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PRISONS
JAN. - MAY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

22nd May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

Reference your 317/81/CA. of 20 May 1944.

1. In confirmation of reports on Prisons in Monthly Return to Public Safety Sub-Commission, SESSA AURUNCA and ROCCAMONFINA prisons most unsanitary despite cleansing and minor repairs.

2. TEANO Prison is damaged and CARINOLA destroyed.

3. It is recommended that a new prison be built to cater for above four communes.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt.Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
AMG 5th Army.

Copy to:

R.P.S.O., A.C.C. Region 3,
(for information)

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cc

Make copy of this letter for Col Young, who will call for it in his morning (if not called for, send on).

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Done

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/517/101/CA.

24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning and Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Comm.

1. Reference your AGC/14215/PS/1 of 19 May 1944
(and in particular to para.1 (b) thereof). ⁹³

2. I attach copies of correspondence received
from HRCO., Region V, through Regional Commissioner.
Have you any comments please and is any further
action possible?

HE/RAC.

NORMAN H. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Prisons.

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23 MAY Recd

HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.
OA/8/4

21 May 44.

TO: Executive Commissioners Branch,
Allied Control Commission. ✓

Copy to: Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission. //

1. Reference your 317/81/CA of 20 May 44, there are not any
prisons in Eighth Army AMG Area holding the maximum number of
prisoners.

2. Two damaged prisons are under repair.

3. Two other damaged prisons are in the extreme forward area
and it would be unwise to commence repairing them yet.

P. E. Benta Tan

Major, R.A.,
G.S.O.II.,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH AREA.

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22 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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TO : H.Q. A.C.C. R.C. & M.G. SECTION.
FROM : R.P.S.O. Reg. V, A.M.G.
SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Prisons.
REF : R5/514/13.
DATE : 20 May 1944.

Reference your 317/62/CA dated 8th May 44, herewith correspondence for your information, please.

For Regional Commissioner:

SP/MC.



S. Pickering
S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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C O P Y

Ref:- FF/ 5170.

17 May 44.

SUBJECT:- Prisons.

TO:- H.Q. AMG REGION 5.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter B5/514/13 of 13 May 44, and copy of this HQ letter of even No. dated 26 April 44, attached hereto.

A.A.F.A.C. have now replied to this HQ a/m letter to the effect that a survey of the area has failed to locate another suitable site for a Military Prison, with the result that the requisition of S. SEVERO Prison cannot be released at this time.

With the forthcoming Harvest drive, the lack of Prison accommodation is a most serious matter. May representation be made to Higher Authority for pressure to be brought to induce A.A.F.A.C. to return the Civil Prison to its proper use.

(Signed)

Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

CET/EGMF.

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C O P Y

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Equivalent British Restricted.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND, APO 650, 14 May 1944.

TO: Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. Foggia Province.

Survey of the area fails to locate another suitable site for the Military Prison with the result that the requisition on the San Severo prison can not be released at this time.

For the Area Commander :

(Signed)

DONALD D. DEWAR,
1st Lt. AGD,
Adjutant General.

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C O P Y

Ref:- FP/5170

26 April 44.

SUBJECT:- S. SEVERO
PRISON.

TO:- A.A.P.A.C.
BR. GH. CMDR.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

1. The Prison accommodation in this Province is becoming very congested. Increased Police activity against the Black Market will lead to more arrests and the trial of Black Market cases in AMG Courts to quicker sentences. The successful amassing of the forthcoming Harvest depends upon getting a lot of dishonest people into Prison before the Harvest begins - as an example to the others.
2. Under these circumstances, it is essential that the Prison accommodation in the Province should be extended as soon as possible.
3. It is urgently requested that SAN SEVERO Prison should be turned back to civilian use. Will you please say whether this is possible?

(Signed)

LT. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.C. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

CET/EGMF.

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Ex Comm:

Prison Reps.

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At 91-93 is a report on the latest prison situation submitted by PLS. Sub Commissioner, Col Young.

2. Every avenue has been explored and much has already been done. Col Young says the

crisis is over.

3. The Army's wishes are being met and everyone including the Italian Ministry is cooperating to the full.

4. This will be the subject of a special item on Agenda for May 31 and I think you should read the report for yourself. It is not long and very clear.

23.5.44

JW Shipp 1061

Return to

Chief Commissioner

Pp. 91-93 will interest you. ^{618j}
Submitted. Col Young has done well.

Very good work.

Wm 23-24

WJ 23/5/44

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21 May 68

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Adm Sec, Rear HQ ACC, APO 594.

To : Executive Commissioner, H, ACC ✓

Forwarded for your information.

Noted
R.A. Percell,
Major, Infantry,
for VP Adm Sec.

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Adm Sec, Rear Hq AOC, APO 394.

To : Executive Commissioner, Hq AOC ✓

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R.A. Persell,
Major, Infantry,
for VP Adm Sec.



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22 MAY Recd
NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

MAY 19, 1944

AOC/14215/PB/1

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Executive Commissioner. (through V.P. Admin. Section)

A meeting on PRISON ACCOMMODATION was held at Rear HQ AOC., at 14.30 hrs. 5 May 1944. Proposals for immediate improvement of the prison accommodation situation were made, and Action Points 1 to 8 were listed on Administrative Section Memo dated 6 May, 44 Ref. 4/6.1/AS.

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2. Removal of Italian Military from Civil Prisons.

On 10 May 1944 information was received from the Minister of War that Italian Military Prisons would be formed into special companies and later organized into two battalions and used for labour. It was pointed out by the Minister that this was contrary to the Italian Military Penal Code, and accordingly a Royal Decree has been drawn up, conferring on military Judges, the power to assign to labour battalions those soldiers sentenced to serve a term of less than 3 Years. The Minister has also caused the LIPARI islands to be surveyed with a view to their use as a concentration camp.

3. Clearance of Prisons used for other purposes.

Information received through I District that the Civil Prison at AUGUSTA has now been evacuated. Steps are being taken with Region I to make use of additional accommodation as soon as possible

4. Repair of damaged prisons.

Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission was seen on 9th May 1944 and is willing to assist in repair of prisons by making special provision for the supply of building material. Lists and locations of prisons for repair and reconstruction are being prepared and priorities (in order 1, 2, and 3) will be shown.

Letter sent by Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner, to all Regional Commissioners and SOAO's 5th and 8th Army pointing out urgency of rebuilding or repairing damaged prisons. (copy attached)

5. Hastening of trials.

The Legal Sub-Commission have held meetings with the Minister of Justice on this matter. Special arrangements are being made to deal with the problem of prisoners awaiting trial in Sardinia: officers of Legal S/C will accompany Italian officials to the island to set up special courts to deal with the matter.

On the subject of Bail, a draft decree has been prepared for the consideration of the Legal Sub-Commission. It is expected that persons awaiting trial for minor offences will be granted provisional liberty. The Decree will also contain an instruction on arrest for minor offences. In future, no arrest will be made for such offences, but the person concerned will be dealt with by process.

6. Forming of Labour Battalions.

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7. Possibility of using MONTESARCHIO Prison.

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Conferences between the Minister of Grace and Justice and members of this Sub-Commission took place on the 10th and 17th May (copy of minutes attached). As a result the Minister will appoint a prison Inspectorate which it is hoped will provide him with a technical control of this problem which until now has been entirely lacking. There is no doubt that the Minister is displaying much more practical and energetic interest in his prisons and it is the intention of this Sub-Commission to see that this newly created interest will be sustained.

3. General Commission.

The use of Tuturano Camp has been discussed with Col. Finley of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and he has agreed that one half of the camp will be available for detention purposes if required. Sufficient accommodation is thus available for 500 persons but it is not proposed to use Tuturano for this purpose if other arrangements can be made.

I would confidently assert that the prison crisis is over, and that the situation, which is however still serious, is making steady progress every day. I hope to report within the next month that the prison difficulty is well under control and need present no further cause for anxiety. Much of the progress which has been made during the past two weeks is due to the energy of Major Wilson, now attached to this Sub-Commission, whose action, amongst other things, of clearing Brindisi Prison of 170 occupants within 48 hours was very much appreciated by the Army authorities concerned.

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

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Adm Sec, Rear HQ ACC, APO 394.

To : Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC

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R.A. Russell
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Major, Infantry,
for VP Adm Sec.

21 May 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/6.11/45

Action Points : reference meeting on Prison Accommodation held
at Rear HQ ACC, APO 394 at 11.30 hrs 5 May 44.

Proposals for immediate improvement of prison accommodation situation.

1. Removal of Allied troops from Italian Civil Prisons.
ACTION (by Adm Sec)
 - a. Press AAI to remove their troops from prisons and house them instead in camps in so far as is possible - emphasizing that short sentence personnel particularly should serve in camps.
 - b. Contact should be made with U.S. Army to facilitate above.
2. Removal of Italian Military from Civil Prisons.
ACTION (by Army Sub-Comm)
 - a. Take steps with Italian Government to remove Italian military prisoners from civilian jails and prisons and place them in camps. (prison or penal battalions).
3. Clearance of Prisons used for other purposes.
ACTION (by Adm. Sec. and PS Sub-Comm)
Make representations to R.N. (through Naval Sub-Comm) for clearance of these prisons - AUGUSTO Prison in particular and any other that may be in this category.
4. Repair of Damaged Prisons.
ACTION (by RC & MG Section)
Note will be sent to Regional Commissioners and orders issued by RC & MG that jail repairs will be given high priority. This will be cleared first with Works and Finance Sub-Commission.
5. Hastening of Trials.
ACTION (by Legal)
Legal will take steps to investigate with Minister of Justice possibility of forming courts of non-professional judges for critical areas as a temporary emergency measure. (will make representations to Ministry of Justice on same) Will submit representations for the over all problem.
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ACTION (by PS Sub Comm)
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ACTION (by PS Sub Comm)
Colonel Young was instructed to contact Lt. Col. Poletti and try this plan out in Region VII. (Persons with a three months sentence or less will be attached to Labour Battalions; will be fed, but not paid and will thus work out their sentences.
 7. Possibility of using MONTESARCHIO Prison.
ACTION (by PS Sub-Comm)
Matter to be taken up with AAJ with a view to using as a military prison.
 8. General Conclusion.
ACTION
 - a Col Young must take from the meeting specific recommendations and contact proper Italian authorities.
 - b Future meeting will be held.
 - c A meeting with proper Italian authority will be held.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

19 May 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI AND VII.
SCAC's 5th & 8th Armies.

1. Overcrowding in civilian prisons throughout Liberated Italy has become acute.

2. The main causes of overcrowding are:-

- (a) Requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
- (b) Use of prisons for detaining Italian Military prisoners.
- (c) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.
- (d) War damage to prisons.

3. Representations have been made by Public Safety Sub-Commission to the Allied and Italian Military Authorities to release prison accommodation.

4. The Minister of Justice is being pressed to arrange for the release on bail of prisoners awaiting trial on minor charges.

5. The Minister of Justice has also been impressed with the necessity of having an adequate staff to deal with Prison matters. He has also been advised to institute a system of inspection to visit Prisons.

6. Regional Commissioners are requested to inform this HQ as a matter of urgency what steps they have been able to take to rebuild or repair damaged prisons. Where it has not been possible to make arrangements locally, recommendations for rebuilding specific prisons should be forwarded to this HQ stating briefly the extent of the repairs and the relative priority. Arrangements will then be made by this HQ to secure priority of labour and materials.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

ACC/14215/TS

May 10, 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Palace of Justice, Salerno, at 9.30 a.m.
10th May 1944.

Present:

H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice
Dott. DiVillia, Director General of Prisons.
Colonel A.E. Young, Public Safety Sub-Com.
Major A.P. Wilcox " " "
Capt. H. Young Jr. " " "

1. Col. Young stated that the overcrowding of prisons had reached such a critical stage that unless immediate action was taken the whole system of law and order would be threatened.
2. Already the prison population was far in excess of the prison capacity and the situation was becoming progressively worse.
3. Overcrowding was principally due to three factors.
 - (a) The requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
 - (b) The detention of Italian military prisoners in civilian jails.
 - (c) Disrepair of prisons and war damage.
4. Col. Young stated that ACC is taking steps to clear prisons of Allied troops and to prevent requisitioning in the future. Demands for the removal of Italian Military from prisons are being presented by ACC to the Italian Supreme Command.
5. It was agreed that the repair of prisons was primarily the responsibility of the Italian administration; and should be put in hand at once. The Minister would supply ACC with a list of the prisons to be repaired and ACC would arrange for the release of material as a matter of priority.
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6. It was agreed that the Minister would select a strong staff of experienced Prison officials to cope with the present emergency.
7. Inspectors would be appointed to visit and report on Prisons.
8. ACC will assist in securing transport if the Minister states his needs.
9. The Minister with the Legal Sub-Comm. will consider how far bail can be granted to prisoners awaiting trial.
10. The Minister is taking steps to provide more judges to speed up trials.
11. The Minister will consider enlarging the camps in Sicily and Sardinia and instituting camps on the mainland.
12. The Minister will supply ACC with a list of prisons in territory north of the fighting line in order that measures may be taken to prevent Allied troops from requisitioning.
13. Close contact would be maintained between the Minister and Public Safety Sub-Comm. ACC. would render every possible assistance.

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, P.S. Sub-Comm.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.

Minutes of Meeting Held in Palace of Justice, Salerno, at 1630 hours of 17 May 1944.

Present
H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.
Dott. DI VILLA, Director General of Prisons.
Major A.F. WILCOX, Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Major F.J. WILSON, "

1. The object of the meeting was to discuss progress made on the various points raised at the meeting on 19th May 1944.
2. It was established that travelling prison inspectors are to be appointed, suitable officials have been approached and their replies are awaited. The number suggested is 4, disposed as follows:
 - 1 Sicily
 - 1 Sardinia
 - 1 Peninsula.

3. The question of transport for these inspectors was raised by Dott. DI VILLA. It was then pointed out that the Italian authorities have powers to requisition civil transport.
4. The Minister asked whether the ACC Regional Prison Officers would accompany Italian inspectors on their visits to Prisons. The opinion was expressed that while ACC officers would be willing to accompany the Italian inspectors at any time, it was thought that the visits should generally be made by the Inspectors themselves.
5. On the subject of BALL, the Minister stated that a draft DECREE was being prepared. This would be considered with the Legal Sub-Commission. It was expected that persons awaiting trial for minor offences would be granted provisional liberty.
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8. The Minister pointed out that difficulty was being experienced in compiling the list of damaged prisons. The cause of delay was the time taken to assess the cost of repair. It was then asked that the list be prepared, but that particulars as to cost be submitted in respect of the more important prisons only. The information as to those prisons in Priority 2 and 3 to be supplied later.

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

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A.P. AS/ 5 /93

HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION
REGION 2

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Clearance of Italian Prisoners
from Brindisi Prison.

TO : - R.C. & M.O. Section
HQ. A.G.C. APO.394

The attached copy of memo No A/PS/129 of 15 May 1944
is forwarded for information.

Francis H. Coland

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.

Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Rcf. : F/ps/129

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Clearance of Italian Prisoners from Brindisi Prison.

TO : The Regional Commissioner.

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The evacuation had been ordered in early March, and had been carried out with the exception of a small part of the prison which it had been agreed should remain in Italian Civil hands for housing prisoners awaiting trial until a building could be found, requisitioned by the Italian authorities, and transformed into a prison. The matter was taken in hand from its inception by the Commander 71 Sub Area Brindisi. Delay was experienced by the attitude of the Italian local authorities who procrastinating as long as possible chose a site and work of transforming began. The Italian authorities then entered an objection and chose another site - a school known as Scuola Elementari delle Mottanelle which was occupied by Italian soldiers, Work of transforming is now proceeding.

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It has been arranged by the Provincial Commissioner Brindisi that newly arrested Italians will be held for the night by Carabinieri and transported to Lecce Prison pending completion of adapted prison. Time estimated for transforming of school one month. Cost 800 pounds.

14-15-44
H.W. ALDEN.
Captain,
Prison Section, 6171

Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Copy to Rear HQ.
Copy to R.F.O.

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SUBJECT:

isons.

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HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

OA/8/4

18 May 44.

TO: HQ Allied Control Commission. ✓
(Executive Commissioners Branch).

1. Reference your ACC/14217/PS of 14 Apr 44, enclosed is a return, in duplicate, of prisons in Eighth Army AMG Area.
2. The prison at BOIANO, Prov CAMPOBASSO has been completely destroyed and is not included in the return.
3. ORTONA is in the extreme forward area and the prison cannot yet be repaired.
4. Repairs to other prisons are in hand.
5. Certain accommodation in CAMPOBASSO prison is occupied by military as an operational necessity.

Edell
Major, SCAPO.,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

Copy to: Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

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PRISONS - CHIETI PROVINCE.

Place	Type of Prison (a)	Normal Capacity for men, women or minors.	Present number of inmates.	Number of guards employed.
Villa Santa Maria	Carcere Mandamentale	15 men 8 women	9	1
Ortona	Carcere Mandamentale	30 men 10 women	-	1
Lanciano	Carcere Giudiziaria	50 men 10 women	56	17
Casoli	Carcere Mandamentale	20 men 15 women	27	1
Vasto	Carcere Mandamentale	48 men 12 women Minors. Nil.	44 2	2
Ciampi	Carcere Mandamentale	13 men 3 women	9	1
Castiglione	Carcere Mandamentale	7 men 3 women	none	2 custodians
Ateessa	Carcere Mandamentale	20 men 10 women	19	1
Celenza sul Trigno	Carcere Mandamentale	10 men 6 women	1	1
Casalbordino	Carcere Mandamentale (Pretura Prison) for 5 Communes.	8 men 4 women Minors Nil.	5 - Minors Nil.	1 1

(a) Show whether GIUDIZIARIE (tribunal prisons) PENALI (Penal Establishments)
ISTITUTI DI RIEDUCAZIONE (Reeducation Institute for Juvenile Criminals)
MANDAMENTALI (Pretura prisons).

(b) Show under "Remarks"
requisitioned, or
accommodation if

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PRISONS - CHIETI PROVINCE.

Normal Capacity for men, women or minors.	Present number of inmates.	Number of guards employed.	Remarks (b)
15 men 8 women	9	1	
30 men 10 women	-	1	Badly damaged, no roof - other repairs needed - not available for civil prisoners. Address: Via Roma.
50 men 10 women	56	17	Badly damaged. Repairs being arranged.
20 men 15 women	27	1	No more accommodation available until repaired.
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13 men 3 women	9	1	
7 men 3 women	none	2 custodians	
20 men 10 women	19	1	
10 men 6 women	1	1	The prison has been damaged and is now under repair.
8 men 4 women Minors Nil.	5 - Minors Nil.	1 1	

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Institute for Juvenile Criminals)

(b) Show under "Remarks" column whether the prison had been
regquisitioned, occupied by troops, or damaged, and what
accommodation if any, remains available for civil prisoners.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017PRISONS - CAMPOBASSO PROVINCE.

PLACE	TYPE OF PRISON	NORMAL CAPACITY FOR MEN, WOMEN OR MINORS	PRESENT NUMBER OF INMATES	NUMBER OF GUARDS EMPLOYED
ISERNIA	GIUDIZIARIE	40 (4 cells)	20	10 (inc. woman guard if required)
AGNONE	MANDAMENTALI	24 (3 cells 1 juv. cell)	5	2
CAROVILLA	"	20 (2 cells)	1	2
FORLI DEL SANNIO	"	30 (3 cells)	6	2
CAPRIATI	"	30 (3 cells)	0	2
CANTALUPO	"	14 (3 cells)	7	1 male } 1 female }
CAPRACOTTA	"	12 (3 cells)	1	2 (man & wife)
CASTEL S. VINCENZO	"	18 (3 cells)	0	1 male } 1 female }
CASTROPIGNANO	"	34 (5 cells)	0	1 male
FROSOLONE	"	31 (6 cells)	10	1 male
VENAFRO	"	26 (4 cells)	11	1 male
CAMPOBASSO	GIUDIZIARIE with PENAL SECTION	494 men. including 102 women. minors. <u>596</u>	313 men. 32 women. <u>345</u>	1 Commandant. 39 Guards, male 3 " female <u>43</u>

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PRISONS - CAMPOBASSO PROVINCE.

1. CAPACITY FOR WOMEN OR MINORS	PRESENT NUMBER OF INMATES	NUMBER OF GUARDS EMPLOYED	REMARKS.
(4 cells)	20	10 (inc. woman guard if required)	Alteration being made to double capacity. Old prison destroyed.
(3 cells 1 juv. cell)	5	2	
(2 cells)	1	2	
(3 cells)	6	2	
(3 cells)	0	2	
(3 cells)	7	1 male } 1 female }	
(3 cells)	1	2 (man & wife)	
(3 cells)	0	1 male } 1 female }	
(5 cells)	0	1 male	
(6 cells)	10	1 male	
(4 cells)	11	1 male	
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/61/CA.

20 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, & VII
SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Overcrowding in civilian prisons throughout Liberated Italy has become acute.
2. The main causes of overcrowding are:
 - (a) Requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
 - (b) Use of prisons for detaining Italian Military prisoners.
 - (c) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.
 - (d) War damage to prisons.
3. Representations have been made by the Commission to the Allied and Italian Military authorities to release prison accommodation.
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5. The Minister of Justice has also been impressed with the necessity of having an adequate staff to deal with prison matters. He has also been advised to institute a system of inspectors to visit prisons.
6. Regional Commissioners are requested to inform this HQ as a matter of urgency what steps they have been able to take to rebuild or repair damaged prisons. Where it has not been possible to make arrangements locally, recommendations for rebuilding specific prisons should be forwarded to this HQ stating briefly the extent of the repairs and the relative priority. Arrangements will then be made by this HQ to secure priority of labour and materials.
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W. S. LUSH

M. S. LUSH, Esq.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Regions VIII & IX.
Economic Section
Admin Section (4)
Public Safety Sub-Comm.
Army Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMERCE COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/80/CA.

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Comm.

Reference is made to letter AAI/5065/1/A(PB) of 14 May 1944, addressed to this HQ copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission. Please let this HQ have your reply to para.3 in due course.

JSR

JSR/RAC.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: 4900

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Station - Civil Prisons

RE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

NAI/5065/1/A(PS)

14 MAY 44

Executive Commissioner,
HQ ACC. APO 394.

Reference Agenda of Conference on Prison Accommodation held at
Rear HQ ACC on 5 May 44.

1. A report has been received from 1 District that the Civil
Prison at AUSTRIA has now been evacuated.
2. Orders have been issued for the evacuation of TARANTO and VENEZIA
Civil Prisons, but as alternative accommodation has to be
prepared this cannot take place immediately.
3. The position of certain other Civil Prisons is being considered.
A complete list of such prisons and similar buildings now occupied
by the Army which you wish to recover is awaited.
4. Attention is drawn to para 4(b) of the minutes of the conference
held on 5 May. The opinion of Lt Col PHILLIPS on the question of
the removal of Italian Military from Civil Prisons and their housing
elsewhere was not asked for and this entry is therefore incomplete.
It is requested that those concerned with this question be informed
of this.

PS Sub. Comm

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JMF/PA

C. H. P. P.

Brigadier,
Rear.

Copy: Public Safety Sub Commission, HQ ACC, APO 394. ✓
Lt Col R R CRISP, Adm Sec, HQ ACC, APO 394.



Col Fiske & Lee

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HEADQUARTERS, PUBLIC SAFETY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI. 78

13 May 1944.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C., R.C. and M.G. Section.
FROM : Regional Commissioner.
SUBJECT : Alghero Prison.
REFERENCE: PS/1521. *file III/CA*

1. With reference to cablegram 10/1540B FABLE FOR CARR, copy of letter PS/1521 dated 28 April 1944 which was forwarded to your Headquarters is attached.

2. It is believed that the attached letter contains the information desired in the mentioned cablegram.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,

JEH:wld.

J. E. Hughes
J. E. HUGHES, Capt.,
RPSO, Region VI.

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Major S. White

No. comments

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Loel Chiff

I think letter as at
76 can go out unless
para 4 ought to
be made more definitive.
Suggest Comto be named

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS

15 May 44

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

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RC & MG Section.

It is requested that the attached letter re Overcrowding of Prisons may be circulated as shown thereon.

Left Baker

Any comments?
3/17/5



see 8/1
R. H. Cripps
R. H. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
RC & MC SECTION
APO 394

DRAFT

May 1944

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SCAO's 5th Army
8th Army

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Public Safety

Admin. Section (4)

Army Sub-Commission

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Ref: Vth + K.

M. S. LUSH, Brigadier
Executive Commission.

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Brindisi Prison

was cleared of
all Italian Civil
and Naval prisoners
Yesterday at 1100 hrs
we promised AAI
it would be done
by today.

J
15/5

A/S. Sc will repeat
Signal to AAI for
info.

Good.

W. Sc
6/6/5

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MEDX V MEGB ^MQVR2 ~~T~~ QVR1 QOX NR258/14

TO PUBLIC SAFETY SB COMMISSION REAR

A C C SALERNO

REPTD TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ACC AND HQ REGION 2 MATERA
FROM PC BRINDISI

BRINDISI PRISON CLEARED OF ALL ITALIAN CIVIL AND ~~NAVAL~~

NAVAL PRISONERS AT 1100 HRS 14MAY

TOO 1215

RPTN QVR2

MAKE ~~I~~ NSTRUCTIONS AS FOLLOWS PLEASE

~~M~~ QVR2 ~~T~~ QVR1

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~~ACC~~ SALERNO ~~ACC~~ AN 2 MATERA

~~PC~~ 1100 14 1215

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15 MAY 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/74/CA.

14 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Admin. Section.

1. Reference this HQ letter No. 317/70/CA of 9 May 1944 addressed to Economic Section copy to you, there is forwarded for your information copy letter from Economic Section to this Branch (ref ES/15 of 13 May 1944).

2. It is presumed Public Safety Sub-Commission will be obtaining the lists and locations of prisons for repair and reconstruction, and that no further action is required from this Branch at present.

Major J. S. Reakes

NORMAN E. FIERKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JBT/lab

ES/15

13 May 44

SUBJECT: Prison Accomodations

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch)

1. Reference to letter 317/70 CA, dated 9 May 44.
2. An officer from the Public Safety Sub-Commission, (Major Wilcox) called on the Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission on 9 May to discuss the matter of Prison Accomodations. He was informed that Public Works Sub-Commission was in a position to assist and the first step is to send them lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accomodation, with priorities (in order 1, 2, and 3), and with particulars of the additional numbers of prisoners to be provided for at each place.
3. As regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry of the Italian Government should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I, II, VI and VII.
4. In AMG Regions the cost of such repairs should be included in the appropriate budget. Such expenditures will be approved by Regional Finance Officers.


D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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PATMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

13 May 1944

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ROUTINE

AAI

71 PERSONAL FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON FROM BRIG LASH PD PASSE TO AAI FROM ACC MAIN PAREN
YOUR CHARLES AME ODOE ONE EIGHT THREE OF NINE MAY REFERS PD AN OFFICER FROM THE
HEADQUARTERS IS NOW AT BRINDISI AND REPORTS PRISON WILL REPEAT WILL BE CLEARED BY
ONE FIVE MAY AT LATEST PD MUCH REGRET DELAY

copy

CONFIDENTIAL

Lt. J. J. J. Jr.
Lieut. and.
Adjutant.

PA

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LT. COL. SHIFF.

12.5.1944

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1. Public Safety on 11 May sent down to Brindisi a Maj. Wilson with orders to clear Brindisi Prison at all costs. It is expected that the prison will be cleared within the next three days. Tuteurano is not suitable for civilian prisoners but Italian Military Prisoners will be sent there.

2. Maj. Wilson will comb out those civilian prisoners who are on minor charges, and they will probably be released at once. If absolutely unavoidable he will release all prisoners, but this will probably not be necessary. It may mean packing of other prisons. In any event Brindisi will be cleared.

Thank you
Win Gen R Ex Comm.
M/S.
Prison.

J. STEWART REAKES
Major.

This is the latest position on Brindisi

Win personal to Gen R.
hope prison. El.

U 12/5.

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10 MAY Recd

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FLBAT

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N 81/0911

ADJUT V LHM NR 2476 "P"

FROM AAI 0917453

ACTION FATIMA

QTY GR---

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CONFIDENTIAL (.)

PERSONAL FOR BRIG LUSN FROM GENERAL ROBERTSON (.)

GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD USE YOUR PERSONAL INFLUENCE TO SPEED UP TRANSFER

OF CIVIL PRISON BRINDISI FOR MILITARY PURPOSES (.) LATEST REPORTS FROM

BRINDISATE PRISON NOT AVAILABLE FOR THREE WEEKS (.) WE ARE IN

CRITICAL POSITION FOR ACCOMMODATION OF MILITARY PRISONERS AND ~~WILL~~

CANNOT WAIT THREE WEEKS

TMI 17105

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See Supply 1200
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Message has been forward
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10 MAY 1951
A. C. C.

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ALLIED CONTINGENT COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/317/74/DA.

9 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Economic Section - For Public Works & Finance Sub-Commissions.

1. A meeting was held on Friday, 5th May 1944, at Salerno to discuss prison accommodation. At present, owing to a number of reasons, prisons are accommodating a larger number than they were originally built for and this question will become more serious as time goes on.
2. At the meeting it was decided to issue orders to Regional Commissioners that repairs of prisons be given high priority. By this means it would be possible to increase accommodation for prisoners and to some extent alleviate the situation.
3. Before sending out such instructions to Regions the comments of various Sub-Commissions interested are requested, please.

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yell

Norman E. Field Maj

NORMAN E. FIELD,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Section (2)

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SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

9 May 1944. 69

TO: Executive Commissioner.

Folio 66 is the report on meeting held at Salerno on Friday, 5th May 44 on the above subject.

Item 4, Repair of Prisons, requires action by this HQ. In this connection Economic Section have been written to for comments, by the various Sub-Commissions interested, before instructions are issued to R.Cs.

Thank you

HS 9/5

J. S. Reakes Maj.

J.S. REAKES,
Major.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/68/CA.

9 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Major Friend James,
A.C.C. Liaison, HQ.A.A.I.

Will you please hand the attached copy of minutes of meeting etc held at SALEMND on Friday, 5th May 1944, to Lt.Col. Philips who attended on behalf of A.A.I.

MERRAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Heard

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

7 May 1944
Date

Suspense _____

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
☒ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
Economic Section	
Reg. Control & M.G. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub-Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Public Health Sub-Commission	
Property Control Sub-Comm.	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Monuments, Film Arts & Archives	
Navy Sub-Commission	
Land Forces Sub-Commission	
AIR	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Depoart S.C.	
PRO	
Liaison Section	
Finance Sub-Commission	
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HQ. Commandant	
Sub-Commission	
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ☒	

HEADQUARTERS
- 8 MAY 1944
A.C.G.

FOR:

Signature _____
Remarks/Recommendation _____

Reg. Control & Administration
 Political Section
 Interior Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 Property Control Sub-Comm.
 Legal Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives
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 Land Forces Sub-Commission
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 PRO
 Liaison Section
 Finance Sub-Commission
 G-1
 G-4
 Adjutant General
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 Personnel
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 HQ. Commandant
 Sub-Commission
 EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ✓

HEADQUARTERS
 - 8 MAR 1944
 A.C.C.

FOR: Signature
 Remarks/Recommendation
 Information only ✓
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 Approval to Action
 Investigation & Report
 Disputes
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REMARKS:

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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6 May 44.

Action Points : reference meeting on Prison Accommodation held at
Rear HQ ACC, APO 394 at 14.30 hrs 5 May 44.

Proposals for immediate improvement of prison accommodation situation.

1 Removal of Allied Troops from Italian Civil Prisons.

ACTION (by Adm Sec)

- a Press AAI to remove their troops from prisons and house them instead in camps in so far as is possible - emphasizing that short sentence personnel particularly, should serve in camps.
- b Contact should be made with U.S. Army to facilitate above.

2 Removal of Italian Military from Civil Prisons.

ACTION (by Army Sub Commn)

- a Take steps with Italian Government to remove Italian military prisoners from civilian jails and prisons and place them in camps. (Prison or penal battalions).

Clearance of Prisons used for other purposes.

ACTION (by Adm Sec and RS Sub Commn)

- a Make representations to R.N. (through Naval Sub Commn) for clearance of these prisons - AUGUSTO Prison in particular and any others that may be in this category.

4 Repair of Damaged Prisons.

ACTION (by RC & MI Section)

- a Note will be sent to Regional Commissioners and orders issued by RC & MI that jail repairs will be given high priority. This will be cleared first with Works and Finance Sub Commns.

5 Hastening of Trials.

ACTION (by Legal)

- a Legal will take steps to investigate with Minister of Justice possibility of forming courts of non-professional judges for critical areas as a temporary emergency measure. (will make representations to Ministry of Justice on same) Will submit representations for the over all problem.

6 Forming of Labour Battalions.

ACTION (by RS Sub Commn)

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ACTION (by PS Sub Comen)
Colonel Young was instructed to contact Lt Col Poletti and try this plan out in Region III. (Persons with a three months sentence or less will be attached to Labour Battalions, will be fed, but not paid and will thus work out their sentences. *6251*)
- 7 Possibility of using MONTEBARCHIO Prison.
ACTION (by PS Sub Comen)
Matter to be taken up with AAI with a view to using as a military prison.
- 8 General Conclusion.
ACTION
a Col Young must take from the meeting specific recommendations and contact proper Italian authorities.
b Future meeting will be held.
c A meeting with proper Italian authority will be held.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

6 May 44.

Minutes of Meeting on Prison Accommodation held at Rear HQ ACC - 14.30 hrs 5 May 44.

Present: Brigadier Lush (Executive Commissioner)
Lord Stansgate (VP Adm Section)
Colonel A.E. Young (Public Safety)
Lt Col R.R. Cripps (Adm Section)
Lt Col J.L. Philipp (AAI)
Lt Col G.W. Quin Smith (Army)
Lt Col R.G.B. Spicer (Interior)
Major R.A. Parnell (Adm Sec)
Major A.B. Thackrah (Legal)
Major J.S. Rakes (RC & MG)
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b. PRISONS REQUISITIONED

In ACC territory.

REGION	LOCATION	CAPACITY	REMARKS
I	AUGUSTO	400	Occupied by HM (Needs repair)
I	ACIRGALE	125	Occupied by British Army
II	TARANTO	85	Occupied by Br & Polish Armies.
		<u>610</u>	

In AMG territory.

REGION 3: BENEVENTO	50	Requisitioned.
POGGIOREALE	400	Court Martial & Holding Centre
S. EFRAMO	200	F.P.C.
S. Maria & Capua	50	American M.P.
Vetere	100	British Detention Camp
PORTICI	350	British
NISIDA	100	Unknown
SAN SEVERO	<u>100</u>	
	1,250	

TOTAL ACC & AMG TERRITORY : 1,860.

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2 DAMAGED AND UNUSED PRISONS

REGION	LOCATION	POSSIBLE CAPACITY
I	CALTANISSETTA	126
VII	PALMI	115
I	FAVIGNANA	550
	(Closed as unsanitary 150 places damaged)	
III	NAPLES	300
	COLOMBIA	700
	(Repairs in progress to make 300 place available by June & remainder in 4 months)	1,691

3 SUMMARY BY COL YOUNG

- i Civilian accommodation for Italian military prisoners should be forbidden.
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 - b Brig Lush asked if it was not providential that prison buildings existed at all. He suggested that the military must have made plans which provided for premises exclusive of jail and building use.
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 - i We must take steps with AAI to see if they will remove their troops from prisons and house them in camps (those with short sentences of under 1 year).
 - ii We must communicate with U.S. Army to see if they can assist.

- 4 Lord Stansgate then offered the second proposal - Removal of Italian military from Italian Civil Prisons.
 - a Lt Col Quin Smith suggested the construction of large camps on an island.
 - b Lt Col Philipp did not concur. *See table 79 para 4.*
 - c The LIPARISLANDS were next suggested. However, Col Young stated that two (2) penal battalions were being formed this month the details of which will be available later.
 - d Lord Stansgate stated that there were hundreds of the Italian military in Sardinian jails.
 - e Major Thachraeh stated that the Legal Sub Comm have been trying to push trials over to military courts with no noticeable effect as yet.
 - f Brig Lush agreed that the utmost should be done to clear out the Italians from the jails. *stated*
 - g Lord Stansgate/that we must exploit -
 - i The use of prison camps
 - ii Take steps with the Italian Government to facilitate above/5

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5 The next proposal - clearance of prisons used for other purposes - was presented by Lord Stanegate. This was agreed to in principle but will require further representations to AAI, with a list of prisons so used and in what manner.

6 Lord Stanegate then offered for discussion the fourth proposal, Repair of damaged prisons -

a Col Young will make an additional report on progress.

b Col Young's first figures were discussed

c Lord Stanegate summarised by stating that -

1 Jail repairs will take a high priority.

II Note will be sent to RCF, orders will be issued by HC & MG Section and X will be cleared with Works and Finance Sub Commissions.

7 The Fifth proposal - Hastening of trials was discussed -

a Major Thackrah stated that Legal is working very hard on this. Requires close co-operation between MPs and CCR initially - and they should patrol together which will increase speed of handling prisoners. He also stated that lack of transport hinders rapid trials.

b Col Young stated that those awaiting trial outnumbered those tried and something must be done about it.

c Major Thackrah stated that particularly in Sardinia we are short of legal officers. The Italians are aware of this but the difficulty is finding officials who will go to Sardinia. He added that courts must sit longer.

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Col Young agreed, stating that it is in fact an Italian Military Prison Bldg, added that it is being repaired for use by military prisoners.

Lord Stansgate remarked that this is a matter which must be taken up with AAI also.

Lord Stansgate closed the conference by stating that -

Col Young must take from this meeting specific recommendations and contact the proper Italian persons concerned.

That a future meeting will be held.

That a meeting with the proper Italian authority should be held.

Meeting adjourned at 16.30hrs.

R.A. Russell
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Major Infantry,
Acting Secretary.

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APPENDIX TO - Minutes of meeting on Prison Accommodation held at Rear Headquarters
AOO -14.30 hrs 5 May 44.

Reference para 7. (MS)

Reference Hastening of Trials, the following is an excerpt from Minutes of Meeting with the Ministry of Pardon and Justice held on 3 May 44.

" After an extensive discussion it is agreed that the following steps shall be taken :

- a The Ministry will submit to the Legal Sub Commission a list of judicial personnel held as PWs with as many particulars as to their present location etc as is possible. The list will also include avvocati and procuratori who served with military courts at the time of their capture. Their re-pratriation will facilitate the release of civil judges at present serving on military courts for military service. The Minister will apply any possible pressure upon the Ministry of War to give priority to this personnel on their lists of PWs proposed for release.
- b 11 Or 12 uditori of Cagliari will be granted judicial powers by decrees which will be signed next Monday. A list of these officials will be communicated to this Sub Commission which will advise the Sardinian authorities by wire.
- c The Ministry shall by tomorrow communicate to the Legal Sub Commission four names of judges serving at Naples who will be prompted and sent by air to Sardinia.
- d The Ministry shall propose four names of uditori who will be given judicial status and take place of the four judges mentioned above under c
- e The Ministry will issue a Circular to Primo Presidente of Cagliari authorising him to appoint avvocati and procuratori legali to judicial offices as a temporary measure."

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/62/CA

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Prisons.

TO : R.C.'s, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
S.C.A.O.'s, 5th & 8th Armies.

1. The situation regarding prisons for both military and civilian offenders has become critical, and higher military authority has indicated willingness, in general, to refrain from requisitioning any further buildings which have served as penal institutions.

2. On first indication of intention on the part of any military formation to requisition a prison building, Regional Commissioners should register their objections in an appropriate manner to the military formation involved, and make prompt report to this Headquarters of the circumstances.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

R.C.'s Regions VIII and IX.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/317/51/OA.

6 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation - Islands of LIPARI and VESTIA.

TO : R.C. Region I.

1. Owing to present prison congestion on the mainland it is now necessary to consider whether those camps which were used to house political prisoners in the past, could be converted to house ordinary civilian prisoners.

2. There was one camp at LIPARI Island and probably another at VESTIA Island but little is known about the latter.

3. Before any decision is made more information is required about these two Islands. The information should cover the following points :

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|---------------------------|---|
| (a) Accommodation. | Present state of preservation of buildings and whether they are timber, stone or brick built. |
| (b) Capacity. | Approximate capacity. |
| (c) Water Supply. | State of water supply, drainage and sanitation. |
| (d) Cooking and Lighting. | What cooking facilities are available and if there is any lighting. |
| (e) Guards. | What buildings are available to house guards and approximate capacity. |
| (f) Ferry. | Whether there is any ferry service and if none, whether any boat available for the purpose. |
| (g) Navy. | Any views which may be expressed by the Royal Navy, before the matter is considered further. |

4. As the matter is of extreme urgency it will be obliging if you can let this Headquarters have a report on the lines indicated at your earliest convenience.

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NORMAN E. FISCH,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Sec.(2) - For Legal and P.S. Sub-Comm.

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Notes on meeting held at Salerno on Friday
5th May 44.

Subject. Prison Accommodation.

Present. Chairman. Lord Stansgate.
Brig. Lush.
AAI rep. Col Philip.
Col Young Pub. Safety.
Col Cripps. Legal.
Maj. Reakes. C.A.
Col Spicer Inter. S.C.

The Agenda was run through quickly.

Col Young gave a resume of the present position
See folio 52 - 56. This document shows the present
extent of overcrowding.

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The AAI turned down the suggestion that islands
in the Adriatic be used as prisons.

The question of Benevento - Taranto was raised
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Brig Lush spoke and suggested that the camp at TUTERANNO might be used as a temporary measure for four weeks to house the civil prisoners at Brindisi and thus let the military have full occupation of Brindisi Prison.

In this connection I have already been in contact with Displaced Persons. They state that there is no wire - no tents and that the camp is in the 'wide open spaces'. I have informed Legal but am waiting for a fuller report from Displaced persons. 4/4

Brig Lush also asked me to make enquiries about the prisons or internment camps on the islands of Pipari and Ustica. I have written to Region I for more information.

Walter R. Lush

6.5.44

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OF ONE NINE APRIL 1944

L.V. MONTANE, JR.
2nd Lt. AGC.
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2	Taranto	85	Occupied by British & Poles.
	Total	610	

In AMB Territory

3	Benevento	50	Requisitioned
3	Poggioreale	400	20th Courts-martial & Holding Centre.
3	S. Eframo	200	F.P.C.
3	S. Maria & Capua Vetere	50	American M.P.
3	Portici	100	British Detention Camp
3	Nisida	350	British
5	San Severo	100	unknown.
	Total	1250	

Total AOC & AMB Territories 1860

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III

DAMAGED AND UNUSABLE PRISONS

<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Possible Capacity of Inmates</u>
1	Caltanissetta	126
7	Palmi	115
1	Favignana (150 places damaged, prison closed as unsanitary)	550
3	Naples	400
1	Colombina (repairs in progress to make 300 places available by 1st of June and remainder in 4 months)	700
		<u>1891</u>

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PRISONS

Total present accommodation at disposition of AMJ and Minister of Justice	17,470
Total present population	<u>19,933</u>
Excess	2,463

Accommodation taken by Italian Military Prisoners	1,784
Accommodation taken by Allied Military Prisoners and for other purposes	1,860
Extent of war damage and disrepair	<u>1,891</u>
Total Possible Recovery Available	5,535

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S U M M A R Y

Present position of lack of civilian prison accommodation is rapidly approaching a crisis which unless checked will seriously impair the work of ACC, and may even circumvent the administration of justice.

I believe there are four main and contributory causes:

- (1) Use of civilian accommodation for Italian Military prisoners. This should be absolutely forbidden.
- (2) Use of Italian prisons for Allied Military prisoners and for billeting and storage purposes. The first use should be reduced to the minimum and the second forbidden.
- (3) War damage to and disrepair of Italian prisons. These should be surveyed without delay and where practical the work put in hand as soon as possible.
- (4) The failure on the part of the Italian prison administration to grasp the problem and to energetically pursue a definite plan to put it right. The Inspectorate at liaison between the prison directors and Ministry of Justice. Records poor and incomplete. Overcrowding no new problem to the Italians. Tendency to apathy. Transport needed to transfer from overcrowded areas to less congested ones. ACC to indicate a plan and to assist them to follow it. Recruiting and training staff. Provision of equipment.

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Ys Executive Comd

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Ref Signal (folio 50) I managed to get through to Region 2 and over a very bad line gathered that the civilian prisoners were still in the Prison. The Area Commander had called a conference at which the Prefect was present among others. The Prefect was told that he must find alternative accommodation within four days. No firm date could be given for evacuation and it was not anticipated that the Prison would be clear in four days. I have sent Signal off to Region 2 and below suggest reply to HQ AAI. I would rather wait till I hear from Region 2 whom I have asked to reply by signal. *Today*

Clear May
3.5.44
C 4 Branch

Proposed Signal

To Filipot.

Your signal *2.2.36* ~~sent~~ *sent. by the 2nd LAC*

Conference held by Area Commander with Prefect who has been instructed to clear prison within four days. Alternative accommodation hard to find. Unable to give firm date for evacuation.

C 4 Branch

The Executive Commission

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Stewart May
3.5.44
C. A. Branch

Proposed Signal

To Filpot.

Your signal ~~20/36~~ ^{20/36} ~~sent~~ ^{by the 2nd LCR}

Conference held by Area Commander with Prefect who has been instructed to clear prison within four days. Alternative accommodation hard to find. Unable to give firm date for evacuation.

C. A. Branch

The Executive Commissioner
has spoken to the migration Prefect. Since

it was agreed to send a signal. 20/36
not sent
4/5/44

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FROM FILPOT 021410B

TO FATIMA (CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH)

INFO DISTWO

GR--- BT

A 0136 . RESTRICTED . PERSONAL FOR LUSH FROM PATON .
YOUR 24// 3501 OF 19 . CIVILIAN VZ CIVILIAN PRISONERS ARE STILL
IN BRINDISI PRISON . ESSENTIAL REMOVED AT ONCE AS ACCOMIDATION
URGENTLY REQUIRED . PLEASE SIGNAL ACTION TAKEN AND FIRM DATE FOR
EVACUATION.

BT

SENT NR 2744 . 1502 CESR AR K
RECD NR 271// 2744 1502 AAA BBB

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5/5/44 1330

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

URGENT

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Ref/317/49/OA.

2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Major Friend James,
A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

1. A meeting has been convened for Friday, 5 May 1944, at 1430 hrs to discuss the question of prison accommodation.

2. It is desired that a representative from "A" Branch A.A.I. should attend and a copy of the Agenda is forwarded for use of "A" Branch A.A.I. Would you please ascertain if a representative from A.A.I. will attend the conference and advise this HQ accordingly.


NORMAN E. FITCH
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Sec - Ref your ACC/14215/PS of 1 May 44.

*Phone Major 78
as well. Done 16/5/44*

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Col Shipp.

Folio 47. The Ex. Com: will desire to speak re. this. He has a copy of the Agenda. Someone will require to attend the meeting. I should like to go & meet some of the officers with whom I am dealing.

Folio 44. This letter is dated 24 Mar. & is an explanation of why the prison at Bimidi is has not been cleared. (See Folio 10 para 2).

Folio 44
Para 4. With regard to the request to allow prisoners to be sent to San Domingo, I can find no info. in the file as to when the ban was imposed. I presume the ban still exists & that permission cannot be granted. The matter could be raised at the conference if necessary. I have written Maj. Fred James to arrange for a representative of the guards attending the conf.

Jpk. 2/5/44.

I spoke to Commodore Palmer re. Folio 44. He advised me that that letter was dead & that he understood the authorities had got Bimidi prison now. (not so)

Jpk. 2/5/44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

1 May 44.

ACC/14215/PS.

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : RC & MS Sec.

1 Attached is a notice convening a meeting to consider this matter on Friday, 5 May 44. It is requested that a representative of the RC & MS Section attend if at all possible.

2 Re para 2(b), it will be appreciated if you will invite a representative of "A" Branch AAI to attend this meeting. A second copy of the letter is attached for information of AAI HQ.

HEALC

- 1 MAY 1944

A. C. C

see com.

See 49

R.R. CRIPPS.
Lt. Colonel.
CSO Admin Section.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS.

1 May 44.

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : RC & MG Sec, PS, Legal, Interior & Army Sub Comen.

- 1 A meeting to consider this matter further will be held in Room 75 at 14.30 hrs on Friday, 5 May 44.

- 2 Attendance (a) The following will attend -

VP Adm Sec (Chairman)

Representatives of:- RC & MG Sec and the following Sub Comens.

Legal
Public Safety
Interior
Army Sub Comen

(b) A representative of "A" Branch AAI is being invited to attend.

3 AGENDA

(a) Explanation of present situation by Deputy Chief Public Safety.

(b) Proposals for immediate improvement.

(i) Removal of Allied Troops from Italian Civil Prisons.

(ii) " " Italian Military " " " "

(iii) Clearance of prisons used for other purposes. AUGUSTO in particular, (used as a warehouse by Naval Authorities).

Separation of prisoners from
(iv) Repair of damaged prisons.

(v) Hastening of trials.

(vi) Forming of Labour Battalions.

(vii) Possibility of using MONTESARCHIO Prison.

VF Adm Sec (Chairman)

Representatives of:- FC & MD Sec and the following Sub Comms.

Legal
Public Safety
Interior
Army Sub Coman

(b) A representative of 'A' Branch AAI is being invited to attend.

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(v) Hastening of trials.

(vi) Forming of Labour Battalions.

(vii) Possibility of using MONTESARCHIO Prison.

(c) Proposals for future.

(i) No further requisitioning of prison buildings.

(ii) To consider the possibility of reducing the number of suspects and persons committed without specific charges by FMS, CIO, and Port Police.

(d) Selection of representatives to meet representatives of the Italian Govt.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner.

: Naval Sub Coman (for comment on 3(b) (iii).

STANISLATE.
VF Adm Sec.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION

C.A. Br
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No. X.174/44.

27th April 1944.

To.- R.C. & M.G. SECTION, A.C.C.

Subject. CIVIL PRISON AT BRINDISI.

Reference your letter, 317/11/CA of the 27th March
addressed to R.C. Region 2.

Enclosed is a copy of letter from Ministry of
Marine (Cabinet) to F.O.L.I. dated 24th March referring to
this matter.



to [unclear]
COMMODORE.

ENCL.1 *Can [unclear] 30th
Naval [unclear] 30th*

*Long [unclear]
Cap. [unclear]
Naples [unclear]
6:25 [unclear]*

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SECRET

From: Ministry of Marine, Cabinet.
Date: 24th March 1944, No. 10401/3
To : F.O.L.I.

MILITARY PRISONS

1. In your letter T.A. 1112/18 dated 11th March 1944, you asked that the 100 Naval Ratings detained at the Civil Prison of Brindisi, be transferred elsewhere as you have to use the building for your own needs.
2. Your request has been given due consideration and with it, the situation of the Royal Italian Naval prisons has been examined with the conclusion that the prison accommodation for Royal Italian Naval personnel is not sufficient to meet the requirements. To remedy this deficiency, the Italian Navy had begun to prepare prison camps on the Tremiti Is., (San Domino) and at Spinazzola. But, the Allied Control Commission has forbidden the transfer of detained persons to San Domino, while the other camp at Spinazzola has been requisitioned.
3. In addition to this, Captain H. W. ALDEN, Prisons Superintendent, A.C.C. Region II Matera, recently asked the Military Maritime Command of Brindisi to transfer elsewhere 107 sailors under detention in the prisons of Lecce.
4. In view of the absolute lack of other suitable places, and as it not possible to free the servicemen detained in the prisons of Brindisi and Lecce awaiting trial for serious crimes, it is requested that you may re-consider the possibility of sending prisoners to San Domino, which would be particularly suitable as a prison camp. Only in this manner would it be possible to adhere to your request and to leave at your complete disposal the prisons of Brindisi and Lecce.

for THE MINISTER
SANSONETTI.

J.A.R.B.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/517/43/CA.

20 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Prisons.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. As I promised at our meeting last week I had a long discussion with Major-General Robertson, A.A.I., on the question of Prison Accommodation. I emphasised the very pressing need for the release of Brindisi and Taranto Prisons for civilian prisoners and the desirability in future of leaving civil prisons intact.
2. The C.A.O. Fully sympathised with our requirements and the necessity for preserving civilian jails from requisitioning in the future, but he felt compelled to insist on the retention of Brindisi jail as the only suitable prison for hardened military offenders. After much discussion I was bound to agree with him that in this case civilian requirements must give way to military interests and that we, and not the military authorities, must find an alternative. As in so many cases this is our function.
3. Major-General Robertson appreciated the position in Taranto and gave orders that alternative accommodation for military offenders should be found. I mentioned the possibility of filling Caltanissetta jail and so releasing space elsewhere.
4. Finally I promised that the Prison Officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission should visit Brigadier Paton at A.A.I. and consult with him as to the short term and long term policy regarding prisons. I suggest that he should go armed with figures.
5. After confirming the above with Col. Young by telephone I sent the attached telegram to Region II.

✓
M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FATMA 3501

FATMA (CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH)

19 APRIL 1944

SECRET

VALOUR 165 - LHM

PRIORITY

DISTWO

AFTER FULLEST DISCUSSIONS ON HIGHEST LEVEL DECIDED BRINDISI PRISON WILL REPEAT WILL
BE CLEARED FOR MILITARY AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY PD PAREN DISTWO FOR REGION TWO PD PAREN
ARRANGE THIS WITH PREFECT

see 4/1/40

Copy to:- H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm Sec) for EATON
P.S. Sub-Com.

L.T. ROBERT
2/LT AGO
ADJUTANT

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CAB

We had better take up the whole
thing ab initio. Do letter to Pata
explaining that we had been told Pata had
wanted a official letter advice for deregulation

Bring back
discussing with
Confidential File

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M/17/4/44.

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W. H. H. H.

MSG V LAMV NR 253 npr

FROM FLAMBO 120940B

TO FATINA

CRY GR 33 BT

A 29725

RESTRICTED-(.) FOR LUSH FROM PATON (.) YOUR 2839 OF 31 MAR (.)

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN ITALIANS STILL IN BRINDISI PRISON (.)

ESSENTIAL REMOVED AT ONCE TO MAKE ROOM MILITARY PRISONERS

BT120940B 7777

SENT 121115 MRS AR X

RECD 077 121113 B ABA AR

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not replied K in view of cont
mentioned in para 1 of 43.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14210/TS

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on requisitioning of
Civilian Prisons and overcrowding,
Region II.

TO : Executive Commissioner ✓

ATTENTION: Col. SHIPP

1. Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC, reports as follows:-

There are only two prisons in Region II requisitioned
by Allied Forces: Brindisi, requisitioned completely,
and Taranto, where 140 places of a total of 270 are
requisitioned.

2. The requisitioning of Taranto results in an overcrowding
of Italian Prisoners to about double capacity. The prison
at Bari has a capacity of 700, and currently houses 1400.
If both Brindisi and Taranto were de-requisitioned normal
prison capacity would still be taxed to the uttermost.

3. It is therefore requested that immediate steps be taken
for the return of Taranto and Brindisi to exclusive civilian
occupancy.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

HY/hgd

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FATIMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

April 10, 1944

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Vapor 165 - ~~Shipp~~
~~Shipp~~

PRIORITY

DISTWO

RECAPTURE TELEPHONE TODAY REQUESTING DECISION ON RECENTLY PRISON PD PARRIS TO DISTRICT
FOR ACC REGION TWO FOR FIVE FROM FATIMA PARRIS WILL YOU DISCUSS WITH HIM AND GEORGE
OSBOR CHARLES RECENT TWO DISTRICT PD PRISON ALSO ANXIOUS ABOUT MURKIN VASO ON
WHICH YOU HAVE NOTES

B/W
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L.T. MONTAG, Jr.
2/Lt. and
ADJUTANT.

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Let us begin by March 2nd 1975 - 11/13/75
Dinner at home.

20 (X)

Mr. Warden At Home Mrs. Lillian

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Wrote letter to Col Fisher asking him to discuss
with McCaffrey + Dist 2

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8 APR 1944

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C.A. BL. 36
J. 1532

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/P3

7 Apr 44

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation in Apulia.

TO : Executive Commissioner. —

1 I convened a small committee this afternoon to consider the extremely urgent and very serious problem of the shortage of prison accommodation which has arisen in Apulia. Representatives from the following Sub Commissions were present:

Public Safety
Army
Legal
Interior and
Public Safety, Region II.

2 The urgency of the position was much stressed and it was suggested that a committee be formed of the above Sub Commissions and a representative from R. AAI to meet their opposite numbers in the Italian Government, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and the Comando Supremo with a view to deciding on the best arrangements to be made to alleviate the shortage. Probably after their first meeting the committee would be reduced to one or at most two members on either side.

3 If you see no objection I propose to give effect to this forthwith; would you like to be represented on this committee?

4 The meeting this afternoon also considered that:

- (a) Perquisitioning by AAI would help but not solve the problem.
- (b) The use of the existing Displaced Persons Camp at Tuteranno would go a long way towards solving the problem. You have been good enough to promise to ring up Col. Kirkwood to see if it can be made available.
- (c) The Italian Army could do much to help by moving their detainees out of existing civil prisons into Tuteranno if available and into stockade camps. It was reported that the Comando Supremo had already given some orders to implement this policy.

[Signature]
STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

Brace approved by Capt. Stansgate and
not available again

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PATMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

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L. E. Montant, Jr.
2nd Lt. ASD
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/LA/CA.

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Prison at Brindisi.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section (for Public Safety Sub-Commission)

1. Enclosed herewith are copies of letter No. A/PS/73 of 28 March received from R.C. of Region II, and also copy of enclosure.

2. Will you please take appropriate action in this matter.

Jeff
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Capt Poyton

*the view of 27 lines and
has come up to me*

PI spl. JH

See also 19

7/4

Ring Col Young?

*I want to know what
happening to Br. Prison.*

JH

B/H

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. and M.G. Section
APO 394

3 April 1944.

Ref/317/CA.

SUBJECT:- Prisons in Region II.

To:- V.P. Admin Section (for Legal Sub-Commission).

Reference your letter ACC/4041/L of 30 March.

The matter referred to in your letter has been called to the attention of R.C. of Region II, a copy of our letter being enclosed.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

3 April 1944.

Ref/317/CA

SUBJECT: Communications between A.C.C. personnel and
Italian Officials.

TO : R.C. Region II

1. Your letter of 27 February addressed and sent direct to the Italian Minister of Justice has been brought to our attention. The letter was written in the Italian language.
2. Your attention is invited to the fact, that all communications from A.C.C. Officials should be written in English. In this particular instance, as the matter concerned the Public Safety Sub-Commission, the letter should have gone through that Sub-Commission.
3. In the future will you please see that all such communications are handled in the proper manner.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copies to: V.P. Admin. Section for
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

Ref. A / RS/73.

26 Mar 44

Subj. Civil Prison at Brindisi.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. Reference your 317/10/CA which was received at this HQ on the evening of 26 Mar.
2. I requested Col. Dale-Glossop to inform you of the deplorable, overcrowded conditions in the Apulian prisons, including Brindisi, when he reached Naples on 27 Mar. I also requested him to ask that further instructions be sent, after he had submitted these facts to you. The Regional Legal Officer is so much concerned about prison conditions from the standpoint of the prosecution of criminals that he has submitted recommendations to the Chief Legal Officer that all prisons should be de-requisitioned at once. On Mar 27 we also received the attached letter from the G.O.C., No.2 Dist. which indicates his willingness to de-requisition all prisons which can be released.
3. In the light of the actual conditions and the position of the G.O.C., No.2 District, it is respectfully requested that you inform us of your desires in this matter.
4. In case Col. Dale-Glossop was not able to make contact with you, I am attaching a copy of Captain Alden's report on the prison situation in Apulia.

su 34

G. H. McCaffrey
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

6:15

GHM/pjh

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Imprisonment of Italian Criminals

HQ No 2 District, CMP
146 A

26 Mar 44

The Regional Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Region II

Reference your 2201/59/1 of 20 Mar 44.

1. Since the visit of R.L.O. 2 region enquiries have been made from "Q" at this HQ and the following information obtained.
 - (a) AFHQ Adv Adm Ech in their 30/7/2 of 28 Jan 44 stressed the difficulties of the Italian Prison Administration in housing convicted offenders owing to the requisitioning of prisons by the Allied Forces and requested all concerned to vacate any then occupied which could be released.
 - (b) Instructions were sent on 3 Feb 44 to all Areas and Sub Areas to implement the above policy.
 - (c) A return of all requisitioned prisons has been called for and the information will be available on 28 Mar 44.
2. The number of prisons requisitioned in this district is known to be very small but on receipt of the full facts each case will be reconsidered and we will submit our views to you in due course.

(Sgd) Major-General
Comd No 2 District

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(Sgd) Major-General
Comd No 2 District

Copy to:- Q (2)

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

24 Mar 44

Ref : A/PS/63.

Subject : Prison Situation in Puglia (especially in regard to
BRINDISI, TARANTO, & LECCE)

To : Regional Police Officer, Region II.

1. The situation is such that in my opinion immediate representation should be made to highest authority for further instructions.

Recent visit to these three Prisons show that the overcrowding has reached its limits.

2. BRINDISI. The requisitioning of the Prison of Brindisi has created a situation where the slowness of Italian law and the daily arrests made have crowded the small part of the prison remaining to the Italian Civil authorities (for the purpose of accommodating the prisoners awaiting trial) beyond reasonable calculation.

Population is	Men	Women
Capacity	127	25
	80	20

Within a few days it may be impossible to accommodate further numbers. I have given instructions for the immediate removal of the sentenced prisoners to other prisons, but this will not solve the problem for the future. It must be borne in mind that Civil troubles may at any time break out and there would be no accommodation for those arrested.

I ask, in view of the civil outlook for the de-requisitioning of this prison or at least a greater part than is (temporarily) left to the Civil Authorities.

On a previous visit at the time of the Military requisitioning, I called on the Procurator Del Re and presented the situation. It had been represented to me by the Area Commander (71 Sub-Area) that if the Italian Civil Authorities would find and requisition a suitable building the Sub-Area would help to a considerable degree in conditioning it as a prison. I represented this to the Procurator Del Re.

On my calling again on March 20th, I was informed that the Procurator was away so I put my views to the Deputy Procurator, who could offer nothing as a result of my previous suggestions. The view I take of this is that co-operation on the part of Italian Civil Authorities is

has reached its limits.

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	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Population is	127	25
Capacity	90	20

Within a few days it may be impossible to accommodate further numbers. I have given instructions for the immediate removal of the sentenced prisoners to other prisons, but this will not solve the problem for the future. It must be borne in mind that Civil troubles may at any time break out and there would be no accommodation for those arrested.

I ask, in view of the civil outlook for the de-requisitioning of this prison or at least a greater part than is (temporarily) left to the Civil Authorities.

On a previous visit at the time of the Military requisitioning, I called on the Procurator Del Re and presented the situation. It had been represented to me by the Area Commander (71 Sub-Area) that if the Italian Civil Authorities would find and requisition a suitable building the Sub-Area would help to a considerable degree in conditioning it as a prison. I represented this to the Procurator Del Re.

On my calling again on March 20th, I was informed that the Procurator was away so I put my views to the Deputy Procurator, who could offer nothing as a result of my previous suggestions. The view I take of this is that co-operation on the part of Italian Civil Authorities is non-existent.

When at last I was able to see the Procurator, I commented very strongly on this, but I must record that in my view a suitable building would be difficult to find, that it would take a considerable time to condition, whereas the problem demands immediate solution.

The Judicial Prison at LECCE.

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Population	
Capacity	350

This overcrowding is due to the large number of Italian Naval and Military prisoners who number 364, and the enforced reception of prisoners from Brindisi. I have approached the Italian Deputy Minister for War, Col. Fiore-Vernazza at Lecce, and the Admiral commanding at Brindisi, concerning the removal of these prisoners, which would relieve the situation very much, but I have little hope of an early settlement. In my opinion the strongest pressure should be invoked from high authority.

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TARANTO. Three-quarters of this prison has been requisitioned by the British Military which action has crowded that part remaining in Civil hands.

Population	199
Capacity	130

BARI. Fearfully overcrowded.
An examination of the figures reveal the extraordinary state of this prison.

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Capacity	705

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+ Civilian held by Italian Military Auth.	147
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref/317/20/CA.

2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin Section & For Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference 8 and 19 of attached file, we spoke (Col. Young - Lt.Col. Shipp). Would you please let me have a draft on the lines requested by the Executive Commissioner as soon as possible.
2. It is not quite clear to me from 15 and 16 which prisons are required to be de-requisitioned. It seems from this letter that only TARANTO and BARI are required, but you may know of some others.

G.W.I. Shipp
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30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons in Region 2.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. At our last meeting with the Minister of Justice I was shown a letter in Italian signed by RC Region 2 and addressed to the Minister of Justice direct. I enclose copy of this letter and the reply of the Minister.

2. It appears improper for Region 2 to address the Minister of Justice direct on any matter and all the more so in the present case where broad questions of overall policy are concerned.

It is also contrary to practice for ACC to use Italian in their communications to the Italian Government.

3. As the policy question is one for the Public Safety Subcommittee they will no doubt consider whether any and what further approach to the Italian Government relating to this matter is desirable.

G. R. Uffjohn
G. R. UFFJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Public Safety Subcommittee
V.P. Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref: A/PS/38

27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Utilization of civilian prisoners

TO: THE MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
SALERNO

The undersigned is interested in the fact that civilian prisoners are not used for work. The system of American and English prisons is to use civilian prisoners in work which does not conflict with private industry.

It is the opinion of the American and English Prison Commissions that such work is healthful for the prisoners, both morally and physically.

Among the work which may be done, is the following:

repair and manufacture of shoes and uniforms for Government employees; manufacture of ropes; work on munitions. Many other forms of labor might be suggested.

Work of this kind cannot be carried out at the moment, due to lack of materials, but we presume that the Italian Army and Navy have some supplies and that they are desirous of using prison labor.

The lack of suitable premises may be put aside, using corridors and other open spaces, and with good weather, the open air.

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We would like your point of view in this matter.

G.H. McCAFFREY, Lt. Col., Inf.
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TO : Mr. G.H. McCaffrey, Lt. Col., Inf.
Regional Commissioner- Region 2

at the Allied Control Commission, Salerno

The Ministry thanks Lt. Col. Caffrey for the interest with which he follows the unfolding of the life of prisoners in Italian jails, and for the suggestions offered tending to intensify the rhythm of prison work, healthful both morally and physically.

In Italian legislation the principle has been fully accepted that work is the cardinal factor on which execution of the sentence is based, both for subjective benefits which the imprisoned draws therefrom, as also for the beneficial repercussions which devolve upon the internal order and discipline of prison establishments. However, that matter has been fully regulated in the provisions for Correction Institutions, approved on 18 June 1931, by art. 114 and foll.

The general direction of the Penal Institutions, in application of principles made basic in the regulation, has organized the prison labor rationally, setting up in all penal establishments undertakings of industrial character, of variable types, compatible with available means and suitability of premises, and in the penal colonies the work in the open for tilling and reclaiming of uncultivated land and

in the creation and development of agricultural colonies. In prisons where the lack of suitable space has prevented the establishment of small workshops and where trained labor has not been available, due to the continuous influx and outgo of prisoners subject to judicial provisions, it has organized a type of work which does not require the use of machinery and specialized labor, as that for manufacture of shoes, boxes, paper bags, etc. Likewise provision has been made so that in prison industries work both for account of Government Administrations be carried out and particularly for the Prison Administration and the State Railways, as also for account of private contractors; and finally permitted some private firms to utilize the incarcerated labor, so as to maintain the largest number possible of prisoners at work.

It is opportune to place into evidence that through that organization the prison work had assumed such a development and such rhythm as to absorb a prison labor equal to 70% of the population detained in prisons and penal establishments. But with the start of the war many prison undertakings have felt always more and more the difficulties of supply of raw materials for the work, and have gradually had to limit their activity, which has ceased almost entirely in the tumultuous period of the landing of the Allied Armed Forces.

At present work in the jails is proceeding at a very slow pace, because it is compelled to suffer the grave repercussions of the state of general depletion of raw materials and accessories, and, some penal establishments which due to technical-industrial equipment and ability of workmanship might resume in full their activity, have had to limit or entirely forego every productive manifestation. Indeed, the penal establishments of Lecce, Noto, Avellino and Termini still do some work, which is limited to the availability of working materials, while those of Augusta and Procida, even though industrially very well equipped, are almost completely inactive. However, in almost normal operation are the Work Houses of Sardinia, which continue to reclaim and cultivate their agricultural holdings, being a large number of prisoners.

But it is the intent of this Ministry to reactivate operation of industries in prison establishments, to relieve the prisoners from idleness and produce those manufactured products which the State is lacking and of which an absolute need is felt: but no success has been reached in solving the grave problem of supply of raw materials and indispensable accessories, which are lacking entirely on the markets. Nor, on the other hand, have the Ministries of the FF.AA. available raw materials to be worked up, because also they are facing the same difficulties, as has been shown by the fact that the work orders given in the past to the prison industries, truly considerable, have now become very small and decrease always more. Nor finally may it be said that the prison labor problem could be solved in full by the contracting of prison labor to private firms.

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The Ministry believes that the prison enterprises, especially those of industrial character, might receive a strong upswing from the aid of the Allied Control Commission, be it with supply of raw materials to be converted. Indeed it would be sufficient to have available a quantity of wool, thread, leather, etc., materials which at present are altogether lacking on the market - to improve in full the prison services and to enable the prisoners to devote themselves to a materially profitable labor and of incalculable moral results. However, the entire Italian prison organization is today strictly dependent on the state of depletion of raw materials and the lack of supply goods, and therefore any improvement of same is in relation to the possibility of availing itself of such goods.

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THE MINISTER

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QUARTIER GENERALE
COMMISSIONE ALIATA DI CONTROLLO
REGIONE 2

Ref: A/PS/38

27 febbraio 1944

Oggetto: Impiego di Carcerati Civili

AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

SALERNO

Il sottoscritto si interessa del fatto che carcerati civili non sono impiegati in lavori.

Il sistema delle Prigioni americane ed inglesi e' di impiegare i carcerati civili in lavori che non sono concernenti con industrie private.

E' opinione delle Commissioni Carcerarie americane ed inglesi che tali lavori sono salutarissimi per i carcerati, sia moralmente che fisicamente.

Tra i lavori che possono essere effettuati vi sono:

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Lavori di questo genere non possono essere eseguiti al momento, per via della mancanza di materiali, ma noi supponiamo che la Marina e l'Esercito italiani abbiano talune provviste e che abbiano il desiderio di poter disporre della mano d'opera delle Carceri.

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MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E PENE
UFFICIO VIII.

Salerno li 25 marzo 1944.

OGGETTO : Impiego condannati civili.

AL SIGNOR G.H. McCaffrey, Lt. Col., Inf.
Regional Commissioner- Region 2.

presso la Commissione Alleata di Controllo

S A L E R N O

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Nella Legislazione italiana è stato pienamente accettato il principio che il lavoro è il cardine su cui basa l'esecuzione della pena, sia per i benefici subbiettivi che il condannato ne ritrae, sia per le ripercussioni benefiche che si riversano sull'ordine e sulla disciplina interna degli stabilimenti carcerari. Pertanto tale materia è stata regolata in tutta la sua ampiezza nel regolamento per gli Istituti di Prevenzione di Pena, approvato il 18 giugno 1931, con gli art. 114 e segg.

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di quelle carceraria e delle FF.AA., che per conto di privati committenti; ed ha consentito infine ad alcune ditte private di utilizzare la mano d'opera detenuta, al fine di mantenere il maggior numero possibile di condannati al lavoro.

E' opportuno mettere in evidenza che per effetto di tale organizzazione il lavoro carcerario aveva assunto uno sviluppo ed un ritmo tali da assorbire una mano d'opera detenuta ragguagliata al 70 % della popolazione rinchiusa nelle carceri e nelle case penali.

Ma con l'inizio della guerra molte lavorazioni carcerarie hanno risentito sempre più sensibilmente delle difficoltà degli approvvigionamenti delle materie prime da lavorare, ed hanno dovuto a mano a mano limitare la loro attività, che è cessata poi quasi del tutto nel periodo turbolento dello sbarco delle Forze Armate alleate.

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degna e della Sicilia già molti detenuti lavorano per conto
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d'opera in genere è stata ed è sempre abbondante ed a buon mercato, sia perchè esiste fra gli industriali uno stato di prevenzione per il quale preferiscono non avere rapporti con chi è stato allontanato dalla società per aver commesso dei delitti.

Il Ministero pensa che le lavorazioni carcerarie, particolarmente quelle a carattere industriale, potrebbero ricevere un risolutivo impulso dal concorso della Commissione alleata di controllo, sia con l'approvigionamento delle materie prime da trasformare, basterebbe infatti avere a disposizione una quantità di lana, di filati, di cuoio ecc.- materie che attualmente mancano del tutto sui mercati - per migliorare in pieno i servizi carcerari e per dare possibilità ai detenuti di dedicarsi ad un lavoro materialmente produttivo e fecondo di incalcolabili risultati morali. Giacchè tutta l'organizzazione carceraria italiana è oggi strettamente legata allo stato di depauperamento delle materie prime ed alla mancanza di generi di approvvigionamento, ed ogni miglioramento di essa è pertanto in rapporto alla possibilità di disporre di tali beni.

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Ref: 317/15/CA.

31st March 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Civil Prisons.

TO : Civil Affairs Branch.

1. No action appears to have been taken on Folio 8 of this file. The letter should be sent to the Adm Sec for the attention of the Public Safety Sub-Com together with the attached papers handed to me by S.C.A.F.O., Region II.

2. Public Safety Sub-Com should be told ^{kindly} that while we should maintain our acquiescence to the clearance of the Brindisi prison for the military authorities, the other prisons in Region II should be de-requisitioned and handed back to the civil authorities. The Public Safety Sub-Commission should be asked to put up a draft to that effect.

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Executive Commissioner: Brigadier

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
REGION II

24 March 1944

Ref: 2201/53/1

Subject: Prison Accommodation

To : Military Sub-Commission, ACC, Salerno

1. All efforts by A.O.C., officers to cope with past and future crimes affecting Allied interests in Apulia will from the start be stultified unless an immediate solution is found ^{to} the problem of where to accommodate individuals detained pending trial and after sentence. Moreover, should political disorders occur, this problem will assume a further serious aspect.

2. Attached is a list showing:-

- (1) The prisons in Apulia
- (ii) Their capacity
- (iii) The use to which they are at present put
- (iv) The actual numbers of prisoners housed, and the classes of prisoners.

3. It will be observed that in general the prisons are now housing far more prisoners than their maximum capacity - surely an invitation to a serious epidemic which may not confine itself to the prisons precincts.

4. It will be observed that the position is further aggravated by the large numbers of Italian Military prisoners both sentenced and awaiting trial, who are sent to the civil gaols. There is no surplus prison accommodation in any other part of Region 2, and the refugee problem precludes the possibility of adapting buildings as prisons.

5. The problem has been largely caused by the wholesale requisitioning by the Military of civilian gaols not only for the purpose of accommodating military prisoners sentenced to detention but even for housing troops; and this has been done regardless of the fact that to adapt a building for use as a prison not only costs a large amount of money and uses up large quantities of valuable material, but also takes a long time. Having embarked upon this policy, we are constantly reminded of the numbers of crimes left unfinished, and of the fact that it is the A.O.C. who provide the solution of the problem of prison accommodation, and the Military are in possession of the prisons and of the controlled stores necessary for the construction of prison camps, and ACC must either be transferred or provided to provide the latter of (unfolding) camps.

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6. The following is suggested, and it is felt that it is the only practicable solution:-

All prisons should be de-requisitioned at once, and the camp at Futurana, now used as a transit camp for Yugoslav refugees (which ~~can~~ ^{can} accommodate 1800 prisoners) should be used as a detention camp for British and Allied military prisoners. Further all Italian Military and Naval prisoners should be removed forthwith from civilian gaols and housed either at the H.A. prison at Augusta (estimated capacity 1000, and now believed to be used only for the purpose of storage), or in one or more camps or cages to be constructed by the Italian Army at once. In the latter case, Italian bivouac tents will suffice as cover during the spring and summer, and this H.Q. is informed by the Army ~~supply~~ ^{supply} at Taranto that there are miles of old barbed wire which could be dismantled, and used for the purpose.

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7. The use to which the camp at Futuramo is at present put, is a complete waste of valuable accommodation. Refugees are cleaned up and screened at Bari, preparatory to being sent to the camp at Lecce, and Futuramo is used as a half way transit camp for from 24 to 48 hours only, the refugees having to be provided by the Brindisi Sub-Area with motor transport to take them to and from Futuramo. During the first 12 days of this month, this camp was occupied for 43 hours only by 800 persons.

8. It is strongly urged that this matter be tackled at once. It is useless for the Military to take a large percentage of prison accommodation, to hold on to all controlled stores, and then to say that the ~~military~~ is one solely for A.C.C. to solve. It is submitted that on the release of the prisoners, if for any reason the prison at Augusta should not be available, the Military must co-operate ~~with~~ in the matter of the provision of transport for the removal of prisoners (unless the Italian Army can provide sufficient) and for the supply of adequate personnel to supervise the work of the Italian Army in the construction of camps for their military and naval prisoners.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGIO II

Ref : A/P3/53.

24 Mar 44

Subject : Prison Situation in Puglia (especially in regard to
BRINDISI, TARANTO, & LECCE)

To : Regional Police Officer, Region II.

1. The situation is such that in my opinion immediate re-
presentation should be made to highest authority for further
instructions.

Recent visits to these three Prisons show that the over-
crowding has reached its limits.

2. BRINDISI. The requisitioning of the Prison of Brindisi
has created a situation where the slowness of Italian law and
the daily arrests made have crowded the small part of the prison
remaining to the Italian Civil authorities (for the purpose of ac-
commodating the prisoners awaiting trial) beyond reasonable cal-
culation.

Population is	Men	Women
Capacity	127	25
	80	20

Within a few days it may be impossible to accommodate
further numbers. I have given instructions for the immediate
removal of the sentenced prisoners to other prisons, but this
will not solve the problem for the future. It must be borne in
mind that Civil troubles may at any time break out and there
would be no accommodation for those arrested.

I ask, in view of the civil outlook for the de-requisi-
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On a previous visit at the time of the Military requis-
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On my calling again on March 20th, I was informed that the Procurator was away so I put my views to the Deputy Procurator, who could offer nothing as a result of my previous suggestions. The view I take of this is that co-operation on the part of Italian Civil Authorities is non-existent.

When at last I was able to see the Procurator, I commented very strongly on this, but I must record that in my view a suitable building would be difficult to find, that it would take a considerable time to condition, whereas the problem *W.D.P.* immediate solution.

The Judicial Prison at LAOCC.

Population	778
Capacity	350

This overcrowding is due to the large number of Italian Naval and Military prisoners who number 354, and the enforced reception of prisoners from Brindisi. I have approached the Italian Deputy Minister for War, Col. Piero-Vernazza at Lecce, and the Admiral commanding at Brindisi, concerning the removal of these prisoners, which would relieve the situation very much, but I have little hope of an early settlement. In my opinion the strongest pressure should be invoked from high authority.

TARANTO. Three-quarters of this prison has been requisitioned by the British Military which action has crowded that part remaining in Civil hands.

Population	199
Capacity	130

NAPOLI. Fearfully overcrowded.

An examination of the figures reveal the extraordinary state of this prison.

Population	1,434
Capacity	705

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Naval Prisoners

+ Civilian held by

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Auth.	147
Total	757

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It will be seen therefore that no prisoners can be transferred to other prisons if space were available in them.

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ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
R.C. & N.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/11/CA.

27 March 1946

SUBJECT: Civil Prison at Brindisi.

TO : R.C. Region II.

1. Reference our letter 317/10/CA of 22 Mar 46.
2. You are requested to advise if para. 2 of above reference has been complied with.

WILLIAM E. FINKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 317/19/HA

22nd March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Prison at Brindisi.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region Z.

1. Some weeks ago I informed Flasher that the prison at Brindisi was available for military use as a detention barracks. Instructions were given that it should be vacated by Italian civilians and Naval personnel.
2. I am informed that there are still 356 civilians and 49 Marines in the prison. Please arrange with the Italian authorities to have them evacuated forthwith and report when this has been done.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Subject:- Requisitioning of Civil Prisons.

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HQ Allied Control Commission.

17 Mar 44

Reference your ACC/4049/L dated 13 Mar 44.

1. In response to a letter AMG/403/20 dated 22 Jan 44 from Brigadier Lush, a letter was issued by this HQ on the 28 Jan 44 on the question of military occupation of Prisons. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.
2. In response to a further request from Brigadier Lush, arrangements were made to vacate the womens wing of the Poggioreale Prison, Naples, and vacation of this building was reported to your HQ in signal Q 17579 dated 18 Feb.
3. At the present time HQ 2 District are negotiating with your HQ for the release of the civil Prison at BRINDISI in order that it may be used as a military Prison and Detention Barracks for the whole of Italy. You will appreciate the need for such an establishment and it is requested that you will give its release every consideration.
4. As regards other Prisons in military occupation, which may be required for the civilian authorities, if you will supply this HQ with particulars, every effort will be made to release them.

John L. We
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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SUBJECT : Requisitioning of Prisons, etc. by Troops

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AMG/403/20
22 Jan 44

1. I desire to draw your attention to the serious handicap under which the Italian Prison Administration is labouring, due to the requisitioning or acquisition of Prisons, Reformatories and Penal Institutions for the accommodation of troops.
2. I think you will agree that, except in cases of operational necessity, the administration of justice should be interfered with as little as possible. The destruction of prison buildings in the forward areas necessitates the removal of the prisoners to prisons in L of C areas and it is the occupation of the latter type of which I have received complaints.
3. I would be glad if an early instruction could be issued prohibiting the occupation of prison and reformatory buildings in L of C areas, save in exceptional circumstances and then, after consultation with the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Province.

Copy to: HQ N° 2 DISTRICT.

Brigadier,
DCCAO.

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SUBJECT:- Requisitioning of Prisons etc.

APHQ Adv Adm Section
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HQ ACC, APO 324

21 Mar 1934

By D.H.

28 Jan 34

To:- Fifth Army
Eighth Army
No. 2 District
Peninsular Base Section

1. The Italian Prison Administration is labouring under a serious shortage of the requisitioning of prisons, reformatories and penal institutions for Allied military purposes.
2. Damage done to such buildings during the course of operations has rendered the position more acute.
3. A minimum of proper facilities for housing convicted offenders is essential to the Italian authorities if their administration of justice is not to be unduly hampered.
4. You are therefore requested to ensure that buildings of the nature mentioned are not requisitioned without the prior consent of ACC/AG, unless their occupation for military purposes is operationally essential, and to make any at present occupied, which may be urgently required by the Italian authorities and can be released.

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Copy to:- No. 3 District
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W. J. Richards
Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,

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13 March 1944

Subject: Requisitioning of Civil Prisons

To: HQ Allied Armies in Italy - Administrative Echelon

1. The attached letter of Legal Sub-Commission (ACC/4049/L dated 9 March 1944) speaks for itself.
2. The requisitioning of prisons creates in any event a very difficult situation for civil authorities, but when to that is added the request that prisoners handed over by the Allies for trial should not be granted provisional liberty, the position is still further aggravated.
3. I would ask that an order be issued to the effect that
 - a. Civil prisons will not normally be requisitioned, but that when the exigencies of the services make the requisitioning of any civil prison essential, the fact of the requisition and the reasons therefore will be reported in writing.
 - b. Civil prisons already requisitioned will be released at the earliest possible moment that the exigencies of the services permit, and that where it is considered that occupation of any particular prison should be retained for a period exceeding three months, that opinion and the reasons therefor will be reported in writing with, if possible, an estimate of the date by which the prison can be released.
4. If any such order is issued, may I please be informed of all cases of either new requisitioning or retention with which you concur so that arrangements for alternative accommodation, transportation and the like may be made.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

cc: RG & MG Section
Legal Subcommission
Public Safety Subcommission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4049/L

GRU/rlp.
9 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : VF, Administrative Division.

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2. They point out that the Military authorities have already requisitioned or are about to requisition prison premises in Brindisi, the result of such action being that many prisoners would be turned loose unless.

a. Local alternative accommodation was supplied.

b. Transport was provided to transfer the inmates to premises situated at some distance and to convey them backwards and forwards to the competent court as occasion arises.

3. This sub-commission, though not directly responsible for the supervision of prisons, is affected by this situation insofar as judicial proceedings are concerned.

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6. Could urgent consideration be given to this problem and could the Chief Commissioner be approached with a view to making the necessary representations to the Military authorities.

7. The Public Safety Sub-Commission agrees with the terms of this letter, which has been submitted to them in draft form.

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GERALD R. UPJON,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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	Major Drifffield-White	
	Major Van Dusen	
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REMARKS
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/3/CA

25 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons

TO : C.O., HQ 57 AREA

1. Information has been received from AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon that the Women's Wing of Foggiorale Prison has now been cleared of troops.
2. This action is much appreciated, and the information has been passed to our Regional Commissioner, Region III.

For the Commanding General:

[Signature]
NORMAN R. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: R.O., Region III

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AFC 394

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25 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III

1. These Headquarters have been informed that the Women's Wing of the Foggiora Prison has now been cleared of troops.

2. Acknowledgement has been sent to G.O., H: 57 AREA, copy attached.

Incl
As above.

ROBERT
ROBERT M. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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