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ADMINISTRATION & TRAINING OF CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS, CCRR, ETC.
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24 JAN 1944

SUBJECT:~ CO RR

AFHQ Adv Admin Echelon
CMF

3073/2/A2

22 Jan 44

To:~ Fifth Army
Eighth Army
No.2 District
Peninsular Base Sectionsee 53A
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It is necessary again to draw attention to the importance of preserving the efficiency and morale of the Italian Carabinieri.

AMG reports many instances are occurring where the troops obstruct their action, or in other ways weaken their authority. You are requested to impress upon all under your command the undesirable consequences of such behaviour.

AMG further states that there are many cases where Carabinieri barracks have been occupied by troops. Please report all such cases in your area and take steps to have the barracks handed back to the Carabinieri if they are required by them.

J.A. Robertson

BHR/AMG

Major General 940
Deputy Chief Administrative OfficerCopy to:~ No.3 District
DCCAO HQ AGMF
Gds
"Q"

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Subject: - Auxiliary CC.RR.

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AMG.,
Hq. A.C.M.F.
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/421/59
24 January 44

S.C.A.P.O.,
AMG Eighth Army, thru SOAO.

It is understood that Eighth Army have organized a number of auxiliary police for security duties under FSS personnel and associated with the local O.C. CC.RR.

Please forward details of the scheme covering source of recruiting, method of operation, link with CC.RR or other police agency, nature of duties, rationing, etc., Also please let me have your comments on the working of the scheme.

Ruffy

Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Press & Publicity

E.Y. HARTSHORNE, Esq.,
"C" Special Ops,
HQ ACDP

AMG
HQ ACDP
CMF

AMG/421/52
23 Jan 44

Further to telephone conversation HARTSHORNE - MARTIN,
4 copies of an article appealing to allied troops for
fair play for the Carabinieri are sent herewith. The
DCCAO would be glad if the gist of the article could be
inserted in the "STARS and STRIPES" and "UNION JACK".



Lt-Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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FAIR PLAY

4 copies

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Fair play is one of the qualities upon which both British and American Armies have long prided themselves. Also we take pride in the fact that members of our Armies are capable of carrying on the war effort according to our national purposes without the extreme regimentation found necessary in the armies of our enemies. In short, our men think for themselves and usually think right.

In both Sicily and Italy the Military Command has designated certain Italian civil agencies to carry out their functions under the direction of A.M.G. to preserve order among civilians and take the burden of civil administration off the shoulders of tactical troops.

Of these, the greatest responsibility devolves upon the Carabinieri Reali. This Corps, which is primarily part of the Army, and the senior branch of that service, has a long and proud tradition of service under six kings. Generally, they have stuck to their jobs. They have not abandoned their posts. Under the most trying conditions that can come to military men, the Carabinieri are loyally doing their best to co-operate with the Allied Authorities and to preserve public order.

The Carabinieri's job is to help in maintaining order behind the fighting troops. He is out to help you and, equally with you, his object is to drive the Hun out of the country.

Therefore,

DON'T humiliate him by disarming him
DON'T interfere with him when he is doing his job

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DON'T enter Carabinieri barracks in search of pistols or other souvenirs.

In fact,

DO all you can to support him in his dealings with the public. He has a difficult enough job as it is and if, sometimes, you don't like what he is doing, remember that he is carrying out his orders. In, other words, give him a square deal and ensure fair play.

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 HQ AMO
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 AMO/AM/55
 22 Jan 44

Dear General FERRIS,

When I first saw you early in the month on the subject of the number of Carabinieri available for duty in FOGGIA Province, you stated that an additional 50 men had been sent to HQ BENEVENTO and that the Legion Commander who was then in the province would probably see Lt-Col CARLUCCI, the Senior Civil Affairs Officer there, and discuss the problem with him.

I am now informed that up to 12th January no contact with the Legion Commander had been established and I am writing to ask you to be good enough to instruct him to go into the question, if possible, with Lt-Col CARLUCCI. I know that you are willing to give the latter any help within your power.

I am looking forward to seeing you over here in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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 Lt-Colonel,
 Chief, Radio Society.

 A.M.
 Generale di Divisione
 MISTRI Cr. Off. Giuse. e
 Comandante Generale Area Cr. di Riallimentata
 BARI.

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Copy to: HQ AMO BENEVENTO IV AMO. - reference your T/AM/AM of 17 Jan.

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20 JAN 1944

AMG REGION IV ADVANCED
c/o HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

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TO : AMG, 15 Army Group
FROM : HQ. Region IV AMG, Advanced
SUBJECT: CC.RR, Foggia Province
REF : T/345/Fogg
DATE : 17 January 44

1. Reference your AMG/421/29 of 3 Jan 44, the CC.RR Legion Commander had not visited the SOAO, Foggia Province as of 12 Jan 44. Thus, in effect, no progress has been made in regard to the reinforcements for Foggia Province since our letter to you of 27 Dec 43 (T/439/Fogg). — 29

2. The special situation in which Foggia Province finds itself because of the military activity and because of Provincial Order No. 4 which has resulted therefrom, presents a strong case for more Public Safety personnel than would ordinarily be necessary. If CC.RR are not available in sufficient numbers to perform the necessary tasks, then it may be necessary that their ranks be augmented by military personnel (ref our letter T/312/Fogg — 49. of 10 Jan 44).

3. Please inform this HQ. what arrangements may best be made to increase the Public Safety personnel in Foggia Province.

For RCOAO, Region IV

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JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, F.A.

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Subject:- CO.RR in Foggia Province.

AMC HQ.,
19 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMC/421/53
19 January 1944.

R.I.A.S., Region IV (Adv.).

With reference to your T/312/509 of 10 Jan 44, it is understood from the C.O.C. Carabinieri Staff that the CO.RR and infantry referred to in para 1 are reservists who are being demobilised and, presumably, to be replaced.

2. Gen. PIERRE, when interviewed on the subject on 12 Jan was unaware of the order and promised to take the matter up with the Ministry of War when he next visited AMBROSIO. It would appear, however, that the IX Corps instruction was issued prior to the D.C.C.A.O.'s representations to the Italian Government.

3. The action taken by the S.C.M.O. as noted in para 4 of your minute is endorsed.

4. With regard to the question of additional CO.RR for FOGGIA Province, Gen. PIERRE regrets he is unable to allocate any additional personnel to the province beyond the 10 already sent to SAN SEVERO as mentioned in this Office No. AMC/421/29 of 3 Jan 44.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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SUBJECT:-

CC.RR

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

H.Q.,
A.F.I.

AMC/30/80
16th January 1944

The Carabinieri (CC.RR) have for the most part performed their functions as the only effective police force in Sicily and Italy remarkably well since the occupation. They have maintained their state of efficiency (according to Italian standards) and loyalty to their country as opposed to any particular party and have worked in close cooperation with A.M.G. officials. It is largely due to them that order has been maintained.

2. It is essential that they should receive from the Allied Forces all the support and assistance which can be given to them. This unfortunately has not always been afforded and there have been many instances in which troops have either obstructed them or diminished their authority by thoughtless actions. There have been many cases of where the Carabinieri barracks in towns have been occupied by troops and the Carabinieri forced literally to live from hand to mouth.

3. I propose to deal with the first difficulty by an explanatory article in the Allied newspapers but I would ask that in the combat areas the Carabinieri barracks should not be occupied except in emergency and that on the IAC they should not be occupied at all. Unless this is done, it will be impossible to reorganise the Carabinieri into an effective force for the preservation of law and order, a duty which will then have to fall on to troops who should be otherwise engaged.

V
Brigadier
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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Subject:- Despatches - CC.RR.AMC B.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.Ref. AMC/421/
15 January 44.Hq. Comando Arma, CC.RR.

Arrangements have been made for the despatch of letters to CC.RR Groups, etc., in the provinces of PUGLIA, CAMPANIA, BRINZI and A.VILA, to be carried out by Hq. No.2 District.

Will you please have all despatches sent through No.2 District, parcelled securely and clearly labelled:

S.O.A.O., AMC, PUGLIA, or
S.O.A.O., AMC, EIGHTH ARMY (MAIN).

They should be handed in by your messenger to the Despatch Office (S.D.S.) at Headquarters No.2 District commencing 17 January 1944. Please note that no receipt can be given for these parcels by the Signal Officer.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

Copy to:- Hq. No.2 District (Arrangements were made verbally on 14 Jan 44 by Maj. Lothian with your Signal-master.

AMC Eighth Army (Main).

AMC Region IV. (Adv).

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMYRear Echelon
8 January, 1944

Dear Major Wilcox,

On 12/13 January, 1944 we are ship-
ping across from Sardinia to Naples over
1000 Carabinieri ready for special duty in
Rome City.

Reply
Until they are required for this
special duty, it occurs to me that you could
use an appreciable number in the forward areas
for handling refugees, and other police problems.
(I propose also to offer Region III a number
for Naples Area.)

If you let me know the number you could
use, place to report, etc., I will gladly make
necessary arrangements.

You will appreciate, of course, that
they might be required at short notice, but I will
endeavor to give you at least 72 hours notice. 930

Sincerely yours,

*W. R. Pollock*W. R. POLLOCK,
Lt., Col.,Senior Public Safety Officer
AMG

Copy to: Major Huntzicker
Chief Staff Officer (Col. Ashley)
15 Army Group
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11 JAN 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Rear Echelon

8 January, 1944

Dear Col. Francis,

On 22/13 January 1944, we are shipping across from Sardinia to Naples over 1000 Carabinieri ready for special duty in Rome City:

Until they are required, it occurs to me that a number could be put to good use in the Naples Area and some in the forward 5 Army Area to deal with refugee and other problems.

If you care to let me, or Major Huntzicker know, the number you wish to use, place of reporting etc., I shall be happy to make necessary arrangements. You will appreciate, of course, that they might be required at short notice, but I will endeavor to give you at least 72 hours notice.

Sincerely yours,

J.R. Pollock
J.R. POLLOCK,
Lt., Col., 929
Senior Public Safety Officer
AMG

Copy to: Major Huntzicker
Chief Staff Officer (Col. Ashley)
15 Army Group
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AMG REGION IV ADVANCED 13 JAN 1944
c/o HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP
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TO : HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP
FROM : HQ. Region IV AMG, Advanced
SUBJECT: CC.RR In FOGGIA Province
REF : T/312/Fogg
DATE : 10 January 44

1. The Italian General Staff has ordered the immediate withdrawal to BARI of 136 CC.RR and 132 Infantry of SOTTOZONO PI. E DAP, at present employed on essential Guard duties in FOGGIA Province. This was done by Italian 9 Corps Instruction No. 10203/PI of 23 Dec 43.

2. This direct instruction from the Italian government to officers in FOGGIA Province runs directly counter to the arrangements agreed to by the DCCAO with Marshal Badoglio and the Italian Ministry of the Interior, as understood by this HQ. This HQ. has been informed that all communications to Italian officials in AMG territory will be made through the ACC and HQ. 15 Army Group. It is further understood that ACC has undertaken to see that this is carried out.

3. The Prefect, CC.RR, and other Italian government offices in FOGGIA Province have been informed by the SCAO, FOGGIA, that the administration of the province is not in any way under the control of the Italian government, and that no instructions from the Italian Government are to be accepted.

4. In line with the above policies, the Colonnello in charge of the CC.RR in FOGGIA Province has been ordered by the SCAO to disregard the above mentioned instructions. It is requested that you have the instructions immediately cancelled, and inform the responsible officials not to issue instructions directly to the CC.RR in Region IV territory.

5. Rather than a diminution of the Italian Public Safety personnel in FOGGIA Province, this HQ. has referred to you the question of securing additional CC.RR (Ref. our T/239/Fogg of 27 Dec. 43). To date we have received your AMG/421/29 of 3 Jan 44 stating that the possibility of assigning further CC.RR to FOGGIA Province will be explored upon the return of the Legion Commander to BARI. May we have a statement from you of the recent developments in this regard? For your information the latest recommendations made by the SCAO, FOGGIA, is that reinforcements should be as follows:

- 14.
CC.RR. 490.
Infantry 160.
Anti-Parachute Tps.

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AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

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10 Jan 44

He has made a complete investigation of the duties of the Italian Public Safety personnel in FOGGIA Province and is satisfied that the present personnel plus the reinforcements suggested are essential.

For RGAO, Region IV

JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, -F.A.

Copy to SCAO, FOGGIA Province

Note Saw Sen Picche re this 14 Jan. was not aware of order but after phoning IX Corps stated that it was issued by Chief of Staff, Ministry of War. Personnel employed as military guards & consist of reservists of classes were being demobilized. No information as to replacement. C.C.R.R. mentioned not employed as police. Sen P. will take up with Min. of War when he goes to Brindisi on 17/927
R.H.H.
17.

Later Sen Picche informed me that he was arranging to send about 70 more C.C.R.R. to Vasto for employment.

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Subject: Carabinieri.AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.Ref. AMG/421/45.
13 January 44.S.C.A.O.,
AMG, Fifth Army.

With reference to your OA/8/ of 5 Jan 44 and enclosures, renewed representations have been ~~made~~ to the S.C.A.O., CO. 88 that all instructions from higher functions in King's Italy to groups, companies and other units situated in occupied territory must be routed through this Headquarters. It has also been suggested, in order to avoid confusion, that when circulars are sent for information only they ~~will~~ be so endorsed. This would apply to the circular dated 26 Dec 43 referred to in para 3 of your minute.

The second circular was issued prior to the instructions to the CO. 88 mentioned above but General Picchio agrees that they should never have been sent to groups, etc., in forward areas, and he had already informed the Legion Commander to that effect.

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Public Safety.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. AMG, Fifth Army. }
S.C.A.O. Region III. } Per information.
S.C.A.O. Region IV. }

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Subject:- Administration of C.G.R.ANG Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.Ref. ANG/421/44
12 January 1944.

Dear Colonel Kirk,

I enclose for such action as you may deem necessary four documents which have been brought to this Headquarters by Gen. Picche's Liaison Officer, Capt. Branchi.

All of these concern Region II but in view of our proximity to Gen. Picche's Headquarters he finds it more convenient to bring them to us rather than to communicate with you through official channels.

Nos 1 and 2 relate to the transfer of a non-commissioned officer which the higher command of the C.G.R. wish to make, for reasons stated, but which is opposed by the S.C.A.O. Matera.

No. 3 concerns the refusal of the local Military Police to allow the removal of a certain motor car from Matera.

No. 4. Gen Picche wishes to say that he agrees with this suggestion and is taking action accordingly. Although he does not raise the question, you may not altogether approve the peremptory tone of this letter.

For your information I may add that the D.C.C.A.O. has instructed me to prepare a directive for C.A.Os operating in this Army Group area indicating the procedure to be followed regarding appointments, transfers and removals of C.G.R. personnel.

Yours sincerely,

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Colonel Paul G. Kirk.,
Chief Public Safety Division,
Hq. ANG.

C. S. O.

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Please see 39-41. I cannot see anything very serious in the two documents.

It was on Dec 27 that I saw Gen. Pièche on the subject and it possible that his instructions had not reached the BARI Legion when the circular about the re-opening of postal services in King's Italy and in Region II was prepared. The arrangement made with Gen. Pièche is being strictly observed. In any case I can see no harm in this circular.

The second one was dated 18th Dec and so was sent out before the arrangement with Gen. Pièche.

I think, however, it would be well if I were to point out to him the desirability of differentiating between King's Italy and territory under A.M.G. control when issuing instructions such as this.

With correct observance of the arrangement made with Gen. Pièche, the remedy will lie in the SCAO's hands, as all instructions are filtered through his office.

Do you agree?

[Signature]

11 Jan 44

Yes please tell Gen. Pièche again that

*Done
Reply
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all communications must be routed through 324 A.M.G. & all areas north of the Mason Dixon Line.

This is absolutely essential & must be no exceptions. Pl. Mr. S.C. 1000' 3008 Aug 11/11 1944. R.A. 1000' 11/11 1944. after you are again taken.

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Subject:-

Carabinieri Appointments.

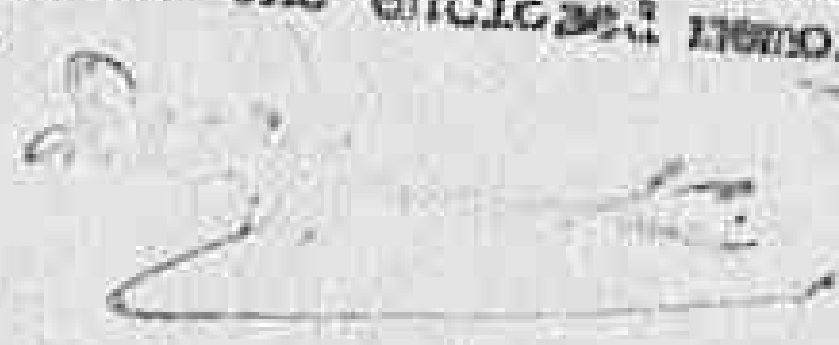
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AMG Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.Ref. AMG/421/41
10 January 1944.S.C.A.O., FOGGIA Province.

The enclosed instruction from the Commander of the BARI Legion CC.FR to the FOGGIA Group Commander has been brought to this Headquarters for transmission in accordance with this office No. AMG/421/26 of 27 Dec 43.

Although the circumstances which caused you to oppose the transfer of Maresciallo MASSA are not known at this Headquarters, it is felt in view of the particular qualifications which this N.C.O. possesses for the post to which it is desired to transfer him at BARRETTA, that they cannot be such as to justify refusal, on our part, to the transfer provided that, as is intended, MASSA is replaced by a suitable N.C.O.

It is suggested, therefore, that when Major MIZZAN approaches you following receipt of the enclosed memorandum, the objection should be withdrawn.


Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

Copy to:- Region IV. (Adv).

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Subject: Carabinieri.H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.OA/8/
5 Jan 44.H.Q., A.M.G.
15 Army Group.

1. On 22 December, 1943, under reference OA/8 I wrote a letter enclosing certain communications which had been received by the Carabinieri in this Region from Bari, and requesting that all such communications should in future be routed through A.M.G.

2. On the 27th December, 43, a letter was received from 15 Army Group stating that instructions had been given to the G.O.C. Carabinieri stationed in Kings Italy, that all communications must be dealt with through A.M.G.

3. I enclose a circular dated 28th December, 43, from the Carabinieri Legion in Bari which was received by the Carabinieri in Vasto on the subject of Postal Services shortly to be instituted in back areas. It is pointed out that

(i) Not only are orders given from 15 Army Group to the Carabinieri Legion in Bari being completely disregarded and

(ii) Circulars of this nature can do an enormous amount of harm.

4. We are today suffering from an influx of letters which are being carried by refugees and which are, of course, stopped so soon as they are discovered, but a circular of the type of the one enclosed would make our work in the forward area infinitely more difficult.

5. I further enclose a circular from Carabinieri at Bari which states that the Communist Headquarters at Bari are only awaiting their moment to assault the Carabinieri Barracks and seize the arms which are deposited there, and which have been taken from the civilian population, and it goes on to say that such arms of certain portions of those arms should be returned to "persons of reliable political attitude".

6. Request has been received from the town of Riccia that arms should be returned to the civilians, quoting as a reason the necessity for this step in view of the depredations which are being caused by wolves etc. In the light of the circular enclosed, it is difficult to entertain the idea.

7. I would ask that the very strongest representations be once again made, and that disciplinary action be taken against those members of the Carabinieri in Bari who are flagrantly disobeying orders and whose actions may result in serious disturbances taking place in operational areas.

R. J. Brown
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

SUBJECT: 1 -establishment of some postal services
and Censorship.

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To all subordinate HQ.

The ordinary letter correspondence has been permitted between the provinces of Apulia (excepting Foggia Prov.), Lucania, Calabria and in Campania only to Salerno Province.

The ordinary Postal money Orders correspondence has been permitted between the above mentioned Provinces.

Censorship is for all mail posted in the *(Italian)* Military Post Offices.

Censorship for the outward mail has been established.

Correspondence with Sardinia is allowed as before in this occasion only to ^rthe Provinces of Apulia (Excepting Foggia Prov.)

THE COLONEL COMANDANT AD INTERIM

(Carlo Mazzaone)

(signed)

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI ARI
ufficio servizio

N.496/20 di prot.

Bari li 28 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Riattivazione di alcuni servizi postali - Censura.

A tutti i comandi dipendenti

E' stato consentito lo scambio delle corrispondenze epistolari ordinarie fra le provincie della Puglia (Foggia esclusa), della Lucania, della Calabria e per la Campania, della sola provincia di Salerno.

E' stato consentito alle stesse provincie lo scambio di vaglia ordinari.

E' stata istituita la censura della corrispondenza alla partenza.

La censura è totalitaria per le corrispondenze impostate in uffici di P.M.

Lo scambio delle corrispondenze con la Sardegna continua, per ora, ad essere limitato alle provincie della Puglia (Foggia esclusa).

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INTERINALE
(Carlo Razzone)

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF C.C.R.R. IN CARI

SERVICE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Communist Activity.

To all the HQ of Officers and Sections.

The following is from the circular letter of the HQ of the Kings Italy, No. 63/I S. of 17 December 1943:

" Trustworthy confidential sources reports that the communists are awaiting orders from the Head Office in Bari to assault the Carabinieri Barracks and seize the arms which are deposited there and which have been taken from the civilian population ".

Owing to this fact I wish that you will provide for the return of:

the hunter and self-defence Arms which have been taken from the civilian population, to persons of reliable political attitude. These persons will prove to be in need of these arms for their work and because they are living in isolate Farms and Acienes. The other arms will be held in safe custody, removing bolt or other parts which are essential for action and holding and these parts in different custody.

P.C.C.

THAMARESCIALLO MAGGIORE COMMANDANT

(Michele Polini)

THE COLONEL COMMANDANT AD INTERIM

Signed Mazzaone

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI RR.CC. DI BARI
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N.57/I di prot. Segret.

Bari 18 dicembre 1943

Oggetto: Attività comunista.A tutti i Comandi di ufficiali e di sezioni.

Dalla circolare del Comando dell' Italia Liberata
n.63/I S. del 17 dicembre 1943 :

" Fonte confidenziale attendibile riferisce che i comuni-
sti attenderebbero ordine di agire, dalla sede centrale, in Bari, per
assaltare le caserme dell' arma ed impadronirsi delle armi ivi de-
positate, ritirate ai civili.

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Prego pertanto provvedere:

a) delle armi ritirate ai civili siano restituite quelle da caccia
e difesa personale a persone di sicura fede politica che dimostrano
di averne necessità per ragioni di lavoro e per vivere in masserie
ed aziende isolate. Le rimanenti siano ben custodite, separando ot-
turatorie ed altre parti essenziali al funzionamento e custodendo
queste parti in luogo diverso.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INTERIMALE

F.to Mazzone

P.C.C.

IL MARESCIALLO MAGGIORE COMANDANTE

(Michele Polini)

Put in file CC.F.R.

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S.E.

Generale di Divisione

P I E * C H E Gr. Uff. Giuseppe

Comandante Generale Arma CC.FR. Italia Liberata

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Translation al 34 *35*

LEGIONE TERR. DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N. 47/1 di prot. Bari, li 4 gennaio 1944

Risposta al del N

OGGETTO } Richiesta rinforzi per la provincia di Foggia. =

Carte annesse n.

Al Sig. comandante del gruppo dei cc.rr. di

→ e, per conoscenza;

→ Al comando Generale dell'A.M.G.O.T.

FOGGIA IN ROVINO

B A R I

Il comando generale dell'A.M.G.O.T. ha richiesto a questa legione di rinforzare convenientemente l'arma di codesta provincia.

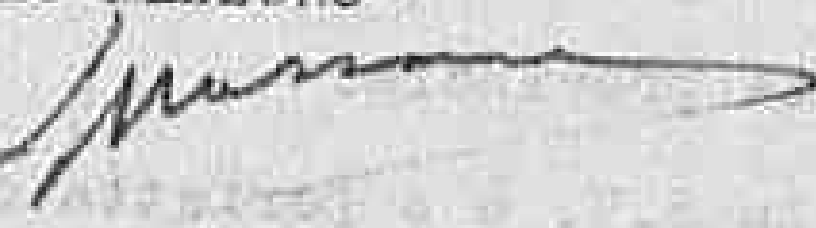
La S.V. è a perfetta conoscenza della attuale situazione in proposito di codesto gruppo e sa inoltre che in caso di necessità può disporre del nucleo di S. Severo, di 50 uomini e di un ufficiale.

D'altra parte la situazione delle altre provincie della legione nei riguardi dell'ordine pubblico non è in migliori condizioni di codesta.

Ciò posto, prego la S.V. di prendere d'urgenza accordi con l'ufficiale superiore dell'A.M.G.O.T. di Foggia.

già e di comunicare quindi a questa legione, a stretto giro di posta, l'entità del rinforzo concretato.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INTERIMALE
- Carlo Mazzone -



Bar. 4 January 1943 34
SUBJECT: Petition for a reinforcement in Foggia Prov.

To the Commandant of the Group of C.C.R.R.

AND for information

To HQ of A.M.G.O.T. - Bari

The HQ of A.M.G.O.T. has asked this Legion for a reinforcement of the Unit of this Province.

You are fully acquainted with the present situation regarding this Group and also know that this Group can dispose of the Nucleo of S. Severo, (50 men and one Officer), in a case of necessity.

Moreover the situation of the Legion in other Provinces, regarding the Public Order, is not better than this one.

Therefore, I wish that you will urgently make an agreement with the Senior Officer of A.M.G.O.T., in Foggia, and inform this Legion, by urgent mail, over the decided reinforcement

THE COLONNEL -COMMANDANT AD INTERIM
(signed) Carlo Mazzone

C. P/S.

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Ref. pp. 30, 31 & 32.

I have seen General Picke (6/1/44).
He does not wish to interfere with what we desire,
but points out:

- (1) The Prefect can move about - he is only concerned with an office
- (2) The CC.RR Gp. Comd has his men to consider. There are barracks in Foggia where the men will have to stay and the Comd. will require to visit them and do his work daily in Foggia. Torre Maggiore is therefore unsuitable. He considers he could report at AMG. Pres. HQ as required and would be better to live at Foggia.
- (3) If the Prefect was in Torre Maggiore it would not really upset the CC.RR.

Para (2) of letter p. 31 does not stop this as the CC.RR will have to be located in Foggia in any case.

I have gone no further in the matter.

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6/1/44.



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C.S.O.

with your approval I propose to inform the CCRR verbally regarding the location of their Gp. Comd and the Prefect in TORRE. MAGGIORE when ~~the~~ S.C.D.O. locates his HQ in that town, rather than commit it to paper. Please see p. 30 file 421.

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W.B. Long
P/S.

P.S.D.

Also agreed by C.S.O. . It is not clear, however, how last sentence of 31 affects last sentence of 30. Is there any valid reason why CCRR HQ should not move north of Reggio (ie to Torre Maggiore)?

5/1/44

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JAN 1944
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AMG REGION IV ADVANCED
c/o HQ, AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : AMG HQ, 15 ARMY GROUP
FROM : HQ, Region IV AMG, Advanced
SUBJECT: Contact with Group Commander, Foggia Province
REF : T/485/Fogg
DATE : 4 January 44

1. Reference your letter AMG/421/30, 3 Jan 44, it is intended that the Group Commander of the CC.RR as well as the Prefect and the SCAO will all be located in Torre-maggiore, which will eliminate the difficulties of communication. The case of the Group Commander has been in no way different from that of the entire provincial government of Foggia which has been scattered throughout the Province. It is hoped that the move to Torre-maggiore will correct the situation.

2. It has been agreed with the Air Forces not to locate units of the provincial government in Foggia city.

For the RGAO, Region IV

JOH
JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, F.A.

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Subject: Contact with Group Commander, Poggia Province. 30

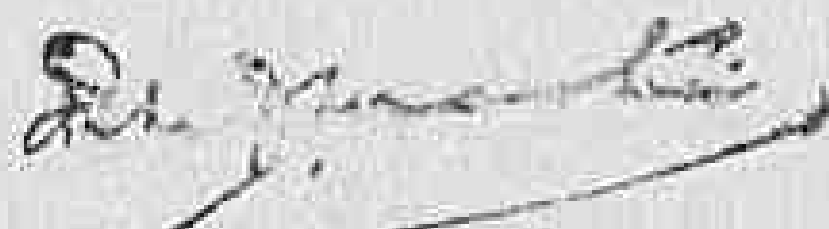
AMG HI.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/121/30
3 January 44

R.C.A.O., Region IV Adv. (2).

In the course of an interview with Gen. Picche, commanding the CC.RR, the difficulty of direct contact between the S.C.A.O. and S.C.A.P.O. POGGIA Province and the Group Commander of the CC.RR was mentioned.

Gen. Picche agreed that the latter should be at POGGIA instead of BEVINO and suggested that the S.C.A.O. should obtain the Prefect's agreement to the move. He made this suggestion because under the normal Italian system the Group Commander has to be in the same town as the Prefect. It is, however, doubtful whether the Group Commander could move farther north if and when the S.C.A.O. moves his offices, but POGGIA would undoubtedly be more convenient than BEVINO.


Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

Subject:- Additional CO.MR for FOGGIA Province.

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AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

Ref. AMG/421/29
3 January 44.

Hq AMG, Region IV Adv. (2).

With reference to your T/235/Fogg of 27 Dec 43, the Commanding General of the CO.MR has been interviewed on the subject of additional personnel for FOGGIA Province.

It appears that 50 more CO.MR have recently been sent to SAN SEVERO to deal with possible trouble in that district. Gen. Picche agrees that the Legion Commander, who is visiting the province at this moment and is probably in touch with the S.C.A.O. or S.C.A.P.O., will be able to effect a redistribution of this additional personnel which should relieve the shortage to some extent.

On return of the Legion Commander to BARI the possibility of assigning further CO.MR to FOGGIA province will be explored.

Under the circumstances the provision of Italian Army personnel has not been considered.


Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: CC.RR. Charts

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

BR SECRET EQUALS US SECRET

15AG/1402/18/G(Ib).

29 December 1943

TO: Lt. Col. MARTIN,
Public Safety Division,
AMG, HQ. 15 Army Group.

The attached charts showing the distribution of
the CC.RR. and S.I.M. in Italian occupied territory may
prove of interest to you.

R. Stanhope Wright.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

RRS-W/EHK

Copy in C/P.S. Box.

*Slater
1/1/44*

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AMG REGION IV ADVANCED 28 DEC 1943
c/o HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : HQ. AMG 15 Army Group
FROM : HQ. AMG Region IV Advanced
SUBJECT: CC.RR and Italian Army
REF : T/439/Fogg.
DATE : 27 December 1943

1. The SCAD, FOGGIA Province has stated that there are insufficient CC.RR in FOGGIA Province to perform the duties assigned them. The following situation is said to exist in FOGGIA Province:

- (a) The CC.RR is substantially below the normal strength, and below the strength available in other provinces to the south.
- (b) There is the suspicion that the least qualified CC.RR available are sent to FOGGIA.
- (c) Considerable additional duties have now been created at the request of the 15 Army Group, by the establishment of the Army Control Lines and restriction of civilian movement. There are insufficient CC.RR to properly carry out the new duties.

2. The SCAD, FOGGIA Province, has requested that two companies of the Italian Army be placed at his disposal for assignment in services for which they can be properly employed.

3. Your views on how best to meet the deficiency in CC.RR would be appreciated. It is considered preferable by this HQ. to increase the CC.RR rather than to introduce Italian military personnel for police duties. Further it is not known what policy exists as regards placing Italian Army personnel under the command of AMG Officers.

For AMG Region IV :

JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, F.A.

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Subject: Caribindari - Instructions from G.I. 18 Officials
in King's Italy.

U.S. Army Group,
15 Army Group,
C. S. F.

WFO, 1st, Fifth Army.
WFO, 1st, Eighth Army (ref your 04/8/
WFO, 1st, Region III. of 22. Dec).
WFO, 1st, Region IV.

WFO/1st/26.
27. Dec. 1943

It has been pointed out to the G.I. 18. Caribindari who
is stationed in King's Italy that instructions from King's Italy
to units of the G.I. 18 in AND territory must be routed through
this Headquarters and not direct as is sometimes done. This
applies particularly to the G.I. 18 Groups which belong to the 15th
Army.

2. Any such instructions will be forwarded to WFO's
or SCWO's concerned in sealed envelopes for transmission.

3. In the case of G.I. 18 units within the command of
15th Army Division, the WFO, Region III should be able to exercise
such control as may be necessary by direct contact between the
WFO and Maj. Gen. SCWO's.

for Lt Col,
Chief Staff Officer.

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MEMO.

To:- C.S.O. for D.C.C.A.O.

Ref pp 24-20

We are relying almost entirely on the CC.RR. for the maintenance of law and order and it has been our policy at HQ to do everything possible to sustain the authority of the Comando Supremo of the CC.RR.

2. The CC.RR. is a national force and I think we should be careful not to interfere unduly with the authority of the G.O.C. even if he is operating from King's Italy.

At the same time I can see no objection to routine instructions from the BARI Legion to gruppi stationed in forward areas under the operational control of Fifth and Eighth Armies being routed through this HQ.

3. Para 3 presumably refers to the circular at 22. Recruiting for the CC.RR is a matter of urgency in view of the German policy towards the force and it is more than likely that news of a pending increase in pay will help to raise the morale of the men. Certainly the absence of it had the opposite tendency in Sicily where the situation was becoming really serious.

4. If you approve of the S.C.A.O.'s suggestion in para 2, which I recommend, I will put it tactfully to General Pieche.

Stanley...

26.12.43.

*Lt Col. Martin**M. M. M.**P.S.*Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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*No communication whatever should go direct:
If General Pieche requires to send any instructions, they
should be sent to his HQ. - we will pass them on*

Subject: Carabinieri 124 DEC 1943H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.OA/8/
22 Dec 43.H.Q., A.M.G.
15 Army Group.

1. Attached are translations of 4 letters received from the Carabinieri at Bari by the Carabinieri in Vasto. Though the contents of the letters are comparatively harmless and have to do with routine matters, they are not all applicable to an operational area.

2. In any case it has been repeatedly requested that no communications are to pass direct between officials of the King's Italy and operational areas. Should it be necessary to give instructions to Carabinieri in operational areas, it is suggested that such instructions should come through A.M.G. 15 Army Group to this H.Q. for promulgation.

3. Your attention is particularly drawn to the letter marked 3 which refers to the increase in personnel of the C.C.R.R. and "considerable increase in pay". Both these things may be necessary but it is considered that such instructions shall come through A.M.G. 15 Army Group. Your views on this letter are requested.

[Signature]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

TERRITORIAL LEGION) THE ROYAL CARABINIERI = ORI
COMMAND OFFICE

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Ref: 7232
subject: Correspondence

Bari, 12. Dec. 43

to: all Command of Officers and Sections

From the Circular of the Command of the Carabinieri Free Italy
order N° 273-3 10 Dec. 43

for observance

As the Superior Commands, which for some time had suspended their
functioning owing to the events of the war, have been re-organized
you are requested to:

- a) Use the regular channels in the prescribed cases.
- b) Keep up all the periodic work, prescribed by the instructions on office work, arrear and future, which is indispensable for the knowledge of the various situations and for taking decision.

THE COMMANDER COLONEL
Romano della Chiesa

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI - BARI
COMMAND OFFICE

22

Ref: 565-2 Secret

Bari, 11. Dec. 43

Subject: Enforcement of the Royal Carabinieri

To: All the depending Commands of Officers
for information to: Administration Office
Mobilisation Office

From the Circular N° 49-9 secret of 9. Dec. 43 of the Command
of the CC.RR. Free Italy for strict observance:

In the next future a notice will be issued regarding the enlist-
ments in the CC.RR. of numerous elements of the three Armed Forces
and civilians.

The pay will be considerably increased: but the selection will
be more careful.

In the next future will also enter the active service in the
CC.RR. 30 inactive Officers of the CC.RR., 30 Officers of other units
of the Army and 90 Officers of the other Units will become inactive
Officers of the CC.RR.

Begin for the time being to let circulate the rumour, so that it
it will be possible to enlist quickly the men as soon as the notice
is issued and the circular is sent out to the Officers.

THE COMMANDER COLONEL
Romano della Chiesa

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI -BARI
COMMAND OFFICE

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Ref. 7582-2

Bari, 11. Dec. 43

Subject: Soldiers going to Sicily

To: All Commands of Officers and sections

Transmission of copy of Circular N° S./2590-025 SP/V of 3. Dec 43 of General Staff Royal Army- Section Secretary and personnel- for strict observance.

As the special leave of 30 days - see Circular of the Legion N° 7146-4 dated 10. Dec. 43 - ~~see~~ is granted by this office, to all applications for leave must be added (for the soldiers who have no identification card or Railway card) a photograph of the soldier, in uniform with hat, of the right size for identification card.

The same will do the competent command when they grant other leaves- short leave for danger of life of relatives - provisory leave for convalescence - special leave for 15 days.

to the stations will be sent a extract of the attached .

THE GENERAL SECOND I/C GENERAL STAFF
A. Marietti

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GENERAL STAFF ROYAL ARMY
Section Secretary and Personnel

Ref: S./2590/025 SP/V

P.M. 151 3. Dec. 43

Subject: Soldiers going to Sicily

..... No Address.....

In order to regulate the movement of soldiers released from service or on leave, who go to Sicily, and to ensure that no enemy agent can enter the island with the help of this movement, the following orders are given:

- a) The command of the Division Sabaudia will establish four Rear commands at Messina, Catania, Palermo and Siracusa to which all the soldiers who come from the Mainland must report before going to their destination.
- b) The Command of the XXXI Corps is requested to send a Carabinieri corporal and four carabinieri to the embarkation points of Reggio Calabria and Gallico and these will be charged with the control of the documents of the soldiers who must cross the Strait of Messina.
- c) The Division Sabaudia is requested to send a Carabinieri Corporal and four Carabinieri to each of the Rear Commands in Messina, Catania, Palermo and Siracusa, who will be charged with the control of the documents of the soldiers who will report to these Commands before going to their destination.
- d) All the Commands to which the present letter is addressed will take care that all the soldiers who go to Sicily will have besides the normal document (release certificate or leave) a document as follows: NO OBJECTION FOR (Rank, Name, Initials, Father's name, birth date, Military District) TO GO TO SICILY TO....

This document must show the same signature as the release or leave certificate.

To the soldier must be given also, by the Command of the Unit who issues the documents an identification document with Photograph.

- e) The document mentioned under heading d) will be endorsed by the Carabinieri on duty in the Rear Commands as follows: seen no objections. to proceed to destination.

- f) All the rules given in the present will be forwarded by the Division Sabaudia to all Carabinieri stations in Sicily.

THE GENERAL SECOND I/C GENERAL STAFF
A. Mariotti

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P.S.D.

Rejune attached ~~letter~~ memos.

Has his matter been discussed
with C.C.A.O. ?

If not file should be mailed to
him or you should see him.

13/12

C.R.
for C.S.O.

Chief P/S.

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file, CCRR. at 1103. I prepared
the letters in anticipation. I have
not as yet discussed with CCRO
13/12. W.H.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS,
15 ARMY GROUP,
C.M.P.

AM/421/13

10th December 1943

Lord Bennett has asked me to reply to the letter which you sent to him on 7th December, reporting certain observations which General Fleche of the Carabinieri brought up when you met him that day.

With regard to the question of responsibility and the division thereof between the Carabinieri and the Gendarmes, I have spoken to Lieut-Colonel Pollack, who states that the matter is fully recognized. In practice it normally works out satisfactorily. As regards the future, no difficulties other than local troubles which we have had up to the present are anticipated.

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, dealing with interference by Allied Forces among the police, this has unfortunately happened in a certain number of instances. It is difficult to prevent the Armed Forces acting on their own, particularly in forward areas. The case of the Naples provocation is being dealt with by Lieut-Colonel Pollack.

I am obliged to you for bringing up these various matters and have had, since you wrote, a good talk with General Fleche on future planning, when we were also able to consider some of his troubles which you mention in your letter.

R.M. 2/12
Lieut-Colonel G. H. Gibson,
H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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Copy to: File AM/41/7

Public Safety

16/12/43

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C.A.O.

CSO

1. Re 10 and 11 attached,
Please see my report and
notes on "Occupation
Rome" File AMG/680
temporarily attached

2. Re 11 :-
par 1. The division of responsibility
is recognized. We have faced it
everywhere with clear
understanding at very commencement,
in practice works out all right.
No difficulty anticipated.
par 3. This happens time and
again... I will speak to SCAG
Naples when I go there on
Sunday to straighten out the
difficulty

P.A.

Letter to Col Gibson

accordingly 17/12/43

J. M. M. 898

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Found in file of Secret and Secret

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

SECRET

15AG/1414/G(Ib).

7 Dec 43

Dear General

I lunched today with GENERAL PLECHE of the Carabinieri and he raised certain points of which I think I should tell you.

1. He raised the question of the division of responsibility between the Carabinieri and the Questori. He considers that the Carabinieri alone should be responsible for public order, and that the Questori should confine themselves to what he termed administrative police matters such as permits, licences, records etc. I refused to express any opinion on this matter as it seems to come within your sphere rather than mine. There is obviously a certain amount of jealousy between the two forces and the Carabinieri certainly do not think highly of the Questori organisation.

2. He told me his plans for the organisation of Carabinieri in ROME, i.e. the set-up of detachments, companies, groups, etc, and he said that it was clearly necessary that he should co-operate closely with the Allies both in the early stages of the occupation and prior thereto. This again is not very much my concern, and I told him that I thought he should contact both you and the U.S. Provost Marshal of Fifth Army on this matter.

3. He stressed several times the importance of Allied authorities not taking direct and independent action regarding the internal organisation of the Carabinieri, e.g. with regard to arrests and appointments, etc. He referred several times to the promotion in NAPLES of a Carabinieri from Corporal to Captain on the orders of an Allied officer, which he claimed presented a ridiculous and impossible situation. He further stressed his wish that any disciplinary action to be taken against Carabinieri, such as their arrest or suspension, should wherever possible be taken through the Carabinieri authorities.

As regards the latter point, with which I agree in general, I think that this Headquarters Instruction, subject "Discipline, Carabinieri", reference 15AG/8653/4/EGS, dated 19th November 43 should have the desired effect. This instruction was addressed to Armies with copies to 2 District, P.B.S. and your Headquarters.

4. You mentioned to me the report which you had received that the Germans were disbanding the Carabinieri in ROME and possibly elsewhere. There seems little doubt that this is true as regards ROME, but I have not had any firm or reliable information on the subject as regards the rest of Central and Northern ITALY.

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6. I have little doubt that you are fully aware of all the above points, but since GENERAL PIECHE brought them up for discussion with me today I thought I should mention them to you.

Yours Sincerely

W.D. Gibran

Major-General The Lord Rennel of Rodd,
A.M.C. Headquarters 15 Army Group.

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C.S.O.

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Carabinieri for Rome.

It is clear that 1300 Carabinieri

will not be sufficient ~~for~~ for Rome.

though as an advance party they should
just suffice. We should therefore

extract from Regions 1 & 2 an equal
number (1300) in loan. ~~3rd~~ Br. Carabinieri

agreed in principle. Would you
take up matter with Dir. P. S. & Acc
(detachments) & arrange for them to be
examined for short notice men. When
occupation of Rome appears to be near
they should be collected & moved north
to (Bari?) for onward transport. 890

W. B. 18/11/43

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just suffice. We should therefore
extract from Region 1 & 2 an equal
number (1300) in each. But Guatemalan
agreed in principle. Would you
take up matter with Div. P. S. & Acc
(designate) & arrange for them to be
enumerated for that notice now. When
occupation of Rome appears to be near
they should be collected & moved north
to (Bari?) for onward transport. 590

17/18/43

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P.S. Please ask Mr. P. Mark to speak on

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State C.A.O. 14/17/43 re
the above. Please see
reports on "Occupation - Rome"
file No. AMG/680
15/17/43

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MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups OFFICE DATE STAMP

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PENCE FOR AMG FOR NUSS

OM FILPOT FROM AMG

Transmit Number

PA 449

Date

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In Reply to Number

Have	you	arranged	accommodation	for	nine
hundred	Carabinieri	from	SARDINIA	(.)	if
do	can	you	arrange	movement	through
FLAND	(.)	Report	position		
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MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY
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THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER
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INTO ENEMY HANDS.

SIGNED

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

* may delete "except" and insert "including"

C.S.O.

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We should wire
Col Hume asking him
when he will be ready
for the Corbacioni and then
ask movements to get them
across. ~~the~~ The Bari 1st should
remain here.

NR/10/KU/43.

CORRO

Pl see p 6. before Gov. C.C.R.R.?

2. Mr. Hume is looking for a place to
 have his 900 Carabriers from Sand mine or
 asks that they shall not be moved but it
 he lets us know. Have you heard a new hat
 reply to p 5? - if not shall I ask C.C.S. you
 896

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US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

2 DEC 1943

FOLIO 01014
1 DEC 43.

FROM; SEARS FOR FARGO
TO; FILPOT FOR AMG RPTD FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD
FATIMA
ORIG NO; CITE FARGO-971

TOO; 1410A/01
TOR; 0425A/02

HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INSTITUTION OF NCO COURSE AND RECRUITMENT OF
CARABINIERI EM.

AMGOT

4 ACTION

SMC. 0600A/0290
T.T. 0735A/02 JFJ

C.S.O.

ACTION

To see above, inform GOC CCRB accordingly? *TR*

SUBJECT: - Carabinieri in Italy.SECRET

U.S.A., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

C.C.S.,
15 Army Group.

AMC/421/S
27th November 1943.

A rumour has been received on the Fifth Army side from refugees north of the line that the Germans had disbanded, or were proposing to disband, the Carabinieri in Italy. Confirmation of this is being sought through secret channels, but in the meanwhile some confirmation has been received by the Italian G.C.C. Carabinieri in Rome which to some extent substantiates the story. The Germans have apparently disbanded the Carabinieri in the City of Rome and surrounding district as a reprisal against certain incidents which took place after the Armistice was signed. There is no information to show that the Carabinieri, either in the provinces surrounding Rome or in the rest of Italy, have been disbanded, nor is there anything known to the Italian authorities about the form of the disbandments which have taken place. As you know, the Carabinieri rank and file, under the conditions of service in the Corps, are not normally allowed to serve in the areas in which they were born or reside. If the disbandment of the Carabinieri in Rome has taken the form of sending the personnel back to their provinces of origin, the disbandment will be effective, and difficult to remedy in any short space of time. If, however, the men are being disarmed and put into plain clothes, but have remained in Rome, it may be possible, after occupation, to collect a substantial number and reincorporate them. The Carabinieri Corps in Rome amounts to about 5,000 men divided into:-

3,500 on police and security duties
1,000 in M.C.C. and other houses, training schools, and
500 to 700 on special duties as guards in ministries,
public offices, etc.

The area affected by these Carabinieri who are stated to have been disbanded is the City of Rome, a few townships known as Castelli Romani (e.g. Prenesti etc.) and a small area on either side of the Tiber running down to the sea.

In addition to the Rome Region there is, however, the group of provinces known as Lazio (Latium) with important detachments at Anzio, Terni, Rieti, Frosinone and Viterbo. The Carabinieri of the Lazio Region should amount to some 3,000 men who, according to reports received by the Italian authorities, remain incorporated.

The German authorities in Rome have entrusted the policing of the City to the F.A.I. (Polizia Aerea Italiana). This was a police organization set up to undertake police work in the

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The German authorities in Rome have entrusted the policing of the City to the P.A.I. (Polizia Aerea Italiana). This was a police organization set up to undertake police work in the Italian colonies from Tripoli to Italian Somaliland. In all the former Italian colonies we have found that we could place no reliance whatsoever in the P.A.I. In fact, the P.A.I., as such, in all the Italian colonies are disbanded under the British Military Administration and new police forces were created to take the place of this organization. The P.A.I. personnel in our experience has been corrupt, politically minded, and impregnated with Fascism; it was under the control of political influences; it enjoyed no confidence among the Italian or the native populations in the territories in question.

The P.A.I. organization in Rome consists of a headquarters which was under the command of a General staff, who was presumably appointed because he was politically subservient to the Mussolini Government. In addition to this headquarters organization

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there was a training school with about 500 men under instruction at Tivoli, together with some 2,500 additional personnel at Headquarters, on leave, or pending embarkation. It is in this organization that the Germans have apparently entrusted the maintenance of public security in Rome, with the assistance of the "Metropolitani" (Borough Police) and the public security personnel, which is mainly in plain clothes. The majority of the Metropolitani in Rome is engaged on traffic duties, supervision of markets, and similar municipal police work. The Metropolitani in our experience in Sicily and Southern Italy are pretty useless as a police force and enjoy little or no respect among the population.

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I therefore recommend that the Lardinia and the Lari detachments be made available now for transfer to Rome. I consider that steps should be taken to ship the detachment from Sardinia to the Naples area to be held in readiness to be moved to Rome as soon as required, and also to make provision for the movement of the Lari detachment. This, at any rate, will give us 1,300 men immediately available as against 5,000 men disbanded. In addition we may be able to collect a certain proportion of the disbanded personnel from Rome if they have not left the neighbourhood of the City. Finally the Legio Carabinieri can be drawn on to some extent to supplement these detachments.

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In all the circumstances I think immediate steps should be taken to transfer the 900 Garabiniari from Sarinla in case accessible point on the west coast of the mainland and give authority for C.C.C. Garabiniari to make arrangements with A.S.C. Fifth Army for their accommodation and transfer when the time comes. I would also like authority to be given to C.C.C. Garabiniari to prepare the Bari detachment for transfer in conjunction with No. 2 District and A.C.I.C.

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Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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29th November 1943

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Major General,
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MESSAGE OUT

TO: SEARS FOR FARGO rptd: FREEDOM FOR MGS
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FROM: FILPOT FROM AMG

Orig's No. FA 286

27 Nov

Ref my FA 285 of 27 Nov (.) GOC Carabinieri has also
proposed to institute NCO courses for Carabinieri and
desires initiate one such course in SICILY (.) GOC in
C considers this very necessary since additional
personnel for Carabinieri will be wanted for ROME and
north (.) Presume no objection to such course and
also recruiting additional Carabinieri EM which had
already been agreed in principle by Military Governor in
August last

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Have agreed proposal by GOC Carabinieri to place General SANINO in command Carabinieri NAPLES division with primary function reorganize and take in hand NAPLES AVELLINO and BENEVENTO provinces (.) GOC also considers that more energetic officer Colonel GUERCIA should take over NAPLES City from present commander (.) Have also agreed this (.)

TWO (.) General SANINO was formerly in command Carabinieri SICILY where his work was much appreciated (.) Command in SICILY will be assumed by General BRANCA now at PALERMO

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