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NMIA (CCRR)
Lt Col Nighall

Please see 29A. The general policy is being taken up with 2 Dist. Hand[illegible] Wilson Lt Col.
Sec 365.
25/4

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Public Safety Sub-Comm.
(Lt. Col. Wilson).

Noted with thanks. A report from CCRR H.Q. has been asked for and a copy will be sent to you. In view of action taken by your H.Q. no further action will be taken by this Section.

Seen 29/4 Hnighall Lt Col. N.M.I.A.

26 Apl '46.

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NMIA (CCRR)
Lt Col Nighall

Please See 31A pages 2, 3, & 5, for your information

Hand[illegible] Wilson Lt Col.

11/5 Sec 365.

P. Safety
(Lt Col Wilson).

Noted. The points raised have been receiving the attention of this section for some time, but, as regards personnel, little progress has been made on the question of epuration proceedings. The other points will be settled before the end of May '46

Seen 13/5 Hnighall Lt Col N.M.I.A. 11 May 46

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NMIA (CCRR)

13A for your information: it gives a good indication of Public Safety conditions in Emilia and shows good work being done by CCRR.

H Ivan R Wilson Lt Col.

Ext 365.
15/2/46.

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Pub Safety. (Lt Col Wilson).

13A does show remarkable success of CCRR in difficult conditions

16/2/46

17/2/46.

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NMIA (CCRR)
Lt Col Mighall — Please see 23A particularly page 4. Perhaps Major Greenhough could take this matter up locally.

15/2/46.
Ext 365.

H Ivan R Wilson Lt Col.

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Pub-Safety.
Lt Col Wilson — This matter has been taken up with Major Greenhough & a copy of his reply will be sent you. I concur with the remarks of Major Way.

16 Feb 46.

H Mighall Lt Col

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NOTE SHEET NO. 2.

Minute No. 7 Cont

which will regularise the position of certain Partisan Police bodies which still exist and that arrangements are under consideration for the opening of training centres in ROME at which a considerable number of these newly recruited police agents can undergo training.

Police may like to see this report and that at 14A which was sent to them at minute 3, but which they have not yet seen.

M.L.

M. CAHN, Esq.,
II OA Section.

Tel. Ext. 525
16 Oct 45.

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OA Section. (PS)
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Capt.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Vice President,
C.A.S.

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1st October, 1945

This is an excellent report from Bologna. In the circumstances I think that we can and should call the attention of the Italian Government to the facts as reported without being asked our advice.

This could probably best be done by sending the report as it stands with a covering letter giving a short summary to the Minister of Interior.

BRIGADIER
Executive Commissioner

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PS.
For action as above and clear back to Poland who have not yet seen

CA S
3 OCT. 1945
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TX 686
9 Oct. 45

Lieutenant
Col. DSO

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

At 16A is another interesting report from the Public Safety Officer, BOLOGNA.

As regards equipment, it will be noted from para 5A of the report that the question of boots has been solved for the moment. As regards clothing, this matter is being dealt with on another file.

Our first reports about the British Battle Dress was that it was unsatisfactory and we have just got in the full report on the matter.

As regards transport for Carabinieri, this has also been dealt with on another file but this is a serious problem which affects all CC.RR.

As regards the Questure and Public Security Agents, the Italian Government are, it is understood, moving in the matter. It is understood that a decree may be issued

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Minute Sheet.

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CA Section:-

14A for your information and that of higher authority.

26 Sept. 1945.

Chapman
Col. A.D.C.

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VP.

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From the report you will see that it is considered that this state of affairs is alleged to be being used to create political army which will out number the CC RR.

It is doubtful whether help to that extent was even necessary.

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CA - S.
21 SEP. 1945
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Ex. Comm.
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PolAd (A)
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As regards Questura agents A.M.G. Bologna were fortunate in being able to keep the number down to 36 partisans. Their increase to 150/300 will be on a par with what has happened in many other provinces in the North.
As regards the Battaglie Cittadine I cannot see them working without some form of "recruitment" and any arms produced by them must have been illegally procured. But it is a source from which these facts are recruited which is most disturbing. MC. V.P. C.A.S. 28/9.

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Encl. 2d.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.C.T.
Bologna

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA OFFICIAL

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CONFIDENTIAL

4th May 1946

Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC=LO/PS/39.

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT. PERIOD 5 APRIL TO 4 MAY 1946.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A. C. H. Q.
{through Lt.Col.Walters
{Chief Liaison Officer,
{B o l o g n a .

1. During the past month the general situation as regards crime and public order has remained about the same as that reported for the two preceding months.

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4. At Salsomaggiore, Parma Province, on the day following the elections which resulted in one of the very few Christian Democrat victories in the region, a handgrenade exploded among a Communist procession of protest at the result, causing the death of one person and injury to 15 others.

5. Investigation showed that the handgrenade was carried in the pocket of the dead person; one other demonstrator was found in possession of a similar weapon.

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7. Good arrests continue to be made but the usual violent protests are regularly forthcoming whenever ex-partisans are concerned. These consider that all their criminal activities, even of recent date, are covered by the decree of I2 April '45.

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8. However, cases of extortion, with threats of violence in case of non-compliance, continue, and there is abundant evidence to show that in only a very small percentage of cases are the facts reported to CC.RR.

9. This is especially true in disputes over the problems of the "Mezzadria", which are now no nearer solution than they were a year ago.

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Personnel. It is a cause of considerable concern that the actual ~~available~~ strength of men available for duty is considerably below establishment.
In view of the forthcoming elections this is particularly so.

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Below are the totals of officers, n.c.o.'s, and men (a) authorized (b) available for duty (c) actually present after accounting for sickness, leave etc., as at 4 April '46.

	A Authorized force	B Available for duty	C Actually present, less sick, leave etc.
Bologna Gruppo Int.	550	619	584
Bologna Gruppo Est.	334	255	248
Ferrara	471	389	372
Forlì	521	427	410
Modena	356	404	394
Reggio Emilia	340	308	293
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It will be noted that the figures in Col.A are those given for a CC.RR. establishment of 65,000. The authorized strength for this Legion on the new basis of 75,000 men is not known.

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Efforts by the Legion Commander to persuade time expired men to continue in service in order to maintain present strength (besides rising to the new authorization) have proved fruitless. Two volunteers only have signed on in the last month.

Morale. A further most important factor is that in this Legion there are between two and three hundred officers and n.c.o.'s whose position as regards "epuration" is still undecided. Attention was drawn to the fact in this office monthly report for Sept.'45, para 5(d)(3). The position has in no way improved during the past seven months, and as pointed out then, a good and efficient service cannot reasonably be expected from men whose future career is continually held in balance.

It is suggested that some representation might be made to the Italian Government to the effect that all officers at present in service should continue for at least a further 3 months - i.e. until the elections are safely over and done with.

Speculation as to the probable outcome of the elections and referendum is also a matter of concern. If, as seems most probable, the general decision is in favour of a republic, all feel that not only will the Carabinieri cease to be "Reali", but will also suffer in other ways. It may not be too much to say that by introducing undesirable political elements among both officers and men, much of the work of re-construction and re-organization that has been done under Allied influence and with Allied help could be completely and entirely lost in a few weeks.

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There are also other influences at work attempting to undermine morale;

a) attacks on personnel. In Modena Province two particular incidents have been reported. In the first I CC.RR. was killed and another wounded, in the second a Station Commander was shot at while at work in his office, but not hit. In neither case

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was there any obvious motive except "unpopularity";

b) press attacks and accusations by public officials and organizations (Sindaci, A.N.P.I., C.L.N. etc.) against CC.RR. whenever ex-partisans (communists) are arrested. A particular vicious attack of this nature was made against Capitano Vesce, Gruppo di Bologna, Comp. Est. I, following his arrest of a local sindaco and several members of A.N.P.I. and C.L.N. etc. for being concerned in a number of cases of murder, robbery etc.

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I4. PATTUGLIE CITTADINE.

Reference is made to this office reports

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AC=LG/PS/23.4 dated 22 Sept.'45, paras 8 to I4 incl., and AC=LG/PS/23.4-I dated 3I Oct.'45, paras 8 to II incl.

As described in the original report this Corps has been formed in Bologna and now consists of about I000 persons authorized to act as an auxiliary force in the interest of public order. As appeared likely from the start, inevitably Communist elements were included among those enrolled, in spite of the efforts of the Comandante. These individuals fail to carry out the duties they have voluntarily undertaken to perform, but have an authority to possess and carry arms by virtue of membership of the Corps - and in fact, are known to possess arms.

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As stated above, everyday conditions remain about the same.

Crimes of violence by groups of well-armed individuals are still all too frequent. Generally speaking, the methods employed were those that are now familiar in this region. Besides the incident at Ponte Ronca mentioned in para II, other typical examples are as under.

I) In Parma Province, at about 0I00 hrs, five men all armed with automatic weapons, held up a truck, robbed the 3 men on the vehicle, and also removed the 2 spare tyres and part of the load consisting of cloth and shoes.

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III) In Modena Province, when a householder refused to open the door at about 0130 hrs to strangers, the latter opened fire with automatic weapons. Finally, having thus broken every window and shot away the door, the house was entered and rifled. Two of the occupants were wounded.

IV) In Ferrara Province, seven armed and

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masked men entered an inn, robbed the ten customers present, stole various articles in the house and raped the proprietress.

V) In Ferrara Province, unknown persons placed some form of bomb at the entrance to the Socialist Party H.Q., doing considerable damage to the premises. Although the building was occupied no one was injured.

VI) In Bologna Province, an unknown number of persons, by firing at a house during the night and thus keeping the occupants engaged, stole a truck containing footwear value nearly I million lire, from an adjoining garage.

VII) In Ravenna Province, six unknown persons by making a hole in the wall of a tobacco warehouse, removed cigarettes worth 6 million lire. While loading a truck, they were surprised by the guard. Shooting followed and the guard was injured.

VIII) In Forlì Province, two armed and masked men entered the premises of the Credito Romagnolo, held up and bound the clerk, and stole 300,000 lire.

Good arrests continue to be made by CC. RR. and very occasionally by Questura, of groups of individuals wanted for serious offences.

(I) In Forlì Province, two such groups have been arrested, one of 6 and the other of 8 persons responsible for robberies and thefts.

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(4) In Parma Province, a group of 7 persons responsible for hold-ups and robberies. All found in possession of arms.

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Crimes reported from CC.RR. sources only, and arrests, are as set out below.

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Bologna	31	2	1	5	7	-	1 2 for att.kid.	1
Reggio E.	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Piacenza	5	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Parma	9	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
Modena	25	3	4	8	4	1	1	-
Ferrara	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forlì	5	- 1 att.kid.	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ravenna	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	86	11 1 att.kid.	6	15	19	1	2 2 for att.kid.	1

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Parma	9	-	-	2	3	-	-	-
Modena	25	3	4	8	4	1	1	-
Ferrara	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forlì	5	- 1 att.kd.	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ravenna	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	86	11 1 att.kd.	6	15	19	1	2 2 for att.kd.	1

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16. MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS.

In Modena two demonstrations took place following the arrest of ex-partisans for murder. Presumably with the approval, tacit or otherwise,

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of the local Communist Party, as the predominant colour of the flags and banners, and garments worn by the participants was red.

In Bologna, at both Fontanelice and Monghidoro, Christian Democrat meetings were interrupted and broken up by Communists. Blows were exchanged, and CC.RR. were called upon to restore order.

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As was stated in monthly report for March (para 15), all those arrested for participation in the Caggio Montano and Savigno incidents - now some 25 in number - have been found to be inscribed in the Communist Party, and it has also been discovered that one of the chief objects of the Savigno raid was to search for arms, (see AC-LG/PS/23.25-I of 21 Jan.'46, para 3 & 4). Further, although there is at pre

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sent no evidence to show that this was the work of Communists, the theft of munitions from Ponte Ronca (para II above) is evidence of the desire to obtain explosives on the part of certain individuals (AC-LG/PS/7a-8 of 28 April '46 refers).

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(d) The necessity for the removal of all officials in positions of authority - Prefetti, Questori, CC.RR. and Army officers - before any plans involving the use of force, such as those described above, can be put into opera

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The general feeling among people of many different classes and walks of life is that the Communists intend to be victorious in any case, and will resort to arms to carry out certain plans which can only be carried out by force. No disturbances are considered likely prior to 2 June, but on that day, or immediately after-

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wards, when technically there will be no central government for several days and the forces of Law and Order will be extended to the uttermost, is considered the most dangerous period.

I8. PRISONS.

The prison situation shows little sign of improvement. Prison breaks, mutinies and riots are commonplace. Serious incidents have been reported as under:-

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(II) The situation in this particular prison is fantastic. On I9 April '46, following a mutiny among the prisoners - I67 in number - all were at liberty within the building for over a week. The prison guard service was quite incapable of restoring order, and escapes were only prevented by a small CC.RR. detachment on duty outside. The prison is normally a Carcere Minorenni and quite unsuited for the detention of adults. The walls, doors etc. are extremely flimsy. Order finally restored by CC.RR. re-inforcements who were able to enter the interior part of the premises on 29 Apr.'46, and after using firearms, whereby one prisoner was killed by a ricochet. Twentyseven of the more violent prisoners have been transferred elsewhere.

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I9. ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

Generally speaking the conduct of Allied military personnel has not been the subject of any serious complaint by the civil authorities, although every incident, however trivial, is an excuse for headlines in the local press. One incident for which the exact reason is not clear, was the throwing of a handgrenade by a civilian at two Polish soldiers, both of whom were slightly wounded, at Ravenna on 29 April '46.

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However, the question of public order at the elections and immediately afterwards is a matter of considerable concern to Prefetti, Questori and CC.RR. officers who are now working out the best means of maintaining discipline among the population with the somewhat limited means at their disposal. It can be safely anticipated that in this region political feelings will be running very high and disturbances which may or may not prove beyond control of the local police agencies should be expected.

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R E T U R N

OF ARMS AMMUNITION ECC.RECOVERED BY CC.RR.,BOLOGNA LEGION

Period 5 April To 4 May incl.

I. NO.OF RAIDS 56

2. LOCATION -with Province:

BOLOGNA -Crocetta-Medicina-Casalecchio-Castelmaggiore-Castelcampeggi-Saletto di Bentivoglio.

FORLI' -Dovadola-Forlimpopoli-Ruffio di Cesena-Le Piane-Fiumicello di Premilcuore-Collina-Castagnolo di Civitella-Rimini.

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2	Mitra	italiana	buone	
I	Machin pistola	tedesca	buone	
I5	Fucili da guerra	varie	buone	
I	Fucile da caccia	italiana	buone	
4	Moschetti mod.9I	italiana	buone	
II	Pistole automatiche	varie	buone	
2	Pistole a rotazione	italiana	buone	
I	Pistola per segnalazione	tedesca	buone	
29	Bombe a mano	varie	buone	
4	Pugni corazzati	tedesca	buone	
20	Cartucce per segnalazione	tedesca	buone	
I3842	Cartucce per armi leggere	varie	buone	
2	Sacchetti pieni di cartucce	italiana	buone	224
3	Cassette piene di cartucce	italiana	buone	

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Baletto di Bentivoglio.

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266	Proiettili da mortaio	varie	buone	
4	Spolette	tedesca	buone	
I50	metri di miccia	tedesca	buone	
3	Baionette	tedesca	buone	

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Translation

8.4.46 - Montefiorino(Modena Province)

CC.RR. confiscated the following:-

6 heavy Breda machine guns,

110 complete machine-gun clips,

1150 machine-gun cartridges,

A large quantity of cartridges for war rifles,

450 cartridges made of nitro-cellulose explosive matter,

11 cases of various cartridges,

16 cases of German mortar shells,

1 case of American mortar shells,

2 cases of German anti-tank bombs,

1 tripod for machine-gun.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
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29th April '46

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA * OFFICIAL *

Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC=LG/PS/I2.8

Subject: F.S.S. ACTION WITH REGARD TO CIVIL MATTERS.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.

(through Lt. Col. Walters)
(Chief Liaison Officer,)
(B o l o g n a . 28A)

1401/9 29A

I. With further reference to this office reports AC=LG/PS/39, para II (General) dated 4 April '46 and AC=LG/PS/I2.7 dated I8 April '46.

2. As stated in para 2I of the last named report, the matter was taken up by the Commander, 2I7 Area, with H.Q. 2 District, and a copy of his reply is attached. 30B

3. It will be noted that the reply made by 2 District refers only to a particular instance, and the facts, as now stated more fully, appear somewhat different to those quoted in the F.S.O.'s report (para 5).

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No action to be taken on this report. Lt Col

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Subject: CC.RR.

Allied Commission
Liaison Office
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HQ 217 Area, CMP
Ref. II 45 G
25 Apr 46

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c) The tracing of hidden arms, and the arrest of persons implicated in such cases is primarily the duty of CC.RR. under the guidance of Field Security Personnel. 2 District considers that O/C 417 F.S.S. acted entirely within his rights in this case, and any inference of "direct interference" in matters which were not his concern are unfounded.

3. I should be grateful therefore if you would take action to correct any false impressions created by your report.

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(signed) C.J.Miller

Brig.

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA OFFICIAL

CONFIDENTIAL 18th Apr.'46

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Reference: AC=LG/PS/I2.7

Subject: F.S.S. ACTION WITH REGARD TO CIVIL MATTERS.

1401/9

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A. C. H. Q.

(through Lt. Col. Walters,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Bologna.

I. Reference this office monthly report for period 5 March-4 April '46, AC=LG/PS/38.8, paragraph I2 (General).

2. The incident to which reference was made occurred at Reggio Emilia during March 1946.

3. Certain information regarding hidden arms was passed by Capt. Francis F.S.O. 417 F.S.S. to the CC.RR. of the Group with a view to obtaining the normal assistance expected of CC. RR. in planning a raid in conjunction with F.S.S.

4. The exact details are not known to writer, but from conversation with the F.S.O. it appears that the raid was not a success, and for this reason the latter blamed the CC.RR. officers immediately concerned.

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6. It must be appreciated that this is an extract from a report addressed only to G.S.I. HQ. 2 District and "G", HQ. 217 Area, and that this office has only become aware of the circumstances "unofficially".

7. As stated in the original monthly report, neither the Public Safety Officer of this Liaison Group, nor the Public Safety Officer, M.M.I.A., working with 6 BLU, was informed directly what constituted the alleged unsatisfactory state of affairs (in the opinion of the F.S.O.) at Reggio Emilia.

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8. Under the circumstances it has obviously been undesirable to speak to the Legion Commander, Col. Borla, on the subject, but from discreet enquiries, it has been learned that he did receive a report from Capt. Francis and that later two officers at Reggio Emilia who were due for retirement, did in fact leave the service.

9. It seems that the Legion Commander may have been glad of the opportunity to get rid of these individuals.

10. This is not the only instance of such action by F.S.S.

11. In January 1946, the same officer on learning that Major Argenziano, Commander of the CC.RR. Gruppo di Ravenna, had been ordered into retirement for reasons of epuration, made application to H.Q. 2 District suggesting that arrangements be made for the retention of this officer in service, on the grounds that this was necessary to ensure the success of F.S.S. - CC.RR. activities in connection with arms raids etc. in that province.

12. Although, as before, this office was never officially informed of this action, it is understood that the suggestion was turned down by H.Q. 2 District.

13. However, the fact remains that Major Argenziano is still in service at Ravenna, although the orders directing his retirement have been in possession of the Legion Commander since January.

14. Reference is also made to report dated 26 March '46, AC=LC/PS/38.16, with respect to the action taken by F.S.S. in connection with an article, anti-allied in tone, appearing in a partisan periodical "Il Garibaldino".

15. In this instance, the editor was seen by Capt. Francis, informed that the article was erroneous and presented with an accurate statement of the facts. A later issue did actually carry

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12. Although, as before, this office was never officially informed of this action, it is understood that the suggestion was turned down by H.Q. 2 District.

13. However, the fact remains that Major Argenziano is still in service at Ravenna, although the orders directing his retirement have been in possession of the Legion Commander since January.

14. Reference is also made to report dated 26 March '46, AC=LG/PS/38.16, with respect to the action taken by F.S.S. in connection with an article, anti-allied in tone, appearing in a partisan periodical "Il Garibaldino".

15. In this instance, the editor was seen by Capt. Francis, informed that the article was erroneous and presented with an accurate statement of the facts. A later issue did actually carry a second article retracting the first.

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16. This officer has spoken to Capt. Francis on the subject of the advisability of F.S.S. still taking <u>direct</u> action in civil matters, but it does appear that the instructions to F.S.S. still permit this.

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Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC=LG/PS/39.

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8. Questori in every province are doing their best to re-organize, but the difficulties are great. The effect of the "Partisan" influx in the early days following the liberation is still very strong, and here again there is a tremendous lack of efficient, trained personnel, both among Commissari, Funzionari, and Agenti di P.S.

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Buildings. There is still difficulty over the repair of stations due to the necessity for agreement on the financial question

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owing to the different types of ownership. The Prefect of Bologna, the province most affected, recently held a meeting on the subject, as a result of which it was hoped that all stations would be repaired by October of this year.

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against two CC.RR. officers, the Legion Commander has agreed to their transfer. It is not simply a question of whether the charges were justified or otherwise, but a case of direct interference in a matter which is entirely the responsibility of the Legion Commander, who is quite able to decide as to the capabilities of his officers without outside assistance.

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13. QUESTURA.

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The new Questore of Bologna, Rendina, has formed a "Reparto Celere" consisting of 2 officers and 30 men, all armed and supplied with transport.

Further, the same officer states that he could obtain the services of a complete unit of 500 Metropolitani, fully equipped in every way, if suitable accommodation were available.

Efforts have been made to find this but so far unsuccessfully.

I4. ROAD BLOCKS.

At the present time, only one trained squad (from the Mobile Battalion) is operating. Provincial Groups are prevented by the lack of manpower and transport from forming their own teams, but it does seem that many, if not all, the undesirable and irregular road blocks previously in existence, have ceased to operate.

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The number of cases of crimes of violence is about the same as in the preceding month. As always, those concerned are invariably well armed and in the event of signs of opposition, prepared to use their weapons.

Political murders and kidnapping still continue.

CC.RR. have continued actively to pursue their enquiries into the incidents at Savigno and Gaggio Montano. In the former case, Dino Cavazza, alleged to be one of the two leaders, has been arrested. Clear evidence has been forthcoming that all those who have so far been arrested in these two cases, were inscribed in the Communist Party.

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No specific examples are included in this report of crimes committed in the various provinces,

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as these have followed the now very familiar pattern of previous months - the hold-up of vehicles by two, three or more armed men followed by robbery of the occupants and their goods, often of the actual vehicle itself; the forced entry and robbery of private houses by armed men; extortion of money by means of threats; murder and kidnapping for political reasons.

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Parma	I0	I	-	5	3	-	-	-
Modena	I7	6	5	2	4	-	-	-
Ferrara	I0	-	-	-	3	I	-	-
Forlì	II	I	-	-	2	-	-	-
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Their first appearance was observed in Oct. 1945, and reported in corres. AC=LG/PS/26.3 dated I Nov. 1945. A further report of recent observations was submitted on corres. AC=LG/PS/26.3-I dated I9 March '46.

The attention of the Questore has been drawn to the danger of incidents arising between Allied military personnel and civilians, if unauthorized individuals in plain clothes attempt to divert military vehicles, as was being done on the three occasions noted.

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The Republican Party in Parma issued propaganda leaflets against the "call-up" for the Italian Army, and in Parma the same party used the same method to demand the removal of Polish troops from Italy. 21

18. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

The left wing press continues to be as

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violent in tone as ever - and just as inaccurate.

Typical was that of "Il Garibaldino" of Forlì in reporting on arms raids carried out in that province by F.S.S. and CC.RR. A special report was forwarded on corres. AC=LG/PS/38 of 26 March '46.

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20. MILITARY POLICE.

The Provost Marshal, Col. McNally, visited on 27 March '46 and opportunity was taken to discuss matters affecting military personnel and the civil population.

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21. GENERAL.

While some improvement has been noted in everyday conditions of public safety, the situation cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

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R E T U R N

OF ARMS.AMMUNITION ECC.RECOVERED BY CC.RR.,BOLOGNA LEGION

Period 5 March To 4 April incl.

I. NO.CF RAIDS I28.

2. LOCATION -with Province:

BOLOGNA -Dozza-Imola-Toscanella-Medicina-Casalfiumanese-

MODENA -Mirandola-Concordia-S.Felice sul Panaro-Fossoli di Carpi-Vignola-Carpi-Guiglia-Camposanto-Medolla-Finale Emilia-

FORLI -S.Eufemia e Fiumicello di Premilcuore-S.Agata-Premilcuore-Macerone-Diegaro-Casale di Cesena-S.Arcangelo di Romagna-La Sega di Premilcuore-Ruffio-Gattolino-Martorano-S.Egidio di Cesena-

REGGIO E.-Massalasino e Jano di Scandiano-Frane di Guastalla-Poviglio-

RAVENNA -Tebano di Faenza-Marina di Ravenna-Granarolo Faentino-Godo-Massiere Vecchia-Casetta Caroli-Brisighella-

FERRARA -Massafiscaglia-Mesola-Copparo-Goro-Comacchio-Lagosanto-Portoverrara-Quartiere-Ripapersico di Portomaggiore-Masi Torello-Argenta-Porto Garibaldi-Miglioro-S.Giuseppe-Bosco Mesola-Gorino-Migliarino-Formignana-Ambrogio-Ambrogio-Guarda Ferrarese-Codigoro-

PIACENZA -Gropparello-

3. TOTAL NO.OF ARRESTS FOR POSSESSING ARMS,AND SIMILAR OFFENCES 8

4. ARMS AND AMMUNITION RECOVERED

NO	TYPE	MAKE	CONDITION	REMARKS
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2	Fucili mitragliatori	varie	buone	
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I	Mitraglietta	M.H?M.S.	Mediocri	
4	Mitra	varie	buone	
I	Carabina semiautomatica	tedesca	mediocre	
57	Fucili da guerra	varie	2 fuori uso	
I	Moschetto automatico	Berretta	buone	
5	Moschetti	italiana	buone	
2	Lancia granate	tedesche	buone	
2	Moschetti	francesi	buone	
I	Pistola lancia razzi	italiana	buone	
IO	Pistole automatiche	varie	buone	

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MODENA -Mirandola-Concordia-Soliera-Carpi-Novi-Rovereto-Medolla-Vignola-Carpi-Guiglia-Camposanto-Medolla-Finale Emilia-

FORLI -S.Eufemia e Fiumicello di Premilcuore-S.Agata-Premilcuore-Macerone-Diegaro-Casale di Cesena-S.Arcangelo di Romagna-La Sega di Premilcuore-Ruffio-Gattolino-Martorano-S.Egidio di Cesena-

REGGIO E.-Massalasino e Jano di Scandiano-Frane di Guastalla-Poviglio-

RAVENNA -Tebano di Faenza-Marina di Ravenna-Granarolo Faentino-Godo-Massiere Vecchia-Casetta Caroli-Brisighella-

FERRARA -Massafiscaglia-Mesola-Copparo-Goro-Comacchio-Lagosanto-Portoverrara-Quartiere-Ripapersico di Portomaggiore-Masi Torello-Argenta-Porto Garibaldi-Migliore-S.Giuseppe-Bosco Mesola-Gorino-Migliarino-Formignana-Ambrogio-Ambrogio-Guarda Ferrarese-Codigoro-

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I	Pistola lancia razzi	italiana	buone	
IO	Pistole automatiche	varie	buone	
8	Canne per armi automatiche	varie	buone	
2	Pistole a tamburo	italiana	buone	
I73	Proiettili per mortaio	tedesca	buone	
25	Bombe a mano	varie	buone	
5	Proiettili a granata	tedesca	buone	
96	Cariche per cannone	varie	buone	
20	Granate per fucile	tedesca	buone	
530	Cartucce per armi leggere	varie	buone	

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NO	TYPE	MAKE	CONDITION	REMARKS
3090	Cartucce per mitragliatrice	varie	buone	
2	Casse di Cartucce varie	varie	buone	
I350	Cartucce per fucile mitragliat.	varie	buone	
quintali	6 cartucce per armi portatili	varie	discrete	
20	Cartucce razzo	italiana	buone	
I	Baionetta	tedesca	buona	
I4	Caricatori per mitragliatrice	tedeschi	buone	
II	Caricatore per mitragliatrice	francese	buone	
m.I50	Miccia	tedesca	buone	
50	Detonatori per mine	tedesca	buone	
quantità	Cartucce per armi varie	varie	discrete	

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1	Caricatore per mitragliatrice	francese	buone	
m.150	Miccia	tedesca	buone	
50	Detonatori per mine	tedesca	buone	
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Traduzione
Translation

7th March '46 - The CC.RR. of Gropparello (Piacenza arrested a person for detaining the following war materials:-

44 rifles mod.91 & mod.38
2 boxes machine gun cartridges
8 spare barrels for automatic weapons
14 clips for heavy automatic weapons.
Plenty ammunition of various calibres.

28 March '46 - At Poviglio di Reggio Emilia, CC.RR. confiscated the following arms and warlike materials:-

1 musket
1 "maschine-pistol"
1 machine gun
1 war rifle
1 Very signal pistol
1 automatic pistol
20 Very cartridges
2090 machine gun cartridges
20 rifle shells
5 shells
173 mortar projectiles
350 automatic rifle cartridges
17 hand grenades
2 shell throwers
1 ribbon box
150 metres fuse
50 mine detonators
3 German cartridge holders
1 " motorcycle

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

7th March '46

Ref. AC-LG/PS/I.13

Subject: CAPTURED ENEMY VEHICLES.

To: Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.
Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

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4. Antonelli Enzo produced to R.A.C.I. a document, the original of which he retained and a copy filed in the records of R.A.C.I.

This document written in Italian reads:-

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" ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT "

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Luglio 1945

Office of Capt. George Barnes III
Al Magg. F.P.E. Cavalleria
ANTONELLI ENZO

è data in uso la Ford con motore C No. I3I502, telaio B No.I3I502 non necessaria a questo ufficio data la sua poca efficienza.

George Barnes III
Capt. Cavalry
Civil Affairs Officer
A.M.G. Bologna Province.

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" Dichiarazione Notarile "
" Repertorio No.3645 "
" "
" Io sottoscritto, Bruno Orefici, notaio, resi- "
" dente in Bologna, iscritto presso il Colle- "
" gio Notarile di questo distretto, certifico "
" che la su esposta copia è conforme al docu- "
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The English translation being:-

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6. To clear the matter up, it is suggested the enquiry be pursued through Captain George W. Barnes III who was a Civil Affairs Officer, Region IX, AMG, from 21st April '45 to August '45, and is now with Economic Section, Allied Commission, Rome.

7. It is requested that the result of this enquiry be transmitted to this Liaison Group, if adjustment is made in ownership, in order that R.A.C.I. records may be corrected.

LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN
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(Public Safety)

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T. W. J. WALTERS, LT. COL.,
Chief Liaison Officer,
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ALLIED COMMISSION
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19th March

Telephone: EMILIA 7

Reference: AC=LG/PS/26.3-I

Subject: PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.

(through Lt.Col.Walters
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3. In both cases, large numbers of young men were present wearing white armlets, in the latter instance, bearing the word "Organizzazione".

4. Presumably these persons were intended to 'control' those present at the meetings, though in what manner was not clear as no extra police measures which could not be undertaken by the normal agencies appeared necessary.

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5. However, these individuals took upon themselves to divert traffic, both civil and military, from the main streets and the centre of the town during the period of the meeting.

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7. Observation proved that such diversions were in fact quite unnecessary, and entirely due to this organization and were at no place controlled by Vigili Urbani, or other normal police agency.

8. There is little doubt that this "organizzazione" existed to ensure an uninterrupted hearing for the speakers, who used the public address equipment permanently installed in the main square and its immediate vicinity, and to intimidate any possible - but most improbable - opposition.

9. The attention of the Questore was drawn to the "police" activities of these persons, but this official professed complete ignorance of their actions which however were patently obvious to anyone who was present.

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II. With the advent of better weather and the imminence of elections, many open-air meetings are planned by all political parties, and activities of this nature which may well provoke incidents will be closely watched.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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SECRET

4th March 1946

Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.38

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT - PERIOD 5 FEB. 1946 TO 4 MARCH 1946.

To: Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

{through Lt.Col.Walters}
{Chief Liaison Officer }

I. Public safety conditions in Emilia Region for this month show a definite improvement.

Statistics for major crimes reported are 50% lower than the previous month when peak figures were reached.

The enforcement of law is being felt in all provinces of this region.

2. CARABINIERI REALI.

CC.RR. activities in the apprehension of offenders and detection of crime is especially praiseworthy.

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As specific examples:-

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(c) 4 brothers were murdered at Medebana di Ostellato, Ferrara Province, on 10 January 1946 by an armed band of 12 persons. CC.RR. arrested 9 persons on 2 February 1946.

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(d) I9 Prison breaks occurred in Emilia Region from I2 Sept.'45 to date. 233 prisoners escaped. By diligent enquiry CC.RR. have to date re-arrested 55 and are still searching for the wanted men (see paragraph 8 of this report).

(e) On I6 Feb.'46 CC.RR. of Reggio Emilia arrested 7 (seven) British other ranks who had escaped from Military custody at Milan and had in their possession two "Ford" trucks.
The CC.RR. had previously been in touch with the A.P.M., 2I7 Area on this matter. British Military Police in the area had made an extensive search to apprehend these wanted B.o.R.s, who are suspected of armed robbery in the area.
They were immediately handed over to the British authorities.
The arrests were effected quietly, no firearms used and it is noteworthy to see co-operation between CC.RR. and Allied Military Police.

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The Mobile Battalion of CC.RR. is steadily being re-equipped.

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On detachment		
Ferrara.....	2 ..	I50

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On detachment			
Ferrara.....	2	..	150
Modena.....	1	..	50
Reggio Emilia...	1	..	50
Casualties			
Sick.....	==	..	22
Leave.....	==	..	14
Total.....	12	..	545

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Road Blocks.

Consequent on a signal received from 2 District on I8 Feb.'46, irregular road blocks operating at Parma, Piacenza and Modena were suspended on 2I Feb.'46.

The new type of road block manned by 9 CC.RR. with vehicle, standard signs and wooden barriers have been put into operation in Emilia Region in each province on a mobile basis as from the 2nd March I946.

A practical demonstration was held on Ist March '46 at Bologna by British Military Police, ALL Questori and senior officers attending.

A report was submitted on 2 March'46, ref. AC=LG/PS/I8.I3.

3. QUESTURA.

(a) On Feb. I6, I946, Dott. Federico RENDINA was appointed Questore of Bologna.

This officer was the former Questore during the Fascist regime and held the appointment during I938-I942, I943.

He holds the Fascist titles Squadrista, Marcia su Roma and Legionario Fiumano.

He is an officer of long experience and well-liked by the citizens of Bologna in his impartial application of the law.

From enquiry the appointment has some political significance inasmuch as the new Prefect, General D'Antoni, represents, technically, the extreme right party, he being a former General of the Italian Army and the new Questore, without party, may be an asset to the left.

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Two days after his appointment the Communist Party made verbal application to him to arrange for the re-transfer of Commissario MUOIO, now at Viterbo, to Bologna.

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This particular Commissario was transferred from Bologna by the previous Questore, as it was suspected, yet with no proof forthcoming, that he was implicated in kidnappings and murders of industrialists in the early liberation days. It is known that he has some unofficial connection with local Communists. However, the new Questore took a firm stand and refused to apply for the re-transfer of this Commissario.

Dott. Rendina has appeared before the Committee of Epuration in Rome and has satisfied them as to his credentials. It is understood that he has two sons who took a very active part in the partisan movement.

He has entered his new appointment with zeal and has recommended many changes to the Minister of Interior.

(b) On 31st January at 2100 hrs., at Cave di Albarola, Vigolzone, Province of Piacenza, a patrol of 4 ex-partisans from the A.N.P.I. of Ponte dell'Olio, in civilian clothes, but authorized by the local Questura to assist agents of Public Security in road blocks, attempted to stop an Allied truck (identity unknown).

The truck did not stop, shots were exchanged and one ex-partisan of the patrol was wounded.

CC.RR. had been invited by the C.L.N. of Ponte dell'Olio to make use of these A.N.P.I. patrols since November '45 to co-operate with them, but rightly declined their services.

However, the Questore of Piacenza, Dr. Salazar, a career official, had authorized their use, not as auxiliary agents enrolled in the Public Security Division but merely to assist regular agents.

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CC.RR. had been invited by the C.L.N. of Ponte dell'Olio to make use of these A.N.P.I. patrols since November '45 to co-operate with them, but rightly declined their services.

However, the Questore of Piacenza, Dr. Salazar, a career official, had authorized their use, not as auxiliary agents enrolled in the Public Security Division but merely to assist regular agents.

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This is a specific example of the danger of irregular police agencies attempting to control transportation of goods late at night, without a proper lighted road block and notices and their immediate resort to the use of firearms.

The establishment of standard road blocks mentioned in paragraph 2, as from 2nd March 1946 will, it is hoped, eliminate any fu

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ture incidents such as this.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY CONDITIONS GENERALLY.

As reported in paragraph I of this report, there is a sharp decline in serious crime.

However, the use of firearms by irresponsible criminal elements still causes apprehension to the general public. Too many arms are still in possession of unauthorized persons.

The search for arms by the Communist Party still continues. A specific example is given.

On 29 Jan.'46, at Torre Maina, Maranello (Modena Province), 6 armed bandits in possession of automatic weapons went to a private house and demanded that ALL arms in the house should be forthwith surrendered. No arms were forthcoming but the house was searched with negative result.

CC.RR. enquiries show that this is the work of Communist elements who are searching for arms for boistering their electoral campaign.

No further acts of aggression are reported by armed bands.

The last incident was at Savigno, Bologna Province, 22 Nov.'45, when a band of 60 armed persons entered the village to plunder.

On I7 Feb.'46, CC.RR. arrested 6 men (all under 24 years of age) who have confessed that they took part in this activity.

Total arrests to date are I3.

Eight other men have been identified and warrants for their arrest have been issued.

One Fiat truck used in this incident has been recovered.

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Total arrests to date are 13.

Eight other men have been identified and warrants for their arrest have been issued.

One Fiat truck used in this incident has been recovered.

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BOLOGNA PROVINCE.

3 armed men entered the Credito Romagnolo Bank, Bologna, with intent to rob, but were compelled to flee by the Director's cries for help. Some people chased the thieves and I was arrested.

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At Sasso Marconi unknown persons broke into the local Pawn Shop & Bank and stole I,I50,000 lire. I arrest.

At S. Giobbe, Fano d'Argelato, unknown persons fired through a window killing a man and wounding another.

At Anzola Emilia, 2 unknown persons shot and killed the Secretary of the local Christian Democrat Party. Motive believed to be political.

At Medicina, 2 unknown persons shot and killed an agricultural agent, then spoiled him of all his clothes.

At Zola Predosa, 2 unknown men stole a truck and kidnapped the driver. Going towards Ponte Ronca they were signalled to stop by a soldier controlling traffic but they fired their "mitras" and wounded him.

At Sala Bolognese, several armed and masked men entered a stable with intent to steal cows. The owner fired his shotgun at them. They replied with their "mitras" and fled, throwing 2 hand grenades as they went.

At Bologna, 4 unknown, armed men entered a garage, immobilized the caretaker, and stole IO car tyres and a I500 Fiat car, causing I,300,000 lire damage.

MODENA PROVINCE.

At Mellara di Castelfranco E., 2 unknown persons shot and killed a youth of I7.

At Mirandola, 3 unknown, armed men robbed a merchant of I80,000 lire.

At Cortile, an unknown man shot at a man and his wife, badly wounding the latter.

At Gorzano di Maranello, 2 armed and masked persons robbed a man of 74,000 lire.

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At Bologna, 4 unknown, armed men entered a garage, immobilised the caretaker, and stole 10 car tyres and a 1500 Fiat car, causing 1,300,000 lire damage.

MODENA PROVINCE.

At Mellara di Castelfranco E., 2 unknown persons shot and killed a youth of 17.

At Mirandola, 3 unknown, armed men robbed a merchant of 180,000 lire.

At Cortile, an unknown man shot at a man and his wife, badly wounding the latter.

At Gorzano di Maranello, 2 armed and masked persons robbed a man of 74,000 lire.

At Villa Segrè, Sassuolo, an armed and masked person robbed a man of 17,000 lire.

At Mirandola, 2 unknown, armed men entered a house and robbed the occupant of 12,000 lire and food. 4 days later same men returned and compelled the occupant's wife to give them 6,500 lire.

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At Rastellino di Castelfranco, 3 armed and masked men entered a house, immobilized the inhabitants and searched for arms. Not finding any they compelled one of the inhabitants to accompany them to another house where they robbed the occupant of I2,000 lire. Shots were fired at the criminals but they were not hit.

PARMA PROVINCE.

At Piattina di Collecchio, 4 unknown armed men entered a house and after having immobilized the household and "mezzadri" (farmers), stole 284,000 lire cash and gold objects value 700,000 lire.

At S. Polo di Torrile, about 30 armed persons with a truck and a car entered a dairy and stole sausages value 200,000 lire. The same persons then went to a house and after having immobilized the inmates removed cheese value I60,000 lire, linen value 20,000 lire and a bicycle.

FERRARA PROVINCE.

At Mezola, 3 men in a boat stole 9 trees from an estate but were discovered by the caretakers and so abandoned wood and boat.

At Portomaggiore, 4 unknown, armed men entered a shop and removed 400,000 lire cash and valuables worth I00,000 lire.

At Stellate, 5 unknown, armed men robbed a merchant of his car worth 500,000 lire, and I40,000 lire cash.

At S. Pietro di Formignana, 3 armed and masked men broke into a house and robbed the inmate of houseliner, clothing, 2 bicycles and a watch - total value II0,000 lire. Before leaving the thieves fired their machine guns in the air.

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At Mezola, 3 men in a boat stole 9 trees from an estate but were discovered by the caretakers and so abandoned wood and boat.

At Portomaggiore, 4 unknown, armed men entered a shop and removed 400,000 lire cash and valuables worth 100,000 lire.

At Stellate, 5 unknown, armed men robbed a merchant of his car worth 500,000 lire, and 140,000 lire cash.

At S. Pietro di Formignana, 3 armed and masked men broke into a house and robbed the inmate of houselinen, clothing, 2 bicycles and a watch - total value 110,000 lire. Before leaving the thieves fired their machine guns in the air.

At Cona, 4 armed and masked men, after having fired their weapons at the windows of a house, entered it and robbed the inmate of 16,000 lire cash, a ham, 5 kgs. lard and 20 eggs.

At S. Martino, 4 armed and masked men entered a house and after having immobilized the household, removed 50,000 lire cash, a

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shotgun, 90 kgs. meat and a bicycle.

REGGIO EMILIA PROVINCE.

At Fiesso di Gattatico, unknown, armed and masked persons robbed a man of 560,000 lire cash, another of 700 lire and still another of 4,400 lire and a fountain pen.

PIACENZA PROVINCE.

At Ziano, 8 armed and masked men entered a house and robbed the inmates of 130,000 lire, valuables and clothes value 200,000 lire. Thieves departed in a car they had with them.

RAVENNA PROVINCE.

S. Patrizio di Conselice, 2 unknown armed persons robbed a man of 237,000 lire.

FORLI' PROVINCE.

At Fratta di Bertinoro, unknown persons stabbed a former Squadrista to death. Crime believed to have been committed for political motives.

At Montescudo, 2 armed men accompanied by 7 others robbed 2 German p.o.w's of their truck. The thieves then drove the truck towards the Republic of San Marino but at a road block they were stopped by gens d'armes who killed I bandit and arrested another. Truck confiscated.

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Bologna	28	5	2	2	3	10	-	2
Reggio E.	6	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Piacenza	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parma	5	-	1	1	-	3	1	1
Modena	21	1	2	1	3	6	-	-
Ferrara	7	-	-	-	1	2	-	1
Forlì	8	2	1	1	-	3	-	-
Ravenna	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	83	9	6	5	7	30	1	4
PREVIOUS MONTH as comparison	150	14	19	16	10	35	4	9

5. MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATIONS.

Political meetings and demonstrations have been held in all provinces in view of the forthcoming elections.

No disorder has been reported (except incident (d) below). The public remain quiet but not always attentive or in agreement with the particular speaker.

Four major incidents are quoted as a guide to general conditions.

(a) On 18 Feb.'46, at 0900 hrs., at Reggio Emilia, 4,000 unemployed persons, the majority ex-prisoners of war, demonstrated in the Communal Theatre and outside for assistance to be given to them to find

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Modena	2I	I	2	I	3	6	-	-
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Representatives of the Reduci and Partisan movements addressed the assembly.

The Prefect of the Province and the Mayor of Reggio Emilia also spoke to the assembly, promising them that unemployment problems were of priority to them and they would do all they could

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to ease the situation.

After the meeting the crowd formed a procession, parading through the town. All dispersed at I200 hrs. No disorder.

(b) On I3th Feb.'46 at I500 hrs, at Ferrara, approximately 5,000 persons demonstrated in the city against the reprieve of De Sanctis who had been sentenced to death for collaboration with the enemy by the Extraordinary Court of Assize, and had the sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

No untoward incident took place, the demonstration dispersing quietly at I700 hrs.

(c) On 23rd Feb.'46, at I730 hrs, at Reggio Emilia, NENNI, Socialist Minister, addressed I5,000 persons in the Piazza Vittoria, Reggio Emilia.

His speech was confined to the ruination brought by Fascism, forthcoming elections and reconstruction programme.

No disorder took place.

(d) On 6 Feb.'46, at 0700 hrs., at Portoverrara, Portomaggiore, Ferrara, when CC.RR. arrested 3 persons for a criminal offence, approximately 200 women demonstrated and attempted to set at liberty the men who were being taken into custody. 4 CC.RR. very slightly injured. Prisoners secured.

It is believed that political factions engineered this demonstration against CC.RR.

6. TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

On 8 Feb.'46 at No.4 Viale Panzacchi, Bologna, a military Court for the trial of war criminals had arraigned before them

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No untoward incident took place, the demonstration dispersing quietly at 1700 hrs.

(c) On 23rd Feb.'46, at 1730 hrs, at Reggio Emilia, NENNI, Socialist Minister, addressed 15,000 persons in the Piazza Vittoria, Reggio Emilia.

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This British officer was an escaped prisoner of war who had been sheltered by an Italian family.

He was discovered by Fascist elements and was removed by others, including prisoner (I) and was later found shot in a ravine near Grezzana together with the son of the occupier of the house where he had found shelter.

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Prisoner (I) Gottardi Ernesto was found guilty and sentenced to death. He immediately lodged an appeal against the sentence.

Prisoner (2) Tomele Alessandro was found not guilty and acquitted.

Two other persons a) FURLOTTI Nicola
b) ROSSO Romolo
were indicted, have not yet been arrested.

On II Feb.'46, at No.4 Viale Panzacchi, Bologna, the following were indicted before a military Court for the trial of war criminals:-

a) MARTELLI Romano, age I7 years,
b) FAGGIANI Rino, " 20 " ,
c) BELLINI Luigi, " I8 " ,

for the murder of Rifleman P. Chapman, King's Royal Rifles, at Caselle Pressana on 6 Jan.'45.

This British soldier was an escaped prisoner of war who actively participated in the Partisan movement. He was waylaid and shot on 6 Jan.'45 whilst returning to his place of shelter. During the trial prisoner b) admitted shooting Rifleman Chapman.

Sentences.

Prisoner (a)
" (b) Ten years' imprisonment.
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No comment has been made in the Italian press on the sentences imposed.

7. Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily, although the business is, as usual, conducted in a painfully slow manner. Prisons are overcrowded but the dispensation of justice appears to be of a secondary and minor consideration. The attitude as previously reported is that the individual is under "lock and key" and that is sufficient; process can await.

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8. PRISONS.

Appendix "A" to this report shows the prison breaks in Emilia Region from I2 Sept.'45 to date.

I9 incidents have occurred resulting in 233 prisoners escaping.

Of these 55 have been re-arrested, all by CC.RR. elements. See appendix "B".

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The subject was dealt with by special report to H.Q. Allied Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission with copy to 2I7 Area, under cover of this Liaison Group letter AC=LG/PS/3.59 of 25 Feb. I946.

Appendix "C" shows the Guard strength of all prisons in this Region. It will be noticed that Directors are pursuing the policy of eradicating auxiliary guards (ex-partisans) but prison breaks still continue.

Lack of discipline with guards is the major cause of these and it is hoped, as suggested in report submitted, that the Ministry of Grace and Justice will appoint to each prison one competent disciplinarian such as an ex Army lieutenant for general supervision of guards.

9. PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

On I8 Feb.'46, the new Prefect of Bologna, General Giovanni D'Antoni, superceding Gian Carlo Borghese, who resigned, arrived. Borghese who is a Socialist, has accepted the post of representative of the Partisans on the Regional Committee of National Liberation on a voluntary basis.

IO. FASCIST ACTIVITIES.

On I6 Jan.'46, CC.RR. arrested 3 men for armed robbery committed in Bologna on 3 Oct.'45.

During interrogation these men admitted they belonged to a Fascist Group the leader being Piazzi Aldo, age 4I, of Pescara.

CC.RR. at Pescara arrested Piazzi and 6 others who have signed confessions that they are members of a Fascist organization. All 7 will appear before the Special Court of Assize and will be dealt with by Italian law.

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The circulation of this literature is very small and no special significance is attached to these incidents.

The documents purport to be issued by S.A.M. but it may be that the local Communist Party has engineered the documents to stir up trouble.

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No reports have been received from other provinces on Fascist activities.

II. POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Communal elections will take place in Emilia on 17th, 24th and 31st March and 7th April'46 in those Communes where the electoral lists are completed and ready.

The purpose of these elections is for the appointment of Communal Councillors from which the Sindaco (Mayor) and his Councillors (Giunta) are subsequently elected and are on par with British municipal elections.

CC.RR. and Questore have issued orders to the forces under their control for the preservation of public order.

No disorder is anticipated.

On 7th Feb.'46, at 1245 hrs, at Anzola Emilia, Bologna Province, Zavattaro Luigi, Secretary of the Democrat Christian Party was shot and killed by 2 unknown men.

Zavattaro, who was employed as a chemist in a local factory, was returning home to lunch and was riding a bicycle.

The 2 men, not yet arrested, had previously stopped another 2 men asking them their identity, were satisfied and let them proceed. Zavattaro, however, was shot and his bicycle stolen from him.

Lire 5,300 was on the body, and it is significant to note that the property was not stolen.

All parties are pursuing vigorously with this election campaign, except the Action Party who seem in general to wander and associate themselves first with one party and then the other.

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Communist activities are well to the fore. The latest move is a questionaire being circulated to householders, the basis being, declare the number of people in your house by name, to which party are they affiliated, if you are not subscribed to the Communist Party answer why, and can the Communist expect your vote.

This is not intimidation, but very near,

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the pamphlet being addressed to the householder and the first question being "How many women are there in your house?".

I2. SEA MINES.

On I4 Feb.'46 at I600 hrs, at sea, one kilometre from entrance to the port canal, Cesenatico (Forlì Province), a fishing boat with 5 crew came into collision with a sea mine. Fishing boat completely destroyed. All the crew killed. One body only was recovered. The appropriate authorities were informed of the incident.

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PRISON BREAKS IN EMILIA REGION.

I.	I2. 9.45	Judicial Prison	Modena	6 prisoners escaped
2.	I4. 9.45	" "	Bologna	56 " "
3.	23. 9.45	Mandamental"	Budrio	3 " "
4.	23. 9.45	Judicial "	Parma	22 " "
5.	28. 9.45	Mandamental"	Montecchio	2 " "
6.	I8.I0.45	Judicial "	Modena	44 " "
7.	2I.I0.45	" "	Piacenza	3I " "
8.	24.I0.45	Pratello "	Bologna	I0 " "
9.	29.II.45	Mandamental"	Bobbio	3 " "
I0.	4.I2.45	Judicial "	Forlì	I0 " "
II.	3. I.46	" "	"	I " "
I2.	20. I.46	" "	Bologna	4 " "
I3.	25. I.46	" "	Forlì	2 " "
I4.	I. 2.46	" "	"	20 " "
I5.	5. 2.46	Mandamental"	Rimini	3 " "
I6.	6. 2.46	" "	"	4 " "
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LIST OF PERSON RE-ARRESTED AFTER ESCAPE
FROM PRISONS - EMILIA REGION

Ref.No	Date re-arrested	No.of persons arrested	Prison escaped from	By whom arrested
417/18	18-10-45	2	Giudiziarie Modena	CC.RR.Modena
542/14	6-11-45	3	" "	CC.RR.Pavullo
134/13	14-12-45	1	" "	CC.RR.Castel d'Aiano
0521 7	8-1-'46	1	" "	Questura Modena
36/56	7-2-'46	1	" "	CC.RR.Carpi
22	14-2-'46	1	" "	CC.RR.Guiglia
24	17-2-46	3	" "	CC.RR.Modena
31	21-2-'46	1	" "	CC.RR.Modena
107/7	15-9-'45	3	Giudiziarie Bologna	CC.RR.Bologna
0017	15-9-45	2	" "	Questura Bologna
107/11	25-10-45	3	" "	CC.RR.e Questura Bologna
107/6	21-12-45	1	" "	CC.RR.Bologna
63/6	22-2-'46	5	" "	CC.RR.Bologna
390/10	23-9-'45	12	Giudiziarie Parma	CC.RR.e Questura Parma
390/19	25-9-'45	1	" "	Questura Parma
390/13	23-9-'45	1	" "	CC.RR.S.Prospero Prmense
59/795	19-12-45	1	Giudiziarie Forlì	CC.RR.Pontassieve
1/101	23-10-45	3	Giudiziarie Piacenza	CC.RR.Ponte All'Olio
1/102	24-10-45	2	" "	CC.RR.Carpaneto
239/1	23-10-45	4	" "	CC.RR.Vernasca
239/3	21-10-45	2	" "	CC.RR.Rustigazzo
239/8	24-10-45	1	" "	CC.RR.Vernasca
4/44	28-10-45	1	" "	CC.RR.Pianello
	Total	55		

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PRISON	GUARDS MALE			GUARDS FEMALE			DOCTOR	CHAPLAINS	ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TOTAL (INCL. DIRECTOR)
	Regular	Auxiliary	PROBATIONER	Regular	Auxiliary	Probationer			
Bologna-Giudiziarie	55	7	-	-	7	-	I	I	3
Piacenze-Giudiziarie	34	9	-	I	-	-	-	-	2
Parma - Giudiziarie	60	IO	-	I	I	-	-	-	3
Parma-Campo Certosa	2	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Reggio E.Giudiziar.	23	I3	-	2	-	-	-	-	I
Modena- Giudiziarie	36	-	I	I	2	-	I	I	2
Forli - Giudiziarie	59	II4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Ravenna-Giudiziarie	33	-	-	2	-	-	I	I	I
Ferrara-Giudizierie	49	6	-	-	-	-	I	I	2

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

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4th February 1946

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23. 37

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT. PERIOD 5 JAN.'46 - 4 FEB. '46.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission ,
A . C . H . Q .

(through Lt. Col. Walters,
Chief Liaison Officer,
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I. No improvement in Public Safety conditions in Emilia Region is reported this month.

2. In fact there is a definite increase in serious crime - murder and armed robbery. Statistics show that especially in armed robbery, offences are rising to a marked degree, from stealing bicycles on the road to organized thefts of money and property. However, no further acts of aggression are reported by armed bands.

3. CC.RR. are handicapped in their duties by lack of transport but with the limited means at their disposal every effort is being made to bring offenders to justice.

4. Vehicles in transit are being held up by armed men, goods pillaged and in some cases the vehicle itself is stolen.

Civilians as a general rule are extremely cautious of night travel, fearing with a genuine cause, that some harm may come to them or their property.

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F.S.S. in conjunction with CC.RR. are concentrating on particular areas, especially Ravenna and results to date have been good.

6. CARABINIERI REALI.

(a) CC.RR. strength in Emilia is badly de-

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pleted by sickness, leave, and those re-deployed as reinforcements to areas within the Region.

The effective strength of CC.RR. within Emilia to date is as follows:-

Officers	...	83
N.C.O.'s	...	837
Other ranks	...	3416
		4336

Of this total the following are sick:-

Officers	...	10	
N.C.O.'s	...	141	
Other ranks	...	310	
Sub total	...	461	461

Pensioned during the past month:-

Officers	...	3	
N.C.O.'s	...	11	
Other ranks	...	55	
Sub total		69	69

Re-deployed as reinforcements within Emilia:-

Officers	...	3	
N.C.O.'s	...	20	
Other ranks	...	240	
		263	263

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(c) Communist elements are steady with their propaganda within CC.RR. limits. Already this month one public speech has been made by Communists asking them to be with the people and to co-operate more openly with ex-Partisans (Jan. 6th, I946. Val Nure at Castel-l'Arquato).

(d) INSPECTION OF CC.RR.

On I5 Jan. '46, Brigadier D. C. Tennent, C.B.E., Commander 2I7 Area, inspected elements of the Mobile Battalion, Carabinieri Reali, at Bologna.

Present on parade were:-

Heavy armoured tanks	...	I2
Light " "	...	3
Motorcycles	...	I5
Motor trucks	...	I2
Horses	...	4I
Officers, N.C.O.'s and men	...	339

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On 15 Jan. '46, Brigadier D. C. Tennent, C.B.E., Commander 217 Area, inspected elements of the Mobile Battalion, Carabinieri Reali, at Bologna.

Present on parade were:-

Heavy armoured tanks ...	12
Light " " ...	3
Motorcycles ...	15
Motor trucks ...	12
Horses ...	41
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Heavy armoured tanks	12	
Light " "	4	(on loan from Lazio Battn.)
Motorcycles	14	(2 on loan from Legion HQ. (Bologna.)

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Motor trucks	20	(4 on loan from Lazio Battn.
Horses	61	(on loan from CC.RR. Legion and Groups of CC.RR. Legion, Bologna)
Officers	9	(Present in Bologna.
N.C.O.'s	29	
CC.RR.	255	

Remainder of Battalion dispersed in Legion areas.

(e) CC.RR. ACTIVITIES.

It is satisfactory to note the number of arrests that are being made by CC.RR. for murders, kidnappings and crimes of violence that took place during the A.M.G. period of control of Emilia Region.

The CC.RR. have proved that they are constantly reviewing all outstanding unsolved cases and by their steady yet diligent labour they are bringing offenders to justice.

7. QUESTURA.

All Questure have been visited during the last month in Emilia Region by Capt. L. A. E. Eddings in order to get a summary of the position.

Career Questori, appointed by the Minister of Interior, are endeavouring to the best of their ability to eradicate the ex-Partisan elements who were appointed temporary agents of public security. In the Provinces of Forlì and Reggio Emilia a determined effort is being made, not without opposition, but progress is slow but sure.

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In Reggio Emilia on 3rd Jan. 1946, the Questore had "posted" to him a former Lieutenant of Italian Africa Police as a disciplinarian.

This officer, Lieut. Gemma , is performing excellent work and it is hoped that the Minister of Interior will post others of his type to

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the Region, leaving police duties to Questori proper.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY CONDITIONS GENERALLY.

(a) As in paragraph I of this report serious crime is predominant.

A sharp rise in murders and armed robberies cause great concern and for the present there is little hope of any substantial reduction in the figures in the near future.

Conditions of Public Safety are bad to say the least.

The theory has been advanced that due to peak periods of unemployment - December, January, February and March - criminal activity is necessarily greater and that when the land is ready for spring sowing, men will be absorbed into agriculture work and crime will decrease.

Nevertheless almost all interrogations of arrested personnel elicit the fact that they do not want work but prefer to live "by the gun".

(b) ALLEGED GUN RUNNING.

Further to monthly report AC=LG/PS/23. 32, of 4 Jan.'46 on the subject of "gun running" on the Eastern Coastal Areas of the provinces of Forlì, Ravenna, and Ferrara.

The Finance Guards have now in operation the following stations:-

Cattolica,
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Both agencies are aware that some form of gun running is being carried on from the Dalmatian and Albanian coasts, and although fishing boats have been stopped and searched, no trace of any weapons has been found.

The matter has been brought to attention of CC.RR. and Finance Guards by a Confidential Communication, and any development will be

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reported.

(c) Catholic priests in Emilia Region are now the subject of attacks by armed bandits.

It is suspected that these ecclesiastical gentlemen have been at some time preaching politics and the banditry now think the time has come to erase old scores. To date one murder and 5 attempts have been made on members of the profession. (See list appended). The situation is being closely watched for further developements.

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Unknown, armed men threw a hand grenade and fired bursts of "mitra" at priest's front door and kitchen window. No one injured. - No arrests.

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Several unknown men went to house of parish priest and asked to be let in. As maidservant refused they threatened to blow door down with hand grenades. Church alarm bell was rung and the men fled. - No arrests.

Fossoli (Modena) -
An unknown man induced the parish priest to accompany him a short distance from the latter's house then killed him with three shots from a pistol. - No arrest.

Carniglia di Bedonia (Parma) -
Unknown persons caused a dynamite bomb to burst outside the parish priest's front door. No one injured. It is believed that crime was committed to frighten priest who is a Christian Democrat propagandist. - No arrests.

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Further evidence is forthcoming by reports received in this office that the object of this raid was primarily for the purpose of obtaining automatic arms, pistols, ammunition and war-like stores to refit such a band as operated in that particular area.

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Bologna Province.

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At Castelmaggiore 6 unknown armed men entered a storeroom and, after shutting the caretaker in his house, stole food value 600,000 lire removing the loot in 2 motor vehicles.

At Saliceto di Bentivoglio 3 armed and masked men went to a house and demanded weapons and I50,000 lire. As the inmates refused, they stole 6,000 lire.

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The body of a man kidnapped on 6 Sept; I945 and later killed was discovered at Casamento di Sopra, Fontanelice. Reason for crime believed political.

At Imola, 5 unknown, armed men entered a house with intent to rob. Household put up resistance. One of inmates wound

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At Zocca CC.RR. of the Mobile Battalion arrested 4 persons who have confessed to having taken part in robbery at Credito Romagnolo, Savigno. Arms confiscated.

At Castel S. Pietro 5 unknown armed men entered the house of a colonel and after having stolen clothing and valuables shot him dead.

At Fortonovo di Medicina, 6 unknown armed men compelled another man to follow them on his bicycle but taking advantage of a moment when his kidnappers' attention was drawn elsewhere, he escaped. Another person who saw the criminals was threaten ed with death if he spoke.

At Poggiolino di S. Benedetto Val di Sam bro 4 masked and armed men entered a house, immobilized the household and stole I0,000 lire cash and other goods value 35,000 lire.

At Bologna, 2 unknown, armed men entered Cassa Rurale Artigiani, immobilized cash- ier and another person present and re- moved I70,000 lire.

At Bologna, a man was shot and killed by 2 unknown persons.

At Imola 5 armed and masked men wounded a man and robbed him of I98,000 lire.

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At Bologna, 2 unknown, armed men entered Cassa Rurale Artigiani, immobilized cashier and another person present and removed 170,000 lire.

At Bologna, a man was shot and killed by 2 unknown persons.

At Imola 5 armed and masked men wounded a man and robbed him of 198,000 lire.

At Bologna CC.RR. arrested 3 criminals who had recently robbed a man of 185,000 lire. A part of this sum has been confiscated.

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At Imola, 7 unknown, armed men wearing CC.RR. uniforms entered a house and stole 70,000 lire, a car, and valuables worth 780,000 lire.

At Salvaro di Grizzana, unknown persons shot and killed a man.

At Bologna, unknown persons killed a woman in order to rob her.

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Modena Province.

At Rastellino di Castelfranco unknown men threw a hand grenade at priest's front door and fired a"mitra" at kitchen window. No one injured.

At S. Cesario sul Panaro 5 armed and masked men entered a house and ordered any weapons to be handed over to them. As inmate refused, they stole some gunpowder and told him to get weapons ready for the next time they called.

At Manzolino di Castelfranco, unknown persons shot and killed a man who in Oct. '45 had escaped from Modena Prison. Motive believed to be political.

At Lamamacogno 3 armed and masked men broke into a house and demanded 300,000 lire. As these were refused they lowered the sum to 10,000 lire but this also was refused. They then threatened the inmates and said they belonged to a gang of 60. Eventually they left without taking anything.

At Finale Emilia, 2 unknown armed men shot and killed a 'pub' owner who put up a resistance when they tried to rob him. One of the assailants was disarmed and his "mitra" used against the departing criminals one of which was probably wounded.

At Modena 5 unknown, armed men broke into a house, immobilized the household and stole 20,000 lire cash, linen and other goods.

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At Cavezzo, 2 unknown men kidnapped a former partisan who was taken to a lonely place and shot. Motive political.

At Vignola, armed and masked men broke in to the Maglio & Brodano paper factory and

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after having immobilized 5 workmen, removed IO quintels of cigarette paper value one million lire.

At Modena, a Questura squad arrested I6 persons responsible for armed robberies committed on I5th inst. at Frazione Baggiovara. 7 pigs, 2 machine guns, 5 pistols, a hand grenade and ammunition confiscated.

At Manzolino di Castelfranco unknown persons killed a man who, sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment for collaboration, had escaped from Modena Prison.

At Guiglia, CC.RR. arrested 6 persons responsible for armed robberies. A truck and 200,000 lire confiscated.

At Cortile di Carpi, unknown persons shot and killed a man and then robbed him of I4-20,000 lire cash, a bicycle and his cloak.

Reggio Emilia Province.

At Campeggine, 30 unknown men with a truck robbed the "Canale" Dairy of 45 quintels cheese, I quintel butter, other foodstuffs and the watchdog. Damage I million lire.

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At Reggiolo an unknown man fired shots at the local sindaco and seriously wounded him.

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Ravenna Province.

At Cervia, 3 Polish soldiers threw a hand grenade into a dance hall killing 2 persons and wounding 10 others. The soldiers then fled. The Prefetto, Ravenna, has asked that Cervia Town be patrolled by Allied Military Police and CC.RR.

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Piacenza Province.

At Rottofreno, 2 unknown armed men robbed a woman of 57,000 lire cash and goods worth I00,000 lire.

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At Migliaro, CC.RR. arrested 7 persons who had entered a house and robbed a woman of cash and jewels worth 3 million lire.

At Medelana di Castellato, 12 armed and masked men entered a wine shop owned by

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4 brothers whom they shot and killed. Money and goods were removed on a small truck.

At Comacchio, 5 unknown, armed men entered a house and robbed a woman of 25,000 lire after having gagged her.

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At Colorno, CC.RR. arrested 3 persons responsible for hold ups and robbery.

At Parma, 2 armed and masked men entered a house and robbed a woman of 35,000 lire.

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Details, by Province, of serious crime are given below.

Province	I Armed robbery & attempts	2 Murder for political motives	3 Murder for non political motives.	4 Wounding for Col. 2	5 Wounding for Cols. I & 3	Arrests. Cases. for col. I	for cols. 2 & 4	for cols. 3 & 5
Bologna	48	3 (+ 2 kid. no trace)	8	4	I	7	2	4
Reggio E.	I2	-	-	I	-	3	-	I
Piacenza	II	-	I	I	2	6	I	2
Parma	I5	I	-	I	-	3	I	-
Modena	3I	3	4	5	2	8	-	2
Ferrara	I3	7	-	-	-	2	-	-
Forlì	I3	-	3	-	3	4	-	-
Ravenna	7	(I kid. no trace)	3	4	2	2	-	-
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In addition, contact was made with the Procuratore Generale in Bologna for a summary of the Italian Courts' work in the past few months.

It was found that all these officials were co-operative and ready to supply this Liaison Group

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with a clear picture of their particular affairs.

No outstanding A.M.G. cases were reported through the Region.

Especial attention was given to the Special Courts of Assize dealing with political prisoners, these Courts being enacted by promulgation of the decree on April 22, I945, with power to sit as such until October Ist, I946.

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It should be especially noted that these figures deal with denounced, arrested and indicted persons only and NOT those whose arrest has yet to be effected.

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The process of Italian law is painfully slow and cases are known to exist in this Region of serious penal offence prisoners being kept many months in prison without trial, the attitude of Italian officials being that a certain conviction would be maintained where a severe penalty would be imposed, so why should the prisoner object to his lengthy stay in prison awaiting trial?

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The Prefect of Bologna, Sindaco and a deputation from A.N.P.I., Bologna, had visited Rome since A.M.G. ceased and had made personal application to the Minister of Grace and Justice to secure the release of Gombi, but no communication or reference was made to the Public Safety Officer, Bologna.

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It was apparent that the escape was due to:-

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(c) Overcrowded prison conditions.

The transfer of prisoners within the Region on orders of the Procuratore Generale, Bologna, causes deep concern.

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However, instead of transferring these I5 dangerous persons to a Southern Region, they arrived at Bologna, the grounds of such transfer being that they were to remain in the area where their respective offences were committed, according to law.

It is suggested that some representation be made to the Minister of Grace and Justice, that where dangerous ex-partisan elements are asked to be transferred out of a Region by a Senior officer of CC.RR. on security grounds, that some provision be made, according to Italian law, for the transfer to be so effected.

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(b) Ferrara Judicial Prison.

Conditions in Ferrara Prison have definitely improved, vide this Liaison Group's report AC=LG/PS/3.38-I forwarding report of inspection by Capt. L. A. E. Eddings on 23 Jan.'46, and no

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further incident is reported.

A point of special interest is that in this particular prison the Ministry of Grace and Justice have appointed as the new director, a young, energetic man, fully alive to his responsibilities, and maintaining firm discipline.

The ex-Partisan elements previously employed as guards were promptly dispensed with by him and regular guards put into service, and this officer is of opinion that any attempt to break into the prison will meet with stiff resistance.

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From the general tone, it would appear

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to the lay reader that Italy had been an "ally" for the whole of the war period. Not one day passes without the press laying particular stress on the "work" of the Partisans.

Occasionally a phrase is used "lack of understanding on the part of the Allies", but the intention is to write "Get out and stop out of Italy".

(b) In the "Giornale dell'Emilia", Jan.27, I946, page.I, appeared an article whereby in answer to a question by Di Vittorio in the Rome Assembly, asking if the statement made by Sansoni at a previous meeting that I27 agricultural landowners had been murdered in Emilia Region was true, the Minister della Consulta Nazionale stated that the statement was <u>false.</u>

However, the statement is a <u>gross underestimate</u> for the true figures of landowners killed by records held in this office since the liberation of Emilia to 20.9.45 are 2I3.

Since that date the numbers have been steadily increasing. No true return can be rendered to date as CC.RR. records do not separate this particular class of offence.

Landowners are definitely afraid to visit holdings as they fear "Communist reprisals" from their tenants.

I3. <u>MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.</u>

(a) On 20 Jan.'46, from I000 to I200 hours, at Imola, about 20,000 persons assembled for the 36th anniversary of the death of Andrea Costa, socialist.

Scoccimarro, Minister of Finance, addressed the assembly, together with the local Socialist leader Prof. Alvise.

No incidents reported.

The local press, left group, reported at

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However, the statement is a gross underestimate for the true figures of landowners killed by records held in this office since the liberation of Emilia to 20.9.45 are 2I3.

Since that date the numbers have been steadily increasing. No true return can be rendered to date as CC.RR. records do not separate this particular class of offence.

Landowners are definitely afraid to visit holdings as they fear "Communist reprisals" from their tenants.

I3. MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

(a) On 20 Jan.'46, from I000 to I200 hours, at Imola, about 20,000 persons assembled for the 36th anniversary of the death of Andrea Costa, socialist.

Scoccimarro, Minister of Finance, addressed the assembly, together with the local Socialist leader Prof. Alvise.

No incidents reported.

The local press, left group, reported at length the meeting, the general theme being that Andrea Costa, the King of Socialism, was still with them, and he, like Socialism, is immortal.

(b) On 6 Jan.' 46, the Communist "Val Nure" of Piacenza, visited Castell'Arquato and held a meeting with local Communists.

The result of this conference was that

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I5 unknown ex-partisans led by Benzi Luigi (called Tito) who was an ex-commissario of the 62 Brigade of Partisans, took a truck, violently assaulted and kidnapped

I) Fagnoli Francesco, age 23 years,
II) Morello Giovanni, age 25 years,

who were former members of the Black Brigade.

To date no trace of these men has been found. Enquiries continue.

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Borghese was appointed Prefect of the Province since the day of occupation 2I April '45.

The new Prefect appointed according to local press reports is General D'Antoni, but this is not yet confirmed by Allied Commission sources.

However, it is understood that the change over will take place about the IOth Feb.'46. It

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is pleasing to note, if the rumour has foundation, that at last a career man with excellent administrative capabilities, holding a General's rank, has been appointed, and it is hoped that unlike his predecessor he will hold himself aloof from politics and not be swayed in decisions by political elements.

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In Forlì Province the Republican movement is very strong. This month a manifesto was published by this Party, appending the names of ALL party leaders, calling on the population to exer

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cise the franchise without fear, to remain calm during these uncertain days, to respect the law, but above all, irrespective of their political party to remain solid and insist for a Republican Italy.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE, I.G.T.
BOLOGNA

4 January 1946

Ref : AC=LG/PS/30.6 - 1
Subject : Police Agencies - Polizia della Ferrovia
To : Public Safety Sub.Commission A.C.H.Q.

1. Ref. monthly report for November: AC=LG/PS/23.23, page 4, para. 12 (e), and report on Communist Activities, Bologna Province, dated 22 Nov., '45.

2. Enquiry into the constitution and activities of this force has been made by Capt. I. Eddings, and his report is attached.

3. This organization is a replacement of the former fascist railway police, Milizia Volontaria Ferroviaria, and in view of the fact that both CC.RR. and Questura maintain their normal offices and functions with regard to the railway, there isn no obvious justification for the existence of this police agency.

4. In any event, its present function cannot be said to serve any useful public service.

5. Report forwarded for information and record purposes.

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA OFFICIAL

20th December 45.

Ref. AC=LG/PS/30.6

Subject: RAILWAY POLICE, BOLOGNA COMPARTIMENTO.

To: Major A. G. P. Way,
Public Safety Officer,
A.C. Liaison Group,
B o l o g n a .

I. The Milizia Volontaria Ferroviaria has been re-constituted in the Bologna Compartimento under the title of "Polizia della Ferrovia".

The authority for the re-constitution of this body, from information obtained, is that of Italian legislation of the Minister of Interior, General Direction of Public Security, Police Judicial Division, Office of the Railway Police, Instructions for the service of Public Security of the Railways, published at Rome in 1920.

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3. The Chief Police Officer of this area is Capo Commissario Dr. Bianchi Ferdinando, who is a career officer of the Public Security Branch, and is dependent upon the Minister of Interior, Rome, direct, and not from the Italian State Railways.

4. The channel of communication is direct to the Minister of Interior, but on matters particularly affecting the internal policy of the Italian State Railway, through the Capo Compartimento, Italian State Railways, Bologna.
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5. The strength of the force in Bologna Compartimento is I,000. 500 of these are stationed at Bologna, the remainder being spread over the district.

By reason that no Italian legislation has been passed since the disbandment of the form

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er Fascist body, the Agents - called officially "Agents of Public Security - Railway Guards" - have no power of arrest. Only one person has the necessary authority, being the Chief Officer, Capo Commissario Bianchi Ferdinando.

6. No ranks exist in the force, except a local rank "Chief of Squad", but pay, without food, is supplied to all by the Italian State Rail ways at approximately 7,000 lire per month per agent.

The question of ranks, under the system of the Italian Army is, it is understood, under consideration by the Minister of Interior, when legislation will be put forward and presumably published in the Italian Official Gazette, which will give judicial powers to this body.

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As a specific example, if a man is stopped on the Railway Station at Bologna, this man violating either a bye-law of the Italian State Railways or the Italian Penal Code, the matter is dealt with by the regular Maresciallo of Agents of Public Security, the offender being asked to accompany the guard.

In the goods section, the offender is similarly taken to the Maresciallo of CC.RR. and dealt with.

Verbales are prepared and forwarded to the proper authorities with a copy to the Chief Commissario at Bologna.

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8. The guards in Bologna Compartimento have been recruited from former railway employees, ex-soldiers and ex-partisans. No former member of the Fascist body has been permitted to engage this service.

Each applicant is required to have a good character, no criminal convictions, and certifi-

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cates to this effect together with educational standard passed are prepared according to Italian existing law.

The applicants' papers, together with photographs are passed to the local Questore and then to the Prefect for perusal. Final admission to the force is decided by the Capo Commissario.

9. When a recruit has passed these formalities together with a medical inspection, he is taken to the local Pretore and sworn in. This procedure, however, does not give him statutory power of arrest.

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I5. All are in plain clothes, wearing arm bands, white letters on blue, "Police. - S.R.". Uniforms, khaki, British battledress style are on order with a private contractor at Milan. The Italian State Railways will pay for these.

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16. Forwarded for information.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427

AC/ 1401/9/PS.

5 October 1945

SUBJECT : Partisan Police.

TO : Ministry of Interior,
Director General of Public Security.

I am enclosing herewith for your information extracts from a report which I have received concerning the situation in Bologna Province which is typical of other provinces in North Italy.

You are well aware of our ideas concerning the recognition or organization of independent police agencies and of police agencies whose loyalty to the Government is doubtful.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T. Bologna

23 September 1945

Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.4

Subject : Police Agencies - Recruiting of Partisans

To : Lt.Col. Walters
Liaison Officer
Bologna.

1. Since the submission of this Public Safety Officer's monthly report for the period 5 August - 4 September '45, there have been certain developments in Bologna Province which would appear to call for special consideration.

2. Reference is made to paragraph 7 of the above mentioned report under the heading "Partisan Police".

3. In view of certain recent decisions made by the Prefect, CLN and Questore of Bologna as to the employment of Partisan Police, the present position is likely to become very much more serious.

4. As has been reported previously, Partisans have to a certain extent, and for better or worse, been admitted to the Questura service in every Province.

5. In Bologna, when AMG closed down, some 36 Partisans had been approved for service as recruits in the Questura, after the most careful scrutiny and interview by the Provincial Public Safety officer. A fortnight later, this number had been increased to 100, and the beginning of September 150 were so engaged.

6. In a recent interview with the Questore, Dantaffi, this officer was informed that these additions to strength were made at the instance of the Prefect, CLN and Sindaco. Further, the Questore added that he had received instructions from the Government that this number was to be increased to 300.

7. This latter "instruction", if such has in fact ever been given, is indeed interesting in view of the fact that all other Questori in the Region complain of the lack of guidance given them by the Central Government as to the employment, or otherwise, of partisans as police.

8. In addition to the above, the Questore has formed night patrols "Pattuglie Cittadine". This action was also noted in this P.S. officer's monthly report.

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9. The constitution of this force is as follows. The "Corpo" has been established by a decree of the Prefect with one Gaetano Baldini at its head. This man is a former partisan officer, otherwise little is known about him. Enquiries are in hand.

10. It is proposed to enrol 1000 men and it is stated that application to join must be made to the CLN who will give special preference to former Partisans. All this information is given publicly in the local press.

11. It is quite obvious that no one who is not now regarded as a former partisan, has any chance of joining - in fact, no respectable citizens are likely to apply nor are they wanted.

12. Such patrols as have already appeared are not calculated to inspire any law-abiding person with confidence, nor a desire to join the organisation.

13. All personnel are armed - well armed with pistols and automatic weapons, and this can only have been done from sources that were hidden and "undeclared" during the period of AMG - and are ostensibly under the control of functionaries of the Questura, and at the disposition of the latter.

14. In practice this means no control at all, because the Questura of Bologna is hopelessly "rotten" and nearly all its officials are "compromised" to some extent, and therefore afraid of taking any action that might be construed as "anti-partisan" or "anti-communist".

15. Lastly, but by no means least, at a recent meeting of all the sindaci of the province of Bologna, the Prefect authorised the enrolment of some 4-8 former partisans in each commune to work as police "aids" to the Carabinieri Reali.

16. As Communes cannot support the expense of Municipal Guards - the only form of Municipal Police that was recognized by AMG → these persons are to be maintained by each CLN. Obviously an incitement to further forms of extortion by CLN (who require little encouragement in this direction), and to dishonesty among the personnel concerned in order to live.

17. CC.RR. have vigorously protested against this organisation, and have reported the matter fully to their higher headquarters. 15c

18. These men are to be selected by local CLN and the prefect, the CC.RR having little or nothing to say in the matter. Partisans

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only are to be considered.

17. Further, while armed, these individuals will not be sworn guards, and so technically will have no more powers than ordinary private citizens as to arrests, etc. However, they will be in a position to know all instructions etc given to CC.RR. which can do nothing else but hamper the latter in their work.

18. Authority for this formation is stated to have been a "verbal" instruction given directly to the Prefect, Borghese, ~~by the Director General of P.S. in Rome.~~

19. In conclusion, it is evident that three separate police forces, all selected by the same authority, Prefect and CLN, and all drawn from the same element, Communist Partisan, are being built up in the Province of Bologna.

20. Their numbers alone are formidable.

Questura	- 150 to 300
Pattuglie Cittadine	- 1000
"Communal Police"	- (60 Communes with from 4 - 8 per Commune) 240 - 480

21. It appears to this officer that this is not so much an attempt to secure employment for ex-partisans, but to build up a "Party Police Force".

22. With thoughts of the forthcoming elections in everybody's mind, the weight of an organized body of "Party Police", equal to and designed to outnumber the normal forces of Law and Order may well prove decisive. CC.RR and Agents together, normally, number about 1300.

23. It can be said very definitely that the Prefect, Borghese, while in name a Socialist, is in fact more "leftist" than many a Communist, and that he works hand in hand with the Sindaco of Bologna, Dozza, a very ardent and open Communist. Further, the CLN is and has always been completely dominated by the Communist Party, and ANPI who are asked by the CLN to supply the names of would-be "police" candidates is nothing more or less than a Communist organization.

24. Apart from the obvious danger that these organisations will become a kind of "SHOCK" Force for the Communist Party, fashioned on the Nazi and Fascist model, there is the everyday danger arising from the employment of quite unsuitable, untrained and practically uncontrollable personnel in positions of trust and responsibility.

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27. While the need for additional police in this Province, and in fact throughout the Region is not denied - infact, it is, and has been constantly advocated - the raising of new and untrained forces of this type is to be strongly condemned.

28. Crimes of violence - armed robberies and hold-ups by gangs- are increasing in frequency, but the only method of combatting these is by an EFFECTIVE and SUBSTANTIAL increase in CC.RR. strength. This is the only law enforcement agency on which any reliance can be placed.

29. By "EFFECTIVE" in the previous paragraph is meant "provided with adequate footwear, clothing, arms, transport and POL", by "SUBSTANTIAL" is meant sufficient personnel to enable the CC.RR not only to carry on their normal duties, but those extra and most important services which must nowadays be undertaken by force of circumstances. e.g. duties and extraordinary Courts of Assize, Special Guards at Prisons, Road Blocks, Railway Police duties etc.

30. The "ceiling" of 65000 men established for the whole of Italy in the latest "Order of Battle" is well-known, as also is the figure of 884 of all ranks for Bologna Province, and 4595 for the whole Region (including Mobile Battalion).

31. However, it is regrettable that figures on paper will not preserve Law and Order, and the solid fact remains that the allocation of personnel to this Region IS NOT SUFFICIENT. For example, the Province of Ferrara has still 15 CC.RR stations closed for lack of man-power, wastage being due to just those reasons set out above in paragraph 30.

32. This officer has repeatedly, fully and at length advocated that the CC.RR strength for this province- and now for the whole Region - be revised, and has so informed Col. Ravenna, 3a Brigata and General Taddeo, Vice-Commandante of the General HQ, even if only a temporary increase is obtained. It is to be hoped that the formation of the Mobile Battalion will help in this direction.

33. It is the opinion of this officer that the position in Bologna Province, which is regarded by well informed local residents as the key to the whole Region, will remain unsettled so long as

a) the present prefect remains in office
b) no settled public policy is laid down for training and recruitment of Agents of PS
c) no attempt is made by the Central Government to re-organise and re-establish the Questura on a fresh basis with new personnel in every grade.

34. Copy of CC/RR report and translation re "Communal Police" attached for information.

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PAR. 17 a BASIC REPORT

RIEGER 10 B

Bologna, 8th Sept. 1945

Subject: IMMISSION OF PARTISANS IN THE POLICES FORCES.

This morning the Questore of Bologna, Dott. Jantaffi, the Commandof of the External Group, Major Giuliani, and the undersigned met with the Prefect Borghese to better clarify the problem of the immission of partisans in the police forces.

The Prefect said he had received from the General Direc tor of P.S. Rome, verbal authorisation to satisfy the very ardent desire of the partisans to belong to the Police Forces, excogitating any sort of system while awaiting the decision of the central organs which have for a long time been examining the possibility of admitting about 6000 partisans in the police forces of the country.

As the Communes cannot afford the new expenses which would originate by the increase of Municipal Guards, the same Prefect, in agreement with the Questore, has for the moment decided to choose volunteer partisans in number of 4-8 for each Commune.

They would be economically helped by the local C.L.N.- though not receiving a proper salary - and would be a group of volunteers at the Carabinieri's disposition.

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Lastly the Questore manifested his worries for the goings on of the Questura and the normalization of public order in the Province, and told the undersigned - in the presence of Major Giuliani - that he does not trust his officers as they are so attached to the political currents that they purposely neglect their office duties which are to investigate and identify those responsable for many crimes.

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GRUPPO INTERNO

N.95/1 di prot. Ris.Pers Bologna, li 8 settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Immissione di elementi partigiani nella polizia.

Al Comando Generale dell'Arma dei cc.rr. ROMA
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E' stato inoltre fatto presente che nei comuni ove non ha sede comando di stazione, tali elementi non potrebbero trovare alcun pratico impiego se non quando fossero richiesti dai militari della Arma competente per territorio.

A tali eccezioni sollevate dal Comandante di Gruppo esterno e dal sottoscritto, sono state aggiunte altre non meno importanti come la responsabilità per eventi dannosi alla salute del persona-

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Di fronte a tali precise obiezioni,il Prefetto ed il Questore hanno fatto chiaramente intendere la necessità di venire incontro ai desideri espressi dai partigiani di far parte della polizia non deve essere in alcun modo ostacolata da formalismi data l'eccezionalità del momento.

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Ho inviato sul posto l'ufficiale diretto per richiamare allo ordine tanto il sindaco quanto l'individuo suddetto.

Non è fuori di luogo accennare il risultato di un esperimento fatto dalla locale R. Questura sulla immissione di elementi partigiani nella polizia.

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Per confidenza dallo stesso Questore Dott. Jantaffi, è avvenuto in questi giorni che elementi partigiani in servizio di polizia in questa città, nell'eseguire una perquisizione domiciliare hanno sottratto oggetti, appropriandosene.

In seguito a ciò lo stesso Questore ha riferito di dovere procedere alla denuncia dei responsabili.

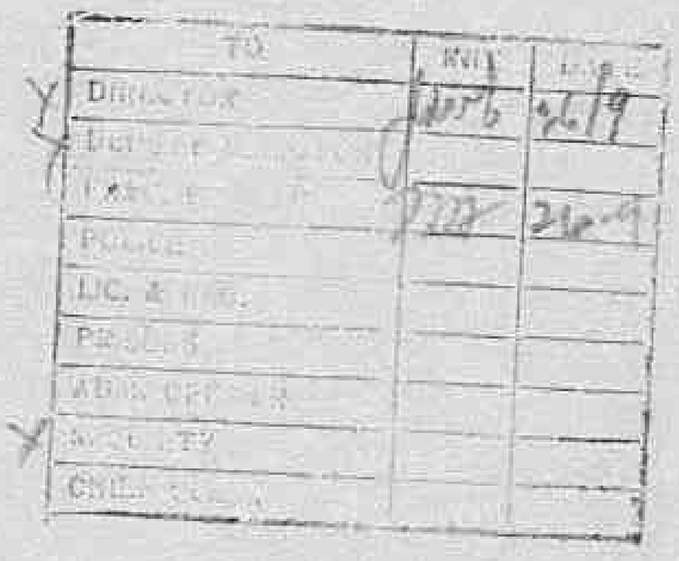
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Da ultimo il Questore ha manifestato la sua preoccupazione circa l'andamento della questura e la normalizzazione dell'ordine e della sicurezza pubblica della provincia, confidando al sottoscritto - presente il maggiore Giuliani - che egli non si fida dei propri funzionari essendo gli stessi legati a tal punto con le varie correnti politiche locali, da trascurare volutamente i propri doveri d'ufficio in ordine all'accertamento e alle indagini per l'identificazione dei responsabili di delitti vari.

Il capitano comandante int.
f.) Pasquale Vasce



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9. Particular success has been obtained by CC.RR. patrols working between 2300 hrs. and 0300 hrs. on the main by-pass road surrounding Bologna. In the first week of operation, 40 persons were arrested for illegal possession of arms. See further details below.

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At Parma, as the result of special enquiries, two Marescialli di P.S. and 6 Agenti of

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the Squadra Mobile have been arrested for being concerned in a number of serious crimes - kidnaping, extortion and robbery in active association with known thieves.

17. TRAVEL PERMITS - VENEZIA GIULIA (13 CORPS)

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Kidnappings and murders continue. Of three persons kidnapped for apparently political

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Bologna	43	I	2	2	3	8	-	-
Reggio E.	I2	3 (incl.I prev.Kdn)	I	-	-	I	I	-
Parma	I6	-	-	I	-	2	-	-
Piacenza	I2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Ravenna	I2	(2 kidn. (no trace)	I	-	2	4	-	-
Forlì	8	-	2	-	-	I	-	I
Ferrara	I0	I	I	I	-	-	-	-
Modena	33	2	2	-	4	4	2	-
Total	I46	7 (+ 2 Kidn, no trace)	9	6	9	20	3	I!

20. OTHER SPECIAL INCIDENTS.

(a) PARMA PROVINCE.

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At Fidenza, unknown persons broke into a dairy and stole cheeses etc. value I00,000 lire. A truck was used in the theft.

At Porporana di S. Lazzaro, a number of men arrived on a truck, and after firing automatic weapons to frighten the neighbourhood, stole cheeses etc. from a dairy value 300,000 lire.

At Pannocchia di Vigatto, unknown, armed

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men fired at a passing vehicle in which a local landowner was a passenger, slightly wounding him.

At Borgotaro, at 1030 hrs., two brothers on their way to market were held up and robbed by 3 men, masked and armed with "Sten" guns. A similar case was also reported in the same vicinity two hours later.

At Ponte Recchio di Fontevivo, 3 men were stopped and robbed of their cash and bicycles by a band of 14 armed men.

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In Bologna City, at 1945 hrs, in a busy main street, three armed men entered the "Singer" premises, held up the staff (one of whom was wounded in a struggle) and removed all the cash in the till.

At Medicina, the agricultural agent, responsible for the properties in that district of the Principessa Mercolani, was 'beaten up' by a gang, and badly wounded by a shot in the mouth.

At S. Giovanni in Persiceto, at 1500 hrs., the parish priest was stopped on the main road by two men, who shot and killed him. Motive believed political.

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At Ozzano Emilia, a man gave a lift to two strangers who later held him up with pistols, wounded him in a subsequent struggle, left him beside the road in an unconscious condition, and stole the vehicle.

At Marano di Gaggio Montano, a group of about 6 armed men stopped a passing truck, robbed the three occupants and stole the vehicle and contents.

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(c) FERRARA PROVINCE.

At Massensatica, 4 armed men forced an entrance to the houses of two well-to-do land owners of the place, held up the occupants, and stole in all cash and valuables worth about 2 million lire.

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At Rovereto di Ostillo, four armed men entered a dance hall, and held up and robbed the fourty persons present.

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In Piacenza City, a hand-grenade was thrown into a hall where a 'Partisan' dance was taking place. Ten persons wounded. One of those responsible identified but not yet arrested.

At Castelnuovo Fogliani di Alseno, dairy premises were entered and the staff immobilized by a group of armed men, who later removed produce value 200,000 lire on a truck.

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At Ziano, four armed men entered a house, held up the inhabitants, and stole cash, jewellery and clothing value nearly I million lire.

At Pianello, the bank premises of the 'Cassa di Risparmio', were entered by three armed men and the staff immobilized. Over 3 1/2 million lire in cash stolen.

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At Morfasso, disapproval at the appointment of the new parish priest was demonstrated by mining a small bridge on the road by which he was expected to arrive. The mine exploded prematurely. No one injured.

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At Bacciolino di Mercato Saraceno, shots were fired by three unknown persons against CC.RR. who attempted to arrest same, following the robbery of a private house in the village.

At Castelnuovo di Meldola, 3 armed men entered and robbed a private house, after holding up the occupants, stealing cash etc. value 14,000 lire. At a second house, goods to the value of 60,000 lire were taken. At a third house, the same persons called on the householder to come out, and on his appearance he was fired at, but not wounded. In the latter case the motive is believed to have been political.

At Civitello di Romagna, an agricultural agent was attacked by a crowd of about 100 persons and severely wounded. It was alleged that he had been a "fascist spy" and had denounced partisans to the 'Brigata Nera'. No arrests.

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At Montese, a merchant was stopped on the road by four armed men, and robbed of I25 thousand lire.

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At Meldolla, CC.RR. arrested two former partisans responsible for a number of armed robberies etc. Automatic weapons in good condition were found in their possession.

At Villafranca di Meldolla, 7 masked and armed men, believed to be ex-Partisan Agents, attempted to enter a private house. Shots were fired, to which the occupants replied, driving off the intruders.

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At least 2 murders have been traced to this group. Many arms, of all kinds, in good condition seized.

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At S. Cesario sul Panaro, 6 masked and armed men entered a house, immobilized the occupants and stole cash, jewellery etc. value 100,000 lire.

At Castelfranco Emilia, 9 armed men fired shots and threw hand-grenades at a house to gain entrance. The occupants drove them off with shotguns. No one wounded.

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At Fusignano, two women were kidnapped by a gang of about 5 persons. Both had re-

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turned the previous day from the North where they had been in hiding. Alleged to have been Fascist Republicans. No trace to date.

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No appreciable increase in vehicles licensed has been apparent in the Province of Bologna, since the turnover of the territory to Italian administration.

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The ceiling fixed for petrol and metano by A.M.G. for this particular province after careful examination of the situation in July was 3,000 permits.

To date the following vehicles have circulation permits which normally expire on 31 Dec.'45 but have been extended to 31 Jan.'46.

Trucks licensed.....	849	
Private motorcars....I038		
" motorcycles..	480	
	2367 Sub total:	2367
Temporary licences. ♀ (♀ not exceeding 5 days.)		
Trucks.....	569	
Private motorcars....	I7I	
" Motorcycles..	278	
	I0I8 Sub total:	I0I8
	Grand total	3385

Applications for permits are dealt with in the following manner:-

The vehicle is declared to the office of R.A.C.I. who establish the true ownership of the vehicle and collect tax.

A numbered application form setting out the particulars of the vehicle together with its proposed use is then submitted to the Camera di Commercio.

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Records of R.A.C.I. and Camera di Commercio are well kept and vehicles are normally easily traceable.

P.O.L. supplies for month of December for

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Bologna Province averaged:-

Petrol	25,000 litres	for private vehicles.
	25,000 litres	for Autotrasporti, CC.RR., Fire Brigade, Guardia Finanza, and Public Services.
Total	50,000 litres.	

In addition 200,000 cubic metres of metano were allocated. However, as the organization of C.I.P. who are responsible for the distribution of metano is not yet completely set up, only about half of this amount was received.

There is an acute shortage of storage cylinders in Emilia, particularly in Bologna. Further, in Bologna only 3 metano issue points are available resulting in vehicles standing in line waiting issue from 4 to 8 hours, thereby seriously handicapping Italian transport services.

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Bologna	430	These figures do not include Police Agencies, but include other Provincial public services.
Ferrara	330	
Forlì	400	
Modena	280	
Parma	100	
Piacenza	100	
Ravenna	200	
Reggio E.	120	

METANO - No restriction.

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From 21st April to 30th Sept.'45, approximately 2,600 vehicles were licensed by A.M.G., 25% being metano.

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It is noticed in the allocation of permits that Bologna receives 430 whereas Forlì receives 400.

Bologna, especially the city, is the hub of communications from the North, North-West and North-East of Italy to Central and Southern Italy.

The construction of highways from Turin, Milan and Venice make the Province especially important in the carriage of freight and passengers by road for the southern regions; more so today when means of communication by rail are reduced by war damage.

Further, the city is a stopping place where freight from the industrial north is re-packed for distribution to the south. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that this important factor has been probably overlooked when the question of maximum petrol licences to be granted has been considered by the Italian authorities.

From information obtained from the Director, R.A.C.I., Bologna, it appears that commencing from March 1946 importation of petroleum products will be made directly by the Italian Government and paid for in dollars, and is probably the main reason for the severe cut in P.O.L. products to this region.

Metano does not function efficiently in mountainous areas, there are too few places for refuelling and as a point of interest, to convert a Fiat 1500 motor car from petrol to metano would cost <u>without cylinders</u> Lire 25,000. It is anticipated that, with the present shortage of cylinders in Emilia, a black market in this commodity will soon be created.

The position in other provinces of Emilia may be regarded as similarly to that obtaining in Bologna, but not so acute, owing to their smaller populations and their less centralized position on lines of communication.

22. <u>POLITICAL ACTIVITY.</u>

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Milan and Venice make the Province especially important in the carriage of freight and passengers by road for the southern regions; more so today when means of communication by rail are reduced by war damage.

Further, the city is a stopping place where freight from the industrial north is re-packed for distribution to the south. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that this important factor has been probably overlooked when the question of maximum petrol licences to be granted has been considered by the Italian authorities.

From information obtained from the Director, R.A.C.I., Bologna, it appears that commencing from March 1946 importation of petroleum products will be made directly by the Italian Government and paid for in dollars, and is probaly the main reason for the severe cut in P.O.L. products to this region.

Metano does not function efficiently in mountainous areas, there are too few places for refuelling and as a point of interest, to convert a Fiat 1500 motor car from petrol to metano would cost <u>without cylinders</u> Lire 25,000. It is anticipated that, with the present shortage of cylinders in Emilia, a black market in this commodity will soon be created.

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Generally speaking, the situation has not differed greatly from that of previous months. Although there have been meetings everywhere, there have been no outstanding features to note. The weather is not conducive to successful outdoor demonstrations at present.

Two particular instances of anti-allied activity may be recorded. The first consisted

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of threats and actual shots fired at the parish priest of Monteberanzone, Modena Province, for having in the past actively assisted escaping British P.O.W.'s. A lad of sixteen who had aided the priest in this work, acting as a guide, was shot and killed for the same reason some six months ago, by Communist partisans. Other cases of menaces and threats for the same reason have been reported from time to time, but no other cases of actual violence to individuals are known. The second example was the publication in a local paper, "Giornale dell'Emilia", of an order of the day issued by the Communist Party in Rome, the general outline of which was that the sooner the Allies leave Italy and cease to interfere with Italians and Italian affairs the better. An extract from the paper is attached to this report, marked 'A'.

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ex-republican fascists. The move is regarded with some suspicion as being merely ~~so~~ another party recruiting campaign. As is well-known many former fascists became "partisans" (on payment of a substantial entry fee) just before the Liberation, and later joined the Communist Party (on payment of a further sum).

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The case reported last month (Report. Nov., para I6, page I6) of a man arrested after an absence from the country of I0 years, for "be

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ing a fascist", had an interesting result. A letter to the Questore from this office asking for details of the case resulted in the individual concerned being released within 24 hours. Similar results were effected in two other instances. There is the very clearest evidence that persons are being arrested, and detained for long periods often without examination and on undefined charges, in the most arbitrary manner. With every Questura to all extents and purposes in the hands of communist-partisans this is not unexpected.

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As in previous months, the situation in this region still continues to provide grounds for anxiety from the point of view of normal every day Law and Order. There is no doubt that responsible, thinking members of the public are alarmed at the present state of affairs, the mixture of violent crimes and violent politics. It is not only those who have something to lose in the way of possessions who frequently express the hope that the Allies will remain in the country for a long time, if only for the sake of preserving order, but also many of the professional, clerical

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office worker classes who sincerely desire to settle down to a peaceful normal life.

Elections lie ahead, and it is much to be hoped that the present effort to establish the CC.RR. as the principal police agency, will be completed in time for any situation that may arise to be firmly controlled.

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IL MOVIMENTO ITALIANO COMUNISTA CONTRO LE TRUPPE DI OCCUPAZIONE

Roma, 20 dicembre

L'Esecutivo del Movimento Comunista d'Italia ha votato un ordine del giorno nel quale tra l'altro chiede : 1.o) che le truppe britanniche, statunitensi e polacche lascino senza indugio il suolo italiano; 2.o) che siano derequisiti tutti gli alberghi, siano sciolti i club militari e restituite le case e gli edifici al popolo italiano che non sa dove alloggiare; 3.o) che sia sciolta la commissione alleata; 4.o) che la polizia anglo-americana trovi impiego altrove.

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4th December '45

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.23

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT. PERIOD 5 NOV.'45 - 4 DEC.'45.

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7. Another point that is noticeable is the increase

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latterly of crimes committed for political motives - murders, wounding, threats and extortion.

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cupation among CC.RR. officers who know that there are some, if only a few, disaffected elements among their men, both regulars and auxiliaries. Propaganda against CC.RR. officers continues to be as strong and as offensive as ever.

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The actual value from a police point of view of these "pattuglie" is nil.

(c) Volontari in ausilio ai Carabinieri. The for

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mation of these "Volontari" has now spread to Modena Prov ince, where a similar system to that existing in Bologna has been approved.
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Personnel are not uniformed, but have an armlet. Their intended duties are difficult to determine, as both CC. RR. and Questura maintain their normal railway offices at the main stations. In actual practice, their activities are wholly devoted to searching for contraband articles and their methods and procedure are the same as those of the Polizia Economica. Further enquiries are in hand.

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and in the Press, for the freer admission of ex-partisans into the Questura and other police agencies continues to be as strong as ever. It is hardly necessary to state that the numbers already admitted provide a perfectly adequate stumbling block to the maintenance of law and order without any further increase, this being the all too apparent intention of those who advocate such measures.

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The growth of large gangs has been previously mentioned in this report - their boldness increases with their numbers, and the long dark evenings are most favourable to their operations. The coming months are

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likely to see an increase, rather than a diminution in their activities.

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Reggio E.	9	1 + 1 kid.	1	5		1		
Parma	20			1		3		
Piacenza	18		1		1	2	1	1
Ravenna	12				1	3		
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I4. OTHER SPECIAL INCIDENTS.

(a) PARMA PROVINCE.

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At Ponte Stirone 2 American and I Brasilian deserters (all coloured troops) and 3 Italian civilians, all armed, stopped and stole a truck which they later attempted to sell. All arrested by CC.RR.

Between Barcolo and Borgotaro a number of unknown men held up a motorcoach and robbed the passengers of money and valuables.

At Bozze di Tossile, a dairy was entered and I,000 cheeses and other goods to the value of nearly 4 million lire removed by a band of unknown armed men.

In Albereto di Borgotaro, a number of persons gathered outside the house of the Secretary of the local P.C.I. and threw a hand grenade at one of the windows. No one injured.

At Vaio Fidenza, unknown, armed men entered a house, held up the inhabitants and stole goods to a total value of 800,000 lire. Two trucks were used by the thieves.

In Parma, two men were stopped by 4 persons in a main street at about 1830 hrs, and under threat of arms, were robbed of 250,000 lire.

(b) BOLOGNA PROVINCE.

At Mezzolara, 6 armed men, masked with red scarves, entered a house and stole 45,000 lire.

At Cà de'Fabbri, an Italian military ambulance was stopped. Shots were fired from beside the road and a passenger formerly a member of the "Brigate Nere" killed.

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At Castiglione, premises of U.D.I. were entered. Cash stolen and documents destroyed.

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At Vergato, a number of armed men entered the priest's house, and removed cash and valuables.

At Pieve di Cento, CC.RR. and CMP. carried out a combined search for firearms. 5 arrests made and

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a quantity of arms and Allied POL discovered.

At Porta Lame, Bologna, a group of armed men tried to stop a civilian truck. As their efforts failed, automatic weapons were used against the vehicle, slightly wounding a passenger.

At Cà de' Fabbri, at a CC.RR. block post, shots were exchanged between CC.RR. and a vehicle that failed to stop. Vehicle traced and I passenger found dead, identified as having escaped from Bologna prison in Sept.

At Castel del Rio, a jeep belonging to the Questura at Florence and carrying 3 Agents and 2 CC.RR. was held-up by an armed band and the occupants disarmed. At the approach of other vehicles, the criminals decamped.

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At Imola, a former squadrista was taken from his home by a party of armed men, and has not been seen since.

At Crespellano, 3 persons were taken to a field,

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At Ripapersico, a search by CC.RR. of the "Casa del Popolo" resulted in the discovery of a large quantity of arms (automatic weapons) and ammunition. All carefully greased and in good order.

At Ferrara, cheese, sugar etc. and cash was stolen by armed men from the warehouse of the Consorzio Agrario. Value in all, over

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300.600 lire.

At Rossoni di Denore, armed men stopped and robbed a farmer. At his protests, he was twice wounded with shots from a revolver.

At Codigoro, 3 armed and masked men entered an inn, gathered everyone on the premises together, robbed them, searched the houses removing valuables etc., and a motor vehicle, in which they left.

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At Firenzuola d'Arda, armed men stopped a cyclist, robbing him of his cash, cycle and part of his clothing.

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At Caorso, CC.RR. have arrested a former partisan accused of murdering a farmer.

On the road between Piacenza and Cremona, 3 cases of robbery to the detriment of cyclists were reported in one night. A group of IO men appeared to be involved.

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(e) FORLI' PROVINCE.

At Forlì, CC.RR. have arrested five persons, all communists and former partisans, for a political murder.

At Viserba, two men in American uniform searched a garage and stole 6 tyres. Enquiries shewed that no American troops were involved.

At Castiglione di Cesena, a CC.RR. patrol was fired at by a group with automatic weapons. The CC.RR., only possessing rifles, replied and drove off their assailants who left behind a 'mitra'.

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At Carpi, shots were fired at the local Commissario di P.S. as he entered his house. No one injured.

At Novi, CC.RR. arrested 6 men responsible, with others, for having held up the village earlier in the month, and having committed several robberies.

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At Modena, 10 armed men kidnapped an ex-captain of the Brigate Nere, who was a patient in the civil hospital and guarded by P.S. Agents. No trace to date.

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At Montebaranzone, a group of armed men attempted to gain entrance to the priest's house.

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At his refusal to open the door, shots were fired at doors and windows of the house for a period of about half-an-hour before the band moved off.

At Spilamberto, a merchant who opened the door of his house in response to a knocking was fired at and wounded. Motives unknown.

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At Gualtieri, CC.RR. arrested two armed men who has previcusly entered and robbed a house.

At Mandrio di Correggio, a man was shot at and killed by unknown murderers while cycling home. Motive believed political.

In Guastalla, in the same evening, hand grenades were thrown at three different addresses occupied by former fascist republicans. No one wounded.

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breaking up what had previously been a perfectly orderly procession, and b) that while the Communist Party can organize demonstrations, and its adherents behave as they please, these are unable to tolerate the slightest opposition from any other quarter. It was a most edifying spectacle and not without some significance in view of the forthcoming elections.

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QUESTURA OF BOLOGNA Bologna I2 October I945

To: CHIEF OF POLICE
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SUBJECT: Inconveniences caused by partisans assumed by the police.

Soon after the liberation of Bologna,in April ult.,the Auxiliary Republican Police Agents were all dismissed and about 500 partisans were enlisted,chosen by the self-appointed commander of the Agents'Division, a partisan,himself,having suddenly assumed the grade of a Lieut.Colonel.

Said partisans were confusedly gathered in the so-called " Casermone" of Via Cartoleria, where all the unmarried Agents depending on the Questura of Bologna are billeted,and they formed the well known special political police office whose chief was the self-appointed Chief Commissary Riccardo PARISI," applicato" of P.S.

Such special Office began to carry out arrests and searchings at random,mostly arbitrary it appears, and even kidnappings and murders. So that the Allied Police Command,owing to the complaints of the local people,removed the Questore and dissolved the Partisan Corps dismissing all its members.

But complying with the requests of the Regional C.L.N.,of the Presidence of the A.N.P.I. and of the Sindaco (Mayor) himself, the Allied Command authorized the enlistment of I26 men chosen among those who had good references, being qualified as Agents dn trial and without any grade. In spite of such precautions immediately grave inconveniences appeared such to give clear evidence that the enlistment made in such a manner and formed with local elements without any previous training,not only seriously threatened the discipline of the effective Agents,but also entangled the police services and prejudiced the reputation of the Questura. Very soon in fact,the partisans gave raise

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to a ferment among the agents and began to form commissions that not only exacted economical improvements, but also pretended what was against the discipline of the Corps as, first of all, the constitution of an internal commission similar to those of the factories.

They were so daring as to induce a small number of Agents to join a meeting of protest; and to attempt to make them enlisted altogether in the local Chamber of Labour. Such attempt was only frustrated by my firm and timely intervention. Very soon,nevertheless,still more serious inconveniences took place i.e. :

I. On August I5 at S.Giovanni in Persiceto a partisan agent,not yet identified,very unkindly faced the local carabinieri bidding them not to arrest partisans not even on warrant issued against them by the judiciary authorities.

2. On September 5, a case of jewels was stolen during a searching operation effected- with the pretest of having to deal with a lodging of ex Fascists where weapons might be hidden- in the house of a certain Elda Colombarini- Via Saragozza,II3.

3. On September I2 at S.Ilario di Enza (Reggio Emilia) a truck was stopped by the CC.RR. and when the identity documents were asked for,the people in aforesaid vehicle (among whom two partisans agents of the Bologna Questura who had arbitrarily left since a month without sending any news) replied very rudely so that it was necessary to arrest them and take them to the barrack. When they arrived there, while one of them,a certain Silvano Bonazzi handed his own pistol to the CC.RR. N.C.O., the other, one Sugano Melchiorri, shot dead aforesaid N.C.O. and disappeared.

4. On September I8 a very dangerous convict called Aurelio Fabbri, who had committed a robbery and fired against the Carabinieri and that was recovered and watched at the hospital, succeeded to escape because the partisan agent,who was watching him with an effective one,deserted his place.

5. On September 2I,during the night,the Allied Police surprised 5 fellows who were carrying away by a motor vehicle some petrol tanks from a military depot. Having captured the criminals,the Allies identified among them two partisan Agents in service with this Questura. They are Romeo Fanti and Romeo Franchini.

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6. On September 22, Giustino Lanzoni and Enrico Lanzoni both partisan agents, were arrested for having attempted to commit an armed robbery.

7. On Sept. 30, partisan agent Enrico Marmocchi was arrested. Against him werrant had been issued with charge of association to commit crimes, robbery and extorsion.

8. On October 2, partisan agent Bruno Naldi was denounced to the judiciary authority for simulation of crime (robbery).

I do not mention the negligence that is daily realized in the services, nor the absolute lack of discipline: this is spreading also among the effective agents.

The number of the Agents is now increased from 126 to 300 after an order given by the Prefetto and in accordance with a telegram 29252.800/9214/I dated September 11 ult. from the Ministry, that authorized the hiring of partisans up to that figure. But even taking no heed of the a/m inconveniences, the partisan agents do not help the service in any way: on the contrary they trouble it being disobedient, lazy and indisciplined. So that all the chiefs prefer to act with the few insufficient effective agents.

Making the partisans join the police of Bologna, on the dependence of the Questore, it happened that most of the Sindaci of that province, that generally belong to the Communist Party, wished to form a partisan police in every commune.

Aforesaid Sindaci, backed by the Regional C.L.N. and by the Presience of the A.N.P.I., on the ground that there are few Carabinieri, wanted to enlist a certain number of partisan Agents, absolutely autonomous, paid by the state and depending on the sindaci.

No use saying that both the undersigned and the commanders of the CC.RR. decidely objected to this plan. Yet in order to satisfy the sindaci and the authorities that sided with them, including the Prfetto, we had to recur to an expedient. That is we consented to grant the permit for carrying a pistol to a certain number of citizens pointed out bu their own sindaci with the consent on the local C.L.N. having previous information and advice of the Carabinieri(the permit is given according to the prescriptions required for all the citizens i.e.

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penal certificate without any penalities and payment of the proper tax, etc.)

Such citizens who have no legal qualification and who will therefore called " auxiliary volunteers of the CC.RR. " will very likely be called to collaborate with the carabinieri especially to help them when and if the commander of the CC.RR. station will deem it necessary.

That is an expedient we used to satisfy the local authorities and to avoid in this moment partisans' disorders, but really their activity will be much limited by the checks imposed to them.

By such provision the partisans are prevented from acting of their own free will, without any control as they had begun, and even in opposition with the carabinieri.

Yet I take the liberty to insist in order that the Ministry would firmly intervene in the question and hasten the normal enlistment of the partisans assembling them in the proper schools, scattering them afterwards all over Italy avoiding their in those place where they had acted as partisans.

The numerous formations, more or less legal, of Morthern Italy represent a great danger for the safety of all citizens for the discipline of the P.S. Agents' Corps and for the function of the Questura as well.

The Questore

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Roma, 31 Ottobre 19 45

Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Generale della P.S.
Divisione A.G.R.-Sezione II^-

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ON.LE COMMISSIONE ALLAETA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.
R O M A

N.442/14643 di Prot.
Risp. a nota n.AC/I40II/9/P.S.
del 5 corrente

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Ministero dell'Interno

REGIA QUESTURA DI BOLOGNA

Bologna, lì 12 Ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: Inconvenienti provocati dai partigiani assunti nella polizia.

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In seguito, però, alle insistenze del Comitato Regionale di Liberazione Nazionale,della Presidenza dell'A.N.P.I. e dello stesso Sindaco,il suddetto Comando Alleato autorizzò l'arruolamento di centoventisei elementi scelti fra coloro che avessero ottimi precedenti,con la qualifica di semplici agenti,in prova,e senza gradi. Nonostante tali cautele immediatamente si manifestarono inconvenienti tali da far comprendere che un arruolamento così fatto, di elementi locali senza una preventiva istruzione, costituiva oltre che una seria minaccia alla disciplina degli effettivi, un grave intralcio ai servizi di polizia ed un gravissimo pregiudizio alla reputazione della Questura. Ben presto, infatti, i partigiani si fecero promotori di una agitazione fra gli agenti e cominciarono a formare commissioni che oltre a pretendere miglioramenti

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Arrivarono al punto d'indurre uno sparuto numero di agenti a partecipare

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pare ad una manifestazione pubblica di protesta ed a tentare di farli inscrivere, in massa, alla locale Camera del Lavoro. Tentativo, quest'ultimo, frustrato solo dal tempestivo e deciso, intervento del sottoscritto? Ma, come se ciò non bastasse, ben presto si verificarono inconvenienti anche più gravi è cioè:

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Trattasi di un espediente cui si è ricorso, ripeto, per dare una certa soddisfazione agli enti richiedenti e per evitare in questo momento agitazioni da parte dei partigiani, ma, in sostanza, con i vincoli imposti, la loro attività sarà assai limitata.

In compenso con tale provvedimento si è evitato che i partigiani stessi agissero di loro iniziativa, senza controllo come si era già cominciato, e magari, in contrasto con i carabinieri.

Tuttavia io mi permetto insistere perchè il Ministero intervenga decisamente nella questione ed affretti il normale arruolamento dei partigiani, chiamandoli nelle apposite scuole per poi sparpagliarli per la penisola, evitando di lasciarli nei luoghi d'origine ove hanno operato come partigiani.

Le numerose formazioni più o meno legali dell'Italia Settentrionale, costituiscono un immanente pericolo per la sicurezza e la incolumità di tutti i cittadini oltre che per la disciplina del Corpo degli Agenti di P.S., e quindi per il funzionamento stesso delle Questure.

IL QUESTORE
F.to Iantaffi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 476427

5 October 1945

AC/ 110-11.4

SUBJECT : Partisan Police.

TO : Ministry of Interior,
Director General of Public Security.

I am enclosing herewith for your information extracts from a report which I have received concerning the situation in Bologna Province which is typical of other provinces in North Italy.

You are well aware of our ideas concerning the recognition or organization of independent police agencies and of police agencies whose loyalty to the Government is doubtful.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna.

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2nd November 1945.

Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.16

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT. PERIOD 5 OCT.'45 - 4 NOV.'45.

To: Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
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7. CARABINIERI REALI.

(a) Clothing and equipment.

The situation remains pratically unchanged. A small additional quantity of clothing, including a few great-coats, has arrived.

However, the supply of essentials is nothing like adequate; blankets, greatcoats and dyed "battle-dress" suits in the larger sizes are MOST URGENTLY REQUIRED in view of the approach of winter.

(b) Transport.

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and townships which,literally, have not seen allied troops for several months, serving as an effective and useful reminder that allied military personnel are still in the country and prepared to act even in Italian Government territory.

8. QUESTURA.

In Bologna the number of Partisans now incorporated in the Corps of Agents has risen to 300. Here, the position of the Questore continually becomes more intolerable owing to the lack of support received from the Prefetto, C.L.N. and Sindaco. There appears to be a move on the part of these latter to press for the return of 3 Questura officials transferred elsewhere during the period of A.M.G., as having an undesirable influence. Needless to say, all three were active Communist Partisans, and their return at the present time is to be deplored.

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ed as an indication of local confidence. Further, the October figure for Ferrara is high, and is no doubt due to the energetic measures that have been taken in that province during the month. The above should be compared with Ravenna and Reggio Emilia, where the Group Commanders are the first to admit their weakness and where the crime figures are corresponding ly low.

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II. OTHER SPECIAL INCIDENTS.

(a) PARMA PROVINCE.

On 8 Oct. '45, near Firenzuola, a passing truck was fired on from beside the road. Two men wounded and one killed. Contents of vehicle value 70,000 lire stolen.

On 1st Oct.'45 in Parma, 3 men kidnapped a man from his house, whose dead body was later found with shots in the head. A note found on the body read "Rastrellatore di Novara".

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(b) BOLOGNA PROVINCE.

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On 13 Oct.'45, at Castenaso, a man was stopped by three others who were armed, and robbed of his cash, coat, shoes and bicycle.

On 18 Oct.'45, at Loiano, 20 armed men entered a private house, locked the family in a room, and stole a private car and goods and cash value one million lire.

In a search on 16 Oct.'45, at Budrio, five men were arrested for possession of automatic pistols, submachine guns, and for having a vehicle with a "Breda" type m/gun fixed to same.

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On 20 Oct.'45, at Castiglione, CC.RR. arrested a man for robbery after considerable exchange of shots on both sides.

On 24 Oct.'45, in Bologna, CC.RR. and C.M.P. arrested 3 Polish deserters after a struggle. Deserters had stolen a vehicle and cash elsewhere.

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On 24 Oct.'45, at S. Giorgio, CC.RR. arrested a dangerous well-known criminal who had previously held up the Director of the Credito Romagnolo, stealing 250,000 lire.

On 19 Oct.'45, following enquiries by CC. RR. II tyres and wheels stolen from a garage were traced to Florence and recovered.

On 24 Oct.'45, at Altedo, seven unknown men took a former member of the "Brigate Nere" about 50 metres from his house and shot him.

On 26 Oct.'45, at Castel d'Argile a farmer was stopped by 3 armed men. When he attempted to resist he was shot and killed.

(c) FERRARA PROVINCE.

On 1 Oct.'45, at Ambrogio di Copparo, five armed men went to a private house, locked up the owner and stole four truck wheels complete with tyres valued 120,000 lire.

On 5 Oct.'45,at S. Giacomo di Ferrara, a mine was placed under the church steeple which was blown up.

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(d) PIACENZA PROVINCE.

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CC.RR. arrested 8 former partisans guilty of taking 3 alleged collaborationists from the "mandamentale" prison at Caorsa and shooting them.

On 16 Oct.'45, at Cortemaggiore, a farmer attempted to frighten away thieves stealing

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plants on his land, by firing a shot in the air. These replied by throwing a hand grenade and wounding him.

On 28 Oct.'45, at Villanova Arda, three armed men shot at a truck, stopping it. The two men on board were wounded and finally killed. Truck and load disappeared.

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On II Oct.'45, a hand grenade was thrown at the door of a house in Carpi presumably to gain entrance. No one was hurt.

On I7 Oct.'45, at Mirandola, a communist and former partisan, now a member of the Corps

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On 19 Oct.'45, a former member of the Republican Army, released from PW camp near Pisa, a few days previously, was kidnapped from his home at Carpi, and has since not been seen.

On 22 Oct.'45, a hand grenade was thrown into the courtyard of the priest's house at Sassuolo. No one injured; exact motive unknown.

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On 20 Oct.'45, in Castelnuovo Monti, two men, masked and armed with automatic weapons and hand-grenades, entered a private house, and under threat, robbed the occupants of cash, jewellery and other valuables estimated about 700,000 lire.

On 24 Oct.'45, at Carpineto, a band of some 20 men, armed with automatic weapons and pistols, entered private premises by means of a ladder, and stole cash and jewellery value over 100,000 lire.

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The occupants were threatened and locked in one room.

The above is a selection of typical EVERYDAY incidents in this region, and are events which give the lie direct to the statement of certain politicians and public men in Italian local and national government, who have stated that the "public safety situation" is improving. It is not, by the standards of any normal civilized country, unless it be considered an improvement in conditions when no man or woman goes out in the evening wearing jewellery or carrying any cash more than necessary, when to open the door of a house after dark to unexpected visitors is considered the height of incaution and foolishness, when the most irresponsible and criminal elements are well-armed and law-abiding citizens wait a month or more for the Questura's "Licenza di Porto d'Arme", when a man may be denounced by an enemy, for reasons of vendetta, as a "collaborationist" or "republican", or etc., on literally no evidence at all, and thus arrested by Agents and imprisoned indefinitely, to await trial in accordance with the practices so well-known under Fascism. Three such cases have come to light in Bologna alone - a lad of eighteen years, imprisoned for 5 months without charges being formulated; a man arrested in June and still awaiting trial elsewhere and without knowledge of the charges against him, and a man arrested at the beginning of September for "collaboration" was well-known locally as a genuine partisan (but not a Communist). No mistake should be made, the law is enforced by many only to suit themselves, and the normal law enforcing agency, the Questura, is so rotten and riddled with "politics", that the methods used now are still those of Fascism. No man can rely on obtaining legal redress, the enforcing agencies being either too weak or too corrupt to be relied on. Certainly no man can look to the law or Police for justice either in treatment or hearing.

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I6 Oct.'45, at Riccione(Forli Province), a number of ex-POW's returning from Russian-occupied Germany, in attempting to erase Communist slogans painted outside the "Casa del Popolo", were fired on, one being wounded and another killed. On I6 Oct.'45, at Forli, 3 Partisans attempted to greet a returning train-load of ex-POW's by singing the "Red Flag". Order was only restored after Polish soldiers in the vicinity had fired a few rounds in the air, and the Partisans had fled.

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The activities of the various C.L.N. in every field, political, economical and financial, continue, and while all, almost without exception have a strong Communist bias - to state matters mildly - these are reasonably easy to follow from a study of the local press. More difficult to follow , and possibly more dangerous, is the control exercised by A.N.P.I. over the most troublesome elements of the population. A.N.P.I. - Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia - is in the hands of just those men who were the guiding spirits of C.U. M.E.P. In Bologna, it has merely meant a change of name, the same building and personnel are still engaged.

Information has been received from two different sources that have in the past proved reliable, that at a suitable opportunity a number of other people will be "eliminated". Two lists are said to have been made - one of former Fascists, etc. who were not murdered in the first few days after the liberation, the second of former partisans who are NOT Communists. This is believed to be the work of "Jacopo" (Dott. Cucci or Cucchi), the second senior official of A.N.P.I. in Bologna. This man is strongly believed to be responsible for planning many of the kidnappings and murders that have taken place in the last 6 months, but insufficient evidence exists to prove this. He is known also

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The activities of the various C.L.N. in every field, political, economical and financial, continue, and while all, almost without exception have a strong Communist bias - to state matters mildly - these are reasonably easy to follow from a study of the local press. More difficult to follow , and possibly more dangerous, is the control exercised by A.N.P.I. over the most troublesome elements of the population. A.N.P.I. - Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia - is in the hands of just those men who were the guiding spirits of C.U.M.E.R. In Bologna, it has merely meant a change of name, the same building and personnel are still engaged.

Information has been received from two different sources that have in the past proved reliable, that at a suitable opportunity a number of other people will be "eliminated". Two lists are said to have been made - one of former Fascists, etc. who were not murdered in the first few days after the liberation, the second of former partisans who are NOT Communists. This is believed to be the work of "Jacopo" (Dott. Cucci or Cucchi), the second senior official of A.N.P.I. in Bologna. This man is strongly believed to be responsible for planning many of the kidnappings and murders that have taken place in the last 6 months, but insufficient evidence exists to prove this. He is known also as "Il Boia".

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In the CC.RR. raid at Ferrara resulting in the arrest of five A.N.P.I. officials, enquiries reveal that these appear to be similarly responsible for many of the murders that have occurred in that Province. And these are officials of an organisation established by decree of the Government.

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There have been a number of strikes, mostly concerned with wages, but no disorder.

13. COURTS.

No special feature to report. All outstanding A.M.G. cases appear to have been concluded. The Extraordinary Courts of Assize continue their work, not always to the satisfaction of the population. There have been several incidents where persons acquitted by these Courts, have returned home only to be shot. More death sentences have been carried out, at Piacenza 2 and Ravenna 1.

No serious cases of disorder have been reported at these trials.

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It would be better if it were remembered that the Italian Police ought to be regarded as a vital Allied interest just so long as any Allied personnel remain in the country. In this connection, reference is intended especially to CC.RR. who will be the first to be involved if disorders break out. If such disorders spread owing to the initial weakness of CC.RR., it is not improbable that allied military personnel may be called upon with conceivable loss of life. This would appear to be a sorry possibility due solely to lack of foresight in supplying adequate equipment - uniforms, transport and POL - NOW. Now is the time to take precautions BEFORE anything happens, and if taken now it is quite possible that NOTHING will happen.

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I) All garments were old, apparently condemned, many having been torn and very roughly sewn together.

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2) All appeared to have shrunk in the dyeing process, and many would have only fitted a boy of 10 or 12.

3) Trousers were badly worn in the seat and unlikely to last any length of time.

4) The dye used comes out at once if the garment becomes wet, and this officer was shown a set of undergarments which had become completely green in consequence of this and also the wearer attempting to remove the dye from his skin - with difficulty.

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Further, and perhaps more important still, is the lack of adequate supplies of POL, even for such transport as exists. It is unlikely that this state of affairs will be remedied until CC.RR. receive their allocation from sources other than civilian, as at present.

A special examination is being made of this situation and report follows.

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c) Mobile Battalion. The strength of personnel has now reached about 400, of which some 250 are at present carrying out emergency duties in Ferrara Province. Work in the barracks assigned to the battalion is progressing well. However, the vehicle situation is farcical. As previously stated in this officer's report for August, tanks, 12 not 14 Italian type M34, have arrived. All require considerable attention before being in any way serviceable - and at the present time not one can be moved, and not one engine tested for lack of petrol. It may further be pointed out that CC.RR. have no proper workshop facilities and Italian Army resources in the area are not great. No other vehicles whatever have arrived during the month - not even the Battalion Commander has a vehicle. It cannot be too strongly stressed that trucks and motorcycles are of infinitely greater value for general purposes than tanks. No information can be obtained by the Legion as to the date when further vehicles may be expected to arrive. Consequently, this Battalion can only be used as a reserve to re-enforce CC.RR. as needed in any particular province; its powers of movement and the use for which it is intended are very strictly limited.

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2) Transport and POL. As previously stated, often non-existent. There are no telephone communications in the provinces and many stations are virtually isolated among local populations where feeling against the CC.RR. - or any form of public order - is strong. For lack of transport facilities

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It cannot be too strongly emphasized that any improvement in the efficiency and re-organisation of the various questure can ONLY come as the result of direct action by the Central Government. It is too big a matter to be left to local provincial officials. A complete change in personnel, officers and agents, is necessary, and it is not an answer to introduce former partisans, untrained and with strong political ideas.

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Modena	27		2	1	4		1	1
TOTALS	95	14	8	4	15	7	1	3

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It will be noted that murder for political reasons still continues, I2 cases reported in Aug. and I4 in Sept.

Similar, there have been 7 cases of kidnapping, Bologna 4, Modena 2 and Ferrara I. All these persons were later found shot, and are included in the murder figures.

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(b) Parma Province. CC.RR. arrested 2 persons for murder of a farmer.

(c) Bologna Province. Following the arrest of 6 ex-partisans at S. Giovanni in Persiceto by CC.RR. for murder, kidnapping, etc., lo

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cal protest meetings were held. No serious disorder and the demonstrators were dispersed without difficulty.

CC.RR. arrested one man, member of CLN, at Crumarolo for extortion and threats.

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At Ciriano di Carpaneto, as the result of attempted threats to extortion money from a local resident, CC.RR. prepared to ambush the persons responsible. A brisk conflict followed. One of the party of 3 men was wounded. No arrest.

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IO. POLITICAL SITUATION.

Political meetings continue, and as frequently as before. Communists and Socialists are still the most active and vociferous. Pietro Nenni visited Bologna, Imola and Forli during the month. At no place was his speech received with great enthusiasm, and considering the amount of propaganda prior to his arrival, the number of persons present on each occasion was small. At Bologna without Communist support the attendance would have been very poor. On 30th Sept., a violent speech, decidedly anti-allied in tone, was made by Spano, editor of "L'Unità", to the 5° Congresso Comunista at Bologna. It is believed that there will be meetings and demonstrations, with the usual speeches, in every province, on Sunday 7 Oct.'45 (the subject being the "Costituente"). No disorder is anticipated.

As previously reported, the feeling is steadily growing that the Communists are losing ground and desire the elections before their position becomes serious. The return of ex-pow's and workers from Germany and elsewhere who have very definite anti-Communist (and anti-Russian) views, is beginning to have some effect.

The danger lies in the possibility that some attempt to gain power may be made in the near future, if this tendency (and it is at present only a tendency) to swing away from Communism grows stronger before the elections take place. Communist "control" is naturally strongest in those provinces where the CC.RR. are weakest, particularly so in Ravenna and Reggio Emilia.

PRESS. The standard of journalism in the local papers does not improve.

Reporting is anything but fair and unbiassed. Every opportunity is taken to belittle the efforts of the CC.RR. and lower their prestige. The Questura is frequently criticised for its action or inaction. The continued employment of those who have continued in office from republic days and earlier, is a frequent source of complaint. Nevertie

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propaganda prior to his arrival, the number of persons present on each occasion was small. At Bologna without Communist support the attendance would have been very poor. On 30th Sept., a violent speech, decidedly anti-allied in tone, was made by Spano, editor of "L'Unità", to the 5° Congresso Comunista at Bologna. It is believed that there will be meetings and demonstrations, with the usual speeches, in every province, on Sunday 7 Oct.'45 (the subject being the "Costituente"). No disorder is anticipated.

As previously reported, the feeling is steadily growing that the Communists are losing ground and desire the elections before their position becomes serious. The return of ex-pow's and workers from Germany and elsewhere who have very definite anti-Communist (and anti-Russian) views, is beginning to have some effect.

The danger lies in the possibility that some attempt to gain power may be made in the near future, if this tendency (and it is at present only a tendency) to swing away from Communism grows stronger before the elections take place. Communist "control" is naturally strongest in those provinces where the CC.RR. are weakest, particularly so in Ravenna and Reggio Emilia.

PRESS. The standard of journalism in the local papers does not improve.

Reporting is anything but fair and unbiassed. Every opportunity is taken to belittle the efforts of the CC.RR. and lower their prestige. The Questura is frequently criticised for its action or inaction. The continued employment of those who have continued in office from republic days and earlier, is a frequent source of complaint. Nevertheless, every act by Partisans, whether of the Questura, or in some other form of irregular police, is warmly applauded. L'Unità in the Milan editions of 19th and 20th Sept. carried two bitter attacks against the CC.RR. and the Questura of Bologna. It was perhaps unfortunate that the opportunity of prosecuting this paper was lost, when earlier attacks of a similar nature were made about the beginning of July - when AMG was functioning.

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II. COURTS.

No special feature to report. Of some 6I AMG cases turned over to the Italian Courts, some I9 still remain unheard. From the point of view of public satisfaction, it can be recorded that one sentence of death has at last been executed - 3 months after conviction before the Extraordinary Court of Assize in Bologna. 68 others are under sentence throughout the Region.

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13. GENERAL.

As stated in the first paragraph of this report, the public safety situation has not improved. Armed criminals are commonplace and with the approach of longer hours of darkness, ever more difficult to control. The lack of proper transport facilities prevents the CC.RR. from being in a position to take instant action if necessary. This is a very obvious weakness and is clear to all, good and bad, when CC.RR. are seen to have to rely on chance means of transport, even to collect their rations. It is repeated again that the need for the supply of this transport is NOW - if the CC.RR. are seen to be strong the likelihood of serious trouble is small. And it is now and in the near future, that political feelings may break out into a serious conflagration.

If supplied now, such vehicles will probably never be needed and never be used. Coupled with the question of vehicles is the supply of POL, which for police purposes must be divorced from local provincial control. This officer believes that there are some prefetti and sindaci who purposely obstruct the CC.RR. in the matter of POL (and in other ways too) in order to point to their inefficiency, and with the secret hope that if some serious situation arises the CC.RR. will be unable to control it, and then there will be an excellent opportunity to press their claims for a 'new partisan police' organisation.

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TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission,
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THRU:- Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.

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However, the past month has undoubtedly shown a great improvement in efficiency and morale as is evidenced by the increased amount of work done, the great increase in the number of arrests for murder, robbery and other serious crimes. It is also noteworthy that many of the persons arrested are ex-partisans or

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or ex-Partisan police who in the early days of liberation were so antagonistic towards the carabiniere inasmuch as they refused in some cases to allow them to occupy their casermas. There is still a reluctance on the part of some carabiniere to enquire too deeply into crimes committed by ex partisans in the early days of liberation but any recent or new reports of crime are fully investigated and dealt with in a fairly efficient manner. The termination of the services of all forms of auxiliary Civil Police and the enrolment into proper service of all recuperated CC.RR. have increased morale to a great extent.

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This body is functioning as well as any of the police agencies and are working well on black market cases and evasion of tax laws. A great part of time and numbers of personnel are occupied at present on war damage enquiries. There has been an increase in the number of persons arrested for various offences. Clothing and boots are badly needed and petrol for their vehicles.

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2. CRIME.

The general situation on the service has considerably improved and the number of killings and kidnappings were very small as compared with the two previous months. However, the number of armed robberies and cases of extortion have greatly increased, and there is still great difficulty in obtaining the necessary information to secure arrests and convictions. It is significant to note that the greater part of the increased number of persons arrested for serious crimes are ex-partisans and in some cases communist members of the CNL and Sindaci. In some cases although difficult to prove, there is little doubt that cases of

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of robbery, extorsion and even kidnappings are done with the knowledge of local communist groups and communal officials. At Loiano, Bologna Province, the Sindaco was arrested for stealing petrol from the Allied pipe line. At Galiera, same province, the Sindaco was arrested for complicity in a number of cases of murder and robberies. At Pieve di Cento the Sindaco with others has been arrested for murder. All these Sindaci were Communists. During the month some 27 people were murdered and 8 kidnapped. 60 persons were arrested for complicity in murders and 10 for kidnappings. 30 cases of armed robberies were reported and 30 persons have been arrested for this offence.

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3. POSSESSION OF ARMS BY THE PUBLIC.

The position is about the same, there is little doubt that many persons have arms hidden in their homes or elsewhere. 65 persons were arrested for possessing arms many of whom have been convicted. The majority of persons still possessing arms are undoubtedly ex partisans of the worse criminal types, who are using the arms to commit robberies etc. or keeping them with a view to any future political disturbances, most of them adhering to the so called Communist Party. Many respectable people also however, are retaining arms in the country for protection against the many robbers about, and for fear of what may happen when AMG pull out from the region. Large dumps of munitions and arms are still scattered throughout the region. One small incident showing possession of arms is as follows:- P.P.S.C. Modena, went to San Prospero on I6/7/45 to dismiss last of Auxiliary Civil Police (Ex Partisans) and told them, 6 in all, to hand in at once all arms etc. in their possession? They replied they only had I revolver which was handed over. On searching the caserma and each

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CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

General conduct is good. I case of reported rape by 4 U.S. negro soldiers at Modena is being investigated by Military Police. Otherwise usual minor clashes with civilians due to drunkenness is the only trouble.

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5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

This is not a serious problem just now. Military Police in conjunction with Questura Agents and Carabiniere are working well together. A fair number of arrests have been made and about one third of the women are found to be infected. The Questori are very active in dealing with women under Art. 157 of the Italian Law. Sentences given by Italian Courts are adequate and sometimes are very heavy.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE ETC.

Relations are very good between Italian Civil Police agencies and the Military Police, C.I.C. and F.SS. and utmost cooperation is extended and received. Joint patrols of Military Police and Carabiniere have worked well.

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SABOTAGE.

No cases reported. A few cases of tampering with and stealing petrol from the pipe line have been reported.

2. Strikes and Lock-outs.

NIL.

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Processions were held in several communes throughout the Region during the month, but all were orderly and passed off without incident. In the main they were all of a similar character persons carrying boards and notices demanding higher wages, lower prices, epuration of Fascists and Sepral and revision of the Mezzadria pacts between farmers and tenants. No notice was given

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4. Public Morale.

On the whole good, but now in some quarters there is apprehension as to what might happen when the Italian Government takes over from A.M.G. There is a fear of political troubles, and reign of trouble from communistic ex partisans and armed robbers. There has been recently a definite turn of public opinion against the communists whom they consider are composed of crimininal elements responsible for many of the recent murders and robberies.

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The communists are well organised in each commune and people are still afraid to talk or complain to the Carabiniere or Questura when ex partisans are suspected of crime, although in this respect recently a few persons have conquered their fears and volunteered information.

5. Public Meetings.

Apart from processions mentioned above a few small local political meeting have been held after application and no disorders or incidents have occurred.

At Reggio and Ferrara especially and in other places processions and meetings were held to celebrate the results of the British elections, mostly organised by the Communist and Socialist parties. After singing and speeches crowds dispersed and no disorder took place.

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All fire brigades are reported to be working well and efficiently, and there was no great disorganisation of the service except in Forli. A few more officers are needed to complete the strength and application is being submitted through their own channels.

2. Equipment. There is a deficiency of some parts of eqipment such as good hose and chemichals, and also for tyres for vehicles. However, the majority of vehicles and equipment is good and there

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there is sufficient to cope with all ordinary outbreaks withing the Region.

Buildings on the whole are in good condition.

3. Serious fires.

No serious fires have been reported. There have been many fires however, mainly to grass, hay stacks and wood piles etc. due to the excessive heat, and these have been efficiently dealt with and promptly.

V. CIVIL DEFENCE.

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SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

The number of crimes of Murder and Kidnappings have greatly decreased but there has been an increase in armed robberies The Carabiniere and Questura have made many arrests for crime and the majority of persons arrested are ex partisans of the worst type and now enrolled in the Communist party. Many 'Sindacos and CNL are communist in thought and the majority of demands for money and acts of extortion are attributed to them. The Ex partisans are also well organised still and the formation of A.N.P.I. has given them the opportunity to increase their hold over the communal bodies and to build up their power again. The increase in crime has caused a reversion of feeling against the communists, although this is not outspoken enough yet, because people are still afraid

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as it is well known to them that the Communist Party is so well organised and supported by well armed ex partisans of the criminal type who are using underground strong arm methods to induce people to join the communist party.

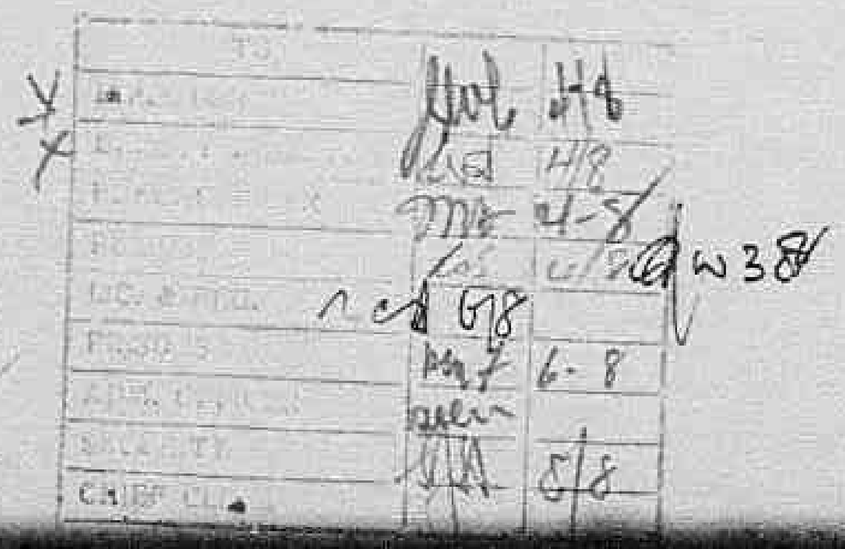
High prices, low wages, unemployment are naturally conducive to outbreaks of lawlessness, and this with the withdrawal of A.M.G. and taking over under difficult circumstances by the Italian Government, may provide the opportunity for disorders in which the more unruly members of the C/M/L Communists and ex partisans may try to regain their power which they held prior to the liberation. Especially may they try to usurp the powers of the Questura and take over police powers again.

However, though it is probable that disorders large or small may break out, should the Italian Goverment be strong enough and sufficient support is given to the Carabinieri, this together with the feeling and support of the majority of the people, should suffice to put such disorders down.

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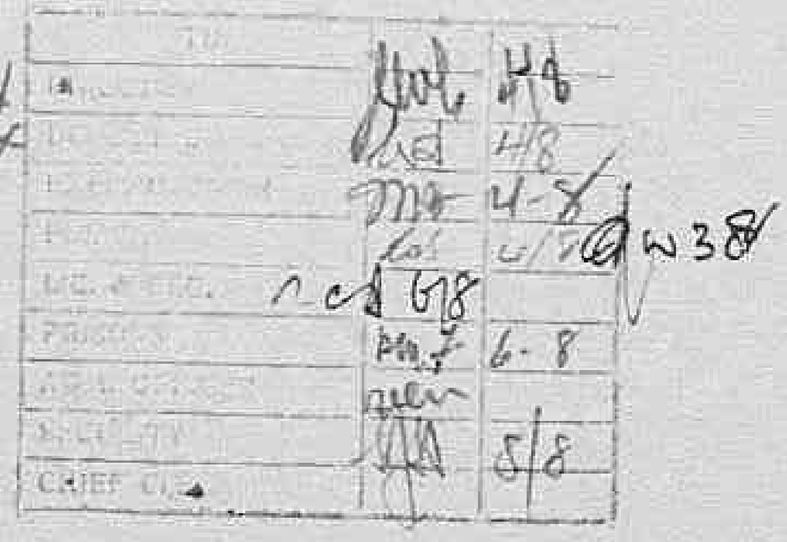
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PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF 20 July 1945

PRISON	POPULATION			CAPACITY			REMARKS
	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	
BOLOGNA	474	40	24	325	45	—	
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
FERRARA	224	10	1	160	30	20	
FORLI*	76	9	—	60	5	—	Alternative accomodation. Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military.
MODENA	217	36	—	150	20	—	
PARMA	399	39	6	260	24	—	
PAVIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASADI RECLUSIONE Three fourths DESTROYED Not Functioning.
PIACENZA	578	11	22	200	12	—	
RAVENNA	573	24	—	97	10	—	
REGGIO EMILIA	128	25	6	120	30	—	
REGGIO EMILIA	215	—	—	300	—	—	CRIMINAL INSANE ASYLUM. 4 wings requisitioned by order of the Prefect for detaining Fascist and Political Prisoners
REFORMATORIES							
BOLOGNA	259	—	13	—	—	300	Careers per minorenni used by CLC for detaining Fascist Prisoners. 2 wings damaged by bombing. Being Repaired NOT DESTROYED.
FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	

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PRISON	POPULATION			CAPACITY			REMARKS
	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	
BOLOGNA	474	40	24	323	45	—	
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
FERRARA	224	10	1	150	30	20	
FORLI'	78	9	—	60	5	—	Alternative accommodation. Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military.
MODENA	217	36	—	150	20	—	
PARMA	339	39	6	200	24	—	
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASADI RECLUSIONE Three fourths DESTROYED Not Functioning.
PIACENZA	378	11	22	200	12	—	
RAVENNA	373	24	—	97	10	—	
REGGIO EMILIA	128	25	6	120	30	—	
REGGIO EMILIA	215	—	—	300	—	—	CRIMINAL INSANE ASYLUM. 4 wings requisitioned by order of the Prefect for detaining Fascist and Political Prisoners
REFORMATORIES							
BOLOGNA	259	—	13	—	—	300	Caserma per militerend used by CIC for detaining Fascist Prisoners. 2 wings damaged by bombing. Being Repaired REQUISITIONED.
FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	
PARMA				—	—	300	Accomodating Prisoners from PARMA Judicial Prison
TOTAL	2745	194	72	1670	176	800	

NOTE:

Figures do not include Manicomi tali Jails.
Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.

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DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION — 20 JULY 1945 — DATE

	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.
	BOLOGNA			BOLOGNA (Ref.)			BOLOGNA CARCERE MILITARE			CASTELFRANCO EMILIA		
A	26	2	—	10	—	—						
B	20	—	—	18	—	1						
C	352	35	24	170	—	8						
D	18	2	—	33	—	4	NOT FUNCTIONING			PRISON COMPLETELY DESTROYED.		
E	53	—	—	17	—	—						
F	5	1	—	2	—	—						
G	—	—	—	9	—	—						
Total	474	40	24	259	—	13						
	FERRARA			FORLI'			MODENA			PARMA		
A	18	—	—	8	2	—	8	6	—	9	—	—
B	7	—	—	9	—	—	19	3	—	3	—	1
C	174	10	1	50	3	—	169	24	—	268	39	—
D	21	—	—	1	1	—	7	3	—	8	—	2
E	1	—	—	7	—	—	10	—	—	103	—	3
F	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	—	—	8	—	—
G	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Total	224	10	1	78	9	—	217	36	—	399	39	6
	PARMA CASA DI RECL.			PARMA (Ref.)			PIACENZA			RAVENNA		
A							12	1	—	37	4	—
B	THESE FOUITES DESTROYED. Not Functioning.			Accommodating prisoners from PARMA JUDICIAL PRISON			2	—	—	37	3	—
C							356	9	20	209	16	—
D							—	—	2	16	1	—
E							—	—	—	8	—	—
F							—	—	—	58	—	—
G							1	1	—	8	—	—
Total							378	11	22	373	24	—
	REGGIO - EMILIA			REGGIO-EMILIA M.C.						GRAND TOTAL		
A	4	—	—	201						340	15	—
B	6	—	—	—		CRIMINAL				123	6	2
C	111	25	6	14						1873	161	59
D	3	—	—	—		INSANE				107	7	8
E	—	—	—	—						199	—	3
F	—	—	—	—		ASYLUM				77	4	—
G	2	—	—	—						26	1	—
Total	126	25	6	215						2745	194	72

Legend:

M. Men. W. Women. M. Minors.

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	BOLOGNA			BOLOGNA (Ref.)			BOLOGNA CARCERE MILITARE			CASTELFRANCO EMILIA		
A	26	2	—	10	—	—						
B	20	—	—	18	—	1						
C	352	35	24	170	—	8						
D	18	2	—	33	—	4	NOT FUNCTIONING			PRISON COMPLETELY DESTROYED.		
E	53	—	—	17	—	—						
F	5	1	—	2	—	—						
G	—	—	—	9	—	—						
Total	474	40	24	259	—	13						
	FERRARA			FORLI			MODENA			PARMA		
A	18	—	—	8	2	—	8	6	—	9	—	—
B	7	—	—	9	—	—	19	3	—	3	—	1
C	174	10	1	50	3	—	169	24	—	268	39	—
D	21	—	—	1	1	—	7	3	—	8	—	2
E	1	—	—	7	—	—	10	—	—	103	—	3
F	—	—	—	2	3	—	2	—	—	8	—	—
G	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Total	224	10	1	78	9	—	217	36	—	399	39	6
	PARMA CASA DI RECL.			PARMA (Ref.)			PIACENZA			RAVENNA		
A							19	1	—	37	4	—
B	THREE FOURTEEN DESTROYED. Not Functioning.			Accommodating prisoners from PARMA JUDICIAL PRISON			2	—	—	37	3	—
C							356	9	20	209	16	—
D							—	—	2	16	1	—
E							—	—	—	8	—	—
F							—	—	—	58	—	—
G							1	1	—	8	—	—
Total							378	11	22	373	24	—
	REGGIO - EMILIA			REGGIO-EMILIA M.G.						GRAND TOTAL		
A	4	—	—	201						340	15	—
B	8	—	—	—	CRIMINAL					123	6	2
C	111	25	6	14						1873	161	59
D	3	—	—	—	INSANE					107	7	8
E	—	—	—	—						199	—	3
F	—	—	—	—	ASYLUM					77	4	—
G	2	—	—	—						26	1	—
Total	128	25	6	215						2745	194	72

Legend:

M. Men — W. Women — M. Minors

A - Civil Prisoners Convicted by Italian Courts
B - Civil Prisoners Convicted by AMG. and/or AC.
C - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by Italian Courts
D - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by AMG. and/or AC.
E - Italian Military Prisoners
F - Civil Prisoners Arrested by Italian Military
G - Civil Prisoners Arrested by FSS or CIC.

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PARTICULARS OF PRISONS IN EMILIA REGION AS OF THE 20th JULY 1945

INSTITUTION	TYPE	ADDRESS	DIRECTOR	PRISON C	
				MEN	WOME
BOLOGNA	Carcere Militare	Via De' Chiari No. 8		100	—
BOLOGNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazza S.Giovanni in Monte No. 2	Dott. GHEDINI, Aldo	323	45
BOLOGNA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	Dott. GHEDINI, Aldo	—	—
CASTELFRANCO E.	Casa di Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—	—
FERRARA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUMANO, Giovanni	160	30
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	150	30
FORLI'	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	—	—
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	60	5
MODENA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Dott. MURU, Francesco	150	20
PARMA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MONICA, Gianni	260	24
PARMA	Casa di Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Known as "ZERODIECI"	560	—
PARMA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via Mantova No. 99	Appointed by C.N.L.	—	—
PIACENZA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'ARI, Giacomo	200	12
RAVENNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	97	10
REGGIO-EMILIA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via delle Carcere No. 3	REPONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120	30
REGGIO-EMILIA	Manicomio Giudiziario	Via Franchi No. 14	Comm.Prof.Dott. CHELONI, Giulio	300	—

Note:- FORLI' Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military Authorities.
"Rocca di Caterina Sforza" is the alternative accommodation.
Prison Directors of PARMA and REGGIO-EMILIA appointed by C.L.N.
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA completely destroyed. Director now at MODENA JUDICIAL PRISON.
PARMA - Casa di Reclusione three fourths destroyed, not functioning.
C.L.N. - Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale = C.N.L. - Committee of National Liberation.

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PARTICULARS OF PRISONS IN EMILIA REGION AS OF THE 20th JULY 1945

	ADDRESS	DIRECTOR	PRISON CAPACITY MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	PRISON POPULATION MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
aro	Via De' Chiari No. 8		100	—	—	—	—	—
ziario	Piazza S.Giovanni in Monte No. 2	Dott. GHIDINI, Aldo	323	45	—	474	40	24
Giudiziario	Via del Fratello No. 34	Dott. GHIDINI, Aldo	—	—	300	259	—	13
ione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—	—	—	—	—	—
ziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUEMANO, Giovanni	130	30	20	224	10	1
ziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	150	30	—	—	—	—
Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	—	—	180	—	—	—
iario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	60	5	—	78	9	—
iario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Dott. MURU, Francesco	150	20	—	217	36	—
iario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MONICA, Gianni	260	24	—	339	39	6
dern	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	known as "ZEROBECI" appointed by C.N.L.	560	—	—	—	—	—
Giudiziario	Via Mantova No. 99		—	—	300			
iario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'ARI, Giacomo	200	12	—	378	11	22
iario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Dott. DE MARI, Giovanni	97	10	—	373	24	—
iario	Via delle Carceri No. 3	BEDONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120	30	—	123	25	6
iziario	Via Franchi No. 14	Comm. Prof. Dott. GRILLO, Giulio	300	—	—	215	—	—

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PRISONS REQUISITIONED DAMAGED or WORK SUSPENDED AS OF 31 JULY 1945

INSTITUTION	TYPE	ADDRESS	REMARKS
BOLOGNA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	One wing three fourths destroyed. Gymnasium completely destroyed. Another wing one fourth destroyed - being repaired. Will accommodate about 90 inmates when repaired.
CASTELFRANCO E.	Casa di Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
FERRARA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Director's apartment slightly damaged. Considerable damage to administration building and guards' quarters. Locks, windows, and doors of prisoners' quarters broken. External wall slightly damaged. All under repair.
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	PRISON and REFORMATORY, situated on same grounds and joined by short corridor, REQUISITIONED by British Military Authorities. Known as:- No. 1 Court Martial Centre X Holding Centre.
FORLI'	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	
[illegible]NIA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Slight damage confined to roof, windows, doors. Connected to Casa di Reclusione.
PARMA	Casa di Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	THREE FOURTHS DESTROYED.
PIACENZA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Slight damage confined to external wall, windows, and doors.

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PRISONS REQUISITIONED DAMAGED or WORK SUSPENDED as OF 31 JULY 1945

	ADDRESS	REMARKS	AVAILABLES FOR CIVILIANS MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
udiziario	Via del Fretello No. 34	One wing three fourths destroyed. Gymnasium completely destroyed. Another wing one fourth destroyed - being repaired. Will accomodate about 90 inmates when repaired.	—	—	200
one	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	COMPLETELY DESTROYED.	—	—	—
erio	Via Piangipane No. 125	Director's apartment slightly damaged. Considerable damage to administration building and guards'quarters. Locks, windows, and doors of prisoners' quarters broken. External wall slightly damaged. All under repair.	160	30	20
ario	Via della Rocca No. 2	PRISON and REFORMATORY, situated on same grounds and joined by short corridor, REQUISITIONED by British Military Authorities. Known as:-	—	—	—
udiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	No. 1 Court Martial Centre X Holding Centre.	—	—	—
ario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Slight damage confined to roof, windows, doors. Connected to Casa di Reclusione.	260	24	—
one	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	THREE FOURTHS DESTROYED.	—	—	—
ario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Slight damage confined to external wall, windows, and doors.	200	12	—

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Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region.

NAME		RANK	NAT	NO.	ASSIGNMENT
BOND	R.C.	Major	(B)	279394	A/Regional Public Safety Off
SCOTT	M.H.	Capt.	(A)	O-522200	Assistant Regional Pub.Saf
GALE	L.V.	Capt.	(B)	279377	Regional Security Officer
WAY	A.G.P.	Major	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety O
GREENHOUGH	W.	"	(B)	291643	" " "
HILLS	A.G.	"	(B)	291887	" " "
MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B)	291652	" " "
TOMPKINS	L.A.	Capt.	(B)	291775	" " "
BIGHAM	J.C.	"	(A)	O-908886	" " "
MANN	W.V.W.	"	(B)	291738	" " "
DAVENPORT	J.C.	"	(A)	O-130518	" " "
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	294824	Provincial Police Officer
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279405	" " "

Changes from last month.

Capt. J.E.H. DUNSTAN (B) - 279404 - admitted 95(BR) Hospital 20.7.45.

Capt. D.W.MILLER and Capt.E.P.BOLTER transferred to Piemonte Region HQ.AC SO 412, para 18 AICOM Signal 761 dated 28 June 45.

Capt. J.B. FORSTER transferred from Toscana Region to Emilia Region as Regional Fire Offic (para 19, AC HQ S.O 170 dated 19 June 45).

Capt. J.C. BIGHAM transferred from Piacenza to Forli as P.P.S.O. - 3 July 45.

Capt. J.B. FORSTER transferred to Venezia Region 11 July 45. Authy - VOCC - 9 July 45.

Major H.S. GOULD, relieved assignment and duty - R.P.S.O. - PAC Cable 1830,HQ., AC.,dated

LOCATION - BOLOGNA is HQ of Region

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Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region.

RANK	NAT	NO.	ASSIGNMENT	PRESENT LOCATION
Major	(B)	279394	A/Regional Public Safety Off.	BOLOGNA
Capt.	(A)	O-522200	Assistant Regional Pub.Saf.Off.	BOLOGNA
Capt.	(B)	279377	Regional Security Officer	BOLOGNA
Major	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	BOLOGNA
"	(B)	291643	" " " "	PARMA
"	(B)	291887	" " " "	PIACENZA
"	(B)	291652	" " " "	FERRARA
"	(B)	291775	" " " "	RAVENNA
Capt.	(A)	O-908886	" " " "	FORLI'
"	(B)	291738	" " " "	REGGIO-EMILIA
"	(A)	O-130518	" " " "	MODENA
"	(B)	294824	Provincial Police Officer	FERRARA
"	(B)	279405	" " "	BOLOGNA

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28 June 45.

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LOCATION - BOLOGNA is HQ of Region

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COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

JRC/ec

Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/POL 6

Tel. Rome 478397

12 July 1945

SUBJECT : POL Forms

TO : Public Safety Subcommission
(Attn. Maj. Ballance)

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1. Reference is made to the last two sentences of the quotation from Emilia Region R.P.S.O. monthly report set out in your AC/14011/9/PS dated 14 July '45.

2. It is pointed out that Emilia Region received a full supply of POL forms as far back as October 1944 at the same time as all other Regions.

3. These were out of date by the time Northern Regions were occupied but instructions were issued that they should be used up as a temporary measure.

4. Since Emilia Region have been in full occupation of their territory all requests for circulation permits have been met and special Methane Gas ration cards have been supplied. The Regional HQ has also been kept advised as have all other Northern Regions regarding plans for printing of special coupons in Milan.

5. Following a verbal report to Maj. Brereton on his recent trip to the North that the Region was in difficulties over supplies of coupons authority was immediately given to print locally a temporary supply of old type ration cards to tide over the period until coupons from Milan are available -AC/5087 of June 29th.

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6. The remarks made by R.P.S.O. are not understood by this Subcommission.

for [illegible] Capt.
H. K. GENT
Major
Commerce Subcommission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

AC/14011/S/PS

10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Public Safety Report,
Emilia Region

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission

1. Transmitted herewith for information is an extract form the monthly Report submitted by the RPSO., Emilia Region:-

"Vehicle Registration.
As from 1st July a system of permanent registration will be in operation within the Region to replace the temporary measures found necessary in the first days. Committees have been formed to determine the number and control the number of licences issued. From this date, cars will be stopped where the licence is not exhibited, and impounded pending the hearing at Court. Where possible, attempts will be made to persuade the Prefect to requisition cars required for civil administration from those found in use without licences. All attempts to obtain Petrol forms and coupons have so far been unsuccessful. It does seem odd that the whole system of registration should be prejudiced for the want of proper forms".

W. C. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
for Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

WCB/pl
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel:478427-580

AC/14011/9/PS

7 July 1945

SUBJECT : Police situation Emilia

TO : R.P.S.O. AMG Emilia

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1. Reference is made to your monthly report for June 1945.

2. In view of the police situation disclosed by you I had a conference with the Commanding General CC.RR and the Head of the Police, Ministry of the Interior.

3. The CC.RR are despatching the Florence Brigade Commander to Bologna where he will see you and thereafter investigate and report.

for

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
A.P.O. 394.

Bologna, 3 July 45

FILE : R.EM/PS/19/24.
SUBJECT : Monthly Report, Public Safety.
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.
THRU : R.C. Emilia Region.

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principles. There is much we can do to effect this gradual improvement. I have already submitted a separate report on the disreputable condition of the OC.RR. clothing. This state of things must be well known to all authorities yet ; nothing has so far been done to relieve the situation. There must be plenty of suitable clothing of some kind fit for issue to the forces of law and order. After a vigorous com--plaint to Brig. Lush on this same question, authority was obtained for the release of some 50 uniforms from MMIA. for a special duty in connection with P.o.W. duties. After con--siderable trouble and much running about the country by an Officer, we did manage to get something which has been des--cribed to me as a quantity of salvage apparently not good enough for issue to Italian Military. I cannot stress; too much how impossible it is to obtain, and unreasonable to expect, sufficient and satisfactory results from men who are being asked to carry out police duties in a miscella--neous outfit of half uniform and plain clothes and even that in a condition which would not be tolerated in ordina--rytimes. The "recuperati " are simply demoralised and in many cases worse than useless.

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The less said about police buildings the bet-ter. Efforts have been made to make the repair of these

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places a number 1 priority. It will; however, be a long time before there is sufficient and reasonable accommoda -
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GUARDIA di FINANZA.

This body is generally considered the best of a poor lot. They work fairly well and efficiently. They have made quite a number of arrests and are employed on a variety of duties. They are badly in need of boots and clothing. In Bologna City, they are engaged on a special investigation into the practice of certain shops selling foodstuffs, generally in short supply or even unobtainable

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in the normal way, at a comparatively low price, only to persons who produce the Communist membership card.

VIGILI URBANY. Many of these agents are leaving the ser--vice on account of the low wages. Recruiting is going on but it cannot be expected that the best type of man will accept work of this kind. In a few places, partisans have been recruited.

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BRIEF DETAILS OF SERIOUS CRIME.

At Nonantola, Modena, a man and his son were killed by unknown men using a car which was seen shortly before, in use by partisans agents of the Questura. These two persons were highly respected by all parties in Modena and their death is deplored by all. They were leaders of the Christian Democratic party, with no Fascist background. Public opinion condemns the Communists.

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7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(a) ITALIAN. These are functioning in every Province, although carrying on in their slow and ponderous way. The sentences are so far in keeping with the nature of the offence..Extraordinary" or "Peoples Courts" are also working in each Province. So far there has been several death sentences and some heavy terms of imprisonment meted out. Public interest is great and there has

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been interference with Court procedure. It is a little early to form any opinion as to what public re-action is likely to be when wholesale dismissals occur, as is possible, when the lesser fry come up for trial.

(b). A.M.G. The work of these courts has increased a little lately, although with nothing like the amount of work they could accomplish, were the civil police fully alive to their job. There is sufficient material to work on to keep these Courts going all day and every day. In the opinion of some Officers, however, and I am inclined to agree to a great ex-tend, the sentences given and the number of convictions se-cured, is not altegether satisfactory. As an example I would quote the offence of illegal possession of arms'. Quite a number of persons have been brought before the courts for this offence and in many cases have been dismissed. At this junc-ture it must be abundantly evident to any and every person that to possess a firearm without lawful authority, is a se-rious offence. Nevertheless all sorts of excuses are offered in Court as to why they should be in possession. The circum-stances under which they are found, and their actions when discovered, are sufficient proof that they are fully aware of the risk they run. There is always an attempt to hide the weapon, in a great number of cases the weapon is found fully loaded and well oiled, in fact ready for use and in any case, how can any person justify the possession of a machine gun. Lately, arms have been discovered well hidden, surely an in-dication of "guilty knowledge". Sentences of 6 months to 2 years, is not likely to be a deterrant to others and, after all, the principle laid down is that the justice under A.M.G. law should be a deterrant to others and not a corrective to the accused.

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2. STRIKES AND LOCK OUTS.

No strikes or lock outs have been reported.

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

During the past two weeks, demonstrations in the form of processions through the streets, have taken place in Bologna, Ferrara, Piacenza, and Modena. In each case, placards carried bore references to lack of food, low wages and many references to partisans. No previous indication was given and as usual neither CC.RR. or Questura agents will admit they had any previous knowledge of the intention to hold the meetings. It is obvious, however, that much planning had to be done, in the Bologna meeting between 5 and 10 thousand persons took part, and some indication must have been available. Each of the processions passed off quietly. There is no doubt what-ever that these incidents were Communist organized, but the actual responsible persons remain in the background. It is felt that unless something is done to stabilise wages on a more liberal scale, we shall get more of these public demon-strations.

4. PUBLIC MORALE.

On the whole, public morale is fairly good. However, since the statement that the Allies are shortly to leave the country, some people have become apprehensive. This is easily understood. It is felt that a reign of some-thing like terror will take the place of the present under-ground lawlessness. There is no faith in the forces of law and order and people quite naturally assume that a worsening of the situation will result from our leaving. The political situation is still confused. The only party which appears to be really well organized, the Communist, is making consi-derable headway. They use every means, both fair and foul, to secure membership. They are well supplied with funds and there is every indication that here, as elsewhere, these funds come from Russia, as well as other sources. The really dis-turbing thing is that this temporary affluence, combined with spurious promises of all kind has attracted the worst fo form of humanity to the party. The name Communist has become synonymous with everything vile, corrupt and degrading.

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Bologna, Ferrara, Piacenza, and Modena. In each case, placards carried bore references to lack of food, low wages and many references to partisans. No previous indication was given and as usual neither CC.RR. or Questura agents will admit they had any previous knowledge of the intention to hold the meetings. It is obvious, however, that much planning had to be done, in the Bologna meeting between 5 and 10 thousand persons took part, and some indication must have been available. Each of the processions passed off quietly. There is no doubt whatever that these incidents were Communist organized, but the actual responsible persons remain in the background. It is felt that unless something is done to stabilise wages on a more liberal scale, we shall get more of these public demonstrations.

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5. PUBLIC MEETINGS. 52

Apart from the meetings described under 3 above a number of political meetings, properly organised and applied for have taken place. No disturbances have occurred at these. Information is sometimes given that other meetings have been held without prior authority, but these are only sparsely attended and no great importance is attached to them.

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6. CIVIL INTERNEES.

There are no civil internees in the Region. The few remaining have been removed to camps elsewhere by the military.

III. LICENSING ETC.

1. VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

As from 1st.July a system of permanent registration will be in operation within the Region to replace the temporary measures found necessary in the first days. Committees have been formed to determine the number and type of vehicles to be licensed and control the number of licences issued. From this date, cars will be stopped where the licence is not exhibited, and impounded pending the hearing at Court. Where possible, attempts will be made to persuade the Prefect to requisition cars required for civil administration from those found in use without licences. All attempts to obtain Petrol forms and coupons have so far been unsuccessful. It does seem odd that the whole system of registration should be prejudiced for the want of proper forms. Attention is drawn to the enormous number of road accidents now occurring. There is no doubt at all that the greatest single factor in the cause of these accidents is speed. Practically no regard is paid to the ordinary rules of road courtesy and the giving of hand signals is a forgotten art. I do not exclude Allied military drivers from this censure as they are equally as bad as civilians. The worst type of all is the Italian Military driver who, given a reasonably good vehicle, thinks only in terms of speed and drives with reckless abandon often resulting in the utter destruction of the vehicle and the death or disablement of some other less fortunate user of the road.

2. CIVILIAN MOVEMENT.

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1. EFFICIENCY.

All fire brigades are reported to be efficient and working well. Applications have been made through their own channels for additional officers and men to bring their organisation up to strength. This one of the few public bodies on whom some reliance can be placed.

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2. EQUIPMENT.

Some motor vehicles sent to Venice to prevent being stolen by the Germans have been applied for. A certain amount of equipment is still needed, particularly tyres, and efforts are being made to obtain these. Their present equipment is sufficient to enable them to deal with ordinary outbreaks.

3. SERIOUS FIRES.

Only two serious fires occurred during the present month. One at Modena where a warehouse containing Wood, hay and straw was completed destroyed and one at vegetable market at Parma. In neither case was there loss of life and the causes were accidental. A number of slight fires caused loss of life to one person and injuries to 16 others

V. CIVIL DEFENCES.

1. CONTROL.

The U.N.P.A. organisation, although not required for its normal function, is working in every Province. In most cases, it does useful work in connection with removal of debris dead bodies and other communal duties. In Bologna, however, its members comprise ex-partisans and they are reported to be an idle, indolent and aggressive element. They have been receiving pay and doing nothing for it. They were offered work in connection with the removal of mines, but quite definitely refused. Arrangements will be made to disband them and use their equipment in connection with Fire Brigade and Mine disposal work. The Prefect is arranging this

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2. CONDITION ETC.

Work is going on at most of the prisons damaged, where repairs can usefully be carried out. Some of the prisons, however, have been so extensively damaged that their repair is impossible and they must be entirely rebuilt. Of those in use, most are overcrowded, some to more than twice their capacity. The only really useful prison, of course , is in the hands of the military. I refer to the one at Forli.

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It does seem to me a disgraceful state of affairs that a civil prison capable of housing anything from 1,000 to 1,500 persons should, at this stage of the proceedings, be denied us in or--der to house a few hundred deliquent soldiers, while instruc--tions have to be issued that persons arrested for various types of crime, often serious, must be bailed for want of ac--commodation. The position is little short of ludicrous. In view of the threats made to repeat the attacks on prisons, rules covering admittance to and exit from, these places, have been revised. CC.RR. guards have been placed both inside and outside and provided with automatic weapons. All escorts brin--ging prisoners are compelled to surrender their weapons before entering.

3. PRISONERS.

		MEN.	WOMEN.	MINORS.
(a).	Convicted.	321.	14.	1.
(b).	Awaiting Trial.			
	Italian Courts :	1850.	151.	63.
	A/M.G. Courts :	124.	7.	1.

VII. FORGED CURRENCY.

No cases of forged currency have come to light.

VIII. LIST OF PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

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to the occupation, Communist and Partisan identity cards were being sold to Fascists for sums varlyng from 1,000 to 100,000 Lire. These persons are regarded as excellent recruits to the Communist party, trained as they are in all forms of violence ,and the result is evident in the methods employed and the types of crimes now being committed.

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APPENDIX "A"

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PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF 20 June 1945

PRISON	POPULATION			CAPACITY			REMARKS
	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	
BOLOGNA	490	45	23	323	45	—	
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
FERRARA	156	10	1	160	30	20	
FORLI'	76	5	1	60	5	—	Alternative accommodation. Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military.
MODENA	124	35	8	150	20	—	
PARMA	425	44	2	260	24	—	
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE. Three fourths DESTROYED Not Functioning.
PIACENZA	507	20	24	200	12	—	
RAVENNA	331	42	—	97	10	—	
REGGIO-EMILIA	224	47	12	120	30	—	
REGGIO-EMILIA	225	—	—	300	—	—	CRIMINAL INSANE ASYLUM. 4 wings requisitioned by order of the Prefect for detaining Fascist and Political Prisoners.
REFORMATORIES							
BOLOGNA	198	2	7	—	—	300	Carcere per minorenni used by CIC for detaining Fascist Prisoners. 2 wings damaged by bombing. Being repaired.
FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	REQUISITIONED.
PARMA						300	

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MODENA	184	35	8	150	20	—	
PARMA	425	44	2	260	24	—	
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE. Three fourths DESTROYED Not Functioning.
PIACENZA	507	20	24	200	12	—	
RAVENNA	381	42	—	97	10	—	
REGGIO-EMILIA	224	47	12	120	30	—	
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FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	REQUISITIONED.
PARMA				—	—	300	Accomodating prisoners from PARMA Judicial.
TOTAL	2366	250	78	1470	176	800	

NOTE:

Figures do not include Mandamentali Jails.
Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.

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DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION — 20 JUNE 1945 — DATE

	BOLOGNA M.	BOLOGNA W.	BOLOGNA M.	BOLOGNA(Ref.) M.	BOLOGNA(Ref.) W.	BOLOGNA(Ref.) M.	BOLOGNA CARCERE MILITARE			CASTELFRANCO EMILIA		
A	3	—	—	1	—	—						
B	6	—	—	6	—	—						
C	424	42	23	132	—	6						
D	27	2	—	40	—	1	NOT FUNCTIONING.			PRISON COMPLETELY DESTROYED.		
E	20	—	—	1	—	—						
F	10	1	—	3	—	—						
G	—	—	—	15	2	—						
Total	490	45	23	198	2	7						

	FERRARA M.	FERRARA W.	FERRARA M.	FORLI' M.	FORLI' W.	FORLI' M.	MODENA M.	MODENA W.	MODENA M.	PARMA M.	PARMA W.	PARMA M.
A	—	—	—	8	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
B	1	—	—	12	2	—	5	5	1	—	—	—
C	116	9	1	40	3	1	155	25	7	296	44	1
D	30	—	—	1	—	—	6	5	—	9	—	—
E	—	—	—	6	—	—	4	—	—	114	—	—
F	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1
G	9	1	—	4	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—
Total	156	10	1	76	5	1	184	35	8	425	44	2

	PARMA CASA di RECL.	PARMA(Ref.)	PIACENZA M.	PIACENZA W.	PIACENZA M.	RAVENNA M.	RAVENNA W.	RAVENNA M.
A	THREE FOURTHS DESTROYED. Not Functioning.	Accommodating prisoners from PARMA JUDICIAL PRISON	—	—	—	13	4	—
B			2	—	—	43	3	—
C			505	20	24	130	8	—
D			—	—	—	1	—	—
E			—	—	—	17	—	—
F			—	—	—	167	24	—
G			—	—	—	10	3	—
Total			507	20	24	381	42	—

	REGGIO - EMILIA M.	REGGIO - EMILIA W.	REGGIO - EMILIA M.	REGGIO-EMILIA M.C.		GRAND TOTAL M.	GRAND TOTAL W.	GRAND TOTAL M.
A	8	—	—	210		246	4	—
B	—	—	—	—	CRIMINAL	75	10	1
C	37	—	—	15		1850	151	63
D	10	—	—	—	INSANE	124	7	1
E	169	—	10	—		331	—	10
F	—	47	2	—	ASYLUM	189	72	3
G	—	—	—	—		51	6	—
Total	224	47	12	225		2866	250	78

Legend:

M. Men
W. Women
M Minors

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B	6	—	—	6	—	—							
C	424	42	23	132	—	6							
D	27	2	—	40	—	1	NOT FUNCTIONING.			PRISON COMPLETELY DESTROYED.			
E	20	—	—	1	—	—							
F	10	1	—	3	—	—							
G	—	—	—	15	2	—							
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B	1	—	—	12	2	—	3	5	1	—	—	—	
C	116	9	1	40	3	1	155	25	7	296	44	1	
D	30	—	—	1	—	—	6	5	—	9	—	—	
E	—	—	—	6	—	—	4	—	—	114	—	—	
F	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	
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D							—	—	—	1	—	—	
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A - Civil Prisoners Convicted by Italian Courts
B - Civil Prisoners Convicted by AMG. & AC.
C - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by Italian Courts
D - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by AMG. & AC.
E - Italian Military Prisoners
F - Civil Prisoners Arrested by Itaian Military
G - Civil Prisoners Arrested by FSS. or CIC.

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INSTITUTION	TYPE	ADDRESS	DIRECTOR	PRISON MEN WO
BOLOGNA	Carcere Militare	Via De' Chiari No. 8		100
BOLOGNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazza S.Giovanni in Monte No. 2	COLOMBO, Francesco	323
BOLOGNA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	—
CASTELFRANCO E.	Casa di Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—
FERRARA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUSMANO, Giovanni	160
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	150
FORLI'	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	—
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	60
MODENA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Dott. MURU, Francesco	150
PARMA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MONICA, Gimmi	260
PARMA	Casa di Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	known as "ZERODIECI"	560
PARMA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via Mantova No. 99	appointed by C.N.L.	—
PIACENZA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'ARI, Giacomo	200
RAVENNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	97
REGGIO-EMILIA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via delle Carcere No. 3	BEDONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120
REGGIO-EMILIA	Manicomio Giudiziario	Via Franchi No. 14	Comm. Prof. Dott. CREMONA, Giulio	300

Note:- FORLI' Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military Authorities.
"Rocca di Caterina Sforza" is alternative accomodation.
Prison Directors of BOLOGNA, PARMA, and REGGIO-EMILIA appointed by C.L.N.
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA completely destroyed. Director now at MODENA JUDICIAL PRISON.
PARMA - Casa di Reclusione three fourths destroyed, not functioning.
C.L.N. - Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale. = C.N.L. - Committee of National Liberation.

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tore	Via De' Chiari No. 8		100	—	—	—	—	—
ziario	Piazza S.Giovanni in Monte No. 2	COLOMBO, Francesco	323	45	—	490	45	23
Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	—	—	300	198	2	7
sicne	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—	—	—	—	—	—
iario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUSANO, Giovanni	160	30	20	156	10	1
iario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	150	30	—	—	—	—
Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	—	—	180	—	—	—
iario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	60	5	—	76	5	1
iario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Dott. MURU, Francesco	150	20	—	184	35	8
iario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MONDA, Gianni	260	24	—	425	44	2
ione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	known as "ZERODIECI"	560	—	—	—	—	—
Giudiziario	Via Mantova No. 99	appointed by C.N.L.	—	—	300			
iario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'ARI, Giacomo	200	12	—	507	20	24
iario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	97	10	—	371	42	—
iario	Via delle Carcere No. 3	BEDONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120	30	—	224	47	12
diziario	Via Franchi No. 14	Comm.Prof.Dott. CREMONA, Giulio	300	—	—	225	—	—

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PRISONS REQUISITIONED DAMAGED or WORK SUSPENDED AS OF 30 JUNE 1945

INSTITUTION	TYPE	ADDRESS	REMARKS
BOLOGNA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via del Fratello No. 34	One wing three fourths destroyed. Gymnasium completely destroyed. Another wing one fourth destroyed - being repaired. Will accommodate about 90 inmates when repaired.
CASTELFRANCO E.	Casa di Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
FERRARA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Director's apartment slightly damaged. Considerable damage to administration building and guards quarters. Locks, windows, and doors of prisoners' quarters broken. External wall slightly damaged. All under repair.
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	PRISON and REFORMATORY, situated on same grounds and joined by short corridor, REQUISITIONED by British Military. Known as:- No. 1 Court Martial Centre X Holding Centre.
FORLI'	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	
PARMA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Slight damage confined to roof, windows, doors. Connected to Casa di Reclusione.
PARMA	Casa di Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	THREE FOURTHS DESTROYED.
PIACENZA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Slight damage confined to to external wall, windows, and doors.

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...clusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	COMPLETELY DESTROYED.	—	—	—
...diziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Director's apartment slightly damaged. Considerable damage to administration building and guards quarters. Locks, windows, and doors of prisoners'quarters broken. External wall slightly damaged. All under repair.	160	30	20
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...ziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Slight damage confined to to external wall, windows, and doors.	200	12	—

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APPENDIX "B"

Appendix "B" to Emilia Region HQ letter R.IX/18/19/2: dated 1 July 1945.

Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region.

NAME		RANK	NAT	NO.	ASSIGNMENT
GOULD	H.S.	Major	(B)	279379	A/Regional Public Safety Officer
SCOTT	M.R.	Capt.	(A)	C-922200	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer
GALE	L.V.	Capt.	(B)	279377	Regional Security Officer
MAY	A.G.W.	Major	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer
DUNN	R.C.	"	(B)	279334	" " " "
GREENHOUSE	W.	"	(B)	291643	" " " "
HILLS	A.G.	"	(B)	291887	" " " "
MACKENZIE	T.C.	"	(B)	291652	" " " "
TURKINGTON	L.A.	Capt.	(B)	291775	" " " "
MANN	W.V.W.	"	(B)	291758	" " " "
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	291624	Provincial Police Officer
MORTIMER	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279405	" " "
BURGESS	J.G.	"	(A)	C-908826	" " "
BOLTER —	H.F.	"	(B)	291636	" " "
DAVENPORT	J.C.	"	(A)	C-130518	" " "
MILLER —	B.W.	"	(A)	C-906084	" " "
DURSTAN	J.H.H.	"	(B)	279404	" " "

Changes from last report:

1. Major J.J. NEIR - Relieved of all assignment and duty on release from Army - (AFHQ Signal 9
2. Capt. J.E.H. DURSTAN - Assigned to Emilia Region - (AFHQ Fifth Army letter 1/8 (H) dated 23 June

LOCATION - BOLOGNA is HQ of Region.

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Appendix "B" to Emilia Region III letter R.IX/RE/19/2, dated 1 July 1945.

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RANK	MAT.	NO.	ASSIGNMENT	PRESENT LOCATION
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Capt.	(A)	C-522200	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	BOLOGNA
Capt.	(B)	279377	Regional Security Officer	BOLOGNA
Major	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	BOLOGNA
"	(B)	279324	" " " "	MODENA
"	(B)	291643	" " " "	PARMA
"	(B)	291887	" " " "	PIACENZA
"	(C)	291652	" " " "	FERRARA
Capt.	(B)	291775	" " " "	RAVENNA
"	(B)	291756	" " " "	REGGIO-EMILIA
"	(B)	291824	" " " "	FERRARA
"	(B)	279405	Provincial Police Officer	BOLOGNA
"	(A)	C-908826	" " "	PIACENZA
"	(B)	291636	" " "	RAVENNA
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"	(A)	C-906084	" " "	MODENA
"	(B)	279404		

Capt. [illegible]

[illegible] - Relieved of all assignment and duty on release from Army - (AFHQ Signal 9372 dated 12 June 1945).

[illegible] - Assigned to Emilia Region - (HQ Fifth Army Letter 1/3 (B) dated 23 June 45).

[illegible]LOCATION - BOLOGNA in HQ of Region.

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11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission)

Herewith two (2) copies of the Monthly Report for May 1945, of the Public Safety Division, Emilia Region, AMG.

H. H.C. HARTLEY
Lieut Colonel
Deputy Regional Commissioner

HHH:H/pjh

TO		
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
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FILE. R.IX/P.S./19/21. 2nd June 1945.
SUBJECT. Monthly Report, Public Safety.
TO. Public Safety Sub Commission, H.Q. A.C.
THRU. R.C. Emilia Region.

1. 1. Civil Police.

(a). Strength.

Agency.	Off.	Other Ranks.
CC.RR.	33.	2627.
Agents of P.S.	62.	904.
Guardia di Finanza.	35.	989.
Guardia Municipale.	15.	829.
Corpo Forestale.	14.	194.

Reinforcements of 100 CC.RR. to each of the Provinces of Bologna and Reggio Emilia arrived during the month.

(b). Recovered from extraneous duties.

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(c). Efficiency.

It can## be said that efficiency is anything but mediocre. There are several reasons for this. The period of time spent under the domination of C.L.N. the hooligan communist element in the guise of partisans and a feeling of mistrust on the part of the public generally. Many are without arms and a considerable number have no proper uniforms or boots. This last factor I consider one of supreme importance. It is impossible to persuade men to exercise a dominating influence when their uniforms consist of odd and torn garments and their boots have temporarily repaired

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2. Crime.

Judged by ordinary standards of law and order, the general situation is not good. many persons have been killed out of hand and many have simply disappeared. Helpful or useful information on the persons responsible is entirely lacking, obviously due, in most cases to a fear of reprisal. In nearly every case the crime is attributed to partisans. While this may be true in many cases, I am of opinion that in the majority of cases, it is merely the exploitation by ~~lw~~ lawless elements, of the present unstable situation. So far there has been one arrest for murder. There is nothing to suggest that serious crime is organised. No rioting has occurred.

Brief details of serious crime.

On 9th. May 7 alleged Fascists were being escorted by partisans from one prison in Modena to another. It is alleged that one of the prisoners attempted to disarm one of the guards and the others tried to escape. The remainder of the guard opened fire and all 7 prisoners were killed. There is nothing to disprove this story but it is quite frankly not believed.

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It is quite evident that many unauthorised persons 40 are still in possession of firearms despite ceremonial parades held throughout the Region for the handing of arms. These parades resulted in the surrender of many hundreds of weapons of all kinds. The percentage of useful ones was however very small. I would almost describe it as a collection of junk. It is significant that of 6 truck loads of weapons and ammunition collected at Bologna alone, less than a dozen rifles were found suitable for issue to CC.RR and I am told that the only revolver, serviceable, was the one ceremoniously handed to General Hume, by the chief of the Communist Party. An important factor in this connection is the very large amount of ammunition still to be seen lying about the country side in

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apparently, unguarded dumps. Some arrests have been made for illegal possession of arms.

4. Conduct of Allied Troops.

The conduct of Allied Troops remains good. A few minor incidents have occurred but with no serious result. An interesting point concerns Polish Troops. On arrival of the Allies in the area it was fairly common to see civilian men displaying evidence of Communist leanings by the wearing of red scarves, shirts, etc. Having in mind, apparently, the recent arrest of Polish delegates by Russia, some Polish soldiers took exception to the display of these 'Red' tendencies and some clashes occurred, particularly in Bologna. It is now rare to find anyone publicly wearing red shirts or scarves. Some householders have ascribed their freedom from partisan interferance to the presence of Polish troops.

5. Venereal Disease.

This is not a major problem at present. The number of troops in the Region is not large. A number of arrests for prostitution have been made.

6. Relations with,

(a). Military Police.

Complete liaison with military police is made and their services are available to A.M.G. when thought necessary. Mixed patrols of M.P.s and CC.RR. are on duty in the streets.

(b). Security Services.

Where established, F.S.S. and C.I.C. are in close contact with A.M.G. and mutual service is given.

7. Functioning of Courts.

(a) Italian.

These are functioning throughout the Region and; although getting away to a slow start, should quicken up. No real ~~real~~ difficulties have so far arisen. Peoples Courts are well under way and ready to work.

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(b). A.M.G.

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Are working in all Provinces. The number of cases so far dealt with is small. With the increase in CC.RR stations opened, a corresponding increase in the number of persons arrested, summoned, etc. should result.

8. Other points affecting Civil Police.

Applications have been made to increase the number of police by some Questori and Sindaci. These have been met by enrolment in the ranks of the P.S. agents and Guardia Municipale of selected partisans. This experiment will need

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careful watching in view of the known tendencies of some of these persons and the general feeling toward them.

II. Security.

1. Sabotage.

No cases of sabotage have been reported.

2. Strikes and Lock outs.

None reported.

3. Civil disturbances.

None reported.

4. Public morale.

Public morale is generally good. Many officials are restrained in their attitude and somewhat slow to make decisions which might be questioned. There is apprehension in the minds of many people on account of the killings and disappearances. This is; however, mostly confined to those more closely affected and to some sections of the more wealthy. This is more apparent in the remote parts of the country where CC.RR. are few and communication is bad. On the whole everyone is wondering what the outcome will be and how long the present state will last. Most influential people with whom I have spoken, seem to agree that exemplary sentences passed on those found guilty of crime, will have a salutary effect.

5. Public Meetings.

Only few meetings have so far been held and these have been non political in character. No disorder has arisen.

6. Civil Internees.

In civilian Prisons.

Men 184. Women 19. This number is continually fluctuating on account of removals: releases etc.

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1. Vehicle Registration.

Officers of R.A.C.I. have been re-established and records are being compiled. Meanwhile temporary licences are being issued in some Provinces and it is hoped that during the present month all Provinces will be issuing regular permits.

2. Civilian movement.

Since the removal of restrictions on normal travel, this presents no problem.

IV. Fire.

1. Efficiency.

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Fire brigades were found to be almost intact. The personnel are in good shape, well trained and moderately well clothed.

2. Equipment.

This is in fairly good condition and sufficient for normal needs.

3. Serious fires.

There have been no serious fires reported.

V. Civil Defence.

1. Control.

U.N.R.R.A. organisations under functioning under local authority. They are at present being employed on demolition work and kindred matters. A certain amount of equipment is possessed by them and is being put to useful purpose in localities where they are stationed.

VI. Prisons.

1. Number and location.

See appendix 'A'.

2. Condition Etc.

Several have been damaged more or less completely as shown in appendix. Forli prison is still in possession of the Military Authorities. Repeated applications have been made for its return and promises to do so have been given. Considerable overcrowding exists in some of the prisons and it is essential we have all the prison space we can get. Records in most cases were found to be intact.

3. Prisoners.

(a). Convicted. 324 Men 11 Women 2 Minors. 37.

(b). Awaiting trial

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VII. Forged Currency.

No cases have been reported.

VIII. List of Public Safety Personnel.

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INSTITUTION	TYPE	ADDRESS	DIRECTOR	PRI MEN
BOLOGNA	Carcere Militare	Via De' Chiari No. 8		100
BOLOGNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Piazza S.Giovanni in Monte No. 2	COLOMBO, Francesco	323
BOLOGNA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	—
CASTELFRANCO E.	Casa di Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—
FERRARA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUSMANO, Giovanni	160
FORLI'	Carcere Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	150
FORLI'	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	—
MODENA	Carcere Giudiziario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	60
PARMA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Ragioniere SOMELLA, Vittorio	150
PARMA	Casa di Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MONCA, Gianni	260
PARMA	Riformatorio Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	known as "ERODIECI"	560
PIACENZA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Mantova No.99	appointed by C.N.L.	—
RAVENNA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'ARI, Giacomo	200
REGGIO-EMILIA	Carcere Giudiziario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	97
REGGIO-EMILIA	Manicomio Giudiziario	Via dello Carcere No. 3	REDONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120
		Via Franchi No. 14	Comm.Prof.Dott. CREMONA, Giulio	300

Note:- FORLI' Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military Authorities
"Rocca di Caterina Sforza" is alternative accommodation.
Prison Directors of BOLOGNA, PARMA, and REGGIO-EMILIA appointed by C.L.N.
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA completely destroyed.
PARMA - Casa di Reclusione three fourths destroyed, not functioning.
C.L.N. - Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale. = C.N.L. - Committee of National Liberation.

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torio Giudiziario	Via del Pratello No. 34	Censore DI PALMA, Vincenzo	—	—	300	—	—	11
Reclusione	Via Forte Urbano No. 1	Dott. MURU, Francesco	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giudiziario	Via Piangipane No. 125	Dott. CUSMANO, Giovanni	160	30	20	119	8	—
Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	150	30	—	—	—	—
torio Giudiziario	Via della Rocca No. 2	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	—	—	180	—	—	—
diziario	"Rocca di Caterina Sforza"	Dott. CAMPAILLA, Antonio	60	5	—	60	6	1
udiziario	Via Buonacorsa No. 10	Ragioniere SOMELLA, Vittorio	150	20	—	177	39	1
Giudiziario	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	Capt. MO[illegible]A, Gianni	260	24	—	293	51	2
Reclusione	Piazzale S. Francesco No. 3	known as "[illegible]ERODIECI"	560	—	—	—	—	—
torio Giudiziario	Via Mantova No.99	appointed by C.N.L.	—	—	300			
Giudiziario	Via del Consiglio No. 15	Dott. D'AMI, Giacomo	200	12	—	544	18	—
Giudiziario	Via Porta Aurea No. 39	Censore DI [illegible]ALMA, Vincenzo	97	10	—	318	27	—
Giudiziario	Via dello Carocre No. 3	BEDONI, Walter appointed by CNL	120	30	—	204	65	6
o Giudiziario	Via Franchi No. 14	Comm.Prof.Dott. CREMONA, Giulio	300	—	—	228	—	—

Reformatory requisitioned by British Military Authorities
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di Liberazione Nazionale. = C.N.L. - Committee of National Liberation.

Comando di Vincenzo

ANGELO DI VINCENZO 31119083
T/4 Co. "I" 2675 Regt. A.C.
Prison Section
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PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF 20th MAY 1945

PRISON	POPULATION			CAPACITY			REMARKS
	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS	
BOLOGNA	494	60	20	323	45	—	2 floors used by C.I.C. for detaining Fascist and Fascist Republican Prisoners.
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA	22	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. Injured prisoners confined in local hospital
FERRARA	119	8	—	160	30	20	
FORLI'	60	6	1	60	5	—	Alternative accomodation. Prison and Reformatory requisitioned by British Military.
MODENA	177	39	1	150	20	—	
PARMA	293	51	2	260	24	—	
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	—	CASA DI RECLUSIONE three fourths DESTROYED. Not Functioning.
PIACENZA	544	18	—	200	12	—	
RAVENNA	518	27	—	97	10	—	
REGGIO - EMILIA	204	65	6	120	30	—	
REGGIO - EMILIA	228	—	—	300	—	—	CRIMINAL INSANE ASYLUM. 4 wings requisitioned by CLN for detaining Fascist Brisoners(120).
REFORMATORIES							
BOLOGNA	—	—	11	—	—	300	2 wings damaged by bombing, being repaired.
FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	Requisitioned.
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	300	Used as a concentration

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FORLI'	—	—	—	—	—	180	Requisitioned.
PARMA	—	—	—	—	—	300	Used as a concentration camp for Fascist Prisoners.
TOTAL	2459	274	41	1470	176	800	

NOTE:

Figures do not include Mandamentali Jails.
Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.

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DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION — 20 MAY 1945 — DATE

	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.
	BOLOGNA			BOLOGNA (Ref.)			BOLOGNA CARCERE MILITARE			CASTELFRANCO EMILIA		
A	2	—	—	—	—	1	No Italian Military Prisoners at present.			22 Prisoners injured during bombing. Com'ined in local hospital. Prison COMPLETELY DESTROYED.		
B	5	—	—	—	—	1						
C	362	48	19	—	—	9						
D	74	4	1	—	—	—						
E	7	—	—	—	—	—						
F	7	2	—	—	—	—						
G	37	6	—	—	—	—						
Total	494	60	20	—	—	11						
	FERRARA			FORLI'			MODENA			PARMA		
A	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B	3	—	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C	8	1	—	26	2	1	159	30	1	4	1	1
D	11	—	—	4	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—
E	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	39	—	1
F	—	—	—	15	2	—	—	—	—	286	50	—
G	97	7	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	4	—	—
Total	119	8	—	60	6	1	177	39	1	293	51	2
	RAVENNA CASA DI MAL.			PARMA (Ref.)			PIACENZA			RAVENNA		
A	Three fourths DESTROYED. Not Functioning.			No Minors Used as a concentration camp for Fascist and Fascist Republican Prisoners.			—	—	—	10	4	—
B							—	—	—	58	5	—
C							44	18	—	166	14	—
D							—	—	—	12	1	—
E							—	—	—	41	—	—
F							—	—	—	—	—	—
G							—	—	—	31	3	—
Total							54	18	—	318	27	—
	REGGIO - EMILIA			REGGIO-EMILIA M.C.						GRAND TOTAL		
A	—	—	—	214						248	5	1
B	—	—	—	—	CRIMINAL					76	6	1
C	204	65	6	14						1487	179	37
D	—	—	—	—	INSANE					102	11	1
E	—	—	—	—						34	—	1
F	—	—	—	—	ASYLUM					268	54	—
G	—	—	—	—						184	19	—
Total	204	65	6	228						2459	274	41

Legend:

M. Men W. Women M. Minors

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D	74	4	1	—	—	—	Military Prisoners at present.			Confined in local hospital. Prison COMPLETELY DESTROYED.		
E	7	—	—	—	—	—						
F	7	2	—	—	—	—						
G	37	6	—	—	—	—						
Total	434	60	20	—	—	11						
	FERRARA			FORLI'			MODENA			PARMA		
A	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B	5	—	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C	8	1	—	26	2	1	159	30	1	4	1	1
D	11	—	—	4	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—
E	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	39	—	1
F	—	—	—	15	2	—	—	—	—	256	50	—
G	97	7	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	4	—	—
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B							—	—	—	58	5	—
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D							—	—	—	12	1	—
E							—	—	—	41	—	—
F							—	—	—	—	—	—
G							—	—	—	31	3	—
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A	—	—	—	214						248	5	1
B	—	—	—	—		CRIMINAL.				76	6	1
C	204	65	6	14						1487	179	37
D	—	—	—	—		INSANE				102	11	1
E	—	—	—	—						94	—	1
F	—	—	—	—		ASYLUM				258	54	—
G	—	—	—	—						184	19	—
Total	204	65	6	228						2459	274	41

Legend:

M. Men W. Women M. Minors

A - Civil Prisoners Convicted by Italian Courts
B - Civil Prisoners Convicted by AMG. & AC.
C - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by Italian Courts
D - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by AMG. & AC.
E - Italian Military Prisoners
F - Civil Prisoners Arrested by Italian Military
G - Civil Prisoners Arrested by PSS or CIC.

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Appendix "A" to Emilia Region HQ letter R.13/PS/19/20 dated 1 June 19

Nominal Roll of officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region

NAME	RANK	MAT	No.	ASSIGNMENT
GOULD	H.S.	Major	(B) 279379	D/Regional Public Safety Officer
SCOTT	M.N.	Capt.	(A) C-522200	Assistant Regional Public Safety Office
GALE	L.V.	Capt.	(B) 279377	Regional Security Officer
WAY	A.C.F.	Major	(B) 57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer
BOND	R.C.	"	(B) 279394	" " " "
GREENHOUGH	W.	"	(B) 291643	" " " "
HILLS	A.C.	"	(B) 291887	" " " "
BEER	J.J.	"	(B) 185900	" " " "
MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B) 291652	" " " "
TOMKINS	L.A.	Capt.	(B) 291775	" " " "
MANN	W.V.W.	"	(B) 291730	" " " "
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B) 294824	Provincial Police Officer
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B) 279405	" " "
BIGHAM	J.C.	"	(A) C-902536	" " "
BOLTON	R.F.	"	(B) 291636	" " "
DAVENPORT	J.C.	"	(A) C-136518	" " "
MILLER	D.W.	"	(A) C-966084	" " "

Changes from last report:

1. Major H.S. GOULD - Assigned to Emilia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No. 139 of
2. Major W.E. COLLINS - " " 22 GAU (HQ. AC Signal 6962 of 4 May 45)
3. Major R.J. BOND - " " Modena Province (Emilia Region S.O. No. 106 of 20
4. Major E.A. BALDWIN - " " 2600 Spec.Det. (HQ. AC Special Order No. 111 of
5. Capt. T.W.M. GREENHILL - " " 22 GAU (HQ. AC Signal 6973 of 4 May 45)
6. Capt. J.N. DOBRIDGE - " " Venezia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No. 122 of 2
7. Capt. L.V. GALE - " " Emilia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No. 123 of
8. Major T.G. MACKENZIE - " " " " (HQ. AC Special Order No. 115 of
9. Capt. N.M. MACKENZIE - " " 22 GAU (HQ. AC Signal 6973 of 4 May 45)
10. Capt. H.W. BAGNALL - Admitted 24 General (A) Hospital, Florence on 5 May 45 (this HQ le dated 7 May 45) nothing heard since - believed to have returned t

LOCATION - BOLOGNA in HQ of Region.

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Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region

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Major	(B)	279378	D/Regional Public Safety Officer	BOLOGNA
Capt.	(A)	O-522200	Assistant Regional Public Safety officer	BOLOGNA
Capt.	(B)	279377	Regional Security Officer	BOLOGNA
Major	(B)	7001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	BOLOGNA
"	(B)	279394	" " " "	MODENA
"	(B)	291643	" " " "	PARMA
"	(B)	291667	" " " "	PIACENZA
"	(B)	195980	" " " "	MODENA
"	(B)	291652	" " " "	FERRARA
Capt.	(B)	291775	" " " "	RAVENNA
"	(B)	291730	" " " "	REGGIO EMILIA
"	(B)	294824	Provincial Police Officer	FERRARA
"	(B)	279405	" " "	BOLOGNA
"	(A)	O-903006	" " "	PIACENZA
"	(B)	291636	" " "	RAVENNA
"	(A)	O-130518	" " "	PARMA
"	(A)	O-903084	" " "	FORLI'

Assigned to Emilia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No. 139 of 19 May 45)
" " 22 GAH (HQ. AC Signal 5952 of 4 May 45)
" " Modena Province (Emilia Region S.O. No. 106 of 23 May 45)
" " 2660 Spec.Det. (HQ. AC Special Order No. 111 of 21 Apr 45)
" " 22 GAH (HQ. AC Signal 6973 of 4 May 45)
" " Venezia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No.122 of 2 May 45)
" " Emilia Region (HQ. AC Special Order No. 123 of 3 May 45)
" " " (HQ. AC Special Order No. 118 of 28 Apr 45)
" " 22 GAH (HQ. AC Signal 6973 of 4 May 45)

Admitted 24 General (A) Hospital, Florence on 5 May 45 (this HQ letter R.EM/PS/3/60 dated 7 May 45) nothing heard since - believed to have returned to U.S.

LOCATION - BOLOGNA is HQ of Region.

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1.

AMC SHILA RSTCM ATTENTION REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

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TAMPA TO AMC SHILA RSTCM ATTENTION REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

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F.F. Boelcher Maj.

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Asst Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS, EMILIA REGION.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

FILE:- R.IX/PS/19/18.

1st. April, 1945.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY - MARCH, 45.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.C.

THRU:- Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.

I. As far as the A.M.G. Eighth Army territory is concerned, all Regional Specialist Officers became in effect Staff Officers of AMG, Eighth Army as from the 9th. December, 1944, and all matters relating to AMG Eighth Army have been made the subject of a special report to the S.C.A.O.
It is understood that this report has been forwarded to you by the S.C.A.O.

2. STRENGTH OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

The number of Public Safety Officers is 19 as shown in Appendix "A" attached.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

As in December, January and February, Public Safety Officers assigned or attached to Emilia Region, continue to perform duties administrative and otherwise with Fifth and Eighth Armies, except Major Hare who is in hospital in Rome.

4. CC.RR.

It is regretted that it has not been found possible to present the strength return as required by AC/14601/21/PS of 4th. February, 1945.
The figures for March are:-

Initial allocation	1120
Additional augmentation	45
Recuperated in service	595
Total	1760

The arrival of the CC.RR officers to remedy shortages in Ravenna and Forli Provinces is still awaited. An advice has been received from the Commandante di Legione di Bologna that they have been assigned and the need has been represented as urgent.
Uniform still remains an urgent need, particularly in the matter of outer garments in respect of which the bids made in October last are largely unfulfilled.

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5. FIRE.

The Forli Corpo di Vigili di Fuoco received 60 uniforms and boots with a small quantity of leather for repairs.

The two W.D. reconstructed trucks with pump and water tank attached have been completely overhauled and repaired by the Transportation Division, Emilia Region, and are now in service in Forli City and Rimini.

6. PRISONS.

The 200 pairs of clogs for prisoners, received from Regina Coeli Prison, Rome, on orders of the Ministry of Grace and Justice, have been distributed, 100 pairs to Ravenna Prison and 100 pairs to Forli Prison, the Prison Directors taking them in charge.

W.E. Collins

W.E.COLLINS, Major,
Regional Public Safety Offr.

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Appendix "A" to Emilia Region HQ letter R.IX/PS/19/18 dated 1 April 1945

Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region

NAME		RANK	NAT	No.	ASSIGNMENT	PRESE
COLLINS	W.E.	Major	(B)	294468	Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
BOND	R.C.	"	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
WAY	A.G.P.	"	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE (T
MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Te
HARE	W.R.	"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
BEER	J.J.	"	(B)	185900	" " " "	FLORENCE (T
BALDWIN	E.A.	"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
TOMPKINS	L.A.	Capt.	(B)	291775	" " " "	RAVENNA
MANN	W.V.W.	"	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	MONTECATINI
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279405	" " "	FLORENCE (T
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	294824	" " "	FORLI'
GREENHILL	T.W.K.	"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Temp
SCOTT	M.H.	"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	FLORENCE (T
BIGHAM	J.C.	"	(A)	0-908886	" " "	MONTEPAIDI
GOODACRE	T.	Major	(B)	287702	" " "	RIMINI
DODRIDGE	J.H.	Capt.	(B)	291639	" " "	FAENZA
DAVENPORT	J.C.	"	(A)	0-1307518	" " "	CESENA
MILLER	O.W.	"	(A)	0-906084	" " "	(Not yet re
BACKIAN	H.W.	"	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and C.D. Officer	RICCIONE

LOCATION : Riccione is HQ of Region.

Change from last Report :

1. Major GOODACRE, (Liguria Region) Attached to Emilia Region (HQ. AC Special Order 58 dated 27 Feb 45)
2. Capt. DODRIDGE, (Venezia Region) " " " " (HQ. AC " " 57 " 26 Feb 45)
3. Capt. DAVENPORT, Assigned to Emilia Region (HQ. AC " " 67 " 8 Mar 45)
4. " MILLER (Piemonte Region) Attached to Emilia Region (" " " " 57 " 26 Feb 45)
5. " MACKENZIE N.M., 291651 (B), left Emilia Region on posting to 22 CAU, and attached to AMG 8th Army (HQ.

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Appendix "A" to Emilia Region HQ letter R.IX/RS/19/18 dated 1 April 1945

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Major	(B)	294468	Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
"	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
"	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE (Toscana Region)
"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
"	(B)	185900	" " " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
Capt.	(B)	291775	" " " "	RAVENNA
"	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	MONTECATINI (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	279405	" " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(B)	294824	" " "	FORLI'
"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(A)	0-908886	" " "	MONTEPALDI (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
Major	(B)	287702	" " "	RIMINI
Capt.	(B)	291639	" " "	FAENZA
"	(A)	0-1307518	" " "	CESENA
"	(A)	0-906084	" " "	(Not yet reported in Region)
"	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and C.D. Officer	RICCIONE

LOCATION : Riccione is HQ of Region.

ia Region)	Attached to Emilia Region	(HQ.AC Special Order 58 dated 27 Feb 45)
a Region)	" " " "	(HQ.AC " " 57 " 26 Feb 45)
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nte Region)	Attached to Emilia Region	

291651 (B), left Emilia Region on posting to 22 CAU, and attached to AMG 8th Army (HQ.AC Special Order 83 of 25 Mar 45).

HEADQUARTERS, EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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FILE:- R.IX/PS/I9/16. Ist. March, I945.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY ~~- FEB. 45.~~

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.C.

THRU. - Regional Commissioner,
Emilia Region.

TO	
DIRECTOR	9/3
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	9/3
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	9/3
LIC. & REG.	10/3.
PRISONS	9/3
ADM. [illegible]	9/3
CHIEF [illegible]	

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2. STRENGTH OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

The number of Public Safety Officers is I6, a reduction caused by the reassigrment under authority HQ,AC Special Order 53, Para. 5, dated 22nd. February, I945, of Major E.L.Chaney (A).

Major E.A.Baldwin (A) formerly P.P.S.O. Ravenna Province, has been reassigned as P.P.S.O., Forli Province, and Captain L.A. Tompkins (B) as P.P.S.O. Ravenna Province.

This is the second officer who has been relieved of his assigrment ~~with~~ with the Region, and in view of the heavy task ahead which Emilia Region will presumably be faced before any of the more Northerly Regions, it is a matter of some consideration as to whether or not a definite assigrment of Captains Doddridge and Miller, whose services have beer promised by the Director, should be made rather than that they should be assigned to another Region and remain with Emilia Region on short recall.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

As mentioned in the Monthly Reports for December, 44, and January, 45, and in Para. 1 above, Public Safety Officers continue to perform duties, administrative and otherwise within Eighth Army Area under S.C.A.O., Eighth Army A.M.G.

Of the remainder of Emilia Region, only part of Bologna Province has been liberated, the administration of which is under Fifth Army. The Public Safety Officers of the provinces awaiting liberation on the Fifth Army front, are fully engaged upon Public Safrty Duties within Fifth Army Area and Toscana Region, except Major A.G.P.Way (B) who is engaged temporarily conducting a party of British Police Officers touring Italy for experience of Public Safety Division work under A.C. and A.M.G.

4. CC.RR.

It is regretted that it has not been found possible to present the strength return as required by AC/14601/21/PS of 4 Feb 45. 29

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ADM. OFFICER 6913

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2. STRENGTH OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

The number of Public Safety Officers is 16, a reduction caused by the reassignment under authority HQ,AC Special Order 53, Para. 5, dated 22nd. February, 1945, of Major E.L.Chaney (A).

Major E.A.Baldwin (A) formerly P.P.S.O. Ravenna Province, has been reassigned as P.P.S.O., Forli Province, and Captain L.A. Tompkins (B) as P.P.S.O. Ravenna Province.

This is the second officer who has been relieved of his assignment with the Region, and in view of the heavy task ahead which Emilia Region will presumably be faced before any of the more Northerly Regions, it is a matter of some consideration as to whether or not a definite assignment of Captains Doddridge and Miller, whose services have been promised by the Director, should be made rather than that they should be assigned to another Region and remain with Emilia Region on short recall.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

As mentioned in the Monthly Reports for December, 44, and January, 45, and in Para. 1 above, Public Safety Officers continue to perform duties, administrative and otherwise within Eighth Army Area under S.C.A.O., Eighth Army A.M.G.

Of the remainder of Emilia Region, only part of Bologna Province has been liberated, the administration of which is under Fifth Army. The Public Safety Officers of the provinces awaiting liberation on the Fifth Army front, are fully engaged upon Public Safrty Duties within Fifth Army Area and Toscana Region, except Major A.G.P.Way (B) who is engaged temporarily conducting a party of British Police Officers touring Italy for experience of Public Safety Division work under A.C. and A.M.G.

4. CC.RR.

It is regretted that it has not been found possible to present the strength return as required by AC/14501/21/PS of 4 Feb 45. 29

The figures for February, are:-

Initial allocation	-	1120
Additional allocation	-	37
Recuperated in service	-	595
TOTAL		1752

To date uniform and equipment to about half the indent of October last, has been received.

Whilst the approaching Spring is easing the acute position that has existed throughout the Winter by reason of lack of uniform and kit with consequent lack of protection against the weather, the shabby, patched and threadbare uniformed appearance of the CC.RR. still remains a lowering efficiency and morale factor. This factor has by comparison, been rendered less answerable by the

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the smart, well and warmly clad appearance of the Italian soldiers doing duty in the areas alongside the CC.RR.

Officer strength of Ravenna Province is short and the question of augmentation there and of the Legion generally, has been taken up with the Legion Commander, Colonel Cozzo, who admits of a pressing need for four officers immediately and a further I2 officers when Region is about to be activated.

Because of the demands upon Allied Officer Strength and the possibility that Forli and Ravenna Provinces may soon be reduced to one officer of the P.S. Division, it is a matter of urgency that the Ravenna CC.RR. officer establishment be promptly increased.

5. GENERAL REMARKS.

As the Region is not operating in any part of Fifth Army Area there is nothing to report under the usual standard headings except the arrival of One W.D. reconstructed motor truck with motor pump fitted, which has been placed with the Vigili di Fuoco at Rimini.

W.E.COLLINS, Major,
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.

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Appendix "A", List of P.S. Personnel is attached.

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Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region

NAME		RANK	NAT	No.	ASSIGNMENT	
COLLINS	W.E.	Major	(B)	294468	Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
BOND	R.C.	"	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
WAY	A.G.P.	"	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	- FLORENCE (Tosc
MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B)	291652	" " " "	- LIVORNO (Tempor
HARE	W.R.	"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
BEER	J.J.	"	(B)	185900	" " " "	- FLORENCE (Temp
BALDWIN	E.A.	"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
MANN	W.V.W.	Capt.	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	- MONTECATINI (T
TOMPKINS	L.A.	"	(B)	291775	" " "	RAVENNA
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279405	" " "	- FLORENCE (Temp
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	294824	" " "	CESENA
GREENHILL	T.W.M.	"	(B)	291709	" " "	- PRATO (Temporar
MACKENZIE	N.M.	"	(B)	291651	" " "	- Temporary duty
SCOTT	M.H.	"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	- FLORENCE (Temp
BIGHAM	J.C.	"	(A)	0-908886	" " "	- MONTEPAIDI (Tem
BACKMAN	H.W.	"	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and C.D. Officer	RICCIONE

LOCATION : RICCIONE is HQ of Region.

Change from last Report.

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r	(B)	294468	Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	– FLORENCE (Toscana Region)
	(B)	291652	" " " "	– LIVORNO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
	(B)	185900	" " " "	– FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
t.	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	– MONTECATINI (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
	(B)	291775	" " "	RAVENNA
	(B)	279405	" " "	– FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
	(B)	294824	" " "	CESENA
	(B)	291709	" " "	– PRATO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
	(B)	291651	" " "	– Temporary duty with 13 Corps
	(A)	0-522200	" " "	– FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
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DODD	R.C.	"	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
MAY	A.C.P.	"	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE (To
MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Tem
HARE	W.R.	"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
BEER	J.J.	"	(B)	185900	" " " "	FLORENCE (To
BALDWIN	E.A.	"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
MANN	W.V.W.	Capt.	(B)	291758	Provincial Police Officer	MONTECATINI
TOMPKINS	L.A.	"	(B)	291775	" " "	RAVENNA
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279403	" " "	FLORENCE (To
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	294824	" " "	CESENA
CHURCHILL	T.W.M.	"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Tempo
MACKENZIE	M.M.	"	(B)	291651	" " "	Temporary du
SCOTT	M.H.	"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	FLORENCE (To
BIGHAM	J.C.	"	(A)	0-908836	" " "	MONTEPAGNI (
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"	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
"	(B)	57001	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE (Toscana Region)
"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
"	(B)	185900	" " " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	FORLI'
Capt.	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	MONTECATINI (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	291775	" " "	RAVENNA
"	(B)	279405	" " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(B)	294324	" " "	CESENA
"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	291651	" " "	Temporary duty with 13 Corps.
"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(A)	0-903885	" " "	MONTEPALDI (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and C.D. Officer	RICCIONE

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HEADQUARTERS, EMILIA REGIO
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
A.P.O. 394.

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FILE:- R.IX/PS/19/14. Ist. February, 1945.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY - JAN. 45.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.

THRU:- Regional Commissioner, EMILIA REGION.

I. "As far as the AMG Eighth Army territory is concerned, all Regional Specialist Officers became in effect staff officers of AMG Eighth Army as from 9 Dec 44, and all matters relating to AMG Eighth Army have been made the subject of a special report to the S.C.A.O. It is understood that this report has been forwarded to you by the S.C.A.O.

2. STRENGTH OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

The number of Public Safety Officers is I7, a reduction caused by the departure on the 28th. January, I945, of Lt.Col. E.J.BYE, R.P.S.O., Emilia Region, to take over the command of Public Safety Division, AMG, Fifth Army.

Major W.E.COLLINS, Provincial Public Safety Officer, has been assigned for duty as Regional Public Safety Officer, Emilia Region, as from 28th. January, I945.

Application has been made for another Provincial Public Safety Officer for assignment to Ferrara Province, Emilia Region, in place of Major Collins.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

As mentioned in the Monthly Report for December, I944, and in Par.I above, Public Safety Officers continue to perform duties, administrative and otherwise within Eighth Army Area, under SCAO, Eighth Army AMG.

Of the remainder of Emilia Region only part of Bologna Province has been liberated, the administration of which is entirely under Fifth Army. The Public Safety Officers of those provinces awaiting liberation are fully engaged upon Public Safety duties within Fifth Army Area and Toscana Region.

4. CC.RR.

The initial allocation of CC.RR. for Emilia Region was I,I20 officers and men with a strength 'ceiling' fixed at 3,616 officers and men.

The actual strength in January rose to I,706 Officers and menp an increase of I54 on the December figure, all recuperated personnel with the exception of 37 CC.RR. drafted from Rome early in January.

The analysis of the present strength of officers and men is:-

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Reference again must be made to the urgency of the need for uniform and equipment.

As indicated in last months' report supplies to date only represent a quarter of the indent of October last on the basis of the then existing need.

The position is now aggravated by interval wear and the rejoining for service of steadily increasing numbers of recuperated personnel in complete or partial need of items of uniform and equipment.

Despite the hardships and conditions under which duty is performed in areas liberated after heavy and prolonged fighting and the severe weather, the morale of the CC.RR. is generally good, but numerous cases of sickness are being reported.

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5. GENERAL REMARKS.

As the Region is not operating in any part of the Fifth Army Area there is nothing to report under the usual standard headings.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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W.E.Collins

W.E.COLLINS, Major.
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.

Appendix "A" attached.

Copies to:- Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.
File.

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILDER	
MAJ. LINCKNAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANCOCK	
MAJ. SALVANDY	
CAPT. P. WEL	
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MACKENZIE	T.G.	"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Temp
HARE	W.R.	"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
BALDWIN	E.A.	"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	RAVENNA
CHANEY	E.L.	"	(A)	0-374314	" " " "	FORLI'
MANN	W.V.W.	Capt	(B)	291738	Provincial Police Officer	MONTEGATINI (
TOMPKINS	L.A.	"	(B)	291775	" " "	FAENZA
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	"	(B)	279405	" " "	FLORENCE (Tem
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(B)	294824	" " "	CESENA
+ GREENHILL	T.W.M.	"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Tempor
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SCOTT	M.H.	"	(A)	0-522200	" " "	FLORENCE (Tem
BIGLAM	J.C.	"	(A)	0-908886	" " "	MONTEPALDI (T
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+ Instructions have been received that these two Officers are assigned to PIEMONTE subject to call at 48 hours notice.

LOCATION : RICCIONE is HQ of Region.

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"	(B)	291652	" " " "	LIVORNO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
"	(B)	279374	" " " "	RIMINI
"	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	RAVENNA
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"	(B)	291775	" " "	FAENZA
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"	(B)	291709	" " "	PRATO (Temporary duty Toscana Region)
"	(B)	291651	" " "	Temporary duty with 13 Corps
"	(A)	0-522209	" " "	FLORENCE (Temporary duty)
"	(A)	0-906886	" " "	MONTEVARCHI (Temporary Duty Toscana Region)
"	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and C.D. Officer	RICCIONE

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HEADQUARTERS, EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394.

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FILE:- E.EA/PS/79/7.

1st.January,1945.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C.

1. Strength of Public Safety Division.

Since the report for November, 1944, there has been no change in the number of Public Safety Officers in this Region, namely 18, but there has been one exchange of personnel, viz:- Major Green, Reggio Province, has been transferred for duty in Rome and has been replaced in this Region by Major W. Hare from A.C. H.Q.

Captain R.C.Bond, Assistant R.P.S.O. has been promoted to Major with pay from 25th. August, 1944.

2. Administration.

At 23,59 hours on 9th. December, 1944, Emilia Region took over the Administrative Duties of that part of Emilia Region within 8th. Army Area, under the direction of S.C.A.O., 8th. Army.

This area comprises the whole of Forli Province with the exception of one Commune (which is in 5th. Army Area), and also includes the liberated portion of Ravenna Province. It includes both Provincial Capitals.

A separate report for the month on this part of Public Safety activity has been submitted to A.C.H.Q. through S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 8th.Army.

Of the remainder of the Region only a part of Bologna Province has so far been liberated and is administered entirely by 5th. Army. The Public Safety Officers of those Provinces waiting to be liberated are fully engaged on Public Safety duties within 5th. Army Area and in Tuscany Region.

3. CC.RR.

In addition to the numbers of carabiniere rejoined in Forli and Ravenna (i.e. 310), latest figures show 122 as having rejoined in Bologna Province, making a grand total of 1,952 carabiniere now serving in the Region.

The men rejoining are generally in a bad state as regards clothing and equipment.

A small quantity of uniforms and under-clothes were reported from Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.H.Q. as having been forwarded to this Region on 28th. December, 1944, but so far has not been received. Including the above amount the clothing so far received is less than one quarter of that applied for early in October, 1944, and which it was stated was ready for distribution.

The plight of the Carabiniere in the forward regions is deplorable. Winter has fully set in and it is unreasonable to expect men to give good service when so inadequately clothed. It would seem that the Italian Authorities have little or no regard for their subordinates' welfare.

Further urgent representations are being made to obtain additional supplies of clothing.

The morale of the CC.RR is generally good, especially so in view of the adverse conditions under which they are working.

Numerous cases of sickness are being reported which is only to be

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4. GENERAL REMARKS.

As the Region is not operating in any part of 5th. Army Area there is nothing to report under the usual standard headings.

'A' Further allotments will be made from 1400 tons to be received by rail in Rome from BARI and NAPLES 13/1/45 G.H.Q.

E. J. Pyke
E.J.PYKE, Lt.Col.
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.

Copies to:- Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region (2)
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Appendix "A" to Radio Engineer Letter No. 17/Ry/1947 dated 1st. January, 1948.

Revised Roll of Officers on R.E. Establishment of Radio Sets.

NAME.	RANK.	WAR.	NO.	ARMY/PERS.	PRESENT LOCATION.
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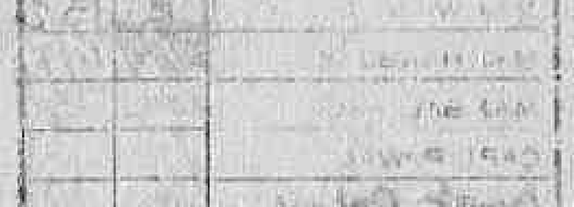
Appendix "A" to Dallas Region Letter D.1C/DW/TD/7 dated 16th January, 1945.

Revised List of Officers on F.D. Establishment of Dallas Region.

NO.	APPOINTMENT.	PRESENT LOCATION.
[illegible]	Regional Public Safety Officer	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Assistant Public Safety Officer	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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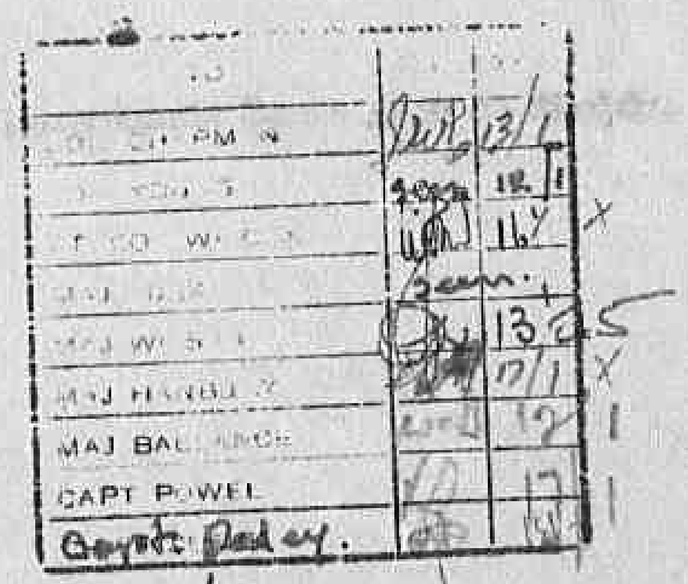
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MAJ BAL[illegible]	[illegible]	12
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Gaynor Dudley.	[illegible]	[illegible]

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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH ARMY
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 339

1120/19

1st January, 1945.

FILE:- P.S/20/19/7.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C. of S.

1. Strength of Public Safety Division.

Since the report for November, 1944, there has been no change in the number of Public Safety Officers in this Region, namely 10, but there has been an exchange of personnel, viz.- Major Green, Deputy Provost, has been transferred for duty in Rome and has been replaced in this Region by Major F. Hare from A.C. H.Q.

Captain R.C.Bond, Assistant P.S.O. has been promoted to Major with pay from 25th. August, 1944.

2. Administration.

At 05.30 hours on 9th. December, 1944, Public Region took over the administrative duties of that part of Public Region within 5th. Army Area, under the direction of A.C.A.C., 5th. Army.

This area comprises the whole of Public Province with the exception of one Comune (which is in 5th. Army area), and also includes the liberated portion of Bologna Province. It includes both Provincial Capitals.

A separate report for the month on this part of Public Safety activity has been submitted to A.C.A.C. through A.C. of S., G-5, 5th. Army.

Of the remainder of the Region only a part of Bologna Province has so far been liberated and is administered entirely by 5th. Army. The Public Safety Officers of those Provinces waiting to be liberated are fully engaged on Public Safety duties within 5th. Army Area and in Tuscan Region.

3. Health.

In addition to the numbers of carabinieri reported in Forli and Ravenna (i.e. 510), latest figures show 122 as having rejoined in Bologna Province, making a grand total of 1,632 carabinieri now serving in the Region.

The men rejoining are generally in a bad state as regards clothing and equipment".

A small quantity of uniforms and under-clothes were reported from Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C. of S., G-5, as having been forwarded to this Region on 29th. December, 1944, but so far has not been received. Including the above amount the clothing so far received is less than one quarter of that applied for early in October, 1944, and which it was stated was ready for distribution.

The plight of the carabinieri in the forward regions is deplorable. Winter has fully set in and it is unreasonable to expect men to give good service when so inadequately clothed. It would seem that the Italian Authorities care little or no regard for their subordinates' welfare.

Further urgent representations are being made to obtain additional supplies of clothing.

The morale of the C.C.R.R. is generally good, especially as in view of

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2. Administration.

At 23.00 hours on 9th. December, 1944, Emilia Region took over the administrative duties of that part of Emilia Region within 5th. Army Area, under the direction of D.C.A.O., 5th. Army.

This area comprises the whole of Forli Province with the exception of one Comune (which is in 5th. Army Area), and also includes the liberated portion of Ravenna Province. It includes both recruited depots.

A separate report for the month on this part of Emilia Public Safety activity has been submitted to C.C.A.O. through A...... A...., 5th. Army.

Of the Province of the Region only a part of Bologna Province has so far been liberated and is administered entirely by 5th. Army. The Public Safety Officers of those Provinces waiting to be liberated are fully engaged on Public Safety duties within 5th. Army Area and in Western Region.

3. Police.

In addition to the numbers of Carabinieri reported in Forli and Ravenna (i.e. 910), latest figures show 722 as having rejoined in Bologna Province, making a grand total of 1,632 Carabinieri now serving in the Region.

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Numerous cases of sickness are being reported which is only to be expected.

4. Civil Affairs.

As the Region is not operating in any part of 5th. Army area there is nothing to report under the usual standard headings.

R.J.W. Dyke
Lt.-Col.
Regional Public Safety Officer,
Emilia Region.

Copies to:- Regional Commissioner,
Emilia Region (2)

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Appendix "A" to Wallis Region letter R.IV/19/19/7 dated 15th January, 1945.

Nominal Roll of officers on R.S. Establishment of Wallis Region.

NAME.		RANK.	REF.	NO.	APPOINTMENT.	PRESENT LOCATION.
BEE	R.J.	Lt.Col.	(1)	270520	Regional Public Safety Officer	HEADQUARTERS
BOND	E.O.	Major	(2)	270334	Ass. " " "	"
KAY	A.G.E.	"	(3)	57004	Divisional Public Safety Officer	HEADQUARTERS (Tem
COLLINS	W.S.	"	(4)	294468	" " " "	ROTUMA
MACDONALD	E.G.	"	(5)	201652	" " " "	LEVUKA (Temp
EARL	H.R.	"	(6)	270374	" " " "	KLOLOMOTU
PALMER	L.A.	"	(7)	0-195156	" " " "	SAVUSAVU
CHANEY	L.J.	"	(8)	0-374314	" " " "	NADI
MOSS	W.V.H.	Capt.	(9)	291753	Provincial Police Officer	HEADQUARTERS (
TAYLOR	L.A.	"	(10)	293775	" " "	RABAKA
EDWARDS	L.A.E.	"	(11)	278405	" " "	HEADQUARTERS (Tem
WILLIS	W.L.	"	(12)	293021	" " "	CEVUKA
* CRAMPHILL	T.W.N.	"	(13)	291709	" " "	LEVUKA (Tempora
* MACKENZIE	N.M.	"	(14)	291574	" " "	Temporary duty
SCOTT	H.H.	"	(15)	0-532203	" " "	HEADQUARTERS (Tem
BIGGAR	J.C.	"	(16)	0-303265	" " "	MONTEVIDEO (
HARMAN	H.W.	"	(17)	0-295400	Regional Fire and A.R.P. Officer	HEADQUARTERS

* Instructions have been received that these two officers are assigned to HEADQUARTERS ARMY and ordered to

LOCATION. DUTIES of Officers.

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Annex "A" to Italia Region letter F.IX/Ev/19/7 dated 1st. January, 1945.

Central Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Italia Region.

No.	Appointment.	Present Location.
[illegible]	Regional Public Safety Officer	ROVIGO
[illegible]	Asst. " " "	
[illegible]	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE (Toscana Region)
[illegible]	" " " "	RIMINI
[illegible]	" " " "	LIVORNO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
[illegible]	" " " "	SIENA
[illegible]	" " " "	LUCCA
[illegible]	" " " "	PISA
[illegible]	Provincial Police Officer	UMBRIA (Temporary duty Toscana Reg)
[illegible]	" " "	PERUGIA
[illegible]	" " "	TERNI (Temporary Duty)
[illegible]	" " "	GROSSETO
[illegible]	" " "	AREZZO (Temporary duty, Toscana Region)
[illegible]	" " "	Temporary duty with II Corps.
[illegible]	" " "	PISTOIA (Temporary duty)
[illegible]	Regional Fire and A.R.P. Officer	MASSA-CARRARA (Temp. Duty, Toscana Reg.)
		ANCONA

(a) received that these two Officers are assigned to LIVORNO (ROMA) and subject to call at 48 hours notice.

(b) MASSA-CARRARA to H.Q. at Naples.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT : Report of fire stations, equipment and personnel, Forli Province.

TO : Lt. Col. E.J. BYE, Public Safety Division, Emilia Region.

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The following is a report of a survey made of the Fire Stations, Equipment and Personnel of the Province of Forli.

Fire Stations City of Forli

There are two fire stations located in the City of Forli.

Headquarters station located on Via Matucci 11; before hostilities, had a personnel of twenty (20) men. This station was badly damaged, but repairs are being made. The firemen are assisting in cleaning up the debris and in the repairs in addition to their other duties.

At present the second station in the City, location Viale Corriolamip is occupied by British Troops. This station is in good condition and is used as a garage. It had accomodation for twenty (20) men most of whom are now station=ned at Headquarters. This has resulted in some overcrowding at Headquarters as the men sleep in the Air Raid Shelter or Basement and there are also civilians there.

There are no lights, water, fire alarm or telephones. Parts of Headquarters building is in use to house two pieces of apparatus. The workshop and store house located across the yard were not damaged to any extent.

Fire Fighting Equipment

In peace time there were sixteen (16) pieces of fire apparatus in the City. At present there is only one five hundred (500) gallon trailer pump and a ladder truck which was moved from Cesena to tow the pump. (See attached sheet).

Many parts are needed throughout the Province so that some of the old pieces can be made usable.

There are about one hundred (100) lengths of good hose on hand and more can be obtained from Cesena if necessary. Other appliances such as play pipes, wyes, gates, etc. are sufficient.

There are no batteries, tires or tubes and not sufficient gasoline and oil.

Personnel

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There are three permanent men and 32 volunteers, but the latter are on a permanent basis for the present making a total of 35 full time firemen. The last pay received was October 31.

Rations consist of 100 grams meat, 425 bread, 28 grams vegetables.

A list of clothing requirements has been submitted to Major Chaney.

The firemen are allowed one day off in five. This system keeps about 30 men on duty all of the time.

While there is some overcrowding in the sleeping quarters there were no complaints.

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The men in addition to their regular duties of fire fighting are inspecting dangerous buildings and walls, removing bodies when necessary, and are assisting the AMG officials in any way possible.

As there are no telephones, one fireman is detailed to the British Army Fire Fighting Section. His duty is in case of fire to ride his bicycle to the station and notify the firemen.

Recommendations

1. That some means of communication be established with the fire department throughout the province.

2. At present there is no public water supply and it is necessary to carry water for extinguishing fires. Water will probably be available in a few days and a modern pumper should be sent to this city. This does not mean that one pump will provide sufficient protection. A mobile squad of water tanks and pumps is being formed in Rome and would recommend that six of these be sent to Forli as well as the pump mentioned above. Ladders are also needed. The value of a tank truck was demonstrated on the night of Dec 2, when bombs were dropped in Cesena setting fire to the railroad station. The tank truck from the Cesena Fire Station responded and extinguished the fire.

3. As Cesena seems to have saved most of its equipment more use can be made of it in other Communes.

4. The Provincial Fire Officer should make frequent inspections of the stations and equipment to check the progress that is being made as well as the cleanliness of apparatus and quarters also the needs of the stations and men.

5. That refugees should not be allowed to live in the Air Raid Shelter in the basement of headquarters. Air Raid Shelters are for emergency use and not to be used as a home. This applies to other Air Raid Shelters in the City also.

6. That public buildings and places of assembly be inspected by firemen before being used.

7. Pails of water should be placed in buildings where movies are held and exits properly marked and illuminated.

8. There is a large water tank truck located in the Ufficio Autotrasporti (Civilian Motor Truck Pool) located at 66 Vittorio Emanuele which should be placed in running order and used by the fire department. It is the property of the Commune and has a capacity of about 4 meters.

9. That some wrecking tools be provided.

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SUBJECT : Report of fire stations, equipment and personnel, Cesena.

TO : Lt. Col. E.J. BYE, Public Safety Division, Emilia Region.

Cesena

The fire station located in Cesena also the equipment was the best of any in the Province. The station and billets were clean and the stock room neat.

There are billets for 25 men.

No fire alarm system or telephones are in service, however there are lights and water part of the time. There are approximately 30 hydrants having a pressure of 2.5 Atms.

Equipment

Prior to the war there were six pieces of apparatus including a passenger car. Due to the foresight of the officers and men all of this equipment was hidden until the Germans had left. (See attached sheet).

In addition to the above there were two old hand pumps and an extension ladder.

There is about 2600 feet of hose on hand and a sufficient amount of playpipes, wyes, and various connections as well as refills for foam and other types of extinguishers, also short wall and scaling ladders.

Personnel

The personnel consists of one permanent fireman and 22 volunteers. All are employed full time at present.

These men are not getting heavy rations but this was brought to Major Chaney's attention. A list of clothing requirements has also been submitted to him.

The department was paid up through October 31.

The firemen are performing similar duties as in other parts of the Province.

There are two section of the Army Fire Service located here.

The men receive one day off in five.

Recommendation

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Recommendation

1. That some means of communication be established, as soon as possible, with the fire department throughout the Province so that mutual aid can be established, also with the Army Fire Units. 16

2. The Department probably has enough equipment but should not be drawn too heavily upon by other towns.

3. There is a scarcity of wrecking tools and machinery throughout the Province and some should be provided.

4. While the premises were kept in good condition under the circumstances, the Commandants of the Province should make frequent inspections to check on the officers and men.

HENRY W. HACKMAN
Capt., Spec. Res.
Fire Officer Emilia Region.

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SUBJECT : Report of fire stations, equipment and personnel, Rocca S. Casciano.

TO : Lt. Col. E.J. KYE, Public Safety Division, Emilia Region.

Rocca S. Casciano

Part of the Municipio was used as a fire station until the arrival of Polish troops in the town. These troops took over the station and the Firemen were obliged to move their apparatus and equipment to a nearby building.

There are no telephones or fire alarm system, nor lights, water, heat or billets in the present building.

Equipment

As this was always a small volunteer department, very little apparatus and equipment was kept here. It consisted of one Fiat pumper and a Bianchi passenger car and a small portable pump, also an old hand pump. The portable pump was taken by the Polish Troops and has not been recovered yet.

While there is sufficient hose there is a shortage of play pipes and fittings.

The hand pump should not be relied upon for protection.

There are about 50 hydrants in the town with a pressure of 4 Atms.

Personnel

The department consist of 22 volunteers all on full time at present. Same working hours are in force as in Forli and Cesena.

Last salary was received through October 31.

Rations consist of 500 grams of bread. There was some complaining about this.

A list of clothing requirements has been submitted to Major Chaney.

There are no billets in the station and the men sleep at home.

In addition to their regular duties, the men are helping out where necessary.

There are not less than 14 men on duty during the day and evening.

Recommendations

1. Provisions should be made so that the firemen can sleep in quarters near the apparatus.

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2. Some means of communication should be established between this department and the others in the Province. 15

3. That every effort be made to recover the pump taken by the Polish Troops.

4. Frequent inspections of equipment and men should be made by the Provincial Comandante.

5. A siren should be installed to notify the firemen in case of fire.

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13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Report of fire stations, equipment and personnel, Rimini.

TO : Lt. Col. E.J. EMB, Public Safety Division, Emilia Region.

Rimini

The fire station in Rimini is located in a part of the large municipal garage. While the building was damaged some, the part occupied by the fire department was not damaged and troops have taken over part of the building.

The department was volunteer but there were accomadations for 26 men until the troops arrived. The men now sleep at home.

The office is clean and the section housing the equipment is neat and in order.

At present there is no telephone or fire alarm system.

Equipment

Before the war there were six pieces of apparatus housed here and at present there in only one, a Fiat tank truck and an old extension ladder on wheels. This piece being very useful at present.

Hose on hand consists of about 200 meters and some miscellaneous fittings.

Efforts are being made by the firemen to assemble apparatus from parts found around the City.

Two large water tanks are located here, but have no chasis.

A British Army Fire Fighting Unit, consisting of Headquarters and two Sections are located in the City and are very cooperative.

I inquired if any assistance could be given by the U.N.R.A. in regard to equipment but was informed that it did not function at present.

Water is on in part of the city. There are approximately 60 hydrants having a pressure of 4 Atms.

There are no spare tires, tubes, batteries, etc.

Personnel

The department was volunteer and consisted of 26 men including officers. At present they are all employed full time.

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The men have a day off in three. This differs from the working hours in the rest of the Province.

At present no men are sleeping at the Caserma, but most of them live nearby. During the day and evening there are at least 16 men on duty.

Rations consist of 400 grams of bread.

Last pay received was for September and the Comandante had gone to Forli this day to see the Prefect in regards to their salary.

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A list of clothing requirements has been submitted to Major Chaney.

Recommendations

1. Part of the station should be equipped as soon as possible so that at least some of the men can sleep there.

2. Some means of communication should be established between other stations in the Province.

3. That a Comandante be appointed by the Ministry of the Interior.

4. The men should have the same working hours as the other firemen in the Province.

5. Apparatus is needed and four pumpers should be secured.

6. As water is only two feet below the surface it has resulted in many of the cellars as well as Air Raid Shelters being flooded and if the latter are to be kept in condition must be pumped out.

7. There is a scarcity of wrecking tools and some effort should be made to secure some. There are many dangerous walls and buildings in the city.

8. The Comandante of the Province should make frequent inspections.

9. A siren should be installed to notify the fireman when there is a fire.

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Fire Officer Emilia Region.

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List of equipment actually in use at the Corps.

Forli Corps :

1 Fiat 18 B.L.R. truck with pump and tank with a capacity of 4.000 liters (in need of new radiator).

1 SPA General service truck.

1 Fiat 501 - small pick-up truck (in need of new motor block, radiator needs repairing, various repairs to the body) and a complete wheel is missing.

1 Benelli 500 cc tricycle - (completely useless).

1 Moto Taurus Tipo 500 - Motorcycle (missing a tire, size 3.5x19)

1 Fiat 525 general service truck (missing a differential, two complete wheels and 5 tires, lamps, wiring and other accessories).

1 Ceirano small pick up truck (no tires-size 740x140, no dinamo or magnet, no ventilator and body.

1 Portable gasoline pump capable of pumping 600 to 1000 liters a minute, in good condition.

1 Portable gasoline pump capable of pumping 500 liters a minute not in good condition.

1 Bosk generator in good use.

Other equipment:

3 ladders (adjoining, extension) 9.30 meters.
6 ladders (hook type) 4 meters.
2 ladders - folding rope type.
200 meters of hose (canvas-hemp) m/m 70 and 45.
6 hydrants adjustable for wood fires.
12 nozzles
20 shovels
10 forks
10 pick-axes
3 ropes-hemp.

Rimini Detachment :

1 Fiat 603 truck with tank
1 Scala Magirus aerial ladder extending 22 meters
200 meters of hose (canvas-hemp) diameter 70 and 45; and other anti-incendiary material.

Cesena Detachment:

1 Lancia Trikappa - salvage truck and wrecker
1 passenger car, Ansaldo, needs 5 tires.
1 Spa truck with tank capacity 4000 liters

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1 passenger car, Ansaldo, needs 5 tires.
1 Spa truck with tank capacity 4000 liters
3 portable gasoline pumps
2 portable hand pumps capable of pumping 200 liters a minute.
1 ladder (aerial) extension 25 meters
800 meters of hose (hemp) m/m 70 and 45.
12 fire extinguishers, liquid and dry, various ladders and equipment necessary for the service.

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Rocca San Casciano Detachment :

1 portable Fiat truck 507 to pump 1000 liters a minute
1 passenger car, Bianchi 8-5
1 portable hand pump 200 liters a minute, other equipment necessary to perform duty.

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List of equipment that the Corps had in its possession prior to requisition by German troops.

Forli Corps :

1 Fire truck, type Ceirano C.R. 48 with tank capacity of 3600 liters and pump capable of pumping 1000 liters a minute.
1 Fire truck, type Fiat 18 B.L.R. with tank capacity of 4000 liters and pump capable of pumping 400 liters a minute.
1 Fiat 626 Fire truck with pump capable of pumping 1500 liters a minute.
1 Fiat 15 Ter fire truck with pump capable of pumping 1000 liters a minute.
1 Fiat 525 general service fire truck
1 Fiat 1100 " " " "
1 Fiat 501 " " " "
1 Fiat 519 " " " "
1 Fiat 15 ter " " " "
1 Ceirano small pick-up truck
1 Benelli 500 tricycle
1 Taurus MG 500 motorcycle with side car
1 Fiat 1100 passenger car
1Fiat 621 fire truck with tank capacity of 2000 liters
6 portable gasoline pumps capable of pumping 500 to 1000 liters a minute
1 Bosch electric generator 100 watt.

Rimini Detachment :

1 Alfa Romeo fire truck with pump capable of pumping 1000 liters a minute
1 Fiat 501 fire truck with pump capable of pumping 1000 liters a minute
1 Fiat 28/40 general service firetruck
1 Fiat 603 fire truck with tank capacity of 2500 liters
2 portable gasoline pumps capable of pumping 600 liters a minute,

Cesena Detachment :

1 Lancia Trikappa general service fire truck
1 Ansaldo passenger car
1 Spa fire truck with tank capacity of 4000 liters and a pump capable of pumping 600 liters a minute
3 portable gasoline pumps capable of pumping 600 to 1000 liters a minute,

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1 Bianchi 8-5 passenger car.

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FILE:- R.IX/PS/19/3. 30th. November, 1944.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT.

TO:- Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.C.

I. Strength of Public Safety Division.

The strength of Emilia Public Safety Division remains at 18 as previously reported.

Although recently conditions in the front line have been fairly static, Public Safety Officers have been kept fully occupied, many of them assisting in in TOSCANA REGION as shown hereunder:-

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Capt.W.V.W.MANN	-	" " Montecatini.
Capt.L.A.E.EDDINGS	-	" " Florence City.
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There is little fresh to report with regard to the CC.RR. Their morale continues good and 200 of them who were waiting in Florence to go forward to the Provinces of REGGIO, PARMA and PIACENZA, are now being used to man 'check posts' in the 8th. Army Area.

Only a small portion of new clothing has been received and further supplies are urgently required especially as the cold weather is now approaching.

3. Motor Car Circulation Permits.

Motor car Circulation Permits are being issued for cars in the Republic of SAN MARINO on similar lines to those issued in the VATICAN CITY.

This is being done by a Public Safety Officer attached to A.M.G. 8th. Army, and on completion a report will be submitted giving details.

4. Occupation of Region.

Practically the whole of FORLI Province has now been occupied, also a small part of Bologna and Ravenna Provinces, but none is at present under Regional control. Therefore, there is nothing to report under the usual standard headings.

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MAJ. UCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		12/12/44
MAJ HANBURY		13/12
MAJ BALLANCE		16/12
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Nominal Roll of Officers on P.S. Establishment of Emilia Region.

NAME		RANK		SERIAL NO.	NATURE OF DUTIES BEING PERFORMED	ACTUAL LOCATION.
BYE	E.J.	Lt-Col.	(B)	279390	Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCIONE
BEER	J.J.	Major	(B)	185900	Provincial Public Safety Officer	FLORENCE
WAY	A.G.F.	Major	(B)	57001	" " " "	FLORENCE (TOSCANA REG
COLLINS	T.E.	Major	(B)	294159	" " " "	RICCIONE
MACKENZIE	T.G.	Major	(B)	291652		Temporary duty at LIVORNO (TOSCANA Reg.
GREEN	F.G.	Major	(B)	267733	" " " "	Temporary duty at LUCCA (TOSCANA Reg.)
BALDWIN	E.A.	Major	(A)	0-196156	" " " "	CERVIA
CHANEY	E.L.	Major	(A)	0-374044	" " " "	FORLI
MANN	W.V.W.	Capt.	(B)	291756		Temporary duty at MONTEVATINI
BOND	R.C.	Capt.	(B)	279394	Assistant Regional Public Safety Officer	RICCICNE
TOMPKINS	L.A.	Capt.	(B)	291775	Provincial Police Officer	Temporary duty with 13 Corps.
EDDINGS	L.A.E.	Capt.	(B)	279403	" " "	Temporary duty in FLORENCE (TOSCANA Reg
WILLIS	W.L.	Capt.	(B)	294824	" " "	CESENA
+ GREENHILL	T.W.M.	Capt.	(B)	291709	" " "	Temporary duty at PRATO (TOSCANA Reg)
+ MACKENZIE	N.M.	Capt.	(B)	291651	" " "	Temporary duty with 13 Corps
SCOTT	M.H.	Capt.	(A)	0-522200	" " "	Temporary duty in FLORENCE (Toscana Reg
BACKMAN	R.W.	Capt	(A)	0-526400	Regional Fire and EAD Officer	RICCIONE
BIGHAM	J.O.	Capt.	(A)	0-508686	Provincial Police Officer	MONTEPALDI

LOCATIONS. RICCIONE is HQ of Region. Others temporary HQ of Provincial teams prior to movement forward.

+ Instructions have been received that these two officers are assigned to PIEMONTE Region and subject to call at 48 hours' notice.

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