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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

25 November, 1944.

AC/14011/5/RS

SUBJECT : Fire Services.

TO : S.C.A.P.C. Eight Army Rear AMG.

1. Reference letter R5/514/6 dated 17 October 1944 para 3., addressed to you from P.S.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region, copy to this Headquarters.

2. In case of serious fire which cannot successfully be dealt with by the local fire corps, the local fire officer (Italian) would ask assistance of the nearest neighbouring province.

3. According to existing regulations, permission of the prefect is necessary before any fire appliance may leave a province. However, immediate action is necessary in these cases, so that, in practice, the prefect is never informed until after the call has been attended.

4. The primary responsibility of the civil fire service is the protection of civilian lives and property, but cooperation with the APS and mutual assistance is of course expected.

5. The Army Fire Service is responsible for the protection of military objectives, but if necessary would ask assistance of the local civil fire corps. Should further assistance prove necessary the Italian Fire Officer would request this from the next province or provinces.

6. The Direzione Generale has been asked to see that the above is followed and will instruct local corps commanders accordingly.

7. The information contained in the Fire Report for the Abruzzi-Marche Region is greatly appreciated.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to P.S.C. Abruzzi-Marche.

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TO : HQ, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

FROM : Regional Public Safety Officer, HQ AMG/AC, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

REF : PS/514/18.

DATE : 3 Nov 44.

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CC.RR AND OTHER POLICE AGENCIES.

CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO.

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GG.FF "	160	1 car	2 "
Forestry Gd Strength	30	NIL	NIL
Pub Securizza	54	1 car	1 cycle

Pescara Province.

CC.RR Strength	275	2 cars	1 cycle
GG.FF "	90	1 truck	
Forestry Gd Strength	18	NIL	
Pub Sicurizza	50	1 car	

Teramo Province.

CC.RR Strength	268	2 cars	1 cycle
GG.FF "	144	1 car	
Forestry Gd Strength	25	NIL	
Pub Sicurizza	64	1 car	

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Ascoli-Piceno Province.

CC.RR Strength	525
GG.FF "	130
Agents P.S. Strength	50
Forestry Gd "	29

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CC.RR duties are being performed in a satisfactory manner, and Senior Officers are co-operative. Communications are now possible with Ancona, Iesi, Pesaro and other places, steady improvement is taking place.

Aquila Province.

CC.RR no change in the strength. Maggiore CURCIO has taken up command Aquila Group, and the change is beneficial. GG.FF are performing their duties well.

Ancona Province.

Report submitted through Eighth Army.

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CRIME.

In Aquila no serious crime has been reported. Investigations are in progress in connection with wholesale theft of Aero Spirit by member of SAAF. Civilians from Chieti and Pescara are involved for conspiracy and receiving. Ten arrests of civilians have taken place. RAF Police are collaborating with Public Safety Officers.

In Ascoli nothing of a serious nature is reported. Macerata reports one murder at TREJA, where one ex-Sindaco was killed. Five persons were arrested by the CC.RR, one of whom confessed to the crime. These persons now await trial by an Italian Court.

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FIRE SERVICE.

With Lt Col MONTAGUE still attached to this Region considerable progress has been made in Fire Brigade affairs. The Colonel has twice toured the whole Region. With the help of AUG Bear Eighth Army the civil fire brigades of the whole Region have been coordinated, and various appliances temporarily transferred from Provinces with a small surplus above minimum requirements to others less fortunate (see R5/514/6 report of 17 Oct 44 attached).

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Stations at Ortona a Mare and Vasto have been re-opened to support the Army Fire Service, and all stations in Ancona and Pesaro Provinces except Cagli are now functioning. Water supply is a serious problem in the North where there has been systematic destruction of aqueducts, mains and watercarrying appliances. AMG Rear Eighth Army and the Port Fire Officer, Ancona, are posted with latest availability and know that any calls for operational assistance will be met to the limit of our powers. Altogether in the Region there are now available 34 civilian fire pumps (six with combined water tanks), four mobile guns and one self-propelled foam pump. In the four Provinces under the Italian Government attempts by the Italian authorities to find tyres to put 11 other appliances on the run have been unsuccessful and unsatisfactory (see R5/514/6 report of 31 Oct 44 attached). In the four AMG Provinces attempts to find parts are under direct supervision of AMG officers, and the appointment of Major ALBERTINI, chief officer of the Ancona brigade, as Italian Regional Fire Officer, is expected to help in this and other ways. Army Fire Service brigades are cooperating well in all parts.

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In Macerata and Ascoli the conduct of the Polish troops left much to be desired; they have now left the area to the relief of those concerned with law and order.

The whole of the remainder of the Region report excellent behaviour of troops.

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Continued supervision by local authorities is satisfactory; a strict vigilance is also kept by GAP sections. 14 arrests were made in Chieti and are subject of the Italian code, and other undesirables have been directed from the Province.

In Macerata one case of V.D. was reported by an Allied soldier. With the arrival of a number of troops a special squad was detailed to check and supervise the movements of prostitutes. Medical examinations were carried out, and a number of women sent to hospital. Other parts of the Region remain normal.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In Ascoli the Communists and Christian Democrats have been authorised

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to hold meetings. - At Macerata three small meetings were allowed, but generally speaking very little enthusiasm was shown.

Twenty political and one non-political public meeting were held in the Provinces of Chieti, Pescara and Teramo, as follows:-

Communist	- 3	Socialist	- 3
Christian Democratic	6	Action Party	1
Left Christian Socialist	- 1		
Non-political Patriots Commemoration)	1.		

All meetings were orderly and without incident. They were attended on each occasion by numbers varying between 500 and 800. The Communist Party, so far, is making the greatest endeavour in the field.

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STRIKES & LOCKOUTS.

NIL.

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FORGED CURRENCY.

NIL.

LOCATION OF PERSONNEL.

HQ	It Col	S. PICKERING	R.P.S.O.
CHIETI	Capt	COTTON	P.P.S.O.
TERAMO	"	BEGLIANY	
VASTO	"	DORRIDGE	
AQUILA	Major	MICHAEL	P.P.S.O.
"	Capt	ASHTON	Supplies
MACERATA	Major	HILLS	P.P.S.O.
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TERAMO	"	BELLAMY ✓	
VASTO	"	DODRIDGE ✓	P.P.S.O.
AQUILA	Major	MICHAEL ✓	Supplies
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ASCOLI	Major	JACKSON ✓	
ANCONA	Major	MANIFOLD ✓	P.P.S.O.
Province	Capt	GREENHOUGH ✓	
	Lieut	MARINOV ✓	

Capt ASHTON, Aquila, is still on supplies.
 Capt BELLAMY & DODRIDGE are also still doing provincial officer's work

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APPENDICES.*See page 4*

1. ~~Personnel Location.~~
2. Pescara Prison Report.
3. Teramo " "
4. Chieti " "
5. Macerata " "
6. Report of Fire Brigade - Lt Col MANTAGUE.
Tyras, ref R5/514/6 dated 31 Oct 44.
7. Report on Italian Fire Brigades - Lt Col MONTAGUE.
ref R5/514/6 dated 17 Oct 44.
8. Copy of further Report by Major HIGHALL, R.F.S.O., Aquila,
on the Disturbance at Ortucchio.

SP/TEC.+

[Signature]
S. PICKERING,
Lt Colonel,
Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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PRISONS

MONTHLY REPORT ENDING

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Place	Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for men women or minors	Present number of inmates, men, women minors	Number of Guards employed		
				Men	Women	
Pescara	Giudiziario	58	58 men	20		Capa
Penne	Mandamentale	50	5 " 2 women	1	1	
Città S. Angelo	"	30	7 "		1	
Torre Passeri	"	26	10 "	1	1	
Loreto Aprutino	"	23	8 "	1	1	
S. Valentino	"	20	1 "	1	1	
Caramanico	"	20	10 "	1	1	
Popoli	"	18	5 "	1	1	
Catignano	"	16	1 "	1	1	
Pianella	"	12	6 " 5 "	1	1	
Manoppello	"	10	= =	=	=	Out ten

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b) Show under "Remarks" column whether the prison had been requisitioned, occupied by troops, or damaged, and what accommodation if any, remains available

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PRISONS

MONTHLY REPORT ENDING

~~ATTACH~~ A.C.C. Pescara Province

Prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for men women or minors	Present number of inmates, men, women minors	Number of Guards employed		Remarks (b)
			Men	Women	
io	58	58 men	20		Capacity will increase after repaired to 90.
alà	50	5 " 2 women	1	1	
	30	7 "		1	
	26	10 "	1	1	
	23	8 "	1	1	
	20	1 "	1	1	
	20	10 "	1	1	
	18	5 "	1	1	
	16	1 "	1	1	
	12	6 " 5 "	1	1	Out of bounds since ten years ago.
	10	=	=	=	

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 C.A.P.O.
[Signature]

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Place	Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for b women or c minors	Present number of inmates a men b women c minors	Number of Guards employed	
				Men	Women
Teramo	Criminal prison	a:147 b:30 c:-	a:40 b&c:-	27	2
Campoli	Pretura Prsion	a: 9 b: 4 c/-	- -	1	-
Montorio V.	"	a: 24 b: 4 c:-	- -	1	-
Tossicia	"	a: 10 b: 5 c:-	- -	1	-
Bisenti	"	a: 20 b: 6 c:-	- -	1	1 (1)
Giulianova	"	a:20 b: - c:-	a: 3 -	1	1 (1)
Atri	"	a: 8 b: 4 c:-	a: 3 b:1 c:-	1	1
Notaresco	"	a:17 b: 6 c:-	a: 1 b:- c:-	1	-
Nereto	"	a:10 b: 4 c:-	a: - b:1 c:-	1	1
Civitella	"	a: 8 b: 2 c:-	abc: -	1	1

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A-M-G: Teramo.

Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for b. women or c. minors	Present number of inmates a. men b. women c. minors	Number of Guards employed		Remarks (b)
			Men	Women	
Principal prison	a: 147 b: 30 c: -	a: 40 b & c: -	27	2	
Subsidiary Prison	a: 9 b: 4 c: -	- -	1	-	
"	a: 24 b: 4 c: -	- -	1	-	
"	a: 10 b: 5 c: -	- -	1	-	
"	a: 20 b: 6 c: -	- -	1	1 (1)	
"	a: 20 b: - c: -	a: 3 -	1	1 (1)	
"	a: 8 b: 4 c: -	a: 3 b: 1 c: -	1	1	
"	a: 17 b: 6 c: -	a: 1 b: - c: -	1	-	
"	a: 10 b: 4 c: -	a: - b: 1 c: -	1	1	
"	a: 8 b: 2 c: -	abc: -	1	1	

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Thos Bellamy
 A. P. O.
 Capt.

PRISONS

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AMG: A.C.C.

Place	Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for men women or minors	Present number of inmates, men, women minors		Number of Guards employed		
			Men	Women	Men	Women	
Chieti	Giudiziario	108	84	19	19	2	
Guardiagrele	Mandamentale	28	3	3	1	=	
Lama d. Peligni	"	8	1	6	1	=	
Francavilla	"	-	-	-	-	-	
Ortona	"	-	-	-	-	-	
Orsogna	"	-	-	-	-	-	
Lanciano	Giudiziario	60	58	5	17	2	Not Dam
Atessa	Mandamentale	30	6	1	1	-	
Casoli	"	35	5	1	1	-	
C. Bordina	"	12	2	1	1	-	
Vasto	"	60	40	4	1	-	
Celenza S. Trigno	"	26	1	-	1	-	
Torricella P.	"	8	-	-	1	-	
Gissi	"	16	3	-	1	-	
Villa S. Maria	"	10	5	1	1	-	
Castiglione M.M.	"	10	2	1	1	-	

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A.M.G.: A.C.C. CHIETI PROVINCE

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		Men	Women	Men	Women	
Carceri	108	84	19	19	2	Normal
Mandamentale	28	3	3	1	=	"
"	8	1	6	1	=	"
"	-	-	-	-	-	Destroyed
"	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	-	-	-	-	-	"
Carceri	60	58	5	17	2	Normal capacity 150.
Mandamentale	30	6	1	1	-	Damaged under repair.
"	35	5	1	1	-	Normal
"	12	2	1	1	-	"
"	60	40	4	1	-	"
"	26	1	-	1	-	"
"	8	-	-	1	-	"
"	16	3	-	1	-	"
"	10	5	1	1	-	"
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 J. H. Rodridge E. A. P. O.
 Capt.

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PRISONS IN THE PROVINCE OF MACERATA

NAMES	CAPACITY		POPULATION		No. of the GUARDS.	
	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN
MACERATA Judicial prison	127	11	109	3	13	1
CAMERINO Judicial prison	25	10	19	5	6	1
GINGOLI	14	7	3	-	1	-
CIVITANOVA	11	3	5	-	1	-
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TO :- R.P.S.O., HQ. AMG/AC, Abruzzi-Marche Region (2 copies)

FROM :- P.S.O., HQ. AME/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT :- Tyres for fire brigades.

REF :- R5/514/6.

DATE :- 31 October 1944.

1. In each of the four provinces of Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, and Teramo certain tyres were required in order to put on the run certain fire brigade appliances needed for the protection of civilian property and personnel. As time was short before the transfer of these provinces to the Italian Government and there were not sufficient AMG officers to do the job in person instructions were given to the Italian authorities regarding finding and requisitioning these tyres.

2. All four provinces have now reported failure to find a single tyre. To my knowledge in Chieti the matter developed into a squabble between CC.RR. and VV.IF; in Pescara the prefect passed the can back to the VV.IF; in Teramo the CC.RR. were not consulted; in Aquila the late commander of the Gruppo recently removed was still in office.

3. In view of the number of civilian vehicles on the road, the comparative facility with which the ordinary Italian produces tyres for himself when he has a license, the number of cars which assemble outside prefectures - notably at Pescara, and the number of vehicles found carrying contraband - notably in Aquila Province, I can only conclude that the failure to find and requisition is due to one or more of three factors - firstly inefficiency and idleness of the searchers, secondly corruption of the searchers, thirdly unwillingness of the Italians to offend any other Italian who might thereby become a personal enemy.

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5. I recommend that it be suggested to HQ. AC. that any request from these four provinces to the Ministry or HQ. AC. for the provision of tyres (naturally imported and supplied by the Allied Forces) should be refused, and that the Ministry should take and type the most suitable of these appliances to assist in the forming of the mobile column which it is understood is being formed. The best appliances are:

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- (d) 81 Corpo, Teramo. Two fire cars and pumps complete lacking eight tyres and inner tubes 7.00 x 18; one autoambulanza complete lacking four tyres and inner tubes 7.00 x 18.

[Signature]
L. MONTAGUE,
Lt. Colonel,
P.S.O.

TO : SCAPC, Eighth Army Rear AGC.

FROM : PSG, ASD/ACC, Abruzzi - Marche Region.

SUBJECT : Italian Fire Brigades.

REF : R5/514/6.

DATE : 17 October 1944.

1. I have today finished a short tour of the Italian fire brigades in the Provinces of Ancona and Pesaro-Urbino, and have come to the following conclusions:

2. The fire problem on the Adriatic side of the Apennines is one from Termoli to the front line and cannot properly be considered province by province. The gear available is very limited and whereas I may be important today it will be unimportant tomorrow and should not be allowed to retain all its gear.

3. It seems to me particularly clear that no distinction in command should be considered between AGC and ACC provinces as regards fires. Fire is a military weapon and can be countered only by unified forces under a single operational command; it is, therefore, unsound to have a position in which for example the fire officer in charge of Ancona cannot in emergency obtain the assistance of pumps from Teramo Province and South without consulting a string of Italian administrative officials, and I suggest that HQ. ACC. be asked to arrange for the Italian government to order the provincial commandanti del Vigili del Fuoco and the Prefects to respond at once up to the limit of their resources to any urgent request for assistance from the Army Fire Service or AGC/ACC Public Safety Officers.

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 - (i) Ancona City. One large self propelled pump, one light pump towed by truck, one mobile dam complete, one 45 ft escape without towing vehicle, and six Italian pumps without towing vehicles, and ample small gear are available. After receiving your letter of 6 Oct 44, this HQ wrote direct, in view of the urgency of the matter, to Hq. ACC, asking for two of the 3 ton military trucks available in a pool at Naples to be allocated to Ancona. If these trucks arrive the pump situation will be fairly satisfactory as in the event of a serious conflagration the remaining pumps could be towed down in turn by these two trucks and manpower is sufficient; ordinarily one of these trucks could tow the escape. There are also two

special appliances which should if possible be made available; firstly a special 2 extinguisher turnout which could be invaluable in the docks especially, but lacks two tyres complete size 6.00 x 16 and one tyre complete size 4.00 x 17; secondly a self propelled water pump with 200 gallon water tank combined which lacks six wheels and tyres complete size 32 x 6. In view of the great assistance which these two appliances can give to the army it is suggested that AS Ancona be instructed to examine any civilian vehicle for which a permit is desired and to seize any of the required articles so found, hand them over to Maggiore Albertini, and order the prefect to requisition them for the fire brigade. In view of the serious risk of big petrol fires a self propelled foam pump found at Ascoli Piceno has been ordered on at once on loan to the Ancona Brigade for so long as the Port Fire Officer and AIG/ACC Public Safety Officer considers necessary. The mains supply is far from satisfactory, but the static water situation is good throughout the city.

(ii) Ancona Docks. The AS has requisitioned two boats as fire floats and mounted one of their own pumps and one of the local brigade's. If and when the APS move and leave these two boats it is hoped that the prefect will requisition them anew for the brigade. Drugging is taking place for a large fire float belonging to the brigade which was sunk in the harbour.

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(iv) Levi. One pump with towing vehicle available, also escape which can be fetched by towing vehicle when required. Here there is a SPA 30/c/10 self propelled pump with 200 gallon water tank combined, but lacking differential, magnet, and six tyres complete; this is not essential here but would be most useful and the commandante is endeavouring to put it in order. There is also a car for removing injured persons to hospital which lacks only a 12 volt battery.

(v) Fabriano. One pump without towing vehicle available. Good towing vehicle ordered on from Fermo on loan to Ancona Brigade. After its arrival situation will be fairly satisfactory.

(vi) Senigallia. One pump and towing vehicle available. Position fairly satisfactory.

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- (ii) Fano. One pump and towing vehicle available. A second turnout is very desirable and it is suggested that one be transferred at once from Macerata Feltria or Novafeltria, neither of which fully justified a fire station and both of which will be cut off in bad weather and so be unable to reinforce the coast towns.
- (iii) Fossombrone. One pump and towing vehicle available. Position satisfactory.

(iv) Urbino. One pump and towing vehicle available. There is also a GPA 25/c/10 self propelled pump with 200 gallon water tank combined which lacks six tyres complete 170 x 20 or 210 x 20 and a cylinder head. It may be possible to repair cylinder head but this is doubtful. It is suggested that ABE Urbino be instructed to take the usual steps regarding tyres and that Ing. Filippelli be allowed to go to Rome (and if necessary, Naples) to try to find a new cylinder head if some cannot be found in Ancona. This appliance when repaired would be invaluable at Pesaro. At the moment there is no water in Urbino also, but this is likely to be remedied shortly as it is due apparently to a mechanical fault and not a complete collapse of the system as at Pesaro.

(v) Cagli. Nothing available. Nothing necessary. Station closed.

(vi) Macerata Feltria. One pump and towing vehicle available; not essential (see 7 (ii) 6).

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PROVINCE OF L'AQUILA.

TO: Colonel C.H.A. FRENCH, Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

FROM: Acting/Provincial Commissioner, L'AQUILA PROVINCE.

SUBJECT: Demonstration at ORTUCCIO.

REF: R5AQ/1698A

DATE: 1 Nov 44.

Following the demonstration which took place at ORTUCCIO on the 16th Oct 44, the Regional Commissioner instructed that Provincial Officers be detailed to remain in that area and submit a situation report.

Captain Giliberti, P.O., and Major Mighall, P.P.S.O., were ordered to take up station in Avezzano district which was done on 25 Oct 44.

Exhaustive enquiries have been made by Italian authorities and officers named above and necessary precautions taken to prevent a recurrence.

The facts leading to the attempted seizure of the land at ORTUCCIO are summarized below:-

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We visited several communes and found that other dissatisfied peasants on the Torlonia estate were submitting their requests in writing and no evidence of the likelihood of a similar demonstration can be found, as the peasants fear the results.

The undermentioned measures were taken to prevent further serious incidents.

1. Carabinieri at Avezzano reinforced by 12 men and an A/C truck placed at their disposal temporarily.
2. Reserve of carabinieri - 50 at CHIETI and 50 at PESCARA available on call by Captain i/c CC.BR Avezzano.
3. Speedy trial at L'AQUILA of persons heading demonstration at ORTUCCIO - proposed date 6 Nov at which adequate precautions will be taken to maintain order.

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4. Warning given to leaders of local contadini of the responsibilities at law in inciting persons to break the law.
5. Insistence on Carabinieri reporting all cases of trespass on private land and prosecution of offenders.
6. Major Lund P.O., at Avezzano keeping constant supervision on situation.
7. Prefect fully advised of position and recommendations made to him.

Conclusion.

It is unlikely that serious incidents will recur in the near future. Individuals acts of trespass and disputes as to the conditions of tenancy and employment will continue - these are matters for the Italian authorities.

The agitation (undoubtedly fostered by communists) for a large scale overthrow of private rights has failed.

It is necessary to watch closely the situation in the district for some time, and I recommended the continued presence of an A.C. Officer at Avezzano for an indefinite period.

/s/ H. MICHAEL

Major,
Acting/Provincial Commissioner,
L'AQUILA PROVINCE.

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LT. COL. WILCOX		1/12
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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
 FROM : Mr. Abruzzi - Bureau of Prisons
 REF : 15/511/10
 DATE : 1 October 1964

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Herewith is the report for September 1964.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS :

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TO : HQ. A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

FROM : HQ. Abruzzi - Marche Region A.M.C.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

DATE : 29 September 1944.

Ref. *RS/SM/18.*

There has been no change during the past month in the administrative areas. Pescara and Ancona remain under control of AUS 5th Army Area.

CC.RR. In Chieti the strength of the CC.RR. is 446.
In Pescara " " " 272.
In Teramo " " " 232.

For the above three provinces there are 6 cars and 4 motor cycles. CC.RR. are working fairly well, clothing and equipment are satisfactory.

In Ascoli Piceno there have been changes in the senior ranks, the efficiency is reported as poor but it is hoped with the new officers that there will be a considerable improvement, their morale is low and they have not had the support of Italian Officials or public.

Aquila reports a strength of 588. Application has been made for the replacement of the two senior officers, a more energetic Commanding Officer is required.

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PESCARA	: CC.RR.	69	"	1 truck	
	Forestry Cd.	18	"	Nil	
TERAMO	: CC.RR.	160	:	1 car	
	Forestry Cd.	25	"	Nil	

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Public Sicurezza: Chieti 46, Pescara, 50, Teramo, 67.

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CC.RR.

In Chieti the strength of the CC.RR. is 446.
 In Pescara " " " " 272.
 In Teramo " " " " 232.

For the above three provinces there are 6 cars and 4 motor cycles. CC.RR. are working fairly well. clothing and equipment are satisfactory.

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CRIME

No crime worthy of note has been reported or recorded in Chieti Province. A similar state of affairs is reported from Ascoli one or two cases have been dealt with. In Aquila only one case, a theft of electric cable which is receiving special attention has been reported. The Region is practically free from serious crime.

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Black Market

In Chieti, Teramo & Pescara, 109 persons were dealt with according to Italian law for the carrying contraband. This total includes a gang of 16 at Teramo, who dealing with eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes, salt, etc., All the commodities were seized, the largest haul being 24000 eggs. The offender dealing in the egg racket had already managed to get 24000 to Rome before he was arrested and was caught trying to get through with the second lot. The Black Market in the above area is not at the present creating any problem. In Ascoli Piceno prices have a tendency to rise as the Polish troops appear to be willing to pay any price for commodities they require. Dealers from Rome are operating in the Province. A considerable quantity of potatoes have been getting out of the Avezzano District, road blocks have been operating and several vehicles have been impounded. All the offenders are from Rome.

Special Problems : Nil.Relations with C.M.P., P. SS. etc.

Continue to be excellent, a new section of P. SS. have moved into the Region and are co-operating well with P. S. Officers.

Civilian Passes

In Aquila Province permits for movement South of the Army Rear Control Line are now issued by CC.RR. on clear instructions and supervision of P. S. O. This principle has also been adopted in Ascoli, Chieti, Pescara and Teramo, and is working satisfactorily.

Fire Service

Lt. Col. Montague reported to this Region on request, and is temporarily attached. He has already surveyed the Region and his reports are attached herewith. Permission has been sought from A.M.G. Eight Army Rear for the Col. to visit their area, thus completing the Regional survey.

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15 Volunteers remain on duty in Aquila. In Ascoli a skeleton organization exist and is ready to function. In the Chieti Area, Civil Defence according to Allied standards is now existent, air raid shelters are well maintained.

Prisons.

: Reports attached.

Sabotage, Strikes and Forged currency: Nil.Courts.

Chieti, Pescara and Teramo, all offences subject to A.M.G. proclamations are being dealt with by Italian Courts. A return of cases is not yet to hand but will be forwarded as soon as received.

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Meetings were authorised in the large towns of Ascoli Piceno, but only applications received were from the Communist Party. No applications to hold meetings were received at Aquila.

V.D. - steps taken to control.

Medical inspections of prostitutes and rigid control by Questura have materially reduced V.D. rate among prostitutes. No complaint by Allied Forces has been received at Aquila. At Chieti only two cases of V.D. contracted by S.A.A.F. have been received from 2 women at a Chieti Cafe. The place was being derived from the Cafe closed.

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Conduct of troops

Chieti area good, at Teramo a minor incident occurred, which turned into a street fight between a few S.A.A.F. members and Italian soldiers. The S.A.A.F. were not on this occasion free from blame. In Ascoli - Macerata Provinces complaints of the conduct of Polish Troops has been received, the conduct of Polcorps is cannot be described as anything but bad. No Polish Police are in evidence and there appears to be little control over drunkenness. An incident occurred at Terno after a Communist meeting on Sunday 17th inst. where an Italian civilian was shot by a Polish soldier. The injury is not serious. A report on the circumstances is being submitted.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. P. King
Lt. Colonel
R. P. S. O.

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Appendices.

1. Prison Report - Aquila
2. Prison " Ascoli.
3. " " Chieti
4. " " Pescara.
5. " " Teramo.
6. Report of Fire Service, Teramo.
7. " " " Lacerata.
8. " " " Ascoli-Piceno.
9. " " " Chieti.
10. " " " Pescara.
11. Summary of Position of Fire Brigades.
12. Location of Personnel.

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APPENDIX "A".Location of P.P.Os.

There are no P.P.Os. assigned to AQUILA Province.

APPENDIX "B".

<u>Type of Prison.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>			<u>Population.</u>			<u>No of Guards.</u>
	Men	Women	Minors.	Men	Women	Minors.	
Giudisiaris(AQUILA)	162	34	70	72	6	16	52 ✓
Mandamentale(MONTEREALS)	20	8		1			2
" " (PIZZOLI)	15	7					1
" " (BARISCIANO)	22	8					2
" " (S. DEMETRIO)	12	4		1			2
" " (CA. BISTRANO)	35	10					2
" " (TRASAGO)	14			2			3
" " (FESCIANA)	15	6		7			1
" " (TAGLIASCOZZI)	30						1
" " (CIVITELLA)	25						1
Giudicare (SULMONA)	75	10		32	1		16 ✓
Penale (SULMONA)	500						38
Mandamentale(CASTELVUOCCHIO)	20	10					1
" " (IRATOLA)	15	5		1			1

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Separate report submitted

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PRISON REPORT. ASCOLI MARITIMA

LOCATION	CAPACITY	POPULATION	GUARDS
ASCOLI Carcere Giudiziario	96	Men 98 Women 8 Minor 1 (being transferred)	179
FERMO Carcere (2 years Max)	80	Men 10 Women 2 Minor nil	

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Place	Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for men women or minors	Present number of inmates, men, women minors	Number of Guards employed	
				Men	Women
Chieti	Giudiziario ✓	108	76 men 17 women	19	2
Vasto	Mandamentale	108	36 " 3 "	1	1
Lanciano	Giudiziario ✓	69	60 " 9 "	11	2
Atessa	Mandamentale	30	7 " "	1	
Casoli	"	30	2 "	1	1
Guardiagrele	"	28	3 " 3 "	1	
Villa S. Maria	"	23	2 " "	1	
Gissi	"	16	5 " 1 "	1	1
Casalbordino	"	12	7 " "	1	
Tarenta Peligna	"	12		1	
Castiglione M.	"	10	5 " "	1	1
Lama Peligna	"	8	1 " 6 "	1	

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b) Show under "Remarks" column whether the prison had been requisitioned, occupied by troops, or damaged, and what accommodation if any, remains available



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Carceri Penali ✓	69	60 " 9 "	11	2	
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"	30	2 "	1	1	
"	28	3 " 3 "	1		
"	23	2 "	1		
"	16	5 " 1 "	1	1	
"	12	7 "	1		
"	12		1		
"	10	5 "	1	1	
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Pescara	Giudiziario ✓	35	32 men	20		Y. Ca an
Perme	Mandamentale	50	6 " 2 women	1	1	
Città S. Angelo	"	30	6 "		1	
Loreto Aprutino	"	23	4 "	1	1	
Torre dei Passeri	"	26	7 "	1	1	
S. Valentino	"	20		1	1	
Caramanico	"	20	3 "	1	1	
Popoli	"	18	8 "	1	1	
Catignano	"	16	1 " 1 "	1	1	
Pianella	"	12	7 " 3 "	1	1	
Manoppello	"	10				Out

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			Men	Women	
ziani	35	32 men	20		*Capacity prior to damage by bombing 90 men.
mentale	50	6 " 2 women	1	1	
"	30	6 "		1	
"	23	4 "	1	1	
"	26	7 "	1	1	
"	20		1	1	
"	20	3 "	1	1	
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"	10				Out of bounds since ten years ago.

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Place	Type of prisons (a)	Normal Capacity for men women or minors		Present number of inmates; men, women minors		Number of Guards employed	
		MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	Men	Women
TERAMO	Giudiziario	147 ✓	30	34	2	27	2
CAMPLI	Mandamentale	9	4	=	=	I	=
MONTEFIORE al V.	Mandamentale	24	4	=	=	I	=
TOSSICIA	Mandamentale	10	5	=	=	I	=
BISANTI	Mandamentale	20	6	=	=	I	=
GIULIANOVA	Mandamentale	20	=	2	=	I	I
ATRI	Mandamentale	8	4	I	I	I	I
NOTARESCO	Mandamentale	17	6	3	=	I	=
NERETO	Mandamentale	10	4	I	=	I	I
CIVITELLA d. Tr.	Mandamentale	8	2	=	=	I	I

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mentale	10	5	=	=	1	=	
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mentale	20	=	2	=	1	1	
mentale	8	4	1	1	1	1	
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TO : RPSO Region V, AMG.
FROM : PSO, Region V, AMG.
SUBJECT : 81st Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Teramo Province.
REFERENCE: R5/514/6.
DATE : 19 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Teramo Province Fire Brigade, 81st Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, and found same almost wholly out of action through lack of transport.

2. The HQ of the brigade are at Teramo, with five detachments nominally at Teramo, Acquaviva (suburb of Teramo), Civitella del Tronto, Giulianova and Atri (the last planned but never activated), who combine fire brigade, rescue and ambulance duties. In peacetime and in the present state of hostilities I can see no justification for a paid brigade of the present size (80 officers and men) or the activation of the proposed station at Atri on a professional basis.

3. The fire risk does not appear to justify more than two fire turnouts, one mobile dam, one rescue turnout, one ambulance, one car and one motor-cycle at Teramo, one fire turnout and one ambulance at Civitella and one fire turnout and one ambulance at Giulianova. The main station at Teramo is excellent and the second station at Acquaviva seems worth retaining only as garage and workshops; only if the bridge over the River Tordino were broken would Acquaviva be useful as a fire station, and at present at least Teramo is hardly a military target as its roads are useless for heavy military communications.

4. Teramo station has at present in commission:
(1) One mobile dam complete, but with bad 12-volt battery and with unsatisfactory tyres; two tyres 32 x 8 are required.
(2) Two trailer pumps with carriages complete.

5. Acquaviva has at present nothing in commission.

6. Civitella has at present in commission one truck but no pump. Truck can be used for first aid duties.

7. Giulianova has at present in commission one portable pump with full gear but no vehicle.

8. Out of the jumble of vehicles and trucks out of commission at Teramo and Acquaviva a good deal can be salvaged:

(1) A rescue turnout with crane needs one 160 x 20 tyre and a 12-volt battery. Should stay at Teramo.

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(4) One autoambulanza requires four tyres 7.00 x 18. Should stay at Teramo.

(5) Two cars, one needing four tyres 4.00 x 15, the other needing four tyres 5.00 x 15. If one is fitted out for Teramo, the other could be transferred or used for scrap.

(6) One portable (hole) pump without wheels should be put on the back in commission at Civitella, together with small gear.

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9 Scrapping and the following vehicles are considered more worth being broken up for spare parts:

- (1) Ceirano 22 mobile dam, wheel-less and in complete disorder.
- (2) Fire car Fiat 525 with cracked cylinder block, no battery and only two tyres 6.00 x 18. It is suggested that these tyres be transferred by the Minister to 47th Corps, Macerata, to fire car VF 636 at Recanati.

10. The stock of small gear is good and any other corps short of extinguisher refills could draw a number from Teramo; about 200 litres of foam compound are required from Hq ACC or the Minister.

11. The station premises are the best I have seen in Italy and the men seemed reasonably efficient but very downhearted as a result of being unable to accept fire and first aid calls over a long period. Only at Giulianova had the men confidence; here the capo squadra when he receives a call goes out in the street and temporarily seizes the first car or empty cart he sees, but by night he is usually unlucky.

12. The firemen are receiving only the civilian ration scale instead of heavy workers' rations and it is suggested that the matter be taken up with the local authorities by Provincial AMG.

13. Even with only one mobile dam available for all purposes, petrol issued to the corps has been so little that many calls for first aid and even fire have had to be refused; this naturally does not improve the attitude of the public to the corps. The vice-comandante stated that they received only 120 litres of petrol a month against requirements of 1200 litres. I consider his estimate of requirements too high and suggest that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers try to arrange for a monthly allowance of 500 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil for the whole corps with a reserve to be carried of 200 litres petrol and 10 kilos of oil at Teramo and 50 litres of petrol and 5 kilos of oil each at Civitella and Giulianova, the comandante to keep logs of all journeys and consumption and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visits to his two outstations.

14. It seems unlikely that either the brigade or the Provincial Public Safety Officer will be able to solve the tyre shortage and that we shall have to apply to Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC Hq and the Ministry for an allocation of 12 tyres 7.00 x 18, four tyres 4.75 x 18, two tyres 52 x 6, one tyre 160 x 20 and two 12-volt batteries.

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Copy to Provincial Commissioner, Chieti.

TO : RPSO, Region V, AMG.
 FROM : PSO, Region V, AMG.
 SUBJECT : 47th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Macerata Province.
 REFERENCE: R5/514/6.
 DATE : 21 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Macerata Province Fire Brigade, 47th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco.

2. The HQ of the brigade are at Macerata, with six detachments, nominally at Macerata, Recanati, San Severino, Camerino, Tolentino and Porto Civitanova, but at present only the Macerata and Recanati detachments are in action and this has resulted in Macerata in the last fortnight having to cover respectively 34 km. and 60 km. to attend outbreaks in Tolentino and Calderola with the result that great damage was done before they could arrive and much petrol was used.

3. In view of the fire risks, distances from Macerata and the necessity to be ready to assist the Ancona fire brigade, the present strength of two officers and 50 ORs does not seem excessive. When possible, the brigade in addition to fire duties assists with rescue, first aid, and transport of sick and injured persons, but has not a single ambulance available. For the time being, it seems wise not to attempt to reconstruct the detachment at Tolentino, but to try to bring the other five stations up to the following minimum:

(1) Macerata (which has one machine always on call to support Ancona): 2 fire turnouts, one ambulance, one car for comandante, one motorcycle.

(2) Recanati (which covers Loreto in Ancona Province and Porto Recanati and is on first call to reinforce Ancona): One fire turnout, which in emergency outside air raid periods can also act as ambulance.

(3) Porto Civitanova, San Severino and Camerino: Each one fire turnout, which in emergency can act as ambulance.

4. Macerata station has in commission at present:

(1) One first-class self-propelled 500 g.p.m. water pump with first aid tank and full equipment;

(2) One fire car complete with light pump and full equipment;

(3) One car for comandante with very bad 4.00 x 15 tyres;

(4) One motorcycle with very bad 3 x 12 x 25 tyres;

(5) One spare 1100 trailer pump;

(6) One very small portable pump which is used when it is necessary to leave men cooling down after a fire.

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detachments, nominally at Macerata, Recanatì, San Severino, Camerino, Tolentino and Porto Civitanova, but at present only the Macerata and Recanatì detachments are in action and this has resulted in Macerata in the last fortnight having to cover respectively 34 km. and 60 km. to attend outbreaks in Tolentino and Caldarola with the result that great damage was done before they could arrive and much petrol was used.

3. In view of the fire risks, distances from Macerata and the necessity to be ready to assist the Ancona fire brigade, the present strength of two officers and 50 ORs does not seem excessive. When possible, the brigade in addition to fire duties assists with rescue, first aid, and transport of sick and injured persons, but has not a single ambulance available. For the time being, it seems wise not to attempt to reconstruct the detachment at Tolentino, but to try to bring the other five stations up to the following minimum:

(1) Macerata (which has one machine always on call to support Ancona): 2 fire turnouts, one ambulance, one car for comandante, one motorcycle.

(2) Recanatì (which covers Loreto in Ancona Province and Porto Recanatì and is on first call to reinforce Ancona): One fire turnout, which in emergency outside air raid periods can also act as ambulance.

(3) Porto Civitanova, San Severino and Camerino: Each one fire turnout, which in emergency can act as ambulance.

4. Macerata station has in commission at present:

(1) One first-class self-propelled 500 g.p.m. water pump with first aid tank and full equipment;

(2) One fire car complete with light pump and full equipment;

(3) One car for comandante with very bad 4.00 x 15 tyres;

(4) One motorcycle with very bad 3 x 12 x 25 tyres;

(5) One spare 1100 trailer pump;

(6) One very small portable pump which is used when it is necessary to leave men cooling down after a fire.

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5. Recanatì has at present in commission one very good fire car complete with light pump and full equipment, but two of the tyres stay inflated apparently only by will-power as the inner tubes are visible. In report on 51st Corps, Teramo Province, the transfer of two 6.00 x 18 tyres necessary from Teramo to Recanatì is recommended.

6. San Severino will, as a result of repairs just completed, have in commission from today one fire car with light pump and full equipment.

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7. The only spare equipment in or out of commission available towards re-equipping Porto Civitanova and Camerino is one trailer pump correct, one trailer pump in poor order and one trailer pump under repair. On the other hand Macerata in July 1940 sent on loan to Brindisi one fire car with pump, full gear and six men on loan and they have not yet returned. If the Minister can and is willing to order the return of this turnout, Camerino can be reopened at once. As regards Porto Civitanova, it is suggested that the prefect be requested by Provincial AMG to requisition at once a camioncino in going condition and hand it over to the comandante of the corps; this with the correct trailer pump spare at Macerata would suffice temporarily. In view of the fact that the prefect often uses the comandante's car for prefettura business, he should be glad to help the brigade in return.

8. The corps has the usual difficulty with petrol and lubricating oil and it is suggested that the Provincial Supply and Provincial Public Safety Officers arrange with the local authorities for a monthly ration of 600 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil with a total reserve, deposited at stations as opened, of 250 litres of petrol and 20 kilos of oil, the comandante to keep logs of all movements and consumption and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visits to his outstations; when the prefettura wishes to use the comandante's car the prefettura to supply petrol and oil.

9. The comandante has obtained a small quantity of leather to repair stivali, but the quality is unsuitable for the work.

10. The firemen seemed to be keen and of satisfactory standard, but again there is the complaint that they are on ordinary civilian rations instead of receiving heavy workers' rations. It is suggested that Provincial AMG take the matter up with the local authorities.

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TO : RPSO Region V, AMG.
 FROM : FSO, Region V, AMG.
 SUBJECT : 7th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Ascoli-Piceno Province.
 REFERENCE: R5/514/6.
 DATE : 20 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Ascoli-Piceno Province Fire Brigade, 7th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, with considerable assistance from the Provincial AMG staff and Ing. Tomassini, comandante of the Brigade.

2. The HQ of the brigade are at Ascoli-Piceno with two detachments at Fermo and San Benedetto; the detachment at San Benedetto was withdrawn when the Allies bombed the town, but the comandante has ordered the reopening of the station. In addition to ordinary fire duties the brigade assists with the mine-lifting (a squad under DI MOLTEDO, the vice-comandante, has already lifted over 2000 mines and unexploded missiles), rescue and first aid work, including removal of sick and injured to hospital.

3. The main fire risks are at Ascoli-Piceno, San Benedetto, where POL is unloaded, Fermo and Porto San Giorgio, another small port well covered from the Fermo station. The present strength in men (2 officers and 45 ORs) and appliances available seems adequate and the difficulties of the brigade are small in comparison with those of others.

4. Ascoli-Piceno has at present in commission:
 (1) Two fire cars, with light pumps and full equipment.
 (2) One emergency truck used as ambulance.

(3) One water carrier with dam
 (4) One car for use of comandante
 (5) Three spare light pumps.

5. Fermo station has at present in commission:
 (1) One self-propelled water pump with first aid tank and full equipment except two spades, two picks and one extinguisher.
 (2) One fire car with light pump and full equipment, except two spades, two picks and one extinguisher.

6. San Benedetto station will have in commission on reopening in a few days:
 (1) One fire truck with light pump and full equipment, which can also be used as ambulance
 (2) One self-propelled foam pump with full equipment.

7. If possible a motorcycle should be put in commission at the Ascoli-Piceno station; the cycle is available but needs two tyres, with inner tubes, 3 x 9 x 25 or 3 x 9 x 50.

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8. The comune of Ascoli-Piceno has two motor water carts garaged at the fire station and in emergency these are at the disposal of the fire brigade.

9. It is suggested that the self-propelled ^{motor}water pump at Fermo and the self-propelled foam pump at San Benedetto should be regarded as available for immediate reinforcement of the Ancona fire brigade on call.

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10. The provision of petrol and lubricating oil has not been altogether satisfactory in the past and it is suggested that in view of the risks and the distances to be covered the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange for a monthly ration of 300 litres of petrol and 15 kilos of oil for the whole corps and a reserve to be carried of 200 litres petrol and 10 kilos oil at Ascoli and 50 litres petrol and 5 kilos oil each at Fermo and San Benedetto, the comandante to keep logs of all journeys and consumption, and no petrol be used except for turnouts and visits to his two outstations.
11. An adequate supply of foam compound is required; a minimum of 400 litres additional stock is advisable and can only be supplied through Hq ACC and the Minister.
12. The state of the footwear of the firemen is deplorable, but if the Provincial Consiglio dell'Economia can be persuaded by Provincial AMG to release sound strong leather all repairs can be done on the stations.
13. The comandante was very urgent that he needed spare tyres for all vehicles; his views are understandable, but his demand seems to be of very low priority. Likewise, he wishes to have four new 12-volt batteries and one new 6-volt battery to replace very poor batteries. This demand is more reasonable, but again I cannot recommend that it be given high priority when others have no batteries at all.
14. The stock of small gear is fair but 600 extra meters of 70-mm delivery hose are desirable and it may be possible to arrange a transfer from some well-provided province such as Campobasso through the Minister. The need for spades, picks and extinguishers at Fermo should be met from the corps HQ, and it is suggested that the Provincial Police Officer instruct the comandante on this point and check that the San Benedetto station is reopened as promised.
15. Instead of receiving heavy workers' rations, the firemen have had only ordinary civilian rations since 1 September 1944; it is suggested that the Provincial AMG office take this up with the local authorities.
16. In addition to the machines already mentioned, there is a Fiat 522 six-seater car with motor in good order but lacking wheels and tyres; the comandante wishes to put this in commission as a first turnout fire car because it is fast and consumes little fuel; if he succeeds in obtaining wheels and tyres, one of the fire cars at present in commission should be considered available for transfer, complete with pump and small gear.

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Copy to Provincial Commissioner, Ascoli-Piceno

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TO : R.P.S.O. Region V - A.M.G.
 FROM : P.S.O. Region V - A.M.G.
 SUBJECT : 24th Corps, Vigili del Fuoco, Chieti Province
 REF : R6/614/3
 DATE : 26 September 1944.

1. I have today completed inspection of the Chieti Province Fire Brigade, 24th Corps Vigili del Fuoco, with considerable assistance from Captain Cotton P.P.S.O. Chieti Province, and C.S.M. Later, Army Fire Service.

2. The HQ. of the brigade are at Chieti with six detachments normally at Chieti, Carunchio, Lanciano, Orsogna, Ortona and Vasto but at the moment only the Chieti station is in Commission, and Fire protection is being given to the other districts by the Army Fire Service. In order to support and release for service elsewhere the AFS brigades it is essential to reopen the stations at Ortona and Vasto immediately and that of Lanciano as soon after as possible. For the time being it seems wise not to reopen the stations at Carunchio and Orsogna.

3. The main fire risk is military, at Ortona, and Chieti should therefore be considered of secondary importance, whatever the Italian authorities think. The minimum requirements would be one fire turnout, one car, one motorcycle, and one ambulance at Chieti, one ordinary fire turnout, one foam pump, and one motor water carrying turnout and one ambulance at Ortona, and one fire turnout each at Lanciano and Vasto, and if necessary I suggest reinforcements be sent from the 7th Corps of Ascoli Piceno. Before making summary report of the situation throughout the Region I have, however, arranged to meet Captain Lewis, officer commanding Army Fire Service throughout the Region, on the afternoon of 27 September 1944 at Ortona and discuss his probable requirements. I have no confidence in Ing. Battagliani, head of Italian Corps, whose removal has already been suggested to HQ. AFS. Manpower is adequate at 74.

4. Chieti station (57 men) has in Commission at present:

- (1) One self-propelled motor pump with full equipment;
- (2) One fire truck and one light pump, but one tyre 600 X 16, stays up by willpower and must be replaced;
- (3) One ambulance, but the tyres 5.50 X 15 are very bad;
- (4) One motorcycle and sidecar;
- (5) One autocette complete with full gear which belongs to the Ortona station and should be sent the Ortona at once;
- (6) One autocette without water tank;
- (7) One autocette without water tank;

assisted by Captain Cotton P.P.S.C. Chieti Province, and C.S.M. Later, Army Fire Service.

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- (2) One fire truck and one light car, but one tyre 300 X 16 stays up by willpower and must be replaced;
- (3) One ambulance, but the tyres 5.50 X 16 are very bad;
- (4) One motorcycle and sidecar;
- (5) One ambulance complete with full gear which belongs to the Ortona station and should be sent the Ortona at once;
- (6) One autocolumna without water tank;
- (7) One light pump.

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5. Ortona station has at present 11 men who are working on demolition of dangerous buildings and can provide a fire squad throughout the 24 hours. The Brigadier appears to be keen and intelligent; he was unknown to the AFS but I brought him into contact at once and arranged for mutual training and help.

6. Orsogna station has at present 6 men who are doing useful work on clearance of wreckage but are, on present orders, due to

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return to Chieti for the winter.

7. There are no Italian wireless and no equipment at Ceramchio, Lanciano and Vasto.

8. Out of commission at Chieti are:

(1) The Lanciano autocatete, which needs four tyres size 2.10 X 20 or 3.1 X 6 or 3.2 X 3;

(2) One three wheel light fire truck, needing two tyres 5.50 X 15 and one tyre 4.25 X 17.

9. The general state of the machinery was dirty and men at Chieti did not seem as good as those at Ortona. The comandante was absent both morning and afternoon from the station.

10. The small gear was sufficient except that an additional 1000 metres of 70 mm. hose are desirable if the Ortona, Lanciano and Vasto stations are to be reopened.

11. The men's footwear here also is in disgraceful condition.

12. A monthly ration of about 1000 litres of petrol and 40 kilos of lubricating oil for the corps with a reserve of 200 litres petrol and 5 kilos of oil at each station even seems advisable, the comandante to keep records of oil consumption and journeys and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visiting his stations. It is suggested that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange this with the local authorities.

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9. On a commission at Chieti are:

- (1) The Lanciano autocarro, which needs four tyres size 210 X 20 or 34 X 3 or 32 X 6;
- (2) One three wheel light fire truck, needing two tyres 5.50 X 15 and one tyre 4.25 X 17.

9. The general state of the machinery was dirty and men at Chieti did not seem as good as those at Ortona. The comandante was absent both morning and afternoon from the station.

10. The small gear was sufficient except that an additional 1000 metres of 40 mm. hose are desirable if the Ortona, Lanciano and Vasto stations are to be reopened.

11. The men's footwear here also is in disgraceful condition.

12. A monthly ration of about 1000 litres of petrol and 40 kilos of lubricating oil for the corps with a reserve of 200 litres petrol and 5 kilos of oil at each station open seems advisable, the comandante to keep records of all consumption and journeys and no petrol to be used except for turnouts and visiting his stations. It is suggested that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange this with the local authorities.

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TO : A.P.S.C. - Region V - A.M.G.
 FROM : P.S.C. - Region V - A.M.G.
 SUBJECT : 69th Corps, Villi del Ruoco, Pescara Province.
 REF : RS/514/3.
 DATE : 26 September 1944.

1. I have to-day completed inspection of the Pescara Province Fire Brigade, 69th Corps Villi del Ruoco.

2. The HQ. of the brigade, at Pescara, with three detachments nominally at Pescara, Penne, and Popoli, but at present only the Pescara station is in commission, and it does not seem necessary to do more for the other two than arrange a small squad with a utility turnout at Popoli to do fire, ambulance, and demolition work. At Pescara it is necessary to have two fire turnouts, one ambulance, one mobile dam, and most important, one motorcycle.

3. Pescara station has at present in commission:
 (1) 1 2 1/2 ton British truck with light pump and full equipment;
 (2) 1 fire car with light pump and full equipment;
 (3) 1 motorcycle, belonging to the Italian Army but salvaged by the Fire brigade and used by them.

4. Penne and Popoli stations have no men and no equipment at present.

5. The following machines, at Pescara can be salvaged:
 (1) Good ambulance needing four tyres complete 400 x 16;
 (2) Bellini fire camione needing four tyres complete for an 1100 (suitable for use in Popoli).

6. Small gear is adequate except that much hose is unsound and worn out; 500 m. x 70 mm. and 500 m. x 45 mm. are advisable, also two sets of Scale Italiana. Two tyres (without inner tubes) 300 x 18 for a Fiat 525 and one tyre (without inner tube) 30 x 6 are available for transfer.

7. The firemen are still receiving only civilian rations and in view of the heavy work they are doing at present on fire, first aid ambulance, and demolition work it is urgent that the Provincial Supply and Public Safety Officers arrange with the local authorities for the correct rations for heavy workers.

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Fire Brigade, 89th Corps Vicini del Ruoco.

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3. Pescara station has at present in commission:
 (1) 1 24 ton British truck with light pump and full equipment;
 (2) 1 fire car with light pump and full equipment;
 (3) 1 motorcycle, belonging to the Italian Army but salvaged by the fire brigade and used by them.

4. Penne and Popoli stations have no men and no equipment at present.

5. The following machines, at Pescara can be salvaged:
 (1) 1 66cc autoambulance needing four tyres complete 400 x 16;
 (2) 1 Balilla fire camione needing four tyres complete for an 1100 (suitable for use in Popoli).

6. Small gear is adequate except that much hose is unsound and worn out: 500 m. x 70 mm. and 300 m. x 45 mm. are available, also two sets of Besse Italiane. Two tyres (without inner tubes) 400 x 18 for a Fiat 525 and one tyre (without inner tube) 30 x 6 are available for transfer.

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8. HQ. ACC. wrote in August last that Ing. Smariglia was being sent from Naples to take charge of the brigade, but he has not yet arrived. Ing. Battaglini of Chieti was supposed to be looking after both Chieti and Pescara, but has done little or nothing. ~~He~~ ^{He} ~~requests~~ there is only one brigadier left with 34 men and he urgently requests that an officer be sent to help. I suggest that Ing. Masini of Aquila, a spare second officer, be sent temporarily until Smariglia arrives.

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LT. COLONEL,
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TO : H.P.S.C. HQ. Anagni - Marche Region A.H.G.

FROM : P.S.C. HQ. Anagni - Marche Region A.H.G.

SUBJECT : Summary of Position of Fire Brigades.

REF : 15/514/6.

DATE : 29 September 1944.

1. I have now completed inspection of the fire brigades in the six provinces directly under AG Anagni - Marche Region - Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Chieti, Macerata, Pescara, and Teramo - and am in touch with the Army Fire Fighting Company operating in the same area.

2. Separate reports were made regarding the individual problems of the six corps dei Vigili del Fuoco, and the position is summarized from a general point of view here. Recommendations are based on (a) Probable military needs, (b) Normal fire risks, (c) Risks increased by the present state of hostilities including need for reinforcements, (d) rescue, demolition, first aid, and ambulance duties, (e) available machinery and small gear.

3. There is a direct military need for competent Italian fire sections to assist and eventually release British sections in the lines of communication. Such crews are being trained to use British as well as Italian equipment and if necessary to form half of the crews on British pumps. The British firemen like working with the Italian firemen, but often find them hardly strong enough for the job - this is my opinion largely due to their receiving unsatisfactory rations. The securing of heavy weapons rations for the Italian firemen is important and should not be avoided by Provincial officers.

4. Additional war risks are small apart from towns on the coast road between Ortona a Mare and Ancona, and even on this road permanent cover seems required only at Ortona, Pescara, Giulianova, San Benedetto del Tronto, Porto San Giorgio, Porto Picenatico and Ancona, and reinforcements appear likely to be needed only by Ortona, Pescara, and Ancona. The remainder of the region seems to me worthy of consideration only as a normal risk from the fire point of view. In winter it seems that it may often be impracticable to send reinforcements over the Apennines and that the region should be wholly discounted by Rome as a possible source of assistance.

5. Ancona Brigade, 5 Corps. Recommended to keep four existing stations at Ancona, Avanzano, Castel di Sangro, and Sulmona with one fire turnout and one ambulance at each, and one mobile dem. car, and motorcycle in addition at Ancona. Proposal for station at Tagliacozzo not supported. Provincial authorities instructed to try to find and requisition the tyres, etc, required to put in commission the two ambulances and two fire turnouts at present not available. Sulmona appliances would be available to assist Pescara (70 km.) or Ortona (91 km.) at all times of year. At least 16 paid firemen available for transfer or C.D. duties.

6. Ascoli Piceno, 7 Corps. Recommended to keep three existing stations at Ascoli Piceno, Fermo (covering Porto San Giorgio), and San Benedetto del Tronto, with two fire turnouts, one ambulance, one car, and one motorcycle at Ascoli Piceno, two fire turnouts (one available also for ambulance duties) at Fermo, and one turnout, and one self-propelled

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5. Aquila Brigade, 5 Corps. Recommended to keep four existing stations at Aquila, Avezzano, Castel di Sangro, and Sulmona with one fire turnout and one ambulance at each, and one mobile dam, car, and motorcycle in addition at Aquila. Proposal for station at Tagliacozzo not supported. Provincial authorities instructed to try to find and requisition the tyres, etc., required to put in commission the two ambulances and two fire turnouts at present not available. Minimum appliances would be available to assist Pescara (70 km.) or Ortona (91 km.) at all times of year. At least 16 paid firemen available for transfer or C.D. duties.

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7. Chieti Brigade, 24 Corps. Recommended to keep four stations at Chieti, Ortona, Lanciano, and Vasto, and to have two fire turnouts, one ambulance, and one

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motorcycle with side car (all available) at Chieti, one self propelled motor pump with 200 gallon tank (available), and one ambulance at Ortona, one self propelled (available) at Vasto. On inspection all machines were still at Chieti, but necessary orders for moves and for securing tyres have been given. Chieti first machine suitable to reinforce Pescara (17 km.), Ortona (38 km.), or Ancona (167 km.); Lanciano machine suitable to reinforce Pescara (21 km.). Proposal to reopen Carunchio and Orsogna stations not supported. One thousand metres of 70 mm. hose needed. A new Chief officer in place of Ing. Battaglini (see previous report by Provincial P.S.O.O. strongly advised. The ambulance for Ortona is not available locally.

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14. Three copies of this report are submitted so that if you think fit copies may be sent to HQ, ACC Public Safety Commissioner (for attention Major Mason) and to HQ, 154 Army Fire Fighting Company.

L. MONTAGNA,
Lt. Colonel,
P.S.O.

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Vesta	" Deedridge	
<u>Aquila</u>	Maj. McGill Capt. Ashton	R.P.S.O.
<u>Accola</u>	Capt. Mills	
Macerata	Maj. Jackson	

Accola Prov. (8th Army)

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Nominations for May 52

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TO : HQ. ACC. Pub. Saf. Sub-Commission.
FROM : R.P.S.O. Reg. 5 HQ. A.M.G.
SUBJECT : Monthly Report.
REF : R5/514/18/AP.
DATE : 8 Sept. 44.

1. The attached copy of report received from FPSO Macerata is forwarded for your information.
2. The Province has only recently been handed over to Reg. 5, hence the delayed report.

For the Provincial Commissioner:

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

Public Safety Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MACERATA PROVINCE

1 Sept 44.

REF : M/14/

SUBJECT : Monthly Report (Public Safety)

TO : PC, Ascoli and Macerata Provinces.

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5. No special problems have presented themselves. The patriots have been disarmed and no trouble is expected from them.
6. Relations with the CC.PP and PCC are cordial. The CC.PP have been most co-operative and work well with the CC.PP in traffic control, etc. The PCC are now more conservative in arresting political and suspected political offenders, and have proved their willingness to help whenever possible.
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Signed: A.G. Hills,
Capt,
Provincial Public Safety Officer.

PRISONS in the PROVINCE of MACERATA

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	men	women	men	women	men	women	AMC	Italian AMC	Italian		
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CAMERINO ✓ Judical prison	25	10	18	5	6	1	5	4	1	13	
CINGOLI	14	7	6	=	1	=	=	1	=	5	
CIVITANOVA	11	3	4	=	1	=	=	=	3	1	
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VISSO	4	2	=	=	1	=	=	=	=	=	
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Precis of remarks to Prefects by Lt. Col. PICKERING Public Safety Sub-Commission Region V, at Conference of Prefects held at Regional HQ 20 August 1944.

COLONEL R.P. MARSHALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PRESIDING

The Prefect being the highest authority of the State in the Provinces is directly responsible to the Minister of the Interior for the maintenance of law and order. He wields much administrative and police power he controls Carabinieri, Questura and Agenti besides having an "Inspection Service" at his disposal.

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To : HQ ACC Security Sub-Comm. (Col. A.E. Young).
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From: HQ Region 5, ACC, 7380.
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Forwarded for information.

For Regional Officer

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel.
R.P.S.C.

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TO : HQ. ACC. Publ. Safety Sub-Commission
FROM : R.P.S.O. Region 5 A.M.G.
SUBJECT : Monthly Report
REF : R5/514/18
DATE : 29 August 1944

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Herewith monthly report for August.

Macerata Province has just been handed over to Region 5 from 8th Army.

Campobasso Province has ceased to be part of the Region. The report for Campobasso is separate and attached to this report.

For Regional Commissioner:



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R.P.S.O.

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FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.

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DATE : 28 Aug 44.

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BLACK MARKET.

In Ascoli there has been a slight all round increase in essential commodities, but they continue to remain at a reasonable level. Road blocks have

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curbed any attempts which may have been made by operators to transport food, etc, illegally.

There is little to report in Chieti. The system of check and road blocks on all roads still functions; the whole is carried out by CC.RR and Guardia di Finanza. Most of the offences are subject to Italian law and are being dealt with as such.

Operations are being confined to small purchases in Aquila. In the Avezzano district potatoes were found to be going into Rome area without proper authority. The matter is at present the subject of investigation by Agriculture and Legal officers along with P.P.S.O. A system of road blocks is now in operation.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

In Aquila the refugees continue to present a difficult problem; over 100 are awaiting means of transport to their homes. Arrangements are being made to effect this transfer as soon as possible.

In the Ascoli district the Communists and Patriots created some alarm by going about in armed gangs. They are now being dealt with in accordance with ACC policy and directions. Arms are being recovered.

RELATIONS WITH CMP, FSS, ETC.

Good relations are maintained. CMP are assisting AMG to check civilian movement, pedestrian and vehicle; they are an example to CC.RR and have shown a good lead. CMP have been found most willing to assist in any class of police work.

CIVILIAN PASSES.

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PRISONS

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SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

In Aquila the refugees continue to present a difficult problem; over 100 are awaiting means of transport to their homes. Arrangements are being made to effect this transfer as soon as possible.

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Owing to insanitary conditions all prisoners have been removed from Avezzano prison to Aquila; 68 persons are awaiting trial for offences at Italian law. FSS are rapidly clearing prisons of political prisoners. The major prisons at Chieti, Lanciano and Vasto are in very good condition and well staffed. Repairs at Lanciano are still in progress.

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SABOTAGE.

Nothing reported.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

A special V.D. ward has been opened at the civil hospital at Aquila; one brothel closed to troops. CMP are great assistance in control of prostitutes. Situation is quite normal.

STRIKES & LOCKOUTS.

NIL.

FORGED CURRENCY.

Only one case reported at Vasto; enquiries have failed to reveal the source. Forged note attached to this report.

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Courts both AMG and Italian functioning in all areas. In Chieti 372 cases were tried of which 184 were curfew and black-out offences. 36 cases were dealt with by AMG courts in Aquila. All courts running smoothly.

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No applications. Throughout the Region the only party showing any drive or initiative is the Communist Party.

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Subject: Forged Currency.

To: R.P.S.O. HQ. AMG.
Region 5.

HQ. AMG.
Chieti Province
20 Aug. 1944.

Ref:- ACC/14044/PS and
R5/514/18.

Attached forged note Allied Military Currency N° 07366733-A.,
denomination 50 Lire. Forged to claim value of 500 Lire.

The forged note was handed to A.M.G. Vasto on 12 Aug. 44 by
a civilian. Enquiries were made to trace the note to its source without
success.

[Signature]
Capt. P.P.S.O.

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T. P. COTTON

Capt. Principal & the Safety Officer.

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Location trail

NO. 1006 PICKERING R.P.S.

~~Sanctuary~~

~~Major P. L. ...~~
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Chieftain

Capt. Batten B. P.P.S.O.
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Aquila

Major Mitchell B.P.S.O.
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and

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Major Jackson B. Admin Officer
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Public Safety Division
C/Basso Prov. A.C.C. H.O.
24/2/1944.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Report for August.

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3. The province continues free of the usual "run of the mill" type of serious crimes.

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20 June 44, seems to have created two special problems.

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6. With the exception of the Ternoli area, there are no C.I.F. or P.S.A. units now stationed in the province. Previously the cooperation between these units, civil police agencies and A.M.G. police was, at all times, most excellent.

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To: HQ. A.C.C., Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission.

From: HQ. Region 5, A.M.C., R.P.S.O.

Subject: Monthly Report.

Ref: R5/514/18.

Date: 31 July 1944.

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Generally the conduct of work of the CC.RR. throughout the Region is satisfactory, they are fairly well clothed, the main need in this respect being boots.

Transport and communication still leaves much to be desired.

Col. GORI of CC.RR. who has now taken up his HQ. to Chieti has been very helpful.

The Region has been comparatively free from serious crime.

In Aquila there were a couple of murders in outlying districts. Both were usual Italian squabbles and are being dealt with under Italian Law.

No major crime in Ascoli, but numerous reports received from mountain districts of small groups under guise of patriots pilfering stock, food and in few instances money by threat, they are all armed and are believed to be Jugoslavs. Action is being taken by P.S.S. CC.M. and Jugoslav representatives. Matter should be soon cleared up.

No other problem in remainder of Region which has been singularly free.

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Up to present, the black market is not presenting any special difficulties. In Aquila some dealing is taking place with flour. Through an agreed policy with P.S.O. the black market which had commenced in fruit and vegetables has been stopped.

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Special Problems.

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Excellent relations with Military Police and P.S.S. exist. Co-operation is good.

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1 Chiefs car.

1 Lorry equipped with tools, ladders and hose.

1 Tank lorry, 1 motor-cycle and sidecar, 5 small trailer pumps.

All ~~cars~~ are obsolete and lacking good tyres.

Personnel are uniformed and well trained, they have a bomb recovery squad who have removed 448 mines besides U.Z. shells and mortar shells.

Taranto. 3 Engines, 1 mobile tank, 30 personnel.

Civil Defense.

In Ascoli and Teramo C.D. organizations exist but they appear to be overidentified since liberation. They have been ordered to maintain their organizations.

There is a Provincial U.R.P.A. in Aquila Province, consisting of administrative staff of 8 and 4 squads of 20 men each, its existence dependant on Italian Minister of Interior Rome. In addition to A.R.P. duties, they do local ambulance work.

In Teramo C.D. is not functioning, 2 efficient anti gas stations, 2 first aid stations, shelter capacity 6600.

Prisons.

Prisons generally are overcrowded, number of inmates are being reduced as speedily as possible, most institutions are in need of repair.

Reports received from Provinces are attached herewith. Lt. Commander Cellien who is Regional Prison Officer was injured whilst out on survey of prisons in Campobasso area and is now in hospital in that town, as a result his reports are delayed.

Sabotage.

Nil.

Venereal Disease.

Very few reports of V.D. control through Italian Police Agencies and C.M.P. having desired effect. Several arrests in Chieti Province only ones reported.

Labour Conditions

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For the Regional Commissioner:

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as speedily as possible, most institutions are in need of repair.

Reports received from Provinces are attached herewith. Lt. Commander Gellien who is Regional Prison Officer was injured whilst out on survey of prisons in Campobasso area and is now in hospital in that town, as a result his reports are delayed.

Sabotage.

Nil.

Venerical Disease.

Very few reports of V.D. control through Italian Police Agencies and C.K.P. having desired effect. Several arrests in Chieti Province only ones reported.

Labour Conditions) No serious labour problems
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LOCATION OF PERSONNEL

Campobasso

Major Reilly
Lt. Cocks
Lt. Landesman
Capt. Borak

P.P.S.O. H.Q. Province
P.S.O. Termoli
P.S.O. Isernia
Admin Officer Province

Chieti

Capt. Cotton
Capt. Dodridge
Capt. Bellamy
2/Lt. De Santano
Lt. Bernard

P.P.S.O.
Vasto also C.A.O.
Chieti Town
Chieti Town C.A.O.
Lanciano

Aquila

Major ~~Wignall~~
Lt. Stiles
Lt. Henbury
Capt. Ashton

P.P.S.O.
Avezzano A/C.A.O.
Sulmona A/C.A.O.
Aquila Temp Supplies Officer pending reposting.

Pesceara

Major Manifold
Capt. Holt

P.P.S.O.
Province - stationed Pescara Town

Teramo

Capt. Hills
Capt. Bowd

A/P.P.S.O.
Province - stationed Teramo

Ascoli

Capt. Decker
Capt. Marsh
Capt. Liddle

P.P.S.O.
Terno
San Benedetto

Following the Teams under 8th Army:

Macerata

Capt. Chambers
Lt. Anderson

Ancona

Major McKenzie
Capt. Greenhough
Capt. Johnson
Lt. Marinkov

Lt. Bolter is still in Foggia awaiting posting to Pescara team when activated.

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H.Q., A.M.G.
Foggia Province
Public Safety Dept.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report

TO : R.P.S.O., through Provincial Commissioner

FROM : S.P.F.S.O., Foggia Province

REF : FP/ 5005

DATE : 17 July 1944

MONTHLY REPORT

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2. POLITICAL - On the up-grade.
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Lucera murdered his wife by beating her to death. He
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Three Italian Military were guarding a petrol
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No cases of sabotage have been reported. 0087

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7. ASSAULTS ON ALLIED PERSONNEL - None reported since date of last reports
8. CIVIL DEFENCE - Slight modifications are being made to meet labour demands during the harvest period. An efficient A.R.P., system is being maintained.
9. VENEREAL DISEASE - The constant inspection of suspected

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contacts together with prophylactic treatment is keeping the percentage of cases down.

Since date of last report the following facts are available

No of Women arrested	32
" " " infected	31

Totale ~~base~~ number in Venereal Hospital to date 97.

10. FIRE BRIGADE - The Brigade answered 62 calls during the past month and despite limited resources are giving a good account of themselves.
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See special report attached.
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Lt. Colonel,
SPPSO, Poggia Province.

Forwarded. His Comment

Ch. Longue

Pro. Com.

HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency
TO : R.P.S.O., Region 5
FROM : SPPSO, Foggia Province
REF : FP/ 5006
DATE : 19 July 1944

Reference your R5/514/14 dated 3/5/44
and A.C.C./14004/P.S.

In Volturino one case of uttering a forged
note has occurred.

No arrest was made.

The forged note is an altered 50 lire note
to the higher denomination of 500 lire.

The number of the note is A 02942537A.


Lt. Colonel,
SPPSO, Foggia Province.

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HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Rabies
TO : R.P.S.O., through Provincial Commissioner
FROM : S.P.P.S.O., Foggia Province
DATE : 16-July-1944
REF : Ex-Memo SS dated 1-5-1944

APPENDIX #2*

Reference the above mentioned Memo.

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Appendix 5.

AUTHORITY : R5/514/2 dated 13/5/44 and AGC/1404/1/13/PS dated 6.5.44

LOCATION	RANK	NUMBER	N A M E	APPOINTMENT	REMARKS
Provincial H.Q.	Lt.Col.	279393	BRIGGS, C.R.	(BR) S.P.P.S.O.	
LUCERA	Major	282271	MONTAGUE L.	(BR) P.P.S.O.	Fire; A.R.P., and
	Lieut.	291636	BOLTER E.P.	(BR) P.P.S.O.	Attached for Bla
Foggia District	Lieut.	0908866	BIGHAM J.C.	(US) P.P.O.	From Cerignola to Closure of Cerig
LUCERA District	Capt.	291738	MANN W.V.	(BR) P.P.O.	To AMG, HQ., Luc Office

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Major	224472	MIGHALL B.R.	(BR)	Permanent change To Teramo with P
Capt.	313776	BOWD P.R.	(BR)	
Capt.	291653	MARSH T.	(BR)	To Campobasso on Station. 20/6/4
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Capt.	0524891	BEATTY S.	(US) ✓	To Region 8, Nap On permanent cha
Lt.Cmd.	151615	GELLEIN H.	(US)	To Campobasso on ge of Station.
Capt.	0526461	GRANITZ A.A.	(US) X	To Naples on 4.7 Station.

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291636	BOLTER E.P.	(BR) P.P.S.O.	Attached for Black Market Work.
0308866	BIGHAM J.C.	(US) P.P.O.	From Cerignola to Foggia on 23.6.44 Closure of Cerignola Office
291738	MANN W.V.	(BR) P.P.O.	To AMG, HQ., Lucera on closing of Lucera Office
<u>MOVEMENTS</u>			
224472	MICHAEL B.R.	(BR)	Permanent change of Station. To Teramo with Prov. Team on 15.6.44
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HQ. AMG. Foggia Province
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Black market Operations
TO : R.P.S.O. Officer
FROM : SPPSO, Foggia Province
REF : FP/5150
DATE : 18 July 1944

Copy to : Col. A.E. Young

Deputy Chief
Public Safety
Commission

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A series of conversations in Ortona and Ortonova (the communal centro) took place with the Segretario Comunale (in the absence of the Sindaco), Direttore del Consorzio, CC.RR. and Guardia Municipale. Two persons were suggested as official night watchmen to assist and act under the orders of the one

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municipal guard in Ortona. The CC.RR. are checking the records of these two, who will be appointed if of good character.

The following persons of Torremaggiore who were traced by Maresciallo Rovaria, Vice Brigadiere Izzo, and Pin. Santoro as the sellers of 16 quintals of olive oil to 501/11 Transport Group of the French Expeditionary Corps and arrested on 22 June 1944 have been tried by the Tribunal di Foggia and sentenced each to 8 months in prison and 15,000 lire fine:

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GOVERNATO Biagio Umberto
PENSATO Salvatore

The mediatore, GIULIANI Francesco, was acquitted. All four men were defended by La Medica. Presidente of the Provincial Consorzio. This has been brought to the notice of the Prefect.

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Group of French Expeditionary Force, Caiano, Naples Brigadiere Schemann Leon in charge. Stopped at Lucera on 20 June 1944 when carrying 16 quintals of olive oil bought in Torremaggiore. Brigadier apparently in the same position as Nezali Hamoud in case. Mediatore and three sellers all traced and arrested; now awaiting trial in Italian Court.

A notice in the Bari papers says that the local vigilance committee of Cerignola has discovered some 700 illegal quintals cereals and legumi secchi on one of the masserie belonging to the Marchese Zezza, but the R.G. di Finanza report is not yet to hand.

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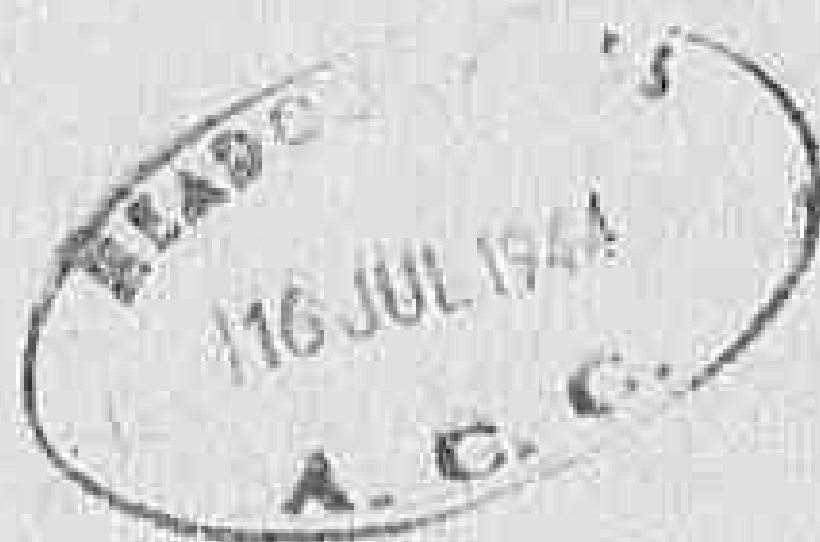
Chas. Dempsey
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TO : Chief Public Safety Sub-Comm. ACC.
FROM : FPSO., Region V. AMG HQ.
SUBJECT: Situation Report.
REF : R5/514/18.,
DATE : 12th July 44.

Herewith for your information copy of situation report
received from P.P.S.O. CHIETI Province.

For Regional Commissioner ;

SP/MC



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Lt. Col.
R.P.S.O.

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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT - CHIETI CITY - FOLLOWING OPERATION OF ALLIED FORCES
9th JUN 1944. SUPPLEMENTARY TO R.F.S.O. MONTHLY REPORT N/E 30 JUN 44.

TO : R.F.S.O. HQ Region V, AME.
FROM : HQ AMG CHIETI Province.
DATE : 5 Jul 44.

1. Provincial Public Safety became operative in Chieti City as from 11 a.m. 10 Jun 44. Scenes of great enthusiasm still prevailed following the occupation of Italian forces on the day previous. Order was maintained throughout.

2. Partisans arrested one hundred and twenty-eight alleged members of the Fascist Militaire, G.N.R. and Republican personnel prior to arrival of R.F.S. and AMG. Following investigations 97 were released by either R.F.S. or AMG. The balance of 31 were detained for further investigations.

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4. The Germans reduced the number of arms held by CC.RR and only allowed 9 rounds of ammunition per weapon. Lt Col BOSSELLI recruited 93 students as auxiliaries to CC.RR. These young men affirm they joined to avoid forced labour. No information could be obtained derogatory to their behaviour while so employed.

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(b) Guardia di Finanza. This body carried out their normal duties subject to some form of German supervision. They did not take the republican oath. Strength :- 1 Capt, 40 other ranks.

(c) Pubblica Sicurezza. The Questore had fled with Germans. Strength, normal :- 45 augmented by 38 recruited during German occupation. The latter were dismissed by AMG R.S. on 11 Jun 44. The Pubblica Sicurezza is in the process of re-organisation under AMG and many changes in office and further dismissals are taking place.

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(d) Fire Brigade. The Fire Brigade has a complement of 34 men including the senior officer, an engineer, ranking as Captain; the latter will be dismissed as soon as a capable substitute is found. Information has been received and verified as to a past political record since 1922.

6. Squadri Fioretti. Commonly known as the Polizia Federale. Under control of a Lt FIORETTI and said to be responsible for arrest of 45 escaped Allied POW and 30 Partisans and also the shooting by Germans of 9 Partisans. Lt FIORETTI and 2 subordinates (M.V.S.N.) fled with Germans. FIORETTI had tremendous power and influence both within Prefettura and over the Questore.

7. Communications. Postal Services in operation during German occupation were suspended, and all mails placed under lock and key. Mails examined by AGO Censor and P.S.S.

Telegraph Apparatus removed by Germans in Apr 44.

Non-effective.

Telephone System operated by private firm (Societa TIHO). Lines disconnected on arrival of Allied Forces.

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8. Refugees. Some 55,000 were found in Chieti City and surroundings. All being dealt with adequately through AMG refugee channels.
9. Salvati Spadati. Being rounded up and transported to Foggia in accordance with Directive AMG 26 May 44.
10. Displaced Persons. Allied Nationals released from prisons and other means of confinement in addition to those coming out of hiding are being evacuated to Bari following interrogations.
11. Ex POWs. Large number were brought in or rounded up. Evacuation to Corps Cage or Ullia Bay for evacuation.
12. Partisan Group. Under the leadership of an ex-laborer: PALOMBI Amalao and DEL GROSSO Bruno. The group was fairly strong.
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- From observations it could be seen that more activity than seemed necessary was taking place at the HQ of the group. Suspicion as to the real purpose arose, and on Sunday 2 Jul 44, 11.15 a.m., with 3 members P.S.S. and an officer of OC. 44 I visited the HQ. At least 15 persons both sexes were in the waiting room. In the main office a meeting was being held between 15 men. Another office was labelled Ufficio Politico. The leader, Maj BALCIBI, was present. I told him that I had every reason to believe that the organisation had taken on a political aspect and that a system of recruiting had been introduced. In searching the premises evidence was found in support of my statement, including correspondence showing membership of 200. It was apparent that recruiting was in progress. PALOMBI was then told that the premises would be closed pending further directions. All documents were seized and handed over to P.S.S. It would appear that there was no real unity within the group, and that beneath the surface the 2 leaders were not in full agreement as to policy and function.
- On Tuesday 4 Jul 44, following a conversation with the Prefect, the leader and 3 deputies were summoned to the Prefettura. The Prefect addressed them on behalf of the Allies, and after expressing gratitude for the splendid work the Partisans had done, pointed out that it was not the policy of either the Allied or Italian Governments to allow any organisation, political or otherwise, to develop from the Partisan groups. In recognition however, it had been agreed that one room as both office and HQ would be allotted. Membership would be confined to the original members of the group, and that the purpose would be to raise and administer funds for the dependents of those who had died at the hands of the Germans. The proposals were accepted and will be operating as from 4 Jul 44, subject to supervision.

13. Political Arrests. Arrests to date:- 89. Interned:- 42.
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(sgd) T.R. COTTON,
Capt.
P.F.S.O. *
Chieti Province.

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(5A)
TO : Chief P.S. Sub-Commission A.C.C. Rear H.Q.
FROM : R.P.S.O., Region V. *SB*
SUBJECT : Reports from Aquila, Pescara and Chieti.
REF : R5/514/18.
DATE : 8 July 1944. *58/10*

Herewith reports from the a/m Provinces which were not included
in Monthly Report.
They have just come to hand.

For Regional Commissioner.

SP/CF

S. Pickering
S. PICKERING
Lt Colonel
R.P.S.O. *CO*

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FROM : P.O. Aquila.

TO : P.R.S.O. Aquila.

REF : R540/1748.

DATE : 4 Jul 44.

SUBJECT : Public Safety Monthly Report - June 44.

1. Police Agencies.

On arrival in this area it was found that the CC.R. Questura, Finance Guards and Communal Guards were operating on a limited basis. Owing to the state of roads, lack of communications and transport a clear picture of the strength is not yet available. I am now having made a complete survey and will be able to report on strength and clotting in the next few days.

2. CC.R. Communications.

No communication was possible on arrival either by telephone or road, except over short distances. I have now instituted a CC. in motor cycle despatch service which will permit a good intercommunication between the district and stations.

3. Crime.

No serious crime has yet been reported in the area.

4. Black Market.

Black-Market activity is not on a big scale. But unless control is exercised there is every possibility of black market arising owing to the proximity of Rome. There have already been one or two attempts to start black market activities and these have been immediately checked by CC.R. and Questura.

5. Special Problems.

On arrival here the first and most urgent problem was that of escaped Allied Prisoners of War and Yugoslavs and other displaced persons etc, who have been released from internment camps or have been hiding in the mountains.

6. Relations with GMP and FSS.

There are no GMP or FSS in the area.

7. Civilian Movement and Passes.

Free travel has been permitted within the Province. Hundreds of applications are being received from displaced persons to return to their homes in various parts of Italy and particularly to large towns such as Rome, Naples and Palermo, etc. In accordance with my instructions from the P.O. none are being granted, but applications are being forwarded to other P.Os for approval. The question of the control of movement in this area will be difficult. I understand that no very considerable movement is taking place without permit in this Province,

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8. Fire Brigade.

There is a Guardia di Fuoco in existence, with poor equipment, and which I am in process of organising.

9. C.D.

There is an URA organisation in existence, and I am obtaining particulars of their ARP Scheme for your information.

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10. Prisons.

There is one large prison in AULIA City which is in good condition. There are at present prisoners awaiting disposal. All AMG cases have been dealt with and the prisoners awaiting disposal are all political arrests. There are now no FSS in the province, and I am endeavouring to examine the cases of the various detainees and either release them or recommend them for internment as the case may be.

11. Conduct of Allied Troops.

None in area. There have been Italian troops in the area whose conduct left much to be desired.

12. Sabotage.

None known. No military installations or telephones in area.

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P.F.S.O.
Aquila Province.

A.M.G. Headquarters,
Pesara Province,
28th June, 44.

Subject:- MONTHLY REPORT.
To:- H.Q., A.M.G. REGION IV
From:- P.P.S.O. Pesara.
Ref:- PP/100.

FOR R.P.S.O. (for R.P.S.O. through P.C.)

(1) POLICE.

The present strength of the Carabinieri is approximately 150. It is not possible to give an accurate figure as those members who were here when the province was captured are being sent back as soon as their services can be dispensed with. Fortyfive (45) were so removed on the 26th inst. Owing to the fact that only 25 of the re-inforcements sent forward from Bari are at present performing duty in this province together with the many additional duties and calls for Police assistance many are being retained, but transferred to new stations.

Other Police Agencies:- Guardia Finanza and Agenti di P.S. are in the process of re-organisation. The clothing and equipment are satisfactory.

(2) CRIME.

There is no serious epidemic of any particular class of crime in the province.

(3) BLACK MARKET.

Conditions allow for very little activity in this respect as the Germans cleared the major portion of commodities which could be used for this purpose. The scales of payment for wheat amassed which is excess of that paid in previous years, allowing for the depreciation of the Lire, will not doubt act as an incentive to producers to amass their grain.

(4) SPECIAL PROBLEMS. If there is a special problem it is the City of Pesara. The place has suffered extensive destruction and is without light or power and has a limited water supply. With the influx of many refugees the problems which may arise are obvious.

(5) RELATIONS WITH P.S. & C.P. The relations with both Units are excellent. The allocation in the province is very small, and many areas are not served at all.

(6) CIVILIAN MOVEMENT & PASSES. It has been agreed but not made public to allow unrestricted movement in the province but inter-provincial movement is being kept to a minimum. Vehicle permits are only issued to those necessary for the immediate needs of the province or commune.

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(10) SPECIAL PROBLEMS. If there is a special problem it is the City of Pescara. The place has suffered extensive destruction and is without light or power and has a limited water supply. With the influx of many refugees the problems which may arise are obvious.

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(16) CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS. The conduct of Allied troops is satisfactory. There are however only a limited number in the province.

(17) SABOTAGE. No reports have been received under this heading.

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(13) V.D.-Steps to control. No special steps have been taken under this heading as there are no static concentration of troops in the area at present.

(14) LABOUR CONDITIONS. The primary function under this heading is the employment and organisation of labour by the Military and AMG on the repair of roads, bridges and the clearing of debris generally.

(15) STRIKES & LOCKOUTS. Nothing to report under this heading there being very few factories or utility undertakings working owing to destruction by the Germans.

(16) FORGED CURRENCY. No instances or complaints under this heading have been reported.

(17) WORKING OF (a) AMG Courts (b) Italian Courts. There is nothing to report under this heading at the moment as it has not been practicable yet to get the Courts functioning.

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The only form at present in use is that of authority to use the vehicle under an AMG Permit. The issue of these are restricted to vehicles necessary to the life of the community.

ANNEXES.

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Major G. W. Manifold, PPSO, Provincial Hqrs. Pescara.

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Major Mackenzie, at present attached is under orders to move to Ancona, and it is anticipated he will receive his instructions shortly. There are NO other PPOs in the province.

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Major,
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Pescara Province. 28.6.44.

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C O P Y

Subject: Monthly Report - Public Safety.
M/E. 30th June 1944.

HQ. A.M.G.
Chieti Province.

To: R.P.S.O.

HQ. Region 5.
A.M.G.

30th June 1944.
Ref: R5/514/18.

POLICE : - Strength, Functions, Equipment etc.

(1) CC.RR. Strength 656. To be returned to Bari following liberation of Northern Area of Province: 153 Strength for above normal requirements. A large percentage are at present engaged in connection with security measures. No replacements will be required from Bari. Clothing and equipment well up to general standard. Command under a Maggiore. The Lt. Col. in charge at Chieti has been arrested for collaboration with Germans in occupation of Chieti, taking the Republican oath and forcing his subordinates to take the oath on the threat of no pay. Otherwise the CC.RR. generally remained loyal in every other way. A Capt. of CC.RR., who also placed himself in the position of the Lt. Col. ran away.

(2) CC.RR. Communications:- Two motor cars, two motor cycles.

(3) Crime:- Presents no problems. No reports are recorded of acts of violence by members of Allied Forces on Italians or vice versa. Crime confined to (a) Theft or possession of Allied property - increase 90%. Curfew and travel offences - increase 90%. One case of illicit mail B/F from May at Lanciano 13 May. Trial 25-27 May. 4. men 2. women. All sentenced imprisonment and fines varying from 3 years and 100.000 lire to 5 months and 15.00.

(4) Blackmarket:-

Blackmarket so far does not present a problem. (A rigid check is maintained on all vehicles leaving and entering the Province). Three minor cases have been reported this month. All were dealt with by Italian Courts.

(5) Special Problems : NIL.

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(8) Fire Brigade:- Force of 54 at Chieti City. Appliances consist 1 pump. 1 water tank (mobile) 2 motorcars. 1 ambulance. All vehicles and appliances have been very well maintained. A Major Colangelo arrived from Salerno, on ACC instructions on 20th June to re-organise and establish the Fire Service throughout the province.

(9) C.D. : - NIL

(10) Prisons:- Chieti:-Capacity 87 men, 27 women. Lanciano:-50 men, 10 women. Vasto : 48 men, 12 women. Ortona: 30 men, 10 women. Condition of prisons:- fairly good. Repairs have been effected to many. Hygiene and Sanitation have always been studied by A.M.G. and many improvements been made.

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(9) C.D. : - NIL

(10) Prisons:- Chieti:-Capacity 87 men, 27 women. Lanciano:-50 men, 10 women. Vasto : 48 men, 12 women. Ortona: 30 men, 10 women. Condition of prisons:- fairly good. Repairs have been effected to many Hygiens and Sanitation have always been studied by A.M.G. and many improvements been made.

(11) Conduct of Allied Troops : very good.

(12) Sabotage : NIL

(13) V.D. :- In Chieti City 2 Brothels licensed and all prostitutes registered. Stringent Control under Italian law.

In other parts of the Province all women suspected of V.D. : are compelled to attend the V.D. Clinic at Vasto. The control is effected by the collaboration of AMG and CMP. Italian law also applies.

With the occupation of Chieti City many difficulties have been overcome as a VD clinic annexed to the Main Hospital is fully established. VD has never presented a problem in the province.

(14) Labour condition :- Ample to meet demands for road and bridge reconstructional work. P.C.L. is in operations at Chieti and Vasto.

(15) Strikes and lockouts : NIL

(16) Forged Currency : NIL

(17) A.M.G. Courts function throughout the provincia: Cases tried: 403 Italian Courts :- Function in the province with exception of that part recently occupied. Cases tried :- NOT KNOWN.

(18) Registration and licensing of motorvehicles:- Not yet in operation under Italian law.

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Remain subject to A.M.G. control.

REF. :- Prisons.

Owing to the lack of Communications and the few AMG Officers covering the province no figures as to numbers waiting trial can not be ascertained. Complete details will follow on receipt from P.O. or P.P.O.

6. (a) Location List P.P.O.'s.
 Lieut. BELLAMY (Br) Chieti
 Capt. DODRIDGE (Br) Vasto
 Lieut. BERNARD (A) Lanciano.

e (b) Prison return to follow.

7. NO Political meetings held.

Remarks: - Increase in "unlawful possession of Allied Property" due to movement of troops from Areas in province. It is apparent that many articles of Allied Property were left behind or given to the Civilians by troops prior to movement.

Ref.:- Police.

Strength : Guardia di Finanze	:- 168
Guardie Forestali	:- 40 (approx)
Agenti di P.S.	:- 45

/s/ Cotton Capt PPSO

/t/ T.P. COTTON
 Capt. Provincial Public Safety Officer
 Chieti Province.

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TO : Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission, AGC.
 FROM : HQ Region V, AIR.
 SUBJECT : Monthly Report.
 DATE : 1 Jul 44.



During the month the Region assumed control of the Provinces of Campobasso and Aquila. Teams are also in Pescara, Teramo and Ascoli.

The personnel for Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro are also ^{activated} ~~ordered~~ and are operating in forward area in readiness to move into their respective provinces when liberated.

Communications and transport are difficult; as a result reports will not be available from the forward provinces; therefore the report deals mostly with Campobasso and Foggia.

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There has been no additions to telephone communications since my last report.

CRIME.

In Foggia no crime of a serious nature has been reported. In Campobasso there have been 2 murders, 3 robberies and a few black market cases.

BLACK MARKET.

A special report from Foggia Province has already been submitted. The total number of military trucks now seized in the Province for being engaged in Black Market operations is 58.

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SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

NIL.

Relations with Military Police and F.S.S.

Both very good.

CIVILIAN PASSES.

The new type is being used throughout the Region. I am of the opinion that far too many passes are issued for trivial reasons. Expired

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passes have not and are not being returned on expiry to office of issue. Instructions have been issued to all Public Safety Officers in the Region on these matters, and I expect a general tightening up, otherwise security will be nil. Very few passes have been returned in Campobasso Province and only 10% in Foggia.

The attention of all issuing officers has been drawn to the instructions on the pass and that they must be surrendered.

FIRE SERVICE.

The Brigades in Foggia have responded to 12 calls during the month. Eng. Colangelo, who has recently been appointed by the Italian Ministry of Interior as Inspector of Brigades and equipment, visited this HQ. He has been on tour of Region, and Major Montague was requested to give him every assistance. In Campobasso the personnel seem to be efficient, but are handicapped by a complete lack of equipment.

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LABOUR PROBLEMS.

Nothing reported.

LOOK-OUTS, ETC.

No strikes or look-outs.

FORCED MILITARY CURFEW.

NIL.

COURTS.

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General Order No 25. No applications have been made.

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Attached Appendices:-

- (1) Report on Lucera Prison.
- (2) " " Campobasso Prison.
- (3) Schedule of Campobasso Prisons.
- (4) Movement of Personnel.
- (5) Location of Personnel.

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Lt Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

Appendix (4)MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.

Special Order 111, HQ Region V, 10 Jun 44:-
 Capt I. R. ASHTON (B) From Campobasso to Aquila Prov. P.P.S.O.

Special Order 113, HQ Region V, 12 Jun 44:-
 1st Lt F.C. STILES (A) From Campobasso to Aquila Prov. P.P.S.O.

General Order 30, HQ Region V, 13 Jun 44:-
 Capt S.D. DECKER (A) Chieti Prov. to Ascoli-Piceno Prov. P.P.S.O.
 " G.H.C. LIDDLE (B) C'asso " " P.P.O.
 " T. MAREH (B) Foggia " " P.P.O.

Special Order 116, HQ Region V, 13 Jun 44:-
 Capt S.S.W. CHAMBERS (B) Aquila to Macerate Prov. P.P.S.O.
 1/Lt C.S. ANDERSON (A) C'asso to " " P.P.O.
 2/Lt G.H. MARTINOV (A) " Ancona " P.P.O.

Special Order 122, HQ Region V, 22 Jun 44:-
 Capt W. GREENHOUSE (B) Foggia to Ancona Prov. P.P.O.

Special Order 124, HQ Region V, 24 Jun 44:-
 Capt B.R. JOHNSON (A) Aquila to Ancona Prov. P.P.O.

Lt Comdr CHILLEN, USNR. Foggia to Campobasso Prov. (Prisons Officer)

Permanent Change of Station.

Special Order 131, HQ AGO (para 6) and Region V Order 118, 13 Jun 44:-

Capt O.H. MATHIS (A) From Region V to NAPLES.

Appendix (5).

LOCATION OF PERSONNEL AS AT 30 JUN 44.

Lt/Col	C.R. BRIGGS	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Foggia Prov.
Maj	T.G. MACQUEZIE	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Ancona Prov.
Maj	G.W. MANFOLD	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Pescara Prov.
Maj	H. MICHALL	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Teramo Prov.
Maj	L. MONTAGUE	(B)	P.P.O.	Foggia Prov.
			(Civil Def.)	
Maj	H.B. REILLY	(A)	S.P.P.O.	Campobasso Prov.
Capt	L.R. ASTON	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Aquila Prov.
Capt	C.E. BOLT	(B)	P.P.O.	Pescara Prov.
Capt	P.R. BOND	(B)	P.P.O.	Teramo Prov.
Capt	S.S.W. CHAMBERS	(B)	S.P.P.O.	Macerata Prov.
Capt	T.P. COTTON	(B)	P.P.O.	Chieti Prov.
Capt	J.H. DODDING	(B)	P.P.O.	Chieti Prov.
Capt	W. CRAMERHOUGH	(B)	P.P.O.	Ancona Prov.
Capt	A.G. HILLS	(B)	P.P.O.	Teramo Prov.
Capt	G.H.O. LIDDLE	(B)	P.P.O.	Ascoli Prov.
Capt	W.V.W. MANN	(B)	P.P.O.	Foggia Prov.
Capt	T. MARSH	(B)	P.P.O.	Ascoli Prov.
Capt	F.A.B. BORAK	(A)	P.P.O.	Campobasso (for Pesaro) Prov.
Capt	D.S. DECKER	(A)	S.P.P.O.	Ascoli Prov.
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TO : Chief P.S. Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.C.
FROM : H.C., Region E, A.M.G.
SUBJECT : Monthly report.
REFERENCE : R5/514/18.
DATE : 2 June 1944.



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Herewith monthly report for May Region V.
Reports for other parts of Region will be submitted through Bth Army
channels.

For Regional Commissioner

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Lt. Colonel.
R.P.S.O.

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To : Chief Public Safety Sub.Command. A.C.C.
 From : HQ. Region. 5, A.M.G.
 Subject : MONTHLY REPORT.
 Ref : RS/514/18.
 Date : 2nd June 1944.

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Communications CC. RR.

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The A.C.M.F. Commander has permitted CC. RR. Campoasso to have a connection to the military exchange. Application was made to 8th Army for similar facilities at Isernia, Agnone and Venafro, but G.S.O. and G.S.I. Eighth Army were not prepared to grant them.

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One murder case was before the Court. A Basuto soldier was killed with a hatchet by a man and woman in the Gargano. Evidence disclosed provocation, and both were acquitted. A Canadian soldier was stabbed by a woman at Lucera when the soldier assaulted her aged father. She admitted the offence but was acquitted.

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During the month special squads of Italian personnel have been specially assigned, and have carried out their duties with inefficiency. They were under supervision of Allied Officers.

A special feature this month was farm visitation as a result important cases are awaiting trial. Assertamentic figures have been well examined, calling at farms and asking for the grain shown on the certificate rendered by the farmer giving the amount shown. Where the grain is not forthcoming the Guardia Finanza prepare the Processo Verbale.

Information came from a C.O. of a British Unit, that one of his drivers had been offered 20,000 Lire to carry a load of grain to Naples. The driver acted under orders and picked up 23 quintals. Eight persons have been arrested.

Amongst other leading citizens now awaiting trial in the Black Market Court for contravention of the Amassing Laws, are two Commissario Prefettizio and one Countess.

Special reports under this heading have been submitted to HQ. A.C.O.

Special Problems. NIL.

Relations with Military Police.

Is very good, units of British Military are now operating in Foggia Province, and close liaison is maintained.

Movement and Passes.

To stop the movement of University Students, Major Birt has visited Bari to try and arrange for agencies to be set up in Foggia Province to prevent the necessity of students making frequent journeys. Curtailment of movement is still a powerful weapon with which to justify enquiries into movement of suspected Black Market operators.

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Venereal Disease.

Pressure is kept on Italian Authorities to keep solicitation by prostitutes in hand. Concerted action by Military and Italian Police keeps the hospitals at San Severo and Foggia busy in the V.D. Sections. Every endeavour is made to keep contacts out of circulation.

Strikes and Lockouts.

NIL.

Public Morale.

GOOD.

Political.

The situation is good, general observation gives the opinion that the Communist Party is the best organized in Foggia Province, more are being attracted to it.

Labour day was celebrated on 30th May. Indoor meetings of 250 were permitted, everything passed off quietly. Cerignola where most trouble has been in the past is remarkably quiet, a real spirit of co-operations has sprung up between Communists and Socialists.

Cases of Uttering Allied Military Currency.

Attached report and eight 50 Lira notes from Cerignola.

CHANGES OF PERSONNEL.

Major. A. Clinkscales	A.)	From Foggia City to City Sub Region
Capt. A. E. P. Secker	B.)	Special Order 92 A.C.C. 4th May 44.
Lt. E. W. M. Greenhill.	B.)	
1st/Lt. J. E. Davenport.	A.)	
Lt. G. W. Burrows.	B.	From Foggia to Naples.
		Special Order 82 Reg.V. 11th May 44.
Lt. Col. L. E. Kelly.	A.	Reported for duty this H.Q.
		Special Order 81 Reg.V. 9th May.
		Was assigned to Reg. II
		Special Order 100 A.C.C. 12th May 44.
1st/Lt. A. Thompson.	A.	From Reg.V. (Chieti Prov) to Hospital
		Special O. 52 4th May, 61 Sta. Hospital.
Lt. J. W. Walsh.	A.	From Foggia Prov. to Pub. Wks. A.C.C.
		Special O. 86 Reg.V. 15th May.
Major. Manifold.	B.	To Pescara team, stationed temp. Atesa.
Capt. T. G. McKenzie.	B.	" " " St. Vito.
Lt. J. C. Bigham.	A.	In 76 British Gen Hospital 23/5/44.
		awaiting removal to American Hospital.
Major. Wilson.	B.	Aquila, temp. assgd. A.C.C. HQ. (No movement order recd.).

For Regional Commissioner.

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A.P.S.O.

FUGGIA PROVINCE

APPENDIA

FORGING AND UTTERING Allied Military Currency

TO : R.P.S.O. Region I

FROM : S.P.P.S.O.

Reference your RS/514/ 14 dated 3/5/44 and
ACC/14044/P.S.

In Cerignola eight cases of uttering for-
gerd notes have been reported.

No arrests have been made but enquiries are
being pursued in the Province of Bari.

The forgeries consisted of altered fifty
lire notes to the high denomination of 500. The
alteration has been made with a pen.

The numbers of the forged notes are as follow:

No. A - 09971362 A
No. A - 04157621 A
No. A + 35518662 A
No. A - 34843455 A
No. A - 35898927 A
No. A - 05426424 A
No. A - 36834556 A
No. A - 37104341 A

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The above mentioned eight 50 lire notes are
attached.

CR Biggs Lt Col

PUBLIC SAFETYAPPENDIX

AUTHORITY : R5/514/2 Dated 13/5/44 and ACC/1404/1/13/ P.S. dated 6/5/44.

LOCATION	RANK	NUMBER	NAME	APPOINTMENT	REMARKS
Provincial HQ Lucera	Lt. Col.	279393	BRIGGS C.R. (BR)	S.P.P.S.O.	
"	Major	282271	MONTAGUE L. (BR)	P.P.S.O	Fire A.R.P. and P
"	Capt.	313776	BOND P.R. (BR)	P.P.S.O	Received on 23/5/ Attached for duty (Assigned to Tera
"	Lt.	291635	MARSH T. (BR)	"	Attached for Blac
"	Lt.	291636	BOLTER E.D. (BR)	"	" " "
"	Lt.Com.	151615	GELLEIN H. (US)	"	Attached for Pris
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Foggia District	Capt.	0-526461	GRANITZ A.A. (US)	"	
"	Capt.	291867	HILLS R.G. (BR)	"	

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PUBLIC SAFETY

APPENDIX

ed 13/5/44 and AOC/1404/1/13/ P.S. dated 6/5/44.

	NUMBER	NAME	APPOINTMENT	REMARKS
1.	279393	BRIGGS C.R. (BR)	S.P.P.S.O.	
	282271	MONTAGUE L. (BR)	P.P.S.O	Fire A.R.P. and Police duties.
	313776	BOWD P.R. (BR)	P.P.S.O	Received on 23/5/44. Attached for duty P.S. Division (Assigned to Teramo team)
	292635	MARSH T. (BR)	"	Attached for Black Market work
	291636	BOLTER E.D. (BR)	"	" " " " "
m.	151615	GELLEN H. (US)	"	Attached for Prison work
	0-526161	GRANITZ A.A. (US)	"	
	291867	HILLS R.G. (BR)	"	

LOCATION	RANK	NUMBER	NAME	APPOINTMENT	R F
<u>LUCERA</u> District	Capt.	291738	MANN W.V. (BR)	P.P.O.	
<u>CERIGNOLA</u> "	Capt.	0-524891	BEATTY S. (US)	P.P.O.	
	Lt.	0-908866	SIGHAM J.C. (US)	P.P.O.	In 76 British removal to Amer
<u>SANSEVERO</u> "	Major	924472	MICHAEL B.R. (BR)	P.P.O.	
<u>MANFREDONIA</u> "	Capt.	291643	GREENBOUGH W. (BR)	P.P.O.	
			<u>M O V E M E N T S</u>		
	Lt.	248936	BURROWS G.W. (BR)		From H.Q. Fogg mit Office & C signment unknow Naples on a pe W.E.F. 12/5/44 this Station. dated 11/5/44.
	Lt.	291709	GREENHILL R.W.M. (BR)		PFO from Fogg Naples, Region Market & Gen permanent char He was on P/S Authority Spec
	Lt.	0-1307516	DAVENPORT J.C. (US)		From Foggia Pr ty Special Ord is permanent 25/5/44.

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	0-908866	BIGHAM J.C. (US)	P.P.O.	In 76 British Gen.Hosp. 23/5/44 awaiting removal to American Hosp.
or	924472	MICHALL B.R. (BR)	P.P.O.	
st.	291643	GREENBOUGH W. (BR)	P.P.O.	
		MOVEMENTS		
	248936	BURROWS G.W. (BR)		From H.Q. Foggia Province to Naples. Permit Office & General P/S duties. New assignment unknown as he was directed to Naples on a permanent change of Station. W.E.F. 12/5/44. He was on P/S strenght of this Station. Authority Special Order 82 dated 11/5/44.
	291709	GREENHILL R.W.M. (BR)		PFO from Foggia Prov.to City Sub Region Naples, Region IV. Engaged here on Black Market & General duties. Transfer is permanent change of Station W.E.F. 14/5/44 He was on P/S strenght of this Province. Authority Special Order 92, dated 4/5/44.
	0-1307516	DAVENPORT J.C. (US)		From Foggia Province to Region 4. Authority Special Order 43 dated 4/5/44. Transfer is permanent change of Station. W.E.F. 25/5/44.

To: Rear HQ, A.C.C. APO 394, (for Public Safety Sub-Commission).

From: HQ, Region 5, A.M.G.

Subject: Monthly Report.

Ref: R5/514/18.

Date: 2 May 1944.

Herewith Region 5 monthly report for April which refers to Foggia Province only, the other areas of Region 5 that are under Eighth Army are reported on to Army and will reach you through those channels.

For Regional Commissioner

S. Pickering
S. PICKERING,
Lt. Col.,
R.P.S.O.

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TO : Chief Public Safety AGO

FROM : RPSO Region 5

SUBJECT : Monthly Report

REF : 25514/18

DATE : 2 May 11

1. C.C.B.R.

The strength of the CCB in the Prov is 900 of this number, 81 are used as guards to augment Italian Military Guarding Division units and supplied. Col. Bona, Officer in Charge Italian Military was in the area and assigned a further 500 troops for this purpose in February 1944, but so far the troops have not reached the Province.

The CCB are working well and morale is high. Generally, but there is room for improvement in the provision of clothing and boots. A number of the units have been visited with the RPSO Guard Commander, and all places there in the usual complaint of lack of subsistence foodstuffs.

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The Agents are being employed with the Guardia Finanze to control black market operators, apart from their ordinary duties. Each of transport is a hundred. GUARDIA PUNISHING-21 men are employed and they have just taken action recently and have reported 175 persons for stealing timber. GUARDIA PUNISHING-262 all employed in the Puglia Province, they are quite efficient and are working well. Relations with the Italian Officials of the above mentioned agencies are good.

2. C.C.B.

Guardia crime in the Province is relatively low. Outstanding crimes dealt with during the past month are briefly:

1. On the 8th March 44 Private Johnson (A) was murdered by Egidio Savino at Gerignola. On the 21st April a General Military Court, held at Gerignola passed sentence of death on Egidio. In another case of shooting also at Gerignola, where one member of the CCB was injured, sentences of 10 years were passed on five persons, and eight years on three others. Due no doubt to the sentences imposed there has been no recurrence in the area.
2. A case of stabbing an Italian, L.A.C. Walter, occurred at San Severo. On enquiry two men were arrested and we have reason to believe that these were the persons concerned in the affair. At the time of the incident our Agent were together, three of them were more or less drunk. There is evidence that they were active and in order to cover their own misdeeds told us a false story of the incident.
3. Their accounts were so varied and given contradictory that they are being dealt with by the Air Force authorities on disciplinary charges for obstructing the investigation.

L.A.C. Walton is recovering.

3. BLACK MARKET

Patrols have been carried on continuously by mixed teams of the CCB and AGO under Allied supervision. When cases become complicated Allied Officers take over to ensure the completion of enquiries.

Two Officers, Messrs Burns and Folter, are specially attached to the AGO on a whole time job of making investigation into Black Market operations.

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a further 500 troops for this purpose is required ... but there is room
at present the province.

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Syllable = the smallest unit of sound that can stand alone as a word.

- On the 21st March, 1942, Private Jackson (C) was sentenced to death at Georgetown, Guyana, for the 1st April a General Military Court, Guyana at Georgetown. On the 21st April a General Military Court, Guyana at Georgetown passed sentences of death on Jackson.
- In another case of shooting, also at Georgetown, whereby one member of the 2nd Battalion passed sentences of 10 years was passed on five or the 2nd Battalion passed sentences of three years on three others, and eight years on three others. The no doubt to the sentences imposed there has been no recurrence in the area.
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patrols have been carried on continuously by mixed teams of the G-2 and G-4, and in some cases become dangerous situations for the G-2 and G-4.

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Another enquiry is in hand which has taken Lieutenant Akerin and Police into Naples. Those facts have been specially reported.

the driver was found to be a U.S. citizen, and on their instructions, seven civilians and operated on a black market car to Isadora. arrested one of the men and brought him to Isadora. Our officers want to justify, arrested two other civilians who are in Isadora's custody and it is hoped to trace people to Isadora for trial as soon as possible. It is our intention to bring these people to Isadora for trial as soon as possible.

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At a trial General Court Martial held at Nagles on the 19th April 1944, sent Hanley, 1511, M.A.A. 1st Driver Coates R.A.C. 2. was found guilty of illegal use of W.D. Transport for the purpose of carrying 25.71 minutes of rest for a civilian. Both men pleaded "guilty" and the sentences of the court will investigate in due course. The civilian has appeared before a Superior Court in Nagles for the result of the case is not to be known. The charges arose from a check up of vehicles at the Sovine post on the 27th Feb 44.

Another soldier, a French soldier, caused a French truck to be used for the illegal carriage of mail, and the Commanding Officer has sentenced him to 60 days imprisonment.

In another case a Canadian soldier has reported for leaving Smith and carrying civilians without travel permits. He is tried by Court Martial at A-Eltho on the 19th April 44 and acquitted.

The circumstances of this case have been reported for trial by the 1st Black Market Court. As approximately 300 cases are prepared ready for trial by the 1st Black Market Court. Cases have been chosen to cover the entire Province.

16 persons will shortly be tried within the next few days for violation of the Insular Laws in the 1st area. This should produce good results, and have a salutary effect in that area.

4. SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS - Nil.

5. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY UNITED POLICE - Good.

6. EXTENSION OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDS.

The conduct of the 1st area troops is fairly good, arrangements were made with Garrison Command to send occasional patrols throughout the 1st area. 1st excellent results.

7. PROSECUTIONS OF ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

The total number of cases dealt with in the 1st area Province during the month of April was 1028.

These figures include all charges (as distinguished from cases) on which accused persons were found guilty.

The cases summarized are as follows:-

Curfew and permit violations	742
Theft and Possession of ill property	208
Possession of arms and ammunition	71
Other cases	27
Total	1048

Fifteen cases were tried by a General Military Court. Twenty-eight were tried by a Superior Military Court, and the remainder tried by Summary Military Courts.

8. MOVEMENT AND CASES.

Restrictions still cause considerable work necessitating constant supervision of Allied personnel at the point of departure.

view of the longer hours of daylight. During the month of April 1944, between the 1st and the 24th, 399 passes were issued at Provincial level and 512 applications received. 167 were denied. 6076

9. FIVE SUMMARY.

The five summary of 61 men and in working well. Copies of Major Montague's reports dated 24th and 10th April 1944 are attached.

The outcome of the 200 cases are summarized ready for trial by the Air Block Market Court. Cases have been chosen to cover the entire Province. 16 persons will shortly be tried within the next few days for violation of the 2000 laws in the 2000 area. This should produce good results, and have a salutary effect in that area.

4. PERSONAL PROGRESS - Nil.

5. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY AND AIR FORCE - Good.

6. CONDUCT OF ALLIED FORCES.

The conduct of the Allied troops is fairly good, arrangements were made with Canadian Command to send occasional patrols throughout the Province with excellent results.

7. PROSECUTION OF ALLIED MILITARY CRIMES.

The total number of cases dealt with in the Pagan Province during the month of April was 1025.

These figures include all charges (as distinguished from cases) on which accused persons were found guilty.

The cases summarized are as follows:-

Quoted and convicted violations	742
Theft and possession of property	203
Possession of arms and ammunition	31
Other cases	49
Total	1025

Fifteen cases were tried by a General Military Court. Twenty-eight were tried by a Superior Military Court, and the remainder tried by Summary Military Courts.

8. MOVEMENT AND PRISON.

Prisoners with cases considerable work necessitating constant supervision of Allied personnel at the police has paid. All cases remain are being decided in view of the longer terms of daylight.

During the month of April 1944, between the 1st and the 30th, 399 persons were issued at Provincial and 522 applications received. Letters were sent 8000. Many personal applications were refused.

9. VIEW OF CASES.

The force consists of 60 men and in working well.

Boards of 1/2 for Montague's reports dated 5th and 10th April 1944 are attached herewith for your information.

10. CIVIL PRISON.

A general strengthening of the positions is taking place and improvement is noted in all parts of the Province.

11. PRISON.

75 persons are at present detained in prisons in the Province of Pagan.

75 persons are employed. Sanitation has been much improved by suggestions made to the Directors.

The administration is being overhauled and accounts examined to ensure better conditions for prisoners. Prison labor is well, but prisoners are gradually getting to work.

Prison data referred/.....

Prison data referred to in your letter WFO 44-21772-3. Dated 21st April 44.
in enclosed exhibit.

I also discuss in your information on your information dated 10th Apr 1954, of
is attached hereto.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS

TO: CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE

14. STUDENT UNION
 Advice usually is good and is stated here again. The satisfaction of the work we have now is the people in a state of mind that suggests well for the future well!!

It was a conversation with the second defendant, who had been excluded from the first, which led to the defendant's conviction.

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x Enclosed to Grandson

S. M. Davis

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H.Q., A.M.G., Foggia Province
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Fire Defence in Foggia Province

TO : P.P.S.O., Foggia Province

FROM : P.P.O., Foggia Province

8 April 1944

REF : Rp/5002

Copy to P.P.S.O. Region V

1. The present distribution of fire engines in working order in Foggia Province is as follows (those marked with an asterisk have water tanks of 500 or 1,000 gallons and are therefore much the most valuable). Pumps on aerodromes and at petrol dumps are not included.

FOGGIA	SAN SEVERO	MANFREDONIA	CERIGNOLA	LUCERA
3 American	2 American	1 Civilian	2 American	-
1 Civilian	-	-	-	-
1 Civilian	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 5	2	1	2	-

2. I am transferring one civilian pump without water tank to Sansevero, where the mains supply is good and hydrants are well placed.

3. We have available 3 five hundred gallon civilian pumps with water tanks but without vehicles. In view of the very serious position which might result from fires in wheat, oats, barley, or hay fields in the dry period of June-September and the apparent impossibility of obtaining suitable civilian vehicles I approached the Provincial Supply Division (Captain Courghis), who stated that they were in favour of and would back the application for three of the Italian Driver Allied trucks recently arrived to be reserved for this purpose for this period. These would be stationed at the towns of San Severo, Lucera and Cerignola so that at each of the five main towns of the Province there would be at least one pump with large water tank available.

4. The Americans appear to be willing to cooperate but without water tanks will be of little help against country fires. The Sergeant in charge at Sansevero thinks, however, that he is going to be able to make two tanks.

/S/ L. Montague,

/T/ L. Montague,

Major,
Provincial Police Officer.

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H.C., A.M., FOGGIA PROVINCE
in Lucera

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SUBJECT : Fire Service at Sansevero.

TO : P.P.S.O. Foggia Province

FROM : P.P.O., Foggia Province

10 April 1944

REF : FP/ 5002.

1. Accompanied by Ingegnere Busacca, Chief officer of the Foggia Province Fire Brigade I today visited San Severo and discussed the fire defence of the district with Major Mighall (PPO), Lt. Carbone (American Fire Marshall), and Sgt Holston (American NCO in charge of 2 pumps).

2. The American Air Force have 2 pumps stationed here, 3 pumps in Foggia, and 2 in Cerignola, but as I expected they are virtually useless as they carry only a very small water supply and have no adaptors enabling them to connect to the fire hydrants on the mains. With the aid of the Ingegnere Busacca I was at once able to arrange for the manufacture in San Severo by an Italian foundry of seven one and a half inch and seven two and a half inch adaptors from Italian female instantaneous lock type to American male screw type so that each American pump in the province will have an adapter for each size of hose carried.

3. I informed the Sansevero authorities that we were now able to provide a civilian pump, and they welcomed the news gladly and will help to find accommodation adjacent to their own fire station, which is well placed. This pump with seven firemen previously stationed in Sansevero will be sent from Foggia as soon as the station is available.

4. I further informed the American authorities of the coming danger of fires in fields of cereals from June to September inclusive and that I hoped to have available for S. Severo before the end of May a 1,000 gallon tank and pump combined. This also they welcomed and they stated that one of their two pumps would be available to assist should there be an outbreak within reasonable distance of San Severo.

5. I am paying a further visit to San Severo on Monday 10 April 1944 to complete arrangements.

/s/ L. Montague,

/A/ L. Montague,

Major,

Provincial Police Officer 60:3

FOGGIA PROVINCE FIRE SERVICE.

Ref. March report (18)
para. 11.

The question of the lack of
Fire Fighting Equipment will
be investigated when the
forthcoming visit is made
later this month.

[Signature]
Major
F. E. D.

12/4/44.

TO : ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission

FROM : HQ, Region V, AMG.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Region V.

REF : R5/514/18

DATE : 5 April 1944.

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1. Attached is the Region V Monthly Public Safety report for March.

2. This report refers only to the Province of Foggia; it is understood that the portions of Campobasso and Chieti Provinces that comes under Region V has been dealt with in the report rendered by those provinces to AMG, Eighth Army Rear.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. L. Jackson
H. RAWLINGS
Colonel,
R.P.S.C.

HR/dr

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Region V
MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH

1. CRIME.

During the month under review, the principal crimes dealt with in the Province of Foggia have been for illegal possession of Allied Government property. Several cases have come to light of persons converting Allied blankets into coats; these persons have been charged.

There are still a very large number of cases of illegal entry into the province and these take up a very considerable part of the time of AMG Courts.

Black market activities are dealt with under a separate heading.

During the month, two CC RR were wounded at MATTINETA as a result of an Italian type bomb being thrown over a wall by an unknown person. Enquiries into this case are still in hand.

2. BLACK MARKET.

This is very rife in the Foggia Province. This province certainly appears to be and is the granary for all other provinces on the western side of Italy.

Energetic steps have taken to combat this black spot in the province by instituting from time to time at Bovino, on the main Foggia-Naples road, a 24-hour post which has operated for as long as 14 days on end. This post is manned by P.F.O.s, U.S. and British C.M.P., CC RR, and GG FF. Results have been good and very considerable quantities of contraband foodstuffs have been seized and directed into the Amassi. Full statistical reports for the month are not yet ready, but will be forwarded under separate cover when they have been prepared.

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It is a matter of interest that since fixed posts and mobile patrols have been introduced, the number of military lorries taking part in black market operations seems to be decreasing.

3. TRIALS.

An Italian has received a sentence of 10 years for wire cutting.

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4. STRENGTH OF POLICE AGENCIES.

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5. RELATION WITH POLICE AGENCIES.

The CC RR and GG FF are working well, particularly the GG FF, who are extremely helpful in black market cases and would be more so if they were more mobile. There has been an increase in sickness during the month. This has been put down to the very inclement weather, and the bad conditions of a large number of the boots worn.

At the request of the 12th Air Force, patrols have been arranged for along the Gulf of Manfredonia for the period of the Seppia fishing season which begins in April.

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6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE.

These are good with both U.S. and British GMP, all also the C.I. Branch. Frequent requests are made from U.S. GMP for the assistance of AMG P.S. Officers.

7. CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

In this province there is an improvement. There are still cases being reported of troops interfering with the home life of Italians by demanding wine, etc., and when refused, threatening violence. All such cases reported are passed on to the competent military authorities.

8. PRISONS.

The Regional prison inspector has been attached to Foggia Province, and has devoted his entire time to visiting the prisons in the province with a view to their improvement.

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No. in prison awaiting trial in Italian Courts-	225

9. COURTS

The Italian Courts are functioning efficiently, if slowly. For instance, it takes two months for a black market case to come (on the average) before the Italian Courts.

AMG Courts have been busy and have dealt with 1026 cases, mostly minor cases, during the month.

10. C.D.

In Manfredonia, this question has been taken seriously in hand, and there are now 200 wardens who mostly respond very well to warnings of which there are many. Those who fail to report have been taken to task by the P.P.S.O., who personally inspected the arrangements of town during the month.

In Foggia City, there are 71 wardens under the City Engineer. There is room for improvement in Foggia and this is being actively looked into.

The arrangements in the town of San Severo are also being overhauled.

Repairs and maintenance of shelters in the above localities are being taken in hand.

11. FIRE BRIGADE.

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12. PUBLIC MORALE.

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12. PUBLIC MORALE.

This appears to be good and there is no apparent criticism of AMG. The disrupting agent is the prevalence of the black market, which is being tackled.

13. POLITICAL.

On the surface there does not appear to be much political activity except at Cerignola, where there is Communist activity. This activity can be attributed to two lawyer brothers BONITO, who work under the cloak of the Fonte Nazionale. The activities of these two men are being constantly watched.

San Severo also is a Communist center and the position here is being watched carefully.

14. INDUSTRIAL.

The Industrial situation in the province is good. There are from time to

Some wage disputes, which any case do not amount to strikes and cause lock-outs. These are settled forthwith.

The main difficulty is caused by the marked difference between the fixed civilian rates and those paid by the Army.

15. V.D.

It is of interest that the incidence of V.D. is highest around that portion of the province that adjoins Bari, which leads to the opinion that contacts are made in "Kings Italy".

16. STAFF CHANGES.

The following Region V Officers who have been attached outside the province, and who have now reported to this Region are posted as follows:

Major Wilson - PFSO in that part of Campobasso Province under Region V.
Stationed at LARINO.

Lt. Bolter)
Lt. Marsh) - Special duty in connection with Black Market activities.

Capt. McKenzie - attached CHIETI PROV.

The following transfers have taken place:

Capt. Secker)
Lt. Bellamy) - transferred from FOGGIA PROV., and attached to CHIETI PROV.

5 Affidavit

L.H. Jackson Major
for Col. R.P.S.

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