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LAMIA Area.

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Italian troop dispositions

1. H.Q. of the Italian 3rd Army Corps was transferred from VOLO to LAMIA during the 2nd half of September 1942.
2. As a result of the above transfer, the following Italian troop dispositions have been observed in the LAMIA Area:-

- 1 Infantry regiment in LAMIA (billeted in barracks)
- 1 Cavalry regiment at LIANOCLADI
- 1 Infantry regiment at AMPHICLEI
- 1 Infantry ~~regiment~~ Battalion at HYPATE
- 2 Infantry battalions at SPERCHEI (between LAMIA and KARPENISI)

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Guerillas

3. Guerillas have been particularly active in the LAMIA Area recently. Approximately 800 irregulars have carried out frequent sall<sup>e</sup> on Italian garrisons as a result of which the latter have been streng<sup>e</sup> thened by transfer of 3rd Army H.Q. from VOLO to LAMIA. The new re-in<sup>e</sup> forcements are considerable. Villages and peasants in this area are severely maltreated by Italian garrison commanders who are trying to obtain information from the local inhabitants as to the whereabouts of the irregulars.

ATHENS Area

Concentration of M.T.

4. Approximately 500 Italian motor vehicles are parked under pine trees at CHAIDARI (suburb west of Athens), opposite former British encampment (winter of 1940-1941). Bombs and 88 m/m A3A shells are also stored under pine trees.

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5. 80 Italian motor vehicles are parked under the pine trees and all round the Monastery of DAPHNE, 5½ miles west of Athens, on main ATHENS - ELEUSIS road.

Bodossakis Factory: Ammunition stores

6. All machinery has been removed from BODOSSAKIS' factory at ELEUSIS. WORKSHOPS now used as store for 88 m/m A3A shells. These workshops are situated at the north-eastern end of the factory. Aircraft engines, after being repaired at MALTSINIOTTI factory are fitted up in one of the workshops at BODOSSAKIS factory. This workshop is the second on the left (west) on entering the factory grounds from the main entrance on the ATHENS-CORINTH road.

German Assault Troops

7. During the summer months of 1942, 3000 German troops (including non-Germans described by informants as "Egyptians" talking Arabic) were stationed at SUNIUM, on the S.E. coast of ATTICA. No Italians were allowed to approach the Area of their encampment which was heavily guarded and defended by barbed wire entanglements. Troops underwent intensive training for 4 months, carried out invasion exercises on adjacent small islets. All the men (described as "assault troops") wore German uniform.

Following marking was observed on motor-transport parked at the encampment -

Manufacture of Gunpowder.

8. The "Britidopoeion" (Gun powder factory) situated on the ATHENS - ELEUSIS road near DAPHNE, is reported to be manufacturing 20 tons of dynamite per day. Until 2 months ago, all dynamite produced at this factory was shipped to CRETE.

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Miscellaneous

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9. German anti-tank units stationed in ATHENS are equipped with 25 m/m and 37 m/m cannon. Number and composition of units not stated.

10. An Italian Cavalry training school established in the KEPHALARI Area of KEPHISSIA, suburb 9 miles north-north-east of ATHENS.

11. 2 Italian units of engineers stationed in the ATHENS ~~Area~~ Area are detailed to supervise the condition of the main ATHENS - ~~THEBES~~ THEBES road, which leads to LARISSA and SALONICA.

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