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CONTROL OF MOVEMENT, ARMY CONTROL LINE
NOV. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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SUBJECT: Control of Movement Army Control Line.CONFIDENTIAL.H.Q. A.H.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.TO: S.C.A.O. MG. 5 Army.
S.C.A.O. MG. 8 Army.
S.C.A.O. MG. Region III.
S.C.A.O. MG. Region IV (Main)
S.C.A.O. MG. Region IV (Adv)MG/449/21.
8. Jan. 44.

Reference this Hqs. letter MG/413/47 dated 17. Dec. 43.

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of 15 AG/1401/10/2 (1b) of 4. Jan. 44 altering the Army Control Line so that it runs through the centre of CAMPOBASSO Province, the town of CAMPOBASSO being south of the line.
2. The memorandum was not received at this H.Q. until after the date on which it came into effect, but representations were immediately made to G (1b) on behalf of those people north of the old Control Line who would suddenly find themselves compelled to procure a pass. G (1b) has issued verbal instructions to cover this question.
3. It is not proposed to issue any amendment to the Notice of 27. Nov. 43 at present. S.C.A.O.s. should arrange to notify the people forward of the old line.

R. J. P. TROONE THORNTON. Col.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. FUGGIA Province.

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

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Subject:- Control of Movement :
Army Control Line.

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15AG/11,01/10/G(Ib)

4 Jan 44.

Fifth Army
Eighth Army.

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Reference this L. . . instruction of even number dated 27 Nov 43.

1. The Army Control Line will be adjusted forthwith. Instead of following the general line of the Rivers FORTORE, CALORE and VOLTURNO, it will be established as follows :-
RIVER FORTORE from its mouth to BOIANO (H 3920) ; thence Road BOIANO - PONTI (N 5790) ; thence Rivers CALORE and VOLTURNO as hitherto.
2. As regards responsibility for enforcing the control on the line of the road BOIANO - PONTI, Eighth Army will be responsible North of H 5611 (4 miles North of SASSANO), and Fifth Army South of this point.

W D Gibson H-68
for Major-General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

Copy to:- Allied Control Commission
2 District
3 District
P.B.S.
A.M.C., H.Q. 15 Army Group (5)
G (Ops).

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Subject:- River Porters Refugee Stop line.

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SAC Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. 15AG/10.9/19
1 January 44.

18
A.Q.M.C. (Movements),
Hq 15 Army Group.

Reference your 15AG/4920/1(M) dated 26 Dec 43,
regarding examination of the trains at RIFAICO.

The answer is in the affirmative.

Rud. Smith
for L. Kol
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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ps 27 DEC 1943
SUBJECT: River Forters Refugee Stop Line

15AG/4920/Q(M)

26 Dec 43.

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

Your AMG/653/80 of 18 Dec 43 refers.

The attached copy of letter from LOVETT has now been received.

Please state whether this meets with your requirements.

H.Q., 15 Army Group,
FIELD.

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Lt. Col.,
A.Q.M.G. (Movements).

COPY

SUBJECT:- River FORTORE STOP LINE.HQ, Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref: Mov/3/305.To:- Mov 15 Army Group.

Ref your 15AG/4920/Q(M) dated 18 Dec 43.

There is only single line working over the river FORTORE and it is impossible to stop trains in the section for check purposes. The station of RIPALTO is just south of the river, and some trains stop there already. If you wish, we will arrange for all north bound trains to stop at RIPALTO for examination purposes.

Please say if this will meet AMG's requirements.

(sgd) J.A. EVE, Major.
for Col.
Col Q(M)

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Subject: Riv Northern Refugee Stop Line.H. Q., A. M. G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.Mav & Tr.,
Headquarters,
15 Army Group.AM/653/80.
18 Dec 41.

A CC.RR Stop Line is established at the crossing over the River Portore to prevent the movement Northwards of refugees.

2. Difficulty is being experienced, however, owing to the fact that refugees are able to get across on trains which cross the railway bridge at the mouth of the river without stopping. (M.R. R. 9470).

3. It is asked, therefore, if you will kindly arrange to stop all Northbound trains in future at the railway bridge to allow sufficient time for CC.RR to clear the train of all unauthorised passengers and refugees.

J. R. Pollack
J. R. POLLACK,
Lieut. Colonel,
Senior Civil Affairs
Police Officer.

Jaz/JG.

Copies to: R.C.A.D., Region IV. (Adv).
R.C.A.D., POCSIA.
S.C.A.P.O., POCSIA.

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15AF/1401/10/G(Ib).

Capt BRIDGEMAN, Adv G-2 Section, AMHQ.

A.H.G. H.Q. 15 Army Group.

19 Dec 43.

Attached for your information is a copy of the instructions issued by Fifth Army for the control of civilian movement across the Army Control Line and for the canalisation and screening of refugees in the Army Area.

for Brigadier,
B.C.S.(I),
15 ARMY GROUP.

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HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH ARMY
A. F. O. #464, U. S. Army

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Authority of:
G, Fifth Army
Intls: 1.2.2
Date: 12/12/43
HMA/MFG/ncf
12 December 1943.

AG 000.96-W

Subject: Control of Civilians.

To: See distribution.

1. The Provost Marshal, Fifth Army, will establish control posts in the Fifth Army area from the mouth of the Volturno River, east along this river to its junction with the Calore River, thence along the Calore River to Ponte (N5790), thence to Fragneto (N6394). No civilians will be permitted to go north of this line unless they hold a pass issued by Allied Military Government specifically granting authority to do so. In this connection Allied Military Government will assist in establishing and maintaining such control by disseminating necessary information to the civilian population. Carabinieri personnel are authorized to assist in this control.

2. The Carabinieri selected for use in the program will be organized and instructed by Allied Military Government before assuming their duties.

3. It will be the responsibility of Unit Commanders within their areas to see that no refugee civilians or other unauthorized persons are permitted to pass through Allied lines into enemy occupied territory. Any such persons attempting to do so will be apprehended and turned over to the nearest Prisoner of War Collecting Point or Enclosure. Refugee civilians or other personnel passing through Allied lines from enemy territory will be taken into custody and likewise turned over to the nearest Prisoner of War Enclosure or Collecting Point. It is not desired to prevent refugee civilians, ex-Prisoners of War, or other individuals who may be able to impart valuable information to the Allies from passing through Allied lines from enemy territory, but their apprehension is desired for security purposes and to expedite the opportunity of questioning them. They will be picked up by the Army at the Division Prisoner of War Collecting Points and screened at the Army Prisoner of War Enclosure.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

M. F. Grant
M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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No. _____
General Pass

Name _____
Address _____
Identity Card No. _____
_____ has permission to travel
within an area of _____ kilometers from
(his) _____ address for the purpose of _____
(her) _____

Signature of holder

This pass is valid for a period of _____
_____ from the date of issue, and must be
returned to office of issue upon expiration.
The holder may / may not be out of doors
during the hours of curfew.

Issued at _____ on _____
day of _____ 194_____ by _____

(Name and Rank
in block letters)

Signature

(Rank)

(Official Title)

Stamp

No. 13
Lasciapassare Generale

Nome _____
Indirizzo _____
Tessera d'identità _____
Il sinnominato è autorizzato di viaggiare
nei limiti di _____ chilometri
dalla sua dimora allo scopo di _____

Firma del possessore:

Questo lasciapassare è valido per un
periodo di _____
dalla data d'emissione, e deve essere ritornato
all'ufficio emittente alla scadenza.

Il possessore può / non può essere fuori
di casa durante le ore di ritiro.

Emesso a _____ il
giorno di _____ 1403 da

Nome

Grado

Firma

Grado

Titolo Ufficiale

Timbro

No. _____
Special Pass

Name _____

Address _____

Identity Card No. _____

has permission to cross

The Foggia Prov. Boundary

Army Control Line

For the purpose of _____

Signature of holder _____

This pass is valid for a period of _____

from the date of issue, and must be
returned to office of issue upon expiration.
The holder may/may not be out o doors du-
ring the hours of curfew.

Issued at _____

on _____

day of _____

194 _____

by _____

(Name and Rank
in block letters)

Signature _____

(Rank) _____

(Official Title) _____

Stamp

No. _____
Lasciapassare Speciale

Nome _____

Indirizzo _____

Tessera d'identità _____

Il sunnominato è autorizzato attraversare
la Provincia di Foggia: Per tutto il territorio
Secondo la linea di Controllo

allo scopo di _____

Firma del possessore _____

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periodo di _____
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giorno di _____

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SUBJECT:- Army Control Line.

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

Allied Control Commission,
Brindisi.

AMG/413/46
17th December 1943

15 Army Group has established a Control along the line detailed in para 1 of attached Notice in order to limit so far as possible the movement of persons northward into the Army areas.

2. 250 copies of the notice are forwarded herewith for distribution.

3. In accordance with para 4 of the Notice certain persons can obtain passes from the nearest Civil Affairs Officer (or Officer of the Allied Control Commission) and three books of Special Passes are therefore forwarded. These passes were designed for use in Foggia Province or North of the Army Control line. Under Foggia Provincial Order No. 4 (copies of which have been sent you) passes into Foggia Province can only be obtained from S.C.A.O. Foggia Province and the line in the pass reading "The Foggia Prov. Boundary" must always be crossed out when issuing passes under authority of this Notice. Should entry into Foggia Province be necessary in order to cross the Control line, a separate pass must be obtained through the channels laid down in Foggia Provincial Order No. 4.

4. 250 copies of the Notice and two books of passes have been issued to L.O. Bari. H.Q., A.M.G. Region II has also been sent a supply.

TFS/SCF

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to:

H.Q. A.M.G. Palermo.

For information.

G.S.I. (b) 15 Army Group H.Q.

For information; with reference to your 15AG/1401/10/G(In) of 27 Nov and this H.Q. No. AMG/413/46 of 16 Dec. Similar memos have been sent to A.M.G. 5 and 8 Armies and A.M.G. Regions III and IV.

Two books of special passes are

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TFS/SCB

CRS
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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H.Q. A.M.G. Palermo.

For information.

G.S.I. (b) 15 Army Group H.Q.

For information; with reference to your 15AG/1401/10/G(Ib) of 27 Nov and this H.Q. No. 15AG/413/44032 16 Dec. Similar memos have been sent to A.M.G. 5 and 8 Armies and A.M.G. Regions III and IV.

R.C.A.O. A.M.G. Region II.

Six books of special passes are forwarded herewith. 500 copies of the Notice were brought to you by Lt. Col. Rowe.

L.O., A.C.C., Bari.

For information and necessary action. Two books of special passes and 250 Notices are forwarded herewith.

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Army Control Line.

R.C.A.O. Region III.
 R.C.A.O. Region IV. (For Bogota Province)
 S.C.A.O. 5 Army.
 S.C.A.O. 8 Army.

R.C.O. A.M.C.,
 15 Army Group,
 C.M.P.

AWC/ALX/47

17th December 1943

15 Army Group has established a Control along the line detailed in para 1 of attached Notice, in order to limit so far as possible the movement of persons northward into the Army area.

2. Copies of the Notice and books of Special Passes are issued herewith as follows:-

	<u>Notices.</u>	<u>Books of Passes.</u>
R.C.A.O. Region III	500	10
R.C.A.O. Region IV	300	10
S.C.A.O. 5 Army	50	10
S.C.A.O. 8 Army	50	10

Notices and Special Passes have been issued to A.C.O. Brindisi and Region II. In the case of A.C.O. and the Regions the Special Passes are issued for use as detailed in para 4 of the Notice. The line in the pass reading "the Bogota Prov. Boundary" must always be crossed out when issuing passes under authority of this Notice. Should entry into Bogota Province be necessary in order to cross the Control Line a separate pass must be obtained through the channels laid down in Bogota Provincial Order No. 4 - A.C./41/45 of 15 Dec. refer.

S.A.D. THE ARMY
 Colonel,
 Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: Control of Movement

R.G. 15 Army Group
C.M.F.

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15AB/1401/10/G(Ib).

27 Nov 43.

Fifth Army
Eighth Army

Ref this H.Q. letter of even number dated 19 Nov 43.

1. The Control Line described in para 5(a) of the above letter will be established forthwith.

2. The method of control will be as set out in paras 5(b) and (c) of the above letter.

3. Armies will be responsible for organising the check points and patrols.

When Eighth Army rear boundary moves forward to the MONTANA River, the question of the provision of personnel for check points on this River should be necessary be co-ordinated by Eighth Army with No. 2 District.

4. Apart from Allied military personnel, and Italian military personnel on duty, only those persons holding passes issued in accordance with the principles laid down in this H.Q. letter 15 Nov 43/4/CI(b) dated 17 Nov 43 will be allowed to cross this control line from the South-East.

5. As regards the issue of passes to civilians by A.M.G. officers, A.M.G. is arranging for the following procedure to be adopted for such passes.

Any civilian wishing to cross the Control Line from S.E. to N.W. must apply to the nearest Civil Affairs Officer or Allied Control Commission representative. If the latter approves the application, he will forward it to the C.A.O. of the town or Province to which the civilian wishes to proceed. The latter C.A.O. will then issue the pass, if approved.

In this way civilians (through their C.A.O.) can control the number of persons permitted to enter this rear and restricted zone and the degree of seriousness to be applied in the granting of passes.

A.M.G. is arranging for the publicity to be given to the Civil population as to the existence of this restricted zone, and to the above pass procedure.

6. Access to FOMEL Province is also to be restricted.

The same principles and procedure, as described above, are to be applied with regard to the issue of passes to enter this Province from the South or West.

The control is to be enforced by C.O.R.A.: F.8.2. should not be given to this check-point enforcement thereof on a spot-check basis.

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2. The method of control will be as set out in paras 5(b) and (c) of the above letter.
3. Armies will be responsible for organizing the check points and patrols.
4. When Eighth Army rear boundary moves forward to the FORCRA River, the question of the provision of personnel for check points on this River should be necessary be co-ordinated by Eighth Army with No. 2 District.
5. As regards the issue of access to civilians by A.M.G. officers, A.M.G. is arranging for the following procedure to be adopted for such access.
 - a. Civilians wishing to cross the Control Line from S.D. to N.W. must apply to the nearest Civil Affairs Officer or Allied Control Commission representative. If the latter approves the application, he will forward it to the C.M.G. of the town or Province to which the civilian wishes to proceed. The latter C.M.G. will then issue the pass, if approved.
 - In this way access (through their S.D. C.M.G.) can control the number of persons admitted to enter this forward restricted zone and the degree of restriction to be applied in the granting of passes.
 - A.M.G. is arranging for due publicity to be given to the Civil population as to the existence of this restricted zone, and to the above pass procedure.
6. Access to FORCRA Province is also to be restricted.
 - The same principles and procedure, as described above, are to be applied with regard to the issue of passes to enter this Province from the South or East.
 - The control is to be exercised by U.D.R.G.: J.S.P. should not 1400 their efficient enforcement thereof on a spot-check basis.
 - A.M.G. is arranging for the necessary publicity to be given to this restriction.
7. Persons wishing to move from FORCRA Province to the Forward Restricted Zone will be subject to the same restrictions and regulations as persons from any other Province.

Copy to:-
 A.P.H.O. (1-2 C.1)
 No. 2 District.
 P.B.S.
 12 Air Force.
 A.M.G. H.Q. 15 Army Group.
 Lt. Col. Reba, c/o G.S.I. No. 2 District.

W.D. Gibson 14 Oct
 W.D. GIBSON, Lt-Col.,
 for Major-General,
 Chief of General Staff,
 15 ARMY GROUP.

for to:
 Reg. Region 2
 " " 3
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 " " 5

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TELETYPE MESSAGE
IN

FCI IO NO: 09A.01
26 NOV 45

FROM: AMC EIGHTH ARMY.
TO: EUSPOY FOR AMC.
ORIG NO: 62/125

TOO
TEL 12054/27
TOR 12554/27

AMC EIGHTH ARMY IS/COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSAL ON CONTROL
OF CIVILIANS IN FORWARD AREAS BOTH AS CONTAINED IN DRAFT AMC/1.13/
DATED 24 NOV AND LETTER OF 15 AG NO 15AG/1.01/10/61(B) OF 19 NOV 45

AMCOT 1. ACTION

SEC 13454/27
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SUBJECT:- Control of Civilians in Forward Areas.

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

A.M.G. Eighth Army.
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

AMG/413/19
24th November 1943.

Reference A.M.G. Eighth Army letter No. GA/67/5A of 19th November 43.

The attached draft of a memorandum, setting out the proposed civilian control regulations and asking the Allied Control Commission and A.M.G. Region 2 to arrange for the publication of necessary orders or proclamations making the regulations clear to the civilians in their areas, is sent for your comments or agreement. As the matter is one of extreme urgency, would you please forward your comments or agreement at the earliest possible date, preferably by signal, if short. G.S.I.(b) 15 Army Group have agreed to the draft.

With reference to paragraph 6 of the draft, regarding the setting up of a second controlled line, please see letter from 15 Army Group to Fifth and Eighth Armies, No. 15AG/1401/10/GI(b) of 19th November 43, a copy of which is attached for easy reference.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE
Colonel 1390
Chief Staff Officer.

RJPT/SCH.

Copy to: G.S.I.(b)
P.A. to B.G.S.

Encls.

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SUBJECT: - Movement of Civilians.

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

Allied Control Commission.
A.M.G. Region 2.

AMG/413/
24th November 43

With reference to my AMG/66/40 of 9th November 43, it is considered necessary that the movement of civilians north-westward into the forward Army areas should be subject to strict control.

1. No civilian, therefore, will be allowed to move into that portion of Italy north of a line formed by the Northern boundaries of the provinces of Bari, Potenza and Salerno, without a permit in writing authorizing him to do so. Permits will only be issued on the authority of the Civil Affairs Officer at the destination to which the civilian wishes to travel. All applications will be made through the A.M.G. or A.C.C. Officer at the civilian's starting point and passed by this officer, with any observations he may have, direct to the C.A.O. at the civilian's place of destination.

2. Permits will only be issued by the C.A.O. at the place of destination and then only in special cases and no civilian will be allowed to start on his journey northward until he is in possession of such permit duly signed by the C.A.O. at the place of destination. All areas north of the line referred to above will be declared restricted areas, and any person found crossing into these areas without a permit will be prosecuted, care being taken to inflict a severe penalty for all breaches of this regulation. *in the form of specimen attached*

3. It would greatly assist if A.M.G. Region 2 and A.C.C. would arrange for necessary orders or proclamations to be issued, making the above regulations quite clear to the Italian civil population in the Regions under their respective control.

The widest publicity should be given to these orders or proclamations.

4. A.M.G. will arrange for Carabinieri check posts to be established at points where roads cross this line and for Carabinieri patrols between such points.

5. It is contemplated that in the near future a second controlled line running approximately along the Rivers Fortore - Calore and Volturno will be brought into effect, beyond which no civilians will be allowed to proceed except for the most urgent possible reason. Permission to cross this forward line will be granted in accordance with the procedure laid down in para 3 above, and must be restricted to cases of most extreme urgency.

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7. A separate coloured pass for daily labourers desirous of crossing either of the two above mentioned lines for the purpose of carrying on their business will be introduced and issued by the C.A.O.s of the areas affected.

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Copy to:

P.A. to B.G.E.
G.S.I. (b) 15 Army Group.
A.M.G. H.Q. Palermo.
A.M.G. Eighth Army.

Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
Major General,

A.M.G. Fifth Army.
A.M.G. Region 3.
A.M.G. Region 4.
P.L.O. Bari.

COPY

SUBJECT:- Control Movement.

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H.Q., 15 Army Group, C.M.F.
BR SECRET - U.S. SECRET
15AG/1491/10/CI(b)
19 Nov. 43.

Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.

1. The security problem and danger presented by the movement of refugees etc. South-Eastwards through our forward positions has led to the preparation and issue of a comprehensive scheme for the proper security control of such persons.
(Ref. AFHQ Intelligence Instruction No. 35 dated 13th November 43).

2. It is considered desirable that movement North-Westwards into the forward Army Areas should also be subject to security control, with the object of preventing (a) the infiltration of unauthorised persons from Allied into German-occupied ITALY, and (b) the circulation of such persons in the forward areas, where vital military moves and disposition may be observed either willfully or casually, with consequent danger of leakage of information.

3. It is realised that certain controls of this nature are already enforced at various points in Army or Corps areas, but it is thought that these should be coordinated and a continuous line of control established across the ITALIAN Peninsula, so that the possibility of unauthorised movement North-Westward may be reduced to the minimum.

4. In selecting the most suitable line, the following considerations must be taken into account:

(a) A natural obstacle, preferably a river, should be followed where possible, thus facilitating the establishment of check points

(b) The restricted zone should include as few large towns and important civil centres as possible, otherwise great difficulties would arise in the strict limitation of access thereto.

5. It is therefore suggested that:

(a) The following line would prove most suitable for the purpose: River TORMONTE from its mouth to river junction H 8113 near BASILICE (H 811 thence road BASILICE - SAN MARCO (H 7301) - FRAGNETO (N 6394) - PONTE (N 5790), thence River CALORE and River VOLTURNO to latter's mouth.

(b) Check points should be established at all road crossings of the Rivers TORMONTE, CALORE and VOLTURNO (where these follow the control line) and at appropriate points on the road BASILICE - PONTE.

(c) These check points should be manned by one M.C.O. of the CC.RR (Territoriale or G.S.) and one N.C.O. of the Military Police and/or one NCO of the PSP/GIC, according to the importance of the post and the availability of personnel.

Carabinieri Territoriale patrols should be organised between the posts on that part of the line where there is no river barrier.

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(b) Check points should be established at all road crossings of the Rivers PORTOFINO, CALORE and VOLTURNO (where these follow the control line) and at appropriate points on the road BASILICE - PONT.

(c) These check points should be manned by one N.C.O. of the CC.RR (Territoriale or G.S.) and one N.C.O. of the Military Police and/or one NCO of the PSP/CIC, according to the importance of the post and the availability of personnel.

Carabinieri Territoriale patrols should be organized between the posts on that part of the line where there is no river barrier.

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A.M.G. would be requested to instruct all Civil Affairs Officers to limit to really essential cases the issue to civilians of passes authorising movement North-Westwards across this control line.

6. Will you please forward to this HQ your comments on the above proposals, and give particulars of any existing measures which may be in force in your Area for the Control of civilian movement North-Westward.

(sgd) W.L. CLARSON, Lt. Col.
for Major-General
Chief of General Staff,
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SUBJECT: - Control of Movement.

H.A. 15 Army Group.
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15AG/1401/10/GI(b)

19 Nov 43.

Fifth Army
Eighth Army

1. The security problem and danger presented by the movement of refugees etc. South-Westwards through our forward positions has led to the preparation and issue of a comprehensive scheme for the proper security control of such persons. (Ref AFH Intelligence Instruction No. 33 dated 13 Nov 43.)

2. It is considered desirable that movement North-Westwards into the forward Army Areas should also be subject to security control, with the object of preventing (a) the infiltration of unauthorised persons from Allied into German-occupied IMLI, and (b) the circulation of such persons in the forward areas, where vital military moves and dispositions may be observed either wilfully or casually, with consequent danger of leakage of information.

3. It is realised that certain controls of this nature are already enforced at various points in Army or Corps Areas, but it is thought that these should be co-ordinated and a continuous line of control established across the ITALIAN Peninsula, so that the possibility of unauthorised movement North-Westward may be reduced to the minimum.

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

SUBJECT:- Passes.

BR SECRET EQUALS US SECRET.

15AC/1412/4/G(Ib).

17 November 1943.

1. Considerable difficulty and confusion is being caused in this theatre of operations by the numerous and varied passes, many of them in most unsatisfactory form, which are issued by various authorities to civilians and others.

Many such passes are mere "scraps of paper" which can be easily transferred or forged, and cannot be easily recognised as genuine.

2. Some of the more common weaknesses of such makeshift passes are:

(a) They are frequently not properly identified with the person to whom they are issued; eg the following wording is common: "Please allow bearer to" and "This Italian is working for us and is authorised to..." etc.

(b) The issuing authority is not clearly shown: eg, illegible signature, issuing officers appointment not given, no office stamp etc.

(c) The period of validity is seldom included.

3. Passes of this nature are a danger to security, they are of little value to the bearer, and they cause considerable trouble and delay to our security/counter-intelligence organisations and to the military police, particularly as regards road checks and their other duties in connection with the Security control of movement.

4. It is requested that all concerned should take all possible steps to rectify this present unsatisfactory position regarding passes, and that the following principles should be followed in this connection.

(a) In general, the issue of passes should be kept to the minimum.

Circulation passes should only be issued to civilians after careful consideration as to the justification of their reasons for wishing or requiring to move or circulate.

Passes should not normally be required by Allied military personnel in uniform; if challenged when circulating in the course of their duties, the production of their identity document and a brief explanation of their business should normally prove adequate to enable them to continue without hindrance.

(b) The two normal and standard types of passes in general use in this theatre of operations are:

(i) Passes or permits issued by AMG to civilians authorising certain movement or certain action prohibited to the population as a whole.

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(ii) The standard "Brown Security Passes" printed in English and Italian headed "MILITARY PERMIT, PERMESSO MILITARE" and bearing an embossed stamp showing an eagle and a lion on a crown. These are for special and strictly limited issue by intelligence staffs.

(c) These two types of pass should cover most normal requirements.
There are occasions, however, when certain military authorities require to issue other special passes or permits for various purposes.

In such cases, these passes should:

- (i) State precisely what the holder may do or where he may go.
- (ii) Be properly identified with the person to whom issued: the latter's name, identity card number and signature should appear on the pass.
- (iii) Bear the legible signature and appointment of the issuing officer.
- (iv) Be typed and stamped with an office stamp.
- (v) Show the period of validity.

5. It is stressed that, in view of the number of the authorities and the extent of the areas involved, the cooperation of all concerned is essential, if the issue and use of passes in ITALY is to be an asset rather than a liability to our security, and it is requested that all possible steps be taken to improve the present position on the lines indicated in para 4 above.

(signed) W.D. GIBSON, Lt Col.
for Major General
Chief of General Staff
15 Army Group.

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SUBJECT: Security.Col: Thorne Thorne.
AMC. H.Q.
15 Army Group.

AMC. H.Q. 8th Army.

Ref: OA/67/5A.

19 Nov 43.

1. Attached herewith a discussion on the above subject and possible plan as presented by Brigadier, Commanding 86 Area, and sent through G.S.I. 8th Army Main dated 15 Nov 43.
2. Reference para 4 (c) Lt.-Col. Briggs S.C.A.P.O. Foggia Province has been contacted and is planning to post 24 hour Carabinieri guards on Southern Boundary of Foggia Province as suggested. The rear boundary of 8 Army is the southern boundary of Foggia Province.
3. The guard plan as suggested in para 4 (c) will tend to control movement northward but will not stop the influx of persons before it starts.
4. It is suggested that if AMC. 15 Army Group posts an order or proclamation in the necessary areas south of the boundary covering the essentials of this plan that much of the movement will be stopped at the source. It is also suggested that the order or proclamation be so worded that punitive measures can be taken against any persons found north of this boundary without proper authority.
5. It is thought that in the above mentioned two ways AMC can implement the proposed plans as laid down. Any further suggestions would be welcome.

P. S. Divina

I have done a draft which has gone to GSI (6). I will show you tomorrow. Bz. 1398 23/11

John D. Amos Major,
A.U.S.
AMC. H.Q. Eighth Army.P.S. Divina
Pl put up draft plan
I will have to be tied up with Sec. Ryan & GSI (6) Bz. 21/11

SUBJECT - Security.

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Security.

Headquarters,
86 Area, CMF
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15 Nov.43.

G.S.I.,
Main HQ Eighth Army.

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3. While the problem so far as security is concerned can be alleviated by measures taken in the Army Area, the only satisfactory solution is for effective control behind the Army Area to prevent these people starting their journey, whether by road or rail. Once the journey is started, wherever the people are turned back a Security problem and an AMGOT problem will arise.

4. The following arrangements are suggested as a possible solution:-

(a) The movement of all civilians forward into the Army Area should be prohibited except under the conditions set out in para (d) below.

(b) 15 Army Group should be requested to issue instructions both to Formations and to AMGOT (ie. Allied Mission) to put regulations into effect to prevent the movement of civilians from the Area behind forward into the Army Area.

(c) Control posts manned by Carabinieri or the Italian Army should be established on the Army Rear Boundary at all places where it is crossed by roads and on all railways at the nearest convenient place to the Army Rear Boundary to turn back any persons who have evaded the restrictions in force behind. Such Control posts should be subject to supervision by C.M.P. and/or F.S.W. personnel.

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5. It will be appreciated if an arrangement on these lines can be made. The difficulties are realised but it is felt that the position will never be satisfactory until effective control is instituted.

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Brigadier,
Commanding 86 Area.

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Subject: Passes.

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

AMG/66/40.
9 November, 43.

P.L.O. Bari,
AMG. Region 2.
Allied Military Mission, Brindisi.

8th Army have asked that no passes shall be issued to
Italians to return into the 8th Army area. There may be very
special cases which should be given consideration, these should
be referred to the S.O.A.C. Foggia for his decision.

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

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