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Police Agencies.

CC.MR. There is a marked improvement in the morale and efficiency of the CC.MR, resulting from the support given and confidence shown in them by Allied Military personnel during the past 18 months. Although there is the fixed tendency to deal with crimes and disorders after they have occurred rather than anticipate and prevent them, considerable success is being achieved by CC.MR in Sicily in dealing with armed thieves.

CC.MR are wisely led by Generale Brunca who is an excellent officer.

CC.MR strength is sufficient but in withdrawing CC.MR from Sicily for Northern regions I think the regard should be paid to the ever present possibility of serious disorders arising from quite trivial causes owing to the unstable temperament of the Sicilian. Sufficient reserve strength should be left in Sicily to deal with any serious outbreak.

Transport

Approximately 30% of CC.MR is at present immobile owing to lack of tyres and accumulators. Uniform and boots are still needed.

Guardia di Finanza. Efficient and co-operative.

Agenti P.S. P.S. Agents are proving more helpful and are working in close co-operation with other Police Agencies. In Palermo, the P.S. Agents have a very lively team of efficient officers who are at present successful in dealing with forged currency and fascist propaganda cases.

Crime.

Police - in particular the CC.MR are dealing firmly with outbreaks of crime in which firearms were used. Road patrols, searching of vehicles and trains have all yielded satisfactory results and approx. 150 persons have been arrested in recent weeks for being concerned with armed robberies. Several of the bandits were killed by CC.MR when resisting arrest.

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The economic conditions of the Island are largely the cause of robberies from the person and it is likely these will continue until the lot of the poorer inhabitants improves.

Black market continues to flourish - bread being openly offered for sale at 50/80 lire per kilo. The prices of clothing and footwear is absolutely prohibitive - much in excess of those prevailing in Rome.

Political Situation.

Students in Palermo have recently been responsible for the publishing of a crudely printed pamphlet, advocating adherence to Fascism. They were arrested by the political section of the Questura and P.S.S. - the latter being a first class section.

The Separatists are still noisy, and quite open in their intentions.

The Communist element is curiously liberal and seems to cause little anxiety.

Returns and Information.

I requested the Police Agencies to continue to make monthly returns and report important matters through their channels to the Ministry of the Interior from whence such information could be obtained by H.Q. A.G. if desired. This they undertook to do.

Summary of Police Situation.

The Police in Sicily have had the advantage of continuity of service and in most cases of command too. Local knowledge and experience in dealing with the Sicilians stands them in good stead and I believe they are capable of dealing with the normal incidence of crime and disorders. I left the Island feeling that the work of my predecessors has been well and truly done.

H. Michael

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Major
Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS

APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/502/HM.

DATE March 3rd, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities. - February 1945.

TO: HQ. Allied Commission.
(For att'n of Public Safety Sub-Commission.)

Brigadier M. CARR, C.B.E. MC.,
Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1/10/1	3/3
EXEC. OFFICER	1/10/1	3/3
POLICE	1/10/1	3/3
SEC. STAFF	1/10/1	3/3
DRUGS	1/10/1	3/3
TRAINING	1/10/1	3/3
SECURITY	1/10/1	3/3
CHIEF CLERK	1/10/1	3/3

I - CIVIL POLICE

(1) (a) Strength of Carabinieri.

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EFFECTIVE STRENGTH		ABSENT ON LEAVE, SICK ETC.		ACTUALLY EMPLOYED ON POLICE DUTIES	
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144	8307	-	519	144	7788

The above figures include,-

- (i) 7 Officers and 200 other rank temporary attached.
- (ii) 8 Officers and 303 other rank attached to the Training Battalion.

Up to date figures are not yet available for Guardia di Finanza, Questura, Railway Police and Guardia Forestale.

- (b) Police are not now performing extraneous duties.
- (c) More determined efforts are being made by Police agencies

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to work efficiently and there is a slight but noticeable improvement in morale. The tendency to deal with incidents after they have arisen rather than anticipate and prevent them is still present.

Uniforms and boots are sorely needed by CC.RR. Lack of tyres, inner tubes and batteries have immobilised no less than 75 CC.RR. vehicles and 108 motor-cycles. The necessary renewals have been applied for.

(d) The two Alpine battalions which were originally assigned to the Mobile Battalions have now been replaced by two mixed Battalions of Alpine troops and Carabinieri. They have been named "Monte Granero I" and "Monte Granero II" and will be stationed at Palermo and Catania, respectively. There has been no appreciable change in the equipment situation for the Mobile Battalions. It is understood that the Battalions are now commanded by an Alpine Officer and not by a CC.RR. Major.

(e) Sig. Beniamino ROSELLI, the recently appointed Questore, has taken up his duties at Palermo.

(2) Crime.

There has been a slight increase in the rate of serious crimes as shown by the following figures submitted by the CC.RR.

Voluntary murders.....	48
Kidnappings.....	12
Robberies.....	192
Extortions.....	12
Swindles.....	5
Aggravated thefts.....	1254
Criminal associations.....	27

Minor robberies have been committed in which arms were produced.

(3) Possession of firearms, etc. by civilians.

Methodical searching of vehicles, trains and of persons is meeting with some success and police have been instructed rigidly to pursue the task of detecting possession of arms.

(4) Conduct of Allied Troops.

No complaint.

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(5) Venereal Disease.

No evidence of increase in incidence of Venereal Disease. Questori reports show diligence in dealing with clandestine prostitution, which is increasing owing to economic conditions.

(6) Relations with Military Authorities.

- (a) Military Police. Satisfactory.
- (b) Security Services. do.

(7) Functioning of Courts.(a) Italian Courts.

Italian Courts are functioning fairly efficiently, although many cases are in arrears, including some affecting Allied interests. This is receiving the continued attention of the Regional Legal Officer.

(b) Allied Courts.

No Allied Military Courts were held during the past month and none has been convened.

II - SECURITY(1) (a) Sabotage.

No cases of actual sabotage have been reported, but theft of cable and poles has occurred in two instances.

(b) Military Security.

(1) Two female enemy agents have been arrested by F.S.S. upon instructions from A.F.H.Q.

(2) Eleven persons have been arrested and charged with stealing, etc. petrol from a military supply line. Italian Military Tribunal will deal with the case. It is believed that further cases will come to light, enquiries are continuing.

(c) Subversive Activity.

Questura have arrested 3 youths - one 15 years of age - for

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printing and publishing Fascist propaganda. The pamphlets were typewritten and were not widely circulated.

(d) Security of personnel.

CC.RR. are seeking the arrest of four known men who are responsible - with others unidentified - for the holdup of an F.S.S. Sergeant and jeep, previously reported. Energetic efforts have been made by CC.RR. and F.S. Agents in this case.

(2) Number of strikes and lockouts.

None. Employees of small banks proposed to strike, but concessions made by employers regarding increase in subsistence allowance were satisfactory.

(3) Other civil disturbances.

None reported during month.

(4) State of public morale.

Morale of the public is low and many persons are becoming resigned to unsatisfactory conditions such as shortage of clothing, and excessive prices for unrationed food.

(5) Public Meetings.

No political meetings of importance have taken place. Activities of Separatist party are still receiving close attention.

(7) Civilian Internees.

None in civilian prisons.

(8) Defascistization.

Provincial Epuration Commissions are not yet functioning, but information is being collected regarding cases to be dealt with.

III - LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

(1) New permits have now been issued.

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(2) Delay again occurred in issuing new licenses owing to inability of Chamber of Commerce to deal with applications in time. Italian authorities have been informed that closer co-operation must exist in order to prevent further delays.

(3) Control of Civilian Movement.

All travel permits are now issued by the Questori who have been instructed to refuse all applications for permission to travel to any place beyond the Rear Army control line.

IV - FIRE

Fire Brigade is efficient, but shortage of tyres has immobilised light vehicles. Tyres have been applied for.

V - CIVIL DEFENCE.

Fire Brigade assuming responsibility for civil defence. As previously reported the organisation is fairly efficient, but not capable of dealing with heavy raids.

VI - PRISONS.

Complete statistics have not yet been received in regards to the number and location of prisons in use. Figures are still awaited also of the number of convicted prisoners, awaiting trial, etc. It is hoped that this information will be available within the next few days and will be forwarded as an annexe to this report.

VII - FORGED AMG CURRENCY.

Forged notes have been discovered during the month. Success has not yet been achieved by the Questura in tracing the plant of the A 1625.... series of forged notes, but enquiries are continuing.

A return is appended showing particulars of forged A.M. notes recovered from circulation during the month.

VIII - GENERAL.

(1) Major H. MEHALL at Reg. 1 HQ. Palermo.

(2) An increasing confidence shown by police agencies in their

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work and the absence of serious disorders is gratifying, but the depressing conditions of the population make it essential for close watch to be kept on political and criminal activities

(3) Col. Russell A. SNOOK transferred from Reg 1 to new assignment on 20 Feb. 1945.

Major J.T. MANUEL left Reg 1 for new assignment on 14 February, 1945.

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Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

During the month of February, 1945, the following Allied Military Currency notes have been recovered from circulation:

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| 1) | Counterfeited A.M. Currency in entirety of 1000 lire - | 129 |
| 2) | " " " " 500 " | 46 |
| 3) | " " " " 100 " | 5 |

Altered Currency

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| 4) | 50 lire notes raised to 500 lire by additional of "0" to original figures, | 7 |
| 5) | 50 lire notes raised to 500 by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of figures '500'. Poor specimens. | 4 |
| 6) | 1 lire notes raised to '10' lire by additional of '0' to figure '1', | 2 |

Total

193 notes.

The total number has increased from 126 last month to 193 this month. Persons arrested during the month of February in the Province of Palermo for uttering are 11. Enquiries to discover the plant in which the A 1625.....A series are counterfeited is still in progress.

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 178800

12 February, 1945.

AC/14011/1/PS

SUBJECT : Issue of Permits - Sicilia Region.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(attention Major A.S. Brereton).

1. Transmitted herewith for such action as you consider appropriate is an extract from the Report for the month of January, 1945, from the R.P.S.C., Sicilia Region :-

"Licensing and Registration."

Validity of motor vehicle permits in Sicily was extended to 31st January and the new permits are now being issued.

The usual delays have occurred in the arrival of instructions and forms and this position has not been helped by a lack of activity on the part of the Chambers of Commerce. The difficulties are appreciated, but it would appear that the importance of dealing with the subject expeditiously and of clarifying the somewhat conflicting instructions issued by their respective Ministries to the Chambers of Commerce and the Ispettorato di Motorizzazione Civile, should be still further impressed upon the Italian Government.*

John W. Chapman
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Director Public Safety
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CALTANISSETTA	506	60	121	32	8	727
TRAPANI	605	292	165	49	9	1120
MESSINA	1314	579	378	94	63	2428
CATANIA	890	372	380	85	31	1758
SIRACUSA	440	204	125	16	4	789
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(c) It cannot be said that the efficiency of the Police Services is satisfactory. With the present very high cost of living their morale is low. Severe criticism has recently been levelled at them for their inactivity at certain disorders and a separate report has been submitted in regard to this. It is understood that new uniforms are being supplied, but these have not yet been received. Communications are still very inadequate and the lack of serviceable transport is a severe handicap.

Mobile Battalions.

General BRANCA has reported upon the present position as

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regards the formation of these Battalions, as follows,-

"On 17th December last, orders were received from the General Command of the Arm for the institution of two special battalions in Sicily, to be employed in the services of public order, with Seat one at Palermo and the other at Messina.

The formation of each battalion is fixed as follows,-

1. Commander, a superior officer of the Arm of CC.RR.
2. A company of three platoons, with officers, n.c. of-ficers and troops of the Arm of RR.CC. (150 men).
3. Two companies of three platoons each with officers, n.c. officers and troops of other arms (150 men for each company).

Equipment.

12 trucks, 4 for each company
12 light tanks, 4 for each company.

The two battalions at present are constituted only from the Carabinieri companies, inasmuch as the other 4 companies must be formed with infantry troops from the mainland.

Of the 24 trucks, 10 have arrived at Palermo and 9 at Messina, of which one is inefficient, total in all 19 trucks.

Instead of 24 light tanks 24 armoured cars "L.35" were received; 11 from the auto-park of Mesagne, which were assigned to the battalion of Messina, and 12 from Sardinia assigned to the battalion of Palermo.

These armoured cars have been much used and are furnished with treads, therefore, they cannot perform long runs should they be needed in other provinces. Furthermore, as they are of an antique type, they do not give any guarantee in the employment for such services, also because they are vulnerable against attack by hand grenade, with which civilians are largely supplied. It is necessary to substitute these armoured cars with light tanks which are more fitted for the purpose.

In addition, at the battalion of Palermo there are 6 light tanks temporarily granted by the Carabinieri cadet legion of Rome, which must be returned".

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Information from L.F.S.C. (MMA) discloses that some delay has been caused owing to the Italian Military Authorities not wishing to utilise the Montegrano Battalion for this purpose and it is understood that other infantrymen are being detailed but have not yet passed to the Carabinieri. This change of plan has been reported to Headquarters by the L.F.S.C.

In the meantime discussions are taking place between the

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Regional Commissioner and the High Commissioner on the subject and it has been recommended that the High Commissioner should be asked to impress upon the Italian Military Commander the urgency of the matter and further to take up with him and Prefects, if necessary, the possibility of requisitioning from civilian sources 24 trucks to replace those on loan to the Mobile Battalions. From past experience it is very doubtful whether this number of serviceable trucks will be requisitioned. It is understood that the General Command of Carabinieri recently enquired of the 6th Brigade as to the likelihood of 24 trucks being found in an almost new condition and a reply has been sent that this is quite impossible.

(2) Crime.

(a) There has been a very small increase in the total number of crimes as reported by the Carabinieri Reali compared with the month of December. Homicides increased from 32 to 40, but robberies decreased from 234 to 186.

The following are comparative figures of the more important classes of crime,-

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<u>Kidnappings</u>	3	4	+ 1
<u>Robberies</u>	234	186	- 48
<u>Extortions</u>	20	14	- 6
<u>Swindles</u>	13	3	- 10
<u>Aggravated thefts</u>	1061	1176	+ 115

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(b) Details of the serious crimes committed are as follows,-

Palma Montechiaro - (Agrigento) Licata road, 13th, 8 AM, about 30 persons masked, armed with rifles; hand bombs hurled and guns fired - stopped Licata-Agrigento bus, robbing all the passengers.

Canastota.- (Saladino Section) (Agrigento) 27th, 1800 hrs. 50 persons, firing guns and hurling hand-bombs - forced train 33 Licata-Agrigento to stop. Fireman injured.

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80 passengers robbed.

Prizzi - (Palermo) On 27th of January. 13,30 hrs., an armed band held up train No.77 between Prizzi and Palazzo Adriano. The bandits forced the passengers and train crew to alight from the train and were locked in a room for 90 minutes. The train was eventually allowed to proceed at 17,15 hrs. No casualties reported.

These armed hold-ups are the chief cause of anxiety so far as Public Safety in Sicily is concerned at the moment.

3. Possession of Firearms, etc. by civilians.

This is a serious problem in Sicily as evidenced in the recent disorders. Operations are now in progress at various points to search for and collect arms, etc., but in the meantime many armed bands are known to be operating. Attention has been drawn to this subject in a separate report and it has been suggested that more severe punishments should be fixed for possession of arms and explosives, the penalties being prescribed according to the dangerous nature of the arms, etc. possessed.

4. Conduct of Allied Troops.

There are now very few Allied troops in the Island and their conduct has been generally satisfactory.

5. Veneral Disease.

Owing to the dissolution of the Regional Directorate of P.S. up to date figures as regards the campaign against Prostitution are not available. However, steps have been taken to receive this information direct from each Questura in the future.

6. Relations with Military Authorities.

Contact and cooperation is being maintained with Military and Naval Authorities still in Sicilia; relations are satisfactory.

7. Functioning of Courts.

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(b) Allied Courts.

There has been none in January and there is none pending at the moment. The sentence of execution for espionage imposed

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by an Allied Military Court in December '44 was carried out at Catania on 17.1.45.

II- SECURITY

1. (a) Sabotage.

There have been no serious cases of sabotage reported during the month, but the cutting of telephone cables and stealing of poles continues, the object being theft of these materials, but the effect is of course the same as that of sabotage.

(b) Military Security.

(1) The three enemy agents, FONTANA Domenico, MAGGIO Luigi and CARAVANA Giampietro who, as reported in last month's report, were dropped in Sicily on the night of 30th and 31st December were all arrested by the CC.RR. in the early days of January. Investigations are being carried out by FSS/CS.

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(3) Investigations continue with regard to the large scale theft of diesel oil and petrol from the pipe-line running from 315 EPS to the Port of Palermo. Three more tapings have been discovered and three more persons have been arrested. In view of the seriousness of these thefts the Military Authorities consider that the persons arrested should be tried by Allied Military Court and the case given as much publicity as possible. Investigations continue as it is very probable that further tapings are going on and a full report will be submitted in due course.

(c) Subversive Activity.

An increase in fascist activity has been reported in various parts of the Island, particularly at Caltanissetta and Enna.

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(d) Security of personnel.

(1) As reported by signal a British Sergeant attached to 51 F.S.S. was held up and robbed by an armed band whilst returning by car from Caltanissetta to Palermo, on the 21st of January. On the 24th of January a Carabinieri Patrol stopped two persons in the vicinity of VALLELUNGA for questioning; where-upon one of the persons hurled a hand-grenade at the Carabinieri, killing one of them. The seriousness of this incident, involving an Allied soldier, has been impressed upon the CC.RR. and Questura also upon the High Commissioner by

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the Regional Commissioner, and energetic investigations are in course with a view to the apprehension of the members of this gang. It is believed that 3 bands are operating in this locality and difficulties in tracing them are being experienced owing to heavy snowfall.

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(3) Other civil disturbances.

During the first half of the month there were a number of serious disorders in Sicily and a separate report was submitted on 18th January in regard to these. Since the submission of this report a state of comparative calm has prevailed with the exception of one incident at PALAZZO ADRIANO, details of which are as follows,-

On 25th January a large number of rioters stated to include

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communist elements took up positions at public buildings and commenced firing on the CC.Ri. barracks in an attempt to overcome the police - one Carabinieri motor cyclist was disarmed. Reinforcements were sent to the place and 140 arrests made. The following arms, etc. were found, - 4 machine guns and 5200 rounds of ammunition, 82 muskets, 30 rifles and 8 pistols, with ammunition, 10 grenades. The operations were supported by armoured cars.

This appears to have been a particular effective service. In RAGUSA Province, searching operations continue. Many arrests have been made, but the number of arms recovered was last reported as being small.

(4) State of public morale.

The morale of the public is at present greatly depressed owing to the economic/food situation and to the call-up of certain classes.

(5) Public Meetings.

None of any particular importance have been reported during the month. A private meeting of the Separatist Party has been separately reported upon, and the activities of the Movement by way of illegal manifest continue. There have been no important developments in the political situation.

(6) Appreciation of general security situation.

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(8)

Defascistization.

Provincial Commissions have not yet been constituted. However, the work of collecting data regarding the cases that are to be examined by the Spuration Commissions is proceeding satisfactorily.

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III - LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

- (1) Validity of motor vehicle permits in Sicily was extended to 31st January and the new permits are now being issued.
- (2) The usual delays have occurred in the arrival of instructions and forms and this position has not been helped by a lack of activity on the part of the Chambers of Commerce. The difficulties are appreciated, but it would appear that the importance of dealing with the subject expeditiously and of clarifying the somewhat conflicting instructions issued by their respective Ministries to the Chambers of Commerce and the Ispettorato di Motorizzazione Civile, should be still further impressed upon the Italian Government.

(3) Control of Civilian Movement.

The system is operated satisfactorily by the various Questori. Close control continues to be maintained to prevent illicit travel between Sicily and the Mainland. No reports of illegal travel between Sicily and Tripolitania have been received during the month. The extremely bad weather which has recently been prevailing has possibly temporarily dampened the enthusiasm of would be travellers.

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V - CIVIL DEFENSE

Commandante BIGI is also responsible for Civil Defense Services which are believed to be as efficient as conditions allow.

At the present stage of the war, however, the Italian Authorities will not take very great interest in civil defense in

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Sicily. Information has been received that the Military Authorities in agreement with the Italian Ministry of the Interior have authorized the lifting of black-out regulations subject to the agreement of local military Commander.

VI - PRISONS.

(1) The recent appointment of Dr. COLUMBA, Director of Palermo Prisons, as Liaison Officer, has helped to bridge the gap which was caused by the abolition of the Central Directorate of Prisons, but it is impossible to obtain up-to-date monthly statistics or reports on prisons.

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Orders have been received for the transfer of Major MANUEL to Region V from which Region Major MICHAL is being sent here as a replacement. Under arrangements made by Colonel YOUNG, Major MANUEL is awaiting the arrival of Major MICHAL in this Region.

(2) As will be gathered from the earlier observations in this Report the general public safety situation in Sicily is very precarious. The strengthening of the Military Forces, the organization of the mobile battalions, and the arrival here of additional equipment in the way of

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trucks, light tanks and armoured cars will do much to assist.

The food situation is delicate, but ships are arriving and at the moment no undue anxiety is felt on this account.

As regards the military call-up, the following table illustrates the results to date.-

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	Number reported	Number accepted	Number reported	Number accepted
Palermo	1498	1063	1683	887
Messina	1802	1260	2078	1219
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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forged Notes.
Agrigento	(7) 1 note of 100 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures & insertion centrally of figures '5004'. Also erasure of the word 'cento' and insertion word 'cinquecento', etc. Fair specimen.	nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on. do	A 5230148
	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Terrasini plant.			A 013822 A 013822
	(2) 8 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Tomasino Plant.			A 002859 A 002859 A 062159 A 064795 A 062859 A 062859 A 062859 A 062859 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259 A 16259
	(3) 28 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process unknown plant.	nil	nil	

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es of 1000 lire entirety by litho- process at Terrasini		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 01382280 A A 01382280 A	Notes attached.
es of 1000 lire entirety by litho- process in the Plant.		do	A 00285929 A A 00285929 A A 06215973 A A 06479538 A A 06285919 A A 06285904 A A 06285904 A A 06285985 A	Notes attached
tes of 1000 lire entirety by litho- process unknown plant.	nil	nil	A 16259654 A A 16259653 A A 16259620 A A 16259617 A A 16259616 A A 16259657 A A 16259625 A A 16259614 A A 16259624 A A 16259620 A	Notes attached

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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of For Notes.
continue				A 162596 A 162595 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 192596 A 192596 A 967451 A 264527
	(4) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of figures '5004' by ink. Poor specimen.	nil	nil	
Messina	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Tomasino plant. (2) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Flacomio plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on. do	A 00285 A 06285 A 45052 A 05379

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of 50 lire raised erasure of figures centrally of by ink. Poor	nil	nil	A 16259625 A A 16259544 A A 16259625 A A 16259629 A A 16259651 A A 16259651 A A 16259653 A A 16259655 A A 16259655 A A 16259656 A A 16259659 A A 16259692 A A 16259625 A A 16259617 A A 16259625 A A 19259674 A A 19259674 A A 96745142 A A 26452703 A	Note attached.
of 1000 lire turity by litho- cess at Tomasino		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285938 A A 06285985 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire turity by litho- cess at Flacomio		do	A 45052019 A A 05379864 A	Notes attached

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Enna	(3) 6 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process, unknown plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259194 A 16259654 A 16259652 A 94830591 A 96745159 A 96745158 A 04561410 A 04501614
	(4) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania	Nil	Nil	A 04511400 A 04510164 A 04516410 A 04510614 A 04546110 A 04546107 A 67044437 A 21665222
	(5) 6 notes of 500 lire as above	Nil	Nil	
	(6) 2 notes of 100 lire raised to '500' by erasure of original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by ink.	Nil	Nil	
	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant.	Nil	nil	A 1625962 A 1625962
	(2) 8 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania plant.	nil	nil	A 0450146 A 0450164 A 0451061 A 0450416 A 0451416 A 0451601

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of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess, unknown plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259194 A A 16259654 A A 16259652 A A 94830591 A A 96745159 A A 96745159 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess at Catania	Nil	Nil	A 04561410 A A 04501614 A	Notes attached
of 500 lire	Nil	Nil	A 04511406 A A 04510164 A A 04516410 A A 04510614 A A 04546110 A A 04546101 A	Notes attached
of 100 lire 500' by erasure figures and in- trally of figures k.	Nil	Nil	A 67844487 A A 21665222 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess at unknown	Nil	nil	A 16259621 A A 16259625 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess at Catania	nil	nil	A 04501461 A A 04501641 A A 04510614 A A 04504161 A A 04514160 A A 04516014 A	Notes attached

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continue	(3) 7 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania plant.	nil	nil	A 045041 A 045401 A 045016 A 045011 A 045141 A 045014 A 045161 A 045146 A 045614 A 102177 A 249940
Caltanissetta	(4) 2 notes of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of original figures and insertion of figures '500' by ink. Poor specimens.	nil	nil	
	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Terrasino plant.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	AO 27600
	(2) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant.	nil	nil	A 162596 A 162599 A 192596
	(3) 2 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A 045106 A 045011
	(4) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures and insertion of figures '500' by ink. Poor specimen.	nil	nil	A 169642

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es of 500 lire for- irety by lithogra- ss at Catania plant.	nil	nil	A 04504161 A A 04540161 A A 04501641 A A 04501164 A A 04514160 A A 04501461 A A 04516104 A A 04514601 A A 04561410 A A 10217780 A A 24994092 A	Notes attached
es of 50 lire '500' by erasure figures and in- figures '500' by specimens.	nil	nil	A 04504161 A A 04540161 A A 04501641 A A 04501164 A A 04514160 A A 04501461 A A 04516104 A A 04514601 A A 04561410 A A 10217780 A A 24994092 A	Notes attached
e of 1000 lire for- irety by lithogra- ss at Terrasino		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A02760008 A	Note attached.
es of 1000 lire entirety by litho- ocess at unknown	nil	nil	A 16259692 A A 16259924 A A 19259674 A	Notes attached
es of 500 lire for- irety by lithogra- ss at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A 04510614 A A 04501146 A	Notes attached
e of 50 lire rais- '0' by erasure of d insertion of '00' by ink. Poor	nil	nil	A 16964751 A	Note attached

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Siracusa	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Tomasino plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285 A 00285
	(2) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant.	nil	nil	A 16259
	(3) 4 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A 04560 A 04564 A 04544 A 04546
Catania	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Tomasino Plant.	nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A067859 A 06285
	(2) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant.	nil	nil	A 16259 A 16259
	(3) 2 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A 04544 A 04564
Ragusa	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Tomasino Plt.	nil	This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285
	(2) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant.	nil	nil	A 19259

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Notes of 1000 lire entirely by lithography at Tomasino		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285927 A A 00285941 A	Notes attached
Notes of 1000 lire for- gety by lithog- as at unknow plant.	nil	nil	A 16259544 A	Note attached
Notes of 500 lire for- gety by lithograp- s at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A 04560411 A A 04564011 A A 04546101 A A 04546110 A	Notes attached
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess at Tomasino	nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	AO6785984 A A 06285939 A	Notes attached
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- cess at unknown	nil	nil	A 16259924 A A 16259652 A	Notes attached
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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forged Notes.
Pantelleria	(3) 1 note of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania Plant.	nil	nil	A C451
	(1) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasini Plant.	nil	nil	A 2037 A 2037 A 2037

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CDC KIMBERLY		14/1
LTC COL WILSON	10/6	✓
MAJ LUCAS		
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GENERAL SITUATION

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It is, however, safe to say that the military call-up was the match which kindled the flames of public wrath leading to subsequent disturbances and that the latter were also in great measure due to the general discontent of the public over the high cost of living and the weakness and inefficiency of the Administration. There is also some indication that certain criminal, hoodligan and political elements exploited the prevailing situation. Complete crime statistics are not yet available, but there appears to have been an increase in crime over the previous month; this is not altogether surprising in view of the state of public order. The general political situation remains unchanged, the majority of the populace taking no part in politics.

At the moment conditions are calm, but the future is very uncertain and depends largely on the action as regards the call-up and the reaction to it, also upon the supplies of grain available.

(2) Crime.

There was an increase in crime in December by comparison with November as the following CC.RR. figures of principal crimes illustrate.-

	Nov.	Dec.
Voluntary murder	33	32
Attempted murder	31	40
Robberies	147	234
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Extortions	16	20
Attempted extortions	15	29
Assoc. delinquency	12	21
Aggravated thefts	1057	1061
Kidnappings	Nil	3

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TOTAL - 86

The most serious cases of public disorder and damage to buildings were.-

- (a) Catania - Military motor-vehicles, the town-hall, the Tax Office, the Bank of Sicily offices were destroyed by fire; Youngmen's Union House, Corriere di Sicilia Office, Court of Justice building damaged; Police intervened using fire arms.
- (b) Palma Mon-techiaro Set fire to the town-hall, Court, Tax Office, Bank of Sicily offices, Postal-Telegraph office damaged. Police intervened using fire arms.
- (c) Castel di-Town-hall, Tax Office, UPSEA Office invaded. The mills destroyed. Police intervened using fire arms.
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- (e) Mazzarino- Telephone and telegraph lines damaged. Set fire to the town-hall, Tax office, eight private houses. Police intervened using fire arms.
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Casualties due to demonstrations.

Civilians dead.....5	Police dead	Nil
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On the 17th December a small bomb was placed on a step outside the doors of the "Savoia" Cinema, Messina. No damage or casualties resulted from either of these two incidents.

(b) During the morning of 25 December, an explosive object

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was discovered on the steps of the Church Santa Caterina, in the Piazza Bellini, PALERMO; Italian Military Authorities were informed and a bomb-disposal expert was sent to investigate. The object was cylindrical in shape and also had the shape and size of an American Army issue torch. At one end was red coloured glass and the cylinder bore the marking A 2050 P. As a sabotage or explosive device it is completely unknown to the Italian experts, who declare it to have been a "well made job". The object was detonated at 1100 hrs. by the Italian disposal experts. Damage consisted of masonry blown from the steps leading to the church. No one was injured. It is of interest to note that a fairly large contingent of U.S. Navy men attended Midnight Mass in the Santa Caterina Church on 24/25 December. Masses were, however, also celebrated at 0600 hrs., 0700 hrs., and 0800 hrs. on the 25th December. Investigations continue.

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- (b) It rejects the autonomy proposals as being

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- a further attempt to exploit Sicilians.
- (c) It intends to continue fighting for the creation of an independent Sicily which would eventually federate on terms of equality with Italian states.
- (d) It does not intend to resort to force until the war is over, when a plebiscite will be demanded.

The unofficial reaction observed has been that whilst certain youthful members have been in favour of immediate and armed insurrection, others have declared themselves opposed to the use of violence.

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validity of existing permits for a month, up to 31st January. Whilst it is appreciated that a unified scheme of general application throughout Liberated Italy is desirable in dealing with the issue of motor vehicle permits, it does seem that the instructions and arrangements made by the Italian Government in relation to this subject are neither adequately co-ordinated nor made sufficiently early and consequently, with two quite different Organisations involved, confusion and delay inevitably results.

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- (e) 21 persons denounced for uttering and forgery of A.M. 100, 500 and 1000 lire notes in entirety by lithographic process. Printing-press,

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- (f) 5 persons denounced for uttering false A.M. notes of 1000 lire, series 1943 No. 1625..... Plant not yet discovered. (Dec. 1944).

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IIIPOLICE AGENCIES(1) Carabinieri Reali.

The strength of the CC.RR. VI Brigade as at 31/12/1944 was as follows,-

<u>Legion of Palermo</u>	<u>Legion of Messina</u>
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NCO's and men.....6263	NCO's and men.....3033

TOTAL 9412

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stated that the clothing and equipment situation is acute and this is seriously hampering the efficiency of the Organization.

A report submitted by Col. BIONDI has been forwarded to HQ under separate cover.

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Full details of numbers and locations are being forwarded to the Military Commander for disposal.

(2) Civil Police Arm-bands.

A total of 3566 Civil Police Arm-bands have now been collected

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from the Police forces in Sicilia. These have been forwarded to HQ. under cover of our letters RPS/560/JTM dated 25th November and 27th December 1944.

(3) War Graves.

2000 notices entitled "Dennuncia di Tombe di Soldati Alleati" were received during the month and these have now been posted in all Communes of Sicilia. The importance of reporting isolated graves has been impressed on local officials and Police.

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by 8 - 10 Carabinieri it is hopeless to expect them to control hysterical crowds and in several cases it was found that reinforcements arrived too late. Apart from the question of transport, another matter of vital importance, is the present means available to Police with which to control crowds. Following the disastrous effect of firing upon the crowd in the Palermo incident of 19th October, and the issuance of revised instructions concerning the use of firearms, it appears to be the case that police are reluctant to take vigorous action in quelling disturbances. At the present time they are equipped with rifles and/or pistols only and it is suggested that they should also be supplied with some form of truncheon or baton. The question of training and equipping police to deal with disorders, without necessarily resorting to the use of firearms, is now being discussed with police officials and a separate report will be submitted in regard to this in due course.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA (di Controllo)
AL GOVERNO ITALIANO

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Se l'Italia e' considerata una nazione vinta e se essa, in virtu' di un ignominioso armistizio, e' stata venduta, i giovani della Sicilia intendono conservare le proprie forze per riscattare l'onore al momento opportuno.

Il Fronte Repubblicano Giovanile si dichiara pronto a far affluire tutti i giovani delle classi soggette a richiamo ai centri di reclutamento, alle seguenti condizioni,-

1. Sia annullato l'armistizio del settembre 1943.
2. Sia dichiarata decaduta la monarchia in Italia e siano immediatamente processati i responsabili monarchici e fascisti dell'attuale rovina dell'Italia,- il Re, suo figlio, e Badoglio.
3. Sia restituita al popolo italiano la dignita' di popolo veramente libero.
4. Sia assicurato il pane al popolo.

Qualora, nel caso che le condizioni di cui sopra non venissero accettate, non sara' revocato l'ordine di chiamata alle armi, entro dieci giorni dalla data del presente ultimatum, saranno immediatamente costituite bande armate sulle montagne della Sicilia e saranno iniziati atti di ostilita' contro gli Alleati e contro il Governo.

Dal Quartiere Generale del F.R.G. addi' 15 dicembre 1944.

IL COMITATO REPUBBLICANO SICILIANO.

FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES - REGION I - PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1944 TO DECEMBER 1945

Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forged Notes.
Palermo	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Terrasino plant.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 0138228
	(2) 6 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Tomasino plant.		do	A 0628596 A 0028591 A 0028591 A 0028592 A 0028591 A 0628591
	(3) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Flacomio plant.		do	A 0628593 A 4505201
	(4) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at an unknown process.		Nil	A 1625562 A 1625961 A 1625919
	(5) 1 note of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania plant.		Nil	A 0456410
	(6) 3 notes of 100 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Flacomio plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 0815364 A 4505201 A 4505201

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TO December 25th, 1944.

Brief Particulars Cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful informa- tion.
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- process at Terrasino		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially re- ported on.	A 01382280 A	Note attached.
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- process at Tomasino		do	A 06285962 A A 00285911 A A 00285914 A A 00285929 A A 00285915 A A 06285919 A	Notes attached.
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- process at Flacomio		do	A 06285930 A A 45052019 A	Notes attached.
Notes of 1000 lire entirely by litho- process at an un- known place.		Nil	A 16259620 A A 16259617 A A 16259194 A	Notes attached.
Note of 500 lire entirely by litho- process at Catania		Nil	A 04564101 A	Note attached
Notes of 100 lire entirely by litho- process at Flacomio		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 08153642 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A	Notes attached

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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.
Palermo	(7) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures and insertion centrally '500' by ink. Tinted yellow crayon. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	A 32591322
Agrigento	(1) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Tomasino Plant.	Nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285920 A 00285915 A 00285916
	(2) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasini Plant.		do	A 09200097 A 01382280 A 09200097
	(3) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Placomio Plant.		do	A 45052019
	(4) 8 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at an unknown plant.		Nil	A 16259674 A 16259657 A 16259696 A 16259924 A 16259619 A 16259659 A 16259620 A 16259620

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Particulars	Number of Forgers taken into custody	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
of 1000 lire fifty by litho- ess at the ant.	Nil	This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 07002432 A	Note attached.
of 1000 lire fifty by litho- ess at the ant.		do	A 00455323 A	Note attached
s of 1000 lire fifty by litho- ess at the ant.		Nil	A 04540116 A A 04546011 A A 04560114 A A 04560141 A A 04560141 A A 04560114 A A 04514016 A A 04511460 A A 04540161 A A 04501614 A A 04501614 A A 04501641 A A 04501641 A A 04501461 A A 04501461 A A 04501461 A A 04501461 A A 04501461 A A 04501461 A A 04504161 A A 04504161 A	Notes attached

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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forged Notes.
Enna	(4) 10 notes of 500 lire as above.			A 045041 A 045041 A 045042 A 267370 A 045604 A 045011 A 045416 A 045114 A 045601 A 045164 A 045641 A 045016 A 045410 A 045114 A 002859
Messina	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Tomasino Plant. (2) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Placomio Plant. (3) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at an unknown plant.	Nil	This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on. do Nil	A 046798 A 162596 A 162599 A 162525

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Particulars	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
of 500 lire			A 04504161 A A 04504161 A A 04504161 A A 26737088 A A 04560411 A A 04501164 A A 04541610 A A 04511406 A A 04560141 A A 04516401 A A 04564110 A A 04501614 A A 04541016 A A 04511406 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire entirely by litho- press at the plant.	Nil	This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 00285920 A	Note attached
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Messina	(4) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Catania plant.	nil	Nil	A 04501614 A 04511640
	(5) 1 notes of 500 lire as above.	nil	Nil	A 04564011
	(6) 2 notes of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of figures '500'. Poor specimens.	nil	nil	A 21649696 A 33890778
	(7) 1 note of 100 lire raised to 500 by erasure of figure "1" and insertion figure '5'.by ink. Also erasure of the word "cento" and insertion of the word "cinquecento". Fair specimen.	nil	Nil	A 77834572
Catania	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Flacomio plant.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 45052019
	(2) 13 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Catania plant.		Nil	A 04501641 A 04561401 A 04561401 A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04516401

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Particulars	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
f 1000 lire directly by litho- graphs at the	nil	Nil	A 04501614 A A 04511640 A	Notes attached
f 500 lire	nil	Nil	A 04564011 A	Note attached
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Catania				A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04516401 A 04541610 A 04501641 A 19177900
Siracusa	(3) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500'.	2 denounced	Not yet dealt with	
	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process.	nil	nil	A 14250422
	(2) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Flacomio plant.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 05364879
	(3) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500'.	nil	nil	A 17902850
Caltanissetta	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Flacomio process.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 21515778
	(2) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process.	nil	nil	A 16259657 A 1625992

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f 50 lire raised	2	Not yet dealt with	A 04516401 A A 04516401 A A 04516401 A A 04516401 A A 04541610 A A 04501641 A A 19177900 A	Note retained
f 1000 lire directly by litho- ss.	nil	nil	A 14250422 A	Note attached
f 1000 lire directly by litho- ss at the t.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 05364879 A	Note attached
f 50 lire 0' by erasure figures and trally of	nil	nil	A 17902850 A	Note attached.
f 1000 lire directly by litho- ss at the ss.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 21515778 A	Note attached
of 1000 lire directly by litho- ss.	nil	nil	A 16259657 A A 16259924 A	Notes attached

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	(4) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' lire by additional of '0'. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	A 33003994

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ALLIED COMMISSION

SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/502/15/RAS. DATE December 5th, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - November, 1944.

TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Att. Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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General Situation.

(1) General

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(3) Crime

a Crime in general has remained at about the same level as for the previous month. In October there were 31 homicides, 3 with robbery as the motive; 31 attempted

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homicides, 7 with robbery nature; 183 robberies, 3 extortions and 29 attempted extortions; 2 kidnappings; 20 cattle thefts. These crimes represent the serious crimes typical of Sicily.

The complete statistics are not available until later but the present information indicates a slight increase during November.

b The serious problems in the country are the bands of delinquents. They are vicious and are difficult to find. The people may become terrorized and neither report the crimes nor give any information to the police. This is the basis of the once famous "mafia" which at various times has claimed the attention of the Italian Government and required special measures. The term is one loosely used, even by Italians and Sicilians and is a tempting phrase for the uninformed. If not actively combatted the delinquent elements would establish themselves. An instrument particularly effective against this possibility is the Interprovincial offices established under AMG and now recognized by the Italian Government.

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(5) Grain

The grain campaign is generally considered by the Italian officials to be closed and while it failed to reach the set objective, is considered by them a success. Some activities of the police continue, but they are acting without any definite instructions. The response to the claim that there is a quantity of grain not amassed is that the amount does not justify the expense and the withdrawal of police from police duties. There is merit to this argument because these matters seemingly have been neglected.

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(3) Registration and Licensing.

On the directions of the Regional Commissioner a Plan has been prepared for the guidance of Police Agencies in checking upon the circulation of motor vehicles. This is being presented to the High Commissioner with a strong recommendation that every possible effort should be made to effect a closer control over the use of motor vehicles of all classes in the interests of economy

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in fuel and other essential materials. Attention has already been drawn to the fact that one of the difficulties of enforcement in the past has been the lateness in arrival of necessary forms, permits, etc. If the new issue for period commencing 1st January is to be completed by 31st December the necessary forms, etc. should be delivered almost immediately as at least 3 weeks are necessary to complete the distribution. It is of interest to note that supplies of petrol in the black market are running short and the present price demanded is understood to be 170 lire per litre.

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(5) Defascistization.

Provincial Commissions in this Region are not yet functioning for the reasons given in a Memo from the High Commissioner which is reproduced below.

"I inform you that during the past fortnight of November the new Defascistization Provincial Commissions in Sicily have developed no activity owing to

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the fact that they have not yet been completely instituted.

It is a fact that the Deputy High Commissioner for the epuration of Fascism in Rome has not yet provided for the appointment of his own representative in the Commission of the nine Sicilian Provinces and has instead long since telegraphed to this Office that regulations regarding the epuration organization in the province are being prepared."

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This office continues to maintain close contact and cooperation with the various Military and Naval Authorities.

(8) Security of Personnel.

A British merchant seaman was shot through the head by an Italian P.S. Agent at Palermo on November 3rd, 1944. The latter was arrested by U.S. Navy Shore Patrol to whom he confessed. A full report has been forwarded to the Sub-Area Commander by F.S.S.

III

Italian Government and Administration.

(1)

General

a Unofficially this question has been impressed "Is it possible that the Italian Government does not want an efficient police department?" The question is significant in that it indicates a lack of confidence in the government which deficiency is quite general among Italian officials. Furthermore, it seems to have some justification in that the Public Safety agencies, with few exceptions, have received little aid from the central government in their effort to confront the actual situation; but otherwise by action, or by failure to act, of the central government, have been restricted. This is manifested by the delays and by action which seems to be directed toward nullifying what was previously done.

b This attitude may be based primarily on lack of means. But there does seem to be some justification and the fact that it does exist is dangerous even from a morale point of view.

c All of the public safety agencies in this region at the time of the turnover of responsibility to the Italian Government were in such condition that only confirmation of past action, support, physically and morally, were indicated. But a period of delay and uncertainty followed. Work previously done although thought to be protected by terms of the Armistice, has been annulled. Persons placed in position of authority by AMG have felt an insecurity. They must, therefore, either harbour feelings against their Government or the Allies, or both.

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The organization, the basic structure of the police system is in need of support and means. The Regional Directorate has been replaced by an Inspectorate, with the 13 interprovincial offices, the type of instrument used previously to confront the crime problem in Sicily, but specific orders respecting the duties and powers of the organization have not been received. In the past when this organization was established, adequate means were provided, but at present,

although the need is greater than ever before, not even instructions have been given. Unless the situation is clarified the organization cannot successfully function as I am explaining in a separate report.

b CC.RR.

The organization with the stronger military chain of command is in a somewhat better position than the other organizations, but the strength is low and it still lacks necessary physical means in the way of transportation, shoes, arms and communication.

c GG.FF.

The GG.FF. seems to be in need of further consideration. However, recently rations have been improved, but its rate of pay and allowances should be made equal to that of CC.RR.

d Railway Police.

Information has been received from Allied Commission, Headquarters, that this organization will be absorbed into the APS. Some equipment and uniforms have been given by the Military Command 204 Sub Area for use of the personnel.

e Prisons.

The administration of prisons is not well coordinated due to the absence of any office for that purpose. The regional organization which existed has been abandoned. An Inspector from Rome has made a tour of inspection.

f Fire and Civil Defense.

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With respect to administration in general the system seems to be too highly centralized to be inefficient. Unless closer support is given a collapse in morale may be expected and this, combined with the lack of means, personal and organizational, will render the police system inefficient and ineffective.

IV

A.C. Personnel.

(1) With respect to Public Security personnel of Allied Commission the present personnel (Lt. Col. Russell A. SNOOK, A and Capt. J.T. MANUEL, B) are able to maintain contact through the central commands. However, a new difficulty is now experienced in maintaining contact with the Questori which was previously done through a central office, now abandoned. The P.S. agencies recognize the prestige of the Allied Commission officers and maintain proper liaison. But there is still a serious problem in Sicily, and A.C. personnel could aid in the solution of it, if the mission were clearly set forth, and their recommendations could be used as a means of stimulating the central government to action.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES - REGION I - PERIOD FROM 01-01-68 TO 01-01-69

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G ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM October 26th
TO November 25th, 1944.

Particulars	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes	Any additional useful information.
1 lire raised e of original ion of '5' by cimen.	Nil	Nil	A 32393455 A	Note attached
of 1000 lire for- y by lithogra- at an unknown	Nil	Nil	A 14655564 A A 16259694 A A 16259674 A A 16259620 A A 16259692 A A 16259657 A A 16259625 A A 16259624 A A 16259616 A A 16259617 A A 16259924 A A 16259619 A A 16259616 A A 16259651 A A 16259625 A A 16259659 A A 16259621 A A 16259692 A A 16259625 A A 16259621 A A 16259614 A A 16259624 A A 16259194 A A 16259652 A A 16259624 A A 16259674 A	Notes attached

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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of For- Notes.
continued Palermo				A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 1629 A 0450 A 0450 A 0456 A 0456 A 0456
	(3) 5 notes of 1000 lire for- ged in entirety by lithographic process at the Catania Plant.	N11	N11	A 0454 A 0451 A 0456 A 0456 A 0450 A 0454 A 0451 A 0451 A 0451 A 0453
	(4) 9 notes of 500 lire forged in entirety by litho- graphic process at the Catania Plant.	N11	N11	

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TO November 25th, 1944.

Particulars s.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful informa- tion.
f 1000 lire for- ty by lithographic e Catania Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259624 A	Notes attached.
			A 16259616 A	
			A 16259624 A	
			A 16259652 A	
			A 16252554 A	
			A 16252554 A	
			A 16259692 A	
			A 16259696 A	
			A 16259194 A	
			A 16259544 A	
			A 16252554 A	
			A 04506114 A	
			A 04506114 A	
			A 04560141 A	
			A 04560411 A	
			A 04560114 A	
of 500 lire turity by litho- es at the Catania	Nil	Nil	A 04546101 A	Notes attached
			A 04514106 A	
			A 04560141 A	
			A 04564101 A	
			A 04506411 A	
			A 04546011 A	
			A 04511046 A	
			A 04514601 A	
			A 04504611 A	

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM
TO

Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Notes
continued Palermo	(5) 9 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Flacomio Plant. (6) 10 notes of 100 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Flacomio Plant. (7) 16 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Tomasino Plant.	Nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on. do do	A 081 A 450 A 081 A 064 A 064 A 053 A 215 A 215 A 064 A 450 A 450 A 450 A 450 A 450 A 450 A 004 A 215 A 215 A 052 A 002 A 002 A 067 A 062 A 062 A 062 A 062 A 062 A 002

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BRING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM October 26th
TO November 25th, 1944.

Chief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
Notes of 1000 lire in entirety by litho-process at the Plant.	Nil	These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 08153642 A A 45052019 A A 08153642 A A 06453798 A A 06453879 A A 05364879 A A 21515778 A A 21515778 A A 06453879 A	Notes attached.
Notes of 100 lire in entirety by litho-process at the Plant.		do	A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 45052019 A A 00455323 A A 21515778 A A 21515778 A	Notes attached
Notes of 1000 lire in entirety by litho-process at the Plant.		do	A 05285991 A A 00285928 A A 00285929 A A 06785987 A A 06285916 A A 06285919 A A 06285991 A A 06215974 A A 06285991 A A 00285924 A	Notes attached

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES - REGION I - PERIOD FROM Oct TO Nov

Province	No & Brief Particulars of cases	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No of Forge Notes.
continued Palermo	(8) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasini Plant.		do	A 0028591 A 0028592 A 0528598 A 0628591 A 0628594 A 0678598 A 0700243 A 0138228
	(9) 2 notes of 50 lire raised to '500' by additional of '0' to original figures. Tinted with yellow crayon. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	A 2955396 A 1676656
	(10) 1 note of 50 lire raised to '500' by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of '500' by ink. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	A 1670497
Agrigento	(1). 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasino Plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 09200097 A 09200097 A 01382280
	(2) 2 Notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Tomasino Plant.		do	A 0628598 A 0628594

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ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES - REGION I - PERIOD FROM October 26th
TO November 25th, 1944.

of Particulars ases	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful informa- tion.
of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- cess at the lant.		do	A 00285911 A A 00285920 A A 05285986 A A 06285919 A A 06285944 A A 06785986 A A 07002432 A A 01382280 A	Notes attached.
of 50 lire raised additional of nal figures. Tinted crayon. Poor	Nil	Nil	A 29553964 A A 16766562 A	Notes attached
of 50 lire raised erasure of insertion cen- 500' by ink. Poor	Nil	Nil	A 16704974 A	Note attached
es of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- cess at the lant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 09200097 A A 09200097 A A 01382280 A	Notes attached.
s of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- cess at the lant.		do	A 06285985 A A 06285945 A	

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM 1943 TO 1945

Province	No. & Brief particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forger Notes.
Ragusa	(3) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at unknown plant. (1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasini Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259625 A 07002432
Enna	(1) 1 note of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Catania Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 04506114
Messina	(1) 3 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at Catania Plant. (2) 3 notes of 500 lire as above.	Nil	Nil	A 11154895 A 04501164 A 04546101 A 04514601 A 04514601
Catania	(1) 2 notes as above (2) 6 notes of 1000 lire as above. (3) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Terrasini Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 04564101 A 04501146 A 04501146 A 04501164 A 04516140 A 04516104 A 04561014 A 04506114 A 04516104 A 0138228
			This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	

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TO November 25th, 1944

particulars es.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful informa- tion.
of 1000 lire for- rety by lithogra- s at unknown plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259625 A	Note attached.
of 1000 lire for- rety by lithogra- ess at the ant.		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 07002432 A	Note attached
of 500 lire for- rety by lithogra- s at the Catania		Nil	A 04506114 A	Note attached.
of 1000 lire for- rety by lithogra- s at Catania	Nil	Nil	A 11154895 A A 04501164 A A 04546101 A	Notes attached
of 500 lire as as above		Nil	A 04514601 A A 04514601 A A 04564101 A A 04501146 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire as	Nil	Nil	A 04501146 A A 04501164 A A 04516140 A A 04516104 A A 04561014 A A 04506114 A A 04516104 A A 01382280 A	Notes attached Notes attached
of 1000 lire for- rety by lithogra- s at the Terrasino		This note is concerned in the Palermo cases specially re- ported on.		Note attached

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Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forg Notes.
Siracusa	(4) 1 note of 50 lire raised to 500 lire by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of '500' by ink. Poor specimen. Tinted with yellow crayon.	Nil	Nil	A 360510
	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Flacomio Plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on?	A 081530 A 215150
	(2) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Catania Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 045060
	(3) 3 notes of 500 lire, as above.		Nil	A 045600 A 045601 A 045011
Caltanissetta	(1) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Tomasino Plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 062850 A 002850
	(2) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Terrasini Plant.		do	A 203700 A 203700
	(3) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the		do	A 450520 A 450520

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TO November 25th, 1944.

Particulars s.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial NO. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
f 50 lire raised by erasure of insertion cen- 500' by ink. Poor nted with yellow	Nil	Nil	A 36051021 A	Note attached.
e of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- ess in the ant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially re- ported on?	A 08153642 A A 21515778 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire for- ety by lithogra- e in the Catania	Nil	Nil	A 04506114 A	Notes attached
of 500 lire, as		Nil	A 04560411 A A 04560141 A A 04501164 A	Notes attached
e of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- cess in the ant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially re- ported on.	A 06285922 A A 00285919 A	Notes attached
s of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- ess in the lant.		do	A 20370002 A A 20370002 A	Notes attached
of 1000 lire ntirety by litho- cess in the		do	A 45052019 A A 45052019 A	Notes attached

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM TO

Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forg notes.
Trapani	(4) 5 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process in the Flacomio Plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially reported on.	A 0045 A 0045 A 0045 A 0536 A 0537 A 1625 A 1625 A 1628 A 1625
	(5) 4 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the unknown Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 0451
	(6) 1 note of 500 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Catania Plant.	Nil	Nil	
	(1) 1 note of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at the Tomasino Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 0628
Siracusa	(1) 3 notes of 50 raised to 500 lire.	2	Not yet dealt with.	A 321170 A 219534 A 130686 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596 A 162596
Palermo.	(1) 9 notes of 1,000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at an unknown plant.		Nil	

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BRING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM October 26th
TO November 27th, 1944.

Brief Particulars cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged notes.	Any additional useful information.
Notes of 1000 lire in entirety by litho- process in the Plant.		These notes are concerned in the Palermo cases specially report- ed on.	A 00455323 A A 00455323 A A 00455323 A A 05364798 A A 05379648 A A 16259674 A A 16259620 A A 16285913 A A 16259696 A	Notes attached
Notes of 1000 lire in entirety by litho- process at the Plant.	Nil	Nil	A 16259674 A A 16259620 A A 16285913 A A 16259696 A	Notes attached.
Note of 500 lire for- entirety by lithogra- process at the Catania	Nil	Nil	A 04511064 A	Note attached.
Notes of 1000 lire for- entirety by lithographic at the Tomasino	Nil	Nil	A 06285947 A	Note attached.
Notes of 50 raised to	2	Not yet dealt with.	A 32117063 A A 21953431 A A 13068680 A A 16259629 A A 16259629 A A 16259620 A A 16259624 A A 16259624 A A 16259620 A A 16259629 A A 16259625 A A 16259624 A	Notes retained Enquiries in hand.
Notes of 1,000 lire in entirety by litho- process at an un- ant.		Nil		Notes retained Enquiries in hand

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD

Province	No. & Brief Particulars of cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	
Palermo	(2) 2 notes of 1000 lire forged in entirety by lithographic process at an unknown plant.	1	Not yet dealt with	A A

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ENTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY = RETURN OF CASES = REGION I = PERIOD FROM October 26th
TO November 25th, 1944.

Brief Particulars cases.	Number of Forgers taken into custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful informa- tion.
s of 1000 lire forged y by lithographic process own plant.	1	Not yet dealt with	A 16259696 A A 16259924 A	Notes retained. Inquiries in hand.

