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RELATIONS, FIELD SECURITY
MAR. - JULY 1944

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SUBJECT: - Summary of Operational Areas

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VS Sec
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1. GENERAL

The efficient operation of the 1718 Reg in action depends very materially upon the cooperation of all units. This instruction is intended to outline some of the responsibilities of the VS Sec in the 1718 Reg and to indicate how they can assist.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF VS SEC

Included amongst the responsibilities of VS SEC are the following:

- (a) The investigation of all suspicious persons and incidents.
- (b) Control of the movement of civilians.
- (c) Control of the disposal of refugees.
- (d) The removal of these leading families when continuous liberty would constitute a menace to the trust factor.
- (e) Detention of civilians employed by units.
- (f) The observation of the civil population to ensure propaganda.

3. INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS AND INCIDENTS

This heading covers:

- (a) Attempts to obtain information by means of talking to local, working of house, theft of documents, interviews, military to the, observation of military movement, etc.
- (b) Attempts to subvert, spy, fire-bombing, damage to life or bridges, type blasting, interference with life, etc.
- (c) Attempts to use unlicensed radio, etc.
- (d) Visual signalling, etc.
- (e) Attempts to break communication, suggest the use of civilians.

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In such cases the report to central command shall be subject to the responsibility imposed by the local command and the clearing unit will not be held responsible for it.

Initially, present policy regarding fascists is to remove leading fascists from national security in a matter of security. The only fascists arrested on their own records are those holding senior party rank. The remaining are approached on the basis of their attitude since the fall of the fascist party.

Cases of political suspects will be referred to the nearest FBI field office and necessary investigations and reports.

7. ORIGIN OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

A. Propaganda and 2. have been all security of interest for which civilians are to be tried - including queries, possession of arms or 1/2 acts, espionage, sabotage, propaganda, indoctrination, communication with the enemy, or other activities which might result in harm, obstruction, or if not ruled, it covers every action that might be a detriment or a hindrance to our war effort.

All cases of civil disobedience will be referred to FBI field office for investigation and procedure.

8. PARTISAN

Partisan ops. of untrained and undisciplined, may be accounted for in areas newly acquired by Allied forces.

In such cases they extend to normal civilian activities - also subject to the restrictions imposed by military authorities and a strict discipline and ultimate approval are the responsibility of staff.

On the other hand they should be treated with due respect and consideration. They will help rendered by them to the best of their ability to be practically reliable and should not be disregarded.

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Col Shipp.

Action of FS Personnel.

Folio 9. Legal S.C. seemed to think the Field Security had acted ultra vires. They had in fact actual authority to do what they did.

Folio 25 Approved of F.S. Personnel's action.

4th July.

OK
OK Shipp

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

Ref/325/26/CA

3 July 1944

SUBJECT: Action of P.S. Personnel at PIZZOFERRATA.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Legal Sub-Comm.)

Reference 4083/1/L of 29 May 44. there is forwarded to you copy letter received from AMG Rear 8th Army dated 28 June 44. The P.S. personnel would appear to have acted under orders of a CAO and his action is fully approved by AMG 8th Army.

pl

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JSR/JR

Copy Admin. Sec.

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at PIZZOFERRATO

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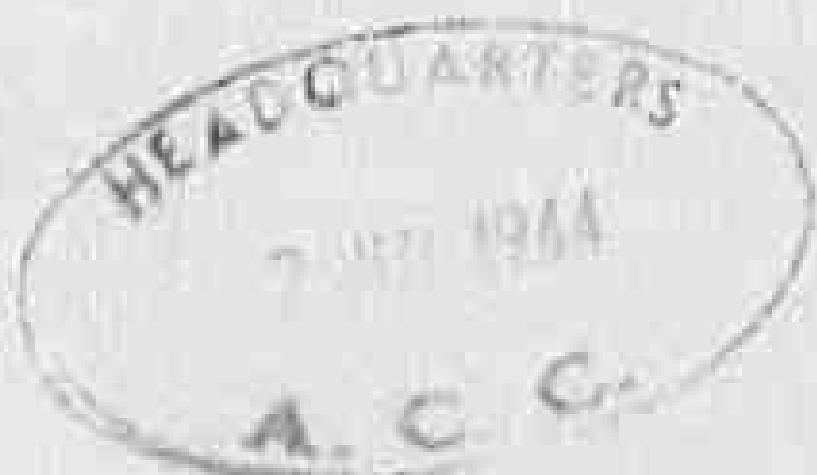
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28 Jun 44

EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSIONCopy to : ADMIN SECTION, ACC.
RC, REGION V (Letter FLW/Sch of 6 Jun 44 refers)

1. Ref letter 325/10/CA of 1 Jun 44, received through Region V, this matter has now been investigated.
2. It is true that on or about 15 Mar 44, a PS Sgt of 5 Corps made the arrangements mentioned in PIZZOFERRATO.
3. At that time the place was in 'no man's land' and frequently visited by enemy patrols.
4. Communication with the commune was only possible on foot, from VILLA SANTA MARIA, involving a four-hour journey.
5. PS personnel were taking up ammunition for certain Italian individuals in the village.
6. The road to VILLA SANTA MARIA had not then been opened and the CAO of the area was located at COLLIDIMEZZO.
7. The PS personnel were asked by the CAO to carry out the arrangements mentioned, and in the difficult and unusual circumstances prevailing his action is fully approved.
8. It was possible to put into VILLA SANTA MARIA early in April a CAO who visited PIZZOFERRATO and other communes, although the same difficulties in the matter of communication existed.

P. C. Benta Tans

Lt.-Col., RA, 554
SO I,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMC EIGHTH ARMYpk
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Major Friend James.

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12 JUN Recd,

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File

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Ref attached

1. I entirely agree that SI FSS and G staff 1 Dist acted improperly in this matter
2. In view of the following factors, however, I do not feel inclined to take any action - anyway for time being
 - (a) 1 District received two firmly worded letters from Regional Commissioner, telling them to "lay off"
 - (b) 1 District Hq is in process of leaving SICILY.
 - (c) SI FSS will probably be brought up to mainland very shortly.
3. Let me know if there's further trouble.

See 19.

W.D. L. V. 24 JUN 68
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/325/17/CA

7 June 1944

My dear Friend

20-22

1. I enclose copies of correspondence which are self explanatory.
2. Would you approach Lt. Col. Gibson on a D.O. basis and ask him to tell his FSS boys to lay off. I would appreciate this.

Love
James

Major

ET/JR

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

My dear Colonel,

*If you can help on this I
should be grateful. In any case
your advice will be much appreciated*

8/6

*Yours
Friend James*

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C O P Y

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SUBJECT :- Civil Security.

17044/C/(1)
28 May 44.

A.O.C. Liaison Officer,
HQ. N° 1 District.

Reference the appended extract from 51 F.S. Section report for week ending 28 May 44, para 3 (b).

"LICATA" Ing. RE, Commissario Prefettizio of LICATA has been replaced by AMATO, Francesco. Public opinion of AMATO has been thoroughly investigated by PSP; no one outside his own Social Democratic Party has a good word to say for him. Criticism is not directed against AMATO personally, but it is held that DA LUMIA and a small clique of rich men are now running the town for their selfish interests, as in the old days of fascism".

1. CC 51 F.S. Section states that Ing. RE throughout his period of office as Commissario Prefettizio was a most efficient administrator and cooperated fully with the aims of the Allied Forces.

2. It is not known definitely why RE has been replaced, though it is believed that he has some disagreement with the Prefect. It would be appreciated by this HQ if he could be reinstated.

/s/

for Lieut-Col.,
C.S.O. 1.,
N° 1 District.

O.M.F.

Copy to :- 51 F.S. Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

27 May 1944

FILE: RC/014.12

SUBJECT: Ingegnere RE - ex commissario of LICATA

TO : Maj. General Heydesann S.D., M.C.
C.O.C. 1 DISTRICT

Reference your 1704A/G(1) of 20 MAY, para 3.

1. It is regretted that Ing. RE cannot be reinstated as Commissario Prefettizio of LICATA.

2. In the interests of democratic government, the policy of A.C.C. is to advise the appointment of Sindaci wherever possible in place of Commissari prefettizi. In the one case a Sindaco administers a town with the aid of a GIUNTA COMUNALE, in the other case the COMMISSARIO is a temporary administrative dictator.

3. In the case of Ing. RE it is true that his administration of the town in the past has on the whole been efficient, though his methods have on occasions been high handed. The Prefect of AGRIGENTO offered to confirm Ing. Re as Sindaco of LICATA, but he declined to accept the appointment. In accord with the Provincial Commissioner it was therefore determined to appoint AMATO Francesco as Sindaco. The provincial Commissioner is satisfied with AMATO's work and antecedents.

4. After the appointment Ing. RE changed his mind and felt he would like to be Sindaco. It was then too late and the Prefect's action is entirely upheld by this Headquarters.

5. Perhaps you will see fit to inform F.S. personnel of 1 DISTRICT that SICILY is now Italian Government Territory, and that therefore recommendations of the above type are out of place and may only cause embarrassment.

A.N. BA.COCH
Colonel

Regional Commissioner 60002

COPIES TO: Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.C. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. Naples
for Interior Sub-Commission
P.C. AGRIGENTO

Liaison Offr. A.C.C. to 1 District.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RC/C14.12

27 May 1944

SUBJECT : Military Interference in Civil Administration.

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. Naples
for Interior Sub-Commission.

1. I wish to bring to your notice the attached correspondence from 1 DISTRICT asking for the reinstatement of a Commisario Prefettizio replaced in the interests of the town and in accord with A.C.C. by a Sindaco.

2. There have been a number of recent examples of this section of F.S.S. stepping into the administrative field with recommendations unconnected with military expediency or security. Cases in point have been a series of reports on refugee treatment by Italian Authorities.

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Encl- Copy of 1 DISTRICT 1704A/G(1) of 20 MAY.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & W.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/325/19/CA

13 June 1944

SUBJECT: Military interference in
Civil Administration.

TO : Adm Sect (For Interior S/C
H.C., Region I.

1. Reference to ACC/38/Int of 30
May and RG/014.12 of 27 May. — 13.

2. This matter has been taken up
with Mr. AAI and I trust no further such
incidents will occur

Cal Brown
ROBERT E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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9 JUN Recd *375* *LB.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch

CH for 18
1 June 1944

Ref/325/10/CA

SUBJECT: Action of F.S.S. Personnel at Pizzoferrato

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region V.

1. Attention is invited to attached copy letter ACC/4083/1/L of 29 May 44 from Legal Sub-Commission, and enclosures.

2. Please investigate and report on this incident, as a basis for further action.

3. The report should indicate to what extent the activity referred to was carried on with the knowledge or consent of responsible AMG officials.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Assistant Director
Civil Affairs Branch.

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325/10/CA

(1 June 1944) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, AMG REGION V, C. M. F., 6 June 1944.

FLW/seh

TO: SCAO, AMG 8th Army, Main Headquarters, 8th Army.

1. Referred as a matter concerning personnel and territory under your jurisdiction.

2. The R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC, is being advised of this rerouting.

Whitley
F. L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Regional Commissioner.

Copy for RC & MG Sect



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

Ref/325/27/CA

7 June 1944

My dear Sir

1. I enclose copies of correspondence which are self explanatory.
2. Would you approach Lt. Col. Gibson on a D.O. basis and ask him to tell his PSS boys to lay off. I would appreciate this.

[Signature]
Major

EE/JR

*Capt order reports he has
seen SS (H)
J. W/b*

*Major Friend James
ACC Liaison HQ AAI*

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Subject: - Military Inte rence in Civil Administration.

To: - Executive Commissioner.

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4 June 1964.

1. Please see 11 - 15. 13 should have come to us but was sent direct to Salerno. I do not know whether Col. Hancock talked to you of this.
2. In my view this should NOT be taken any higher unless further incidents occur and, if you agree, I will write to Region I and Internal Sub-Commission to that effect.

Write to El Gibson / send me 4/6.
him copies under D/O & archive
him to tell her chaps to lay off. Mr / s/o 6350

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ADG/38/Int

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Military Interference in Civil Administration

TO : Colonel A. N. Hancock, Regional Commissioner, Region I

1. Reference your letter of May 27, 1944 (file: 30/614.12), and enclosures.
2. Your position in this matter was well taken and the action taken has the full approval and support of the Interior Sub-Commission.
3. Consideration will be given to the whole subject of military interference in civil administration.

*R. R. Temple, Capt
for*

R. C. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Copy:

Executive Commissioner,
M-2 W-Section

HE
31 May 1944
A.C.C. 6048

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RC/014.12

27 May 1944

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R.C. & M.C. Section
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for Interior Sub-commission

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A. N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Encl-copy of 1 DISTRICT 1704A/G(I) of 20 MAY.

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C O P Y

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SUBJECT:- civil security.

1704A/G(I)

20 May 44

A.C.C. Liaison officer,
HQ. No.1.District.

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C.M.F.

/s/
for Lieut-col.,
G.S.O.I.,
No.1 District.

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SICILY REGION HEAD QUARTERS
APO 394

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A.M. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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R.C. & M.C. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. Naples
for Interior Sub-Commission
P.C. AGRIGENTO
Liaison Offr A.C.C. to 1 DISTRICT

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch
APO 394

Ref/325/10/CA

1 June 1944

SUBJECT: Action of F.S.B. Personnel at Pizzoferrato.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region V.

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ACB/eah

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Assistant Director
Civil Affairs Branch.

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Lt Col Bowman

1 To see (9) and enclosures
therewith

2 ~~By~~ Letter to Reg V opposite,
for signature if approved

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C.A. Bw 9
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APC 394

29 May 1944

ACC/4083/1/L.

SUBJECT : Action of F.S. personnel at PIZZOFEERRATO .

TO : R.C. and L.G. Section .

1. Proceedings against SCARFI Oriente have recently been before this Sub-Commission for review in the normal course. The proceedings took place at Villa Santa Maria, Province of Chieti on 20 April 44. In the course of review it appeared that two Field Security W.O.s or MCOs at Pizzoferrato on 15 March 1944 gave an "authority" to the Sindaco to make a census and requisition food and to constitute a committee to fix maximum prices for requisitioned goods. A translation is attached as app. "A". The names of the persons signing the "authority" are not clear but they appear to be E. MIRETTI, Sgt. or Sgt. Maj. and WARCROFT, Sgt. Major.

2. As a result of such "authority" a committee was formed by the Sindaco and its duties defined : See translation at App. "B".

3. The above is brought to your notice, and a spare copy of Appendices A and B attached, in case you think fit to take up the question of the conduct of the Field Security personnel, which conduct seems to be most irregular.

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

[Signature]
+ GERALD R. UPJOH 6042
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer .

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Pizzoferrato, March 15th 1944 8

The F.S.S. after seeing the actual rationing condition, authorizes the Sindaco, CARRATO BENIGNO, to make a census and to requisition the following food:

grain	L. 600
soize	* 400
potatoes	* 300
meat	* 30
beans	* 600
oil and grease	* 60 per kilo

The F.S.S. authorizes the Sindaco to constitute a Committee composed by seven persons which, in common agreement, will fix the maximum and right prices of the requisitioned goods. The prices can be changed only by A.M.G.

They who do not execute this order will be reported to the English Authorities, which will give the necessary punishments.

The Sindaco, together with the Committee, will distribute the requisitioned goods at the fixed prices.

The Sindaco is authorized also to requisition means of transport and to order the available people to execute any work necessary for the well-being of the collectivity.

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MUNICIPIO DI PIZZOFERRATO

The Sindaco of the above Comune, after seeing the actual supply condition of the town and the authorization of the British Command appoints:

a Committee for the supply and for the collective interests of all citizens. The names of the men composing the Committee are as follow:

President : Casciato Beniamino

Members:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Tasquerelli Carmineantonio | 4) D'Arfeo Francesco |
| 2) Di Matteo Giovannantonio | 5) Leone Guido |
| 3) Di Cesare Domenicocicola | 6) Di Nardo Camillo |

The duties of the Committee are the following:

- 1) They will protect and administer with justice the interests of all citizens.
- 2) The Committee is authorized by the Sindaco to requisition, with his cooperation, all food and to fix the prices with judgment.
- 3) The requisitioned goods will be distributed to all persons who need them, at the fixed prices.
- 4) The Committee after fixing the prices cannot change them, unless they will be authorized by A.M.G.
- 5) The Committee can go into any place which they think opportune and verify whether the goods to be requisitioned had been hidden by the owners.
- 6) They who try to have their goods not requisitioned will be reported and accompanied to the British authorities.
- 7) The Committee have fixed today the following prices:

grain	L. 600 p. quint.	beans	L. 600 per quint.
meat	" 400 " "	seal	" 30 " kilo.
potatoes	" 300 " "	greases	" 60 " "
- 8) They who buy food at prices higher than those above said will be reported. This statement, after having been read by the members, is signed by all of them.

signed: above seven names

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

REF: 326/6 /CA.

8th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Case of Capt. Campbell, Canadian F.S.S.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region III.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to
enclose copy of a letter received from HQ AIC on the
subject of Capt. Campbell, Canadian F.S.S. at AVELLINO.
The Executive Commissioner requests that you forward copy
of this letter to SCAD, AVELLINO, and request him to submit
his comments on the matter raised therein.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Exec. Com.

Col Fisher to see

[Signature]
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[Signature]

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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325/5/CA

9th. Apl. 1944.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner
to acknowledge receipt of your letter AAI/1444/1/0(15)
dated 2 Apr 44 and to inform you that he has passed the
information conveyed in your letter to the Regional
Commissioner, Region 3. For information of the Senior
Civil Affairs Officer at AVELLINO. At the moment the
Executive Commissioner proposes to take no further action
in the matter.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Ex. Com.

Lieut. Colonel W. D. Gibson,
CSI(b) Branch,
Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

COPI.

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HQ. ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

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AAI/1414/1/G(Ib).

2. Apr. 44.

Dear Brigadier,

Thank you for your letter 99/123/CA dated 13 March on the subject of Captain CAMPBELL, Canadian P.S.O. at AVELLINO.

I am always glad to hear of cases in which there appears to be trouble or friction involving a Field Security Officer, so that I can try to put matters right.

In this instance I asked the GSO.2(I) of 3 District personally to investigate and enquire into this case, and he has just returned from a visit to AVELLINO lasting several days, during which he interviewed most of the people concerned.

With regard to the particular raid mentioned in your letter, it appears that Captain CAMPBELL did not in fact take part in this raid. A full investigation of the allegation that certain articles were misappropriated was carried out at the instance of the responsible Brigadier. The results of this investigation were inconclusive, although it seems possible that a certain misappropriation may have occurred. Definite evidence was lacking, however, and it was not possible to charge any of the members of the raiding party with the theft of the articles concerned.

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I would therefore like to regard the matter as closed but would naturally be quite ready to re-open it if further unsatisfactory reports are received.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. GIBSON.

Brigadier M. S. LUSH,
Executive Commissioner,
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 99/123/CA.

13th March 1944.

Subject: Documents re Capt. Campbell.

To : Lt. Colonel Gibson,
C.S.I(b) Branch,
Headquarters,
A.C.M.F.

I enclose attached correspondence regarding the activities of a certain Captain Campbell of the Canadian F.S.S. I have no reason to believe that the story is highly exaggerated and it looks to me as if it would be as well if this officer could be removed from that particular area and given a strong warning regarding his relations with Italians.

Although naturally we are only too glad to have the assistance of the F.S.S. in curbing the activities of the black market, I do suggest that in general this be left to the civil police authorities for one cannot deny that the temptation in dealing with such cases is tremendous.

(Sgd) M. S. Lush,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Branch.

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REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, US ARMY

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Inclosed correspondence

TO : Regional Control & Allied Military Government Section
Brig. LUSH

The attached correspondence concerning the activities of the Canadian
F.S.S., in Avellino Province, is forwarded for your information and action.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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1. Letter 5 March 1944, Capt. A. E. Heath
2. Letter & Memo 28 Feb. 1944, Major F. A. Ball
3. Letter 28 Feb. 1944, Major Ball
4. Letter 27 Feb. 1944, Questura di Avellino (English & Italian)
5. Letter 15 Feb. 1944 " " " " "

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. Army

REF: G2/AVELLINO/10/4

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Documents Attached

TO : Regional Commissioner-Allied Control Commission-Region 3.

1. Reference the attached reports from Maj. DALL, Provincial Commissioner, AVELLINO, in regard to the activities of the Canadian F.S.S., I consider that this matter should be taken up on a higher level, possibly through Col. HILL DILLON or the D.M.I. (Gen. STRONG).

2. Concerning the report on the background and activities, past and present, of the Marchesa DE CRISTOFARO, similar action would appear to be indicated as both cases are closely related.

3. It is possible that Brig. LUSH might care to handle these matters himself.

A. E. Heath
A. E. HEATH,
Capt., I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

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