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SUBJECT: Report for August, 1944 - Region 3, Public Safety Division.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission
Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

The following report covers the activities of the Public Safety Division, Region 3, for the month of August, 1944:-

On 28th August, 1944, Region 3, became merged in the consolidated Southern Region but this month's report is confined to the old Region 3 area. Hereafter the Monthly Report will be for the Southern Region.

1. Civil Police Agencies.

(a) Strength.

Royal Carabinieri. Many changes have taken place in officer personnel and the strength is constantly fluctuating as the result of withdrawals to answer the needs of the northern areas. To some extent the losses have been made good by withdrawals of men on special duty, but this method of replacement has now been exhausted. It is hoped that no further withdrawals will be made but rather that personnel for the forward area will be taken from the Rome pool. Should further demands be made from the Southern Region it would be appreciated if, at the time demands are made on the Legion Commander this HQ. could be informed. Certainly no more withdrawals should be made from Naples Province.

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Royal Guardia di Finanza. Strength has been maintained during past months. Many transfers of officers have been made but we have received practically as many as we have lost.

Royal Questura. No material change in strength during the month.

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Royal Corps of the Forests. No appreciable variation, a slight increase if anything.

Municipal Police. No change as far as is known.

For next month I hope to include a comparative table of strengths of the various police agencies.

(b) Efficiency.

Royal Carabinieri. Although as reasonably efficient as can be expected it will be impossible to get good results until this "chapping and changing" is ended. We are continually having officers removed and replaced and individual Commanders of Legion, Groups and Stations have not the faintest idea how many H.C.Os and men they will have next week and the answer to particular waves of crime or other difficulties in certain areas is met with the plea of lack of personnel. This we know is true and to ask for addition to certain districts is merely "robbing Peter to pay Paul". This Region has been further depleted by the withdrawal of more men for service in newly liberated territory. This reduction has now reached a critical stage and is affecting efficiency. Through lack of personnel, it appears apparent that the Carabinieri are hesitating to tackle energetic^{any} certain police problems.

Royal Guardia di Finanza. The recent transfer from the ration strength of the Italian Army in order to ration them from civilian sources has caused much perturbation. They point out that Army rations were always certain and more generous in issue than civilian rations. Their pay, they maintain, was calculated on the basis of pay and rations and they feel that this is a "mean" economy which is unjustified and petty. They feel additionally that a Guardia on a low rate of pay (especially if he is a married man with children), isolated in some small commune, may be tempted by reason of reduced rations and small pay to overlook offences committed with regard to contraband foods or even himself to profit by them.

Royal Questura. Under the new Questore, and as a result of certain changes in key personnel, Pubblica Sicurezza is functioning more satisfactorily although far from efficiently. Low rate of pay is responsible for difficulty in obtaining the type of men required for this important service. Increased

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wages are essential. A general enquiry into the Questura of Naples is in progress and special reports have already been submitted for consideration. Further changes will be necessary.

Royal Corps of the Forests. This comparatively small body is working well. 522 fines were inflicted during the month. Vigilance to avoid contraband of wood and charcoal has led to 4 prosecutions and the seizing of 8 quintals of charcoal. 660 authorizations for transport of 22532 quintals have been released.

General. Requisitioned barracks and lack of equipment contribute to inefficiency.

Tyres for police motor vehicles continues to be a major problem and I am confronted with requests for tyres from all Police agencies, which I am unable to supply.

(c) Arms, Equipment, Clothing, etc.

Still far from satisfactory but the position is slightly improved by the issue of a small quantity of clothing and boots. More is urgently required, including arms for Finance Guards, and it is hoped that further supplies will be speeded up. Municipal Guards are particularly badly off.

(d) Morale.

Generally fair considering the difficulties still being experienced and the uncertainty existing as to the future. Until the Italian Ministries establish a policy and themselves satisfy their own agencies that they are interested in the welfare of the personnel conditions are not likely to improve.

2. State of Crime.

The situation seems to be practically stationing^{ary} but there has been a slight fall as regards offences against Allied property, probably due to many Allied Troops having moved from this area.

(a) Crimes of Violence. These are not really high and the majority are still committed by Allied Military personnel.

(b) Black Market. Some improvement. A considerable amount continues particularly regarding olive-oil. Police are paying attention and several useful hauls of olive oil

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have been obtained.

A drive of potatoes has just been organized.

Substantial amounts of grain and salt have been confiscated on the roads by the various police services. Also in Benevento some 80,000 eggs, involved in a questionable transaction with Rome merchants, were seized by the local Municipal Guard.

(c) Mafia. No trace of this organisation existing in this Region.

3. Important Crimes.

Two serious gang robberies have been reported on the northern boundary of Salerno Province. In one case, a warehouse was entered by a gang, said to be operating from Poggioreale, who stole cloth to the value of 200,000 lire. In the second case a Church was forced open, by a gang said to be operating from Naples, and cash and about a kilogram of gold (votive offerings) valued at about 200,000 were stolen. In each case the gangs were said to consist of civilians and other persons dressed as Allied soldiers. Information has been received that such gangs are composed chiefly of civilian criminal elements and that Allied deserters, are also implicated. The matter is receiving attention of Allied and Italian Police.

Three crimes of violence by Italians have been reported from Benevento Province (a) At Idroli, two women quarrelled and one seriously wounded the other by stabbing; (b) At Paduli, the body of a woman with her throat cut was found; (c) At Follano, three armed persons, dressed in greyish-green uniforms, robbed and severely injured a civilian driving on the highway.

Six persons have been arrested by S.I.B. for bribery of Military personnel in connection with use of Allied transport for transporting oil.

4. Special Problems.

Supervision by ACO. is now bound to be slight owing to the extension of Naples Province to include Avellino and Benevento. Most of the time of local Public Safety Officers is spent in travelling. 3293

As mentioned above police administration is difficult especially in Naples Commune. The present Questore is apparently honest, sincere and desirous of performing his duties efficiently and with proper support will probably do so.

Much unrest has been caused among officers of the Royal Finance Guards owing to the suspension of the Legion Commander. The G.O.C. has apparently made his enquiry and returned to Rome, so may be

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I shall hear the result in due course.

5. Relations with Military Police.

Generally good particularly with the British. R.P.S.O. still lectures officers and men, including S.I.B. at the Depot and Training School but it is doubtful whether this can be continued, owing to lack of personnel. Two Public Safety Officers on the Police side at Regional HQ. is insufficient. *Capt. Noble is being sent (P.W.)*

Complaints are being received from the Royal Carabinieri and the Questore that American Military Police frequently fail to co-operate individually with C.C.R.R. and Agents of P.S. and at times even interfere with them in the performance of their duties. Cases reported are brought to the notice of P.M., P.B.S.

P.M., P.B.S. (who is continually changing) is not co-operating too well with this HQ. When we could afford to have an officer continually running round to the Questura building all was well but now quite a lot has to be done by correspondence letters remain unanswered.

The French P.M. is impossible. He might just as well not exist for all the good he is.

6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

Still bad, still too much drunkenness, still too many crimes of violence against the civilian population.

French and particularly French Colonials are still a serious problem wherever they are although fortunately many have moved out. The attitude of the French officers is disturbing. One French Officer approached by a Major of the Royal Carabinieri, regarding the rape of a wife in the presence of her husband by five Moroccans, replied "You Italians will have to get used to our ways". Another, turning his palms of his hands outwards said in a similar case "It is the war".

Cases continue to be reported of Military personnel continuing to interfere with civil police.

Many crimes by the Military are still happening but there has been a slight decrease in robberies. Below is a selection of some of the more important cases.

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- (a) Murder of an elderly woman by an American soldier in Naples. No information from P.M. as to result.
 - (b) Manslaughter of an Italian by a British soldier at Salerno. Soldier arrested and charged.

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- (c) At Aosta, drunken French troops fired and killed a civilian. French M.C.O. arrested but he and his unit have now gone to France.
- (d) In Avellino Province a number of hold-ups and robberies by Allied troops (deserters) in jeeps have been reported. Mobile Road checks are in operation day and night.
- (e) At Dantecane a lorry driven by Allied soldiers and carrying salt was stopped by Military Police. Two Military Police were shot and seriously wounded. S.I.B. on enquiry.
- (f) At Paicchio (Benevento) two unknown Canadians fired shots and ~~threw~~ an incendiary bomb through the door of a farmer's house. One person was killed, another wounded and several received severe burns. Canadian M.P.s and C.C.H.R. investigating.
- (g) At Solopaca, 4 drunken Canadian soldiers robbed two civilians, one of whom was shot and seriously wounded.
- (h) Throughout the Region numerous robberies from Italian civilians were reported during July involving armed men dressed as American, British and Canadian soldiers, sometimes accompanied by civilian and a person dressed as a Carabinieri. These criminals acquired hundreds of thousands of lire, as well as motor vehicles, jewellery, watches and other personal property. At least two murders are charged to their account together with other shootings. Full particulars were circulated from this HQ. and recently a report has been received that the S.I.B. have arrested a gang of 10 deserters, five British, three American and two Canadians and it is thought that they are implicated in many of the crimes. Enquiries continue especially to identify property found in their possession.
- (i) In addition 5 instances have been reported of thefts of money, clothing, olive oil and poultry by unidentified Canadians.
- (j) At Forchia, British soldiers are alleged to have searched some houses in the absence of their owners and stolen money and clothing.
- (k) At Montesarchio, two American coloured soldiers robbed the occupants of an Italian wine truck of a considerable sum of cash.

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7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian Courts.

Gradually absorbing functions previously performed by A.M.C. Courts. Still slow.

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(b) Allied Military Courts.

Functions gradually reverting to Italian Courts. Only Naples Commune now concerned and position satisfactory.

8. Staff Changes in Officer assignments.

(a) Regional HQ.

Major A.C.P. Way	57001	} Transferred to other Regions.
Major A. Watta	152957	

(b) Provincial.

Major W.A. Baldwin 0196156, Benevento Province
Major J.J. Beer 185900, Avellino Province

Both transferred to other Regions.

Nominal Roll of Officers, see Appendix "A".

9. Cases of Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

See Appendix "B".

10. Other points it is desired to bring to notice.

Owing to the shortage of personnel in this Region would it not be possible for HQ. ACC. to request reports and returns direct from Italian Ministries or G.O.Cs. It is felt that they are sometimes in possession of the desired information and it would save time and labour in doing this rather than getting the details through the tedious process of sending to P.S. Officers in the various Zones.

Licensing and Registration.

1. Steps taken towards control of civilian motor vehicles.

Within Naples Province all licensing is being supervised by AMG personnel in Naples Commune.

Use of petrol and vehicles on the road is being checked by Military Police and Civil Police. There is still much "leakage" of petrol on to the black market.

The issue of circulation permits for automobiles in Naples is being kept at a minimum and is made only in cases of Military need or essential services. This is necessary in order to keep within the Petrol allotment. In connection with renewal of permits, all applicants are again being carefully screened in an effort to

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eliminate those who previously held permits but whose needs are not now considered necessary to the war effort or essential civilian needs.

2. Any other Licensing and Registration problems.

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Fire.

1. Efficiency.

The Regional Fire Brigades are functioning in an efficient manner.

2. Equipment.

The position has been greatly improved with the additional Allied trucks now in use by the Fire Service.

3. Inspection Visits.

A tour of inspection of the fire stations was made and no cause for complaint found.

4. Staff Changes.

None.

5. Other Points.

None.

Civil Defence.

1. U.N.P.A.

Dissolved on 20 June 1944, by Regional Order No. 59 dated June 1944.

The Civil Defence Duties formerly done by U.N.P.A. are now being performed by the Vigili del Fuoco.

2. Inspection Visits.

Sector Posts inspected and no cause for complaint was found.

Air Raid Sirens are in good working order.

Reports on unexploded bombs and mines are being forwarded to the proper authorities for action as soon as they are received.

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3. Staff Change

None since July.

Prisons.

1. List of prisons now in use, showing approximate number of inmates, is shown in appendix "C".

2. Progress in closing Mandamentali Prisons.

Although the accommodation problem has eased somewhat during the past two months, it is, owing to the difficulty of transporting arrested persons long distances, still not possible to close any of these small prisons at this stage.

3. General conditions of the prisons in respect of:-(a) Administration.

It would appear that little attempt has been made by the Ministry of Grace and Justice to take over the control of prisons in former Region III territory. The position regarding normal administration, therefore, remains the same, the ANG Central Director of Prisons retains control.

The old Mandamentali prison at Boscotrecase which has been reconditioned was opened on the 3rd August, 1944. This is now a very clean little prison with a capacity of 150 and will relieve the congestion in that area.

The population of many Mandamentali prisons fell below normal during the month and it was possible to re-transfer quite a number of inmates serving sentences of four to six months back to their local prisons, from which they had been transferred owing to crowded conditions which then existed.

The overall number of releases exceeded the number of admissions this month by some four hundred. Female prisoners dropped by three hundred and fifty and their accommodation is now normal.

(b) Hygiene.

The normal position is quite fair, especially in view of the fact that disinfectants are hard to obtain. There are, however, a few black spots amongst the Mandamentali prisons, and here, although more energetic supervision by the responsible Pretori would improve matters, the main trouble is that these places are very old and lack modern sanitary conveniences.

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(c) Prison Labour.

Prison labour is still concentrated on supplying prison equipment.

(d) Food.

No increase in the prison diets has yet been sanctioned. There has been an alarming increase in mortality among the inmates of prisons during the past two months and the Ispettore Generale Sanitario, who has made a survey of the situation, is of the opinion that insufficient food is affecting the health of prisoners. This is the subject of a special report.

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4. Records.

Generally speaking records are efficiently kept.

5. Approximate numbers of:-

Prisoners awaiting trial	2700
Prisoners sentenced	5450.

6. Progress in disposing of pending cases.

Although there are still large numbers of inmates awaiting trial, progress in disposing of these cases would appear to be maintained.

7. Staff Changes.

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Special Police.1. Number of cases of suspected sabotage or subversive activity.

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2. Details of important cases under 1.

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3. Number of strikes or lockouts.

One.

Number of workers affected.

Unknown.

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Number of strikes or lockouts at end of month.

Nil.

4. Details of strikes or lockouts.

On the morning of 22nd August, 1944, workers of the Società S.M.S. failed to report for work as a protest against shortage of food and lack of clothes and shoes. Regional Labour Officer intervened, the strikers demands were in the main met and they returned to work at 15.30 hours the same day.

A certain amount of unrest occurred at the Jam factory at Scafati at the beginning of the month due to reduction in staff but, although the management were apprehensive of strike action, nothing eventuated.

5. State of labour generally in Region.

Although unemployment is not too high there is a prevalence of industrial unrest believed due to political reasons. Left wing parties in works and factories are causing dissatisfaction among employees, and a certain amount of interference with production, because of their continual reminders as to retention of ex-Fascists in key positions. Energetic action of "epurazione" seems desirable.

6. State of Public Morale.

Uncertain but on the whole good.

7. Conditions affecting public morale.

Unemployment, high cost of living and low wages are seriously affecting public morale. Lack of gas, electricity and public transport aggravate the above. Prices are still far above wages. Black Markets continue to operate, certain food articles are scarce and, although recently potatoes and fruits were plentiful and low in price, demands from Rome have caused an increase in the prices of these articles, a decrease in quantity and, in some cases, disappearance of potatoes from many areas. 5280

The many political parties leave the populace confused and uncertain as to the future and comments are heard to the effect that the departure of Military Government from Naples is anticipated with fear. The people in Naples generally hope for the retention of AMG. for a while yet.

8. Co-operation with Security Services.

Good.

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9. Civilian Internees.

No arrests have been made by FSS at instance of AMG/ACC.

The Regia Questura of Salerno proposed the arrest and internment of eight Italians said to be "keeping alive the spirit of Fascism". These men were all ex-internees, previously interned by FSS and subsequently released after investigation. In view of this fact this HQ. advised consultation with FSS and following such consultation two of the leading lights have been arrested and the remaining six are to be sent into "confinement" in communes out of Salerno. The facts regarding the arrested men will be submitted to N° 3 District with a view to their re-internment at 371 P.O.W. Camp, Padula.

10. General situation, political re-action and popular opinion.

The weather is too hot for politics. Communist conferences passed off quietly and there was little interest apart from that shown by actual members.

Popular opinion is to a certain extent concerned with what is said to be the intention of the British to maintain the Italian monarchical system. The majority of Italians associate the Monarchy with Fascism and are puzzled by what they consider to be the pro-monarchical attitude of the Allies and particularly the British.

An order said to have been published to the French troops by the G.O.C. (General Juin) in which he referred to the "stab in the back" and the ensuing grievous harm done to France by Italy, but nevertheless exhorting the French to proper military behaviour towards Italy, caused much comment among the Italian Army and the Police. It was felt that this was uncalled for and unjust. The Italian people generally feel that they were not to blame for the sins of Mussolini and excuse themselves by saying "we never wanted the war".

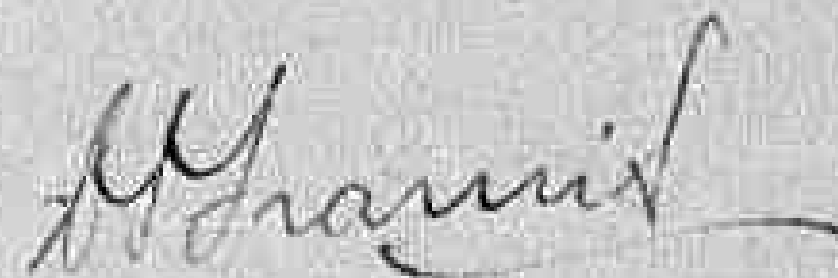
The main preoccupation of the mass of the people is, as always, food.

In general, conditions have improved but increased police ~~as~~ ⁵ is required. Increase in pay of police is necessary to good law enforcement and is most strongly recommended.

The month of August saw the birth of a new organisation which, it is thought, is the first of its kind in Italy and is felt to be of interest generally and politically. This organisation is composed entirely of women and is known as Unione Femminile Italiana and has as its aims general assistance and welfare and, eventually, the rights of women to vote and participate in government,

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national and local. The first meeting was held in the Aurora Theatre and 500 persons attended.



G.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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APPENDIX "A" to MONTHLY for MONTH of AUGUST 1944.

Nominal Roll on Public Safety Establishment of Region 3 showing location and nature of duty being performed.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Serial No</u>	<u>B. or A.</u>	<u>Duty</u>
Lt. Col.	C.T. FRANCIS	83730	B.	Regional Public Safety Officer
Major	F. BRANNIGAN	0136589	A.	Regional Fire & Civil Defence Officer.
Capt.	G.R. DALEY	291039	B.	Regional Prisons Officer.
Capt.	L.W. TOES	287723	B.	Regional Police Officer.

NAPLES ZONE

Major	F. LUCKMAN	0901608	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (City)
Capt.	J. MADILL	297711	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (Prov)

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Major	T.G. GREEN	287733	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer.
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APPENDIX "B"

To Region 3, Public Safety Report for August 1944

Forging and Uttering of A.M. Currency.

(a) 6 cases. 4 involving 36 notes at S. Sebastiano Naples City and
Gercola, and 2 involving 2 notes at Salerno.

(b) One

(c) No information yet available from Court.

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	A 17669424	A	L.	1000)	
	A 17669417	A	L.	1000)	(+)
	A 17669444	A	L.	1000)	
	A 17669442	A	L.	1000)	
	A 17669446	A	L.	1000)	
	A 17669449	A	L.	1000)	
	A 69824647	A	L.	1000)	
	A 21515778	A	L.	1000)	
	A 17669472	A	L.	1000)	
	A 43052019	A	L.	1000)	(++)

(e) Nil.

(f) (+) Above notes held meanwhile for investigation
26 notes involved in S. Sebastiano case held for Court proceedings.
11 notes attached hereto are those found in July.

(++) Herewith. Received from 562nd Post Co, T.C., U.S.A.

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APPENDIX "C" TO REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION REPORT FOR JULY 1944.
List of Prisons showing capacity and present number of inmates.

<u>NAPLES PROVINCE</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>INMATES</u>
Poggioreale (male)	2900	2924 (20th Courts Martial & Holding Centre have acc. for 400)
Poggioreale (female)	500	214
Filangieri (female)	250	228
S.Eframo (boys)	300	366
S.Eframo Manicomio	200	38 (British FPC have acc. for 150)
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Aversa Manicomio	1100	688
S.Maria Capua Vetere Prison	535	445
S.Maria " " Reformatory	150	98
Procida Penal Prison	600	454
Pozzuoli	300	272
Caserta	75	63
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<u>MANDAMENTALI PRISON</u>		
Acerra	32	43
Afragola	45	67
Arianzo S.Felice	43	6
Capri	15	3
Casoria	33	27
Catellammare di Stabia	50	56
Cicciano	46	14
Frattemaggiore	55	90
Giugliano	28	21
Gragnano	60	39
Ischia	24	4
Maddaloni	55	17
Marano	34	9
Marcianise	37	23
Marigliano	12	12
Barra	63	65
Nola	60	134
Palma Campania	45	63
Pomigliano	25	16
Pompei	20	31
S.Anastasia	30	10
Sessa Aurunca	30	19
Sorrento	30	27
Terre Annunziata	70	74

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	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>INMATES</u>
Torre del Greco	26	48
Trentola	37	3
Roccamonfina	20	1
Teano	40	9
Boscotrecase	150	70
<u>AVELLINO PROVINCE</u>		
Avellino	300	471 (1st Canadian DRC have acc. for 70. Capacity will increase when repairs are completed).
Ariano Irpino	102	88
S. Angelo dei Lombardi	80	78
<u>MANDAMENTALI PRISON</u>		
Bagnoli Irpino	25	2
Calabritto	25	3
Calitri	22	24
Calstelbaronia	30	9
Cerminara	45	32
Chiusano	30	2
Frigento	28	6
Grottaminarda	22	9
Lacedonia	24	8
Lauro	40	5
Mirabella	18	11
Montella	25	4
Montoro Superiore	24	2
Paternopoli	10	-
<u>BENEVENTO PROVINCE</u>		
Benevento	225	213
Airola Fem. Reformatory	180	100
<u>MANDAMENTALI PRISON</u>		
Airola	14	5
Cerreto Sannita	13	4
Colle Sannita	22	11
Guardia Sanframondi	44	16
Montesarchio	20	5
Morcone	20	17

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July, 1944 - Region 3, Public Safety Division.

TO : HQ. ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission
Regional Commissioner, Region 3. ✓

The following report covers the activities of the Public Safety Division, Region 3, for the month of July, 1944:

1. Civil Police Agencies.

(a) Strength.

Royal Carabinieri. As previously reported, there has been a considerable fall in strength during the last few months. The whole question has been fully dealt with in my report of 23rd July, 1944. This Region views with alarm the proposal to further reduce the strength at the present time and it is very difficult to see any reason for fixing a ceiling for the Royal Carabinieri when there are so many demands for their services and so many other branches of the Italian Army just crying out for the opportunity of doing work that is really worth while. My views are fully given in above mentioned report.

Royal Finance Guards. These have suffered a loss in strength during the last few months, the total having fallen from 2650 to 2126.

Royal Questura. No material change, except among officers.

Royal Forest Guards. No change.

Municipal Police. No appreciable variation.

It is hoped that there will be no further reduction in any of these police agencies during such time as the Commune of Naples remains Allied Military Government territory. The importance of the City, still a military zone, is too well known to require emphasis. Demands for Civil Police, as aid to the Military, continue and although every effort has been made to secure a reduction of the numbers on such special employment, there are still large numbers who cannot at present be relieved,

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e.g; 5 Officers and 720 other Ranks of the Royal Carabinieri who are still specially employed.

(b) Efficiency.

All Civil Police Agencies are as efficient as can reasonably be expected under present abnormal conditions and they are certainly co-operating satisfactorily. It is useless trying to compare them with the Police Forces in the U.S. or U.K. and, in my opinion, there will never be real efficiency until the whole problem is dealt with on a national basis and there is one Police Authority. There is too much overlapping and waste of man-power in the present scheme of having so many Agencies performing Police functions. A radical change is necessary, the smaller existing Agencies should be absorbed by the larger, pay and conditions of service should be improved and hours of work extended, and generally speaking the status should be raised. This was realised in Great Britain, many years ago and it was recognised that only adequate pay is the answer to corruption.

The separating of the R.Guardia di Finanza from the Italian Army for ration purposes recently announced is likely to cause dissatisfaction and I cannot see any reason for such a step.

(c) Arms, Equipment, Clothing and etc.

Unsatisfactory. Something has recently been done in the provision of boots but more are urgently required. Clothing has at length been promised and it is hoped will soon arrive. Some of the Royal Finance Guards are particularly badly off, but they are dependent on the Italian Army.

(d) Morale.

Still reasonably good considering the little that has been done to improve it and the many difficulties still being experienced. The improved scale of rations, the beginning of the issue of boots and expectancy of clothing in the near future, has caused satisfaction. There is, however, the all too frequent complaint, which is quite true, that the salaries and wages are insufficient. The present wages scale is not adequate to meet the present cost of living. We want honest men and want to revive the traditions of integrity, enthusiasm and discipline which fell away under the Fascist Regime, especially among the Carabinieri, and we cannot expect it from men who are concerned because their families are in want. 5278

2. State of Crime.

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I think there is a slight lessening of civilian crime but it is too early in the month to give comparative figures.

(a) Crime of violence.

There seems to be less civilian crimes of violence but no variation in the cases where members of the Allied Forces are concerned.

(b) Black Market.

Black Market offences have decreased, mainly owing to a plentiful supply of potatoes and fresh fruit and increased rations. There has been a decrease in the amount of grain, flour and oil confiscated on the roads by Carabinieri, Finance Guards and Questura Agents. These smaller seizures are attributed to some extent to the exhaustion of these contraband supplied.

(c) Mafia.

There is no trace of this organisation anywhere in this Region.

3. Important Crimes.

In Avellino Province two cases of armed hold-ups, in which a man dressed as a Vice-Brigadiere of Carabinieri was concerned, were reported. This man and his accomplices have now been identified by the CC.RR. but no arrests have yet been made.

There have, however, been no further cases since.

More persons have been arrested by Agents of P.S. for forging ration cards.

At Dragoni (Benevento) an Italian fired and wounded another Italian. He has been arrested.

At Fragneto Monforte (Benevento) an Italian killed his brother-in-law with an axe and then committed suicide.

4. Special Problems.

Certain difficulties in connection with the handing over of Region 3 to the Italian Government have arisen because of the retention as Allied Military Government territory of Naples Commune. The position of the Provincial officials, who function in the Commune as well as in the Province, has been taken up with the Regional Legal Officer, who has asked Chief Legal Officer A.C.C. for a ruling. The main question is who, in future, will appoint or discharge these officials.

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5. Relations with Military Police.

Relations with the Military Police remain good, apart from the French. Many crimes are committed by French soldiers, particularly French Colonials, but it is impossible to get any satisfaction from the French Provost Marshal. Letters and reminders remain unanswered and no good purpose seems to be served by personal interviews.

Regional P.S. Officer has given several lectures to C.M.P., Officers and Other Ranks at their Depot and Training Establishment. He has also been able to assist the Instructors in providing them with various notes and data regarding Civil Police Agencies and the functioning of AMG/ACC.

Assistance and advice has been given to American Provost Services of A.F.H.Q.

6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

I regret I cannot report any improvement. There is still far too much drunkenness with its aftermath of disturbance and crime. Robberies and crimes of violence against the civilian population continue to be reported. American Negro troops have been concerned in quite a number of cases of violence and the conduct of the Canadian troops in Avellino leaves much to be desired.

The following are instances of some of the cases which have come to notice:

- (a) At Cailazzo an unidentified Canadian soldier was shot and killed by an Italian woman whom he had pursued into her bedroom.
- (b) At Benevento a Canadian soldier in the course of a dispute with an Italian soldier, fired a shot which seriously injured an Italian girl.
- (c) At Guardia Sanframondi a drunken Canadian soldier fired several shots into houses, fortunately without hitting anyone.
- (d) At Benevento a British soldier was arrested for firing three shots at a wineshop proprietor who refused to serve him.
- (e) Several cases have been reported in the Province of Avellino of thefts of wine, money and valuables by unidentified Canadian and Coloured Troops.
- (f) Two Canadians freed from the Carabinieri six civilians who had been arrested.

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- (g) Near Solofronea five American soldiers in jeep stopped an Italian, who was motoring with his wife and child, seized his car and 10.000 lire, and left him and his family stranded in the roadway.
- (h) On 2nd July in Naples an Italian lawyer was robbed by two American soldiers of 100.000 lire and other property.
- (i) On 28th June in Torre Annunziata district three American soldiers, who were armed and riding in a small truck, were guilty of two separate robberies involving money and valuables.
- (j) On 17th July in Naples an Italian soldier was assaulted by a drunken American negro soldier, and retaliated. As a result the American soldier called assistance from his camp and attacked the Italian barracks. A fight ensued and one negro soldier was killed and another wounded and an Italian soldier was seriously injured.
- (k) On 14th July derogatory remarks made by French sailors regarding Italian sailors resulted in a fight. French M.P. arrested an Italian sailor.
- (l) On 20th July in Guardia Lombardi (Avellino) two Italian civilians were stopped and robbed of a considerable amount of money by three Allied soldiers who were accompanied by two women. One soldier and the two women were subsequently arrested.
- (m) On 14th July, 5 American soldiers went to a wine bar in Sala Consilina (Salerno) and caused a disturbance. The proprietor seriously injured one of the soldiers and then decamped.
- (n) On 20th July at 2030 hours 4 drunken American sailors assaulted Carabinieri. American M.P. arrived and in the attempt to effect arrests, shots were fired and missiles thrown by American soldiers and others from houses in the vicinity. The sailors escaped but a number of civilians were arrested.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian Courts.

These seem to be functioning more satisfactorily.

(b) Allied Military Courts.

Quite well, but, of course, to a very limited extent now.

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8. Staff changes in Officer assignments.(a) Regional HQ.

Nil.

(b) Provincial.

Nil.

*Nominal Roll of Officers attached, Appendix "A"*9. Cases of Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

See Appendix "B".

10. Other points it is desired to bring to notice.

Naples Society for the Protection of Animals.

*See by
Maj Rushmore*

During the month an effort was made to re-activate the above named Society. A meeting of the Committee was called at which two Officers from this Section were present. The problems of the Society were discussed; the following is a summary of the subjects discussed and action taken.

(a) Identification of Agents.

Agents have been issued with distinguishing armbands and civilian police identity cards.

Two full-time paid and 31 part-time unpaid agents now employed.

(b) Firearms.

Two full-time agents supplied with and authorized to carry pistols when actually on duty.

(c) Telephones.

Telephones installed at HQ. of the Society and at the house of their Veterinary Surgeon.

(d) Transport.

A motor cycle and sidecar has been obtained on loan from the Questura of Naples pending search to find a vehicle suitable for requisitioning.

(e) Finance.

The Society had an overdraft at the bank to the amount of approximately 50.000 lire. In response to a request made to the London Committee of the Society, a reply was received stating that no further financial assistance could be given. In order to obtain new revenues, the Society is advertising

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its work in the local newspapers and in getting membership; collecting boxes have been placed in certain clubs and restaurants.

Through the medium of Lt. Col. ^{Rix} J.C. Francis, Army Veterinary Service AAI, a contribution of 20,000 lire was received from the Persano Park Race Club (HQ. 94 Sub-Area). This was gratefully received and will ^{help} keep substantially to reduce the overdraft.

Licensing and Registration.

1. Steps taken towards control of civilian motor vehicles.

Check posts both mobile and stationary have been established and are worked by Military Police and Civil Police Agencies.

2. Any other Licensing and Registration Problems.

Nil.

Fire.

1. Efficiency.

The Naples Fire Brigade continues to function in an efficient manner.

2. Equipment.

The position of the Brigade has been greatly improved with the additional 25 trucks recently received from the Allies.

An extra truck for fire fighting purposes has been sent to Caserta, S. Maria Capua Vetere and Castellammare.

3. Inspection Visits.

An inspection tour of the Fire Stations in Naples Area was made. Found everything satisfactory.

Fire Brigades in the following towns, also were inspected: Aversa, Capua, Caserta, S. Maria Capua Vetere, Castellammare, Frattamaggiore, Torre Annunziata. Found no cause of complaint.

4. Staff changes.

None.

5. Other Points.

None.

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CIVIL DEFENCE.1. U.N.P.A.

This Organisation was dissolved 20 June 1944.

The Vigili del Fuoco have assumed some of the duties of the former U.N.P.A.

2. Inspection Visits.

Sector Posts inspected and found no cause of complaint.

It is necessary to continually keep after Eng. Ventrella to keep all the air raid sirens in order.

This is being done with the result that sirens are in good working order.

Reports on unexploded bombs and mines are being forwarded to the proper authorities for action as soon as they are received.

3. Staff changes.

None since last report.

Prisons.1. List of Prisons now in Use.

A list of prisons now in use, showing estimated number of inmates, is shown in Appendix "C".

2. Progress in closing Mandamentali Prisons.

The accommodation situation still does not warrant the closing of any prison at this stage.

3. General Conditions of Prisons in respect of:-(a) Administration.

The prisons population has decreased.

On the 4th July, for the first time since our occupation, releases were in excess of admissions. This was maintained gradually until the middle of the month when a sharp decline took place, resulting in an overall decrease of 1100 prisoners by the end of the month. 5272

This is a much more satisfactory position and will be even more so when the prison at Boscutrecase is opened on the 1st August, 1944, which it is hoped will relieve congestion in the overcrowded Mandamentali prisons in the Torre Annunziata-Sorrento area.

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During month 250 long term prisoners from the Region were transferred to Sardinia.

With effect from 21st July, 1944, sixty eight prisons situated in former Region 3 territory, passed from Allied Military Government jurisdiction to that of the Italian Government. However, until such time as the Directors of the prisons are able to revert to normal relationship with the Ministry of Grace and Justice, they will continue to be supervised by the Central Direction at Naples. (This has been requested by the Minister of Grace and Justice).

(b) Hygiene.

General position is fair. All Directors have been instructed to waive the normal rules governing the exercising of inmates, so that the inmates can be allowed out of their cells for lengthy periods during this hot weather.

There were no fresh cases of smallpox reported.

The general position will improve with the decrease in overcrowding.

(c) Prison Labour.

Is still concentrated on supplying prison equipment.

(d) Food.

The new system of indenting for rations monthly instead of in ten-day periods has proved successful. Any sudden increase of inmates can now be catered for from stock. Transport has been saved too.

4. Records.

Generally speaking these are efficiently kept.

5. Approximate numbers of:-

Prisoners awaiting trial	2900
Prisoners sentenced	5700.

6. Progress in disposing of pending cases.

Progress had been maintained during month.

7. Change in Staff.

No change.

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Special Police.

1. Number of cases of suspected sabotage or subversive activity.

Nil.

2. Details of important cases under 1.

Nil.

3. Number of Strikes or Lockouts.

Nil.

4. Number of workers affected.

Nil.

Number of strikes or lockouts at end of month.

Nil.

4. Details of Strikes and Lockouts.

Nil.

5. State of Labour generally in Region.

Unchanged.

6. State of Public morale.

Still good.

7. Conditions affecting public morale.

As previously reported.

8. Co-operation with Security Services.

Satisfactory.

Report of Security Officer attached (one copy for Public Safety Sub-Commission only).

9. Civilian Internees.

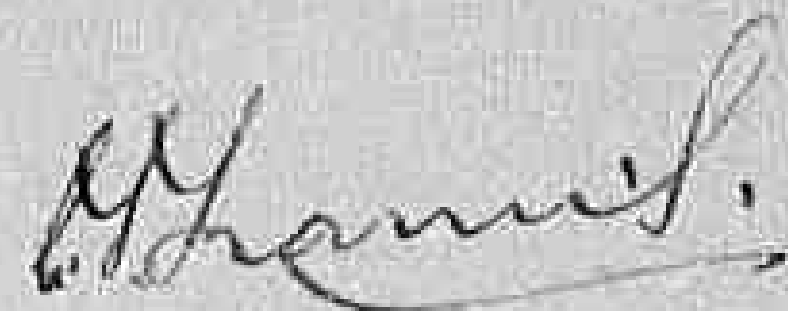
No arrests have been made by F.S.S. at the instance of AMG/ACC.

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10. General Situation.

The general situation remains unaltered, apart from the handing over to the Italian Government of all the territory in Region 3 apart from the Commune of Naples. This recent development has so far had no material effect and comment must, therefore, be deferred until next month.



C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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APPENDIX "A" to MONTHLY REPORT for month of JULY 1944.

Nominal Roll on Public Safety Establishment of Region showing location and nature of duty being performed.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Rank	Name	Serial No	B. or A.	Duty
Lt. Col.	C.T. FRANCIS	83738	B.	Regional Public Safety Officer
Major	A.G.P. WAY	57001	B.	Deputy Regional Public Safety Officer & Regional Police Officer (Civil Police).
Major	F. BRANNIGAN	0136589	A.	Regional Fire & Civil Defence Officer.
Major	A. WATTS	152957	B.	Regional Security Officer.
Capt.	G.R. DALEY	291039	B.	Regional Prisons Officer.
Lieut.	L.W. TOES	287723	B.	Regional Police Officer.
<u>NAPLES PROVINCE</u>				
Major	F. LUCKMAN	0901608	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (City)
Capt.	J. MADILL	297711	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (Prov)
<u>BENEVENTO PROVINCE</u>				
Capt. Major	E.A. BALDWIN	0196156	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
<u>AVELLINO PROVINCE</u>				
Major	J.J. BEER	185900	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
<u>SALERNO PROVINCE</u>				
Major	F.G. GREEN	287733	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer.

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APPENDIX "B"

TO REGION 3 PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION REPORT JULY 1944.

FORGING AND UTTERING OF AMG. CURRENCY.

- a) 21 cases. 12 from AFA. Naples, 3 in Benevento and 6 in Salerno.
- b) 4 adults and 2 juveniles.
- c) No information yet available from Courts.

d) L. 100 A 94169013 A — (Raised to L. 500)

L. 50 A 46479634 A — (" " ")

L. 50 A 00285944 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 06284945 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 18669494 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 06285940 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 00285945 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 17669417 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A.25634548 A — (" " " 500)

L. 50 A 08153642 A — (" " " 1000)

L. 50 A 28999720 A — (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 47758419 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 41557856 A (" " " 500)

L. 50 A 31176684 A (" " " 500)

L. 50 A 00455323 A (" " " 100)

L. 100 A 39272544 A (" " " 500)

L. 100 A 19836352 A (" " " 500)

L. 1000 A.45052019 A to A 45052021 A (3 notes)

L. 1000 A 0815364 A

L. 1000 A 21515778 A to A 21515782 A (5 notes)

L. 1000 A 0045523 A to A 0045533 A (11 notes)

φ L. 50 A 26719537 A (Raised to L. 500)

φ L. 50 A 11666241 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 24341206 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 30455460 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 09759381 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 23444350 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 02888815 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 23825368 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 03958519 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 30083699 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 32240911 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 11985193 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 50 A 06853034 A (" " " 500)

φ L. 1000 A 00285924 A

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e) Notes in the list marked ✓ are forwarded herewith for transmission to Finance Sub-Commission, enquiries having been made and no information obtained.

L. 1000 forged note A 21515778 A is also forwarded. This is one of 20 such notes found in possession of 4 Sicilians who were arrested by Carabinieri at Cava dei Tirreni, Salerno. The remaining notes are being retained for prosecution purposes.

The two juveniles were boys arrested at Salerno in connection with a very amateurish attempt to alter a L. 100 note to L. 1000.

To: Finance Gc.

Forwarded, with notes, for your
information

14/8/44.

R. Powell
Captain.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT -- JULY 1944.

Activities of Regional Security Officer.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

Regional Public Safety Officer.

I. General

1. As from 30 June 1944, (152957) Major A. WATTS assumed the appointment of Regional Security Officer, Region 3.

2. Contact was made with the various security Agencies, i.e., O.S.S. (X-2 Branch), F.B.I., C.I.C., P.W.B., etc., and arrangements made for the usual cooperation between these agencies and this R.S.O. Daily liaison with C.I.C. and F.B.I. has been continued.

3. All identity cards and badges issued to civilian employees and official visitors to these Headquarters have been checked and discrepancies reported to the A.G. Department.

4. Investigations of civilian employees and individual cases, including political appointments reached a total of 200 during the period under review.

5. Additional lists of individuals who are considered unsuitable for employment with the Allied Forces or with the Italian Government under Allied Control, have been forwarded to each Section Chief.

6. Various appeals from individuals removed from office on security grounds have been forwarded to the Epuration Committee for its final decision.

7. Informant obtained from Civil Censorship reports on various individuals and activities was recorded and passed on to the sections concerned.

II. Specific

1. P.W.B. Meetings

Weekly meetings at P.W.B., attended by representatives of the various Security organizations, were continued during the month. Exchange of views and information provided this R.S.O. with useful news and appreciation of persons and kept him in touch with the changing general background in which to situate them. Among subjects discussed were:- political, labour and economic situations from week to week, conduct of troops, attitude of troops to civilians and civilians to troops, the grain campaign, civilian movements, free masonry.

P.W.B. has also started "informal" weekly reunions which proved equally valuable, establishing personal contacts between the various agencies and opportunities for freer and easier discussion of mutual problems.

2. A. P. B.

Major WATTS has been named representative of A.C.C. on the Naples Sub-Section of A.P.B. and attended meetings on 17 and 24 July. The following decisions were taken regarding applications to publish journals and periodicals:-

APPROVED

LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA - Following precedent of Central Board.

Weekly. Circulation 4,000.

SOLIDARIETA' - Educational. Editor- Olga Arcano. Strongly

recommended by authorities. Monthly. Circulation 5,000. 5264

SETTIMANA - Temporarily suspended in May. Re-authorisation granted following adjustments.

RINASCITA - Authorised by A.M.G. in January, but did not issue. Another publication, LA RINASCITA, authorised since. Board recommended that RINASCITA be asked to change its name before issue.

LA VOCE - (Giornale del Popolo)
Authorised as daily with circulation of 50,000 to replace AVANTI and L'UNITA'. Amount of newsprint authorised by Central Board on June 5 (19 tons) was not enough to print 50,000 copies. Application received for additional 2 tons of newsprint monthly to allow circulation authorised.

REJECTED

STORIA - Cultural Bi-Monthly. Circulation 10,000. Considered unessential.

L'OASI - Letters and Art. Bi-Monthly. Circulation 5,000. Considered unessential.

LA MEZZORA - Both satirical, humorous. Reputations previously good, but in both cases, editors dead. Relatives without journalistic reputations apply to revive publications. Not recommended.

DEMOCRAZIA - Independent weekly. Circulation 10,000. Considered unessential.

CORRIERE FINANZIARIO - Financial and commercial news. Weekly. Circulation 5,000. Previously rejected. Case against proprietor for unauthorised publication in Court.

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AZIONE - Official Organ Partito d'Azione. Weekly. Application to increase size from 2 to 4 pages and circulation from 7,000 to 15,000, involving increase in newsprint from 2 to 3 Gnts. Not considered timely to expand in Salerno, in view of departure of Government.

BOLLETTINO DEGLI ANNUNZI - Financial and commercial, Benevento. Purports to take place of FOGLIO DEGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI of Benevento Prefettura Journal, not yet publishing. Bi-Monthly. Circulation 1,000. Referred to A.C.C. for opinion.

LO SPORT - Weekly. Desired circulation 15,000. Previous application rejected on April 29. Board considers that there are still not enough sporting activities to justify authorization. Application will again be considered as soon as an appreciable expansion in Italian sport can be demonstrated.

ITALIANI D'OGGI - Desired circulation 15,000. Applicant does not state if monthly, weekly, etc. Political, moral. No case put up to justify favorable consideration.

3. Inquiry from Lt. Col. MC DOUGAL, I.W.G.C., regarding Count Guido MORSO. Report received from Rome and submitted on 4 July 1944.

Ref: - G-2/664

4. Investigations regarding the revivification of the CIRCOLO GIURIBICO di NAPOLI. Inquiries have revealed nothing derogatory of any of the signatories of the application.

Ref: - G-2/687

III. Political Appointments. (Appendix "A")

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IV. Marriages - Investigations. (Appendix "B")

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A. WATTS,
Major, R. Signals,
Regional Security Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"POLITICAL NOMINATIONS

1. BOCCIA Gennaro
Appointment as Commissario Prefettizio for the Comune of TERZIGNO. Not recommended.
Ref:- G-2/689
2. BOSELLI Prof. Cesare
Appointment as Commissary for the "Asilio Francesco Girardi" of Naples. Recommended.
Ref:- G-2/669
3. DIAMELIO Eng. Luigi
SASSO Eng. Alfredo
GRAZIADET Avv. Corrado
Appointment as members of the Administration of "Ente Autonomo Volturno". Recommended.
Ref:- G-2/666
4. DE SIMONE Antonio
Appointment as Sindaco for Portici. Recommended. Ref:- G-2/675
5. CONLEPI di DIANO
Admiral Gualterio
Appointment as Commissioner of the S.A. "Silurificio Italiano". Considered unsuitable for the post in view of adverse information contained in supplementary report. Ref:- G-2/682
6. ERARDI Giorgio
Transferring of Subject to Central Administration in VIETRI of the Industry, Trade and Labor Department. No objection.
Ref:- G-2/665
7. FRANZESI Salvatore
Appointment as Sindaco for the Comune of OTTAVIANO. The fact that Subject has been a member of the Fascist Party since 1926 and was also President of the Dopo-lavoro of Ottaviano would seem to disqualify him for the position. Decision

left in the hands of Provincial Commissioner.

Ref:- G-2/624

8. GALLUCCIO Raffaele

Appointment as Sindaco for the Comune of MARZANO APPIO. Not recommended.

Ref:- G-2/640

9. GILIBERTI Avv. Alfonso

Appointment as Commissary for Cooperative Society C.I.S. (Case Impiegati dello Stato).

Ref:- G-2/608

10. GIOCCHI Gennaro

Appointment as Sindaco for the Comune of SESSA AURUNCA. Recommended.

Ref:- G-2/633

11. GUARINO Dr. Vincenzo

Nominated as Mayor of MARANO DI NAPOLI. Division of opinion as to his suitability for the post of Mayor. Final decision left to the Provincial Commissioner.

Ref:- G-2/442

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APPENDIX "B"MARRIAGES - INVESTIGATIONS

7347292 - Pvt Frank George POTTING

No. 2 (Br) Hospital C.M.F.

Rice GAMMAROTA

Via Montague No. 15,

Centurano di Caserta.

212463 - Cpl Gerald Frank COSTELLO

1003 (I) GT. Coy, R.A.S.C.

Ida ESPOSITO

Via Principessa di Piemonte 10,

Caivano, Italy.

1468379 - Cnr Thomas John GILLEN

26 HAA Battery RA. 9 HAA Regt. RA.

Nunzia BUC

Via Egidio Velatti No. 21, Barra.

962981 - L/Bdv. Albert MISSEN

25 Btry 9th HAA Regt. RA

Rosa AZZARA¹,

Salita Arenella No. 12, Vomero.

3656128 - Thornhill PERS

HQ, A.C.C., Lancashire Fusiliers.

Eda FIGLIOLIA,

Corso Vittorio Emanuele III, No. 119,

Barra, Naples.

7538470 - Ronald Frederick SCALES, Pvt.

AD Corps, 65 (Br) General Hospital

Rita Francesca Geltrude IRACE,

Via Salvator Rosa 238, Naples.

7261894 - Sgt. John Thomas TEW

11th Port Detachment, R.A.M.C.

Bianca MARESCA,

Villa Maresca, Quisisana,

Castellammare di Stabia.

7616353 - Cpl W.J.Dennis WILSON

9th NAA Regt RA Workshops RME.

Rachele DE FRANCESCO

Via Giuseppe Ribera 5, Vomero, Naples.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

4 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 1944 - Region 3, Public Safety Division.
TO : Rear HQ. ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission
Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

The following report covers the activities of the Public Safety Division, Region 3, for the month of June, 1944:

1. Civil Police Agencies.

(a) Strength.

There has been no material change as regards Agenti di P.S. (except a further loss of officers), Royal Forest Guards and Municipal Police,

The Royal Carabinieri and the R. Guardia di Finanza, especially the former, have lost quite a number of officers and men during the last few months. The loss of personnel is mainly owing to calls made for replacements for the forward areas. These demands for CC.MR. are still being made and at the same time requests for their services continue to flow in from Sub-Commissions, Regional Officers and various Military and Naval organisations. It appears that Naples Legion is finding more than ^{their} fair share for this replacement centre.

(b) Efficiency.

All police agencies continue to co-operate ^{IN} a reasonably satisfactory manner and their efficiency is as good as can be expected under existing conditions.

It is well known that efficiency could be improved by providing better communications, improved transport, uniforms and foot-wear or the material wherewith, increased pay, etc. but although these matters have been raised over and over again very little has been done.

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(c) Arms, Equipment, Clothing, etc.

Unsatisfactory. See (b) and (d).

(d) Morale.

Good, and surprisingly so when one has in mind the difficulties being experienced.

There should be an all-round increase in salaries and wages.

The placing of the P.S. Agents, Forest Guards and Municipal Police on the heavy workers scale of rations, and the gradual issue of boots to these organisations has caused satisfaction.

Complaints are still being received from CC.RR. and CC.FF. regarding lack of clothing and boots. The CC.FF. are particularly bitter that no arrangements have been made for footwear. It is hoped that something will be done in the near future but I am afraid there is but little hope expecting anything from the Italian Army or Army Sub-Commission.

2. State of Crime.

Civilian crime remains about normal.

The Commune of Sarno (Salerno) is occupying serious attention with a view to a general clean-up. Arrests of 4 notorious criminals have been effected during the month and the situation has somewhat improved.

(a) Crime of violence.

No noticeable variation.

(b) Black Market.

Still continues a problem but the position is better. It is thought that with the new bread and pasta rations, which came into effect on 1st July 1944, the situation will definitely improve.

(c) Mafia.

No trace in this Region.

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3. Important Crimes.

- (a) The case of rape, wounding and larceny at Montecorvine (Salerno) included in my May report, was definitely established to be a civilian crime and the criminals have been arrested.
- (b) One murder of a civilian by a civilian is reported from the Commune of Giffoni (Salerno). The cause was a personal vendetta, the perpetrator escaped and is being sought by police.

Other crimes of some importance in which Allied troops are concerned are included under the heading "Conduct of Allied Troops".

4. Special Problems.

None that have not been previously reported apart from the fact that there is now considerable difficulty in supervising the various police agencies owing to the large withdrawal of Provincial and Police AMG Officers. This weaker supervision necessitates many journeys throughout the Provinces by the few remaining officers. Time is therefore wasted and consequently less attention can be given to other matters. This Region is still Military Government territory.

5. Relations with Military Police.

These remain good. The Military Police are much occupied with their own problems, mainly caused by a large numbers of troops remaining and arriving in the Region. A goodly proportion of these are from front line areas who ~~they~~ seek relaxation of all kinds and incidents continually occur to some extent attributable to re-action, including interference with Carabinieri and police personnel. Mixed patrols are operating in certain localities and are doing good preventive work. The populace appreciate the presence of Military Police and mixed patrols. Unfortunately these are too few and it is thought that the practice of employing Regimental Police could well be extended.

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6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

The situation is still far from good and there is far too much drunkenness resulting in disturbances and crime. Robberies and crimes of violence against the civilian population continue to exercise the minds of all law enforcement agencies. Eboli and Battipaglia have been centres of trouble and efforts are being made to place the former town "Out of bounds" to all troops. Relations between troops and civilians are in some places somewhat

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strained as the result of bad conduct on the part of sections of Allied Forces.

The following are instances of some of the cases reported:-

- (a) On 1st June at Galluccio (Naples) 5 French soldiers robbed local inhabitations of wine and livestock.
- (b) On 2nd June at Maddaloni (Naples) Moroccan soldiers attacked Italian soldiers with knives. An Italian threw a bomb seriously injuring a Goum. Later reinforced Moroccans returned and injured an M.P., an Italian soldier and some civilians, and did some damage to property.
- (c) On 3rd June at Bagnoli two Finance Guards on patrol were shot by American negro troops. One has since died. Four American coloured soldiers have been arrested and charged with murder.
- (d) On 7th June at Eboli (Salerno) a civilian was shot dead. Three American negro troops were believed to be involved. The crime is said to be the climax to an attempted robbery.
- (e) On 8th June in Aversa American M.Ps on arresting prostitutes were attacked by American coloured soldiers. Later the coloured troops attacked local inhabitants whom they accused of calling in the M.Ps. Several persons were injured.
- (f) On 13 June at Naples Port a Carabinieri found two coloured American soldiers attempting to steal cigarettes, and was assaulted. He applied to two American M.Ps who took no action. The matter was reported to the P.M. and the M.Ps have been punished.
- (g) On 14th June at Marone, near Teano, 4 soldiers searched the house of an Italian. On 17th 6 M.Ps arrived menaced the occupier with a pistol and stole 200000 lire and clothing to the value of 300.000 lire.
- (h) On 14th June at S. Arpino (Aversa) a French officer with Moroccan troops arrested a number of Italian Officers and men, who intervened in a case of attempted rape, paraded them barefooted, assaulted them and took their arms from them.
- (i) On 17th June several American soldiers, recently arrived in Battipaglia (Salerno) created a disturbance by knocking at doors demanding wine and women. Population much alarmed.
- (j) On 18th June at Pozzuoli (Naples) 2 drunken American soldiers took a donkey and cart from an Italian, assaulted him when he protested and, with other American troops, created a

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disturbance resulting in fighting. Several civilians were beaten.

- (k) On 18 June, at Battipaglia (Salerno) 5 American soldiers assaulted an Italian inflicting injuries involving hospital treatment.
- (l) On 18 June, at Battipaglia, a group of armed American soldiers went to the house of an Italian demanding women and wine. Occupier and family fled and the soldiers burnt several wooden huts.
- (m) On 8 June, near Nola, a British Officer, Lieut. Evan Baker, was shot dead by Italian civilians. Investigation is being carried out by SIB and CC.RR. One of the assailants has been identified but has fled to another Province. Search proceeds.
- (n) On 23 June American MPs searched the house of a Brigadiere of PS at Aversa, assaulted his son, took away his three daughters (virgins) for medical treatment and placed an "Off Limits" sign on his door.
- (o) On 29 June, at Pianura (Naples) 3 armed American soldiers, in an American Rd Cross truck, stole from the residences of two brothers Mole money to the value of 66.400 Lire.
- (p) Apart from (c) an outstanding crime is the cold blooded shooting of a Carabinieri by 2 American soldiers near Naples. American M.Ps and CC.RR. co-operating to trace the murderers.
- (q) On 22nd June, at Agropoli, following a quarrel an American negro soldier shot another dead. American C.I.D. investigating.

7. Functioning of Courts.

- (a) Italian Courts: Some improvement and progress was being shown but recently many of the types of cases heretodealt with by AMG Courts have been transferred to the Italian Courts. No information is yet available but I am afraid this addition to their work will be a set back to the recent improvement.

- (b) Allied Military Courts.

These have been reduced in number but progress is as satisfactory as can be expected under difficult circumstances.

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8. Staff changes in Officer assignments:

- (a) Regional HQ. } These have been submitted in special reports
- (b) Provincial. } except:

Major A. Watts, 152957, R.C.S. (B), having been assigned to this HQ. per par. 10, SC 149, HQ. ACC. dated 30th June 1944, is assigned to Public Safety Section, this HQ. and appointed Security Officer.

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Nominal list of Officers attached, Appendix "A".

9. Cases of Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

See Appendix "B".

10. Other points it is desired to bring to notice.

On 22 June 1944 the services of a squad of 31 newly recruited Italian soldiers comprising 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 29 C.Rs were placed at the disposal of this Region by Army Sub-Commission.

They were allocated to this Division and are now being employed on various guard duties in the Naples area. For the purpose of these duties their CO. is responsible direct to Public Safety Officer, Naples City. As regards pay, discipline, feeding etc. are concerned, they are a responsibility of the Commanding General, Italian Armed Forces of Campania.

A further supply of 500 pairs of repaired boots were made available for distribution to civilian police agencies by Economics and Supply Division.

Police agencies in Naples already having received 500 pairs, the new supply was divided between the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento. Avellino only took 202 of the 250 prs. allocated and the balance of 48 prs. was made available to the Naples Fire Brigade.

Licensing and Registration.

1. Step taken towards control of civilian motor vehicles.

In Naples Province, combined M.P. and CC.RR. posts have been established on main highways 6 and 7 leading to and from Rome. Vehicles crossing the Provincial boundary without authority are being impounded.

In other Provinces checks operated by M.P. and CC.RR. are working.

2. Any other Licensing or Registration Problems.

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No officers are now available to take charge of motor licensing in the Provinces. Control is now in the hands of Italian Agencies with but slight supervision.

The petrol situation leaves much to be desired, the local supply having become exhausted before the end of the month. People complain that although they have ration cards they are unable to get their authorised supply.

Fire.

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1. Efficiency.
The Fire Brigade at Naples continues to function in an efficient manner.
2. Equipment.
The position has been greatly improved with the addition of 20 three ton G.S. trucks added to the fire department.
The Provinces of Avellino and Benevento have been improved with the addition of one three-ton-truck each for fire-fighting purposes.
3. Inspection Visits.
An inspection tour of the Fire Stations in Naples Area was made. Found no cause for complaint.
Fire Brigades in the following towns were also inspected:
FRATTAMAGGIORE - CASTELLAMARE - AVELLINO - S. MARIA C. VETERE -
CAPUA - TORRE ANNUNZIATA - POMPEI - CASERTA - AVERSA -
Found everything in good order.
4. Staff Changes.
None since the month of May.
5. Other Points.
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Civil Defense.

1. U.N.P.A.
The UNPA organisation was dissolved, effective 20 June 1944;
Authority Regional Order No. 59 dated 17 June 1944.
The Prefect has appointed a Provincial Protection Committee to carry out such functions as were being performed by UNPA during air-raid-alerts.
The 29 Sector Posts that were formally manned by UNPA personnel are now being operated by the Vigili del Fuoco.
2. Inspection Visits.
Sector Posts were inspected and no cause for complaint was found.
There are now 45 air raid sirens in operation.
Reports on unexploded bombs and mines received by this office are forwarded to the proper authorities for action.

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3. Staff change.

General Eng. Armando Beato has been appointed by the Prefect to take charge of the Provincial Protection Committee.

Prisons.1. List of Prisons in use.

A list of prisons now in use, showing capacity and approximate number of inmates is shown in Appendix "C".

2. Progress in closing of Mandamentali Prisons.

The accommodation situation still does not warrant the closing of any prison at this stage.

3. General Condition of Prisons in respect of:(a) Administration.

The prisons population continues to increase and there is, apart from the small Mandamentali prisons in the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento, general overcrowding. Fortunately the increase of admissions over releases was not so high in June, the approximate number being 300, whilst in May it was 983. However the position is still bad, especially in the small prisons in the Torre Annunziata - Sorrento area, where pilfering in the docks is responsible for many arrests. A building in this area is in the process of being converted into a prison to relieve the congestion.

Interference by troops with prison officials is cropping up again. Two cases have been reported recently. At Sorrento, where Allied troops fired shots at the prison staff in trying to release a prostitute, and at Barra where Allied troops were responsible for the escape of four men, two of whom were awaiting trial for manslaughter.

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(b) Hygiene.

In the Penal and Judicial prison conditions are quite fair, but in the Mandamentale it is still bad in spite of local efforts. Many of these places should be closed, and will be, as soon as other accommodation becomes available.

Two further cases of small-pox were reported during the month, one at Poggioreale and the other at Procida. All prisoners in the affected areas have been vaccinated.

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(c) Prison Labour.

Prison labour is concentrated on supplying prison equipment, of which there is an urgent need.

(d) Food.

The Staff rations have been increased but that of the inmates remains unchanged. Now that the civilian ration has been increased it is hoped that the inmates case will be reviewed. Their ration looks quite healthy on paper, but in actual fact only produces a small loaf of bread and a bowl of decent soup each day. If it were not for the extras received from their families prisoners would have a very thin time.

4. Records.

Taking into consideration the abnormal numbers with which the staff have to contend, records are efficiently kept.

5. Approximate numbers of:

Awaiting trial	3200
Sentenced	6500

6. Progress in Pending Cases.

There are still large numbers of inmates ^{AWAITING} trial, many of which have waited periods exceeding six months. However these cases have been examined by the Regional Prison Commission who are of the opinion that there is very little avoidable delay in the prosecution of these cases.

7. Staff Changes.

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Special Police.1. Number of cases of suspected sabotage or subversive activity. 5219

No cases have been reported to this HQ. during the month.

2. Details of important cases under 1.

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3. Number of Strikes or Lockouts.

Two.

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Number of Workers affected.

Several thousands.

Number of Strikes or Lockouts at end of month.

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4. Details of Strikes and Lockouts.

- (a) Gas, light and water employees in Naples held a "sit down" strike in Naples on June 9th for that day only.
- (b) S.M.E. employees on June 26th struck for one day in Naples City.
- (c) A threatened strike of employees of the Cotoniere Meridionali at Angri did not developed.

5. State of labour generally in Region.

Some unrest and discontentment owing to low wages and unemployment. Alarmist reports of serious industrial trouble at Sarno (Salerno) seem to be greatly exaggerated. Situation is being watched.

6. State of public morale.

Fairly good.

7. Conditions affecting public morale.

Improvement in the food position, with increased bread and pasta ration and a good fruit and vegetables harvest, coupled with recent Allied victories has done much to raise morale.

The doubtful economic situation, high prices and low wages plus unemployment, conduct of troops in some areas, lack of trust in their own officials and possibility of AMG handing over to Italian Government is inclined to keep morale down.

It does not take a great deal to raise or lower morale.

8. Co-operation of Security Services.

Close co-operation has been maintained.

Report of Security Officer attached (one copy for Public Safety Sub-Commission only).

9. Civilian Internees.

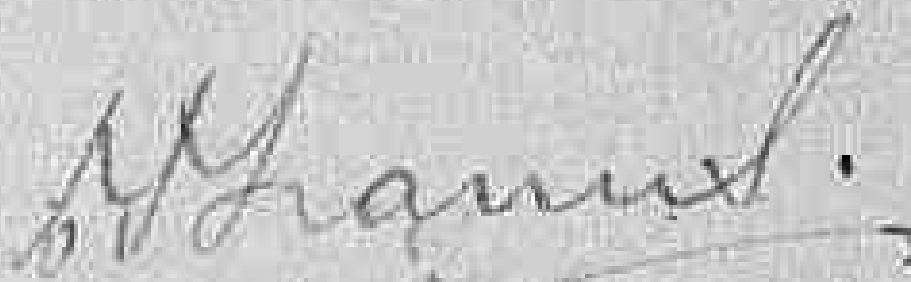
No arrests were made by F.S.S. at instance of AMG.

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10. General Situation.

The news of the fall of Rome and the Allied advance beyond coupled with the invasion of the Continent and the Russian victories, has come as a relief to the people who are fully persuaded that the war is practically over or at any rate on its last lap. The delay in forming a stable government gave rise to some comment and produced a lessening of interest in the political situation. Notwithstanding the governmental changes there are still undercurrents in the political situation, the main theme of the better class Italian being that the departure of the Allies will result in Communist revolution.



C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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APPENDIX "X" to MONTHLY REPORT for month of June 1944.

Nominal Roll on Public Safety Establishment of Region 3 showing location and nature of duty being performed.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Serial No</u>	<u>B. or A.</u>	<u>Duty</u>
Lt. Col.	C.T. FRANCIS	83738	B.	Regional Public Safety Officer
Major	A.C.P. WAY	57001	B.	Deputy Regional Public Safety Officer & Regional Police Officer (Civil Police).
Major	F. BRANNIGAN	0136589	A.	Regional Fire & Civil Defence Officer
Major	A. WATTS	152957	B.	Regional Security Officer
Capt.	G.R. DALEY	291039	B.	Regional Prisons Officer
Lieut.	L.W. TOES	287723	B.	Regional Police Officer

NAPLES PROVINCE

Major	F. LUCKMAN	0901608	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (City)
Capt.	J. MADILL	297711	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer (Province)

BENEVENTO PROVINCE

Capt.	M.A. BALDWIN	0196156	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
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AVELLINO PROVINCE

Major	J.J. BEER	185900	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
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SALERNO PROVINCE

Major	P.C. GREEN	287733	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer.
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APPENDIX "B"

Forging of Allied Currency.

- a) 5 cases. 1 from Town Major, Castellammare, 4 from A.F.A.
- b) None
- c) No information available from Courts.
- d) L. 50. AO5825908A (Raised to 500)
L. 50. ACO285940A (Raised to 1000)
L. 50. ACO285944A (" " ")
L. 50. AC6215974A (" " ")
L. 50. AC6215973A (" " ")
- e) Believed that number of forged notes in circulation ^{is} ~~for~~ greater than is indicated by these monthly reports, as all forged notes not reported to or received by this office.
- f) In addition to above, there is one case of uttering four forged Allied 50 lire notes, altered to 500, which has been reported from Pagani (Salerno). One arrest made and the case will be tried by an Italian Court. The case is not strong, lacking corroboration.
- g) Three further notes returned, enquiries being completed and no information obtained, viz:
- A 11613612 A L. 100 (raised to 1000) received 12 November 1943 from Banca Commerciale di Naples.
- A 07349617 A L. 50 (raised to 500) received 20 January 1944 from Banco di Napoli.
- A 04114617 A L. 50 (raised to 500) received 1st February 1944 from Banco di Napoli.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

For *SA* for action/information

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Police *Wright*

Prisons *W*

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Regn. & Licensing *PAH/6*

Inv. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

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4 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May 1944 - Region 3, Public Safety Division.

TO : HQ. Rear ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission
Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

The following report covers the activities of the Public Safety Division, Region 3 (Provinces of Naples, Avellino, Benevento and Salerno) for the month of May 1944.

1. Civil Police.

(a) Strength.

All police agencies are understrength and the strength of the CC.RR. and GG.FF. has fallen further during the past month owing to calls made for replacements for the forward areas. Satisfactory service cannot be rendered until the strength is augmented.

The services of the 300 CC.RR. and 200 GG.FF. held on reserve for Rome City and Region 4, temporarily used in Naples City to augment the existing forces, has been lost as they have moved forward.

It is hoped that this Region will not have to find more replacements until other Regions have contributed their quota. The strength of Officers of CC.RR. has been recently depleted and I do not think it should be left entirely to this Region to provide Officers for the reception and Replacement Pools.

The presence of the Italian Royal family at Ravello and the Italian Government at Salerno make large calls on the strength of the CC.RR. in Salerno Province and leave them in difficulties when special calls are made for personnel.

(b) Efficiency.

Police Agencies still co-operate fairly satisfactorily but not quite so well as in the past. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that there is continual interference by the Italian Government and the Generals Commanding and the

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unfortunate Legion Commanders, receiving orders from two different sources, often contradictory, do not know which way to jump. They dare not altogether disobey their own Superior Command for fear of subsequent consequences but realize they are at variance with orders received from AMG. I feel that Military Government territory should be under the control of AMG/ACC and that the Generals Commanding should be told once and for all that they are not to issue orders except through Public Safety Sub-Commission. Any future disobedience should be dealt with by the removal from the office of the General concerned as an example to others.

(c) Arms and Equipment.

Unsatisfactory.

(d) Morale.

Surprisingly good considering all the difficulties they are experiencing - insufficient wages, insufficient food, interference and assaults by Allied troops, worn out uniforms and boots, lack of proper communications and transport, etc.

Every step is being taken by this Division to improve matters but the difficulties are immense and the delay at times intolerable.

The Agenti di P.S. are agitating (and rightly so) to be put on the same ration scale as CC.RR. and CC.FF. Articles in newspapers and placards on the walls threaten a strike.

On 23rd May 1944, 500 pairs of repaired boots were released by ACC and made available to this Region. They were allotted as follows:-

400 pairs to Agenti di P.S. Naples
100 " to R. Guardia Forestale.

These were most gratefully received, and it is hoped that this is just a beginning and that uniforms and more boots will be available shortly. This Region appreciates the efforts Lt.Col. WILCOX is making to overcome the almost insurmountable difficulties of getting supplies.

The question of telephonic communication was brought up at the last Regional Conference and Brigadier Lush, who was present, undertook to take the matter up with higher authority. 5243

Some of the few vehicles in possession of the CC.RR. and Questura are laid up for want of tyres and spare part.

A strong circular has been issued by P.B.S. on the subject of assaults on civil police.

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(e) General.

A meeting was held between Colonel Quercia, Legion Commander CC.RR. Naples, Lt. Col. Wilcox, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC, and ~~myself~~ ^{Mr. Toes} with regard to the proposed establishment of a CC.RR. Replacement Centre in Naples. The Centre is intended to be a pool from whence demands from AMG in forward areas could be met.

At present, 150 CC.RR. are available for this purpose. They are, however, billeted at the Caserma Tribunale, Naples, with other CC.RR. and are badly overcrowded.

After discussion, it was decided, subject to agreement with the General Commanding CC.RR., to set up a Centre in the former Municipal building at Boscoreale. This place is about 10 miles from Naples and can comfortably accommodate 200 men. It is intended to give the men suitable courses of instruction in AMG Proclamations, Allied Court procedure, etc. to fit them for their special duties.

The responsibility of Regional Public Safety Officer, Region 3, in this matter will be a general supervision of the Centre, assistance when possible with transport, and the transmission of orders for dispatch of CC.RR. from Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC, to the Legion Commander CC.RR.

2. Crime.

No great variation. Crimes of violence, following a slight reduction for April, have increased and French Colonial and American Coloured troops have been concerned in quite a number of cases.

Black Market offences still continue a major problem although the situation has somewhat eased. The original Black Market squad have now moved forward and the work has been handed over to a newly formed Squad but unfortunately the personnel has suffered a reduction in numbers.

Thefts from trucks from the Port to warehouses are still serious. Every effort is being made to organise efficient police guards but the continued demands for duty elsewhere makes this difficult. I have instructed the Legion Commander of CC.RR. to leave the Port CC.RR. to the last when withdrawing men for the Replacement Centre etc.

Comparative figures cannot be given so early in the month.

3. Important Crimes.

- (a) At Grottaminarda (Avellino) an Italian stabbed 3 French soldiers who had entered his house. There was some shooting and an Italian soldier was killed. Investigation in hand.

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- (b) At Dentone (Avellino) an American soldier, driving a lorry loaded with grain, was arrested. He admitted that he was going to sell the grain to black-marketeers. Three further arrests made and others may follow.
- (c) At Avellino, 12 men were charged with forging circulation permits, bearing AMG stamp and forged signatures.
- (d) In Amalfi (Salerno) a drunken soldier, after forcing his way into a dwelling-house, was shot and wounded by an Italian. Both were arrested.
- (e) At Montecorvino Ravello (Salerno) 10 armed civilians attacked and wounded a farmer, entered his house, raped his daughter and others stole property. Enquiries in hand to establish identity.
- (f) A reward of 20.000 was offered for the apprehension of Sarno, Ciro, a baker, the head of a gang who by false prenotations obtained a daily excess of 6799 flour rations and has amassed an estimated sum of 5 million lire in a month. He has been contacted, and enquiries continue.
- (g) On 26th May 1944, two truckloads of copper sulphate were deviated from their route. CC.RR. arrested one of the civilian drivers and another civilian for larceny and receiving. Enquiry in hand.
- (h) Before an AMG Court, De Luca Ciro was sentenced to 11 months imprisonment and a fine of 10.000 lire for accepting bribes while acting on behalf of the Allies as an interpreter. A further charge of 'contempt of Court' was added later, owing to De Luca's action in striking a witness in Court, and he was sentenced on this Count to a further 6 months imprisonment and fine of 10.000 lire, sentences to run consecutively.
- (i) Enquiries have been now completed with regard to the forgery of 'overprinted' 35 centesimi Italian stamps and have resulted in the arrest of 3 men, (i) Ugo Albano, (ii) Menconi Fernando, and the printer Fleres Michele. Enquiries are now complete and the case awaits a proceeding in the Italian Courts.
- (j) In collaboration with officers from Foggia Province, enquiries were made and evidence obtained to show that the Società Meridionale di Eletticità (S.M.E.) has dealt in black market food products to the extent of 1½ million lire purchased in that province in one month. The question of proceedings is being dealt with in Foggia, where the offence took place.

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- (k) Acting on information received, the premises of D'Angelo Giuseppe fu Pasquale, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 177, were searched. Allied property and a revolver were found, and D'Angelo arrested.
- (l) Enquiries proceed relating to the alleged illegal sale of permits to the firm of Vetrelli, and are continuing.
- (m) Enquiries also made into alleged improper sale of railway tickets, 6 men arrested, including two railway clerks, and prosecution in hand by Questore under Italian law of corruption.

4. Special Problems.

Lack of man-power prevents the efficient handling of many matters.
Lack of sufficient food and clothing is detrimental to efficiency.

5. Relations with Military Police.

Changes in Military Police and Security personnel continually take place but contact is as far as possible maintained and relations remain good. Military Police stop-checks in collaboration with the CC.RR. have been instituted to check on civilian and military vehicles and the mixed patrols of Agenti and Military Police have been continued.

6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

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Here are a few instances:-

- (a) On 2nd May 1944, in Naples, P.S. Agent assaulted by American soldiers. Taken to hospital.
- (b) On 5th May 1944, at Maddalone (Naples) Canadian soldiers provoked disturbance by trying to force their way into houses. Much stone-throwing ensued.
- (c) On 5th May 1944, Moroccan soldiers did likewise firing through keyholes and breaking windows.
- (d) On 5th May and subsequent days in Lagni area (Aversa) a gang of 52/40 American coloured soldiers stopped and robbed workmen and assaulted girls.
- (e) On 7th May 1944, at Grottaminarda (Avellino) French troops seized and raped a girl. She died.
- (f) On 7th May 1944, Moroccan soldiers, stole property value 40000 lire from a house, seized a girl of 14, tied her to a tree and cut off her hair.

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- (g) On 5th May 1944, at Laviano (Salerno) Italian girls were raped by two Algerian soldiers. They shot and seriously wounded the father of one of the girls. They have been identified and arrested.
- (l) On 8th May 1944, in Naples a number of coloured American troops attacked British personnel, CC.RR. and P.S. Agents who had arrested 3 coloured soldiers for theft. One Carabinieri and one P.S. Agent were wounded, 2 rifles were lost and the arrested men escaped.
- (i) On 8th May 1944, in Naples, a P.S. Agent was assaulted and robbed of his pistol by 4 Allied soldiers.
- (j) On 15th May 1944, at Villa Volturno (Naples) 4 American coloured broke into a house and wounded a woman in an attempt to rape her.
- (k) On 16th May 1944, in Cardito (Naples) French soldiers interfered with Italian soldiers. A fight ensued and 5 Italian soldiers were wounded.
- (l) On 16th May 1944, in Salerno 2 Basuto soldiers attacked a man and his wife. The man was knocked unconscious and his wife was raped with bestial force by both Basutos, who also robbed her of jewellery.
- (m) On 17th May 1944, in Piscinola (Naples) French soldiers shot and killed a girl of 17 who resisted their attempt to rape her.
- (n) On 17th May 1944, in Naples, a Carabinieri was assaulted and robbed of his pistol by British soldiers.
- (o) On 18th May 1944, four P.S. Agents were attacked by a group of American coloured soldiers. One Agent and an Allied soldier (a passer-by) were wounded.
- (p) On 20 May 1944, 10 Allied soldiers boarded a train at Gerolomini (Naples) and assaulted CC.RR. and other Italian soldiers. An Allied soldier was wounded.
- (q) General complaint against French Moroccan soldiers as to conduct at Cliveto Citra (Salerno) - violence and rape.
- (r) On 24 May at Calore bridge, Benevento, a dispute arose between Italian paratroops and some Indians attached to an Artisan Unit. As a result three Indians were shot dead and another wounded and died on the way to hospital. A paratrooper received a wound on the head from a pickaxe. An arrest was made.

Later the same day at Montesarchio, an Indian apparently endeavoured to attack an Italian woman who was defended by her father. The latter was stabbed and shot dead. The Indian has been arrested.

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- (s) On 30 April 1944, in a dispute at a farmhouse in San Giorgio between Indian Sappers and an Italian family, apparently over the refusal to sell wine, an Indian was stabbed in the chest and three Italians injured with sticks. The Indian has now recovered and the injuries to the Italians were only slight. An arrest has been made.
 - (t) On 29 May 1944, a motor truck owned by ACC driven by an enlisted man, was pulled up by two men, apparently soldiers, who asked for a lift, on the Morcone- Campobasso road. They assaulted the driver and decamped with the vehicle. Two arrests have been made.
 - (u) A certain amount of trouble has resulted from the quartering of Italian paratroops in the Benevento district. The matter has been taken up by the various commands and the troops are to be moved in the near future.
 - (v) On 31 May, five men, apparently three British and two American soldiers, in a Jeep without index mark and believed stolen, obtained by means of a trick, a private motor car leaving the owner stranded on the roadway. Enquiries are being pursued.
- The worst behaved troops are American coloured and French Colonial. Considerable apprehension is caused by their behaviour.
- Drunkenness of troops still calls for comment by civilians.
- In all cases the appropriate Provost Marshals have been informed but I am afraid that in the majority of cases very scanty investigation is made probably owing to insufficient personnel.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian Courts.

No improvement can be reported.

(b) Allied Military Courts.

Reasonably well.

8. Staff Changes, in Officer assignments.

Regional Headquarters.

115080 Capt. A.E. Heath (B) transferred to HQ Region 3 as
Regional Security Officer.

83739 Major A.W. Rowleron (B) promoted to Lt. Col.

0136589 Capt. F. Brannigan (A) promoted to Major

291039 Lt. G.R. Daley (B) promoted to Captain.

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Provincial.

0195450 Lt. Col. J.A. Warner (A) transferred to P.B.S.
 287701 Lieut. B. Fielding (B) promoted to Captain
 291659 " D.R. Roberson (B) " " "
 287921 " J. Whyte (B) " " "
 287692 Major F.J. Armstrong " " Lt. Col.

Other changes and moves notified on special report dated 27th May

1944.

Nominal Roll of Officers attached, Appendix "A".

9. Cases of forging and uttering Allied Military Currency.

See Appendix "B".

10. Other points it is desired to bring to notice.

On 21st May 1944, at a level crossing on the outskirts of Naples a collision occurred between a train travelling on the Naples-Baiano line and a British lorry. 3 persons were killed and 42 injured.

Beggars.

444 arrested in Naples during past month.

Carabinieri Barracks.

Two occupied by troops - British and French - but now vacated. In one case a quantity ^{of property} was taken away.

Contraband.

A decrease in the amount of contraband grain on the roads is still noticeable; this I am afraid is only due to the supply decreasing. Two Military trucks have been stopped and found loaded with contraband grain.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

1. During the month a special effort was made to enforce the Order governing the circulation of civilian motor vehicles.

Special checks were made and in the City of Naples these were operated by mixed squads of Agenti di P.S. and CC.RR during the periods 8 to 14 May and 21 to 28 May. Over 2200 vehicles were checked and many irregularities detected. No legal proceedings were taken but 59 vehicles were impounded and made available for requisitioning by essential services. It is felt that although better material results might have been obtained, the checks had a deterrent effect upon the use of vehicles for purposes other than that for which the permits were issued.

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2. The suggested General Orders regarding Meetings, Publications and Aliens, which were prepared by this Division and submitted for approval seem to have been shelved, as nothing further has been heard concerning them.

Neither has any reply been received to the suggestions advanced regarding Identity Cards.

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FIRE1. Efficiency.

The Fire Brigade of Naples continues to function in an efficient manner, but the others are handicapped for the want of equipment.

2. Equipment.

The position is unchanged. If and when tyres and spare parts are made available from stocks allocated to essential civilian services, the position will be greatly improved. The present problem has to be solved by the taking of suitable parts from other broken-down vehicles when these can be located.

3. Inspection visits.

An inspection tour of the Fire stations in Naples was made and no cause for complaint was found.

Fire Brigades in the following towns were also inspected: CASERTA - AVERSA - FRATTAMAGGIORE - NOLA - BENEVENTO - AVELLINO - TORRE ANNUNZIATA - CASTELLANMARE - everything was found in good order.

4. Staff Changes.

Arrangements have been made for the transfer of the following named officers upon request of the Italian Government through Public Safety Sub-Commission:

Ing. Mario Solimena from Naples to Cagliari
Ing. Vincenzo Saizano from Naples to Avellino
Officer Amedeo Fiani from Naples to Brindisi.

5. Other points.

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CIVIL DEFENCE1. Unpa.

The Unpa organisation has functioned well during the recent air raids, as a reporting agency.

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2. Inspection Visits.

An inspection was made of the UNPA Sector Posts and there was no cause for complaint.

The number of sirens now functioning is 45 and it is hoped to increase this amount.

Reports on unexploded bombs and mines received by this office are forwarded to P.A.D. Control Centre, Metropolitan Area.

3. Staff Changes.

On May 13th 1944, Eng. Giulio Vitolo was suspended as Commander of the National Antiaircraft Protection for the Province of Naples.

Reason for suspension was his former Fascist activities.

PRISONS1. List of Prisons in use.

A list of prisons now in use, showing capacity and present number of inmates is shown in Appendix "C".

2. Progress in closing Mandamentali Prisons.

The accommodation situation still does not warrant the closing of any prison at this stage. In fact, two prisons of this type which had fallen into disuse are now in the process of being reconditioned, prior to bringing them into use again.

3. General Condition of Prisons in respect of:(a) Administration.

The problem of accommodation is still acute. As was predicted in my last report, the increase of admissions over releases was maintained during the past month. To cope with this increase, school and recreation rooms in the main prisons have been brought into use to accommodate inmates. Also prisoners from the prisons in Naples City, where conditions are bad have been transferred to Provincial Prisons, including Procida Penal Prison and Pozzuoli, the latter being a prison for the infirm and which normally caters for sick persons from throughout Southern Italy.

A few cases of corruption amongst the prison staffs have been reported. In one instance an agent was sentenced to nine months imprisonment for accepting a bribe to facilitate the unlawful release of an inmate. The pay and food received by the prison staff is very low in comparison with the importance of their task, and it is feared that if their conditions are

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not improved, corruption will become more apparent.

(b) Hygiene.

In the Mandamentali Prisons hygiene still leaves much to be desired. The custodians are apathetic towards this question and use little initiative. Only constant driving obtains results.

It was hoped that many of this type of prison, the majority of which are very old and lack adequate sanitation, could have been closed, but lack of accommodation and transport has not made this possible to date.

It is interesting to note that the inmates accept these conditions, which to our standards are overcrowded and insanatory and are even prepared to bribe the prison officials for the doubtful privilege of staying put when it becomes necessary to transfer them away from their home area to prisons in which better conditions prevail.

In the larger prisons, although crowded, the conditions are better.

There was one case of smallpox at St. Eframio Juvenile Prison, which resulted in the prison being placed in quarantine. All inmates of the prisons in Naples City have been vaccinated and no further cases have been reported to date.

At Poggioreale which has a population of approximately 3500 and which average 120 admissions each day a unit of the Public Health Service is installed to help supervise the inmates health.

(c) Prison Labour.

Prison labour is at present concentrated on supplying prison equipment, beds, bedding etc. which the prisons of the Region urgently need.

There is as yet no organised labour capable of undertaking contracts such as were dealt with prior to the war. It is understood, however, that an industrial official from the Ministry of Grace and Justice is making a tour of the prisons to survey the position.

(d) Food;

The ration scale has improved, but there is considerable difficulty in both the transporting and indenting, which results in some prisons, especially those in the outlying parts of the Provinces, not receiving their just entitlements.

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Owing to the various channels through which the indents have to pass before the ration coupons finally reach the prisons, it is necessary for the prisons to indent some ten days prior to the date required. Consequently by the time the rations are received the number of inmates have increased and there is insufficient food to cope with the increase.

Economics and Supply Division have been informed of the situation and have agreed to adopt a new procedure, which will permit individual prisons to submit their requirements direct to their local Ufficio Alimentazione, thus cutting out the time lag. Also, instead of rations being issued on a ten days basis as is done at present, they will be issued monthly, thus any increase in the number of inmates can be catered for from stock, which will be adjusted by supplementary indents.

4. Records.

Generally speaking records are kept efficiently.

5. Approximate numbers of:

Awaiting trial	3470
Sentenced	6100

6. Progress in disposing of Pending Cases.

The numbers of inmates awaiting trial are increasing and it would appear that little headway is being made in disposing of the large number which have been outstanding for considerable periods.

7. Staff Changes in Prison Directorate.

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SPECIAL POLICE

1 & 2. Number of cases of suspected sabotage or subversive activity.

At 10.30 hrs on 30th May 1944, three men, one dressed in the uniform of a Captain of the American Army and two enlisted men were seen to drive away from a tunnel at Atripalda, near Avellino. Later two 500 lb. bombs were found in the railway, one each side of the tunnel, having apparently been left there so that a train should run into them. As a matter of fact this tunnel is not being used at present and it may be that the bombs were intended for Nocelle tunnel. Enquiries are being made; special attention is being paid to further possible attempts and the Bomb Disposal Unit has been informed.

Seven cases of telephone wire cutting have been reported. These have not been of a serious nature, more likely larceny or mischief, although the effect remains the same.

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3 & 4. Number of strikes or lockouts.

16th May, Alfa Romeo Works, Pomigliano d'Arco. 70 workers.
None on strike at end of month.

Two small strikes occurred in Tobacco factories, one on the 15th at Scafati and the other on the 16th at Cava dei Tirreni. In the former 400 workers were involved and in the latter 600. The cause in each case was the same, low wages. Settled before end of month.

Another small strike in which 400 workers were concerned occurred on 16th at a jam factory in Scafati. Employees asked that their wages be increased by 120%. The strike was settled by compromise. No untoward incidents.

On 25th, 700 workers of the cotton factory at Angri went on strike owing to cost of living and low wages. This fizzled out and the workers have returned to work.

5. State of labour generally in the Region.

The economic situation still causes labour unrest not only among the labourers but among such important services as the Police. Inequality of food and pay are the main causes.

6. State of Public Morale.

Better than one could reasonably expect especially since the offensive on the Italian front.

7. Conditions affecting public morale.

Shortage of food among certain classes.
Black market - high prices - low wages.
Conduct of troops in certain areas.
Slackness among officials and delay in dealing with legitimate requests. Air attacks.

8. Co-operation of Security Services.

Satisfactory.

9. Civilian Internees.

No arrests were made by F.S.S. at instance of ACC/AMG.

10. Miscellaneous - Civilian Movement.

The recently issued Orders with regard to the restriction of civilian movement have been put into operation. It is realized that the object of the Order is to restrict movement of civilians but it is extremely difficult to restrict movement from one province to another. As it is,

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queues of people line up outside the offices of the issuing authorities and certain Officers do practically nothing else but deal with the issue of passes. The people applying are mostly applicants for passes on genuine grounds; students, attending the University of Naples, lawyers, doctors and professional men all wishing to go about their normal business, and to have to provide these people with passes for such travel seems farcical.

In addition to the people who apply for passes, there must be thousands who travel inter-provincially without passes. It would need an Army of police and dozens of Courts to deal with offenders. In other words in rear areas to attempt to restrict movement is impossible and to publish orders and restrictions which it is not possible to enforce is worse than a waste of time.

THREAT TO MARSHAL BADOGLIO.

Special observation and protective measures are being taken by the CC.RR in regard to the person and residence of Marshal Badoglio owing to information received of a number of persons said to be intent on an attempt on the life of the Marshal. These arrangements have been made in conjunction with the Supreme Italian Command.

POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

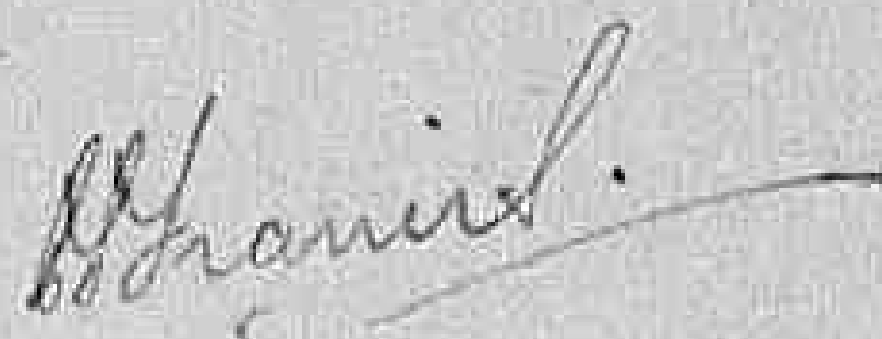
The imminent fall of Rome fills the minds of the people who are eagerly hoping that the Allies will be able to capture the Sacred City undamaged. They appear generally to consider this an easy task and have very little conception of the effort involved. There also seems to be an idea that once Rome falls the conquest of the rest of Italy will be a walk-over and that for Italy the war will be finished.

The average citizen seems to show very little interest in politics despite the numerous political parties that exist. The more serious-minded speak of a sense of frustration at the present trend of political events in Italy. A remark overheard in the street "Questa così detta libera Italia" meaning "This so-called liberated Italy" explains their feelings. There is a feeling that the Allied Military Government should have been maintained for a period of at least two years while others go so far as to suggest ten. A general distrust of Italian officials is always present. The feeling that the old Fascist crowd is creeping back into office is ever-present and one is told that once the Allies have gone things will be just the same as before the war. Complaints about high prices of commodities are made in the same breath as the statement that the Government is not interested. Italian Officials who, it is said, were unusually polite to the people while the Allies were in Command are now said to be reverting to their old attitude of Fascist arrogance. The Italian Government is not considered very highly; as one Italian remarked "Piccolo Re! Piccolo Governo!".

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Togliatti, the Communist, is thought to be "Il Padrone." Despite the numerous Communist symbols splashed on the walls of buildings and monuments, the mass of the people are not Communist at heart and there is no doubt that as a result of years of ecclesiastical anti-Communist propaganda the thought of Communist control is to most people a nightmare.



C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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APPENDIX "A" to MONTHLY RETURN for month of MAY 1944

Criminal Roll on Public Safety Establishment of Region 3 showing location and nature of duty being performed.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Rank	Name	Serial No.	E. or A.	Duty
Lt. Col.	C.T. FRANCIS	83738	B.	Regional Public Safety Officer
Lt. Col.	A.W. HOWLERSON	83739	B.	Deputy
Major	A.G.P. MAY	57001	B.	Regional Police Officer (Civil Police)
Major	F. BRANNIGAN	0136589	A.	Regional Fire and Civil Defence Officer
Capt.	G.R. DALSY	291039	B.	Regional Prisons Officer
Lieut.	L.W. TOES	287723	B.	Regional Police Officer (Registration and Licensing Liaison)

NAPLES PROVINCE

Rank	Name	Serial No.	E. or A.	Duty
Lt. Col.	J.A. WARNER	0195430	A.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
Major	F. LUCKMAN	0901608	A.	Provincial Police Officer (City)
Capt.	J. MABILL	287711	B.	Provincial Police Officer
Capt.	W.A. GORDON	0115408	A.	do
Capt.	A.W. MAC DOUGALL	0527602	A.	Provincial Fire & Civil Defence Officer
Capt.	M.F. HUREMBERG	0494805	A.	Provincial Police Officer
Capt.	A.K. JEFFERSON	134034	B.	do
Capt.	B. FIELDING	287761	B.	Provincial Licensing and Transportation Officer
Capt.	D.B. ROBERSON	291659	B.	Provincial Police Officer
Capt.	J. WYTHE	287921	B.	Provincial Officer
Lieut.	J.J. GUARINI	01049184	A.	Provincial Prisons Officer

BENEVENTO PROVINCE

Rank	Name	Serial No.	E. or A.	Duty
Lt. Col.	F.J. ARMSTRONG	287692	B.	Provincial Commissioner
Major	D.F.W. STEPHENS	287370	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
Major	R.L. GRAM	0343477	A.	Provincial Officer
Capt.	E.A. BALDWIN	0196156	A.	Provincial Police Officer
Capt.	G.W. BROWN	313567	B.	do

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Serial No</u>	<u>B. or A.</u>	<u>Duty</u>
<u>AVELLINO PROVINCE</u>				
Major	J.J. BEER	185900	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer
Capt.	H.R. DOWDY	297029	B.	Provincial Police Officer
Lieut.	R.S. HARTLEY	0497062	A.	Provincial Supply Officer
<u>SALERNO PROVINCE</u>				
Major	F.O. GREEN	287733	B.	Provincial Public Safety Officer

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APPENDIX "B"
 TO REGION S PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION REPORT FOR MAY 1944
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Forging and Uttering of A.M.G. Currency.

- a) 14 cases. 10 reported from A.F.A. Naples, one in S. Giorgio in Molara and three in Benevento.
- b) None.
- c) No information available from courts.
- d) L. 50 A 03451661 A (Raised to L. 500)
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 " 50 A 28910627 A (" " " 1000)
 " 50 A 41561752 A (" " " 1000)
 " 50 A 17259740 A (" " " 500)
 " 50 A 31410358 A (" " " 500)
 " 50 A 47768328 A (" " " 1000)
 " 50 A 25574460 A (" " " 500)
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- e) No reports received of new types notes being altered. Suggest withdrawal from circulation of all type notes.

At the beginning of May Allied Police and Agents of P.S. arrested nine persons for manufacturing false 1000 lire Allied Military notes. Result not yet known.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

6 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Region 3 Public Safety Report for April 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3
HQ Rear ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The following report covers the activities of this Division in Region 3 (Provinces of Naples, Benevento, Avellino and Salerno).

1. Police.

(a) <u>STRENGTH</u>	x CC.RR.	6240
	Public Security	
	Agents: Metropolitani	3913
	x Finance Guards	2650
	Forest Guards	287
	Municipal Police.	710

NOTE x includes 300 CC.RR, 200 GG.FF held on reserve for Region 4 and temporarily employed in Naples City to augment the regular police force.

Both CC.RR and Agenti are much under strength. 500 recruits for the latter are being sought.

(b) EFFICIENCY

In the main police agencies continue to co-operate with us satisfactorily. Their confidence and morale tend to improve generally but the appeal for clothing and boots etc for all the police agencies, which still remains unanswered, is having a retrograde effect in a great many instances. This is felt by officers as well, who are wondering how much longer their boots and clothing will remain sufficiently intact to enable them to carry on duty.

This is a serious matter for us as well as the police agencies both for the efficiency and morale point of view. We keep promising them all and apparently do little or nothing about it. Repeated applications to HQ and even AFHQ have secured nothing tangible. In one area in Naples the CC.RR are unable to do duty for lack of boots. The matter is therefore one of urgency.

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The question of both transport and telephone communications is exercising the minds of both the police and AMG. The power vested in Prefects has produced practically nothing. They seem unwilling to exercise their prerogative in this matter of requisitioning. One can only assume their disinclination to act arises from a fear of upsetting anyone. Efforts are continuing to induce these gentlemen to comply with our wishes.

Communications will for some time ahead remain a prime problem due to lack of material, especially suitable cable. The fact that the exchanges and most available means of communication are in the hands of the military is a continuing factor. Our Communications Division, in conjunction with S.E.T. are working on the problems in the City of Naples, but in the country districts outer communications will be a long time before they can function.

Morale is good but is not improved by the requisitioning of CC.RR barracks and the all-too-frequent attacks on police agents by misguided Allied troops.

At least 43 cases of assault on CC.RR so far this year in Campagna are reported.

Similar conditions exist in regard to P.S. Agents.

In very few cases are the perpetrators ever identified. All cases are promptly investigated by Provincial Public Safety Officers, but when it is definitely established that Allied troops are concerned, it is inevitable that further enquiries are a matter for the appropriate Military Police. In some cases, however, Military Police have themselves been responsible for the assault. This affects the good name of the Allies and also the morale of the police, who, coupled with this, are often called upon to work long hours with food and pay conditions which still leave room for improvement. These, together with the clothing and footwear position, are all factors which militate against efficiency, especially during this confused period.

It is essential that this interference with police by Military personnel be taken up by higher command and drastic orders issued.

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A report to this effect has already been submitted to Rear HQ ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2. Crime.

Crime shows no great variation over preceding months, except a reduction in serious crimes of violence. Most crime does, however, show a marked increase on the same period last year. It is to be noted, though, that conditions also are much different and are abnormal. Economic conditions drive many men to crime as it does women to prostitution.

On the crimes reported the incidence of cases cleared up reflects credit on the police agencies concerned.

Black Market continues to be a major problem in spite of much activity on the part of AMG and police agencies.

Some good arrests have been made and property sequestered, but the problem will, I fear, only take any real turn for the better when economic conditions generally improve. I am not a believer in the theory that the Black Market is mainly conducted by two or three 'big men'. The whole population more or less is involved in some way or other, ably assisted by certain troop elements.

I do not feel that the placing of many shops 'Off Limits' for over-charging has had any serious effect on the problem. The order is largely ignored by the troops, and the shopkeepers' acquisitive nature either gets the better of him or he takes the risks, or in cases where he might perhaps be inclined to comply, he is overborne by the presence of the military. If caught he would be the offender, but what of the troops' responsibility.

Little is apparently being done in respect of soldier offenders who ignore the order plainly exhibited.

The Black Market Squad continue to operate, but the whole problem wants tackling in a much bolder way. The suggestion put forward last month by the R.P.S.O. is worthy of serious consideration and sufficient man-power secured to enable this to be done.

3. Brief details of important crimes.

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One case dealt with by an AMG Court was the award of an exemplary sentence of 20 years on a man for wire cutting.

In another case a man was awarded 5 years for the larceny of 3 tons of Allied sugar.

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17 individuals are now awaiting trial at Avellino for being concerned in the illegal circulation of ration cards. A very good job was done in this case by Agenti di P.S.

The Black Market Squad in Naples have a similar case pending where the actual ration card printing block was found.

A case which has aroused much interest in Salerno has been the larceny of clothing distributed by the British and American Red Cross for the use of patients of the hospitals of San Giovanni & Procida. The case was investigated by S.I.S. who arrested 6 doctors and a priest. The case will be heard in an Italian Court.

4. Special Problems.

The three most striking problems which confront one everywhere are:

Black Market
Prostitution
Vagrancy - begging.

To a great extent bad economic conditions are one of the chief causes. This applies even to prostitution almost as much as the other two.

Considerable police activity is taking place to check the two first mentioned, but little effective effort is made to eliminate or even discourage the latter.

Much social education is necessary amongst these people in many ways before they can hope to contribute anything to democracy.

This applies also to the average Italian's lack of sense of cruelty to animals. Steps are being taken to re-activate the equivalent to our R.S.P.C.A.

5. Relations with Military Police.

Continue to be good.

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6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

This does not improve in any part of the Region. There is much drunkenness which is responsible for many cases of assault both on civilians as well as police agencies.

Discipline is slack and there are obviously insufficient trained Military Police personnel to cope with the problem.

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26 cases of robbery by troops, often armed robbery, have been reported in Salerno during the month.

Much ill-feeling is caused by these all-too-frequent incidents.

American, British and Canadian troops are equally involved.

Some have resulted in civilians taking the law into their own hands, in which troops suffered. In one case two Canadians were shot dead.

In Avellino a similar state of affairs exists. Moroccan troops have been involved in cases of serious rape. Frequent cases of robbery of civilians by American and Canadian troops persist.

It is felt that slackness on the part of Commanding Officers of Units is, in many cases, one of the contributory factors. There are other factors of course due solely to the abnormal conditions prevailing.

7. Functioning of (a) Italian Courts and (b) AMG Courts.

(a) Italian Courts continue to be intolerably slow, a factor which makes its weight felt in the prisons which are much overcrowded. These Courts seem to have no sense of despatch.

(b) AMG Courts are functioning well and an improvement in the preparation of Military evidence in cases is apparent.

8. Staff changes in officer assignments.

(a) Regional HQ.

Captain E. Dell'Oso transferred to another theatre. ✓

(b) Provincial HQ.

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9. Forged Currency.

Six cases are reported in Naples. One man was arrested and is awaiting trial ✓

10. Other points desired to bring to notice.

(a) of last month still applies. The Military are again being pressed to accept the responsibility of guarding the telephone cable at Portici - Pompei, a purely military installation, and thus relieve CC.RR for more important work elsewhere.

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11. Licensing and Registration.

The re-registration and licensing system for the period ending 31 August 1944 is well under weigh.

A city-wide check up on authorized vehicles is being held in Naples from 8 May 1944 to 14 May 1944.

12. Fire.(a) Efficiency.

The Brigade in Naples functions well and after the air raid on the night of 24 April, their rescue squads did good work in extricating injured and bodies from demolished buildings.

(b) Equipment.

The position remains unchanged. Requisitions have been forwarded to NATOUSA and ACO HQ for spares, tyres etc.

The position has not altered elsewhere in the ~~6th~~ Region where the need is felt even more.

(c) Inspection Visits.

In company with the Italian Fire Chief, Captain Brannigan has made a tour of all the Fire Stations and no serious cause for complaint was found, having regard to the circumstances.

(d) Staff Changes.

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(e) Other Points.

An increase in rations has been authorized for members of the Fire Service, which is much appreciated.

13. Civil Defence.

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(a) UNPA. As a reporting agency the 29 Sector Posts of the UNPA organisation functioned very well during and after the air raid of 24 April 1944.

(b) Sector posts of UNPA inspected and no cause for complaint was found. The number of sirens now functioning in Naples is 44. This number will be increased when more wire becomes available.

Reports on UXB and UXM are received and forwarded to PAD Control Centre, Metropolitan Area for necessary action by Bomb Disposal Units.

The latest casualty figures for the air raid on 24 April 1944 are 52 killed and 61 injured.

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14. Prisons.(a) List of Prisons in Use.

There have been no changes from those shown last month.

The list of prisons called for (vide ACC/14217/PS dated 14 April 1944) is shown at Appendix I.

(b) Progress in closing Mandamentale Prisons.

The accommodation situation still does not warrant the closing of any prisons at this stage.

(c) General conditions of Prisons in respect of

(i) Administration.

The accommodation problem is now acute. The increase of admissions over releases has been maintained during the past month and this, together with the fact that any serious overcrowding of the prisons during the summer months will lead to serious hygienic conditions, makes it imperative that all civil prison accommodation held by the Army, at least in the Naples Province, should be vacated.

This is the subject of a separate report.

The conditions in the Mandamentale Prisons have deteriorated during the past months, many of them having become over-crowded.

There are thirty of this type of prison in Naples Province, where the overcrowding has taken place, and as they have no transport of their own it is impossible to keep an even distribution throughout the prisons at all times. But, as soon as it is known at this HQ that a prison has become definitely overcrowded our own transport is provided to transfer the overflow of inmates to a less crowded prison. By this method the position should be kept under control. 5220

However, during the past month there have been some deplorable instances of overcrowding, which could have been avoided if the Pretori, under whose jurisdiction the Mandamentale Prisons are controlled, had carried out their duties in a more efficient manner. Firstly by refusing to accept such large numbers in excess of the prison's normal capacity, and secondly by informing this HQ of the position. Unfortunately many of them show little interest in their prisons, and leave complete control in the hands of the custodians.

Their responsibilities have been pointed out to all Pretori and it is hoped that there will be an improvement in the near future.

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(ii) Hygiene.

In the Penal and Judicial Prisons the hygiene is fairly good but in the Mandamentale Prisons it is bad. This is due in part to the old nature of the buildings which often lack adequate sanitary arrangements. But in the main, the Pretore, by exercising more supervision over the prison staff, could improve matters considerably.

(iii) Prison Labour.

In the Juvenile Institutions trades are taught as far as the limited material will allow.

In the main prisons, weaving, carpentry and shoe-repairing is carried out on a small scale.

The re-installation of the machinery at Poggioreale is nearing completion, and efforts are being made to utilize the workshops there.

(iv) Food.

The food situation is now much more satisfactory. A new ration scale has been authorised for all inmates, which will allow the issue of at least two meals each day.

(d) Records.

Position remains unaltered.

(e) Approximate numbers of:

Awaiting Trial	2684
Sentenced	5002

(f) Progress in Disposing of Pending Cases.

Cases awaiting disposal by Allied Courts continue to be dealt with promptly.

It would appear from the last available figures that little progress is being made by the Italian Courts and this in spite of the recent Regional Order that the Courts will sit for longer hours.

There are still a considerable number of inmates who have been⁵²¹⁹ awaiting disposal by Italian Courts for periods of over four months. However, these are now being investigated by the Regional Prison Commission with a view to hastening trial.

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(g) Staff Changes.

Dott Gicla Giovanni, Director of Benevento Judicial Prison, having been proved to be unsatisfactory, has been suspended from office. Regional authority for his discharge from the Prison service has been requested.

15. Sabotage and Subversive Activity.

No cases.

16. Strikes and Lock-outs.

A strike of 400 employees at the Port at Torre Annunziata occurred during the month, also one of 600 employees at a factory at San Giovanni a Teduccio, both in connection with general conditions of employment. All the men had returned to work before the end of the month.

No untoward incidents occurred.

A work stoppage amongst miners also occurred at the sulphur mines at Tufo and Altavilla respecting wages. A deputation was seen by the Provincial Commissioner and the men returned to work.

17. Labour.

There is possibly a slight improvement in employment figures. The restoration of equable economic conditions is a long process and some time is likely to elapse before there is any great improvement.

18. Public Morale.

In general the morale of the public is good, in spite of the many factors already referred to which are contributable to public disquietude.

19. Conditions which affect public morale.

These are so well known that there is little point in reiterating them.

20. Co-operation with Security Services.

Continues to be good with all the agencies concerned.

21. Civilian Internees.

No further arrests have been made during the month by FSS or CIC but recommendations in respect of the continued employment of persons with unsatisfactory political or other records have been made and are under consideration.

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22. General Situation.

Little has happened during the past month to cause concern. There have been no demonstrations or large public meetings. That the various parties are doing a good deal of spade work is certainly correct.

A number of unauthorized newspapers have been seized by Questorini and enquiries are now in hand to trace the printers with a view to proceedings.

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(a) General.

A total of 261 investigations, including civilian employees, were made during the month.

(b) Specific.

A thorough investigation into the employees of the local Chamber of Commerce was completed by our Security Officer, and Scheda Personale carefully checked.

(c) Meetings were held at PWB. These meetings serve a very useful purpose in regard to security matters and give ample opportunity for frank discussion.

(d) A total of 47 political nominations were examined.

24. Deserters from Italian Army prior to Armistice.

Attention is drawn to a number of persons who deserted from the Italian Army before the Armistice, who on their own statements say they did so because they did not wish to fight for Fascism and were in consequence given prison sentences.

On or about the time of the Armistice they escaped and took to hiding, yet while anxious to assist the Allies are afraid to emerge from their places of refuge for fear of arrest by CC.RR.

A report has been submitted to ACC HQ, Public Safety Sub-Commission asking for a declaration of policy on this matter in order that Public Safety Officers and CC.RR may be properly instructed.

A.W. Rowler

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Major, G.L.,

Actg. Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HQ, Reavis 3

To: Mr. R. C. C.
 (Public Safety Sub-Commission)

Herewith copy of my
Monthly Report for March

W. H. L. L.

Sp. Col.

R.P.S.O.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

8 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Region 3 Public Safety Report for March 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3
(Copy to HQ. Rear, ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission).

The following report covers the activities of this Division in Region 3 (Provinces of Naples, Benevento, Avellino and Salerno).

1. Police.

(a) <u>STRENGTH</u> :	x CC.RR.	6240
	Public Security	
	Agents; Metropolitani	3913
	x Finance Guards	2650
	Forest Guards	287
	Municipal Police	710

x 300 CC.RR. and 200 GG.FF. held on reserve for Rome are being temporarily employed in Naples City to augment the regular force.

(b) EFFICIENCY.

All police agencies continue to co-operate well but are still handicapped by lack of transport, means of communications and adequate clothing. Transport and communication have slightly improved since submission of my last report.

It is hoped that consequent on the request for figures from ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission, in connection with uniform, it will be possible to start issuing clothing and boots to all police agencies in the near future. Clothing is becoming very shabby and the situation is not improved by the fact that the police are aware that the Italian Army have received issues of boots and uniform and the feeling has arisen that the police, who are actively engaged in all weather,

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have been overlooked in this matter. I trust that my reassurance will bear fruit and that something will be done without undue delay.

Senior Officers of the various police agencies visit me frequently to discuss police problems which is extremely useful from the point of view of contact and co-operation.

The transition from AMG to ACC in Salerno Province does not appear to have caused any change in the situation with regard to police agencies there.

Morale is good and would be better still were it not for the fact that Allied troops constantly interfere with these Police when acting in the execution of their duty. I have written to all Provost Marshals asking for their co-operation to prevent this sort of thing. Several cases of larceny of pistols from police by members of the Allied Forces have been reported. Cases of the arrest of civilian police by Military Police without any real justification have been brought to notice and are under investigation.

Forest guards have imposed 300 fines for violations of forest laws and regulations. Enforcement of hunting and fishing restrictions have been carried out. 286 authorisations for transportation of charcoal and firewood have been granted. There have been no forest fires. 3700 quintals of charcoal and 500 quintals of firewood have been supplied to Allied Forces.

2. On first sight it would appear that there is an all-round increase in crime, but I think it will be found that the apparent increase is accounted for by the fact that more crime is being brought to light and more arrests made by the increased alertness of all branches of the police service.

(a) Crime of Violence.

There has been a slight increase in crimes of violence.

(b) Black Market.

(i) This continues to be a major problem.

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- (ii) It is a fact that by far the greater majority of goods for sale on the Neapolitan Black Market are Allied stores, chiefly American.
- (iii) The goods most frequently sold are cigarettes, food and clothing.
- (iv) As regards Italian products, olive oil, flour and to a somewhat lesser extent potatoes, are the chief commodities concerned.
- (v) Information about alleged black market offences is received from numerous sources, such as individual military personnel, HQ. Sections, Italian civilians, CC.RR. and other police agencies, and also through reports from CIC, FSS, JICA etc.
- (vi) Action is taken either by the Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, after enquiry through the MP. CID Section, or Port Provost Marshal, in cases where military and/or civilian personnel are involved, and by CC.RR. or the Questore where civilians only are believed to be concerned. In the latter case Public Safety Officers sometimes accompany the CC.RR. and Civil Police, as often Allied property or personnel are eventually found to be involved. This prevents Italian Police from finding themselves in an unenviable position, as while they can arrest the buyers, Italian civilians, they cannot deal with Allied soldiers. Obviously the number of occasions when the latter procedure can be adopted is very limited.
- (vii) A Black Market section is now ⁹beginning to operate from Region HQ. This unit consists of some 3 American officers, 6 enlisted men and 100 GG.FF., is attached to 5th Army, and being designed for operation in Rome, is liable to withdrawal at short notice. While no doubt able to discover much useful information, it seems likely that this unit will suffer from inability to take action against military personnel, as described above.

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- (ix) The present position is very inefficient and unsatisfactory, and it is suggested that it would be of considerable advantage if some central authority were set up to deal with the problem from both a military and civilian angle.
- (x) Any organisation set up must not only be a reception centre for information, but also have power to act immediately. Most information regarding Black Market requires immediate investigation, and is useless if several hours are allowed to lapse before action is taken. At present as stated above information frequently reaches the proper quarter too late.
- (O) There is no evidence of any criminal societies, such as "mafia" or "camorra" being in existence in this Region.

3. Brief details of important Crimes.

- (a) Porte Luigi: At the Tribunale, before an AMG Superior Court, on 13th and 17th March, this man was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment, for accepting bribes while acting on behalf of AMG, Transportation Section, Naples Province, between October and December 1943.

- (b) Mele Stanislao
Facchinetti Renato
Pignataro Vincenzo.

At the Tribunale, before an AMG Summary Court, on 21 March, these men were sentenced:

Mele	- 6 months and 10000 lire fine/or 3 months in lieu
Facchinetti	- 9 months and 20000 lire fine/or 3 months in lieu
Pignataro	- 6 months and 10000 lire fine/or 3 months in lieu

for conspiring together to obtain an motor car circulation permit from C.I.P., when acting on behalf of AMG, by means of a false statement. 5213

- (c) Enquiries are proceeding into alleged sales of falsely overprinted Italian postage stamps. At the present time Menconi Fernando has been arrested, the printer traced and one 'block' seized following a search of the

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premises. The firm concerned is Felice Cavalleri, Via Lahalle 4, Naples.

- (d) At Avellino a case of forging Allied Military currency dealt with and prisoner sentenced to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years imprisonment.
- (e) A number of persons have been arrested in connection with the forgery of ration cards. Enquiries continue.
- (f) At Pietrelcina (Benevento) a man, his wife and two sons were stabbed to death by some person unknown. No arrest to date.
- (g) At Piedmonte D'Alife (Benevento) an American soldier was stabbed to death by an Italian who has been arrested.
- (h) There have been instances of organised raids on farms in various parts of Benevento Province. The offences are committed by 6 to 12 persons, usually dressed in American uniform. Cattle and money have been stolen. Four Italians have been arrested. It is not at present known if they were responsible for (f) above.

4. Special Problems.

- (a) Contraband grain is still being conveyed on the roads in large quantities. Road blocks have been installed and in four days one squad of an AMG officer, CC.RR. and EM seized 24 tons of grain. Unfortunately lack of road blocks to really make any great inroad on this traffic.
- (b) There is some difficulty in getting witnesses to attend Court, especially as there are no arrangements for payment of conduct money or witnesses' fees. A special report has been submitted on the subject and a reply is awaited. (
- (c) A problem is the number of homeless and vagabond children hanging around military camps. Arrangements have been made to restore them to their parents or place them in an orphanage.

Personnel does not permit of the necessary number of.

Legal Sub-Commissioner dealing with witnesses expenses

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5. Relations with Military Police.

Continue to be excellent.

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6. Conduct of Allied Troops.

This is far from good although it is probable that the conduct of individuals brings discredit on the many. There is far too much drunkenness. Many reports are still being received of robbery and thefts by Allied Troops from civilians and civil police - especially of pistols from the latter. Canadian and American troops in Avellino Province are constantly causing trouble. Discipline is generally slack and there is need for much stricter action by Unit Commanders and MPs in enforcing orders and good conduct by troops. The commission of these crimes has a very bad effect on the Italian people. There is need for more Military Police in many districts. These incidents of misconduct may be cited:-

At Benevento British soldiers who were very drunk forced their way into a civilian police guard house, made themselves a general nuisance, took official books and attempted to take a motor cycle. In the general confusion one soldier was shot by a PS Agent. The Area Commander is annoyed that no action by way of a charge was taken against the Agents. There is no evidence on which a charge could be based.

At Ponte Casalduni an Italian was wounded by a shot fired from a truck in an American convoy.

At Morcone an Italian was shot and killed by an American soldier who was afterwards arrested.

7. Functioning of (a) Italian Courts and (b) Allied Military Courts.

Italian Courts are still very slow in bringing accused persons to trial and although a Regional Order has been made that courts should sit for longer hours and for six days a week, unless the preparation of the cases is speeded up, I cannot see any real benefit resulting.

AMC Courts are on the whole functioning well. Further Courts have been opened and it may be necessary to open still more. Some trouble is still being experienced regarding Arrest Reports from US Military Police in Naples and securing attendance of witnesses.

8. Staff Changes in Officer Assignments.(a) Regional HQ

Major A. P. Wilcox transferred to ACC (Public Safety
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Major A. W. Rowleron transferred from Region 1 to Reg. 3 for duty as Dupty Reg. Public Safety Officer.

Captain Brannigan transferred from Reg. 1 to Reg. 3 for duty as Fire and C.D. Officer.

(b) Provincial.

Lt. Col. R. Howard transferred from Benevento Province to AMG 8th Army.

9. Cases of forging and uttering Allied Military Currency.

A case of forging and uttering at Avellino resulted in a sentence of 2½ years imprisonment.

10. Other points desired to bring to notice.

(a) Civil Police are still handicapped by excessive demands by Allied Military bodies. No more requests can be met and efforts to withdraw police employed on guard duty have so far sent back to ordinary duty 87 Agents of P.S.

(b) A sentence of death pronounced by an AMG Courts remains to be executed. Difficulties have arisen and the matter has been discussed ~~but~~ between the Ministry of Grace and Justice and ACC HQ. Salerno and efforts are being made to expedite the carrying out of the sentence.

Letter written
to Minister of
War on 13 April
1944 (HFW)

11. Licensing and Registration.

The new directive from ACC (Public Safety Sub-Commission) is still awaited. No steps can be taken until this is received. There has been a tightening up on the number of permits given and petrol rations granted.

Many vehicles although licensed for a legitimate purpose are being improperly used. The detection of such cases would be facilitated if the purpose for which the vehicle was licensed was shown on the permit.

Provision made
for this
on new
permit.

A Regional Order on the Registration of Aliens has been prepared and submitted to ACC for approval.

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12. Fire.(a) Efficiency.

The Naples Brigade continues in a good state of efficiency. After the air raid of 15 March, the Rescue Section worked

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well in extracting bodies from demolished buildings. The control of Fire Brigade in Salerno Province has passed to the Ministry of the Interior.

(b) Equipment.

The position is almost unchanged. If and when tyres and inner tubes are made available from stocks allocated to essential civilian services, the position will be greatly improved. The supply of spare parts for motor vehicles is still a difficult problem and has to be partially solved by taking of suitable parts from other broken-down vehicles when these can be located. A list of spare parts (including batteries) for Fire Brigade vehicles has been submitted to Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. ACC. The one and only serviceable truck in Avellino was recently seized by the Italian Army. A report on this has been submitted.

(c) Inspection visits.

Lieut. L.W. Toes, in company with and prior to handing over to Capt. Brannigan, the new Civil Defence and Fire Officer for this Region, made a tour of inspection of the Fire Stations in Naples and no cause of complaint was found. It was noted that there is difficulty in starting some of the fire engines owing to the poor condition of the batteries.

(d) Staff changes.

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(e) Other points.

An increase has been made in the present inadequate food ration of the firemen.

Investigations have been made into a report submitted by the Communist delegate of the Fire Brigade, containing allegations against the character of the Commandant of the 54° Corpo Vigili del Fuoco, Agostino Felsani.

The result of the inquiry has revealed that none of the allegations could be proved and that the Comandante has always carried out his duties in an efficient and proper manner.

13. Civil Defence.

(a) UNPA.

As already reported, the personnel of this service has been reduced from 600 to 200 and reduced primarily to a reporting agency, although it has also been entrusted with the task of ensuring that part-time unpaid wardens (capi-fabbricato) are available in each building in case of air raids.

In my report for February, I mentioned the fact that the organisation could not function efficiently without telephones and the weakness was confirmed by the air raid of 15 March, when few reports of incidents were received through this source. The position is much improved now as 15 Sector Posts have been equipped with telephones and arrangements made for use of military telephones in the remainder.

(b) All the Sector Posts of Unpa have been inspected.

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It was found that each Post was in progress in compiling a register of part-time unpaid personnel in each building in the Sector. Some of the Posts were found to be lacking of glass for the windows and mattresses for beds. Attention is being given to these matters. Two posts were found to be unsuitable sited and instructions were given for new locations to be found for them.

(c) Other points.

The number of sirens now functioning is 37, as compared with 19 last month. It is hoped to increase this number when more wire is made available.

The problem of dealing with unexploded mines in the forward (5th Army) area, whose removal is not a military necessity is still outstanding. A reply has been received from 5th Army stating that the Italian mine researchers attached to them are engaged in priority engineering projects and cannot be released for mine disposal work. HQ. ACC have been fully informed of the position and asked to assist in obtaining a squad of qualified Italian civilian engineers for this work.

14. Prisons.

(1) List of Prisons in Use.

There have been no changes from these shown in last month report.

(2) Progress in closing Mandamentali Prisons.

The accommodation situation still does not warrant the closing of any prison at this stage.

(3) General Conditions of the Prisons in respect of:

(a) Administration.

Progress in the general administration is maintained. Thirty Guards have been made available for transfer to Region II.

An enquiry was held at Pozzuoli Prison to investigate the complaint of an anonymous writer who stated that the Staff rations were being unfairly distributed at that prison. Although approximately 50% of the staff were interviewed individually and the remainder as a whole, the statement could not be substantiated.

(b) Hygiene.

Conditions in the main jails are improving. In some of the smaller Mandamentali prisons however, the hygiene leaves a lot to be desired. Now that supplies of soap are being obtained the conditions will improve. The Pretori responsible for these prisons are being urged to get them cleaned up.

There were no illnesses in the prisons which could be attributable to bad hygiene.

(c) Prison Labour.

Little progress has been made during the past month, apart St. Maria Capua Vetere where hospital beds are being now made for a local Military hospital, and at Poggioreale where the Italian

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firm of Federico Gargiolo have renewed a contract for some small machine parts.

Machinery from Poggioreale which was sent to Aversa to escape war damage is being restored and when this is completed it is hoped to undertake work for D.A.D.O.S.

However, before any serious work can be undertaken by the inmates their rations will have to be increased.

(d) The position as regards prisoners remains unchanged.

The Prison Guards have been brought into line with other similar Agencies and their food position is now satisfactory.

Letters from the Directors of prisons are continually being received requesting increased rations for inmates. Also the most serious problem encountered during visits to prisons is that of food.

Public Health and Welfare Region III, have recommended that inmates of all prisons should receive the hospital scale of rations. The result of recommendation is not yet to hand.

4. Records.

Records of all 'Security detainees' are being maintained.

There was some improvement in the receipt of prison reports during the past month, but even so a true picture of the state of the prisons as at the end of February was not obtained until mid-March. This is due to the long distances some of the reports have to travel. Now that the postal services are functioning better results are anticipated.

5. Approximate Number of:

Awaiting Trial	2614
Sentenced	4653

6. Progress in Dispensing with Pending Cases.

Although there has been a decrease during the past month there are still large numbers of inmates awaiting trial.

The situation is expected to improve however in view of the Regional Commissioner's order that all Italian Courts will sit until 5 pm. each day, if preparation of cases is speeded up.

The Regional Commissioner has also appointed a Commission to investigate the cases of all inmates who have been awaiting trial in a prison for a period of over thirty days. This Commission will have the power to order any case to be tried within a certain date, and also to recommend the release of those whom in the opinion of the Commission, have been awaiting trial for a period longer than that which they would normally receive had they been tried and found guilty.

7. Staff Changes.

See Appendix attached.

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15. Salvage or subversive activity.
No cases reported. Isolated cases of wire cutting apparently theft.
16. Strikes and Lock-outs.
None of any consequence.
17. Labour.
Slight improvement. The greater part of the Region is agricultural and there are few big industrial undertakings. Work at the sulphur mines is restricted owing to impossibility of replacing machinery. Much labour is required in the Vesuvius Area to clear the streets of ash, etc. In some localities this has been difficult to obtain and the labourers engaged required continuous supervision.
18. Public Morale.
Improved by the increased food rations.
The eruption of Vesuvius produced some uneasiness.
19. Conditions affecting public morale.
Food, clothing and other essentials are very scarce and the prices are far too high.
Demand for labour almost equals the supply.
Refugees from the forward area and beachhead are causing overcrowding.
Eviction of families by Military in order that premises might be used as billets, etc.
General misbehaviour of Allied troops.
20. Co-operation with Security Services.
Co-operation with the Security and Intelligence Departments has been most satisfactory and C.I.C. and O.S.S. (X-2 Branch) have been particularly helpful.
21. Civilian Internees.
No arrest have been made by FSS at instance of ACC/AMG.
A number of releases from the Civilian Internment Camp at Padula caused a certain amount of consternation in Salerno Province. On 27th March, 180 released internees were sent to the Provincial Police Offices at Salerno for disposal, followed by 38 the next day. The reason given by District 3 for sending them to Salerno was that 'it was understood there was a refugee camp in the province'. There is in fact no refugee camp and the handling of these persons caused some difficulty. The matter has been discussed between OC. Internment Camp and ACC HQ. and it is not thought the problem is likely to recur.

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22. General Situation.

Increased political activity is being shown.

On Sunday, 12th March 1944, a combined meeting of Communist, Socialist and Action parties was held in the Galleria Umberto, Naples. Between 6000 and 7000 persons, mostly of the Communist party attended. The object was mainly a protest against the continuance in power of the King and the Badoglio Government. No untoward incident occurred and police arrangements were adequate.

23. Security.

(1) General.

(a) Approval was given from a security point of view for the employment of 160 civilian employees during the month.

(b) The 'Personalities Handbook of Campania' was completed.

(2) Specific.

(a) During March, a very thorough investigation of the employees and organization of the local Chamber of Commerce was carried out. Scheda Personale were completed by all the employees.

(b) Meetings held at P.W.B. on March 18, and 29, were attended. It was found that these meetings were especially helpful with regard to security matters and various situations arising therefrom were discussed very frankly with representatives of ACC HQ., P.B.S. and P.W.B.

(c) Investigations and/or personal interviews with 38 individuals submitted for nominations to various political or cultural appointments, took place during the month.

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C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Call for action/information

- C.F.S. *PS*
✓ D.C.P.S. *AS*
✓ Police *AS*
✓ Prisons .. *N.Y. DA*
Fire & C.D. *AS*
Regn. & Licensing *AS*
Adm. Officer *AS*

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Reply

9 March 1944.

HQ. ACC.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Reference Para 9.

List of Public Safety officers
was handed in at your office yesterday,
8 March, 1944.

J.P.
Public Safety
Region 3.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Public Safety Report for the month of February 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

The following report covers the activities of this Division in the Provinces of Naples, Avellino and Benevento. Reports from Salerno Province have not yet been received.

1. Police.

	<u>Strength</u>	<u>No</u>
x CC.RR.		5040
Public Security Agents	}	3500
Metropolitani		
x Finance Guards		2250
Forest Guards		183
Municipal Police		418

N.B. 300 CC.RR. and 200 GG.FF. held on reserve for Rome are being temporarily employed in Naples City to augment the regular force.

2. Efficiency.

All Police agencies are co-operating well but are handicapped by lack of transport, means of communications and adequate clothing.

The CC.RR. have done good work in guarding the Port of Naples and in policing the railways. They have also been active in checking civilian vehicles at road blocks in search of contraband.

The Forest Guards have imposed 345 fines for contraventions of regulations. Routine inspections and licensing have been carried out. No forest fires have been reported. 9,111 quintals of firewood have been supplied to Allies Forces.

The Metropolitan Police, Naples, have shown zeal in dealing with the problem of venereal disease. During the month, 5203

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prostitutes were arrested, 510 of whom were found to be diseased. 21 unlicensed brothels were closed.

3. State of Crime.

Crimes of violence have shown a slight increase in the country districts, especially in Avellino Province, where squads of "vigilantes" have been organised in the areas affected. A CC.RR. is in charge of each squad.

The Black Market is rampant and there is little hope of an improvement until more supplies become available to the public through legitimate channels.

There is no evidence of any criminal societies such as the 'mafia' or 'camorra' being in existence.

4. Important Crimes.

Information was received that motor circulation permits were being obtained in Naples by false pretence. Major Way conducted an investigation, with result that on 3rd March 1944 Stanislaw MELE was arrested.

Investigations into the case of Carlo FALCO, an Italian subject charged with killing a French soldier at Caivano, Province of Naples have now been completed. The trial will be held on 10th March 1944.

The trial of CC.RR. RIVITUSO, who was charged with killing two British soldiers at S.Maria Capua Vetere on 2nd January, was eventually completed on 4th March 1944. The CC.RR. was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

5. Special Problems of Administration.

The attention of ASC has again been called to the practice of the Italian Government or the Commanding Officers of Police in King's Italy issuing orders for the transfer of police officials from Region 3 to other areas. Such orders should emanate from this HQs.

6. Relations with Military Police.

Excellent relationships exist.

Joint patrols of MPs and CC.RR. are working satisfactorily.

7. Conduct of Allied Troops.

There has been some improvement, in the behaviour of Allied Troops. Especially Canadian troops in Avellino Province, though there is a need for much stricter action by unit commanders and MPs in enforcing discipline. 5202

Three instances of misconduct on the part of troops may be cited.

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At 9.30 hrs 5th February 1944, in Via Martucci, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Naples, P.S. Agent ROMANO was attacked by two coloured soldiers and his pocket book containing his identification card and 128 lire was stolen.

At 1.30 hrs 5th February 1944 at Galleria 9 Maggio, Naples, P.S. Agent PUTZU was stopped by four American soldiers who stole his wrist watch and Beretta pistol No 971715.

At 21.30 hrs 20th February 1944 in the locality of Petranio, Sessa Aurunca, Province of Naples, several Moroccan soldiers entered a farmer's house and after securing the husband seduced the wife, Maria SANTANTONIO. The soldiers stole 5500 lire and a sack of flour from the house.

8. AMG and Italian Courts.

The system of arrest reports is working satisfactorily. The greatest difficulty is experienced in securing the attendance of witnesses at Court owing:

a. To difficulty in locating witnesses, especially soldiers who may have moved out of the area.

b. Transportation of witnesses to Court.

The Italian Court have always functioned slowly because of the cumbersome procedure. It is not possible under war conditions to bring all cases to trial before Italian Courts as speedily as in England or America. The majority of cases before AMG Courts are concerned with the illegal possession of Allied property.

9. Staff Changes.

A list of Regional and Provincial Public Safety Officers is attached.

10. Special Points.

Demands are constantly being made by branches of the Allied Forces for the services of CC.RR. In Naples Province, for example, 674 CC.RR. out of a total strength of 1400 are employed on special duties for the Allies. In Naples City, 643 Metropolitani out of a total uniform strength of 1438 are similarly engaged.

It is obvious that the ordinary work of policing the area has had to suffer in consequence. No more requests can be met and efforts are being made to withdraw police who are being employed on guard duty.

11. Licensing and Registration.

A new scheme for the control of all civilian vehicles was put into effect on 1st March 1944. 5201

The scheme co-ordinates the granting of circulation permits with the issue of petrol coupons. The result will be a

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much stricter check on the use of motor vehicles, which will only be licensed for essential services.

12. Fire Brigades.

Efficiency. The Naples Brigade is in a good state of efficiency. The Chief Officer was, in October 1943, faced with the problem that many of his transport vehicles and much of his equipment had been either removed or damaged by the Germans. He has worked well and has succeeded in re-establishing the Brigade on a satisfactory basis.

In the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento, the small number of fires which have occurred have all been of a minor nature and the efficiency of the Brigades has not been seriously tested.

13. Equipment.

The Naples Brigade now has 87 motor vehicles in working order, of which 29 are pumps. The Brigade has a fairly well equipped workshop where it has been possible to carry out a considerable amount of repair work. The chief difficulty has been the shortage of spare parts and tyres, which, of course, have not been available from normal civilian sources, and usually have been obtained from other damaged vehicles.

In the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento, the equipment, with a few exceptions, is sufficient to meet normal requirements, but transport is very limited, each Brigade having only one motor lorry.

In Avellino there are two small motor tenders and one large water-carrying vehicle, which are immobilised for lack of tyres and/or wheels. A list of spare parts necessary to repair these vehicles has been submitted to higher authority. If and when repaired, it is the intention to transfer one of these tenders to Benevento.

Three portable motor pumps of the Avellino Brigade are now in the Naples workshop being repaired and when this completed one will be sent to Benevento and the remainder returned to Avellino.

With regard the small items of equipment, such as ropes, axes etc., required by Avellino and Benevento, the Chief Officer of the Naples Brigade is endeavouring to obtain them locally.

14. Inspection Visits.

These have chiefly been concerned with the question of equipment which is dealt with above. At Avellino, the firemen made a strong complaint about the lack of interest shown by the Chief Officer in the service of their welfare.

Steps are being taken to transfer the present Chief Officer of the Avellino Brigade, Engineer Mario Maglio, to another district.

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15. Other Points.

A general complaint of the firemen is the inadequate food ration at present being received. This question is receiving attention with a view to an improvement being effected.

16. Civil Defence.

U.N.P.A. The reorganisation of the U.N.P.A. service (Wardens) in the Naples area is, generally speaking, proceeding satisfactorily. Personnel has been chosen, the 29 Sector Posts selected, and work is in progress in fitting them for service. The personnel are at present engaged in making house to house survey. This included recording details of the part-time wardens (Capi Fabbricato), instructing the latter in their duties and also ensuring that there is at hand a supply of first aid and anti-incendiary material at all buildings in the Sector.

The unsatisfactory feature at the moment is the lack of telephone communication between the posts and the Civil Defence Control Room. Without this, the system cannot function efficiently and the Telephone Company are being pressed to give the work early priority.

The new siren switchboard in the Civil Defence Control Room is now operating and it is now possible to determine at any time which siren are not functioning. This, of course, facilitates the work of repairing the circuits.

17. Bomb and Mine Disposal.

Since my previous monthly report, a reply has been received from the Engineer Service, 5th Army, intimating that they are still unwilling to deal with mines in the forward area, the reason being that these were laid by Italian personnel.

Lieut.Col. Del Monte, Italian Army Liaison Officer with AMG, has informed me that a company of Italian mine researchers are now employed as labourers by 5th Army.

A letter has been sent to G/4 5th Army asking that these men be used for the purpose of mine disposal.

18. List of Prisons in Use.a. Prisons Establishments in the City of Naples.

- 1) Carcere Giudiziario di Poggioreale
- 2) " " S.Eframo (before Casa Penale per Minori S.Eframo)
- 3) " " per donne (before Casa Rieducazione Filangieri)
- 4) Manicomio Giudiziario.

b. Prisons Establishments in Naples Province.

- 1) Aversa (Manicomio Giudiziario)
- 2) Caserta (Carcere Giudiziario)
- 3) Pozzuoli (Casa Penale per Minorati Fisici e Psichici)

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- 4) Procida (Casa Penale)
- 5) S.Maria Capua Vetere (Carcere Giudiziario)
- 6) " " " (Casa Rieducazione Minorenni)

c. Mandamentali Prisons in Naples Province.

Aversa - Afragola - Arienzo S.Felice - Barra - Capri - Capua - Casoria - Castellammare di Stabia - Cicciiano - Frattamaggiore - Gragnano - Ischia - Maddaloni - Marano di Napoli - Marcianise - Marigliano - Mignano - Nola - Ottaviano - Palma Campania - Pignataro Maggiore - Pomigliano d'Arco - Pompei - Roccamonfina - S.Anastasia - Sessa Aurunca - Sorrento - Torre Annunziata - Torre del Greco - Trentola - Pozzuoli - Procida -

d. Prisons Establishments in Avellino City and Province.

- 1) Avellino (Carceri Giudiziarie con Sezione Casa Penale)
- 2) Ariano Irpino (Carcere Giudiziario)
- 3) S.Angelo dei Lombardi (Carcere Giudiziario)

e. Mandamentali Prisons in Avellino Province.

Bagnoli Irpino - Calabritto - Calitri - Castelbaronia - Cervinara - Chiusano - S.Domenico - Frigento - Grottaminarda - Lacedonia - Lauro - Mirabella Eolana - Montella - Montoro Superiore - Paternopoli -

f. Prisons Establishments in Benevento City and Province.

- 1) Benevento (Carcere Giudiziario)
- 2) Airola (Riformatorio Giudiziario Femminile)

g. Mandamentali Prisons in Benevento Province.

Cerreto Sannita - Colle Sannita - Guardia Sanframondi - Montesarchio - Morcone - Piedimonte d'Alife - S.Bartolomeo in Galdo - S.Giorgio del Sannio - S.Giorgio La Molar - Sopolaca - Vitulano -

19. Progress in closing small prisons.

It is considered that the accommodations situation does not warrant the closing of any prison at this stage.

20. General Conditions of Prisons in respect of:

a. Administration.

Bearing in mind the difficulties with which the prison staffs have to content it is considered that their administration is quite good.

b. Hygiene.

Soap and disinfectants are most difficult to obtain and in consequence this retards progress in prison hygiene. However, in spite of this the prisons are certainly not dirty; and the fact that there were only ten cases of typhus in the prisons during the recent epidemic tends to show that the officials are doing a good job with the limited means at their disposal.

c. Prison Labours.

In the juvenile institutions, trades are still being thought as far as the limited material will permit.

In the main prisons labour is not enforced to

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any great degree except that of a domestic nature.

Small repairs to buildings and some carpentry and shoe-repairing is carried out when the material is available.

The larger prisons are equipped with machinery for carpentry, shoe-making and with weaving shops. There is a distinct possibility that the machinery and buildings can be put in a good state of repair and that prison labour can be harnessed to the war effort. The whole matter is being discussed with the Economics and Supply Division.

d. Food:

The food situation has deteriorated during the past month and the supplies available to the prisons are entirely inadequate. The contractors are unable to furnish the normal diets contracted for owing to the shortage of supplies on the open market.

The whole situation was reviewed early last month by the Public Health and Welfare of Region III who recommended a diet of 2000 calories. The Economics and Supply have agreed to supply this diet, thus making the prisons independent of the open market except for fresh vegetables.

Before issuing the diet, however, it was necessary to obtain the authority of ACC Food Sub-Commission, and the recommendation was passed to that Commission on the 11th February 1944, together with our view expressing the urgency of the matter. However, apart from being informed that they were reviewing the question with a view of authorizing a universal diet for all prisons, nothing further has been heard.

It can only be hoped that this new diet which when authorized will solve the whole problem will not be long delayed.

21. Records.

Every effort is being made to keep an up to date record showing to turnover of both those awaiting trial and of those already sentenced.

However, whilst a fairly true picture regarding the main prison is obtainable, that of the Mandamentali prison is to a large extent out of the date by the time the reports are received in this office. This is due to the long distances some of these reports have to travel and the transport difficulties involved.

Whilst there has been some improvement in receiving these reports during the past month it is thought that the position will not be really satisfactory until such times as the Italian postal service is operating again.

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22. Approximate number of:
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| a. Convicted prisoners | 3300 |
| b. Awaiting trial | 3100 |

Approximately 30% of those awaiting trial are AMG cases.

23. Progress in Disposing of Pending Cases.

During the past month, whilst the number of those awaiting trial by AMG Courts has considerably decreased, those held for the disposal of the Italian Courts have increased.

This Division periodically brings to the attention of the Legal Division nominal rolls of prisoners awaiting trial. Complete records are kept by the Courts.

✓ 24. Staff Changes.

By the authority of the Prefect the undermentioned officials were dismissed during the past month.

Petitions for re-instatement have been received in some cases and these together with our recommendations have been passed to the authority concerned for review.

- 1 - DE GRECCHIO prof. Giuseppe - Alienist Superior Director of the Judiciary Insane Asylum - dismissed the 31 January 1944 - squadrista - sciarpa littorio - vice-federale Naples.
- 2 - LOVE dott. Adelchi - Director of the Judiciary Prison of S.Maria C.Vetere - dismissed the 31st January 1944 - vice federale member of the Direttorio Federale of Avellino.
- 3 - DEL CURATOLO rag. Pasquale - Chief book-keeper of the Judiciary Prisons of Naples - dismissed the 31st January 1944 -squadrista.
- 4 - GAETA dott. Alberto - Secretary of Judiciary Prison of S.Maria C.Vetere - dismissed the 15th February 1944 - political secretary Commune of S.Lucia Serino.
- 5 - CANNAVO' Filippo - Censore of the Government Reformatory of S.Maria C.Vetere - dismissed the 31st January 1944 - squadrista -
- 6 - PANTALEO Beniamino - Censore of the Penal House for Minors S.Eframo Naples - dismissed the 31st of January 1944 - marcia su Roma -
- 7 - MAGNAVITA Filippo - Assistant Chief Guard of the Custodian in temporary service at Judiciary Prison of Poggioreale Naples - dismissed the 15th February 1944 - marcia su Roma
- 8 - POLICETTI Luigi - Guard in the Custodian Agent Corps at the Judiciary Prison of Caserta - dismissed the 31st January 1944 - squadrista.
- 9 - CAPPABIANCA Alfonso - Guard in the Custodian Agents Corps in service at the Judiciary Prison of S.Maria C.Vetere - squadrista dismissed the 31 January 1944;

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25. Other Problems.

Advice is sought on the following subject and will be the subject of normal correspondence in the near future:

a. Staff Promotions.

The extent to which the Ministry of Grace and Justice is operating in King's Italy and possibly coordination between that office and the prison directorate of Region III.

Potential prison accommodation in King's Italy to relieve congestions in Region III.

26. Sabotage etc.

No cases have been reported. Three instances of cables being cut have been reported in Naples Province, but there is no doubt that this damage was done by civilians who stole the wire for their own use.

27. Strikes - Disturbances etc.

On 1st February 1944, at Torre Annunziata, 3000 people demonstrated in favour of an increase in the bread ration from 100 to 200 grams a day. The increase has since been granted.

On the 2nd February 1944, a combined patrol of CC.RR., Finance Guards and Municipal Guards, while visiting farms in search of grain not properly surrendered to the Ammasso, found some 200 farmers assembled on a farm at PADULI, Province of Benevento. When formal demand was made for the production of the grain the gathering attacked the police with spades, forks and other implements. One farmer was shot and three police injured. Five men and three women were arrested.

On 14th February 1944, at Altavilla, Province of Avellino, a crowd, mostly women, assembled outside the Municipio and accused the Podestà of holding flour as they had not received the 200 grams a day promised in the Press. The crowd was dispersed by police without violence. The allegations of misconduct on the part of the Podestà were unfounded.

On 15th February 1944, food shops in Naples closed for one day as a protest against alleged irregularities in food distribution.

On 16th February 1944, 800 women gathered outside the Municipio at FORINO, Province of Avellino, to demonstrate against the Secretary who was alleged to be a fascist. No violence was used. The Secretary has been transferred.

On 16th February 1944, a crowd assembled outside the Municipio at CONTRADA to protest against receiving a ration of only 100 grams of bread a day.

On 16th February 1944, a crowd of several hundred people demonstrated outside the Municipio at Montefredane, Province of Avellino, against the delay in the payment of military allowances.

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On 16th February 1944, a small demonstration took place at the Municipio, Avellino. The chief complaint was that the bread ration ought to be raised to 200 grams.

On 28th February 1944, at the Vomero, Naples, about 2000 people gathered to protest that on the previous day no bread had been distributed to the population. On being told that the flour had not arrived at the baker but that the matter would be dealt with at once, the crowd dispersed without incidents.

None of the disturbances reported can be attributed to political reasons. The discontent was chiefly due to the nonfulfilment of promises made in the Press, to raise the bread ration to 200 grams a day.

28. Labour.

The labour position shows signs of improvement.

Employees are allowed to elect their own representatives and to voice their grievances respecting labour conditions.

29. Public Morale.

Morale is surprisingly good considering the high cost of life.

30. Conditions Affecting Public Morale.

Food and clothing are scarce and prices are exorbitant. The demand for labour is almost equal in the supply. Refugees from the forward areas cause some overcrowding.

31. Security Services.

Co-operation with Security and Intelligence Departments has been satisfactory. Personal contacts with OSS (x2 Branch), S.I.B. and "A" Force have been maintained in addition to daily liaison with F.S.S. and C.I.C., etc.

32. Civilian Internees.

This Department is not directly concerned with civilian internees, except to see that they are removed from civilian prisons at the earliest opportunity. The attention of the Intelligence Branch 15th Army Group has been directed to the unsatisfactory manner in which civilian arrests for security reasons were made shortly after the occupation of S. Maria Capua Vetere by Allied Troops.

No arrest have been made by F.S.S. or C.I.C. at the instance of this Division.

33. General Situation.

There seems to be increased political activity in the Region, but this is confined to a comparatively small number of people

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who are opportunists seeking to gain prominence during the present state of confusion. The majority of people are not interested in the Italian Government while the Allies are in control.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

9 February 1944

SUBJECT: Public Safety Report for the month of January 1944.

TO : RCAO, AMG Region 3.

A. POLICE.

1. Police Efficiency.

Carabinieri. A decided improvement in efficiency and there is good co-operation. A conference was held on 29 January 1944 with senior officers of the CC.RR and problems discussed. This force is handicapped in the performance of its ordinary duties owing to the demands made for its services by Allied Military bodies.

Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza. Efficiency has improved and good co-operation exists. The Metropolitani also have improved and are working with more zeal. Here again they are handicapped owing to excessive demands for special duties.

Guardia di Finanza. Are showing improvement and have co-operated well in their own particular sphere of activity.

Forest Guards. These are reasonably efficient and are co-operative. They are doing more work but in some districts there is a certain amount of public feeling against them owing to the fact that it is considered a Fascist organisation and should be disbanded. There has been opposition in some Communes when they have gone to take over stocks of carbone.

Municipal Guards. Quite co-operative but not too efficient.

It is hoped that for all these bodies clothing and boots will be shortly forthcoming. Shortage of transport and communications are still a difficulty.

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2. State of Crime.

On the whole it seems that crime is on the decrease, although not markedly so. Drives on particular types of crime by joint patrols of Military and Civil Police have had good results.

The main types are:-

- (a) Black Market
- (b) Wrongful possession.
- (c) Unlawful meetings and assemblies.
- (d) Prostitution.
- (e) Larceny of Allied property.

Special patrols, escorts and road blocks have been beneficial.

Wherever there are large military units, a good deal of Allied property finds its way into civilian hands, often through military personnel, and flows into the "black market".

Special measures have been taken to deal with all above-mentioned types of crime.

3. Conduct of Allied Troops.

Fair. A slight improvement is noticeable but far too many complaints continue to be received of armed hold-ups, assaults and thefts by Allied personnel, particularly U.S., on Italian civilians.

4. Relations with Military Police.

Good relationship exists and is excellent. Only one instance is recorded of a "rift in the lute" and that was at Aversa. It was necessary for an officer from Regional HQ to attend to investigate and clear up certain difficulties and misunderstandings. I think this has been satisfactorily accomplished.

Some trouble is still being experienced as regards Arrest Reports, mainly owing to constant changes of MP Companies, but this matter is being taken up with those concerned.

5. Refugees.

The refugee problem is not acute in this Region, although there are still a number in Benevento Province.

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6. Special Problems.

To effectively maintain the present standard of work in the Public Safety Section of Region 3, at least four officers with police experience are needed. During the month 12 officers have been taken from the Section and only 6 replacements received.

The train that runs bi-weekly from Naples to Bari was on 29 January, on its arrival at Battipaglia (Salerno) at 22.30 hours, found to be crowded with travellers without regular documents. They were hanging on the steps of the carriages and out of the windows. Allied soldiers on duty at the station were compelled to use firearms in order to clear the passages and intimidate the crowd. In the darkness they injured some travellers who were taken to the hospitals of Cava dei Tirreni and Salerno. CC.RR helped to disband about 1000 of these clandestine travellers.

It seems that if this railway service is to continue, serious consideration will have to be given to increasing the number of trains. Bi-weekly trains cannot possibly cater for the number of passengers.

B. SECURITY.

1. General state of public morale. Fairly good.
2. (a) Attitude of Public towards AMG. Quite good.
 (b) Attitude towards the Italian Government. Not easily definable and mainly indifferent. It is neither favourable to the Italian Royal Family nor to the Badoglio Government. There is, without doubt, a strong section of the public against the Royal Family.

3. Political Activities.

The National Committee of Liberation continues to gain a hold in the Provinces. An increased number of Left Wing political parties are applying for permits to hold public meetings.

4. Riots and Civil Disturbances.

No serious disturbances have taken place. A number of minor demonstrations, mainly by women demanding increased rations and pensions, or demanding removal of certain officials, have occurred. The situation is likely to improve with the

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increased bread ration which has been sanctioned as from 7 February.

The most serious disturbance occurred at Paduli, Province of Benevento, on 2 February. A combined patrol of CC.RR, Finanze and Municipal Guards were visiting farms for the purpose of detecting grain not properly surrendered to the Ammasso and, on entering one farm, found some 200 farmers assembled. When formal demand was made for the production of the grain, the gathering attacked the police. One farmer was shot and three of the police were injured. Eight persons have been arrested.

5. Industrial agitation and industrial conditions generally.

No agitation. There is very little industry owing to general disorganisation due to war damage.

6. Strikes, lock-outs, etc.

None have been reported.

7. Sabotage directed against Allies or Italian Government.

Only one case reported - a German mortar shell wired to explode on the railway line in Benevento Province.

There have been several cases of wire cutting but, as far as is known, these were merely thefts.

8. Control of Movement, Passes and Permits.

An increased number of applications for travel permits and in the length of the journeys have been received.

Considerable difficulty is encountered in the issue of passes for Foggia Province. It is necessary to authorize agents to go into Foggia for grain and they require passes at short notice when transport is available. Owing to a Foggia Provincial Order, this Region is not able to issue passes without the approbation of SCAO Foggia and this takes a considerable time. In the meantime the Communes are without grain and the chance of the available transport is lost.

A communication to Foggia on the subject has remained unanswered.

The issue of passes for the Calore and Volturno Rivers continues to give a deal of work.

9. Civilian Internees (POW).

Improved since last report. The stopping of payment of advances to civilian internees, other than British and American, has created hardship but there has been no trouble.

10. Curfew.

Curfew is fairly well observed and enforced in towns but it is impossible to enforce it to any extent in rural areas. Prosecutions are undertaken from time to time to ensure compliance.

An extension of the curfew has just been announced - it is now from 20.30. hours to 04.00 hours.

C. PRISONS.1. General.

It was expressed in the previous report on the prisons in the Region that apart from a few black spots, accommodation being the main one, a fair condition prevailed. This is true to date.

Some progress has been made, especially in regard to repairs to buildings and in the general hygiene of the prisons.

Lack of accommodation has been acute during the past month, and if the present increase is maintained it is estimated that all available accommodation will have been taken up in the very near future. This is apart from the fact that owing to the drive against prostitution, accommodation for hundreds of women will have to be found.

2. Administration.

Most of the problems encountered during the period ending 31 December 1943 have, if not entirely solved, been considerably eased. There is still room for improvement in the general administration but generally speaking the prison authorities are now settling down.

Reports on individual prisons, especially those in outlying parts of the Provinces, are still hard to obtain - this is due to lack of staff and transport. However, this month a new system is being tried. Report proformae printed in Italian have been despatched, and are to be collected through the ⁵¹⁸ ~~518~~ ⁵¹⁸ of the CC.RR courier service. It is hoped that this method

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achieve ^(more) comprehensive report.

3. Sanitation.

There were no fresh cases of typhus ^(in prisons) reported during the month. All inmates and staffs of the prisons in the affected area have been inoculated. Segregation of new arrivals until such time as they have been inoculated and disinfected is still being enforced.

There has been some improvement in hygiene. Small amounts of soap and disinfectants have been issued, and the Public Health Division, who in spite of the burden imposed upon them by the typhus situation, are giving every help and promise that adequate supplies will be available in the near future.

Repairs to the shower baths at Poggioreale have been completed, and also the laundry is now functioning.

4. Discipline.

Strict segregation is being maintained, and there have been no reports of disorders.

Discipline on the part of the staffs is satisfactory. There was one incident at the Mandamentali prison at Barra where lack of discipline on the part of members of the staff was noted and this has been dealt with.

5. Buildings.

Repairs to the prison buildings are still being carried out. Much improvement has been made at Avellino and Poggioreale which were extensively damaged by bombs. At the latter, both the ablution rooms and the hospital are now functioning.

6. Food.

The old ration scale issued by AMG has been revised and a uniform ration of 300 grams of bread and 50 grams of soup is now issued to all inmates.

Difficulty is still experienced, however, in obtaining other rationed foodstuffs, the supply of which is the responsibility of the Italian Alimentation office. Representation has been made to that office with a view to obtaining adequate supplies, but so far without results.

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7. Political Prisoners.

Records of all security prisoners are being maintained.

8. Awaiting Trial.

There are still a great number of persons awaiting trial, especially in the Naples City area, the majority of whom, however, are held for the disposal of the Italian Courts. The authorities concerned have been requested to dispose of the cases with the minimum of delay.

9. Accommodation.

Apart from the Naples City area the position is satisfactory. The juvenile prison of San Eframio, Naples, is definitely overcrowded, but it is hoped to ease this during this month as we are informed that the Indian troops will vacate the womens' wing at Poggioreale in the near future. This will enable the female prisoners to be transferred back there from Filangieri which in turn will be used to accommodate the overflow of minors from San Eframio.

D. FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE.1. Fire Brigade - efficiency, equipment, personnel.

(a) There have been no fires caused by enemy action. Within the City and Province of Naples 3 major and 22 minor fires were dealt with in a satisfactory manner. Three of these fires were dealt with in co-operation with Military Fire Brigades. The Brigade also dealt with 3 major and 8 minor cases of houses which collapsed owing to previous indirect damage.

Daily drills are still being carried out.

In the Province of Benevento Engineer De Rienzo has been relieved of his duties as Commandant of the Brigade and his place taken by the Maresciallo. The arrangement is a satisfactory one and is working well.

(b) In the Naples Area the equipment situation is still improving and the work of repairing vehicles progressing, although it is still handicapped by the lack of spare parts.

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In Avellino Province there is lack of transport, but I am hoping to rectify this in the near future.

(c) The strength of the Brigade is adequate to deal with normal contingencies.

2. Civil Defence Organisation - efficiency, equipment, personnel.

(a) In the City of Naples, following the reduction in the number of whole time personnel from 600 to 200, the most suitable employees are now being selected for the Wardens' Service. I understand that the new scheme, which involves the division of the City into 29 Sectors, has not yet been put into operation. I will make it my duty to ensure there is no unnecessary delay in this respect.

In Avellino Province work is at present in progress for repairing the siren system which was partially destroyed during the bombardment of September 1943. The Military have undertaken to instal a telephone line between their exchange and the Civil Defence Control Room at the Prefettura and to relay the necessary warning messages. Three English-speaking operators will be employed in the Control Room, where also is situated the remote control of the air raid sirens.

55 volunteer Civil Defence personnel are enrolled, a substantial number of whom could be relied upon to turn out upon the 'alert'.

The Town Major has stated that in the event of a raid occurring the military would be ready to give every assistance.

In Benevento Province a start has been made in connection with the preparation of a simple Civil Defence scheme on similar lines to that of Avellino. Here again the military have promised every assistance.

(b) There are now 34 sirens in working order in the Naples area. Work is almost complete on the new siren switchboard in the Central Control Room.

3. Disposal of Unexploded Bombs and Mines.

In the Provinces of Avellino and Benevento no difficulty is being experienced in connection with this subject, but in the Province of Naples, in the 5th Army territory, there are a number of unexploded mines still requiring removal. Headquarters 5th

Army have intimated that the removal of mines in their territory is an AMG responsibility. A request has been made to Engineer Service, 5th Army, to again take over this responsibility and a reply is awaited.

Names of Public Safety Officers (CAPOs) and how employed.

Headquarters

Lt. Col. C.T. Francis
Lt. Col. Doherty
Capt. E. Dell'Oso
Capt. A.A. Lewis
Capt. A.E. Heath.
Lieut. G.R. Daley
Lieut. L. Toes.
Lieut. Lynch.

Chief, Public Safety.
Deputy Chief, Public Safety.
Administration of Justice, Licencing & Registration.
Civil Police.
Security Officer.
Prisons.
Fire and Civil Defence.
Police and Courts.

Naples City and Province.

Lt. Col. Warner
Lt. Col. Arnold.
Capt. Gordon
Capt. Madill
Capt. Gram.
Capt. H.H. Dowdy
Lieut. Fielding
Capt. Whyte.
Lieut. D.R. Roberson

SCAPO
Courts (attached)
Courts and MP Liaison.
Executive Officer.
CAPO - Investigation and Permits.
CAPO - Enquiries.
CAPO - Investigation and Permits
CAO Ischia.
CAPO

Avellino Province.

Captain T. Goodacre
Lieut. P.A. Edwards
Lieut. Hartley

SCAPO
CAPO (Region 4 attached).
CAPO

Benevento Province.

Major F.J. Armstrong
Major D.F.W. Stephens
Major J.J. Peer
Capt. A.E. Baldwin
Lieut. L.M. Totaro.

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Capt. J.R. Macfarlane

Captain C.H. Owen (attd from Region 4)

Captain A.E. Heath (G.2 Region 3)

Lieut. L. Toes (Avellino)

Capt. Hoelscher (Region 4)

Capt. Luckman (Region 4)

2/Lt Clegg (Region 4)

Lt. Col. Cornwall (Region 4)

Capt. Mitchell (Region 4)

Lieut. Scaife (Region 4)

Capt. H.H. Dowdy (Region 8)

Lieut. Hartley

Lieut. Scafuti

Capt. L.J. Monson (Region 4)

Capt. J.R. Cowan (Region 4)

Lieut. T.W. Glasspool (Region 4)

Major J.J. Beer

Capt. E.A. Baldwin

Lieut. L.M. Totaro

Returned to Great Britain.

Transferred to AMI 5th Army

Transferred to Region HQ
Public Safety Section as
Security Officer.

Transferred to Region HQ as
Fire and Civil Defence Officer.
Returned to Region 4

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Attached to Naples Province.

Assigned to Avellino Province

Transferred to Economica and
Supply.

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