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Public Safety Division
31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report up to midnight 15 Mar 45 -
Public Safety Division, Lazio-
Umbria Region

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ AC (2)
Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region (1)

Herewith is my report for the Public Safety Division of
Lazio-Umbria Region from 1st March until midnight 15th March,
when the Division came to an end.

1. CIVIL POLICE(a) Strength -

Agency	Officers	Other Ranks	On other than ord- inary duty	Returned to ordinary duty
CC.RR	366	12248	19	-
Agenti di PS	379	9600	9	-
GG.FF	197	3627	5	-
Guardia Municipale	46	1710	-	-
Corpo Forestale	33	411	-	-

(Above figures include Cadets and recruits under training,
those in transit, Questura functionaries and Agenti di
Vigilante)

(b) Report on Police.

Continued slow but steady improvement has brought all police
agencies to a reasonable state of efficiency. A certain amount
of weeding out could be done to weed out a certain number,
especially among the officers, who are practically useless.

A gradual improvement in boots and clothing is apparent but
the issue is far too slow.

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Transport is insufficient and in poor condition.

Communications are good in Rome itself and have improved in the Provinces but more remains to be done.

2. CRIME.

(a) Situation in Region.

The general situation is satisfactory and crime as a whole continues to decrease. Armed hold-ups and robberies are less, but flat-breaking, shopbreaking and garage-breaking continue high. There has been an epidemic of breaking into garages and stores and the theft of tyres and spare parts during the fortnight under review. Owing to the shortage, particularly high prices are fetched for such items on the black market.

3. FIREARMS

(a) Collection of firearms from civilians.

Large quantities of firearms are possessed by civilians and there is no difficulty in securing explosives from the many abandoned dumps and stocks lying about the country.

(b) Illegal possession of firearms.

Vigilance is being maintained by the CC.RR and GG.FF and many searches and seizures of arms illegally held by civilians have been made.

4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

Reasonably good on the whole and less drunkenness and rowdyism.

The number of cases of crime in which troops were involved has shown a decrease.

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5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

Apart from Rome City the position is satisfactory. Intensified action has been taken in the City and a number of clandestine brothels have been closed and a large number of prostitutes have been arrested.

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6. RELATIONS WITH - (a) Military Police - Excellent
(b) Security Services- Very Good.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

- (a) Italian - disgustingly slow.
(b) AMG - satisfactory.

8. OTHER POINTS AFFECTING CIVIL POLICE.

Another Questore has been brought in to take over Rome. Arrangements have been made for civil police to pass reports direct to the Provost authorities. Lt. Col. Millhouse has replaced Major Green as Liaison Officer.

II. SECURITY

1. SABOTAGE

None reported.

2. NUMBER OF STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS - BRIEF DETAILS OF IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

None reported.

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES

None of importance other than the demonstrations following the Roata escape which has already been fully reported. 5430

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

On the whole fairly good.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Many have been held but none of importance other than that protesting against Roata's escape. Special reports regarding this have been submitted.

6. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Satisfactory. Control is good and there seems no cause for anxiety.

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7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

- (a) General position - unchanged.
- (b) Number of internees in civilian prisons - Nil.

III. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.1. REGISTRATION OF CIVILIAN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Proceeding normally but slowly through Italian channels.

2. PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRATION ETC.

None.

3. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT.

Proceeding normally and no difficulties are being experienced.

IV. FIRE.1. GENERAL REPORT ON(a) Efficiency

Efficiency is as good as can be expected having regard to the difficulties under which the men have to work, viz: small remuneration, insufficient clothing and meagre rations.

(b) State of Equipment.

Equipment varies as between Provinces from quite good to very poor. Worn out tyres and batteries are the chief concern.

2. BRIEF DETAILS OF ANY SERIOUS FIRES.

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The only serious fire occurred on 10th March when, answering a call from the Central Fire Station, it was found that a Diesel Engine was on fire. The Army Fire Service called upon the Italian Fire Brigade for assistance in order to prevent the spreading of the fire to some nearby wagons. The combined services extinguished the outbreak. Loss estimated at 1,000,000 Lire. Cause of fire unknown.

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V. CIVIL DEFENCE1. BY WHOM CONTROLLED.

In general the Fire Brigade now undertakes the work of civil defence.

2. STATE OF EFFICIENCY

Satisfactory as far as is known.

VI. PRISONS1. NUMBER AND LOCATIONS OF PRISONS IN USE, BY CATEGORIES.

8 Judicial
9 Penal
53 District

No change in location.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF:

(a) <u>Administration.</u>	Only fair. Personnel poor.
(b) <u>Sanitation.</u>	Poor
(c) <u>Food</u>	Authorized rations received.
(d) <u>Prison Labour</u>	Only domestic. Lack of materials precludes other work.
(e) <u>Records.</u>	Normal and much duplication.

3. PRISONERS - APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF:

(a) Convicted prisoners 500
(b) Awaiting trial:

By Italian Courts - 3,000
By AMG Courts - 30

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VII FORGED AMG CURRENCY1. NUMBER OF CASES BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

All cases have been reported specially to Public Safety Sub-Commission owing to the closing of the Region.

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VIII GENERAL1. List of Public Safety Personnel showing changes.

Lt. Col.	J.R. Pollock	(B)	TD AFHQ
Capt.	C.E. Bolt	(B)	FPSO Rieti
Capt.	J.E. Fleetwood	(B)	FPSO Rome.

Attached Officers

Lt. Col.	C.T. Francis	(B)	RPSO	From Lombardia Region
Major	F. Brannigan	(A)	Fire & CD	" " "
Major	P.E. Coxhead	(B)	PSO Rome City	" " "
Major	N.W.F. Fowler	(B)	PPSO Perugia	" " "
Capt	C.S. Anderson	(A)	PPSO Terni	" " "
Capt	D.J. Hopkins	(B)	PSO Rome	From Venezia Region.
Capt	J. Kane	(B)	PSO Viterbo	From Lombardia Region.

Changes

Major	F.G. Green	Transferred to Toscana Region
Capt	W.L. Wilson	" to HQ AC
Capt	A.J. Brown	" to Venezia Region
Capt	R.M. Freeman	" to HQ AC
Capt	A.E. Baker	" to Venezia Region
Major	J.N.K. Cowan	" " " "

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2. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

Slow but steady progress was maintained until this Division of Lazio-Umbria Region ceased to function as at midnight, 15th March, 1945.

Police agencies showed increased efficiency, their morale was higher and they were acting with more determination than at any period since the occupation of this Region.

The situation is good and I consider the Italian Police are now well able to stand on their own feet and carry on. The transport problem is likely to be their main difficulty.

Even though we have withdrawn I see no reason why the reasonably good position should not be maintained. All Public Safety Officers have worked hard and have done much to bring about the present satisfactory state of affairs, and the Italian services themselves have co-operated well.

The crime situation slowly but steadily improves.

The Fire Services are good.

The worst feature at present is the overcrowded prisons and the failure of the Italian Judicial authorities to speed up trials. The present state of affairs is a disgrace but the officials themselves do not seem to be concerned.

Conduct of troops is reasonably good and has recently shown some improvement.

Relations with Military Police and the Security Services remained excellent to the end.

The Security situation is satisfactory.

Public morale is fairly good.

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This is my last report and in closing I would draw attention to the sound, hard and painstaking work and ability displayed by all Public Safety Officers under my command. To them is the credit for the much improved state of affairs which must be apparent to all.

C.T. Francis

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Lieut. Colonel
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Public Safety Division, Lazio-
Umbria Region.
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ, Allied Commission (2)
Regional Commissioner, Lazio Umbria Region (1)

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Division of Lazio-Umbria Region for the month of February 1945.

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Vigilante)

(b) Report on Police

Steady improvement has been shown by all police agencies
and they have advanced to a fair state of efficiency. Their
morale has risen and the change in policy, whereby they will be
given more responsibility, can be viewed with confidence. The
new Questore of Rome is energetically and efficiently tackling
his many problems. Some difficulty is being experienced in
finding suitable Commissari. Some of the functions of the
Agenti are still being carried out by the Royal Carabinieri.

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Uniforms

The gradual improvement is being maintained and some supplies have now reached Viterbo. The issue, however, is far too slow.

Communications

Although good in the City of Rome and there has been some bettering of the position in the Provinces, much remains to be done.

Transport

Poor. Difficulty is still being experienced in requisitioning by the Italian authorities, owing to the ban of the Ministry of Interior. Lack of tyres and essential spare parts have immobilised many vehicles and, as a result of ordinary wear and tear and difficulties of replacement, the position is likely to worsen unless tyres and other supplies are made available soon. The matter has been the subject of a special report to Public Safety Sub-Commission (IUR/6/11/PS dated 12 Jan 45).

2. CRIME(a) Situation in Region

The general situation remains satisfactory and crime as a whole has shown a decrease. There have been a reduced number of armed hold-ups and robberies and thefts of animals but an increase in shopbreaking and flatbreaking. The further reduction in crime can be attributed to the increased efficiency and alertness on the part of all police agencies. It is pleasing to note that further arrests of Allied soldiers caught in the act of committing crime have been made by the Italian Police. An increased number of arrests is reported.

The reduction in robberies in Terni Province is attributed to the arrest of five soldiers.

More activity has been shown in suppressing black market activities.

(b) Serious Crimes and Incidents

- (1) On 1 Feb 45 CC.RR. arrested Raffaele Tessero, ^{b5-428} relieved one of "Il Gobbo's" gang leaders who was found in hospital, under a false name, suffering from gunshot wounds.

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- (2) On 1 Feb 45 at Via Bucimazza, Rome, Agents of P.S. fired at a bicycle thief and wounded him. He was arrested.
- (3) On 1 Feb 45 at 67 Nettunese, Marino, Ulesse Conso died as a result of injuries received by a hand-grenade thrown by a person unknown who had apparently gone to the premises to steal.
- (4) On 2 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. arrested two men for attempted larceny of a motor-car.
- (5) On 3 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. shot and killed Attilio Marziali, a habitual criminal, who was trying to evade arrest.
- (6) On 2 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. arrested at Tor Sapienza, Giuseppe Zingarelli and Gaetano Lisa, caught in the act of cutting electric wires. No suspicion of sabotage.
- (7) On 4 Feb 45 Paolo Albano (father of "Il Gobbo") was stabbed by an unknown person, seriously injured and taken to hospital.
- (8) On 6 Feb 45 at the Rome Municipio a woman, Maria della Corte, shot Domenico Sforza, employed there. He was seriously injured. Woman arrested. Motive - jealousy.
- (9) On 5 Feb 45 a case of flatbreaking occurred at 24 Via Castro Pretorio, Rome. L.1,600,000 postal bonds, etc., stolen.
- (10) On 8 Feb 45 in Rome, Engineer Giulio Vezzani and Avv. Guglielmo Ioele exchanged pistol shots, both were seriously injured and Ioele subsequently died in hospital.
- (11) On 15 Feb 45 at Maccarese, suburb of Cesolina, Rome Province, an aeroplane of unknown nationality, flying inland from the sea is alleged to have machine-gunned a road, injuring four persons.

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- (12) On 12 Feb 45 shopbreaking at 57 Via del Tritone, Rome, large quantity of clothing, value L.1,000,000 stolen.
- (13) On 11 Feb 45 thieves entered a Post Office at Via Taranto, Rome, and stole parcels. The panic-stricken staff of five hid themselves.
- (14) On 13 Feb 45 two men were killed by an explosive object while walking in a field near Via delle Conchiglie, Fiumicino.
- (15) On 13 Feb 45, ten men masked and armed, entered a workshop at 16 Via Marcello Provenzale, bound and gagged the watchman and stole motor material and other goods.
- (16) On 15 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. raided Black Market operators at Borgo Pio. Shots were exchanged between police and public. No casualties.
- (17) On 14 Feb 45 a painting of S. Antonio was stolen from Caravita Church.
- (18) On 18 Feb 45 at Piazza Nicosia, Agents of Squadra Mobile arrested three men suspected of motor-car thefts. The men fired at the police who returned the fire injuring one.
- (19) On 19 Feb 45 at Palatino, Rome, the body of a woman, age about 35, was found. She had been shot in the head.
- (20) On 20 Feb 45 at Palazzo di Giustizia thieves attempted to force the safe.
- (21) On 19 Feb 45 CC.RR. Potronaccio confiscated from a shop at 144 Via Prenestina, Rome, a large quantity of rationed food.
- (22) On 20 Feb 45 a gang of youths attempted to plunder shoe shops at Piazza B. Cairoli and Corso Vittorio, Rome. Agents of P.S. intervened and arrested eight.

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- (23) On 22 Feb 45 Agents of Vigili Urbani confiscated a large quantity of food being sold on the black market at Fia Luca della Robbia, Via Borgo Pio and Piazza Re di Roma. Police and public exchanged shots. No casualties.
- (24) On 20 and 21 Feb 45 Agents of Squadra Mobile raided three gaming houses. Cash L.444,000 confiscated.
- (25) On 23 Feb 45 at Risaro di Tor dei Conci, unknown persons, after firing several shots at shepherds, stole 78 sheep.
- (26) On 23 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. requested two partisans to leave a wine shop at closing time. The partisans resisted. 2 Agents and 1 partisan injured.
- (27) On 24 Feb 45 the Allied pipe line, near Rome Railway Yard, caught fire. Fire extinguished by Allied and Italian fire brigades. Cause unknown.
- (28) On 15 Feb 45 at Sezze Romano, Littoria, a woman Sacchetti Caterina, aged 50, was stabbed to death by Bruxelles Egidio. The assailant gave himself up to CC.RR. at Sezze and is awaiting trial.
- (29) A case of interest and good police work is that of the murder of Crescini Ott. of Vetralla, Viterbo, who was robbed of 200,000 lire, and the body thrown down a well, which resulted in the arrest of Gersini Giuseppe in Messina and the partial recovery of the money.

3. FIREARMS

(a) Collections from Civilians

There are undoubtedly large quantities of firearms in the possession of civilians. Italian police continue to check and confiscate such arms. Normal collections have long since ceased.

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(b) Illegal Possession

Vigilance is being maintained in the collection of arms illegally, held by civilians and many seizures have taken place. The following are example cases :-

- (1) On 18 Feb 45 Agents of P.S. Celio searched premises at 6, Via Capua and found 15 rifles, 1 machine-gun and a quantity of ammunition. Two men detained.
- (2) On 18 Feb 45 at 96 Bravetta, Rome, Agents of P.S. searching for arms, found 4 rifles, 2 pistols, hand grenades and ammunition. Michele Fiorntiono circulated as wanted for the illegal possession thereof.
- (3) On 19 Feb 45 at 139 Via della Tempie, CC.RR. searched the house of a communist and found a machine-gun, Breda bombs, 2 hand grenades and ammunition. One man (Santalamazza) arrested.
- (4) In Viterbo Province during the month 6 cases of illegal possession were unearthed and dealt with by Italian authorities.
- (5) A search was made on 18 Feb 45 at the joinery works of Ruggeri Ruggero, Via Capua 6-8, by Agents of P.S. and besides goods stolen from Angelo Fioroni's workshop at Via Claudia 35, there were found and confiscated 15 guns, 1 machine-gun, three military cases containing material for manufacturing fuses, a "Topolino" 500 car without plate and tyres, No. 025332, chassis No. 025428, one American master grip and two German cans containing American gasoline and ten American cans containing gasoline, and two mineral oil tins; also 1,500 ql. salt, three kerosene casks, two casks containing an undetermined liquid and other goods. The owner of the storehouse, Ruggeri Ruggero and one Coni Renato were detained.

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4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS

Conduct is reasonably good in Rome considering the number of troops in the City but there is still too much drunkenness and rowdyism. Conduct in the Provinces seems to be better. Bad behaviour on the part of a comparative few is apt to mar the good name of the whole. There has been a slight increase in crime committed by troops in and around Rome, and some of the more serious cases are given below :-

- (1) On 2 Feb 45 at 40 Via Barento, 5 Allied soldiers (2 South African, 2 Canadian and 1 American) entered a bar, held up the occupants, took from the proprietor L.60,000 and 20 bottles of wine, and robbed the customers of their wallets. They drove off in a car.
- (2) On 5 Feb 45 at Piazza Cinquecento, 3 British soldiers requested Giuseppe Donato to take them to a hospital in his car. He agreed and on the way was threatened with arms, robbed, assaulted and ejected from the car which the soldiers drove away. The injured man is in hospital.
- (3) On 11 Feb 45 at Via Colonna Antonina, 5 American soldiers entered a wine shop, assaulted the proprietor and stole several bottles of wine. Two of the culprits were arrested by M.P.
- (4) On 11 Feb 45 at Via Celimontana, 3 American soldiers entered a wine bar, committed wilful damage and stole money. CC.RR. arrested two and handed them over to M.P.
- (5) On 13 Feb 45 in Rome 3 Allied soldiers ordered Alfredo Nuzzi to drive them in his car. During the journey they assaulted him by striking him with a pistol, pushed him out of the car and drove away.
- (6) On 18 Feb 45 in Rome 3 believed American deserters held up Giorgio Cantueri and robbed him of his car and wallet.
- (7) On 18 Feb 45 at 22 Via Leccosa a woman was stabbed by a soldier, believed Algerian.

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- (8) On 18 Feb 45 at Flaminio an American soldier stabbed Gioacchino Grottola. Soldier arrested.
- (9) On 19 Feb 45 at Villa Borghese two Allied soldiers stole a car.
- (10) On 22 Feb 45 Anteino di Pietro died as a result of injuries, having been shot by an Allied soldier.
- (11) On 22 Feb 45 in Rome, Alfonso Marsoli was stabbed by an unidentified American soldier.
- (12) On 23 Feb 45 in Rome, Antonio Pizzuti was robbed of his car by three Allied soldiers.
- (13) On 24 Feb 45 in Rome, a Polish soldier fired at and injured Mario Sebastianelli.

All above incidents and others of a similar nature have been reported to the appropriate Provost Marshal for investigation and action.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE

Apart from Rome itself the position is satisfactory although an increased number of prostitutes have appeared in Rieti Province. Intensified action is being taken there and many arrests have been made. Twelve prostitutes were found suffering from V.D. In Rome 60 clandestine brothels were closed during the month and 984 unregistered prostitutes were apprehended. 246 of these were found suffering from V.D. and detained for treatment. Two pimps were arrested, and proceedings instituted against 42 persons for letting rooms to soldiers contrary to the Order of the Questore dated 23 Jan 45.

6. RELATIONS WITH - (a) Military Police - Highly satisfactory.
(b) Security Services - Very good.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

- (a) Italian - As previously reported - deplorably slow.
- (b) A.M.G. - Satisfactory.

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8. OTHER POINTS AFFECTING CIVIL POLICE

The new Questore of Rome (Sessa) has been well received by the Press and appears to be an able man. He should do well in his new post if the politicians give him the chance.

Arrangements are being made for Italian police reports to go direct to Provost authorities, so the closing of Regional Public Safety Office, scheduled for 15 Mar 45, should not cause any difficulty. Major F.G. Green will act as Liaison Officer and will have an office with P.M. at the Questura.

CC.RR. and GG.FF. have been actively engaged on duties connected with olive oil amassing and have sequestered a considerable quantity of oil and olives. On 25 Feb 45 a car of the American Embassy was stopped and found to be carrying 90 litres of olive oil without permission.

The quantity of explosive material which lies scattered about the Region is still a source of danger, in spite of warnings to the public. There have been several cases of death and injury. At Poggio Mirteto (Rieti) on 15 Feb 45 a man using abandoned explosives to dynamite fish was killed in the process. Hand grenades have been thrown and have caused injury and damage. A Mobile Ammunition Unit (RAOC) recently arrived in Frosinone Province and is collecting both Allied and enemy ammunition which is lying about throughout the Province.

II. SECURITY1. SABOTAGE

Two cases of suspected sabotage have been reported -

(a) On 7 Feb 45 at 1300 hours at Forte Antenne (Rome) the pipe-line was damaged by the explosion of a hand grenade. SIB are making enquiries.

(b) On 24 Feb 45 at 2100 hours the pipe-line near the Rome Railway Goods Yard was damaged by the explosion of a hand grenade. SIB on enquiry. 5421

Isolated thefts of telephone wire continued but they are not considered acts of sabotage.

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2. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

The only strike reported is that of the employees of the Uffici Trasporti who went on strike on 1 Feb 45 against the amalgamation with ENAC. The strike was settled the same day. No disorder.

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES

(a) Hair cutting incidents occasionally arise and are being dealt with by a special squad operating from the Questura. The situation is not nearly as alarming as rumour would have one believe.

(b) On 19 Feb 45 at 1130 hours a demonstration occurred at Via Lucca against the closing of black market shops. Participants were mainly women and boys. Order restored by Agents of P.S.

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

Fairly good taking the Region as a whole. Rome City is still in difficulties and rather depressed about the food situation. The promise of an increased bread ration has had a good effect.

Frosinone Province report public morale as very low due to shortage of food, the decreasing value of the lire and high black market prices. It is becoming increasingly difficult and in some cases impossible to obtain adequate food and clothing.

Littoria Province is apprehensive over the malarial problem although something has been done to alleviate the problem through both Allied and Italian channels.

Rieti Province report morale as good although high prices and lack of travel facilities are affecting same.

Viterbo Province consider that the issue of rationed products, such as sugar, would do much to appease the public.

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5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

Many have been held throughout the Region, without incident, the more important of which are listed below :-

- (a) On 11 Feb 45 the Republican Party held a meeting in Rome which passed off without incident.
- (b) On 18 Feb 45 a meeting in Piazza del Popolo (Patriots Day) passed off quietly.
- (c) Two Labour meetings were held in Littoria Province. No incident.

6. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Satisfactory. The Security Services consider that control is reasonable good and that there is no cause for anxiety.

7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES

(a) General position - unchanged. Reports on all Rome outstanding cases have been passed to AFHQ through AC (Security Division).

(b) Number of internees in civilian prisons - Nil.

III. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

(a) Registration - Proceeding normally but very slowly through usual Italian channels.

(b) Problems - By 15 Feb 45 the renewals had not been completed thus making the problem of checking vehicles an impossible one.

(c) Civilian Movement - This is done through an office set up by the Questore of each Province. Only applications to go beyond the Control Line are sent to AMG/AC officers for further screening and forwarding to AMG 5 or 8 Army or appropriate RC. No difficulties are now experienced. 5419

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IV. FIRE1. General Report on -

(a) Efficiency - This is as good and satisfactory as can be expected having regard to the many difficulties under which the personnel have to work, viz., inadequate remuneration; insufficiency of clothing and minimum rations.

(b) State of Equipment - Varies as between Provinces from good to very poor. Generally speaking worn-out tyres and batteries and inability to replenish them are the chief concern.

2. Serious Fires and General.

(a) Calls - The number of calls received and attended during the month was made up as follows :-

Military fires	-	3
Civilian fires	-	53
Special Services	-	43
False alarms	-	<u>1</u>
Total	-	<u>100</u>

This shows a decrease of 6 fires and 14 special services compared with last month's figures.

(b) Monetary Loss - The estimated monetary loss was 26,048,000 lire. An increase of 20,708,500 lire over last month.

(c) Serious fires

(1) At 1825 hours on 29 Jan 45 a call was received to Via Alessandro Poerio. Upon arrival it was ascertained that the second floor of an apartment house was well alight. Three slightly burned persons were removed from the building by the Brigade and taken to hospital. After the fire was extinguished three bodies (two female and one male) were found amongst the debris. The cause of fire was said to be due to an explosion of petrol vapours. Loss was estimated at 100,000 lire.

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(2) At 0020 hours on 18 Feb 45 a call was received to a warehouse building at the Termini Station. The building and contents comprising a large quantity of empty sacks, was burning fiercely. Difficulty was experienced by the Brigade in extinguishing the fire due to the building construction and dense smoke. Assistance was given by the Army Fire Service. It is estimated that 100,000 sacks were severely damaged and rendered unfit for further use. Loss was estimated at 20,000,000 lire. The cause of the fire was said to be due to an electrical short circuit.

(3) There were two fires during the month at the petrol pipe line at Via Salaria, Route 4. A considerable amount of petrol was destroyed. The cause of the fire in each case was recorded as unknown.

(4) At 0245 hours on 27 Feb 45 a call was received to Via dell Impero. A military truck and trailer carrying a large dynamo was seriously damaged. Cause was due to the overheating of the wheels by friction and igniting of the tyres. Loss was estimated at 600,000 lire.

(5) At 1633 hours on 23 Feb 45 a call was received to Via Tibaldi. A private car on road loaded with cinema films and a brief-case containing a substantial sum of money was involved. The car and contents were a total loss, estimated at 2,500,000 lire. The cause of the fire is unknown.

(d) Ambulance Service - The ambulance attended 46 calls to accidents during the month - a decrease of 9 calls compared with last month's figures.

(e) Staff - The establishment returns at the end of the month were as follows :-

City & Government	-	9 Officers, 114 Sub-Officers
Rome Province	-	3 Officers, 11 Sub-Officers
City & Government	-	570 Men, total - 693
Rome Province	-	104 Men, total - 118

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The following disciplinary measures were taken :-

Confined to barracks	-	12
Fined	-	54
Fined 1/5 of salary	-	2
Dismissed the service	-	5

(f) Rome Province - The total number of calls in the Province was as follows :-

Military fires	-	1
Civilian fires	-	10
Special services	-	44

Monetary loss was estimated at 680,000 lire.

(g) Frosinone Province - The firestation at Frosinone was re-opened on 1 Feb 45. The equipment consists of one motor pump with a crew of 9 Men.

(h) Littoria Province - Serious fire. On 5 Feb 45 a fire occurred at a cycle shop in Cisterna. The Brigade responded from Littoria and the fire was extinguished with the aid of Allied soldiers. Three persons were injured and conveyed to Littoria hospital. Damage estimated at 200,000 lire. Property not insured. Caused by naked light exposed to petrol fumes while petrol was being transferred from a drum to smaller containers. CC.RR. on enquiry as to possession of the fuel.

V. CIVIL DEFENCE

U.N.P.A. has ceased to function long since and Civil Defence is the responsibility of the Fire Brigade except in the Province of Viterbo where the duty has devolved on the CC.RR.

VI. PRISONS

(1) Number and Location - 8 Judicial, 9 Penal, 53 District.
No change in location.

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(2) General Conditions

- (a) Administration - Fair. Handicapped by poor subordinate personnel.
- (b) Sanitation - Generally poor but some improvement in isolated cases.
- (c) Food - Some slight improvement and increase in rations.
- (d) Prison Labour - Employed in kitchens, on clerical work and in repair of prisons. Much could be done if the necessary supplies were available.
- (e) Records - Normal but much below Allied standards.

(3) Prisoners - Approximate number of :-

(a) Convicted prisoners	-	475
(b) Prisoners awaiting trial by,		
(i) Italian Courts	-	2851
(ii) AMG Courts	-	29

Bedding and blankets are in short supply especially in Littoria Province.

With the closing of Regional HQ and the cessation of aid to the prison administration, a further decrease in efficiency is feared, but the Italian authorities will have to establish their own procedure and carry on without constant appeal to Allied agencies.

VII. FORGED A.M. CURRENCY

Number of cases handled - Nine.

Rome City - three cases, involving -

632	-	L.1000	false	notes
70	-	L. 500	"	"
1	-	L. 100	"	"

Eleven arrests have been made.

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In addition A.F.A. have forwarded for investigation, received from Rome banks :-

532	-	L.1000 false notes
199	-	L. 500 " "
109	-	L. 100 " "
3	-	L. 50 " "

Allied Paymasters have forwarded 37 false notes of various denominations making a total of L.334,400 confiscated.

A special report is being submitted to Public Safety Sub-Commission in respect of above.

Rome Province - One case involving 10 L.1000 false notes - One arrest by CC.RR.

Frosinone Province - One case, L.42,000 involved - one arrest

Rieti Province - Three cases, involving 4,600 lire - no arrests.

Viterbo Province - One case, L.100 - no arrest.

VIII. GENERAL

1. List of Public Safety personnel :-

83738 Lt-Col. C.T. Francis	(B) RPSO
287733 Major F.G. Green	(B) D/RPSO
279423 Capt. W.L. Wilson	(B) RPO (Executive)
279386 Capt. A.J. Brown	(B) Fire & C.D.
O-255527 Capt. R.M. Freeman	(A) Prisons Officer
279398 Major P.E. Coxhead	(B) PSO Rome City and
279412 Capt. D.J. Hopkins	(B) PO) Governatorato.
279480 Capt. J.B. Fleetwood	(B) PPSO Rome Province
291632 Capt. A.E. Baker	(B) PPSO Littoria Prov.
O-917293 Major J.N.K. Cowan	(A) PPSO Frosinone Prov.
313775 Capt. C.E. Bolt	(B) PPSO Rieti Province
279413 Capt. J. Kane	(B) PPSO Viterbo Prov.

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O-1307518 Capt. J.C. Davenport	(A) Transferred to 5414 (Austria)
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Attached Officers

Major F. Brannigan	(A)	Fire & C.D. - From Lombardia Reg	"	"	"
Major N.W.F. Fowler	(B)	PPSO Perugia	"	"	"
Capt. G.S. Anderson	(A)	PPSO Terni	"	"	"

Changes

Lt-Col L.E. Vining	(B)	Transferred to Piemonte Region
Capt. F.C. Stiles	(A)	Transferred to Southern Region.

2. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation

The slow but steady progress previously reported has been well maintained during the past month. The increased efficiency of all the police agencies is apparent, their morale is higher and they are acting with greater firmness in their arduous duty of suppression and detection of crime and in the maintenance of law and order. The situation in the City itself can now be described as good. I do not think there has ever been any doubt as to the ability of the Italian police to maintain the peace but their task has been a difficult one and their handicaps many. Even now they are endeavouring to operate with far less than the minimum amount of transport required for the purpose. This is their biggest trouble at the moment and it is hoped that the Italian Government will succeed not only in maintaining their meagre supply of vehicles but in substantially improving the position. Although we are withdrawing from the area, I see no reason why the present state of affairs should deteriorate. All Public Safety Officers have given of their best to improve the position and the utmost co-operation has been received from all sections of the various Police services.

The crime situation has further improved and it is pleasing to report a further deduction on the month's figures. Notwithstanding less crime, cases solved and arrests made have shown an increase. Although the number of cases of crime, as in all large Cities, is fairly high, and is of course a serious matter, the position is not, in my opinion, one for undue alarm.

The state of efficiency of the Fire Brigade is good. 5413

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Much concern is felt regarding overcrowding of prisons and the inability of the Italian Judicial authorities to speed up the trials of prisoners.

The conduct of troops is, on the whole, reasonably good, and relations with Military Police and the Security Services are excellent. The security situation is regarded as satisfactory.

Public morale is fairly good and the news that the bread ration is being raised has improved it. Lack of food and clothing, high prices and inadequate travel facilities are the main problems which tend to lower morale.

Forgery of A.M. Currency is still a serious matter. There have been 11 arrests during the month and L.1,400,000 false notes have been seized.

C.T. Francis

C.T. FRANCIS,
Lt-Colonel,
RPSO, LAZIO-UMBERIA REGION

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

Public Safety Division.
2nd February, 1945.

File No. :- LUR/5/PS.

Subject :- Monthly Report - Public Safety Division,
Lazio-Umbria Region.

To :- HQ., AC., Public Safety Sub-Commission. (2)
Acting Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region; (1)

Hereunder I give Monthly Report for the Public Safety
Division of Lazio-Umbria Region for the month of January, 1945.

1. CIVIL POLICE

(a) Strength

AGENCY

OFFICERS

OTHER RANKS

CC.RR.	366	12,340
Agenti di P.S.	379	9,600
GG.FF.	197	3,988
Guardia Municipale	29 46	455 1710
Corpo Forestale	46 29	1,710 455

(b) Report on Police

In reporting on the efficiency of the various Police Agencies, I am very pleased to be able to quote the following Memorandum received from Rome Area Allied Command, dated 2nd January, 1945:-

" Memorandum: The following letter was received from Allied Force Headquarters and is reproduced for the interest of all concerned. Coming from such a high level it reflects great credit upon this Command and is a source of pride to the Commanding General.

To Commanding General R.A.A.C.

Allied Force Headquarters
28 December 1944

Subject: Criminal Activities in Rome.

Reference your letter TKB/19 dated 16 Dec 1944.

- (1) The Supreme Allied Commander has noted with satisfaction the efficient and courageous manner in which the various police agencies involved in these cases have done their work.

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(2) He wishes you to convey his appreciation to the Officers and men concerned, and also his approval of the manner in which the efforts of all concerned in this most successful investigation have been co-ordinated.

s/M.W.M. MacLeod
Major General, D.A.G.
G.I (B)

By Command of Brigadier General Brown

s/ J.E. Cheek
Captain A.G.D.
Adj. General

The above letter, which was well merited, referred to undertakings of both military and civilian police which had contributed greatly to an improved police and public safety situation in the City of Rome during the previous month. Its contents have been published to all concerned and were received with satisfaction.

A very satisfactory improvement in Police efficiency generally, has been apparent during this month and all Provincial Public Safety Officers comment on this. This has perhaps been highlighted in the City of Rome when large scale raids on certain quarters planned and organised by the Officers of the various Police Agencies have been given much publicity, but much good work, quietly carried out in the Provinces without the spectacular aspects which attract Journalistic attention, is producing useful results.

The raid for arms carried out on houses at Fondi (Littoria) on 30th December, 1944 - reported in last month's report, has had a most salutary effect and has rendered the Police (almost) popular in the neighbourhood.

It is a queer corollary, however, that certain Italian newspapers still appear to think, that while it is morally wrong to handle criminal elements roughly - especially if such elements can by any stretch of the imagination be identified with particular political organisations - that a Police Officer is fair game, and that there is no close season for shooting policemen. 5410

Uniforms - The position with regard to uniforms for Police is improving somewhat slowly - boots still being sadly lacking. Viterbo Province reports that supplies are still urgently needed.

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Communications - Communications in the Rome area have been much improved and telephone communications has now been established to all important stations. Outside of Rome there is however little progress to report.

Transport - As a result of wear and tear and difficulties of replacement, transport facilities are definitely becoming worse. It is to be hoped that at least some of the 1700 vehicles which are said to be due from America for the civil population will be earmarked for the Police.

2. CRIME.

While not being too complacent about the crime situation, which (judged by English standards) is still serious, it would be at the same time be incorrect to paint the picture too darkly. The impression has been widely disseminated that such is the state of crime in Rome that it is unsafe for any person to be abroad after dark and only recently three Officers, on leave from the front-line, asked, quite seriously whether one should walk out after dark unarmed. It is a pity perhaps that shortage of (non-military) copy has caused well-meaning journalists to over-publicize reports of such crimes as have become known.

During the earlier part of the month a number of armed hold-ups were reported but these have decreased in the latter part of the month. Shop breakings are still prevalent in the City.

Crimes of violence have apparently increased slightly during the month but arrests have been made in many of these cases. The theft of motor vehicles again shows a decrease.

The Black Market still flourishes, Allied property, particularly cigarettes being much in demand. A disturbing feature is speculation in Allied currency which is taking place, both the dollar and pound sterling being much in demand and selling at high prices. Efforts are being made to cope with this.

Important crimes & incidents.

Rome City: (a) Following the killing of 3 civilians and the wounding of another in the Via Prenestina area (in December) by persons unknown, Italian Police made widespread enquiries in this area as a result of which it was suspected that large quantities of arms were secreted in the area. These enquiries also pointed to the existence of a gang of thieves residing in the area, headed by one ALBANO Giuseppe. During these investigations (on the 9th January 1945) a

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SALVAGGI was shot dead by members of the gang and on the 14th January a British Corporal, M. Tomkinson, was shot and subsequently died from wounds whilst endeavouring to arrest five members of the gang who had attacked a British Sergeant who was questioning them regarding their possession of five sub-machine guns and other property which was in a lorry from which they had alighted. One man was arrested and it was ascertained that ALBANO Giuseppe was the murderer.

On the 16th January, 3 members of ALBANO'S gang, all armed with pistols, were arrested by an Italian Police Squad. At the same time another squad endeavoured to arrest ALBANO and two members of the gang. ALBANO opened fire which was returned by Police and ALBANO was killed. PESCAROLI, one of the other two, was wounded and arrested whilst the third, NINO BOIA, escaped but was subsequently arrested.

Italian Police continued investigation and on the 18th instant a large scale operation in which 670 Carabinieri, 120 Agenti and 220 Italian troops were used conducted simultaneous searches in two areas, the BORGO GORDIANI and BORGATA QUARTICCIOLI. A large quantity of arms of all sorts were seized and about 300 persons arrested. Separate reports have already been submitted with regard to this operation and it is not necessary to recapitulate these reports.

It should be emphasised, however, that twenty-one persons only of the 300 arrested were said to be members of the Albano gang. The others arrested included army deserters and absentees; persons found in possession of firearms; persons for whom a warrant of arrest was already in existence, etc; etc.

The case aroused and continues to provoke much exaggerated interest and comment in the Press and PEPPINO IL GOBBO (ALBANO) had become an almost legendary figure. Attempt has been made to add political colour of varying hues to the affair. It would be wrong however to assume that his gang, such as it was, was a vast underground political network. The areas of Rome in which the arrested persons resided are amongst the most depressed and soul-destroying of the Roman suburbs and it is not altogether surprising that economic conditions have produced there a large class of sneak thieves. This does not however detract from the good work done by the Police in clearing up the area.

(b) On the 25th January CC.RR. searched the offices of the Movimento Comunista d'Italia in the Via dei Giubbonari where, behind false walls, they found a large quantity of arms and ammunition. Enquiries are proceeding. 5408

(c) On the 27th January they also raided the premises of the /Partito

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Partito di Unione Proletaria in Via Fornova and were also recovered a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The General Secretary of the Party, SALVAREZZO Umberto is missing and enquiries are in hand to trace him and establish responsibility for the possession of the arms.

(d) On the 1st January on the railway, approximately 8 kms. from Rome, Allied Military Train Guards fired at three persons suspected of crime. One person was killed and two injured - two employed by the Railway Company and the other a passer-by.

(e) 9th January. Shopbreaking at 3 Piazza Bologna; silks and clothes valued L.6,000,000 stolen.

(f) 16th January. At 34 Porta Furba a gang of about thirty armed men entered the premises and stole twentyfour pigs valued at about L.1,000,000.

(g) 21st January. At Piazza S. Maria Maggiore a woman was shot and killed by some unknown person.

(h) 26th January. At Via Statuto No. 44 a woman aged 57 years murdered with a hatchet. Motive apparently robbery.

PROVINCES.

LITTORIA. 17th January. A Shopkeeper, Di LENOLA V icenso stabbed to death. Assailant later surrendered to Police and awaits trial.

RIETI. 24th January. Armed robbery by two persons who robbed two individuals of cheques and banknotes to value of L.190,000. Subsequently arrested by CC.RR.

ROME PROVINCE. 9th January. At Marino a farmer was shot and killed when he surprised seven men raiding his land. No arrests yet made.

FROSINONE. 16th January near Ceprano a Sergeant and two soldiers of the Italian Army patrolling the Naples - Rome petrol fuel line encountered civilians apparently stealing fuel. They challenged the civilians and were answered by shots. Fire was returned by the soldiers with an automatic rifle. Later the soldiers found the body of one BERTONI Arturo and also arrested MACARI Bruno (an auxilliary member of the CC.RR. stationed at Viterbo who was on leave to Ceprano) who was wounded in both legs. Another man was subsequently arrested as concerned in petrol stealing.

3. FIREARMS. It is evident that there are still large numbers in possession of civilians. Special efforts are continuing by Italian Police to confiscate such arms and Provincial Police Officers are watching results.

4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

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On the whole, conduct is good but, as usual, isolated instances by individuals mar the good name of the whole. Typical incidents in Rome City are as follows :-

- (a) 3rd January in Via Nazionale five Allied soldiers stopped a civilian and robbed him of L.4000. Soldiers decamped; one arrested by P.S. Agents and handed over to M.Ps.
- (b) 9th January at Piazza della Croce Rossa two British soldiers stole a purse from a woman. Soldiers arrested by CC.RR. and handed over to M.Ps.
- (c) 11th January at Piazza Esedra a civilian motor driver employed by the Allies was robbed of his vehicle, assaulted and robbed of his wallet containing L.4300 by two men dressed in Allied uniforms. The motor driver is detained in hospital suffering from head wounds the result of blows with a revolver.
- (d) 24th January at Via Salaria three Allied soldiers with a Jeep stopped an Italian truck took a pistol from a CC.RR. and stole L.150,000 from a civilian who was on the truck.

The above incidents and others have all been referred to Provost for investigation and necessary action.

- (e) In Rieti Province on the 24th January a soldier, not yet identified, took umbrage at being snowballed by an Italian youth of 16 years of age whom he kicked in the genitals. The boy was taken to hospital and subsequently died. Enquired in hand by S.I.B.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

Throughout the Region generally (other than Rome Area) which is practically devoid of troops the problem regarding venereal disease is not grave. In the City of Rome however the position still gives cause for serious measures. There are eighteen civilian registered brothels employing 177 prostitutes operating. These are officially "out of bounds" and "off limits" to Allied troops. During the month fifteen clandestine brothels have been closed, nine prostitutes arrested for soliciting, 799 unregistered prostitutes have been medically examined of whom 131 were found to be diseased. 5406

Largely with the idea of preventing touting for prostitutes by children the Prefect of Rome at the request of Rome Public Safety Office has issued a decree enforcing a curfew for children under the age of fifteen between the hours of 8 pm. and 6 am. The decree came into force only a few days ago but is reported to be operating satisfactorily and the Provost Marshal reports a marked decrease of touting by children.

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6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

All Provincial Police Officers report excellent relations with both services.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(a) Italian. Still deplorably slow. One hundred and forty-eight cases affecting Allied interests have been disposed of in a satisfactory manner. The number of such cases awaiting trial is now approximately twelve hundred, the nett result being that these cases are catching up on the legal authorities. The Regional Legal Officer is endeavouring to expedite these cases.

(b) A.M.G. Courts are proceeding satisfactorily.

8. OTHER POINTS AFFECTING CIVIL POLICE.

A Maresciallo and 3 CC.RR. at MonteCompatri, Province of Rome, have since August 1944 been pursuing enquiries in connection with a case in which five persons were arrested. As the result of their enquiries eleven other persons have been since arrested and one hundred and seventeen others denounced to Ital Legal Authorities. This case has necessitated extremely involved and laborious enquiries and these duties have been carried out by these Officers in addition to their other duties. This is illustrative of the patient and efficient work carried out by the CC.RR. and negatives suggestions of inefficiency often made against the CC.RR.

PART II.SECURITY.

(1) SABOTAGE. There have been no cases of sabotage as such reported in the Region.

There have been isolated cases of telephone wire thefts but these are thought to have been committed from the motive of larceny and not of sabotage.

Similarly there has been a good deal of larceny of petrol on the pipe line between Rome and Frosinone but again theft has been the primary motive. Patrols of Italian Army have been established to safeguard this pipe line and several arrests have been made of persons found in possession of petrol stolen from the line. 5405

At Scandriglia and Cottanello areas of Rieti Province there have been instances of damaging by explosives. It is thought that these incidents were due to a family feud; a flour mill and an oil mill were damaged. Enquiries are in hand.

(2) Strikes

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(2) STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

NIL.

(3) CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

(a) A minor demonstration at Prossedi, Province of Littoria, on January 12th. A crowd of 300 persons demonstrated against alleged neglect of Communal duties by the Sindaco and other officials. No serious incidents.

(b) A demonstration at Graffignano, Province of Viterbo, on the 19th January was staged to protest against the new Sindaco whom the demonstrators denied access to the Municipio. The demonstration lasted for some hours and eventually the Carabinieri opened fire on the demonstrators wounding five persons, one seriously. The circumstances under which fire was opened are conflicting and not satisfactory. The matter has been referred to the Legion Commander for investigation.

(c) On the 27th January Carabinieri of Acquapendente arrested at Gradoli, Province of Viterbo, four Italian youths who had failed to answer the military call-up. About a thousand people demonstrated against the Carabinieri demanding the release of the youths from the Caserma. Owing to the small number of CC.RR. present and difficulty of obtaining reinforcements the Maresciallo in charge of the Station deemed it prudent to release the prisoners to prevent further complications. The crowd then dispersed. The Carabinieri will endeavour to rearrest the four youths who are said to be hiding in the mountains and convey them quietly direct to Viterbo and arrangements have been made that no conscripts similarly arrested in future shall be lodged in outlying lock-ups.

Whilst in the Region generally there has been no trouble reported with regard to the call up, it seems that in Viterbo Province there has been considerable agitation against it and the impression has been spread that the system operates unfairly against the poorer classes.

The P.P.S.O. however reports that since the above incident the position has somewhat improved and the response to the call up has been better.

(d) One other form of civil disturbance which should be referred to is the occasional interference by gangs of youths in Rome with Italian women who are seen in the company of Allied Soldiers. This matter has been referred to the Questore who has been acquainted with the serious view which is taken by the Allied Authorities of the continuance of these incidents. The Questore states that ~~he~~ ^{he} is giving this matter his full personal attention and has set in motion extensive enquiries to identify the persons responsible for recent cases. There is a certain amount of difficulty in prosecuting /these

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these cases which under the Italian Penal Code are classed as "Violenze Private" and require formal complaint by the assaulted party which is not always forthcoming. In future cases however if it can be proved that the assailants have been previously concerned in such activities it is proposed, where possible, to prefer charges of "Associazione a delinquere" (Association of three or more persons to commit a crime) which is an offence punishable with heavy penalties. It can therefore be taken that the Italian Police will do all that they can to prevent or to deal with a recurrence of such incidents. At the same time it should be emphasised that this matter has been given more press publicity than it really warrants and such publicity has had the effect of producing the impression that these incidents (undesirable as they are) are much more prevalent than is the case.

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

Generally good; Rome City, still in difficulties about food, remains somewhat depressed although outward appearances seem to belie the gloomier views expressed by some people. The news of the Soviet victories has raised hopes of an early peace. Terni Province reports that a bumper Olive Oil crop has produced great satisfaction. Frosinone Province reports the lack of food and clothing and a period of very cold weather has somewhat lowered public morale.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

No incidents are reported as the result of public meetings held in the Region.

6. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Throughout the Region the situation appears satisfactory. All Security Services are alert to their responsibilities and in Rome City the Area Command Security Agencies are functioning well. Despite the finding of firearms in the possession of certain political ~~mm~~ elements the population generally is calm.

7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

(a) General position unchanged.

(b) Number of internees in civilian prisons - 1. (At Alatri, Frosinone Province, awaiting transfer).

PART III.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

The P.P.S.O., Terni Province reports that Licensing and
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Registration is proceeding "Normally, with the usual hitches". This accurately describes the general situation. The Italian authorities seem quite incapable of showing expedition or concern in this matter. After asking for permission to extend all vehicle licences which were valid until 31st December, 1944, until 31st January, 1945, (which request was negatived by A.C.) they announced that the licences would be valid "until a dead-line date to be announced later". This date has not yet been announced although "It is thought that the date may be February 15th (1945)". It is needless to stress how unsatisfactory this is from the Police point of view. It is quite impossible to check on motor vehicles under these circumstances. The various difficulties facing the Italians in this matter are recognized but it is not thought that very much energy is being given to surmounting them.

PART IV.FIRE.

Rome City. The number of calls received and attended during the month was 121 made up as follows :-

Military fires	-	-	4
Civilian fires	-	-	58
Special Services	-	-	57
False alarms	-	-	2

This shows an increase of 2 fires and 7 special services over last months figures.

Monetary loss; the estimated monetary loss was L/5,339,500. A decrease of L.797,700 compared with last month.

Serious fires; there was only one fire worthy of note, viz. at 7.40 pm, on 2nd January a call was received to Via Salaria No. 21. A timber building of two floors used as a hay loft was burning fiercely. The fire was extinguished after two hours work with two motor pumps. Four thousand quintals of hay was destroyed and the loss is estimated at L.2,000,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Ambulance services. The ambulance attended 55 calls to accidents during the month; an increase of eleven calls over last month.

STAFF.

The Establishment at the end of the month was as follows :-

	<u>Rome City</u>	<u>Rome Province</u>	
Officers	9	3	
Sub-Officers	115	11	
Men	627	106	5402
Totals	751	120	

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Rome Province. The total number of calls in the Province was 78, as follows :-

Military Fires	-	2
Civilian fires	-	17
Special services	-	59

Monetary loss is estimated at L.99,000.

Rieti Province. The total number of calls was 15, as follows :-

Civilian fires	-	10
Special services	-	5

Monetary loss L.128,000.

General efficiency. The general level of efficiency of the Fire Services throughout the Region is as good as can be expected considering the difficulties under which the men have to work, i.e. lack of clothing and sufficient food.

Equipment is suffering from wear and tear and lack of replacements especially with regard to tyres and batteries.

PART V.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Such Civil Defence organization as there is is now in the hands of the Fire Brigade throughout the Region.

PART VI.

PRISONS.

- (1) Number and location. No change from last month.
- (2) General Conditions.
 - (a) Administration. Fair, seriously handicapped by poor subordinates.
 - (b) Sanitation. Poor everywhere, some progress since last report.
 - (c) Food. Generally poor but in line with authorised scales.
 - (d) Prison labour. Kitchen help - clerical - prison repairs - prison shops.
 - (e) Records. Below Allied standards everywhere. Very characteristic, much duplication and delay in extracting needed data. Poor liaison between Court and Prison records.

Repairs to prison at Regina Coeli are continuing and the transit wings having been completed were taken into use to receive prisoners during the big influx following large scale raids during the month. The Eighth Wing has been completed and will be 5401 / occupied

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occupied shortly. Roof repairs have been completed and the hydraulic installation is now in order. Work on the electrical plant in the Sixth, Eighth and Transit Wings have been completed and is continuing in the Seventh Wing. Construction of protecting walls in the exercise courtyard is in progress.

(3) Prisoners.

Approximate number of :-

(a) Convicted Prisoners	-	503
(b) Awaiting trial by :-	-	1366
(1) Italian Courts	-	30
(2) A.M.G. Courts	-	478
(c) Held for investigation	-	

The main Prisons of Rome, Littoria, Perugia, Rieti and Viterbo are overcrowded as are also the district prisons of Arce, Gaeta, Gubbio and Sora.

The total prison population of the Region has dropped due to transfers to other Regions and removal of Military prisoners to custody of Italian Military. Total prisoners in Judicial and penal prisons and reformatories is 2851; in Mandementale or District Prisons 455. Grand total 3306.

Through the efforts of the Superintendent of Prisons an appreciable quantity of medicines was received during the month for the inmates of Soriano Prison, Viterbo, which houses many insane criminals and sick prisoners. The position has thereby much improved but the Director reports that he is unable to obtain necessary supplies of blankets.

PART VII.FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

During the month 15 cases were brought to notice. Details are as follows :-

(a) On 29/12/44, Erminio Monti di Giuseppe, age 39, of No. 3 Via Arco di Parma, Rome, was arrested by Agents of P.S. for possessing 700 counterfeit one thousand lire notes. (See Appendix 'A') \ 30

(b) On 20/12/44 Agents of P.S. arrested Pasqualino Filippi, age 19 of Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Rome, for possessing 8 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. These notes are identical with series reported by 76th Section S.I.B. Circular dated 27/12/44. (See Appendix 'B'). \ 30

(c) On 16th January Agents of P.S. arrested Camillo COPPOLA, age 52, of 32 Via Paola, Rome, an habitual criminal for possessing 5/00
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12 one thousand lire counterfeit notes. Serial numbers of these notes are also identical with those mentioned in the Circular shown in (b). (See Appendix 'C'). ¹³⁰

(d) During the week-ending 21/1/45 Agents of P.S. arrested four persons Amelia Spallotta, 21 Via Vicolo dell'Aquila, Rome, Vincenza Perali, 14 Via Coronari, Rome, Gioconda Fabiani, 13 Via Montegiordano, Rome, and Nicola Andrea Rossini, 4 Via Porcari, Rome, for possessing 1809 counterfeit one hundred lire notes and fourteen plates for printing notes.

The notes consist of seventeen 1943A series. (See Appendix 'D'). ¹³¹ Six metal stamps bearing other serial numbers which appeared to have been used were also confiscated.

It is possible that a number of these notes are already in circulation. Police are seeking to arrest as principals Umberto Ercolani husband of Spallotta and Giuseppe ~~RM~~ Bettazzi husband of Perali who have absconded.

(e) During the week-ended 28/1/45 Agents of P.S. arrested three men for possessing 150 one thousand lire notes. Full details of this case are not yet available. For Serial number of notes see Appendix 'J'. ¹³²

(f) Pietro Pulvirenti of Carbognano, Viterbo, was arrested by CC.RR. for uttering 11 counterfeit five hundred lire notes. (See Appendix 'K'). ¹³³

(g) One 50 lire note raised by the addition of '0' to 500 surrendered to Carabinieri of Latera, Viterbo, on 21/12/44, by a civilian who received it in the course of ordinary business but he was unable to state from whom. (See Appendix 'L'(a)). ¹³⁴

(h) Nine counterfeit 500 lire notes and twelve 1000 lire notes found among genuine notes by farmers in the Vetralla are of Viterbo which had been received from two cattle dealers from Rome. Enquiry is being made to trace these men. (See Appendix 'L'(b and c)). ¹³⁵

(i) On 8/1/45 at Moricone, Province of Rome, a man and his son were found in possession of 44 counterfeit 500 lire notes which they had received from a man giving an address in Rome in payment of goods supplied. (See Appendix 'M'). The address given by the man has been found to be false. ¹³⁶

(j) Four cases brought to notice at Rieti with 1000 lire and 500 lire notes involved with a total of 14,000 lire. No arrests.

(k) Two cases at Littoria. The notes were received by the Bank of Italy, Littoria, from other financial institutions and amounted to 1505 lire. No arrests. ¹³⁷

A total of 11 persons have been arrested; 7 for possessing /or

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for uttering counterfeit notes and four for possessing counterfeit notes and counterfeiting implements. As the result of these arrests the following notes were seized :-

870 at 1000 lire	-	870,000
11 at 500 lire	-	5,500
1809 at 100 lire	-	180,900

Total	1,056,400.
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The notes are retained pending completion of the cases but it is suggested that the numbers, particularly those included in Appendices 'A', 'D' and 'J' be circulated for information.

Particulars of the more serious cases will be specially submitted in due course and application made for authority to hold Allied Military Courts.

Allied Financial Agency, Rome Branch, has forwarded to this Office 327 false one thousand lire notes, 101 five hundred lire notes and 21 one hundred lire notes (See Appendices 'E', 'F' 4g', 'H' and 'I'.) These notes were recovered through the various Rome Banks from people, who in the majority of cases, had innocently come into possession of them. The notes have been passed to the Italian Police Department for investigation.

The total value of notes recovered excluding those mentioned in the preceding paragraph is 1,110,405 lire.

PART VIII.

GENERAL.

List of Public Safety Officers in Lazio Umbria Region.

83738	Lt Col	C.T. Francis	(B)	R.P.S.O.
287733	Major	F.G. Green	(B)	D/R.P.S.O.
279423	Capt.	W.L. Wilson	(B)	R.P.O. (Executive).
279386	Capt.	A.J. Brown	(B)	Fire & Civil Defence.
O-255527	Capt.	R.M. Freeman	(A)	Prisons Officer.
279398	Major	F.E. Coxhead	(B)	P.S.O. (Rome City and
279412	Capt.	D.J. Hopkins	(B)	P.O. (Governatorato.
279480	Capt.	J.B. Fleetwood	(B)	P.P.S.O. Rome.
291632	Capt.	A.E. Baker	(B)	P.P.S.O. Littoria.
O-1917293	Major	J.R.K. Cowan	(A)	P.P.S.O. Frosinone.
313775	Capt.	C.E. Bolt	(B)	P.P.S.O. Rieti.
279413	Capt.	J. Kane	(B)	P.P.S.O. Viterbo.
O-1307518	Capt.	J.C. Davenport	(A)	P.S.O. Perugia.

/Attached Officers 5308

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Attached Officers.

Lt Col	L.E. Vining	(B)	R.P.O.	From Piemonte Region.
			Passes &	
			Permits.	
Major	F. Brannigan	(A)	Fire & Civil	From Lombardia Region.
			Defence	
Major	N.W.F. Fowler	(B)	P.P.S.O.	From Lombardia Region.
			Perugia	
Capt.	C.S. Anderson	(A)	P.P.S.O.	From Lombardia Region.
			Terni	
Capt.	F.C. Stiles	(A)	Prisons	From Lombardia Region.
			Officer, Rome	

Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

The situation generally shows signs of slow but steady improvement. The Police Agencies are standing up to their tasks with greater firmness and efficiency. The crime situation remains serious but is not unduly alarming. Security is very good.

F.G. Green.

F.G. GREEN. MAJOR.
Deputy Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT ONE THOUSAND LIRE
NOTES, 1943 A SERIE, OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY,
CONFISCATED FROM ERMINIO MONTI DI GIUSEPPE, 3 VIA ARCO DI
PARMA, ROME, ON 29/12/44:-

A 19053780	A	A 25677840	A
A 19053781	A	A 25677841	A
A 19053782	A	A 25677842	A
A 19053783	A	A 25677843	A
A 19053784	A	A 25677844	A
A 19053785	A	A 25677845	A
A 19053786	A	A 25677846	A
A 19053787	A	A 25677847	A
A 19053788	A	A 25677849	A
A 19053789	A		

A 21487830	A	A 27654321	A
A 21487831	A	A 27654325	A
A 21487832	A	A 27654326	A
A 21487833	A	A 27654329	A
A 21487834	A	A 27654361	A
A 21487835	A	A 27654362	A
A 21487836	A	A 27654363	A
A 21487837	A	A 27654364	A
A 21487838	A	A 27654365	A
A 21487839	A	A 27654367	A

A 25477860	A
A 25477861	A
A 25477862	A
A 25477863	A
A 25477864	A
A 25477865	A
A 25477866	A
A 25477867	A
A 25477868	A
A 25477869	A

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APPENDIX "B"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT ONE THOUSAND LIRE
NOTES, 1943 A SERIES, OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY,
CONFISCATED FROM PASQUALINO FILIPPI DI GUGLIELMO, 14 CORSO
VITTORIO EMANUELE, ROME ON 20/12/44:-

A 16143711 A

A 16143712 A

A 16143772 A

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APPENDIX "C"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT ONE THOUSAND LIRE
NOTES, 1943 A SERIES, OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY,
CONFISCATED FROM CAMILLO COPPOLA FU GIUSEPPE, 32 VIA
PAOLO, ROME ON 16/1/45:-

A 94830591 A

A 16143712 A

A 16143743 A

APPENDIX "D"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT ONE HUNDRED LIRE
NOTES, 1943 A SERIE, OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY,
CONFISCATED FROM AMELIA SPALLOTTA FU ANGELO, 21 VICOLO
DELL'AQUILA, ROME, ON 21/1/45:-

A 03573654 A
A 05701800 A
A 07271414 A
A 08283322 A
A 10916455 A
A 16307458 A
A 17006010 A
A 17015139 A
A 19132836 A
A 23910192 A
A 25403639 A
A 26735564 A
A 26799949 A
A 28508420 A
A 69808710 A
A 85157550 A
A 96068138 A

METAL STAMPS BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS AS SHOWN BELOW, WERE
ALSO CONFISCATED FROM THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON. THE STAMPS
HAD BEEN USED, WHICH MAY INDICATE THAT NOTES BEARING THESE
NUMBERS ARE ALREADY IN CIRCULATION:-

A 05267544 A
A 19098170 A
A 19310165 A
A 19376904 A
A 63576426 A
A 83074473 A

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APPENDIX "E"

Counterfeit and raised notes received from A.F.A.
Rome Branch on 9/1/45.

Denomination	Serial No.	Denomination	Serial No.
1000	A 94830591 A	500	A 43217960 A
1000	A 16123712 A	500	A 67584093 A
1000	A 16123712 A	500	A 32104796 A
1000	A 16123712 A	100	A 96745164 A
1000	A 16123712 A	100	A 96745164 A
1000	A 26543750 A	100	A 96745147 A
1000	A 94830591 A		
1000	A 94830591 A		
1000	A 94830591 A		
1000	A 94830591 A		
1000	A 16123712 A		
1000	A 16123712 A		
1000	A 00285924 A		
1000	A 02941367 A		
1000	A 25477862 A		
1000	A 19053790 A		
1000	A 20754691 A		
1000	A 41267309 A		
1000	A 20244955 A		
1000	A 38045268 A		
1000	A 04511640 A		
1000	A 41267509 A		
1000	A 14907263 A		
1000	A 16143712 A		
1000	A 94830591 A		
1000	A 02941367 A		
1000	A 04329176 A		
1000	A 03167492 A		
1000	A 96745175 A		
1000	A 96745169 A		
1000	A 02413579 A		
1000	A 10282753 A		
1000	A 14907236 A		
1000	A 96745166 A		
1000	A 16143712 A		
1000	A 07395101 A		
1000	A 16143712 A		
1000	A 16143712 A		

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APPENDIX "F"

Counterfeit and raised notes received from A.F.A.
Rome Branch on 10/1/45.

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
1000	A 06285985 A
1000	A 19611375 A
1000	A 17669447 A
1000	A 06285985 A
1000	A 06776646 A
1000	A 17669426 A
1000	A 96745146 A
1000	A 74132960 A
1000	A 27654365 A
1000	A 05162534 A
1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 85835038 A
1000	A 85835083 A
1000	A 06285904 A
1000	A 19611372 A
1000	A 17669446 A
1000	A 17669442 A
1000	A 26733793 A
1000	A 07395111 A
1000	A 14658044 A
1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 16143743 A
1000	A 26739112 A
500	A 67864429 A
500	A 27580134 A
500	A 03932902 A
500	A 06319724 A
500	A 15405653 A
500	A 12436907 A
500	A 03167492 A
500	A 15407280 A

APPENDIX "G"

Counterfeit and raised notes received from A.F.A.
Rome Branch on 11/1/45.

Denomination	Serial No.	Denomination	Serial No.
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 85835038 A
1000	A 26780349 A	1000	A 36407528 A
1000	A 16143743 A	1000	A 85835083 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 16143712 A
1000	A 16123712 A	1000	A 68828369 A
1000	A 16123712 A	1000	A 68828369 A
1000	A 02741936 A	1000	A 34762505 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 16143772 A
1000	A 16143712 A	1000	A 06319724 A
1000	A 02941367 A	1000	A 64300274 A
1000	A 01279654 A	1000	A 16143772 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 16123712 A
1000	A 10729563 A	1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 34752605 A	1000	A 16143712 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 26547503 A
1000	A 16123712 A	1000	A 26739112 A
1000	A 09458129 A	1000	A 14271793 A
1000	A 06485379 A	1000	A 85833805 A
1000	A 16143712 A	1000	A 06972214 A
1000	A 46635564 A	1000	A 96745142 A
1000	A 16143712 A	1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 20895663 A	1000	A 25677844 A
1000	A 96745164 A	1000	A 96745175 A
1000	A 16143743 A	1000	A 85835083 A
1000	A 21487831 A	1000	A 16143711 A
1000	A 08153642 A	1000	A 15969445 A
1000	A 16123712 A	1000	A 17295630 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 30845268 A
1000	A 25350476 A	1000	A 25477852 A
1000	A 41296750 A	1000	A 27654329 A
1000	A 20576543 A	1000	A 45052019 A
1000	A 30846285 A	1000	A 32164970 A
1000	A 96745155 A	1000	A 16143712 A
1000	A 15843277 A	1000	A 16143722 A
1000	A 37969501 A	1000	A 07395197 A
1000	A 03145625 A	1000	A 16143711 A
1000	A 18754326 A	1000	A 64300274 A
1000	A 26234515 A	1000	A 85835083 A
		1000	A 16143743 A

A 26780349	A	1000	A 85835083	A	1000
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A 12569782	A	1000	A 94830591	A	1000
A 15195951	A	1000	A 16143711	A	1000
A 15135656	A	1000	A 16143711	A	1000
A 96745163	A	1000			

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500	A 12436907
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500	A 15642898
500	A 19225627
500	A 06652214
500	A 26780349
500	A 09674312
500	A 12436790
500	A 12369074
500	A 15405653
500	A 30976248
500	A 36017492
500	A 15642171
500	A 09764132
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500	A 15407280
500	A 15405653
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100	A 96745147

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APPENDIX "H"

Counterfeit and raised notes received from A.F.A.
Rome Branch on 17/1/45.

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
1000	A 16143712	500	A 13607924
1000	A 19053787	500	A 22556659
1000	A 16143772	500	A 32167049
1000	A 16143772	500	A 13188871
1000	A 31690742	500	A 09764132
1000	A 85833805	500	A 12604937
1000	A 06298347	500	A 08943762
1000	A 85835038	500	A 51339940
1000	A 16123712	500	A 43217960
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1000	A 06776646	500	A 08943762
1000	A 16143712	500	A 16143743
1000	A 16143712	500	A 06972214
1000	A 05428581	500	A 16143743
1000	A 16123712	500	A 01496732
1000	A 16143712	500	A 19026374
1000	A 94830591	500	A 16143743
1000	A 02413679	500	A 21064379
1000	A 16143772	500	A 38416249
1000	A 02568354	500	A 11131744
1000	A 17669444	500	A 40129675
1000	A 94830591	500	A 51411093
1000	A 94830591	500	A 12369074
1000	A 94830591	500	A 14907236
1000	A 16143743	500	A 09764132
1000	A 16123712	500	A 14369072
1000	A 94830591	500	A 13188880
1000	A 16143743	500	A 20754619
1000	A 06215970	500	A 06298347
1000	A 16143772	500	A 16143743
1000	A 94830591	500	A 06972214
1000	A 26730274	500	A 45414937
1000	A 96745146	500	A 35944365
1000	A 96745151	100	A 96745147
1000	A 16123712	100	A 96745147
1000	A 16259194	100	A 96745147
500	A 17569287	100	A 96745147

APPENDIX "I"

Counterfeit and raised notes received from A.F.A.
Rome Branch on 23/1/45.

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
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1000	A 15405971 A	1000	A 19611373 A
1000	A 16259624 A	1000	A 19611373 A
1000	A 16143772 A	1000	A 19611371 A
1000	A 64308963 A	1000	A 19611372 A
1000	A 25477862 A	1000	A 10295637 A
1000	A 12604937 A	1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 68820274 A	1000	A 36250475 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 26735564 A
1000	A 25677847 A	1000	A 07218044 A
1000	A 16285912 A	1000	A 14658369 A
1000	A 16143711 A	1000	A 64308963 A
1000	A 16143743 A	1000	A 96745163 A
1000	A 27654321 A	1000	A 03425685 A
1000	A 07218369 A	1000	A 16143743 A
1000	A 96745153 A	1000	A 40583265 A
1000	A 96745147 A	1000	A 19611374 A
1000	A 16143772 A	1000	A 94830591 A
1000	A 16143712 A	1000	A 17669444 A
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1000	A 38405762 A	1000	A 26737088 A
1000	A 05998963 A	1000	A 08222890 A
1000	A 14907263 A	1000	A 96745145 A
1000	A 94830591 A	1000	A 16285914 A
1000	A 16143712 A	1000	A 06285985 A
1000	A 96745146 A	1000	A 22821703 A
1000	A 16354782 A	1000	A 16143712 A
1000	A 16123712 A	1000	A 94830591 A
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1000	A 60964925 A	1000	A 17669429 A
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1000	A 31690742 A	1000	A 96745147 A
		1000	A 96745147 A

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1000	A 94830591	A	1000	A 26735564	A
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1000	A 27654321	A	1000	A 03425685	A
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1000	A 96745153	A	1000	A 40583265	A
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1000	A 16143712	A	1000	A 22821703	A
1000	A 96745146	A	1000	A 16143712	A
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1000	A 16123712 A
1000	A 94830591 A
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1000	A 16259614 A
1000	A 85835380 A
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1000	A 26750345 A
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1000	A 10642171 A
500	A 62388927 A
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APPENDIX "J"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT ONE THOUSAND LIRE
NOTES 1943 A. SERIES, OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY,
CONFISCATED FROM VINCENZO BIOLGHINI FU LUIGI AND OTHERS,
ON 27/1/45:-

A 02413679 A
A 02436791 A
A 02741936 A
A 02941367 A
A 02967413 A
A 03167492 A
A 03542685 A
A 04136729 A
A 04329176 A
A 04391762 A
A 06243791 A
A 07964312 A
A 08397164 A
A 08473916 A
A 08943762 A
A 09376428 A
A 09413672 A
A 09674312 A
A 09764132 A
A 09874623 A
A 10624379 A
A 12436790 A
A 12436907 A
A 12604937 A
A 12604973 A
A 12537049 A
A 14329607 A
A 14369072 A
A 14902637 A
A 14907236 A
A 14907263 A
A 19026374 A
A 21064379 A
A 24683097 A
A 24976830 A

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ON 27/1/45:-
REPRODUCED FROM VINCENZO BLOGHINI FU LUIGI AND OTHERS,

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A 29780346 A
A 30976248 A
A 32104796 A
A 43217960 A

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APPENDIX "K"

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LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT NOTES IN CASE OF
FULVIRENTI PIETRO.:

A. 31970145 A.
A. 14519370 A.
A. 39717405 A.
A. 39751740 A.
A. 30145197 A.
A. 31451970 A.
A. 35971740 A.
A. 35197074 A.
A. 31740975 A.
A. 31451970 A.
A. 39774031 A.

APPENDIX "L"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT NOTES DISCOVERED
AT LATERA AND VETRALLA, PROVINCE OF VITERBO:

(a) 50 lire notes raised to 500 lire:

A. 44448791

(b) Counterfeit 500 lire notes:

A. 10924309 A.
A. 13188871 A.
A. 14992260 A.
A. 13188880 A.
A. 10924309 A.
A. 13130880 A.
A. 19226020 A.
A. 14992260 A.
A. 51306127 A.

(c) Counterfeit 1000 lire notes:

A. 16248894 A.
A. 35472605 A.
A. 96745146 A.
A. 96746140 A.
A. 21488836 A.
A. 96745154 A.
A. 16143743 A.
A. 96745151 A.
A. 16143712 A.
A. 85835380 A.
A. 96745141 A.
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A. 96745151 A.
A. 16143712 A.
A. 85835380 A.
A. 96745141 A.
A. 16143712 A.

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APPENDIX "M"

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF COUNTERFEIT NOTES DISCOVERED
AT MORICONE, PROVINCE OF ROME.:

A. 04898512 A.
A. 04924309 A.
A. 06972214 A.
A. 10513012 A.
A. 10642173 A.
A. 10924309 A.
A. 15405653 A.
A. 15405971 A.
A. 15407280 A.
A. 15642171 A.

AT MORICONE, PROVINCE OF ROME.:

A. 04898512 A.
A. 04924309 A.
A. 06972214 A.
A. 10513012 A.
A. 10642173 A.
A. 10924309 A.
A. 15405653 A.
A. 15405971 A.
A. 15407280 A.
A. 15642171 A.

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
 APO 394

Public Safety Division.
 3rd January, 1945.

File No. :- LUR/5/PS.

Subject :- Monthly Report - Public Safety Division,
 Lazio-Umbria Region.

To :- HQ., AC., Public Safety Sub-Commission.(2)
 Acting Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region. (1)

Hereunder I give my monthly Report for the Public Safety
 Division of Lazio-Umbria Region for the month of December, 1944:

1. CIVIL POLICE.

(a) Report on Police.

All police are maintaining a reasonable standard of efficiency according to Italian standards. They all have many difficulties to contend with, the main one being lack of adequate transport. One could wish that more initiative was being shown but even here there is some slight improvement. I am glad to report that the local police are at last taking action against Allied personnel found committing crimes. The following recent incidents are of interest: (i) Agents of P.S. on 27th December, 1944 arrested five persons (one a Canadian deserter) for the theft of a motor car. (ii) On 28th December, 1944, two American soldiers entered premises and attempted to steal. They were arrested by Carabinieri and handed over to M.P. Mobile squads operating at night are doing good work in Rome City. Other provinces have found mobile squads during the evening beneficial in reducing armed robberies and restoring road safety.

Most provinces report lack of clothing and boots notwithstanding repeated applications for supplies. This is particularly deplorable if such supplies are available, and I am given to understand they are, as it is impossible for men inadequately clothed to give of their best during the wintry weather now being experienced. The Italian authorities, who are charged with the distribution, are being particularly long-winded as far as the outer districts are concerned. It is poor consolation to the wretched man on duty to know that

TO	INIT	DATE
CHAPMAN		6/1
YOUNG		11/1
OLWICK		11/1
LOCKMAN		11/1
WILSON		11/1
HANBURY		13/1
BALLANCE		14/1
POWELL		14/1
CLERK		14/1

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supplies are available; he wants the actual garments and boots. The Italian Ministries should receive some gingering from HQ. This is a question of paramount importance at the present time and I would suggest that Public Safety Sub-Commission satisfies itself that there are sufficient supplies to meet all demands and endeavour to ascertain where the hold-up is occurring. The Forest Guards seem to be particularly badly off.

The Royal Carabinieri are making steady progress. They are still subjected to much abuse and criticism and have many handicaps but, on the whole, they are doing good work.

The Agenti di P.S. have few Commissariati functioning outside the City, thus imposing further responsibilities and duties on the CC.RR. The principal difficulty is the securing of satisfactory accommodations in badly damaged areas.

The Guardie di Finanza are now practically back to normal.

The Guardie Forestali have been re-organised and are functioning normally.

(b) Strength of Police.

	Officers	Other Ranks
CC.RR	350	10.000
Agenti di P.S.	400	9.300
GG.FF	200	3.700
Guardia Forestale	25	500
Guardia Municipale	50	1.000

These figures are approximate and include Cadets, Recruits under training, Officers in transit and Functionaries at the Questura.

2. STATE OF CRIME IN REGION.

(a) General.

Crime, although still serious, shows a gradual downward tendency and indicates a more satisfactory state of affairs.

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*Dr. Rosati Vice D.P.S.
has inspected all
Commissariati & is
regarding alternative
accommodation where possible
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There have been a number of armed hold-ups in isolated areas but nothing to indicate the work of well organised gangs. Some robberies reported from Rieti are suspected to be the work of a group.

Shopbreakings in the City and larger towns are prevalent.

The theft of motor vehicles has shown a decrease and more cars are being recovered and more arrests are being made. In December 60 cars were stolen, 12 recovered and 8 persons arrested.

(b) Crimes of Violence.

These continue to be reported from all areas but energetic action taken by the various police agencies have reduced the numbers and the situation generally has shown some improvement.

(c) Black Market.

Still active and will remain so while there are such serious shortages of essential commodities.

A considerable amount of Allied property, including foodstuffs, find their way on to the black-market, indicating serious lack of control of dumps and in distribution. Not all this property is stolen by Italians and I am satisfied that fairly large quantities are disposed of by Allied personnel.

3. IMPORTANT CRIMES AND INCIDENTS.

(a) During the evening of 16th December, 1944, at the corner of Piazzale Prenestino and Via Macerata, Rome, three men and a woman were shot. The shots were fired from a passing vehicle. Two of the men and the woman died as a result of wounds received. It was first alleged that the vehicle was an Allied Military truck, but this is now discredited. The men were members of the Communist party. Investigations continue.

(b) Consequent on an assault by Italian civilians on the Carabinieri Station at Tor Marancia on 17 Dec. '44, 500 Carabinieri carried out a raid on the district in the early hours of the 22nd. As a result 175 persons were detained. 22 of these were arrested and charged with the unlawful possession of arms, thefts and ~~hundred~~ hundred offences.

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while 27 were transferred to Regina Coeli pending further investigation. A quantity of arms and explosives was seized.

- (c) At Fondi (Littoria) on 30 Dec. 1944, houses were searched for arms and ammunition. 100 CC.RR and 10 Agenti di P.S. commenced operations at 0530 hours. 31 persons were arrested for being in possession of arms and for other offences, and taken to Gaeta prison. 200 others were interrogated. 5 cafes were closed. About 500 hand grenades and a large quantity of rifles, revolvers and knives was seized. Throughout no untoward incident occurred, reflecting credit on the Carabinieri Maggiore and Questore who were in charge of the police arrangements.
- (d) On 8 Dec.'44 about 50 persons raided the municipio in the Comune of Villa S. Lucia (Frosinone) and took a number of stamps, ration cards and documents. CC.RR quickly restored order but the stolen property has not been recovered.
- (e) At Bieda (Viterbo) 3 ex-members of the Communist Party by force and use of arms extorted money from persons in the area. They have been arrested by CC.RR.
- (f) On 29 Nov.'44 at Rignano Flaminio (Rome Province) a peasant from Palestrina was caught in the act of stealing a cow and handed over to the CC.RR. Soon after some 500 people forced their way into the caserma and dragged out the prisoner who was beaten to death. One arrest has since been made.
- (g) At 2200 hours on 13 Dec.'44 on Via Appia near Velletri four masked men using a car tried to stop two private motor cars. As the cars failed to stop they fired, killing one of the passengers and wounding another. Three of the men have been arrested and 7 other persons, believed concerned with them in other crimes, have since been apprehended.

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4. SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION.

Police agencies are seriously handicapped by very poor communications and lack of transport. The matter of telephonic connections has been discussed with T.E.T.I. who state that it is a matter dependent upon the general re-introduction of the telephone service into the districts concerned. As an adequate system of communications is essential for the proper performance of police duties this is unsatisfactory.

Regarding transport the principal difficulties are (a) insufficiency of petrol (b) lack of vehicles. The various organisations are receiving small quantities of petrol but the supply is inadequate. In some cases it is barely sufficient to ensure the supply of rations to the Stations and leaves nothing over for patrolling purposes. The lack of vehicles is serious and the position is becoming worse instead of better. In the past efforts to requisition vehicles have been defeated by influential persons "interesting" themselves and securing the return of the vehicles concerned. Efforts to requisition at the present time have been fruitless. The Prefect says he cannot requisition without the authorisation of the Ministero dell'Interno. The Ministero state they have no funds for the purpose and have ordered the return of the vehicles. The vehicles at present in use are rapidly becoming worn out or unusable owing to lack of tyres.

5. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE.

Relations and co-operation are excellent. Joint patrols of M.P. and civilian police are doing good work. The only grouse I have is the time taken by M.P. (particular American) to answer letters.

6. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

On the whole conduct is good. There is still a certain amount of drunkenness.

On 24 Dec.'44 soldiers belonging to the "Lane" gang broke detention. Eight escaped but Lane and Macfarlane, the chief offenders, and 4 others have been recaptured.

Enquiries respecting the shooting of 2 girls at Bracciano on 6 Nov.'44 leave little doubt that one of the sentries is guilty of murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

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A British soldier, believed a deserter, is known to have been the driver of a Dodge truck which on 21st Dec.'44 at Tivoli was being used for stealing sheep. His companions were Italian and two have been arrested.

7. FUNCTIONING OF

(a) ITALIAN COURTS.

Deplorably slow. 800 cases involving Allied interests are outstanding in Rome alone. The High Commission for Sanctions against Fascism are now getting to work. During the past month the trials of Cornelia Tanzi and Generals Pentimalli and del Tetto have terminated. The former received 30 years imprisonment and the others 20 years.

(b) ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

Terni and Perugia are the only Provinces under A.M.G. and A.M.G. Courts there are functioning satisfactorily.

8. STAFF AND STAFF CHANGES.

Complete list of Public Safety staff given in Appendix "A".
Changes.

Lt. Col. C.T. Francis has assumed duty as Regional Public Safety Officer vice Lt. Col. J.R. Pollock transferred to AFHQ.

Major F.G. Green has assumed duty as Deputy Regional Public Safety Officer.

9. OTHER POINTS BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

On 4th, 8th and 9th December, 1944, in various parts of Rome City, a number of persons demonstrated against high prices. Barrows were overturned, shops were damaged, and a quantity of foodstuffs were stolen. In many cases the demonstrators paid the regulation prices. On the first day police action was ineffective but on the two following days police arrangements limited the disturbances and demonstrators were dispersed. Following denunciations some 50 persons were subsequently arrested. It was rumoured that a so called hunger march had been arranged for the 16th. This did not take place. May be the arrests of previous demonstrators acted as a deterrent.

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SECURITY AND SPECIAL POLICE PROBLEMS.

1. Number of cases of suspected sabotage or subversive activity during the month. One

2. Brief details of cases under (1).

A case of attempted sabotage at ORTE Railway Station (Viterbo) has been reported. Two small boxes containing percussion charges were placed on the rails. Bomb disposal personnel are of the opinion that the charges were sufficient to derail railway wagons. F.S.S. informed and investigating.

3. Number of Strikes and lock-outs. Four - see below.

4. Brief details of cases under (3).

On 2nd December 1944, about 300 employees of Società Maccarese struck work for half a day owing to the suspension of Rag. Simonezzi, the Managing Director. Strike amicably settled. No damage to property or disorder.

There were two strikes by olive-oil harvesters who struck for a revision of the amount of oil they were to be allowed, and one by students who for a day (a fine sunny one) demonstrated their dislike of unheated class-rooms and absence of glass in the windows. No incidents and little interest.

5. State of labour generally in Region.

Unemployment is still high, particularly among industrial workers.

6. State of public morale.

Rising in hopeful anticipation of more vigorous action by the new Government.

7. Conditions affecting public morale.

Scarcity of food, clothing, fuel and medicines.

Morale would improve in the devastated areas if steps were taken to speed up first aid repairs to roofs and windows of war damaged dwellings.

8. Co-operation with Security Services. Good.

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9. Civilian internees.

10 were transferred from Rieti to No.2 POW Camp on 1st December, 1944.

2 were arrested by Security Services in Province of Frosinone.

P.P.S.O. Viterbo states that he continually receives appeals for political internees. These he has sent with a covering letter to the Commandant of 371 Camp but has not received a single reply. He suggests that where such appeals are forwarded, that a reply as to the action taken and probable result be sent. Relatives could then be informed and given some satisfaction, thus preventing continual calls at AMG/AC offices.

Prior to release of political prisoners, it would be well if some enquiry were made of local AC/AMG officers as to the probable public reaction of the return of these former fervent fascists. In some cases it would be better if they did not return to their former abodes but found pastures new.

10. Appreciation of situation generally and miscellaneous matters.

Administrative and operational police work is fairly good having due regard to the lack of equipment. The various Commanders are doing their best to get their men to give good service and to rehabilitate themselves in the eyes of the public. The press have ceased their vicious attacks on the police who are feeling the benefit of the respite from journalists.

December 1944 has been generally a quiet month throughout the Provinces enlivened from a Public Safety point of view, by incidents the majority of which can fortunately be termed "not grave". The Italian authorities have shown a greater inclination to handle things for themselves but how far this is engendered by personal, rather than national, motives is open to question.

Taking a broad view of the whole situation, there is satisfaction to be gained from the fact that the provincial and communal machinery is at least working.

The work of political parties has not been so apparent during the month, and has rather taken the form of consolidating initial advantages and smothering initial mistakes. This applies in particular to the Communist Party, local leadership of which has apparently brought under control the few more extreme adherents.

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A revolt reported from Rieti prison got the CC.RR Captain and two marescialli rushing there in quick time. The word "revolt" sounded ominous after Regina Coeli !! No newspaper has seen fit to publish the story of the epileptic prisoner at the disposal of F.S.S. who had followed the Roman method and, breaking up his camp bed, had crashed down the door with the iron post and rushed out in the corridor. The guard heroically fled and locked the outer door (incidentally leaving the man free to smash open all the other cell doors if he had wanted to, thus getting about 60 other men out; luckily he had set his heart on breaking down the outer door and did not think of it !).

The Captain and the marescialli, having procured a lamp and blankets, ordered the guard to unlock the door (which he did and fled at once because the prisoner on the other side was promising to brain anyone who came in reach) and plunged in all together. The man charged and they all went down in a heap. The prisoner is big and strong, an ex boxer, and furthermore had an epileptic fit, so it was no joke to hold him down. He started to bite one of the marescialli in the arm and would not let go so the other maresciallo had to free an arm and land him one on the jaw. While they were sitting on the man to keep him still, the guards picked up enough courage to come along with ropes and started to tie.... one of the marescialli's legs instead of the prisoner's !

On 16 Dec. 1944 a letter was received from the B.M. of the Jewish Inf.Bde.GP. with note from the Registrar of the 99th General Hospital, located in Anagni, Frosinone, in which it was stated that PAL/32018 Driver Halun S. of 462 Coy. RASC (PAL) Gen tpt. had died in that hospital of injuries received in a motor accident. The Registrar further stated that upon examination of the contents of the victims pockets it was found that he was acting as an " unofficial postman ". From the letters and notes found there were two with the possibility of security value. One related to a deal in W.D. goods, while the second was written in a form that gave indication of a code being used. All information, notes and letters are now in the hands of the 428 T.S. Section who are dealing with the situation.

MEDORO, PALLONE, Radical Communist, originally of Sgurgola, Frosinone, has now been moved to Frosinone City where he holds an administrative post under DOMENICO MARZI, Provincial Administrator (and leader of the Communist Party for Frosinone Province). Pallone was the instigator, in Anagni of the noisy demonstration by some peasants which resulted in the unlawful taking over of lands belonging to private owners, who preferred to give way and avoid bloodshed. The move of Pallone to Frosinone is significant in view of the fact that reports have been received to the effect that certain

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communist radicals in Frosinone are expected to cause trouble. Threats have already been levelled against the Prefect G.B. Zanframundo. Some 105 peasants in the area of Anagni on 29 Dec. 1944 moved in and settled on land belonging to others. As this is purely a civilian affair the Prefect is making an investigation through the CC.RR and the Questore.

The Carabinieri report the formation of a new political Party "The Monarchist Union". It claims 72 active members in four different Communes within a period of less than a month. Their objective seems to be the firm establishment of the constitutional Monarchy.

Jewish officers of the 2nd Jewish Inf. Bde G.P. went on a hunger strike from the 2nd to the 5th Dec. incl. because Major Rowe (not Jewish) but a member of the same Bde. insulted the Rabbi. Major Rowe is now not a member of the Brigade.

Hereunder is given extract from a report received from 428 Field Security Section, stationed in Frosinone. Eight arrests, including the ex-sindaco were made by the CC.RR and they were charged as the ringleaders of the unlawful assembly. The persons arrested are now being held in jail :

" On 26 Dec. '44 a body of about 20 men marched into the Municipio at FONTANA LIRI and compelled the Commissario by threats to hand over his keys of Office to the ex-Mayor of Fontana Liri, D'INNOCENZO Arturo, fu Luigi, (who had been deposed on 19 Dec. 44, on orders of the Prefect of Frosinone Province, following recommendations by A.C., Frosinone Province, and 418 F.S.S., based on investigations into the maladministration of the village of Fontana Liri.

The local Carabinieri, being unable to deal with the situation, obtained the assistance of the Captain of the Compagnia, CC.RR., of SORA and he arrived at FONTANA LIRI accompanied by F.S. In the square in front of the Municipio a crowd of 400-500 people was gathered, cheering D'INNOCENZO; the latter was found installed in the Municipio Office surrounded by about 30 people. The room was cleared and all the demonstrators and the Mayor were ordered to disperse and go home. The Municipio building was locked and the keys taken by the Sora CC.RR pending consultation with the Prefect of Frosinone Province.

A.C. Frosinone Province were informed and after a consultation, between the Prefect, Commandant of the CC.RR Frosinone Province, A.C., and F.S. it was decided

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that D'INNOCENZO and the ringleaders of the demonstration should be arrested.

It is not considered that the above constitutes a Civil disturbance of any serious importance affecting Allied interests, but is the outcome of a personal and local intrigue and conflict between two parties of FONTANA LIRI and FONTANA LIRI INF. The general temper of the demonstrators was merely that of a rowdy crowd of holidaymakers. No scenes of real disorder or violence were witnessed after the arrival of the Captain of the SORA CC.RR and F.S.

Feeling towards the Allies in this commune is ostentatiously friendly and present conditions are quiet and orderly. "

11. Licensing and Registration.

Generally satisfactory but, apart from Terni and Perugia, the responsibility of the Italian authorities. Assistance is being given in Rome in the endeavour to re-organise and restrict the use of transport except for essential purposes.

Certain difficulties regarding the issue of permits have appeared and these have been taken up with the issuing authorities. It was found that permits were being issued freely for the whole of liberated Italy and it was pointed out that this was irregular in the majority of cases as the holders interpreted the authorisation as allowing them to go beyond the Rear Army boundary without any other form of pass. Now the issuing authorities have gone to the other extreme and issue permits (even for National services) to circulate only within Italian Government territory. However, further representations may have some result.

Where vehicles are found improperly used the licence is being cancelled.

12. Brothels and Prostitutes. (Rome only)

Number of Registered brothels	18
" " " operating	18
" " prostitutes	177
Clandestine brothels closed	15
Number of prostitutes arrested for soliciting.....	9
" " examined	799
Number found diseased	131
Number of pimps arrested	1

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13. Currency offences.

On 15 Dec.'44, D'INCICCIO Turindo was arrested by Agenti di P.S. and S.I.B. Agents at the Royal University of Rome for being concerned in the forging of Allied Currency and possession of counterfeit notes. The case is not yet complete. Enquiries continue. Serial Nos of notes seized as at A/ on attached list.

On 16th December, 1944, a detachment of Nucleo Speciale CC.RR. di Polizia Giudiziaria under Capt. Luigi Morrone arrested: Filipponi Aurelio, fu Gaetano, Pasqualoni Armando, Filipponi Gaetano fu Giuseppe, Quattropani Terzio di Salvatore, Lazzari Vincenzo fu Donato, Martoglio Italo di Pietro all of Rome, for being concerned together in forging and uttering Counterfeit A.M. Currency. Enquiries continue. Series Number shown on attached list at B/ were sequestered.

On 22nd Dec.'44, Major Saunders, A.M.G. Police-Siena, attended this office with certain information which possibly links with the above mentioned cases. Liaison was made with CC.RR., Agenti di P.S., and S.I.B. and Nunzio Alfonso and Confalon Livio both of Via della Frezza No. 65 and Caruso Eliseo Via Minni No. 78 were arrested for being concerned together in forging and uttering counterfeit notes Serial Nos shown at C/ on attached list. Enquiries continue.

So far plates for printing 1000 and 500 Lire Notes, together with No. marking slab, have been recovered together with engraving apparatus. A considerable sum of false notes is believed to have been printed and a large amount has been seized.

Enquiries will not be completed for at least two weeks, when if possible a consolidated report will be submitted.

At Rieti counterfeit notes (AMG) have been found in circulation. In one case Royal Carabinieri arrested a man carrying 63,000 lire and, contacting Rome, caused the arrest of his accomplice, now in Rieti jail. Five persons were arrested by the Questura for putting into circulation single 1000 lire notes. All came from Rome.

Between the 14th and 23rd December, 1944, three different organizations of civilians, engaged in the counterfeiting of Allied Military Currency, were arrested in Rome.

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The serial numbers of the notes, so far discovered,
as having been printed by these counterfeiters are as follows :

1.000 Lire Allied Military Currency Notes.

A/. A 85835380 A A 16143712 A A 16143772 A A 16143711 A
A 85835083 A A 85833805 A A 85835803 A A 85835038 A

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PRISONS.1. Number in use:

<u>Location</u>	<u>P r i s o n s :</u>		
	<u>Judicial</u>	<u>Penal</u>	<u>District</u>
Rome province	1	1	10
Littoria "	1	3	6
Rieti "	1	0	8
Terni "	1	1	X2
Frosinone "	1	0	11
Perugia "	2	2	10
Viterbo "	1	2	6
Total	8	9	53

2. Progress made in closing small prisons:

None, and there is no prospect of closing any in the near future. We want more prisons, not less, at the present rate of admissions exceeding releases.

3. General conditions:

A - Administration: Fair; at least where career directors are in charge.

B - Sanitation: Poor generally; due largely to lack of supplies. "Regina Coeli" recently disinfected as a result of Allied help.

C - Prison labour: Normally used as kitchen help, clerical and sanitary work, and in shops, with which the larger prisons are equipped.

D - Food: Universally poor, commonly inadequate, often subject to fluctuations in supply.

4. Records:

Inferior to Allied standards, but complete according to Italian practice. Very involved and much duplication.

5. Approximate number of:

(Estimations based on incomplete returns)

A) Convicted prisoners:	500
B) Prisoners tried but awaiting disposal:	500
C) Prisoners awaiting trial:	3.000
D) Investigation, etc.:	1.100

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6. Progress in disposing of pending cases:

Very poor. Unreasonable and unjustifiable delays in getting cases tried is the rule. A special report has been submitted on this subject.

7. Staff changes in prison directorate:

Dr. Donati, career director from Naples, replaced Sig. Strazzera, provisional appointee. The former is now sick and back in Naples.

8. Remarks:

A) Requests from the prison directors are not being met, due to both the lack of supplies and an apparent lack of executive objectiveness.

Bedding, medical supplies, soap, food items such as oils, fats and meat, window panes, disinfectants, etc., are so lacking as to cause tragic conditions in many prisons.

B) Widespread corruption among guard personnel is obvious. Guards are usually demoralized and unable to maintain professional standards.

C) REGINA COELI

(1) This largest and most troublesome prison has been quiet and orderly since the riots of the latter part of November. A minor but significant incident occurred 14 December, when 20 custody guards went on strike in protest against their rations and accommodation. The trouble was settled by their own administration and nothing has eventuated since.

(2) Repairs to cells, doors, roof, plumbing fixtures, etc., are proceeding according to previous estimates, with the work scheduled for completion late in March 1945. There is a likelihood that one ^{or} more of the four damaged wings will be available by the middle of February.

(3) Population figures, as usual, are mounting rapidly. On 31 Dec. '44 it was 1098. When it is recalled that only half of the prison is available at present, this figure indicates a greater degree of overcrowding than that which existed at the time of the November riots.

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- (4) Attempts made by the Italian prison administration to eliminate this trouble by transferring over 700 inmates to other jails have only resulted in causing violent disturbances in three of those prisons (Campobasso, Teramo and Spoleto) and an almost mass escape in one (Campobasso).

D) Other Prisons

- (1) Varying degrees of overcrowding are now found in five of the larger prisons of the region (Viterbo, Perugia, Rieti, Terni and Rome). It appears obvious that it is only a matter of time before the prison population of this region reaches proportions which will require drastic action. Suggested remedies, such as speeding up the Italian judicial procedures, and a wide use of provisional liberty, have not brought satisfactory results. With the Italian courts reportedly taking a recess until January 8th, the outlook is gloomy.
- (2) The general situation is unsatisfactory. Requests by the various directors for needed supplies are being routed to proper authority as they are received by this headquarters. In spite of the good offices of all Allied personnel involved, various bottlenecks usually prevent these requests from being filled. It is sufficient to say that tragic conditions exist in many of the prisons of the region.
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F I R ER O M E C I T Y

The number of calls received and attended during the month was 110, made up as follows:-

FIRES..... 60
SPECIAL SERVICES..... 50
FALSE ALARMS..... 1

This shows an increase of 13 special services and one false alarm but a decrease of 17 fires compared with last month's figures. 3 of the fires occurred at military installations.

MONETARY LOSS.

The estimated fire loss was 6.137.200.- lire, an increase of 3.432.077 .- lire on last month's figures.

SERIOUS FIRES.

At 11.35 a.m. on 1st December, a call was received to Piazza San Silvestro. A building consisting of three shops of timber and plaster construction was well alight. The building and contents, comprising medical supplies and photographic goods, were severely damaged by fire, heat, smoke and water. The cause of fire was not ascertained. Loss was estimated at 1.300.00.- lire.

At 7.45 p.m. on 14th December, a call was received to Via Cassidero No.22. Upon arrival, it was ascertained that the contents of a printer's workshop were alight. The fire was extinguished by the brigade using one motor pump. The cause of fire is unknown. Loss was estimated at 500.000.- lire.

At 10.40 p.m. on 23rd December, a call was received to Via dei Conciatori. Upon arrival, it was found that a truck on road loaded with Hay was burning furiously. The cause of fire is unknown. Loss was estimated at 800.000.- lire.

At 7.25 p.m. on 21st December, a call was received to Via San Francesco di Salis. A store containing bed clothing and mattresses was found to be alight and the roof collapsed. The cause of fire was not ascertained. Loss is estimated at 500.000.- lire.

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WATER SUPPLY SERVICE.

The fire brigade transported an average of 13,000 gallons of water daily. The peak load was 25 trips totalling 17,500 gallons of water in a single day. 1,800 miles were travelled by the vehicles engaged in this service and 630 gallons of petrol and Nafta were consumed. In addition to the above, 11 motor pumps were engaged continuously in pumping water to roof tanks. This service is being cut down owing to wear and tear on vehicles and equipment.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Ambulance attended 41 calls to accidents during the month, an increase of 12 calls over last month.

WORKSHOPS.

The machine, foundry, electrical, forging and carpenter shops were kept fully employed during the month. The lack of spare parts make the task of keeping the apparatus in efficient running order extremely difficult.

STAFF.

The establishment returns at the end of the month were as follows:-

Strenght.	City & Gov't.	Province.
Officers	9	3
Under Officers	115	11
Men	664	106
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>120</u>

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R O M E P R O V I N C E .

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The total number of calls in the province was 78, of which 12 were to fires. Loss was estimated at 470,000.- lire.

P E R U G I A .

A report on the fine work of the Perugia Fire Corps in saving the lives of many persons during the flooding of the Tiber river last month has reached me. The Brigade received high praise from the Prefect and P.P.S.O. Perugia and from the Ministry of Interior.

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R I E T I .

Efficiency is improving under new Commander. The Ministry have ordered a reduction of strength. There is a grave shortage of tyres. Repairs to barracks are proceeding.

L I T T O R I A .

Efficiency is good. There are three water pumps available in this province but the one truck, a Fiat 1100, is without tyres. Other equipment is good. Capt. Agamennone is now Commandant, vice Sotto Tenente Perazzoti, who held the temporary appointment.

F R O S I N O N E .

In process of being organised but there is no equipment at present.

V I T E R B O .

In a fair state of efficiency. Clothing and boots have not been forthcoming notwithstanding application through Italian channels.

G E N E R A L .

A Fire boat sunk at Civitavecchia is in process of being salvaged by the brigade. The location of two other boats with portable pump and two fire floats have been located by firemen drivers. Another wrecked boat was stripped of its engine and pumps. The hull is damaged beyond repair. Provincial detachments were inspected by the Commandante of the Rome Fire Brigade during the month.

M. G. G. G. Li. 8283
Regional Public Safety Officer
Lazio-Umbria Region.

APPENDIX "A"

List of Public Safety Officers in Lazio-Umbria Region.

83738	Lt.Col.	C.T. Francis	(B)	Regional Public Safety Officer	
287733	Major	F.G. Green	(B)	Deputy Regional P.S. Officer	
279423	Capt.	W.L. Wilson	(B)	Regional Police Officer (Executive)	
279386	Capt.	A.T. Brown	(B)	Regional Fire & Civil Defence Officer	
0-255527	Capt.	R.M. Freeman	(A)	Regional Prisons Officer	
279389	Major	P.E. Coxhead	(B)	Public Safety Officer	} Rome City and Governatorato
279412	Capt.	D.J. Hopkins	(B)	Police Officer	
279320	Major	W.A. Battersbey	(B)	Provincial P.S. Officer,	Perugia
279380	Capt.	J.B. Fleetwood	(B)	do.	Rome
291632	Capt.	A.E. Baker	(B)	do.	Littoria
0917293	Capt.	J.R.K. Cowan	(A)	do.	Frosinone
313775	Capt.	C.E. Bolt	(B)	do.	Rieti
279413	Capt.	J. Kane	(B)	do.	Viterbo

Attached Officers.

Lt.Col.	L.E. Vining	(B)	Regional Police Officer	From Piemonte Region
			(Passes and Permits)	
Major	F. Brannigan	(A)	Fire & Civ. Def. Officer	From Lombardia Region
Major	N.W.F. Fowler	(B)	Prov. Police O., Perugia	do.
Capt.	C.S. Anderson	(A)	Prov. P.S.O., Terni	do.
Capt.	F.C. Stiles	(A)	Prisons Officer, Rome	do.
1st Lieut.	H. Landesman	(A)	Prov. Police O., Perugia	From Venezia Region

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION

MONTHLY REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION (REGION IV) LAZIO
and UMBRIA

City and Governatorato of ROME, Provinces of: ROME, RIETI, LITTORIA,
FERUGIA, VITERBO, FROSINONE and TERNI.

NOVEMBER 1944

1. PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

- a) Lt. Col. J.R. Pollock (B) No. 279324, Chief Public Safety, reassigned
C.P.S. AMG. 5th Army. Will
proceed to new post 4.12.1944.
S.C.A.P.O. Rome
HQ.
Proceeding to Littoria Province
in the next few days.
Sick (neurosis).
- Maj. P.E. Coxhead (B) No. 279389
Capt. A.W. Wilson (B) No. 279423
Capt. A.E. Baker (B) No. 291632
Capt. D.J. Hopkins (B) No. 279412
- Maj. G.A. Battersbey (B) No. 279320 - Ferugina Province
Capt. Fleetwood (B) No. P. 279380 - Rome City and Province.
Capt. Gowan (A) No. 0917293 - Frosinone Province.
Capt. Holt (B) No. 313775 - Rieti & Terni provinces.
Capt. Kane (B) No. T. 279415 - Viterbo
- Capt. Brown (B) No. 279386 - Fire brigade Region IV.
Capt. Freeman (A) No. O-255527 - Frosone.
- b) Temporarily loaned to Public Safety, Region IV:
- Lt. Col. L.E. Vining (B) No. 83262 - Assisting at HQ.
Maj. F. Brannigan (A) No. 0136859 - Fire brigade duties Region IV.
Capt. F. Stiles (A) No. 0164807 - Prison duties. Will shortly
go to Perugia to assist
P.F.S.O. with police work.
Capt. C.S. Anderson (A) No. 0473757 - Public Safety Duties Terni
Province.

2. ROME CITY AND GOVERNATORATO.

- a) Pleased to report all Police agencies are working better.
The P.S. agents and Finance Guards are now receiving their
improved scale of rations and this has raised their morale.
The 280 odd functionaries are still drawing civilian rations and
this has caused discontent - the matter has been reported and it
is recommended that all these functionaries be given the same
scale of rations because many of them are fully engaged on police
enquiries and need more food.
The recall of C.C.R.R. and P.S. from various duties with Allied
forces in the City has resulted in approximately 1000 men being
available for night duty patrols. Over 4000 streets, squares
and public places are now patrolled effectively after dark.
Lt. Col. Perinetti, Chief of C.C.R.R. in Rome and Maj. Sciutto of
the Finance Guards (now in forward area) were both decorated during

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the last few days by General Clark for their services in connection with our entry into Rome on 5th June, 1944, with the special contingent of 3000 men etc. Both well merited this recognition.

Strength Report:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>
CC.MR.	192	8925 (x)
Agenti di P.S.	143	8614
Finance Guards	178	3402
	<u>513</u>	<u>21024</u>

(x) This total includes 2,600 cadets now undergoing training.

b) Crime report and particulars of outstanding arrests.

The total crimes reported are about the same as the previous month but I am pleased to report that there is a substantial decrease in serious crimes and armed hold-ups.

The best clear up of criminals during the month has been the arrest of the Irish Lopez gang, which was effected by Military Police in conjunction with the Squadra Mobile, Rome. The gang consisted of nine men: seven American, one British and one believed to be Canadian, all A.W.O.L. Admission of several robberies and theft of army materials has been made, and it is firmly believed that this gang was responsible for the more serious crimes and murder committed in the Tivoli area. The gang was in possession of jeep, ambulance and firearms. The investigation continues by S.I.B. and in all it is considered by Provost Marshal to be the final clear up of the recent wave of Army criminal bands, mainly deserters in this area. A few instances of good arrests by Italian police as follows:

- An American soldier, James C. Morris, author of various armed thefts was arrested on 17.11.44 whilst trying to escape after having committed a theft inside a bar. He strongly opposed himself, but all the same he was disarmed and handed over to the Allied Police.
- The CC.MR. succeeded on 24th Nov. 1944, after careful enquiries to arrest a whole band of motorcar thieves. The band was divided in three different specialised sections. The first was the motorised one, stealing trucks and cars, the second was of young recruits stealing petrol cans and tyres, and the third for selling the goods which the first two procured.
- The zone of S. Giovanni had been for some time a scene of a strange trade: 1000 lire bank notes were sold at a reduced price. The CC.MR. after careful enquiries were able to find the band selling these false bank notes. The counterfeit notes, Allied Military currency were sold for 340 lire.

c) Special Problems.

Pay problems as against cost living has for the time being been resolved. The Agents are to receive their rations at the cost of the Ministry of the Interior and will continue to receive certain pay indemnities which were to have been used for payment of rations. Satisfactory conclusion of the present pay difficulties.

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d) Relations with Military Police

Highly satisfactory P.M. Rome Allied Area Command; complete liaison and accord with this office and Italian Police agencies to mutual benefit; combined night patrol, Military Police and Civil Police continue to operate with success.

e) Conduct of Troops

Reports of robberies by troops are still received, but the overall position is not other than that can be normally anticipated in a city of size of Rome behind the lines. Few troops now in town, consequent reduction in drunkenness. General conduct of troops very good.

f) Functioning of Italian Courts.

Too slow.

g) Other points to bring to notice.

All Offices of Public Safety Sub-Division removed from Italian Police premises to Via Lucullo 6, HQ. Region IV.

h) Special Police

Sabotage and/or suspected sabotage. Nil reported.

Strikes and lockouts. Nil reported.

State of labour generally. Unemployment figures remain high. No improvement in labour market noticeable.

i) Public Morale.

Public morale, if judged by Public Order, remains fair. The meeting of the Socialist and Communist parties at the Faldine Hills on 12th Nov. 1944, demonstrated that it is possible for a concourse of people estimated at 14,000 to 15,000 to be well disciplined in these bad times for the Italian people. The main concern is shortage of food, clothing and unemployment. There are about 40,000 registered unemployed.

The maintenance of rations issued at present, without a reduction throughout the winter is hoped for. Considering all things public order is really remarkably good.

j) Security services

Cooperation maintained on highest level.

k) Civilian internees.

No arrests effected by A.C. Officers this month. Of the 333 cases arrested by this Office the following summary shows the present position:

Returned from Camps (released)	253
Recommended for release	30
Recommended (re-examination cases for duration)	11
" " " 6 months)	1
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Remaining in P.O.W. Camp	1
Died in camp	1
Escaped from camp	1
Awaiting examination by Commission	33
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1) Licensing regulations.

Passed to Italian Authority and not handled by police.

m) Fire and civil defence

Please see separate report.

n) Prisons

Riot of Nov. 23rd-25th dealt with in Prison report (copy attached)

o) Brothels and Prostitutes.

Number of registered brothels	18
Number of registered brothels operating	18
Number of registered prostitutes	182
Clandestine brothels closed	9
Number of prostitutes (unlicensed) arrested	734
Number of prostitutes (unlicensed) examined	734
Number found diseased	233

No pimps arrested.

p) Political situation

The situation is difficult at the present time since the fall of the Government. There have been various rumours about certain political parties being armed with guns, weapons etc. and sweeping allegations have been made but not one single concrete one has been brought to my notice. From time to time I have submitted special reports about the concealment of weapons and copies of these reports are at Public Safety HQ. Reference to the various reports will show that I have always been alive to the situation, and we have always acted quickly where there has been a suggestion of firearms. (See my early reports regarding disarmament and disarming of P.A.I., action with regard to partisans in the first two days in Rome. In the early days I raided political HQs myself and took away arms and in September I got away several truckloads of firearms from the Communist Movement Party who would not surrender them to the police. The position is being carefully watched by all our Security agents here in Rome.

q) Other matters of General Interest

-5th Nov. 1944, Meeting held at Cinema Brancaccio by the Italian Chamber of Workers. The Soviet Delegation of workers were greeted, presents offered and speeches made. No trouble.

-6th Nov. 1944 a Communist by name of Giorgio Messiti, 35 years, killed at 20 hours approx. at Via Ravenna by P.S. Agent, who was attacked by 3 civilians when performing his duty.

-On 14th Nov. 1944, Lt. Col. Pollock arrested an American E/M deserter masquerading as a U.S. Major in full uniform. He has been adrift from his unit for about 3 months and enquiries are still proceeding as to his activities, during this period in Rome. He is involved several matters, which are still being investigated. He is a type of individual who does much harm to the Allied Cause and the prestige of senior officers.

-Ardestine Caves. 319 bodies out of 335 now definitely identified, or over 35%. Most of the senior officers who saw the mass of badly decomposed corpses huddled together were of the opinion that they could not possibly be identified and were doubtful of the wisdom of even attempting to move the corpses.

-On 24th Nov. 1944, Lt. Col. Pollock went with C.I.C. and Civil Police

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to the Santo Spirito Hospital and found a large quantity of firearms, grenades etc. in sealed coffins in the mortuary in the basement of the hospital. It is not considered that there is any political significance about these arms, and that the right explanation is that they were hidden there during the German-occupation. In the early part of the month spare wheel stealing was prevalent. Lt. Col. Pollock personally arrested a thief, caught right in the act and he awaits trial. He was working with other civilians.

3. Provinces

Reports not yet to hand, but the position generally can be described as fairly good.

The Flying Squad of M.P.s and CC.RR. have been working well between Frosinone and Viterbo and accomplished much good work.

On the night of 22nd Nov. 1944, Guido Ezio Mel (spy) was dropped from a German Junkers plane in the area of Pontecorvo (Prov. of Frosinone). On 23rd Nov. 1944 he was arrested by the Maresciallo CC.RR. of Pontecorvo and after four hours of interrogation made full confession with reference to his mission. The parachute used, a transmitting radio set, code book and about 150,000 lire has been recovered from the prisoner. Prisoner and equipment have been turned over to the Officer in charge of the 418 Field Security Section stationed in this Province. The work of the Maresciallo will be brought to notice, and his prompt and efficient action will be suitably recognised.

At the end of September, 1944, the CC.RR. station of Poggio Mirteto (Rieti) came to suspect the existence of a band of civilians who, simulating a block post, were committing armed robberies against travellers on the road and especially in the locality known as "Ponte Sfondato". Carabinieri were posted in ambush and after long waiting arrested 3 men. After these men had been interrogated at length 4 more members of the band were arrested on the following day and finally one more criminal was arrested. These men admitted being armed and operating together in two bands, confessing to: 4 robberies, 1 attempted homicide and 9 thefts, and their statements coincide with those of the victims. The CC.RR. captured 4 military muskets, 2 guns, 1 knife, 1 box ammunition belonging to the band, which were kept well hidden. All these people are under arrest and have been denounced to the Judiciary authorities.

Owing to the general crime situation several conferences have been held with all the Italian police agencies and 7 trucks have been obtained for the 7 provinces in region 4. Authorisation given to Col. Berterelli, Commanding CC.RR. Lazio Region to requisition more for the greater mobility of the CC.RR.

Considering all things the Police agencies are working fairly well in the Provinces.

Conclusion.

I am about to leave Region IV on reassignment to AMG. 5th Army after six months Police work in Rome and the Region. As a result of my experience here I have in mind certain suggested improvements for the AMG. police work in forward areas and the policing of other large cities. I will deal with this matter separately in due course.

J. R. Pollock
J. R. POLLOCK
Lt. Colonel
Chief, Public Safety
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIV.
FIRE & C.D.

2nd December '44.

SUBJECT: - Monthly report. November '44.

TO: - Lt Col J Pollock, Chief,
Public Safety Division.
Region 4.

CALLS.

I have to report that the number of calls received during the month was 115 made up as follows: -

FIRES.....77.
SPECIAL SERVICES.....37.
FALSE ALARMS.....1.

This shows a decrease of 10 special services but an increase of 8 fires compared with last month's figures. Seven of the fires occurred at military establishments.

MONETARY LOSS.

The estimated fire loss was 2.705.123. lire, an increase of 782.323. lire on last month's figures.

These figures do not include the loss at the petrol fire on 13th November when petrol estimated at 2.500.000. lire was destroyed.

LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURIES.

The following deaths and injuries were recorded during the month: -

At 5-30.p.m. on 13th November, a call was received to Via Mirandola, No.30. The household effects of a private flat were alight. The occupier together with his wife and two children were badly burned and removed to hospital. The wife and one child succumbed to their injuries. The fire was extinguished with buckets of water. Loss was estimated at 70.000. lire. The cause was due to petrol vapours coming in contact with a naked light.

At 8-5.p.m; on the 13th November, a call was received to Via Prenestina, Petrol had collected in pools on the ground

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near a fracture in the main petrol supply line. Persons tried to recover this petrol and one brought a naked light near the scene. A fire resulted which severed the pipe line completely and caused the loss of 1500 to 2000 barrels of petrol. Three persons were severely burned two of whom died later in hospital.

In every case of mortality no blame can be attributed to the brigade.

WATER SUPPLY SERVICE.

The fire brigade transported an average of 26.110 gallons of water daily. The peak load was 40 trips totalling 28.000. gallons of water in a single day.

2.890. miles were travelled by the vehicles engaged in this work and 986 gallons of fuel were consumed.

In addition to the above, 11 motor pumps were engaged continuously in pumping water to roof tanks.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Ambulance attended 29 calls to accidents compared with 32 calls last month.

STAFF.

The establishment returns at the end of the month were as follows: -

Strength.	City.	Province.
Officers.	9.	3.
Under Officers.	103.	11.
Men.	681.	103.
Totals.	793.	117.

The following disciplinary measures were taken: -

Fined.....52.
Confined to barracks..12.

ROME PROVINCE.

The total number of calls in the province was 86, of which, 13 were to fires. Loss was estimated at 12.079.000. lire. Details of calls are attached to this report.

The most important fire was: -
Colleferro. 8-0.a.m. on 17th November. A call was received to a fire on the railroad track. A train collision was the cause of fire. A locomotive with six freight cars containing light tanks and other war material were badly damaged. Loss was estimated at 12.000.000. lire.

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The province of Frosinone has been without fire protection ever since the Allied occupation. Work is almost completed on a building in Frosinone city which has been taken over as a fire station.

One motor pump and 18 men are standing by ready to occupy the station within the next few days.

WORKSHOPS.

The machine, foundry, electrical, forging and carpenter shops were kept fully employed during the month.

In addition to the ordinary running repairs, small adjustments, maintenance, etc., the following work was carried out:-

- (a) Water carrier, Fiat 626, pump stripped down, ball bearings renewed, pump transmission shaft reset, mudguards and body work repaired and repainted.
- (b) Water carrier, Fiat 621, pump stripped down, dynamo and ignition system overhauled.
- (c) Bianchi truck, clutch stripped down, parts replaced, dynamo repaired.
- (d) Ambulance, Fiat 518, differential gear stripped down, ball races and gear wheels replaced, steering shaft and brakes overhauled.

GENERAL.

An inspection of the Rome Fire Corps was made by Col. C. Polletti, accompanied by Lt. Col. J. Pollock. A fire display was staged for the benefit of the inspecting Officers who expressed themselves as well pleased with all they had seen.

Calls were received between the 18th and 21st of November to the Regina Coeli Prison. Hundreds of prisoners had rioted and using their bedding as tinder attempted to set fire to the gaol.

The fire may have had serious consequences had it not been for the prompt and efficient handling of the situation by the firemen.

Anthony Brown
A. J. Brown, Captain.
Fire Officer, Rome.

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ROME PROVINCE

DETACHMENTS	CASIS	MILITARY	CIVILIAN	FINES	AMBULANCE	CATTLE	SPECIAL SERVICES	FALSE ALARMS	FINES LOSE (in lire)	REMARKS
COLLEFERNO	14	1	—	—	—	—	13	—	12,000.000	
VELUTRI	4	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	
ALBANO	13	—	7	—	2	—	4	—	40.000	
MAIANO	15	—	2	—	—	—	13	—	13.000	
PRASCATI	17	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	
PIVOLI	13	—	1	—	—	—	12	—	1.000	
CIVITA' VECCHIA	10	—	1	—	—	—	9	—	25.000	
TOTALS	86	1	12	2	2	75	—	—	12.079.000	

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division, Lazio Umbria Region
Headquarters, Prison Superintendent

Rome, November 30th, 1944

To: Lt. Col. P O L L O E K
R P S O

Subject: Monthly Prison report -

The following observations on the prison situation in Lazio-Umbria region are herewith submitted.

REGINA COELI

1. Quiet and orderly-following a series of incidents wherein several hundred common prisoners rioted because of either real or fancied grievances, secured control of the rear half of the prison and did enough damage by fire and breakage to require an estimated 2 months and up to ten millions lire to effect proper repairs. Three prisoners were injured as a result of firing by CC.RR. called in by the Administration.
2. 736 prisoners were transferred to seven other jails(Avelline Spoleto, Viterbo, Soriano, Forte Boccea, Teramo and Campobase) and the present population presents no problem of overcrowding. Food conditions are better in R.Coeli than in any other prison in the region, with other supplies, such as bedding, soap, medicinal and sanitary items, comparing favorably with the best found elsewhere in Lazio-Umbria.
3. Pertinent points:
 - A) The transfer of prisoners from Regina Coeli offers a temporary stop-gap to ease the over crowding and make repairs possible. This has, however; swelled the population of three prisons in the region (Spoleto, Viterbo, Soriano) to the saturation point at a time when requests from these prisons for bedding, food supplies, repairs to war-damaged areas, electrical and water supplies, etc. have not been met. Official complaints and renewed requests from these respective administrations are expected momentarily.
 - D) The population of Regina Coeli, with the rear half of the prison unavailable for reception of prisoners, is swelling daily because of large numbers of arrests for common crimes. Entries are exceeding releases at the rate of 400-500 per month. It is believed that the slowness of Italian judicial processes and the failure to provide supplies of needed equipment will precipitate another period of critical proportions in a relatively short time.

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The General situation

1. Prison population for the Region was 5,587. as of the first of November. The latest informations, due in a few days, will it is believed- significantly increase this figure.
2. There are eight Judicial prisons, nine Penal prisons, and 54 District prisons in use in the Region.
3. Of the seventy-add prisons, every one has made and is making urgent requests for basic supplies? Blankets, food, medicine and sanitary supplies, transport, water and electrical energy, glass for broken windows, and building materials for war-damaged areas constitute the bulk of the requests. These requests have been routed thru the P S Sub Commission and the proper Italian authorities have been contacted. In as much as these requests have been at hand for a month or more, with little or no supplies having been received, it is pertinent to remark that considerable work on the part of Allied personnel (and the administrative personnel of the prisons concerned) have, to date, been largely wasted.

Recommendations:

1. That all possible sources of needed supplies be tapped to accumulate a stock pile of these requirements.
2. That such supplies be pre-rated among the prisons in proportion to their needs.
3. That Allied influence be used and Allied sources of supplies be investigated to insure the above being accomplished.
4. That speed of action be the order of the day until these critical needs be met.

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL GREEN N	11/10	11/10
COL YOUNG	11/10	11/10
LT COL WILSON	11/10	11/10
MAJ LUCKMAN	11/10	11/10
MAJ WILSON	11/10	11/10
MAJ HANBURY	11/10	11/10
MAJ BALLANCE	11/10	11/10
CAPT POWELL	11/10	11/10
CHIEF CLERK	11/10	11/10

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