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
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