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locks-up?

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policy ~~are~~ not to be considered yet. Let us

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MANAGEMENTALIE i.e. Police cells or lock-up.

2. Noted.

3. Political prisoners are persons detained
in security grounds and are detained by special
be detained in POW camps ultimately being transferred
to N.A. except those released on recommendation
of G.S. I (6) on C.I.C. at Gmms.

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1. I spent the time at FOGGIA with Lt. Col. C. BRIGGS S.C.A.P.O. and carried out some inspections submitting Reports on Prisons direct to him. Colonel Briggs has been alone up to a few days ago when 2 Officers joined his staff. These Officers are only on loan from another Province, and neither have experience nor been trained in Public Safety affairs. There are C.A.P.O.s at the towns of FOGGIA, LUCERA, VANDERDONIA, S. SEVERO and CERIGNOLA. One experienced junior officer is recommended as assistant to S.C.A.P.O. instead of the 2 Officers at present with him.

2. CIVIL POLICE.

(a) The Carabinieri in the province have co-operated well and duties have been efficiently carried out. Other Civil Police forces have performed their duties calling for no comment.

(b) At Foggia there is a CC.PP force of 130 all ranks and at Lucera a force of 40. The total in the province is 600. I visited the barracks at Foggia, Lucera and Cerignola.

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(b) I carried out inspection of these two prisons and also a local prison at CERIGNOLA. Reports have been submitted to S.C.A.O. Province.

The prison at LUCERA is large and well built. It is in satisfactory order, but requires some further supervision. The Director and Staff are satisfactory.

The prison at S. SEVERO is not in good order. Administration poor and the place is very dirty with prisoners idling and slovenly. The director is the local Prefect who attends only if convenient, and I gained the impression that the Commandant was not entirely to blame for a poor show. He requires to be given a freer hand and under direct supervision of A.M. Medical attention is lacking.

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(d) Industries require to be introduced into prisons, but this is found everywhere. I believe the best plan is to tackle prison industries provincially, and later co-ordinate on a Regional plan.

4. POLITICAL PRISONERS.

Internees.

(a) Persons arrested by P.S. as suspects are still being confined in Civil Prisons. This is understandable in cases confined by P.S. up to Divisions in the Tactical Force, but they should not be detained in such a prison for

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more than a few days. I found one case at CERIGNOLA confirmed by Dock Security and also orders for confinement signed by a Sergeant.

(b) It would also appear that cases put into prison by F.S. have to be referred to AMG to trace.

(c) I attach - Appendix "A" - communication regarding release of one TOMMASINI GIUSEPPE. It is suggested that he should not have been confined in a Civil Prison. Likewise Appendix "B", case of 4 men arrested by CC.RR and handed over to F.S. during October on charges of co-operating with the enemy.

(d) There were 7 Political Prisoners detained at LICEA, Appendix "C", none at S.SEVERO, and 10 at CERIGNOLA. Particulars of those at CERIGNOLA at appendix "D". No record or order was given to the prison for confinement.

5. CONTROL OF CIVILIANS. Passes.

(a) Control into the Province is established. The instructions from AMG HQ with pass forms etc., is awaited.

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- (c) There is no price control at present but one is being established. A fixed price for supplies cannot be made for the Province, as prices vary in districts and towns. Prices have therefore to be settled locally.

8. ARRESTS.

CAVERINO and SACHS.

This is a case of an Italian and a Yugo Slav arrested for forging an AMG Officer's signature and of requisitioning in his name. Sachs was arrested in possession of British uniform and a web belt (No. 4278035), no badge ~~Yip~~ ^{Yip}. He was in an internment camp in 1941 and released 1942. Both men are now very comfortably housed in the prison at S. SEVERO.

9. LOOTING.

No serious trouble from troops, but there has been considerable by the Italians. There is actual proof in possession of the S.C.A.O. and arrests have been made.

10. BROTHERS & V.D.

BROTHERS

(a) These have been closed and are watched by Allied Military Police and Civil Police. Patrols arrest any women found wandering the streets for prostitution.

(b) A case of interest was that of a woman sent for inspection by an Italian doctor, she was reported clear of disease, but when examined by a R.A.M.C. Officer was reported to be suffering from V.D.

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All civilians employed by AIF are checked as regards suitability for employment on security grounds. Copy of form introduced in SICILY and in use at AIF, 15 Army Group has been supplied. The present system in the Province is highly satisfactory.

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There are no adverse reports on the Civil Police, Prison Service nor Fire Service. The universal need is an increase of salaries and wages, and the crying need for uniform and boots.

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The case concerns an Italian woman with a young child, who were given a lift in a vehicle by three coloured American soldiers. All three soldiers are supposed to have had the woman by force.

Provincial HQ. Expects to move to TORRE MARCHIORE, about 4 miles west of S. SEVERO very soon. This should be a great improvement as POGGIA is now very crowded.

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Major,
Public Safety,
AMF HQ, 15 Army Group.

5 Dec 43.

To:- C.S.O. AMF 15 Army Group,
Copy to:- Region 4 (Main)
S.C.A.O. POGGIA.

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APPENDIX "A".

Secret equals U.S. Secret.

Copy.

Subject:- TOMMASINI GIUSEPPE.

Main HQ.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M/316/56 I(B).

A.M.G.
HQ Eighth Army.

24/11/43.

Reference your OA/8/23A dated 18 Nov 43 concerning the above named and enclosing a copy a petition on his behalf.

Further evidence has now come to light which in the opinion of the P.S.O. on the spot completely clears the man of suspicion. If you agree, it would be appreciated therefore by this HQ if the man could be released.

(Signed) L.W.LONG,
Capt, C.S.
for Lt.Col. C.S.I.

Field.
AWI/RE

Copy to:- C.S.I.(b) HQ 1st Army Group.
"A" Branch Main HQ Eighth Army.

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Subject: - ROSELLI CASTANO.

30 Nov 43.

AMC HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

Main Hq,
Eighth Army, C.I.P.
M. 316/59 I(b)

24 Nov 43.

1. The above named was the stationmaster at TRINITAPOLI and was arrested by F.S. on 7 Nov 43. It was agreed by Lt.Col. Briggs S.O.A.P.O. FUGLIA and this Branch that he should be interned for 12 months.
2. Evidence has been received by F.S. that the information on the strength of which he was arrested and interned was inaccurate.
3. It would be appreciated therefore if you could arrange for him to be released.

(Signed) E.W. LONG,
Capt, C.S.
for Lt.Col. G.S.I..

Field.
EWL/RH

Copy to: G.S.I. (b) HQ 15 Army Group.
"A" Branch Main Hq Eighth Army.

Copy to Lt.Col. Briggs, S.O.A.P.O. FUGLIA.
for action as considered necessary.

OMIT.

8.11.43.

Ref. PWM/3
26 Nov 43.

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Subject:- Arrests.

To:- S.C.A.O. FOGGIA PROVINCE.
From: C.A.O. SERRACAPRIOLA.

1. Montagano Letterino was arrested at St.Croce di Magliano on 21 Oct 43, charged with active co-operation with Germans in disarming C.E.R. of St.Croce di Magliano on 26 Sep 43.
Witnesses are:

PASQUI Raffaele, Maresciallo Maggiore, C.E.R. St.Croce.
COCCA Guido, Podesta of St.Croce.
COCCA Donato, Via Genio, St. Croce.
LIGURI, Ernesto, Allargo Tripoli, St. Croce.

2. Regarding Coviello Francesco and Petti Silvio, both are prominent Fascist leaders of Terno, Coviello Francesco was arrested on 23 Oct 43 and Petti Silvio on 21 Oct 43.

3. These three subjects were arrested by the Carabinieri and handed over to the P.S.S. who held them in the P.W.Cage, Serracapriola. They have now been removed to the Serracapriola Goal upon instructions from C.S.I. (b) 5 Corps and are in the custody of the Carabinieri.

4. Will you contact C.S.I. (b) 5 Corps for further information regarding these prisoners and to advise this Office what steps he desires to take.

5. Attached herewith memoranda covering arrests.

(Signed) Capt. C.A.O. Serracapriola.

ARREST REPORT.

Name. MONTACANO. Christian Name. Letterino.
Father's Chr. Name. Giulio. Date of Birth 18 Nov 1923.
Address. Via Noce No. 3. Town. St. Croce di Magliano.
Prov. of Foggia.

Employment. Bricklayer. Id Card No. : None.

Arrested by Carabinieri. Arrested at ST. CROCE DI MAGLIANO.

Date of arrest: 21 Oct 43. Cage to which sent : P.V. Cage Serracapriola.

REASON FOR ARREST.

Active co-operation with German in disarming CC.RR. of
ST. CROCE on 26 Sep 43. Retention of CC.RR rifle until 9 October 43.
In hiding from 7 Oct when Germans left until 11 Oct 43. Since then
the subject of active hostility from the local people.

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COCCA Donato, Via Genio, ST. CROCE.
LIGESI, Ernesto, Albergo Tripoli, ST. CROCE.

Signed. 21.10.43.

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COPY.

Subject:- Arrest.

To:- G.S.I (b)
5 Corps.

In accordance with your instructions the following persons held in the P.W.Cage, SERRACAPRIOLA, have to-day been removed to the Serracapriola Gaol, where they are in the custody of the Carabinieri.

MONTAGANO	Letterino - Arrested	68 P.S.S.	21 Oct 43.
COVELLO	Francesco - "	" "	25 Oct 43.
PETRI	Silvio - "	88 "	21 Oct 43.

27 Oct 43.

(Signed)

O.C. 68 Field Security
Section.

Copy to G.S.I. (b) 5th Army.
A.M.C.O.T.

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COGNOME E NOME e paternità	DATA DI NASCITA.	No. Carta ident.	PROFESSIONE.	Arrestato e dove.	Da chi arrestato.
DEFE GIOVANNI fu Giulio	27.7.894.	No. 10557803	Agricoltore.	12.11.943. Foggia.	Comando 47 Pst. Se Srettor Foggia.
MAFFUCCI GINO di Vincenzo.	9.6.884.	No. No cards.	Impiegato.	14.11.943. Foggia.	id.
DEL POZZO ANTONIO Fu Antonio.	5.10.905.	No. 10557900.	"	14.11.943. Foggia.	id.
SARLENGA FRANCESCO Mario fu Domenico	23.2.1902.	No. No cards.	Comandante Vigili Urbani.	14.11.943. Foggia.	id.
FIGLIOLIA ADOLFO fu Carlo.	21.2.880.	No. No cards.	Assistente Tecnico.	20.10.943. Foggia.	Comando P.S.S. Foggia.
FRISOLI DOMENICO fu Giuseppe.	10.10.892.	No. 10205.	Assistente Tecnico.	7.11.943. Foggia.	P. Prefettura Foggia.
STELLA UGO di Antonio.	1.12.903.	No. No cards.	Odontotecnico.	16.11.943. Foggia.	"

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21.2.800.	No. No cards.	Assistente Tecnico.	20.10.943. Foggia.	Comando F.S.S. Foggia.
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POLITICAL PRISONERS - GERIGLIA.

Mingolla Savino.	Put in Prison	29 Sep
Merafino Bernardino.	"	"
Dibisceglie Raffaele.	"	"
De Feudis Vincenzo.	"	"
Acquaro Antonio.	"	"
Conte Francesco.	"	"
Intini Egidio.	"	1 Oct.
Gagliardi Francesco.	"	2 Oct.
Schiavulli Semplicio.	"	"
Calonico Secondino.	"	1 Nov.

Records of the above attached - obtained in C.A.Cs Office.

No record in case of Calonico.

There is no order in possession of the Prison to detain the above.

COPY.

1. DI FISCELLIE RAFFAELLE DI LUIGI E DI TRAVERSI ANTONIETTA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 3-6-1900, AND HERE RESIDING, LAWYER, FASCISTA AND SQUADRISTA, HE HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER, HE IS A DANGEROUS ELEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC ORDER.

IN 1922 HE WAS DENOUNCED FOR HE TRIED TO SHUT ON SOMEROBY IN A CONFLICT BETWEEN FASCIST AND SOCIALISTI. HE WAS AMNISTIED FOR A P.D. 5 JANUARY 1923 IN JULY 1943, IN A DIVERGENCE HAD WITH FALADINA ANDREA HE SHOT AT HIM, WITHOUT ANY BAD CONSEQUENCE. ALL ANTI-FASCISTI AND MOST OF ALL INHABITANTS DISLIKE HIM.

2. DE FENDIS VINCENZO FU MARCOE E FU ANDUGNO ANTONIETTA, BORN IN BISCEGLIE AND HERE RESIDING, THE 18-11-1887, A PRIVATE EMPLOYER, HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER, HE IS VIOLENT AND ABLE TO COMMIT ANY KIND OF CRIMES. HE HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY AND AGAINST PERSON. HE BELONGED TO P.N.F. SINCE THE FIRST HOUR AS A SQUADRISTA.

3. AQUARO ANTONIO FU SAVERIO AND FU CARRABELLA MARIA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 4-3-1898, AND HERE RESIDING, SCHOOL CAPTANER, HE BELONGED SINCE THE FIRST HOUR TO P.N.F. AS A SQUADRISTA. HE HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER IN ONE OF FASCISTA DEMONSTRATION, HE STROKE SOMEONE ON HEAD.

4. MINGOLLA SAVINO, FU FRANCESCO AND FU MERTI NICOLETTA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 30.3.1876, AND HERE RESIDING, SHOEMAKER, HE HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY AND AGAINST PERSON. AT FIRST HE WAS SOCIALISTA, AFTER HE BELONGED TO P.N.F. AND SHOWED TO BE A PERVENT ELEMENT. HE HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER, ABLE TO COMMIT ANY KIND OF CRIMES. ALMOST THE INHABITANTS DISLIKE HIM.

5. MEGAVINO BERNARDINO FU FRANCESCO AND FU MASTRONELLI MARIA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 23-8-1887, AND HERE RESIDING, SCHOOL JANITOR, HE HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST GOOD MORALITY, AND AGAINST PERSON. HE WAS AMNISTIED FOR HIS GOOD CONDUCT. HE BELONGED SINCE THE FIRST TIME TO P.N.F. AS A SQUADRISTA: HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER. MOST OF ALL INHABITANTS DISLIKE HIM.

6. GAGLIARDI FRANCESCO DI GIACOMO AND FU ANGELA PASQUALINA, BORN IN ACRATO, THE 19-3-1889, AND HERE RESIDING, MERCHANT, HAS AN IMPULSIVE CHARACTER ABLE TO USE ARMS FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE BELONGED TO P.N.F. SINCE THE FIRST HOUR, AS A SQUADRISTA. HE IS A DANGEROUS ELEMENT.

7. SCHIAPPELLI SEMPLICIO DI GIOVANNI AND MONTONE MARIA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 6.10.1892, AND HERE RESIDING, ADMINISTRATOR OF AGRICULTURA CONCERNINGS AT FIRST HE EXERCISED ACTIVITIES ANTI-FASCISTE, BUT IN 1926 HE PASSED TO THE P.N.F. HE HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST PERSON AND AGAINST PROPERTY, NOT FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS HE KEPT A GOOD RECORD INDICATING HIS SELF ONLY TO HIS WIFE. HE GOT A GOOD PROFIT FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT, IS ADMINISTRATOR OF AZIENDE AGRICOLE. MANY PEOPLE DISLIKE HIM.

8. INTINI EGIDIO FU GIACOMO AN FU SANFOTESTRO FLORENTA, BORN IN CERIGIOLA THE 26-11-1886 AND HERE RESIDING, WORKMAN, HE HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY AND AGAINST PERSON. HE BELONGED TO P.N.F. SINCE THE FIRST HOUR, AS A SQUADRISTA, BUT IN THE LAST YEAR HE DIDN'T REPEATED ANY FASCISTA

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SUBJECT:- Political prisoner at present in Prison.

To:- C.A.O. Cerignola.
From: 47 P.S.S.
Release.

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Mingolla Savino.
Conte Francesco.
Schiavulli Semplicio.
Intini Egidio.

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Report for Month of Nov. 1943.

1. A Public Safety Branch was not set up till end of October, but C.A.P.Os were operating with forward units of 5th and 8th Armies. The organization allows for a staff with each army and a staff at HQ 15 Army Group :-

HQ 15 Army Group.	1 Lieut. Colonel. 1 Major. 1 Captain.
5th Army.	1 Lieut. Colonel. 1 Captain with 10 C.A.P.Os.
8th Army.	1 Major. 2 Captains with C.A.P.Os.

It is anticipated that the officers selected to fill these appointments will have taken up duties during December.

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- (e) Police control over Civil Population.
- (f) Detention of Civilians in Prisons awaiting trial.
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- (h) Brothels and Prostitutes.

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Rolls of all cases are sent in from HQ 15 Army Group. These are compiled from the fortnightly returns from Armies.

All persons who held any Government position confirmed for security reasons are reported specially by this Office to A.F.H.Q.

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(d) Military and Civil Police - No cases of interference by Military with Civil Police has actually been reported, but there have been cases where CC.P.R. have not been able to enforce their orders owing to interference by soldiers. I refer to cases of civilians riding on Military vehicles. The Civil Police cannot remove these civilians, but with the establishment of posts where the CC.P.R. act with Military Police this should improve. There are undoubtedly a number of civilians being carried in military vehicles. Constantly along roads civilians endeavour to stop cars to get "a lift". I have reason to believe that the relationship between the Military Police and the Civil Police is good.

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