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FROM : FIAMBO 281715

TO : PENINSULAR BASE SECTION.

INFO : 94 SUB AREA - 57 AREA - 15 ARMY GROUP.

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YOUR PBS 136 of 27 OCT - HAVE DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH 15
ARMY GP WHO ARE ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS. MEANWHILE YOU ARE
AUTHORISED TO DETAIN WITHOUT TRIAL CIVILIANS FOR SECURITY REASONS.
AS NO ORGANISED INTERNMENT CAMPS EXIST THEY MAY BE ACCOMMODATED
IN P W CAMPS BUT SHOULD BE SEGREGATED FROM P S W. 15 ARMY GP
INSTRUCTIONS WILL COVER QUESTION OF THEIR ULTIMATE DISPOSAL.

THI 281720

Report for Month of Nov. 1942.

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

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

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

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2. The main problems which have been met with are :-

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- (c) Dealing with Political Prisoners (Internees).
- (d) Establishing relationship between the Military Forces and Civil Police.
- (e) Police control over Civil Population.
- (f) Detention of Civilians in Prisons awaiting trial.
- (g) The Black Market.
- (h) Brothels and Prostitutes.

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- (c) Political Prisoners - All arrests of civilians on security grounds are investigated at Armies, released or passed back to P.O.W. Camps. It is hoped that special P.O.W. Camps will ultimately be established by A.F.H.Q. on the mainland. Civil prisons are still being used for confinement of some such prisoners and in the early stages it may be necessary, but F.S. in rear areas do put some cases into Civil Prisons, some, too, are being arrested by Civil Police and put into prison without any report of reason for arrest.

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

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

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

(e) The Civil Police have co-operated well and have shown enthusiasm in carrying out our wishes. Looting by civilians, prostitutes soliciting in the streets and accosting of soldiers by pimps are crimes frequently reported. Arrests are made and these matters will have constant attention in the hope of reducing the menaces or arriving at some means by which they can be stopped.

(f) Many cases of civilians lingering in prisons awaiting trial have come to my notice. Some have been waiting since 1939. These cases are all being handled but it seems a slow process and I would represent that we obtain lists of all untried prisoners at a very early date for submission and investigation. Public Safety Officers are being instructed to give this early consideration by collecting the names immediately prisoners are visited.

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Subject: Visit to 5th Army Area.H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.H.Q., A.M.G.,
5th Army.AMG/417/3
14. Nov. 43.

During a recent visit paid by Major Lothian, Public Safety, certain matters were discussed with Lieut. Colonel Wilson.

1. All civilians trying to get North should be stopped and not allowed beyond a certain line. This should be simple enough to establish and it is suggested that contact be made with C.I.C. and F.S.S. and Provost to arrange. It is hoped that the C.O.R.R. will be in a position to control the traffic, and assisted by Military Police, to stop movement beyond the desired line. A General Instruction cannot be sent out as owing to control, no civilians are allowed to move North beyond a certain area in 8th Army.
2. The use of Prisons or Reformatories as hospitals for Field Army, etc., should the occasion arise:- If the Field Army will supply transport to evacuate personnel to some other locality in rear and the handing over of any institution forward would seem desirable, there is no reason why evacuation should not be made.
3. The instruction contained in telegram from Adv. Adm. Ech. A.F.H.Q., No. A23 dated 28. Oct. 43, regarding the use of P.O.W. Cages for confinement of Political Prisoners, is to be considered as a temporary measure. A more suitable place is desirable and it is suggested that arrangements be made for some permanent place. This would also avoid despatching this type of prisoner to North Africa. Your Public Safety Division had the matter in hand.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

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ORIGINAL TO
AMG - 6-ARMY
TO DISCUSS
HFL/JG.
17.11.43

Report page 2 - Results

P.S. 11/19/43 -

A.S. handling.

I now suggest we leave out Capt Dawson.

pona's.

was discussed with field team.
 Capt Benson & Army has a check in place.
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 and establish.

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A 1943 at Pome's can get names etc
 from F.S. & C.I. to be raised with Benson
 officer P/S Pome's.

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We will all have to work for this
 better feeling from Mil. Towards P.S.
 P/S officers at Pome's can do much
 through A.P.M.S. & F.S.

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The plan of operations by
Provinces allows for 1 P/S officer
in each of the 2 Provinces
and any other P/S officers will
be used as C.A.Os.

There is therefore no need for
more than 3 P/S officers
but some C.A.Os with Public
Safety Training are necessary
in the establishment of C.A.Os.

There will be no more
than 2 Provinces in hand.

10/11/43.

W.H.

Rev by Lt Gary

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8. Nov. 43.REPORT ON VISIT TO AMG, 8TH ARMY by MAJOR LOTHIAN,
27th October - 29th October.43.

Stayed at AMG HQ. at Main HQ., 8th Army.

1. AMG HQ. has to be kept to a minimum, about 5 officers. It is therefore necessary for Public Safety Section with 8th Army to set up their own H.Q. either forward or rear. I suggest that this would depend on circumstances, but the Chief Public Safety Officer with his two immediate staff should be no great distance away.
2. There were no Public Safety officers with the Army; one, Capt. Rawlings, used as C.A.O. at FOGGIA.
3. I believe two officers at H.Q. and one at, or near, each Divisional H.Q., the latter as Liaison Staff Officer, would be sufficient and 3 officers of junior rank (Captain) always available to work under the orders of the Public Safety Officer at Divisions. These officers must always be available for Public Safety work.
4. Interviewed CSI(b) at Army H.Q. Subjects mainly discussed were the arrest and handling of suspects and suspected political prisoners.
5. A C.A.O. at LUCERNA could only ask for assistance to make out charges against individuals arrested. This, I consider, is a C.A.O.'s duty assisted by a C.A.P.O. if one is available.
6. The problem of unauthorised civilians riding on Government vehicles was one of concern. This is difficult to stop owing to the C.C.R.R. being ignored by Military. I would, however, recommend that the C.C.R.R. have power and are posted to make ~~such~~ checks.

*M. P. Lothian*M. P. LOTHIAN,
Major,
Public Safety Division.

MPL/JG.

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*Note by Major Lothian. The set up with 8 & 5 Armies differ.
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AMG/417/2
9. Nov. 43.

REPORT ON VISIT TO AMG, 5TH ARMY BY MAJOR LOTHIAN, 13/11,
2. Nov. 43. - 6. Nov. 43.

1. Consulted with Lt. Col. WILSON, Public Safety Officer, who had a staff of 4 officers, two of whom are earmarked to remain for Region III.

Lt. Col. O.W. WILSON. (A)
Major A.F. WILCOX. (B)
Captain EURICO DELL'OSSO. (A)
Captain A.K. JEFFERSON. (B)
Captain HENSICKER. (A)

Major WILCOX and Capt. DELL'OSSO have been ordered to remain for Region III. I consider it important that these two officers be posted to Public Safety with 15 Army Group. Major WILCOX is an experienced Civil Police Officer and has been under Col. WILSON since the landing in Italy; likewise Capt. DELL'OSSO who has the additional advantage and value of speaking Italian fluently. This is a good team and I should be disturbed if it were broken up. Capt. HENSICKER has been loaned but his duties are to be that of a C.A.O. He is a police officer and could be usefully employed by Public Safety.

I found a very experienced Police Officer (Indian Police) serving in an office task at SALERNO, viz., Capt. DAMSON. I believe he would be a valuable addition to the Public Safety team and I should like to see him at 8th Army as Senior Public Safety Officer. I have no knowledge of this officer's work and have only met him, but I judge him to be suitable and would be of great assistance.

My visits in NAPLES were made at the end of my tour. They were to A.F.H.Q. (Adv. Adm. Ech.), where I called on the D.A.A.G.; to the S.C.A.P.O., NAPLES, Lt. Col. DOWERY (more of a private call); to the Central Prison and to the Prison Reformatory. I was disappointed in both these two latter places and in particular with the two Directors. These places require more attention and direction.

2. Visits were paid to 5 and 10 Corps, to 45, 34, 3, 46 and 56 Div. H.Q. At all these H.Q. I met officers who expressed appreciation of the work already done by AMOT but all asked for more officers forward. I formed an impression that such should be the case and that an AMG officer, certainly Public Safety at least, should be always at Div H.Q., and, with American Divs, in close contact with the Inspecting General and with British Divs, in close contact with Field Security, and with a C.A.O. Liaison Officer with A.A. & Q.M.G.

3. Refugees going South all filtered under direction of Field Security organisations with the Divs.

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Captain A.K. JEFFERSON.

Captain HENSICKER.

Major WILCOX and Capt. DELL'OSCO have been ordered to remain for Region III. I consider it important that these two officers be posted to Public Safety with 15 Army Group. Major WILCOX is an experienced Civil Police Officer and has been under Col. WILSON since the landing in Italy; likewise Capt. DELL'OSCO who has the additional advantage and value of speaking Italian fluently. This is a good team and I should be disturbed if it were broken up. Capt. HENSICKER has been loaned but his duties are to be that of a C.A.O. He is a police officer and could be usefully employed by Public Safety.

I found a very experienced Police Officer (Indian Police) serving in an office task at SALERNO, viz., Capt. DAMSON. I believe he would be a valuable addition to the Public Safety team and I should like to see him at 8th Army as Senior Public Safety Officer. I have no knowledge of this officer's work and have only met him, but I judge him to be suitable and would be of great assistance.

My visits in NAPLES were made at the end of my tour. They were to A.F.H.Q. (Adv. Adm. Ech.), where I called on the D.A.A.G.; to the S.C.A.P.O.; NAPLES, Lt. Col. DOHERTY (more of a private call); to the Central Prison and to the Prison Reformatory. I was disappointed in both these two latter places and in particular with the two Directors. These places require more attention and direction.

2. Visits were paid to 5 and 10 Corps, to 45, 34, 3, 46 and 56 Div. H.Q. At all these H.Q. I met officers who expressed appreciation of the work already done by AMFOT but all asked for more officers forward. I formed an impression that such should be the case and that an AMF officer, certainly Public Safety at least, should be always at Div H.Q., and, with American Divs, in close contact with the Inspecting General and with British Divs, in close contact with Field Security, and with a C.A.O. Liaison Officer with A.A. & Q.M.G. 330

3. Refugees going South all filtered under direction of Field Security organisations with the Divs.

4. I met with no complications regarding arrests of anti-Allied political personages, but I did not make extensive enquiries. I believe there are hardships but these can only be ascertained on full enquiry. I do not consider AMF Forward will be able to make much of a check but will have to leave this to the more established Regional organisation. Instructions will be issued for Public Safety officers of AMF to attend to this matter and enquire into important cases, when Public Safety personnel have taken up their appointments.

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5. A serious problem was met with in the form of civilians moving forward closely behind the Field Units, some even as far forward as, and beyond, Brigade F.9. These people are anxious to get early into their own old villages and towns. To assist I have suggested a rear line, forward of which civilians will not be permitted from the South. C.C.R.R. posts could be established on all or most roads to stop all civilians, until the line is moved forward as judged suitable by S.C.A.O.'s with Armies, when the posts would be established further forward.

The suggested line for the present might be:-

R. VOLTURNO to CALUA along river to junction with
R. CALORE just North of BENEVENTO and along railway
to SAVIGNANO d'AGUGLIA, thence along R. CERVARO to
Gulf of MARTELLICENIA.

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10. For reasons of Public Health and accommodation of troops' billets and hospitals, the Field Army may require to use Reformatories and Prisons. I believe this can be arranged and to the common good, provided the Field Army will supply the necessary transport to evacuate these places. C.A.O's at Corps should be empowered to give their approval at once. They should advise Public Safety officers who would then handle the evacuation to a prison or reformatory further in the rear.

11. Reports on Police, Fire and Prisons are required by Public Safety at AMG HQ., 15 Army Group, giving any particulars of Police Forces available; of fire equipment and personnel; and of location of prisons, capacity, numbers of prisoners, staff employed and state of buildings mainly security. A special report is also necessary giving numbers of persons detained for political reasons and of any special cases.

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12. It is necessary that Public Safety, AV3 Armies, pass to Public Safety of Regions full information on:-

- (a) Prisons and Prisoners held.
- (b) All information on persons held in prison for political reasons.
- (c) Records of all civilians holding administrative positions.
- (d) Records of civilian persons used in any capacity by AMG.
- (e) C.C.R.R. posts on L. of C.
- (f) Passes and control of civilians.
- (g) Fire stations and personnel.
- (h) Fire-fighting appliances.

13. Detaining Civilians for Security.

A.F.H.Q. have authorised the use of P.O.W. Camps. This is to the good as they should not be detained in a Civil Prison. Otherwise I would advise that a civil prison be set aside in each Region and if necessary and available, a small prison in each province.

Copy of A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech. Signal A23 dated 28.Oct.43 attached herewith.

Notes of visits paid attached to original copy.

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M. P. Lothian Major
M. P. LOTHIAN,
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SECRETVISIT to 5th ARMY AREA, 2nd to 6th Nov. 43.

Date	Serial No.	Formation.	Officers seen.	Location.	Map Ref. 1/200,000	Special Remarks.
2. Nov. (Tues)	1.	ARM, 5 Army.	Col. Hume. Col. Ashley. Lt. Col. Wilson.	NAPLES.	-	All HQ officers at Naples with officers Region 3 and some Region 4.
3. Nov. (Wed).	2.	HQ. 5 Army.	Surgeon Major Spingarn (CIC)	CASERTA.	Sh. 19 - 2574	See Special notes.
-do-	3.	Hq. 6 Corps.	Surgeon & C.I.C.	BRACCHI.	Sh. 19 - 2597	-do-
-do-	4.	Hq. 45 Div.	Surgeon.	ROVISCONE.	Sh. 18 - 1907	-do-
-do-	5.	Hq. 34 Div.	Surgeon.	NUZZA.	Sh. 18 - 1515	-do-
-do-	6.	Pl. 109 Rd. Lab.	Officer Comd.	S. ANGELO.	Sh. 18 - 2107	Spent the night.
4. Nov. (Thurs).	7.	Hq. 3 Div.	Ins. Gen. of Div.	TAVERNAPOLIA.	Sh. 19 - 1099	Need for more AMG officers.
-do-	8.	Hospital.	Surgeon - 3 Div.	PIZZI.	Sh. 19 - 0995	
-do-	9.	Hq. 10 Corps.	Col. GEO. and Col. Ogilthorpe.	SPARTELLA.	Sh. 19 - 0887	See Special Notes.
-do-	10.	Hq. 46 Div.	A.D.M.S. A.A.S.M.G.	FRANCOLISE.	Sh. 19 - 0586	
-do-	11.	AMG & RS 46 Div.	Capt. Audouin, P.S. Capt. Jequier, AME.	SALENTO.	Sh. 19 - 0281	
-do-	12.	Hq. 56 Div.	L.A.D.M.S. C.S.I.	TRAMO.	Sh. 19 - 0693	Need for more AMG officers forward.
-do-	13.	Rear Hq. 10 Corps.	D.P.M.S. Col. Ogilthorpe.	S. MARIA.	Sh. 19 - 2175	See notes. D.P.M.S. raised 2 points for Public Safety.
-do-	14.	ARM. 5 Army.	Col. Hume & others.	NAPLES.		Spent Night.

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