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CIVILIAN CONCENTRATION
SEPT. 1943 - APR. 1944

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CIVILIAN CONCENTRATION CAMP, NO. 371 POW CAMP
SEPT. 1943 - APR. 1944

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ACME letter to be forwarded to Dr. Reale's letter should be forwarded to him for comment, and for body of replies to reports 1, 2 of the Minister's letter.

I understand Lt. Young is shortly dealing with 3.

March 3, 1944 Read Moore Lt.

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Revised 8A

the first minute the duplicate which was at 715

Adm. sec 3 min 14-50

See 11/10/44

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Following the 12 Conference on this subject the meeting will

you plan with the other the details.

2) Other papers a report of your meeting with Sign Reale

for around transmission to R.C.N. & Sec. (Exempt. Com.) 3903

reply to his letter enclosed in this file ref. 9/ 10A dec

12.7ad. 44.

R.R. Gifford
Cso. Am. Sec.

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V.P. contents of letter concerning General 10.

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Hub. E. R. A. Spence
14.6.41.

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Please see 3A.

has been mentioned to the relevant authorities some of this

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See 14.6.41
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15. MAR. 1941.

1. Following the V.R. Conference on this subject this morning will you please take the action decided.
2. Please prepare a report of your meeting with Sign. Gable for a word transmission to R.C.N. & Sec. (Exempt. Com.) 38703 reply to his letter enclosed is this file. ref: 9/ 10A dated 12 March. 44.

R. R. Knight
Cpt. Air. Ld.

13. 10.

V.R. contents of letter conveyed personally to Sign. Gable. Reply is accordance of your 147 instructions this morning. His memo "stuck" 11.

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int. Please see letter of 17/3. - folio. 71/18. 8. 1

ACD/T7/2/THT

CIVILIAN CONCENTRATION CAMP
No 371 P.O.W. CAMP

No	Precis	REMARKS
I	To M.O.I. dated 7 Mar. 44 referring to conversation that morning and asking to put in writing his requests. NOTE:- NOT SENT	
6	From M.O.I. dated 2 Mar. 44 complaining about the manner in which Italian Civil Prisoners are being treated in PADULA (Salerno) Camp. Asking for List of all civilian Internees and reasons for arrest.	
8a	To HQ ACMEF (Adm n Ech.) dated 8 Mar 44 enclosing copy of a letter from M.O.I. No 6 and asking to be informed of wath is done in case M.O.I. writes again.	
10	Instructions (dated 1 Sept, 43) regarding the arrest of civilians by Military personnel on security grounds.	IMPORTANT
12/13	From Deputy Executive Commissioner dated 5 Mar 44 enclosing MEMORANDUM No ACMEF/1401/7/CL (b) of 2 Feb. 44 laying down new Procedure for the internment of Civilians NOTE:- No 371 POW Camp established at PADULA (T 4194) In POTENZA PROVINCE FOR CIVIL POW.	
15	From Ex. Commissioner dated 12 Mar. 44 enclosing a translation of a letter purporting to come from the M.O.I. and addressed to AMG. Naples making various complaints and criticisms about treatment of Italian Civilian Prisoners of war in Italy and especially at Padula. Asked that Minister be informed persons are civilian prisoners of war, and inter alia that it is not the intention of A.M.G. to give the M.O.I. a list of such persons nor to ask his assistance in examining the reasons for making these persons prisoners of war. Remarked that tone of letter not such as would be expected from Govt. of a co-belligerent.	
17	Notes on meeting between Dr Reale and Dir, Interior held on 15 Mar. 44	
18	VP Admn. Sec. to Ex. Com. dated 17 Mar. enclosing copy of No 17	
19	From AAI Amn. Ech. dated 29 Mar 44 forwarding an Extract from Commander 3 District investigating complaints as to conditions in 371 Camp PADULA NOTE:- Report appears very favourable as to conditions.	3702
20	From C.I.O. to VP Admn. Sec. dated 5 April asking that a meeting be convened to consider policy in regard to Prisons (Particular ly in APULIA) with the view of gross overcrowding there.	
21	From V.P. Admn. Sec. dated 6 April convening meeting for 7 April 44	

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No	Precis	REMARKS
22	From VP to Ex. Com. dated 7 April 44 suggesting a Committee be formed of P.S. Army, Legal, Int. and Pub. Safety Reg. II a representative from HQ AAI to meet opposite members in It. Govt., the Min. of Justice, M.O.I. and the Comandante Supremo with the view of alleviating the position.	
25	From VP Adm. Sec. to Commandant 371 P.O.W. Camp CMF dated 12 April 44 enclosing an application from Merchant Marine to for permission to visit Avv. Gastano DRAGO.	

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SUBJECT:- Visits *(J. H. Ernees.*

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Rear H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
Adm. Sec. APO 394.

Interior
371 P.W. Camp C.M.F.
371/1400
27 April 1944.

Avv. Gaetano DRAGO. *P.26*

Reference your ACC/71/Int dated 25 April 1944. A reply to your previous letter dated 12 April 1944, granting the permission to visit the a/m Civil P.W. has been forwarded to you in our letter 371/1400 dated 18 April 1944.

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/MN.

For Mr. Marshall
(J.E. MARSHALL) Major.
Commandant, 371 P.W. Camp C.M.F.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/71/Int

26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Internee Avv. DRAGO, Gaetano

TO : Italian Liaison Section

1. Will you kindly inform Ammiraglio di Squadra Pietro BARONE, Sottosegretario di Stato per la Marina Mercantile that permission has been granted by the Commandant of Padula Camp for him to visit the above-named on any Sunday afternoon between the hours of 1400 and 1600.

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

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SUBJECT: VISITS INTERNEES.
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Rear HQ ACC Adm Sec APO 394.

Interior 3523
371 P.W.Camp. 7/27
371/1400.
18th April 44.

Ref your ACC/71/Int dated 12th April 44.

Permission is granted to visit Internee DRAGO
Gaetano, any Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4.

J. E. Marshall
(J.E.MARSHALL)

Ma. jor
Commandant N° 371 P.W.Camp., C.V.F.

GP/

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

ACC/71/Int

25 April 1944

SUBJECT: AVV. Gaetano DRAGO

TO : Commandant, 371st P. W. Camp, CMF

1. Reference my letter of the 12th April, the Liaison Officer of the Italian Government has enquired the position regarding this application.
2. A reply to my letter is requested.

R. A. Brown *h. h. l.*

for The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate
Vice President, Administrative Council

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

ACC/71/TLB

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: AVV. GASTANO DRAGO

TO : Commandant, 371 P.W. Camp, CEF

1. I enclose an application which the Interior sub-Commission have received from the Under-Secretary of State for Merchant Marine for permission to visit the above-mentioned.

2. Will you please let me have your decision thereon, and if desired, I will convey it to the applicant.

for. 
The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate
Vice President, Administrative Section

Reminder sent 25/4. See: P. 26.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARE
Sottosegretariato di Stato per la Marina Mercantile

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Il sottoscritto, Ammiraglio di Squadra Pietro BARONE, Sottosegretario
di Stato per la Marina Mercantile, chiede il permesso di visitare il signor
Avvocato Gaetano DRAGO, attualmente al Campo di Concentramento di Padula
nel giorno e nell'ora che gli sara' indicata.

s/Pietro Barone

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Napoli 12 Aprile 1944.

MINISTERO DELLA MARE

Sottosegretariato di Stato per la Marina Mercantile

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P. Barone

Napoli 12 Aprile 1944.

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Luigi Barone
Gaetano Drago

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HEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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ACC/14215/PS.

B. 7 April 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 11.

- 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 HQ, AAI to meet their opposite numbers in the Italian Government, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and the Commando 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) Derequisitioning by AAL. would help but not solve the problem.

(b) The use of the existing Displaced Persons Camp at Tuteuranno 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 Tuteuranno if available and into stockade camps. It was reported that the Commando Supremo had already given some orders to implement this policy.

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STANSGATE,
VP, Adm Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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6 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Meeting.

TO : Directors of

Legal Sub Comm.
Interior Sub Comm.
Public Safety Sub Comm.
Army Sub Comm.

The VP Adm Sec desires to discuss the overcrowding of prisons and will be glad if you or a representative will meet him in his room for that purpose at 1430 hrs 7 Apr.

(Legal SC 4049/L of 5 Apr refers).

S.H. White
S.H. WHITE, Major,
for CSO Adm Sec.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

~~4/1/20~~
5 April 1944

ACC/4049/L

SUBJECT : Prison accomodation .
TO : VP Administrative Section.

I should be grateful if Lord Stansgate would convene a meeting of representatives of Public Safety, Army, Interior, and Legal Sub-Commissions in the next day or two to consider policy in regard to prisons (particularly in Apulia) with a view to making a recommendation to the Chief Commissioner in view of the gross overcrowding there .

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to : P.S. Sub-Commission
Army " "
Interior " "

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SUBJECT :- Civilian Interns - Camp423
ACC (Adm Sec)
APO 394

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AAI/3064/ A(O)

29 Mar 44

Interior
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Your ACC/71/INT dated 8 March.

1. Commander 3 District has investigated complaints made by Signor REALE as to conditions in 371 Camp PADULA.

2. The following is an extract from his report :-

- (a) Early in March Commander 3rd Sub Area and my AIF visited the Camp at Padula and inspected the whole place thoroughly. They reported that while the accommodation is not luxurious it is perfectly adequate.
- (b) The men are accommodated in large rooms. They have no beds, but have a palliase and three blankets each. The women are provided with beds and bedding.
- (c) The sanitary and hygiene arrangements were in order. All personnel had a hot bath or shower once a week. Other washing accommodation and latrine accommodation was also satisfactory. Particular attention was paid to these details.
- (d) The internees receive a full scale of rations laid down for Italian PW, less cigarettes. On the day of the inspection the ration appeared to be appetising and there was an issue of fresh meat.
- (e) Hospital arrangements were satisfactory.
- (f) A party of RE is permanently employed in the camp to keep the place in proper repair.

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Brigadier,
DAG.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/71/INT

17 Mar 44

SUBJECT : Civilian Internees.

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC APO 394

1 Reference your 9/ /CA dated 12 Mar 44.

2 The Minister of Interior was interviewed regarding this matter on 15 Mar 44. Notes made during the interview are attached for your information.

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STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT: Civilian Concentration Camp Padula

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Lt. V. Grattanelli, Interpreter.

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1. The Camp was under Army control, and not under A.C.C.
2. It is the same camp that was used by the Italians for British POWs.
3. General MacFarlan considered conditions satisfactory.
4. All the internees are receiving the same rations as our soldiers (even to the extent of receiving such luxuries as cigarettes)
5. Any person may visit an internee in the presence of an Allied Officer.
6. In a few days the board of Allied Officers will begin sitting daily, to consider the release of internees. The question of release is constantly under review.
7. All internees are being brought into the camp from all points.
8. Any list of internees that Reale sends to us will be transmitted with a request for a priority of review.
9. We cannot undertake a census.
10. We will deal only with civilian internees.

The Interior Sub-Commission Director read a statement to Minister Reale to the effect that civilians were interred to protect Allied Military interests and that they would remain in the camp only for that reason; that it was impossible to have other than Allied military personnel on the reviewing board.

Reale stated that the officials whose names he had submitted to us had no charges against them.

The Director read the British Regulations on interning civilian officials.

The Director stated that a very senior officer of ACC had visited ³⁶⁸⁹ investigated the camp situation and reported that the Minister's complaints were unjustified.

The Director again stated that if Reale submits lists of names and they are good cases, he will endeavour to see that priority of treatment is requested for them. If the Minister had any doubt about the persons, he might have Zonaboni screen them.

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Dr. Callengo interjected the remark that the treatment of the internees was good, but that the food was insufficient. Further more, that the Allied officer investigating might have been present at only one meal.

The Interior Sub-Commission Director replied that the internees get exactly the same rations as British soldiers.

The Director concluded the discussion on the Padula Camp matter by re-emphasizing the following points:

1. The representations of the Minister of Interior were exaggerated.
2. The internees would be released as quickly as possible if such release was not to the prejudice of the army.
3. Only Allied officers could be members of the Board of Review since this was a military matter.
4. The Board will begin functioning in a few days.

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13 MAR 1944

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Ref: 9/ /CA.

12th March 1944.

Inter-see -

Subject: Civilian Prisoners of War.

To : Vice President, Admin Section.

1. I enclose translation of a letter purporting to come from the Ministry of Interior and addressed to Allied Military Government, Naples and Allied Control Commission, Salerno, making various complaints and criticisms about the treatment of Italian civilian prisoners of war in Italy and especially at PADUA.
2. I should be glad if you would inform the Minister of Interior that these persons are civilian prisoners of war; that they have been made such in order to protect Allied military interests, and that so long as their liberty is likely to prejudice Allied military interests they will remain as prisoners of war.
3. I should be glad, also, if you would inform the Minister of Interior that it is not the intention of the Allied military authorities to give to the Minister of Interior a list of such persons nor to ask for his assistance in examining the reasons for making these persons prisoners of war.
4. I would ask you to add that the cases of these prisoners of war are under constant examination and that persons are released from time to time, and that the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that the conditions under which they are living are satisfactory.
5. The tone of the letter from the Minister of Interior appears to me to be abrupt and not such as one would expect from a government of a co-belligerent.

M. S. Lusk

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MBL/JC.

Copy to: Political Section.

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TRANSLATION

Ministero dell'Interno

Salerno, 2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Concentration Camp.

TO : Allied Military Government, NAPLES
 Allied Control Commission, SALERNO.

I wish to inform, that from many places complaints are coming in on the way the Italian civilian prisoners in concentration camps in freed Italy and especially in PADULA (Salerno) are treated.

These complaints mention the living accommodations, food and above all sanitary conditions.

The Ministry informs, that many of these prisoners are arrested by AMG without being told the reason. Most of these people are functionaries and Italian citizens not young any more who had public charges or some important business. They have been thrown in conditions that cannot be supported even by the very young.

Many of the people have been able to communicate with their relatives and friends, and we are sure if they live, AMG will release them, knowing it is impossible to keep them in prison for no reason. Naturally all these people will not be able to speak favorably for the methods used by the Allied Authorities.

An Italian citizen in the Padula camp has said "not even one of the worse Bourbon prisoners can be compared with the treatment we are having".

We, therefore, wish that the AMG and the ACC recognise that the Italian Government has always treated very loyally those arrested for political reasons against the Allied nations. We wish them to consider in adopting the following measures:

- 1) Improve the treatment for Italian civilian internees in Allied concentration camp, above all according to age and health conditions. This must be for the camps in freed Italy and in North Africa.
- 2) To give the Italian Internal Ministry the list of the civilian internees, divided in the Italian camps, and overseas, indicating the place of origin of the prisoner and the reason of arrest.
- 3) Form a mixed Allied and Italian Commission to examine the reasons for the arrest, if the person is guilty he should be punished according to the Italian law, and if he is innocent he should be released.

IL MINISTRO
 (Illegible Signature)

CONFIDENTIAL

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

71/13
Interior

Ref/312/14/CA

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Internment of Civilians

TO : All Regional Commissioners,
S.C.A.O.'s 5 and 8 Armies.

1. Attached memorandum No. ACMF/1401/7/G1(b) of 2 Feb 44 lays down new procedure for the internment of civilians. This memo has been approved by this H.Q. and immediate steps will be taken to implement it.
2. Consequent upon the adoption of the procedure referred to above General Order No. 10 issued by H.Q. AMG (then at Palermo) on 3 Dec 43 is cancelled.
3. In view of recent changes there is now no reason why Sicily and Sardinia should be excluded from the scheme (see para. 6 of ACMF memorandum) and H.Q. ACMF is being asked to take the necessary action. Copies of the amending instruction issued by ACMF will be sent to Regions I and VI.
4. For case of reference a copy of the instruction referred to in the first sentence of the ACMF memo is also attached.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:

R.C.'s Regions I - III	6 each
" " IV, V, VI	3 "
" " VIII, IX	1 "
S.C.A.O.'s 5 & 8 Armies	2 "
Adm. Section	1
Public Safety Sub-Com.	1
Security Branch	1
H.Q. ACMF	1
Spares	5

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C O P Y

SUBJECT : Internment of Civilians:
Civil P.O.W.

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force
BR CONFIDENTIAL - U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

ACME/1401/7/GI(b)

No.2 District
No.3 District

2 Feb 44

Reference this HQ instruction 15AG/1400/2/G(Ib) dated 1 Sept 43.

1. INTRODUCTION

(a) 371 POW Camp has now been established at PAULIA (T 4194) in POTENZA Province as an internment camp for civil POW. It will be ready on 7 Feb 44, and it can accommodate females as well as males.

(b) The following instructions set out the procedure which will be adopted with regard to (i) the disposal of civilians already arrested in ITALY and interned since the beginning of the Italian campaign (3 Sep) and (ii) future cases of internment of civilians in ITALY.

(c) It is emphasized that the following instructions refer only to internment cases, and NOT to civilians arrested and charged with a security offence, nor to those detained pending further investigation.

(d) AFHQ and AFHQ Adm Ech have agreed these instructions and approved their application throughout ITALY.

2. DISPOSAL OF CIVILIANS ALREADY INTERNEED

(a) All civil internees located in POW Camps in ITALY and any who may, wrongly, be confined in civil prisons, will be evacuated to 371 Camp forthwith.

(b) This H.Q. will supply the Commandant of 371 Camp with a list of all those persons whose internment has been officially authorized by Armies since the beginning of the Italian campaign. 2 District will supply forthwith a similar list in respect of interments authorized by that H.Q. P.S.S. is requested to do likewise.

(c) The Commandant of 371 Camp will then list the names of those persons in the Camp who do NOT feature in the lists described in para 1 (b) above and about whom he holds no record. He will submit this list to this H.Q., 2 District, P.S.S. and A.C.C. These several H.Q.'s should then notify the Commandant 371 Camp whether or not they know anything of the cases and whether or not they see any objection to the release of the persons concerned. The Commandant will then arrange for the immediate release of those to whom no objection is raised.

(d) Those persons whose recommended period of internment has already expired will be released at once, i.e. as soon as they reach 371 Camp. Others recommended for a definite period of internment will be released at the expiration of that period, provided that the Commandant sees no objection to their release, and provided that he is not notified in the meantime of any such objection by the H.Q. which authorized the internment or by A.C.C. or by this H.Q.

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(e) Persons whose names feature in the lists described in para.2 (b) above, who do not arrive within reasonable time at 371 Camp, will probably have been evacuated to N.AFRICA. A list of these will be sent by the Commandant 371 Camp to the usual channels) to AFHQ, with the request that they be returned to ITALY as soon as possible for confinement in 371 Camp or release, priority as regards their return being given to those who were recommended for a short or limited period of internment.

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(f) In addition, AFHQ will be requested by this HQ to arrange for the despatch to 371 Camp of any other civilians who may be confined in POW Camps in N. AFRICA and who are known to have been evacuated from ITALY, but who do NOT feature in the Commandant's list described in 2 (e) above. On the arrival of any such persons at 371 Camp, the Commandant will deal with them in the same way as with those described in 2 (c) above.

3. FUTURE CASES OF INTERMENT.

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As laid down in para 3 of this HQ instruction quoted above, a record of arrest ("Arrest Slip"), signed by the officer ~~is~~ the FS Section or CIO Detachment making the arrest, will be handed over to the authority i/c the POW Camp in which the prisoner is originally placed. This slip must accompany the prisoner to 371 Camp; it will be carried by the escort, and handed over to the Commandant of the Camp.

(ii) Authorisation.

Although any FS/CIO officer can arrest a civilian with a view to interment, the Army or District HQ concerned will be responsible for authorising interment. When the HQ concerned receives its "arrest slip" or report of the case, it will consider whether interment is justified. Or whether the arrestee should be released. In the latter event it will arrange for his immediate release. In the former event, it will indicate its authorisation in the manner shown in (iii) below.

(iii) Consolidated records.

Army and District HQ's will forward half-monthly to this H.Q. and to the Commandant of 371 Camp a consolidated record of persons arrested whose interment is authorised, giving particulars as hitherto.

(iv) Reason for interment.

The reason for arrest and interment will be stated on both the "arrest slip" accompanying the prisoner and on the half-monthly consolidated record. In both instances, this reason will be stated more fully than has been the custom hitherto, in order that both this HQ and the Commandant of the Camp may be properly informed concerning the case.

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(d) Release and Review.

(a) The practice of IS/CIC officers and Army or District HQ's intern-ing persons for a definite period, e.g. 6 months, or recommending their internment for such a period, will be discontinued, as this practice, though not contrary to the letter of international law, resembles too closely an arbitrary term of imprisonment without trial.

Instead, IS/CIC officers will recommend, and the HQ concerned will authorize the internment of the person in question, and they will recommend either that such internment should be for the duration of the war, or that the case should be reviewed after such and such a period (e.g. six months).

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It is requested that P.B.S. adopt the same procedure, in order that this may be uniform throughout the Italian mainland, and it is suggested that, where reference is made above to District HQ in connection with authorization for internment or release, P.B.S. should be regarded as the equivalent of a District for this purpose.

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SUBJECT: Arrest or Civilians on Security Grounds

SECRET

FIFTH ARMY
SEVENTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY
PORTBASE

15/AG/1400/2/G/16/

1 Sept. 1943

1. The following instructions regarding the arrest of civilians by military personnel on security grounds are issued in amplification of this H. C. instruction 15/AG/1400/2/G (Ib) dated 23 Aug. 43.

The procedure set out below will be adopted forthwith in the case of SIXLY and will be followed in future operations.

2. Categories of Arrest.

It must be clearly understood by all concerned, in particular by security personnel, that there are three categories of civilians who may be arrested on security grounds.

(a) Those who have committed, or are alleged to have committed, in the territory occupied by our forces, a security offence under international law or the provisions of our proclamations. These should be charged with the offence under international law or the provisions of our proclamations. These should be charged with the offence and tried by a military court.

(b) Those who are not chargeable with a security offence, but who appear on reasonable evidence to constitute a threat to the security of our forces, operations or Military Government, by virtue of their position, personality, sentiments or record.

These should be interned.

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Particulars of individual arrested.

Date and place of arrest and by whom arrested.

Where confined.

Reason (in brief) for arrest and classification or category of arrest (ref para 2 above).

(ii) One copy of such record will be handed over with the prisoner to the authority in charge of the prison or cage in which he is confined.

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(iii) Army H.Q. will forward consolidated lists of such records to Army H.Q. and to AMGOT H.Q. Palermo, at not more than fortnightly intervals.

Security Offences

A civilian arrested for the commission of a security offense will be placed in the nearest civil prison or police station approved by AIGOT. If no such establishment is available they will be placed in the nearest P/W cage.

In addition to the brief arrest records prescribed in (a) above, a full report of the case will be submitted to the local Civil Affairs Officer, who will then arrange for the case to be tried by a military court, and for the subsequent disposal of the prisoner.

Internment

A civilian arrested with a view to internment will be placed in the nearest P/W Cage.

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NOTE: Authorisation of internment will be the responsibility of this H.Q. in respect of the area in S.E. SICILY for which this H.Q. is directly responsible as regards security.

(a) Detention pending Investigation

A civilian detained on security grounds pending further investigation will be placed either in the local prison or in the nearest P/W cage, according to whether investigations are proceeding with a view to internment or to the preferment of a charge for a security offence.

The Chief Legal Officer of AIGOT H.Q. or the Senior Legal Officer of the Province should be informed of any such detention and his agreement obtained.

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The investigation of the case must be pursued as rapidly as possible by the security personnel concerned, so that the civilian detained may be either interned, released or charged with an offence with the minimum delay. If the Security Section making the investigation moves to another area before the case is disposed of, the case must be handed over to the incoming security section.

If the detention is to last longer than three months the agreement of the Chief or Senior Legal Officer should again be obtained.

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Evacuation from P/W Cages.

Where possible, Provost Marshalls and officers in charge of P/W cages will ensure that arrested civilians are not evacuated from the cage in which they are originally placed until,

(a) They are removed by AMCOF for trial or to a civil prison pending trial, in the case of those charged with an offence.

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(c) Their disposal is authorized by the appropriate agency in the case of those detained pending investigation (i.e. by Army H.Q., AMOY, or the local Security Officer, according to whether the prisoner is to be interned, tried or released).

5. Security Personnel

The procedure outlined above is based on the principle that security arrests should normally be carried out by Security Personnel (F.S.P. or C.I.C.)

It is realised however, that the arrest of civilians for security reasons may some times be initiated by a military personnel. In such cases, the civilian arrested should wherever possible be handed over to the nearest F.S. or C.I.C. Section ; where this is not practicable, the latter should at least be informed of the particulars of the arrest. The case can then be handled in accordance with the procedure laid down above.

Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

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AMOY H.Q., PALERMO
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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AIO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/71/INT

8 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Civilian Internment Camps.

TO : HQ ACMT (Admin Ech)

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from SIGNORE REALE, the Italian Minister, of the Interior with regard to conditions in Internment Camps, as these are under your jurisdiction. Perhaps you will be good enough to keep us informed of what is done in case we get any direct inquiry from SIGNORE REALE.

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STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

Despatched by Admin. Section 8/3. HV.

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FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO AMG AND ACC

March, 2nd, 1944
SalernoSUBJECT: Civilian concentration camps

I wish to inform you that we are receiving for many quarters frequent complains and protests about the manner in which Italian civil prisoners are being treated in the concentration camps in liberated Italy and particularly in Padula (Salerno) camp.

These complains concern both the billets and the rations of the prisoners and, above all, sanitation and hygiene.

We would point out that many of the internees are individuals arrested by the AMG without notification of the reasons of their arrest; that, in the majority of these cases, they are Italian officials and citizens who are no longer young; that they often held positions in public or private life of some importance; and that from a standard of life befitting their age and position they have been thrown into conditions that even the young and healthy would find difficult to stand.

Many of these people have been able to communicate with friends and relations, and we are certain that many of them, if they survive, will soon or later be released when AMG realizes that they cannot remain in prison any longer without a charge being preferred against them. As matters stand, these people will certainly not be able to give a favourable report on the methods of imprisonment employed by the Allied Authorities.

An Italian citizen in Padula camp has stated that "none of the worst prisons of the Bourbon era could be compared to Padula camp for the treatment suffered by its occupants".

It is therefore our hope that AMG and ACC, in recognition of the fact that the Italian Government has always acted loyally in apprehending and arresting civilians guilty of political action contrary to the principles of both the Allied Nations and the present Italian Government, will consider the possibility of adopting the following measures:

1. More humane treatment of Italian civilian internees in Allied concentration camps, especially with regard to the age and health conditions of the prisoners; this should apply ~~work~~ to concentration camps both in liberated Italy and in North Africa, and wherever Italian civilians are interned.
2. The Italian Ministry for Interior to be provided with lists of all civilian internees showing if they are in Italian or overseas camps, the town the internees comes ~~was~~ from and the reasons of his arrest.

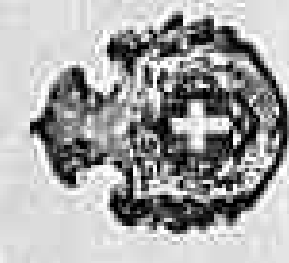
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THE MINISTER

Signed Reale

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Ministero dell'Interno

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Salerno 2 Marzo 1944

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Campi di concentramento per civili

AL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

Salerno

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Salerno

Desidero far rilevare che da molte parti ci giungono con frequenza preghiere e reclami sul modo con il quale vengono trattati i prigionieri civili italiani nei campi di concentramento in Italia liberata e particolarmente in quello di Padula (Salerno). Detti reclami riguardano sia l'alloggiamento che il vitto dei prigionieri, e soprattutto le condizioni sanitarie ed igieniche.

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I.- Umanizzare le condizioni di trattamento degli internati civili

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- 2.- Fare avere al Ministero dell'Interno Italiano le liste di tutti gli internati civili, divise per campi italiani e d'oltre mare, con l'indicazione del paese d'origine dell'internato e delle ragioni dell'arresto.
- 3.- Creare una Commissione Mista Alleata e Italiana per l'esame delle ragioni dell'arresto, di modo che se l'arrestato é colpevole, venga punito secondo la legge italiana, e se innocente possa venire rilasciato.-

IL MINISTRO

A. Burg

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/ /Int

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Padula Camp

TO : His Excellency, the Minister of Interior, Italian Government

Your Excellency;

1. With reference to our conversation this morning, I am informed that this camp is in the process of formation.

2. Would you please inform me in writing your requests in regard to this camp in order that I may present them before the necessary Army authorities, under whose control the camp is.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-commission

NOT SENT.

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