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

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12 March 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

This report covers the activities of the Public Safety Division for the week ending 11th March 1944.

1. Personnel.

There have been no changes in staff.

2. Police.

(a) Application has been made to Allied Control Commission for uniforms and boots for all Police organizations, Prison Guards and Fire Brigade personnel in the Region.

(b) A full investigation has been carried out into the guarding of the military telephone cable between Portico and Pompei. Arrangements are now in hand to employ civilian guards on this duty under the supervision of CC.RR.

(c) An enquiry is being made throughout the Region to ascertain the number of police employed on guard and sentry duty. As soon as this is complete an application will be made for Italian soldiers to relieve trained policemen.

(d) Arrangements have been made for statistical returns of crime to be submitted monthly by the CC.RR. and the Provincial Questor.

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3. Crime Investigation.

(a) Investigations in the case of Stanislas MELE - who was arrested by Major Way on 3rd March 1944 in connection with the forging of motor circulation permits - were continued.

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Renato FACCHINETTI and Vincenzo FIGHATARO were traced and are now in custody charged with conspiring with MELE to obtain motor circulation permits by means of false statements.

(b) Enquiries through the CC.RR. have resulted in the arrest of Tommaso RIZZO for the unauthorized requisitioning of a car from an Italian citizen and the illegal use of an official stamp. RIZZO was found at LECCE, but has been conveyed to Naples.

(c) On information from the CC.RR. at Nannina, Major Way accompanied by CC.RR. raided a house in the Capodichino district, where a quantity of food, china, kitchenware and military equipment was seized. One man was arrested.

4. Scheda Personale.

Little progress has been made in collecting information on Scheda Personale, but the Provincial Commissioners have been asked to expedite.

5. Incidents by Allied Troops.

(a) At 1600 hours 2nd February 1944, three coloured soldiers of the Allied Forces went to a house in GUICIGNANO, Naples, and demanded that the women in the house accompany them. The male members of the family intervened and an Italian was stabbed by one of the soldiers.

(b) At 1800 hours 6th February 1944, at FUORIGROTTA, Naples, five coloured Allied soldiers went up to a P.S. agent in uniform, stole his Beretta pistol and tore his cap.

(c) At 1915 hours 9th February 1944, two Allied soldiers threatened a P.S. non-commissioned officer with a revolver and stole his Beretta pistol.

(d) At 2130 hours 12th February 1944 in Naples, six American coloured soldiers stopped a P.S. agent and stole his pistol and identity card. 5313

(e) At 2045 hours 22nd February 1944, some British soldiers stopped a P.S. agent on duty and, after demanding his pass, tore it up.

(f) At 1830 hours 25th February 1944 in Naples, three coloured soldiers stole from a P.S. agent his Beretta pistol and 680 lire.

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6. Conferences.

Three conferences were held during the week.

- 8th March 1944 - Regional Public Safety Officers at Salerno.
- 8th March 1944 - Regional Staff Chiefs at Naples.
- 10th March 1944 - Provincial Public Safety Officers at Naples.

7. Regional Orders.

The following orders have been drafted:

- (a) Meetings and Demonstrations.
- (b) Aliens.
- (c) Newspapers and Publications (in course of preparation).

8. Political Strikes.

The proposed ten-minute strike which had been planned by the Socialist, Communist and Action parties to protest against the Prime Minister's support of the Italian Government was cancelled on Saturday, 4th March 1944. A demonstration has been organised to take place in the Galleria Umberto, Naples, between 1000 and 1200 hours on Sunday 12th March 1944. Suitable police arrangements have been made.

9. Traffic.

(a) Arrangements are being made for the publication of a speed limit order in Naples, restricting the speed of vehicles to 25 miles an hour in the daytime and 15 miles an hour at night. Hitherto the Military Police have posted signs in English in the Metropolitan Area. Such restrictions are not enforceable against Italian citizens.

(b) The Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, P.S.S., has been contacted with regard to the routing of traffic in Naples. Via Roma is now a one-way street south from Via Medina to the water front. The tunnel under the Royal Palace is again open to civilian traffic. The road south from the port entrances to the tunnel has been re-opened, thus relieving traffic congestion.

10. Prisons.

The prison population in the Naples area increased considerably during the past week. This, in the main was due to the drive against prostitutes, some six hundred of whom are now awaiting trial.

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To cope with this influx, 200 female prisoners were transferred from Naples to the Aversa Criminal Lunatic Asylum where segregated accommodation has been provided for them. Authority has been given for the Criminal Lunatic Asylum to be placed on the Hospital ration scale. Prisons with hospital accommodation are now allowed to draw a percentage of their rations at Hospital scale.

No reply has yet been received to representation made by this office to the ACC Food Sub-Commission regarding the proposed new ration scale for prisoners.

Without the prior knowledge of this office, during the past week 200 civilian lunatics were transferred from the Civilian Lunatic Asylum at Aversa to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum at Aversa. This was apparently done on the authority of the Refugee Committee, who, having requisitioned the civilian institution found difficulty in disposing of the inmates. Arrangements will be made to transfer the civilian lunatics to more suitable institutions at the earliest possible moment.

11. Security.

A total of 70 investigations were made during the week.

Prominent Italians who were investigated included:

Biagio BORTIELLO
Federico D'AIUTO
Clemente del GAUDIO
Count Ugo PELLEGRINI
Giovanni MASERA.

Investigation of all the employees of the local Chamber of Commerce is being continued. Co-operation with the various security services has been maintained.

12. Fire and Civil Defence.

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(a) There has been discontent among the firemen of the Naples Brigade on account of the small amount of food they were receiving as rations. The firemen compare their own position unfavourably with that of the CC.RR. (who, however, are a military body) and the dock workers who receive certain meals from the military authority in addition to their pay.

The firemen have been informed that their application for increased rations is supported by this Office and that it has been recommended to higher authority for approval.

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There is no doubt that the Fire Brigade is an efficient body and that we could rely upon the men to carry on their duties in a reliable manner in any emergency.

(b) In the Port, a damaged building has been allocated by the military for conversion into a Fire House. The military have agreed to provide the materials required for the repair of the building and the Fire Brigade are to provide the labour from their own men.

(c) A further conference was held with the Chief of the Civil Defence Services and the Chief Engineer of the Telephone Company in connection with the repair of the sirens and the installation of telephones for Civil Defence purposes.

The telephone Engineer explained that the shortage of material, especially wire, was one of the chief causes of the delay.

In connection with the sirens he stated that the telephone wires were overhead and therefore exposed to the elements and that breakdowns could not be avoided.

(d) There was an alert lasting from 0310 hours to 0320 hours on Saturday 11th March. No bombs were dropped.

(e) A request was received for additional equipment for the Fire Brigade of Benevento on account of increased fire risk due to the erection of military huts.

One portable motor pump has already been sent and another will be despatched in the near future together with a supply of other equipment. It is hoped to obtain a supply of heavy rope, through the medium of the Economics and Supply Branch.

W. J. Jones
for C. T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Major 5310

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To: Rear H.Q. A.C.C.
(Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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

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5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

Hereunder report of Public Safety Division for week ending
4 March, 1944.

1. Personnel.

The following changes have occurred during the week:-

- 0189475 Lt. Col. C.H. CORNBELL (A) attached from Region 4.
Posted to Avellino Province.
291696 Lt. Col. R. HOWARD, (B) attached from Region 4. Posted
to Benevento Province.
0521277 Capt. Alden A. LEWIS (A) relinquished assignment to
Region HQ on return to UK.

2. Street Accidents in Naples.

In order that correct statistical information may be available, the
Questore has been instructed to consolidate the CC.RR and Metropolitani
figures, and submit weekly returns showing the number of persons killed
and injured in street accidents in Naples.

3. Transfer of CC.RR and Questura Officers.

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ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission has been requested to inform the
Italian Government that requests for the transfer of CC.RR and Questura
officers from Region 3 to King's Italy should be referred to this Head-
quarters and must not be sent direct to Legion Commander CC.RR or the
Questore.

4. Guarding by CC.RR of telephone cable.

After correspondence and consultation with the Commanding General
of 57 Area, arrangements are being made for the CC.RR at present employed
on the duty of guarding the cable between Portici and Pompei to be relieved
by civilians guards.

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The civilians will, however, be supervised by CC.RR.

5. Employment of Rome Contingent of CC.RR and GG.FF.

The undermentioned numbers of men who are being held on reserve for Rome are now being used for policing Naples:-

235	CC.RR	at disposal of Internal Group	CC.RR.
65	"	"	" " Questore.
200	GG.FF	"	" " " "

6. Military Roads.

On 1 March, 1944, the GOC, Allied Military Forces, established three Military Roads, viz:-

- (a) Naples to Avellino.
- (b) Naples to Pompei, autostrada.
- (c) Torre Annunziata to Castellamare.

Italian police are assisting Military Police in preventing horsedrawn traffic, bicycles and handcarts from using these highways.

Via Roma has now been made a one-way street.

7. Society for the Protection of Animals.

An investigation is being carried out with a view to placing this Society, which prior to 1939 was under the patronage of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, on a working basis, for much needed work in Naples.

8. Strike.

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The proposed 10 minutes strike organized by the Partito d'Azione, Il Partito Socialista and il Partito Comunista to take place at 11.00 hours on 4 March, 1944, occupied much time. As the result of conferences the leaders of the respective parties decided to call the strike off. This decision was reached at a somewhat late hour and was apparently successful as no incidents have come to the knowledge of this Division. On instructions from higher authority no action is being taken against the organizers and printers.

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9. Scheda Personale.

The screening of Italian officials is proceeding somewhat slowly but it is hoped that headway will be made in the near future and as soon as all completed forms are received from Provinces.

10. Meetings etc.

On the morning of 28 February, 1944, at the Vomero, Naples, about 2000 people gathered in protest owing to the fact that the previous day no bread had been distributed to the population. It was stated that the flour had not arrived at the bakers. The assembly was assured that the matter would be dealt with forthwith, and the crowd dispersed without incident. To prevent further incidents it was decided that flour be issued in place of bread.

11. Crimes by members of Allied Forces.

At 22.30 hours 26 January, 1944, at Via Roma, Naples, PS Agent SACCHI Pietro was stopped by three sailors of the Allied Forces and they took from him his "Beretta" pistol N° 977194. The Agent was in uniform.

At 21.00 hours 27 January, 1944, at Piazza Trento e Trieste, Naples, PS Agent Iepariello, Felligrino was stopped by four soldiers of the Allied Forces and they took from him his "Beretta" pistol N° 800481. The Agent was in uniform.

At 19.30 hours 5 February, 1944, in Via "Martucci" near Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Naples, PS Agent Romano Salvatore was attacked by two coloured soldiers and his pocket book containing his identification card other documents and 128 lire, was stolen.

At 1.30 hours 5 February, 1944, at Galleria 9 Maggio, Naples, PS Agent Putzu, Pietro was stopped by four American soldiers and they stole his wrist watch and his "Beretta" pistol N° 971715.

At 21.30 hours 20 February 1944, in the locality of Petranio, Sessa Arunca, Naples, several Moroccan soldiers entered a farmer's house and after securing the husband seduced the wife. SANTANTONIO ⁵³⁰⁷ The soldiers took 5500 lire and a sack of flour from the house. Military Police and CC.RR are making enquiries.

12. Vehicle Circulation Permits.

A recent Order by Regional Commissioner has extended the life of all current permits, which would have expired on 29 February, for two months.

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After enquiries, Major Way, of Public Safety Section has arrested MLE Stanislaw for obtaining a permit by means of a false statement. The arrest of two further men is sought for conspiracy.

13. Security and Intelligence.

(a) Screening of Prospective Civilian Employees.

- (i) Employees' records have been brought up to date.
- (ii) Certain officers still continue to disregard instructions pertaining to the employment of civilians. Attention is drawn to this in Daily Bulletin No. 63, dated 3 March 1944.

(b) Investigation of Nominees for Political Appointments Proposed by the Prefect of Naples.

Proceeding satisfactorily and preparations to deal with these questions completed.

(c) Miscellaneous.

- (i) Investigations of prominent Italians conducted on:-
Biagio BORISLLO
Filippo MALDI
Dino PHILIPSON.
- (ii) Arrangements made to conduct enquiries on employees engaged by PES, etc.
- (iii) A total of 56 investigations was made during the period under review.
- (iv) A very thorough investigation is being conducted of all the employees of the local Chamber of Commerce (Economia Provinciale). This is being made at the request of Major LISTER of Economics and Supply Division and necessitates interviewing some 200 employees. Recommendations will be made on completion of the report.

14. Prisons.

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The Female Wing at Poggioreale Prison has now been re-opened and has a capacity of 400. This will increase to 600 in about six weeks time when the repairs now being carried out have been completed.

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The prison population in the Naples City area continues to increase and it will be necessary to transfer 200 inmates to Aversa.

It has been necessary to ask 57 Area to vacate that part of Poggioreale Prison now occupied by them.

The food situation has deteriorated. It is hoped, therefore, that the new ration scale for inmates of prisons about to be authorized by ACC will not be long delayed.

Requests were made to the Public Health and Welfare Division, Region 3, to recommend that the Judicial Manicomio be issued with Hospital scales of food. In reply it is stated that the ACC ration scale referred to above, will cater for these establishments.

14. Fire and Civil Defence.

(a) Fire. Another visit of inspection was made to the Fire Brigade at Avellino. 4 tyres and inner tubes for the motor truck were handed to the Chief Officer.

Three portable motor pumps which required repairs were conveyed from Avellino by the Naples Brigade to their workshop for the necessary work to be carried out. When complete, one will be sent to Benevento and two returned for service to Avellino. A portable motor pump was sent from Naples to Benevento, ready for immediate service in that district.

(b) Civil Defence. The Chief Engineer of the Telephone Company was interviewed in connection with telephones for the Control Room and Warden Sector Posts. As a result work has now commenced on installing direct lines between the Control Room, the UNPA, Red Cross and the Questura HQ. No further progress has been made with regard to telephones at Warden Posts, but the matter is not being allowed to rest.

The sirens were tested at 12.00 hours on Thursday, 2 March, by the sounding of the "all clear" signal. Only 19 of the 34 sirens were found to be operative and immediate steps are being taken to rectify those which are defective. 5305

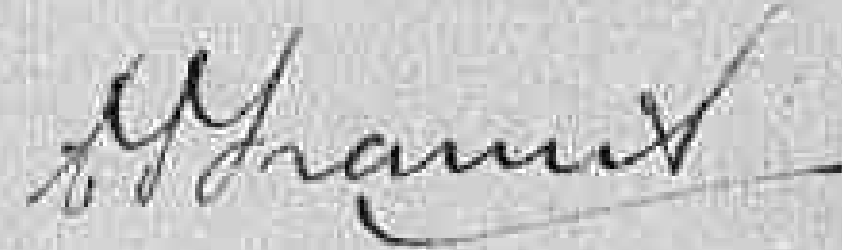
No bombs were dropped by enemy planes during the period under review.

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15. Unexploded Bombs etc.

A further list of approximately 50 unexploded bombs, mines and shells, still requiring disposal, was received from the PPSC, Avellino. These were given a map reference and transmitted to PAD 57 area for attention of appropriate Bomb Disposal Unit.



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REAR ECHELON, HQ 2675TH REGT, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, (PROV), APO 394,
U. S. Army, 21 February 1944.

TO: Forward Echelon, Hq 2675th Regt, Allied Control Commission, (Prov),
APO 394, U. S. Army.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

Morris K. Goldstein

MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN
1st Lieut., Infantry
Assistant Adjutant

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Weekly Report, Hq Region #3, AMG
(Public Safety Office, dated 14 Feb 44)

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HQ. A.C.C. (Public Safety)

For your information please.

Lt. Col. Martin

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

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14 February 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : RCAC, AMG Region 3.

Report for week ending 13 February 1944.

1. Personnel.

Major A.G.P. WAY (B) assigned for duty at this HQ. He is taking over from Captain LEWIS (A) the general Police work of the Region. Captain LEWIS has been alerted for movement.

2. Police.

- (a) There has been a gradual improvement in and good co-operation on the part of all civilian police agencies. Nothing additional to my monthly report can be said on the general situation.
- (b) A second visit was made to Aversa to follow up the Liaison work between AMG and MPs. This was mentioned in last week's report. The position is now satisfactory.
- (c) Conferences were held with the MP on the subject of Arrest Reports. Sample copies of such reports have been sent to all police Districts of the City under the signature of the Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, Naples.
- (d) A considerable amount of time was put in by Captains DELL'OSSO, and LEWIS and Lieut. LYNCH, on early morning and night crime investigations.
- (e) Special directions have been given to all police agencies on the control of dogs and Rabies in accordance with ACC Memorandum 5302
- (f) Instructions have been issued to the Prefect and the police of Naples on the question of depositing rubble and debris on the streets and highways. An article has also appeared in the "Risorgimento". This was done at the request of the General Commanding Metropolitan Area, PBS.

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- (e) A conference was held on 11 February 1944 with the Chiefs of Legal and Economics and Supply Sections on "black market" activities. Certain recommendations, including one suggesting an order requiring declarations of stocks of food and certain commodities have been incorporated in a report which is being submitted to RCAC.

3. Prisons.

- (a) It was not possible for the arrangements to relieve the overcrowding at St Eframio to be put into effect last week. The Indian troops who were to have vacated the Womens' Wing at Poggioreale on the 9th are still in possession. However, we are assured that they will leave on 15th February 1944. As soon as this accommodation is available the female prisoners will be transferred there from Filangieri, which will leave the latter free to accommodate the overflow of minors from St Eframio.
- (b) A request has been received for prison accommodation for approximately 5 thousand prostitutes. A survey of all the prisons shows that not more than 200 could be accommodated. It is thought that a stockade would solve the problem of accommodation for so large a number and this method has been suggested to higher authority.
- (c) The Director of S. Maria Capua Vetere prison was removed from office last week - he having been a Squadrista. This, from a prison administration angle, is regretted as he was quite an efficient Director. His position, on a temporary basis, has been filled by the Secretary of that prison.
- (d) Economics and Supply have been asked to issue a new ration scale to prisoners of 2000 calories as recommended by Public Health and Welfare.
- (e) The ration of soap and disinfectants, as approved by Public Health and Welfare, is not yet to hand. Enquiries made at the medical warehouse reveal that supplies are not yet available. It is hoped that supplies will soon be available, however, as repeated requests for disinfectants etc. are being received from the Provinces.

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4. Fire and Civil Defence.

- (a) Further work has been carried out in connection with the new siren control switchboard but it has not yet been possible to put it into operation. I am pressing the Electrical Engineer to complete the work as soon as possible and have asked the Military to release the necessary materials.

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- (b) At the request of Major M. WOOSTER, Intelligence Branch, Metropolitan Area, I made enquiries as to the possibility of utilizing the existing air raid sirens to give warning to troops in the area of a ground attack by the enemy. There is a technical difficulty involved in producing a distinctive sound that would not be confused with the existing air raid signals. The Major has temporarily abandoned the idea and is exploring the possibilities of using steam sirens.
- (c) The work of installing direct telephone lines between the Fire Control Room and the 7 Sub Fire Stations is now complete.
- (d) In consequence of a report from the Commandant of the Fire Brigade that part of the Fire Station building at Caserta had been requisitioned as a food store the Regional Fire Officer in company with Captain MacDougall, visited the place and interviewed Major Hamilton, CAO. He said that the requisition had been a mistake and stated the accommodation would be returned to the Fire Brigade immediately.
- (e) During the week, visits of inspection have been paid to various Fire Stations in the Naples area, and no cause for complaint has been found. At the repair shop, work has been found to be in progress on restoring damaged vehicles and equipment, in spite of the difficulties of shortage of spare parts.
- (f) There were no enemy air attacks during the period in question.

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Chief of Public Safety.

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

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7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : A/ R.C.A.O. AMG. Region 3.

Report for week ending 6th February 1944.

1. Police (CC.RR.) The Legion Commander of the CC.RR. has received orders from his Commanding General to absorb within the ranks of the CC.RR. selected personnel of the Forts and Highways Militias. No instructions of this undesirable step has reached Public Safety Division from HQ. ACC. The matter has, therefore, been reported and is being taken up with HQ. ACC. No actual enrolments have yet been made.

2. Police (MP) Consequent on a report received by R.C.A.O. it was necessary to investigate and clear up some difficulties and misunderstanding which had arisen between MPs of Aversa and the local AMG Police authority. I think this has been satisfactorily accomplished but a follow up ^{will} be made.

3. Informants Fund. A fund has now been established and placed in the hands of the Chief of Public Safety Division wherewith to reward persons giving good and reliable information and assistance leading to the prosecution and conviction of those who have committed serious crimes and offences against AMG. Proclamation and Orders. Full details given in a memorandum under the signature of A/ R.C.A.O.

4. Riots and Demonstrations. Several minor disturbances occurred within the Region during the week mainly by women who, disappointed by the failure to increase the bread ration as had been stated in the press, assembled to demand increased rations and Italian Army pensions. Other demonstrators demanded removal of certain minor Italian officials from office. The situation is likely to improve with the increased bread ration coming into force today. The post

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Various occurred at Paduli, Province of Benevento, on 2nd February, 1944. A combined patrol of CC.RR., Finance^y 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 with spades, forks and such like implements. During the melee one farmer was shot and is now in hospital, and three of the police were injured. Five men and three women have been arrested.

5. Registration and Licensing. Some time was spent in co-ordination and operation of the special joint patrols for the suppression of restaurants and eating establishments operating without licenses or any control. These special patrols operated from the three Police Districts and were composed of 6 Metropolitan and 3 M.P. In addition, it was arranged that the other Commissariati would continue their regular routine inspections and patrols.

6. Courts. A matter which took the better part of Capt. Dell'Ossa's time for two days, but should not be the subject of a report, was the trial of the Director of Poggioreale Prison by Lt. Col. Chapman to show cause why he should not be committed for Contempt of Court. The hearing was held and adjourned until February 12, 1944. This arose out of non-production of prisoners before the Court.

7. Prisons.

a. Accommodation. A.P.H.C. have issued a directive which states that Prisons will not be requisitioned unless operationally essential and that buildings already occupied will be vacated when urgently required by the Italian Prison authorities. This is certainly a step in the right direction and the immediate result is that the Indian troops are to vacate the Female Wing at Poggioreale. This will enable transfer of the female prisoners from Filangieri which will leave that prison free to accommodate the overflow of minors from S. Eframio.

b. Inspections. Poggioreale was inspected and many improvements were observed. Repairs to the shower baths have been completed and are now able to take care of 150 inmates each day. Excellent work has been done in getting the hospital put right. From what appeared to be, during my previous visits, a heap of rubble there is now a clean and efficient hospital.

c. Hygiene. Notification from Public Health Division that a supply of soap and disinfectants will be available for prisons during this coming week has been received. This is very welcome news as the hygienic position of some of the smaller prisons leaves a lot to be desired.

d. There were no fresh cases of typhus reported from the prisons.

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8. Fire Brigade. There have been no fires caused by enemy action. A few ordinary fires have been dealt with in a satisfactory manner. The equipment situation is improving and the work of repairing vehicles progressing, although it is handicapped by the lack of spare parts.

9. Disposal of Unexploded Mines or Bombs. No difficulty in Avellino and Benevento. In Naples Province (5th Army) there are still unexploded mines requiring removal. HQ. 5th Army have intimated that they consider this should in future be an AMG. responsibility. A request has been made to the 5th Army to again take over the disposal and a reply is awaited.

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