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Good arrests are reported from all Provinces and such are doing much to raise the prestige of the force in the eyes of the Public. One or two newspapers have however, had to be warned that they cause alarm to the Public by giving a great deal of publicity to robberies but little or no publicity to arrests.

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All Provinces report a steady improvement in morale and the force is operating quietly and efficiently as is proved by the quantities of contraband goods that have been seized and held pending court proceedings.



A certain amount of equipment and arms have been obtained during December but such supplies as are ~~xxxx~~ being received are coming through so slowly as to do little more than replace that which has become useless through fair wear and tear. This force, as all other P.S. Agencies, is badly in need of transport to assist in overcoming the poor communication facilities. Thieves and smugglers are all equipped with fast motor cars while the Police are dependent on old vehicles generally with bad tyres and even bicycles.

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2. CRIME

The general position with regard to crime shows little change during the month. There are still far too many armed robberies in spite of some excellent arrests. With the high cost of living and the shortage of employment that enables a man to maintain even a modest standard of living, it is feared that crimes of the robbery and burglary classes will continue until a more settled state of affairs exists in the world in general. When the handicap of the lack of transport and communications is considered, it is somewhat surprising that the Police succeed as well as they do, in the tracking down and arresting the persons concerned.

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5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

Veneral disease is reported to be on the increase in Udine, thirty-two prostitutes being arrested in December. Verona report the arrest of twenty five and Bolzano, seventy two prostitutes. Other Provinces report no V.D. problem.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

Excellent- All branches of the Civilian Police services are co-operating to the full with the Military Police and the FSS. Co-operation is such that there is no fear of it breaking down after the departure of AMG. In fact, the Italians are already working direct with their allied counter-parts.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

Italian. The usual complaint is of course, the slow speed with which they operate. Vicenza for example, has nearly four hundred cases waiting to be heard and this is one of the main reasons for the hopeless overcrowding of the Civil Prisons. Thanks to the representation made last month by the Regional Legal Officer, the sentences passed by the Venice Courts have been made much more severe and much more in keeping with the crimes committed.

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4. PUBLIC MEETINGS

Authorised meetings have been held in all Provinces but all have passed off without incident.



STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

5. It would convey the wrong impression to describe Public Morale as satisfactory as it has shown a distinct decline since winter conditions have been encountered added to which there is the bad effect of the very high cost of living and the shortage of fuel for heating. The impending "handover" which had been so long delayed as to be the hope of so many Italian Citizens that it would be still further postponed, is viewed with apprehension by many. There is however, no lack of confidence among the Italian Authorities as to their capability to handle the situation. The fact that the death sentence of the Schio murderers has been commuted to that of life imprisonment, has generally been very well received. The opinion of many being that to execute these men after such a long passage of time would have been most inhumane and uncivilised.

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The arrangement between AMG Region XII (as reported last month) and 13 Corps for the issue of Permits has worked very smoothly but as yet it has not been decided who will sign these permits when once Allied Officers leave the Region. 13 Corps will not authorise any Italian Agency to sign the pass and insist on the signature of an Allied Officer.

Udine Province reports that because railway tickets are only sold to holders of AMG passes, a little black market in tickets to Venezia Giulia, has been formed. This "racket" is likely to continue until more frequent checks are instituted.

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IV FIRES1. General

There are no changes to report during December and all the Provincial Brigades are working smoothly and efficiently.

Uniform and Boots.

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TRAINING OF THE CIVILIAN SQUADS

One school has been started in Venice with the co-operation of the Italian Navy and trainees will be mostly used on the clearance of the coastal areas.

The second training school is scheduled to open in Mogliano Veneto ( Casa della S.I.I. ) and will train civilians for the Belluno Treviso Districts.

Both the a/m schools have all the necessary equipment in the way of samples and detectors etc.

Un-exploded Bombs and Abandoned Ammunition.

Still another really satisfactory months work can be reported. And now nearly at the end of AMF in the Region, orders have been issued by No 2 District that all Civilian squads are to cease work and conform to the Army PLAN, whatever that may be. One point has been made evident, the right and only solution to the menace of abandoned ammunition has been reached but not by the correct and orthodox method. Bomb Disposal has been equally successful and it is to be hoped that these squads be permitted to continue to function.

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b) Their families were left destitute and without means of support while the bread-winners were in prison.

d) Justice was not carried out equally in all districts. Four Fascists were shot at Verona in November, while the Schio murderers were still alive. Why?

One man was wounded when said to be attempting a "get away".

The demonstrators were mostly political and were all serving long sentences.



The three Schio murderers whose sentences have just been commuted from life to life imprisonment, have been safely moved from Venice to Udine at the express instructions of the Legal Sub-Commission. No doubt this has been done to keep them in AMG controlled territory but from a safety point of view, Udine Prison leaves much to be desired.

During the month permission was obtained from the Ministry of Grace and Justice, to transfer two hundred prisoners to the island prisons of Elba and Pianosa and fifty more to a Prison in Piedmonte. In spite of the difficulties of such a transfer in winter some eighty have already left Padova. This has been made possible only by the co-operation and assistance that has been so freely given to us by Dr. Messerisi, Prison Director of Florence, the Prison Director of Lucca, Col. Carrai, Legion Commander CC.RR Livorno, Major Mazarrella, CC.RR Group Commander Lucca, all of whom had worked with this same Public Safety Division when it formed part of Toscana Region in 1944/45. This reciprocation of help has been most gratifying.

The general Prison Conditions have little or no improvement since Lt. Guarini left for USA. There is a desperate shortage of bedding of all kinds. The 10,000 blankets that were released to Livorno awaiting train transport which has only just materialised and they are awaited daily.

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VIII GENERAL

1. a. For list of Public Safety Officers see appendix A.
- b. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

The position with regard to Public Safety has been made even more difficult during December than in previous months due to shortage of Public Safety Officers in the Provinces. See Appendix A.

Only six of the attached sixteen Officers have completed a full months duty in December.

The Italian Police Forces are all maintaining a steady improvement. Crime of all kinds is still to frequent but only more settled conditions in the World generally, can hope to relieve

this position, but the Italian Authorities can be relied upon to keep crime in check and it is to be hoped that an more CE. RR. will be moved from the Region.

The Italian Authorities have all been advised to continue the drive against hidden arms.

2. SYNOPSIS OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

Again a quiet month with no major disturbances and no demonstrations of political interest.

The dismay at the fall of the Farri Government seems to have given way to relief that De Gasperi has been able to form a new Government.

The Quere of Belluno summed up the general position very well when he said "The man in the street is too preoccupied with finding employment, food and fuel to worry about Politics".

The greater part of the law-abiding citizens are apprehensive of the future and are of the opinion that ANS should have remained until after the Elections.

*J.B. Forster*

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APPENDIX "A"

PROVINCIAL STAFF  
LIAP

Name	Duty	Date left LIAP	Date returned LIAP
Lt. Col F.C. Green	H.Q. R.P.S.O	(E) 29 Nov	-
Major W.R. Hare	H.Q. Security	(E) 8 Nov	-
Capt L.W. Toes	H.Q. Executive	(E) 16 Nov	23 Dec
Capt J.B. Forster	H.Q. Fire Mines	(E) -	-
Major H.S. Harris	Venice	(E) 23 Nov	14 Dec
Capt G.I. Lee	Udine	(E) 2 Nov	-
Major J.T. Manuel	Udine	(E) 8 Dec	-
Major W. Sykes	Udine	(E) -	-
Captain A.B. Baker	Treviso	(E) 8 Nov	19 Dec
Major T.P. Cotten	Treviso	(E) 14 Dec	-
Captain T. Glasspool	Trento	(E) -	-
Captain G.W. Brown	Bolzano	(E) -	-
Captain D.J. Hopkins	Bolzano	(E) 29 Dec	-
Captain J.H. Doeridge	Belluno	(E) 8 Nov	17 Dec
Major E. Powell	Rovigo	(E) 20 Dec	-
Major T.G. Mackenzie	Verona	(E) -	-

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JUDICIARY PRISONS:

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|---|--|
| 1. ROVICO   | 10. PORDENONE (UDINE)                  |
| 2. TREVISO  | 11. CASELMA 720 FANTERIA (VERONA)      |
| 3. VICENZA  | 12. S.M. MAGGIORE (VENEZIA)            |
| 4. TRENTO   | 13. PADOVA                             |
| 5. BELLUNG  |  |
| 6. UDINE  |  |
| 7. BOLZANO  |  |
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POPULATION REPORT AS OF 31-DEC-1945

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6.	65	6	145	12	239	18
7.	20	2	5	0	251	23
8.	4	1	17	1	1	0
9.	8	1	24	2	14	1
10.	26	1	53	2	59	1
11.	79	5	26	1	496	11
12.	143	0	113	0	683	0
13.	15	2	0	1	246	27
14.	433	0	3	0	331	0
15.	57	0	2	0	207	0
16.	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	0	113	0	32	0	0
18.	60	0	15	0	0	34
19.	15	0	1	0	212	0
20.	1	0	17	0	170	0
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20.	1	0	0	0	170	0	
21.	1	0	0	0	297	0	
22.	12	0	0	0	94	0	
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TOTAL of 79 Bandamentale prisons (approx)		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	
				6,308,00		1,500,00	
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APO 394

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Morale etc.

Carabinieri morale continues to show improvement. Clothing and equipment continue, as always, to be their main pre-occupation and with the imminence of winter, which in these parts is always of a very hard nature, they are justified in being somewhat apprehensive about this. Blankets and underclothing and woollen socks are especially needed and it is to be hoped that the clothing which is said to be on the way will arrive shortly.



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All ranks are settling down well to their normal duties and all P.P.S.O.s report good arrests by CC.RR., arrests which in themselves are doing much to raise the general prestige of the CC.RR. in the eyes of the public.

In Padua Province CC.RR. have identified many persons responsible for armed robberies, six persons have been arrested and a considerable amount of stolen property recovered. Another notable arrest was of four men who had ordered another to deposit 100,000 lire at a given place.

Treviso reports five arrests for armed robbery and ten for possession of firearms.

There has also been an encouraging number of arrests in Udine Province to a total of 22 for the month. Among these are a number for armed robbery and it is confidently expected that these arrests will have a good effect so far as this class of crime is concerned. One armed robber was shot and killed by CC.RR. during the month and a number ~~a number~~ of others participating in armed conflict with the CC.RR. fled leaving behind a quantity of arms, ammunition and hand grenades.

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(b) Questura

Changes in Officials during the month :- Nil.  
The position of Questore in Vicenza is temporarily held by ZANGELLA Gasperino, Captain of CC.RR. loaned from Padua Command, formerly for duties with the Court of Assize - he is carrying out his duties satisfactorily.

Morale of Agenti di P.S. is good: they also lack clothing



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and equipment and are hopeful of receiving supplies shortly through the channels of the Ministry of the Interior. Generally speaking they are working well and they can also be credited with a number of useful arrests during the month.

Padua reports 20 arrests for theft, 8 for armed robbery and three for detention of arms.

Udine reports arrests for unlawful possession of Allied property, black market operations and possession of forged currency.

Venice also reports arrests by Questura Agents in eight cases of robbery.

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Complaints are still being received that assigned food rations are not being received but this is common to all services which are on civilian rations and is due to shortage of certain commodities.

It has been possible to provide some arms for this Corps also but there is still a shortage in this respect.

(f) Auxiliary Police

Much cleaning up has been carried out in the ranks of the various auxiliary police bodies and much good work is being done

by them. Supplies of clothing and finance have been forthcoming from the Ministry of the Interior and it is hoped that many members of the existing Auxiliary Police will be absorbed into the Regular Police service under the recent decree of the Luogotenente.

(g) Polizia Controllo Economico

This body is working quietly and performing some useful service. I am of opinion that there is no justification however for maintaining an elaborate Regional set-up for such a small organisation. I have discussed this matter with the Regional Commander, Captain Girardi, and also with the Prefetto Ispettore Dott. Rosati and both have said that they have taken or will take up the matter with Rome.

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UDINE Province reports a slight improvement but there is still a serious crime return which includes 1 murder, 29 robberies, 3 attempt robberies. On the 21st October the body of one DE BASIO Giovanni was recovered from the Torrente Torre.



He was kidnapped from his home on the 17th Oct and it is considered that he was murdered for political reasons.

VERONA. Armed robberies have also occurred in Verona Province but this class of crime is not considered on the increase in this Province where there have been several good arrests, 30 persons in all being arrested by CC.RR. for robberies committed during the last days of October and month of November.

VENICE Province also reports numbers of armed robberies (25) and also good arrests by Police Agencies for this class of offence. On the 16th November at S. Stino Livenza whilst CC.RR. were searching the house of one BOATTO G., a dangerous person who has several times been known to utter threats against the CC.RR., BOATTA fired on the CC.RR. and made good his escape. Later when two CC.RR. were returning to the Caserma masked men fired at them with machine guns. One CC.RR. was wounded. The masked men then threw hand grenades against the house of the Sindaco. Three men have been arrested as the result of enquiries which are proceeding. On the 17th November at Mestre, unknown persons tried to stop a truck and fired several shots at the driver. A woman passenger was seriously wounded. On the same day at CHIOGGIA fifteen armed and masked men stole 110,000 lire and goods to the value of 300,000 lire from a house. Called on to halt by the CC.RR. they opened fire which was returned by the CC.RR. From blood trails it is believed that several were wounded and enquiries are proceeding which it is hoped will lead to arrests.

VICENZA Province reports an increase in robberies and the P.O. is taking energetic measures to deal with these cases by the institution of night patrols of CC.RR. assisted by Italian Military transport.

Judging from the foregoing the situation with regard to crime must appear, as it is, far from satisfactory. It must be remembered however that the times are still very much out of joint. The main cause undoubtedly of this situation is economic and if and when economic conditions are improved, so will the crime situation improve. Meanwhile police agencies are alive to the gravity of the situation and are doing their best to deal with it.

### 3. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CIVILIANS.

Despite the efforts of Police there are still too many firearms in possession of criminal elements. Several arrests have been made however in all Provinces and numbers of arms are

offence. On the 16th November at S. Stino Livenza whilst CC.RR. were searching the house of one BOATTO G., a dangerous person who has several times been known to utter threats against the CC.RR., BOATTA fired on the CC.RR. and made good his escape. Later when two CC.RR. were returning to the Caserma masked men fired at them with machine guns. One CC.RR. was wounded. The masked men then threw hand grenades against the house of the Sindaco. Three men have been arrested as the result of enquiries which are proceeding. On the 17th November at Mestre, unknown persons tried to stop a truck and fired several shots at the driver. A woman passenger was seriously wounded. On the same day at CHIoggia fifteen armed and masked men stole 110,000 lire and goods to the value of 300,000 lire from a house. Called on to halt by the CC.RR. they opened fire which was returned by the CC.RR. From blood trails it is believed that several were wounded and enquiries are proceeding which it is hoped will lead to arrests.

VICENZA Province reports an increase in robberies and the P.O. is taking energetic measures to deal with these cases by the institution of night patrols of CC.RR. assisted by Italian Military transport.

Judging from the foregoing the situation with regard to crime must appear, as it is, far from satisfactory. It must be remembered however that the times are still very much out of joint. The main cause undoubtedly of this situation is economic and if and when economic conditions are improved, so will the crime situation improve. Meanwhile police agencies are alive to the gravity of the situation and are doing their best to deal with it. 663

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Treviso Province has seized this month 28 rifles, 2 sub machine guns, 1 automatic pistol and 4 hand grenades.



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Udine Province, on the 15 October in region of Cordinons a raid by CC.RR. recovered 3 Mauser rifles, 3 muskets model 91, 65 clips for automatic arms, 1300 cartridges for rifle Breda. Arms in good condition. On the 2nd Nov at the Monastero of Aquileia CC.RR. recovered 1 Mauser rifle, 1 German semi-automatic in good condition and a small number of cartridges and clips.

On the 5th November (approximately) the CC.RR. recovered from an air raid shelter at Fiume Veneto, 24 mortar bombs, 4 Panzerfausts, 9 Breda bombs, 14 German hand grenades, 3 small grenades, 10 cases S.A.A. all in good condition.

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#### 7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

Italian Courts - The usual lament is being received of the slowness of Italian Courts in disposing of Allied Military cases and also of absurdly inadequate sentences pronounced in the cases. The Regional Legal Officer is taking up these matters with the Procuratore Generale at Venice and it is hoped soon to see an improvement in both these matters. Arrangements have been made for cases in which inadequate sentences have been given to be reviewed by the Italian Legal Authorities of the Court of Venice and Provincial Commissioners have been requested to insist on regular returns of proclamation cases tried, and to call for immediate explanation where sentences appear improper.

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Again nothing of a serious nature; the usual minor demonstrations have occurred in connection with occasional shortage of food and commodities. No untoward incidents.

In Udine Province there have been five incidents in which hands grenades have been thrown by persons unknown against houses or buildings. The cause is said in each case political. These have however been isolated instances and are not to be regarded as



symptomatic of much else than a superfluity of hand grenades and hot headedness.

On 20th November at Alberedo di Adige (Verona) CC.RR. arrested a drunk. Another man threatened the CC.RR. and was also arrested whereupon about forty persons violently demanded the release of the men and the CC.RR. weakening, released them. The following day a Sotto Tenente of CC.RR. arrived and arrested five persons including the two previously released. Public order is normal again.

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Jugoslav infiltration is still an unsettling influence in the Province where a deal of uneasiness and alarm exists on the eastern borders. A number of Pro-Slav propagandists have been arrested and their movements are being investigated by Security Services.



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The underground movement referred to in last months security report by Major Hare, is still under investigation by FSS who are waiting authority to make certain arrests. A decision is still awaited from AF HQ concerning the Jugoslav, Captain Sdraulich.

The delegation from the Russian Mission has now left Bolzano and passed through Padua ostensibly on its way to Rome. Local FSS are investigating the presence in Padua of three alleged Russian Officers said to be in the company of a British Officer who have arrived unannounced in the city.

The presence of 6th Armoured <sup>Division</sup> ~~Brigade~~ in the Padua area is having a very good effect and the majority of the populace which is essentially law-abiding are very pleased by their presence.

#### 7. CIVIL INTERNEES.

No arrests for Security reasons by A.M.G. Slow progress is still being made with the release of Neo-Fascists and the position in this respect is much easier.

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No change.

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Nil. The only question that arises is the hope that new circulation permits will be available in time for the new licensing period and that there will not be the usual hiatus in this matter.

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All Corps continue to function smoothly and as efficiently as limited communications will permit. Strengths remain unchanged and have been reduced to little more than peace time standards.

Petrol - The shortage of motor fuel was one of the main sources of weakness but notification has now been received from Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission and the Regional Commerce Officer that a reserve of 175 Gallons will be maintained at each Provincial Capital to meet eventualities.

Uniform and Boots - For the most part Corps are badly in need of winter uniform and little is forthcoming through Italian channels. This unsatisfactory state of affairs is bound to increase the sickness rate.

V MINE AND BOMB DISPOSAL

Mine clearance in this Region cannot be called a major problem compared with other districts of Italy but is still at a complete standstill while the Italian Ministry of War argue about the transfer of a suitable Officer to command the Venezia Sub Zone.

UXB and Abandoned Ammunition. Another months satisfactory progress can be reported. The Provinces of Padua, Treviso and Rovigo have been cleared of all known unguarded dumps. Work is continuing in Udine and Venice Provinces. Early in November there was an explosion in the CC.RR. Caserma at Rovigo which resulted in the complete destruction of one wing of the building. Luckily nobody was killed and only two slightly injured. The cause is thought to have been deterioration of the explosive charges. Another explosion occurred late in November at a guarded dump in Udine, the cause and damage have not yet been decided upon.

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The Procuratore del Regno of Treviso reports that the Officer Commanding the CC.RR. Group of the same town, owing to lack of personnel, will perhaps be obliged to withdraw the majority, if not all the 40 Carabinieri guarding the Prison at the Caserma of Dominicus. Attempts are being made to obtain the services of Italian troops for this guard duty; in the meantime the Procuratore del Regno has been authorised to assume in service 10 auxiliary agents.



The above mentioned prison De Dominicis is an ex Caserma and it is not safe and it is not suitable for the winter. After arrangements made during the last visit of Dott. Mollame to Treviso, with the Procura del Regno, the prisoners will be able to be sent into another building as soon as the Genio Civile have finished the necessary work. In this new building the prisoners will be better guarded and more comfortable and the number of guards can be reduced.

There have been two attempts' prison breaks this month, one at Venice when the prisoners in cells Nos 6 and 7 of the S. Maria Maggiore prison, made an opening in the walls of the cells and gained access to the outer wall. The attempt was frustrated by prison guards who fired shots in the air to give the alarm and also threw a hand grenade in the direction of the escaping men. No prisoners escaped and apart from one agent of P.S. who was slightly injured by a fragment of the hand grenade no casualties occurred.

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IX GENERAL

1. (a) List of Public Safety Officers (see Appendix 'A')
- (b) SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.



The position with regard to Public Safety has been made rather difficult by the absence of P.S. Officers on Iiap. As will be seen from appendix 'A' it has been necessary to arrange a system of extended supervisory control by visiting Public Safety Officers where provinces are left temporarily without a P.S.O. This has thrown extra work on Officers - The one department which never sees its duties diminish until after the transfer of AMG to the Italian Government, is Public Safety and it says much for the capabilities the zeal and loyalty of these officers that they are carrying on so efficiently.

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Capt. J. B. KOENIG		Fires & Mines	(D)

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Capt. A. L. RIVER		VICENZA	(E)
Major A. E. COTTON		TREVISO	(E)
Capt. T. GLASSPOOL		TRENTO	(E)
Capt. G. T. PEOWN		BOLZANO	(E)
Capt. D. J. HOPLING		BOLZANO	(E)
Capt. J. H. DOHRIDGE	(LIAP)	BELLUNO	(E)
Major P. POWELL	(acting PC)	ROVERETO	(E)
Major T. C. MACKENZIE		VERONA	(E)

Major COTTON is supervising Venice, Treviso and Belluno Provinces and Major MACKENZIE, Verona and Vicenza during absence of respective P.P.S.O.'s on leave.

VENEZIA REGION strength of P.P.S.O.'s:-

Lt. Colonel.....	1
Majors.....	7
Captains.....	9
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APPENDIX "B"  
PRISONS FUNCTIONING IN I. REGION

JUDICIARY PRISONS:

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| 1. ROVIGO                                    | 10. BORDENONE (Udine)                  |
| 2. TREVISO                                   | 11. CASERMA 79° FANTERIA (Verona)      |
| 3. VICENZA                                   | 12. S.M. MAGGIORE (Venezia)            |
| 4. TRENTO                                    | 13. PADOVA                             |
| 5. BELLUNO                                   |  |
| 6. UDINE                                     |  |
| 7. BOLZANO                                   |  |
| 8. ROVERETO (Trento)                         |  |
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4 November 45.

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: Regional Commissioner, A.M.G., Venetie Region.

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Morale etc.

After a deal of struggle, a certain amount of POL has been obtained for the <sup>new</sup> Battalion and the situation has accordingly improved. No ammunition has yet been obtained and supplies are awaited.

Tenente Colonello LEVI commanding the four mobile battalions of Alta Italia visited this HQ during the month and expressed himself as very satisfied with the condition in which



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be found the Battalion and particularly that it has been found possible to give them firing practice and mechanical instruction.

Further reviews of Carabinieri and other Police Agencies have been held during the month. Major General Murray, Commanding the 5th Armoured Division reviewed a combined Police and Fire Brigade parade at Verona and Brigadier Dunlop reviewed a similar parade at Trento. The parades have done much to bolster up Police morale and it is felt that they have also had a beneficial effect on the populace.

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On the 18th October at San Donà di Piave, CC.RR. arrested a man for a murder committed in December 1944.

In Vicenza Province thirteen young men have been arrested for armed robberies which occurred in September.

From the foregoing it will be appreciated why P.P.S.O.'s are appreciative of the improvement in CC.RR. performance of duties.

Before passing from CC.RR. matters attention must be drawn to various propaganda measures which are being attempted against the Carabinieri. Various posters, no doubt left wing in origin, have been displayed in various parts of the Region, claiming that the Carabinieri and the Army are "with the people" for the future of Italy. These posters in themselves are innocuous but are undoubtedly printed and published with a view to drawing the CC.RR. into left wing politics and also to intimidate the more timorous among them.

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The Vice Questore of Vicenza, TOMATIS had a few days previously been transferred to Milan as Questore. 633

#### Morale etc.

A steady improvement in morale and efficiency is reported from all Provinces. The P.P.S.O., Udine who last month

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reported very unfavourably about Questura conditions reports considerable improvement largely due to the fact that he has been able to assume into service a number of career personnel who were not employable in Trieste and Gorizia. He is still however in need of other career functionaries.

Good arrests have also been made by Agenti di P.S. PADUA reports 25 arrests for theft, five for armed robbery and four for house-breaking and burglary.

Fifteen Italian civilians have been arrested by the Questura of Padua for complicity in a case of warehouse-breaking in which 120 quintals of tobacco were stolen. Implicated also are two German Officers and 4 German soldiers POWs employed under 5 Army Control in a brewery, who supplied transport for this crime and other illegal operations. One of the German Officers was found in possession of half a million lire, his share of the proceeds. Agenti have recovered 30 quintals of the stolen tobacco and enquiries are proceeding.

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Arrangements have just been completed for the restoration of G.G.F.F. Headquarters in Udine. Repairs are being effected and the possession of these premises will be useful.

Food rations are reported to have improved but certain items are still not available. An early return of the Finance Guards to Army Rations would do much to restore morale.

Duties are being performed quietly and satisfactorily.



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(d) Guardia Municipali.

Nothing outstanding to report: performing a useful and unobtrusive service in the various Communes.

(e) Corpo Forestale.

The Corpo Forestale are continuing to perform very useful service in the very heavily timbered Provinces of this Region. One of the great pre-occupations of Prefects in the forest districts is the amount of unauthorised cutting and lamceny of timber which is occurring. The small numbers of Guardia available, their lack of uniforms and winter clothing, particularly heavy boots etc. which their work necessitates, renders the proper supervision of the forests extremely difficult.

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This merely demonstrates possibly the difference in service which can be rendered by a certain Officer in one Province as opposed to a different officer in another.

I am still of the opinion that, if properly officered and supervised, this body of Police can offer a useful service to Public Safety.

(h) Polizia Ferroviaria.

As reported last month a Maggiore DE SIMONE Franco had started to organise a Railway Police Force in this Province.

Not being satisfied however as to whether or not he was, as he represented to me, authorised by the Ministry of the Interior to set up this Police Force I sent for him and told him that unless he could produce me written authority from the Ministry of the Interior at Rome showing that he was at the dependence of the Ministry he would be required to dissolve the organisation. He left my Office, I understood to go to Rome to clarify the matter. Since then I have not seen him despite the arrival of a letter, a copy of which I sent to your Headquarters, purporting to be written from Rome.

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- b) on the 1st October at Solesino 700,000 lire involved.

TRENTO - One case of armed robbery in which three men entered an inn and robbed 27 occupants.

The arrest of 23 criminals last month for armed robbery has undoubtedly largely stopped this form of crime in this Province.

UDINE Province - Three murders - arrests in two cases, motives in one case being a family quarrel and in the second case political. The third murder was of a bank employee who was robbed of personal property by his unknown murderers - enquiries are proceeding. In addition to these cases the P.F.S.O. reports 39 robberies and eleven attempted robberies. These robberies are attributed to unemployment amongst youthful ex-patriots and other hooligan elements rather than to seasoned criminals and he is hoping to organise motor patrols to combat their activities. Difficulties encountered are as usual lack of rapid communications which results in the fact that information of occurrences arrives too late to be usefully followed up.

VENICE Province - No murders reported this month. Nine cases of robbery are reported which is a considerable improvement on last month's figures. This has been the lightest month for crime since the occupation.

VERONA Province - Armed robberies have not increased but one such occurrence resulted in murder, the perpetrators shooting the owner of a house no doubt being afraid of being identified.

VICENZA Province - No murders reported this month, the first time since the occupation.

3. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CIVILIANS.

Attention is still being given to this matter by all Police Agencies and discoveries of dumps and isolated arms are made from time to time.

On 19th October six Italians were arrested in Bolzano in connection with a discovered cache as follows: 2 Mauser rifles, 11 machine pistols, 9 machine guns, 5 sub machine guns, 2 sten guns, 2 pistols, 23 hand grenades and 6000 rounds of ammunition.

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VENICE Province - No murders reported this month. Nine cases of robbery are reported which is a considerable improvement on last month's figures. This has been the lightest month for crime since the occupation.

VERONA Province - Armed robberies have not increased but one such occurrence resulted in murder, the perpetrators shooting the owner of a house no doubt being afraid of being identified.

VICENZA Province - No murders reported this month, the first time since the occupation.

3. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CIVILIANS.

Attention is still being given to this matter by all Police Agencies and discoveries of dumps and isolated arms are made from time to time.

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In Treviso Province CC.RR. have during the month seized 36 rifles, 1 machine gun, four sub-machine guns, 39 trench mortars, 3 bayonets and 4621 rounds of ammunition.

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In all Provinces, efforts are being made to recover all possible arms. Local military units are eager to co-operate by provision of transport and by other means but it is thought to be useless to make drives on communes etc. when such action could only produce ill-feeling and would only discover the one odd (broken) firearm. Reliance is placed rather on informations, and when information comes to hand it is immediately followed up.

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Bolzano and Udine Provinces report a slight increase of VD cases. Numbers of arrests have been made of prostitutes in these and in other Provinces: the Questure and the Vice-squads are giving this matter attention.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

No change : relations remain excellent.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

Practically all cases have now been turned over to Italian Courts. These are functioning in their usual manner slowly, although no doubt fairly and efficiently.

Courts of Assize are dealing systematically with the cases in their lists - the number of acquittals in these cases is adversely criticised by some Italians but is an indication that the Courts are functioning according to law and are not being stampeded by popular indignation.

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Nothing of a very grave nature. In Rovigo Province, a number of persons broke into the Questura building and forcibly removed a former fascist who was under interrogation: he was taken out into the public square and was beaten up among a mob of about 2,000 people. He was eventually rescued by Police after having been severely assaulted. He has been removed from the Province for safe custody.

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On the 14th instant at about 11.00 hrs unknown persons exploded a retard at the seat of the Democratic Christian Party at Udine causing the breakage of several windows: no persons were injured.

On the 16th instant at about 0200 hours in the locality Paludà di Iatisana, Udine an unknown number of persons loosed off a number of rounds from automatic arms: no one was injured and it is thought that the motive was to cause alarm.

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During the month three Frenchmen have been arrested in Rovereto (Trento) and two in Trento, the former as suspected Gestapo agents, the latter for suspected subversive political



activity. One of the latter is said to be connected with the formation of International Partisans with Headquarters at Milan. The investigations are in the hands of S.I.M.

Jugo-Slav propaganda continues in Udine Province despite the stricter supervision of the border control.

Politically in general the Region is quiet and I am of opinion that the last two months of AMG's stay in the Region has had a very good calming effect.

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Proceeding satisfactorily practically entirely under Italian control.

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Arrangements have been made for Venice to have some 200 new uniforms but the delivery to the other corps is woefully slow and much of that delivered is useless due to bad buying. E.G. Udine have in stock some 50 pairs of men's boots which would only

fit a boy of 15 or 16 while many of the men boots are beyond all repair.

3. APPLIANCES.

More appliances are being put in Commission monthly and every effort is being made to repair all the NAFTA machines and in Provinces of Padova, Rovigo to convert to Metano.

4. FIRES.

112 Fires have been reported from 5 Provinces. It has been noticed that there is an increase in the number of fires caused by short circuits and these will increase until it is possible to buy new electric fittings and wire at more reasonable prices. One fire in Padova was caused by a can of petrol being opened in a living room with the loss of two lives.

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UXBS AND ABANDONED AMMUNITION.

- a) In the Provinces of Padova and Treviso and in spite of difficulties, good progress can be reported. Padova Province has now been cleared

of all ammunition dumps that were notified to this HQ before 28 Aug 45. The financial difficulty for the payment of these men has now been overcome.

b) Arrangements of all been made for a large effort in Udine Province but 13 Corps troops guarding the dump at ARRA GRANDE are unwilling to allow the squads to commence work without special orders for their HQ. These orders are expected daily when approximately 62,000 quintals will be removed to the Arsenal of Codrigo and Spilimbergo at a cost of 235 lire per quintal or 14,570,000 lire inclusive of all charges for transport insurance, labour etc. The Italian Artillery Direction of Udine who is the actual Unit responsible for work of this kind still fails to show any inclination to direct the work and therefore many financial difficulties arise because the costs for this work should be met from moneys advanced to the Ministry of War and not by the Ministry of the Interior. However the Regional Finance Officer appreciates the importance of the work and has agreed to advance the funds and leave the book-keeping part, to be decided later.

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(b) Sanitation: Improving. A quantity of soap that had been allocated for prison use (20 tons) has not arrived as yet from



Genoa although the notice was sent 6 weeks ago that it was on its way. F.P.S.O.s have been very insistant on cleanliness and the results have been observed.

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(For prison populations see Appendix 'B').

VII FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

A slight widening of the area where forged notes are found to be circulating, which have now reached Bolzano and Belluno Provinces. Forged notes have been stopped in Banks as under :-

124	at	1000	Lire
47	at	500	lire
8	at	100	lire

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The meetings held to support the demand for the Costituyente were well attended and all parties as could be anticipated ~~by~~ for the Costituyente. There was no great enthusiasm however among the audience many of whom apparently attended as being the right thing to do.

There is continued separatist activity among the south Tyrolean element with the pro-Austrian party apparently well in the lead. Pro Jugo-Slav propaganda continues in the Province of Udine but there have been no further politico-criminal outrages in the Province.

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APPENDIX "A"

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2	26	3	22	6
3	33	4	98	24
4	69	6	46	4
5	89	3	40	3
6	115	10	259	22
7	9	-	176	27
8	1	-	4	-
9	2	2	29	5
10	30	4	91	5
11	54	4	287	11
12	28	-	-	-
13	189	-	430	-
14	35	4	20	32
15	403	-	330	-
16	76	-	235	-
17	83	-	15	-
18	-	162	-	34
19	4	-	45	-
20	-	-	34	-
21	-	-	183	-

- 17. REFORMATORY AT VERBENA
- 18. CASA DI LAVCEO PAR LONBE  
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6	115	10	83	4	259	22
7	9	-	140	17	178	27
8	1	-	25	1	4	-
9	2	-	16	-	29	5
10	20	-	39	1	91	5
11	54	-	199	12	237	11
12	28	-	100	-	-	-
13	169	-	297	-	490	-
14	35	-	245	16	30	32
15	403	-	7	-	580	-
16	76	-	-	-	225	-
17	93	-	-	-	15	-
18	-	182	-	12	-	84
19	4	-	-	-	45	-
20	-	-	-	-	94	-
21	-	-	-	-	183	-
22	-	-	-	-	238	-
23	29	-	-	-	221	-
24	-	-	-	-	503	-
25	-	-	-	-	630	-
	1226	172	1477	93	4105	195

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Total.....7266  
 Total of 79 Mauthausen prisoners 6900  
 Total for the Region 9066

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2	12/10
3	12/12
4	12/10
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United Military Government  
APO 394

4 October 45.

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S. Tenente ACCOMANDO Vincenzo has arrived for duty at Castelmasa.

Major ANVICO Angelo has assumed command of UDINE Group vice Major FERRI Antonio (transferred "on disposition" following being granted 90 days convalescence).

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Morale etc.

The Mobile Battalion has been "strengthened" by the arrival of 10 light Italian tanks (without ammunition) and by two additional trucks. These merely become an extra burden on an inadequate petrol allowance, and I again draw attention to the impracticability of the order which has laid down that supplies of P.O.L. for Carabinieri must come through civilian channels. Civilian channels at Padua are at present exhausted and the "mobile" battalion is as immobile as the Rock of Gibraltar.

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Clothing and boots are arriving in very small quantities and there are still numbers of men entirely without uniforms.

Numerous good arrests have been made by CC.RR. during the past month - among which may be mentioned:-

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Three men arrested for attempted robbery at Este.  
Five men arrested for attempted murder and robbery at Montagna.

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Dottore ~~BOIZANO~~, Questore BOIZANO, is settling down 6:5 and beginning to produce good results.

Colonel DURANTE at UDINE is likewise doing good work. He seems to have won local confidence and is directing himself chiefly to problems of auxiliary police whose numbers he has already considerably reduced. He is handicapped however by lack of career-Commissari whose arrival is urgently necessary.

The Questore of VENICE Dott. PALMIGNIERI although a C.I.M. appointee, has the complete confidence of the P.P.S.O. who says that he does his duty well and is immune to local political string pulling.

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(c) Guardia di Finanza.

Finance Guards are functioning quietly and efficiently; much good work is being done in endeavouring to control black market movement of contraband goods and large quantities of tobacco, salt and alcohol etc are being seized and turned over to Consorei.

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Auxiliary Police numbers have been slightly decreased throughout the Region by getting rid of undesirable elements.



(f) Auxiliary Police (cont).

Those remaining are now doing a useful job and it will be difficult for Prefects to dispense with their services in present day circumstances. It should certainly be decided by the Italian Government at an early date exactly what they propose to do with these men and whether or not they are prepared to absorb them into the recognised Police Agencies.

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Particulars of Serious Crimes : -

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Forty-three armed robberies.

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The position remains satisfactory with the V.D. rate falling: with liap and eventual discharge looming near it is obvious that troops are being more sensible and careful in this matter - attention is still be paid however to the question of prostitution by Police Agencies.

#### 6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

Where such services remain relations continue excellent.



7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

Italian Courts - With the prospect of handing over to the Italian Government in view and also because of the rapid withdrawal of legal Officers from the Region - more and more cases are having to be turned over to the Italian Courts. The inevitable result has ensued (which has been the experience of AMG from the South of Italy upwards) that these cases are not tried rapidly and endless delays are being experienced. This is not the fault of A.M.G. Legal Division but causes exasperation to Allied units who make arrests for offences against the proclamation and then do not see the cases brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The Italian legal system does not function quickly enough to deal with these cases speedily and it is obvious that to endeavour to maintain AMG without courts of trial is unsatisfactory. Italian Courts of Assize are functioning regularly and with apparent fairness. Public opinion is rather apt to look askance at some of the sentences which they regard as too light. Some sections of the populace are still blood-thirsty.

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No cases have been reported.

2. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

Small strikes have occurred in local industries but none of a serious nature and no untoward incidents have occurred in connection therewith.

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3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

Again nothing of a serious nature. There have been a few minor demonstrations in some Communes against high prices, scarcity of food and black market operations. These demonstrations have all been orderly and no violence has occurred.

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

The state of public morale remains fairly good but somewhat disturbed about the outcome of the Council of Foreign Ministers and of the future position of Trieste, Fiume and Venezia Giulia. Anxiety is expressed also about scarcity of foodstuff and the food prospects for the coming winter.

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### III LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

#### 1. REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Proceeding satisfactorily. Italian authorities have been



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impressed with the importance, owing to lack of petrol supplies, of restricting the number of circulation permits issued and this point is being carefully watched. Road patrols of police are being used to check illegal use of motor cars but I am convinced that a lot of cars etc. are still circulating on black-market petrol.

## 2. PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRATION.

Nil.

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There still remain 34 minefields to be cleared. Efforts are being made to have the small numbers of men trained in this work, turned into a Sub-Zone of Emilia Bonifica Campi Minati but

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the Italians appear to want to work this out their own way when AMG will no longer be here to interfere. The delays while letters are written to Ministry of War at Rome by the Italian Administration at Bologna, are exasperating and in the end bear little or no results.

## VI PRISONS

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(d) Records - In good shape. Arrest reports are properly filled

out and Allied courts are trying prisoners promptly in order to leave as few as possible to the Italians when we hand over. Italian criminal courts have their usual lag and the number of prisoners awaiting trial by them is steadily increasing. Court of Assises function smoothly.

(e) Labour - The Casa di Lavoro per Domini e Giudecca has been manufacturing mending equipment for the prisons of Venice. The two industries at the Casa di Pena di Padova have been working at a fuller extent now that we have sufficient convicted prisoners to assign to them and guards to guard them. Outside of these two prisons the only prison labour is the regular institutional maintenance shops that function in all prisons.

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For list of prison inmates see appendix (b).

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### VII FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

As reported last month forged currency has not yet been found in this Region in any large amount. One case of one 1000 Lire note is reported from Treviso and two 1000 Lire notes paid in as Court fines in Venezia Province (a novel method of paying fines and not without its amusing side).

Rovigo again is the only Province with any considerable



amount of forged notes found in circulation 62, as compared with 82 last month. No arrests have been made in connection with forged currency.

VIII PATRIOTS

This month has practically seen the finale of many ex-partisan formations with the distribution of Alexander certificates and awards of bonuses nearly completed. Welfare committees are still in operation. The principal problem remaining is the finding of suitable employment for ex-patriots but with the closing of ANG patriotti activities this must now be the problem of the Italian local authorities.

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Again a calm month with no demonstrations of political excitement. There are indications that the extreme left wing elements are losing support to the centre parties. Anti-monarchic propaganda is very prevalent amongst all parties but pro-monarchic groups are also becoming vocal. In the last few days a new party has begun to function, 'The Party of Free Men' founded in Paris in 1937. This party is headed in Padua by Mario Zambella - It has for its motto "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" and claims for its purpose the reconstruction of Italy. The mass of the people, although

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Again a calm month with no demonstrations of political excitement. There are indications that the extreme left wing elements are losing support to the centre parties. Anti-monarchic propaganda is very prevalent amongst all parties but pro-monarchic groups are also becoming vocal. In the last few days a new party has begun to function, 'The Party of Free Men' founded in Paris in 1937. This party is headed in Padma by Mario Zambella - It has for its motto "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" and claims for its purpose the reconstruction of Italy. The mass of the people, although sentimentally perturbed as to the possible loss of Italian colonial possessions and also about the fate of Trieste and Venezia Giulia are politically apathetic. At the same time it must be remembered that to a people of the ebullient nature of the Italians very little mass propaganda is necessary to excite their emotions and their emotional re-actions. So that although they appear at present uninterested in politics and unresponsive to the efforts of the more politically minded, a large enough spark would soon kindle sufficient flame to cause their blood to seethe and bubble.

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In the Northern Provinces propaganda for union with Austria is still being carried on, as is a certain amount of Jugo-Slav propaganda and activity in Udine Province.

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Major T.P. COTTON	TREVISO	(B)
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Judiciary Prison of Rovigo	43	3	0	0
" " " Padova	27	1	213	15
" " " S. M. Maggiore	243	0	246	0
" " " Treviso	45	2	39	5
" " " Belluno	31	1	75	3
" " " Udine	84	3	70	1
" " " Trento	39	2	57	3
" " " Bolzano	29	2	141	18
" " " VICENZA	24	2	183	18
" " " Verona	45	5	200	7
" " " Pordenone (Udine)	12	0	23	2
" " " Tolmezzo (Udine)	1	2	8	0
" " " Rovereto (Trento)	3	0	15	0
Casa di Pena di Padova	205	0	9	0
Casa di Lavoro per Uomini ( Venezia)	39	0	1	0
Casa di Lavoro per Donne ( Venezia)	0	132	0	18
Reformatory for Boys ( Venezia)	57	0	0	0
Concentration Camp of Venezia	0	0	0	0
" " " Treviso	47	2	0	0
" " " Padova	0	0	0	0
" " " Palazzolo ( Udine )	4	0	0	0
" " " Vicenza	0	0	0	0
" " " Dist. Militaire ( Rovigo)	0	0	0	0
" " " Collegio Rorai ( Rovigo)	0	0	0	0
	978	157	1280	90

Approximate total in Mandamentale prisons  
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lenone (Udine)	12	0	23	2	93	7
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	205	0	9	0	688	0
ri (Venezia)	39	0	1	0	163	0
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enezia	0	0	0	0	890	0
reviso	47	2	0	0	313	4
ndova	0	0	0	0	270	0
alazzolo (Udine)	4	0	0	0	60	0
oenza	0	0	0	0	664	0
st. Militaire (Rovigo)	0	0	0	0	224	0
collegio Rorai (Rovigo)	0	0	0	0	109	0
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VENEZIE REGION  
Allied Military Government  
APO 394

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Screening proceeds satisfactorily in the Region: In Udine Province 289 CC.RR. have been examined during the month of whom 194 were released from service owing to age and three sent away as former members of former fascist organisations.



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Movement of Officers: Captain DONATELLI SANDRO, S/TEN, SPANU Guarino and Ten. CICHETTA Gianetto have arrived in BOLZANO Province during the month and Captain BOVIO and a Lieutenant in VICENZA.

Lieuts. SPINELLI Marco and CRISTIANNI Natale were released from service with UDINE Group.

Lt. Col. SUCCI commanding Group of ROVIGO has been granted extended sick-leave, the group at present being under the command of Captain GATAIDI. Lt. Col. SUCCI has, during the time he has been in command, noticeably improved the discipline and efficiency of his group and his release owing to ill health is regretted.

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(b) Questura.

Changes in Questura officials during month :-

BOLZANO - Dott. RADNIG Eugenio appointed acting Questore. The Ex Vice-Questore (temporarily suspended) has returned to office.

VICENZA - Vice-Questore (Political) removed from office, together with four subordinates by Provincial Public Safety Officer.

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The P.P.S.O., TRENTO Province reports concern among Agenti about rates of pay and rations: They maintain that their economic position at the present time compares unfavourably with that of other sections of the community.

(c) Guardia di Finanza.

Movement of Officers - Captain GIUSEPPE appointed to Command at MERANO (BOLZANO).

Captain QUERCIOLE - released from service at ROVERETO - replaced by Lieut. CATTINONI Marcello who promises well to be capable and efficient.

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(d) Vigili Urbani and Guardie Municipali. 616

These bodies are functioning quietly. Their moral in general is good and they continue to give good service.



(e) Corpo Forestale.

This organisation is carrying out its peculiar duties quietly and efficiently.

Morale is good but would be increased a hundred-fold by supplies of uniforms and equipment.

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(g) Polizia Controllo Economico.

This body is also looked on with mixed feelings by Provincial Public Safety Officers.

During the month a Colonel TOSCANO, Inspector for the Chief of Police visited this Region and discussed with me the duties etc of this body. I told him that I had been promised from Allied Commission Headquarters that a directive would be sent to Prefects and Questore from the Ministry of the Interior, explaining the conditions of service, duties, responsibilities etc of this newly formed body but that it had not yet arrived. He said he would raise the matter on his return. I have also telephoned the Sub-Commission on this point but to date no directive has been received.

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(b) On 10th August at Agruzzo five persons armed with pistols and claiming to be partisans entered a house and stole goods and cash to value of 750,000 lire.

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(c) On 11th August at Castel Firmiano 6 persons including 3 ex-German soldiers, armed with pistols stole 10,000 lire and other goods from the house of a farmer for whom they had previously worked. All subsequently arrested.

(d) On 12th August at BOLZANO a man was arrested for larceny of 25,000 lire and a watch. Property recovered.

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- (g) On 12th August at S. Michele al Tagliamento two masked and armed men assaulted a man and stole 18,000 lire.
- (h) On 15th August at Scorze. Ten masked individuals broke into a house and stole 700,000 lire and also a car which was in front of the house.

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VERONA Province - One serious crime involving house breaking and larceny to the value of 480,000 lire. There have been a number of cases of armed robbery reported but none involving any considerable amount of money.

VICENZA Province - Six persons have been arrested for complicity in the SCHIO shootings and will shortly be brought to trial. The case has been a difficult one, and conviction of the guilty may prove to be difficult, despite confessions which have been obtained.

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Generally very good. All Provinces report favourably with the exception of the Province of VERONA which reports a lamentable deterioration in the conduct of Allied Troops in the City. There are nightly brawls between troops and Italians with faults on both sides. During a recent brawl an Italian was stabbed in the stomach and seriously wounded by an Allied soldier who is still on the danger list. This matter is being referred by me to District Headquarters.

At PADUA on the 25th August a Questura agent walking home was stopped by Indian soldiers. Later an Indian Officer arrived and struck the agent with a stick taking away his wallet containing Police Identity card and 3000 lire cash.

At BOIZANO the conduct of Allied Troops is very good but there have been numerous complaints about our "co-belligerents" of the "Folgore" Division, the most serious incidents being at Brennero on the 12th and 13th August when numbers of "Folgore" soldiers accompanied by civilians visited the C.C.P.R. caserma demanding the release of civilian prisoners. C.C.P.R. were obliged to fire over their heads to disperse them. The unit concerned was thereafter transferred out of the district.

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II SECURITY.

1. SABOTAGE, ENEMY AGENTS ETC.

Cases of wire cutting have been reported in the VERONA area - these cases are being investigated by C.I.J. No other cases of a sabotage nature have come to light in the Region.



Agents. The presence of Jugo-Slav propaganda agents is reported in UDINE Province and various minor incidents have occurred between Italian and Jugo-Slav elements.

## 2. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

- (a) On 30th July clerical staff of Agenti at VENICE struck work from 09.00 hours to 12.00 hours - cause, dispute re rates of pay. No incidents.
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5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Political meetings have been held with permission of A.M.G. in all parts of the Region. No repercussions or disorder have occurred.

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Outwardly at least the security situation appears to be returning to normal. The general population are more concerned with food than with politics and would be very happy to be let alone to live in peace and normal conditions.

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Proceeding satisfactorily under R.A.C.I. throughout the Region. Shortage of petrol is causing restriction of number of permits but there are complaints as to the disparity of numbers issued as between one Province and the other.

2. PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRATION.

Nil.

3. CIVILIAN MOVEMENT / CONTROL OF.

Criticism is made of the regulations and procedure of obtaining passes for Venezia Giulia on the ground that people who apply properly for passes are kept waiting a fortnight for their passes while it is said that hundreds of people pass without let or hindrance to and fro. It is understood that boundary control will be tightened up in the near future.

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V MINE AND BOMB DISPOSAL.

1. In view of the urgency of clearing up the Abandoned Enemy Ammunition in PADOVA Province all but 3 of the mine clearers have been transferred to this work. During the period 8 to 25 August 45, 75 truck loads of ammunition have been removed from St. MARGHERITA and BAONE (ESTE) to the official dump in TREVISO Province. One small mined area in UDINE Province has now been cleared.
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All Judiciary prisons and penitentiaries have now passed back to the hands of the various directors and Procuratore del Regno. In this respect the prison system is ready to be turned over to the Procuratore Generale. All prison directors now in office, are regular career men.



(b) Sanitation - Improving. Efforts are being made to improve the water and drainage systems in several prisons. Approximately 25 tons of soap has been distributed to the various prisons this month in addition to a small quantity of creosole and slightly less than a ton of D.D.T. This represents all of these materials that can be hoped for from A.M.G. sources. Adjustment of the prisons to hold a population somewhat near their proper capacity will further improve the sanitation. Efforts are also being made to ensure that all prisoners are sleeping on at least a tick mattress.

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(d) Records - In order, with no outstanding difficulties. All arrests are being booked properly by the regular authorities. A.M.G. Courts function smoothly and Italian Courts have their usual lag. Court of Assises functioning but very slowly. Prisoners who have received death sentences are being held up altogether too long before final confirmation of the sentences. This is causing a good deal of unrest among the people and necessitates additional guards at prisons where these people are being held.

(e) Labour - Outside of the regular prison maintenance shops there is little or no prison labour. This is due to lack of materials, insufficient number of convicted prisoners, and to date, insufficient number of guards to properly watch the prisoners at work.

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- (d) Records - In order, with no outstanding difficulties. All arrests are being booked properly by the regular authorities. A.M.G. Courts function smoothly and Italian Courts have their usual lag. Court of Assises functioning but very slowly. Prisoners who have received death sentences are being held up altogether too long before final confirmation of the sentences. This is causing a good deal of unrest among the people and necessitates additional guards at prisons where these people are being held.
- (e) Labour - Outside of the regular prison maintenance shops there is little or no prison labour. This is due to lack of materials, insufficient number of convicted prisoners, and to date, insufficient number of guards to properly watch the prisoners at work.

## 2. GENERAL.

<sup>60</sup>The prison population has diminished during the month. This is due to the fact that Italian authorities are beginning to release prisoners against whom no charges can be found. The Allied Forces have definitely stated that they do not want members of the Italian Republican Armed Forces and that they are to be held according to Italian law. Since the Italians have no laws to hold these people it is believed that many of them will soon be liberated.

2000 U.S. Army comforters have been secured from Welfare and given to the Casa di Pena di Padova. 881 other blankets have been also secured for the prisons of Padova. All attempts are being made to prepare the Casa di Pena to accommodate the prisoners with long sentences that will be convicted by the various Courts of Assise.

## 2. GENERAL (Cont.)

All prisoners but 30 have been recovered from the mass escape from PALAZZIO Concentration Camp at the end of last month. No other prison disturbances have been reported.

The Communists of VENICE continue their whispering programme against Dr. GUCCIONE, Director of Prisons of that City, as he had found it necessary to eliminate many of their kind from the prisons in order to bring them back to normal.

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#### IX GENERAL.

1. (a) List of Public Safety Officers attached (Appendix "A").



IX GENERAL (Cont.)

1. (b) SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

The situation is improving slowly. Police Agencies are gaining the confidence of the Public and of themselves. Many good arrests have been made. No mass murders have occurred during the month. The most prevalent form of crime is armed robbery. Firearms are being recovered by Police but there are many still in circulation. Situation is rapidly approaching normal. Police Agencies particularly Finance Guards and Corpo Forestale are in dire need of supplies, clothes, boots, bedding and firearms.

2. SYNOPSIS OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

A fairly calm month with the majority of persons thinking more of material necessities than of politics. Political activity of all parties energetic but not wildly so, with the minds of the masses turning to the left centre rather than to the extreme left. In the Northern Provinces a strong tendency to unite with Austria or Germany. Certain amount of Jugo-Slav propoganda and activity in UDINE Province particularly along the borders of VENEZIA GIULIA.

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Regional Public  
Safety Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

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 Major W.R. HARE  
 Capt. L.V. TOES  
 Capt. J.B. FORSTER  
 1st Lt. J.J. GUARINI

R.P.S.O.  
 A.R.P.S.O.  
 Security  
 Executive  
 Fire and Mines  
 Prisons

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 Capt S. BEAN

VENEZIA  
 VENEZIA  
 UDINE  
 UDINE  
 VICENZA  
 TREVISO  
 PADOVA  
 TRENTO  
 BOLZANO  
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 BELLUNO  
 ROVIGO  
 VERONA

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be :-

Lt. Col.....	1
Majors.....	6
Captains.....	11
1st Lieut.....	1
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As of 13 August 45

PRISON OF VENEZIE REGION THAT ARE FUNCTIONING AND THEIR POPULATION

	Convicted		Criminals awaiting trial	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Judiciary prison of Rovigo	55	2	-	-
" " " " Padova	10	6	40	5
" " " " S.M.Maggiore	199	-	143	-
" " " " Treviso	38	4	31	4
" " " " Belluno	22	2	52	4
" " " " Udine	61	5	35	6
" " " " Trento	34	1	43	4
" " " " Bolzano	39	2	72	10
" " " " Vicenza	42	2	113	19
" " " " Verona	14	-	120	5
" " " " Pordenone (Udine)	11	-	18	4
" " " " Tolmezzo (Udine)	1	1	6	1
" " " " Rovereto (Trento)	3	-	7	-
Casa di Pena di Padova	90	-	87	-
Casa di Lavoro per Uomini (Venezia)	43	-	5	-
Casa di Lavoro per Donne (Venezia)	-	120	-	14
Reformatory for Boys (Venezia)	62	-	-	-
Concentration Camp of Venezia	-	-	-	-
" " " " Treviso	25	2	-	-
" " " " Padova	-	-	-	-
" " " " Palazzolo (Udine)	4	-	-	-
" " " " Vicenza	-	-	204	4
" " " " Dist.Militare (Rovigo)	-	-	-	-
" " " " Collegio Rorai (Rovigo)	-	-	-	-
	753	147	976	80

Approximate Total in Mandamentale Prisons  
 Total number of prisoners in the Region

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	Convicted		Criminals awaiting trial		Political awaiting trial		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Rovigo	55	2	-	-	181	26	
Padova	10	6	40	5	236	80	
M. Maggiore	199	-	143	-	539	-	
Treviso	38	4	31	4	20	6	
Udine	22	2	52	4	73	8	
Verona	61	5	35	6	284	30	
Trento	34	1	43	4	61	-	
Belluno	39	2	72	10	66	13	
Vicenza	42	2	113	19	252	18	
Brescia	14	-	120	5	578	19	
Udine (Udine)	11	-	18	4	134	11	
Monfalcone (Udine)	1	1	6	1	32	6	
Verona (Trento)	3	-	7	-	7	-	
Verona	90	-	87	-	814	-	
Verona (Venezia)	43	-	5	-	206	-	
Verona (Venezia)	-	120	-	14	-	52	
Verona (Venezia)	62	-	-	-	19	-	
Venezia	-	-	-	-	971	-	
Treviso	25	2	-	-	466	15	
Padova	-	-	-	-	384	-	
Palazzolo (Udine)	4	-	-	-	121	-	
Vicenza	-	-	204	4	914	40	
Dist. Militare (Rovigo)	-	-	-	-	299	-	
Collegio Rorai (Rovigo)	-	-	-	-	120	-	
	753	147	976	80	6777	318	9051
Elementary Prisons							2000
Prisons in the Region							11051

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TO	Public Safety Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
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DIRECTOR	
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Strength of Police Agencies.

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Carabinieri Reali	96	7284	
Agenti di P.S.	80	1950	
Guardia di Finanza	73	3057	
Guardia Municipale	10	857	
Corpo Forestale	49	778	
Auxiliary Police	40	5013	Under control of Questore.
Polizia Economico	10	160	
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>17099</b>	

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It.Col. FORCELLI has arrived at VERONA and is settling down.

It.Col. PUGNIO has taken over with a firm rein at TREVISO and the P.F.S.O. reports a definite rise in CC.RR. morale as a result.

Four Sotto-Tenente have arrived at BOLLANO.

There is still a general shortage of officers throughout the Region and reinforcements will be welcomed on arrival.

Major CIANCIADELLA has assumed command of the Gruppo di VENEZIA.

The position of the "Mobile" Battalion remains the same as regards mobility of personnel, although some progress has been made with regard to armoured vehicles. Five of these have now been put into running condition and the sixth will shortly be repaired also. An allocation of 20 barrels of petrol for armoured vehicles has been made for the month of August through C.I.P. with the helpful assistance of the Regional Supply Officer. This is a definite step forward.

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Provincial Public Safety Officers all report a very slow improvement in C.O.R. morale and performance, but it is impossible to overlook their obvious lack of self-confidence and in one or two large incidents which have occurred they have not shown that dependability and initiative which one would like to see.

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It is, of course, easy to criticise, but it must be remembered that they lack sufficient automatic arms and in some cases even lack their usual pistols. They are well aware of the fact that the "opposition" have automatic weapons and at a push would not hesitate to use them, but even so one would like to see signs of more determination.

Efforts are being made to obtain arms from stocks of surrendered and captured materials in possession of Allied formations. Permission to take such arms must, however, be obtained from AFHQ and so far such permission has not been forthcoming.

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Efforts are being made to help the CC.RR. and to do all that can be done to put them on their feet before A.M.G. hands over. To this end the Regional Commissioner on the 24th instant called a meeting, attended by officers of No. 1 District 13 Corps and the Carabinieri. Present also was Lt. Col. WILSON from Public Safety Sub-Commission. Action is being taken on lines discussed at the meeting and should prove profitable.



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(b) Questura.

Questore in office at the moment are as follows :-

- (a) **BELLUNO** - Dott. **ROSSI Oreste** (Rome appointee - newly arrived).
- (b) **BOLZANO** - Acting Questore is Dott. **GRILLO Giovanni** - Vice Questore. The arrival of Dott. **Stanislao FOMARCI** (Rome appointee) is daily expected.
- (c) **PADOVA** - Captain **Guido SANTINI** (C.I.N. appointee) - very satisfactory.
- (d) **TRENTO** - Dott. **PIZZUTO Antonio** (Rome appointee) - very satisfactory.
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- (f) **ROVIGO** - Captain **Mario AMBROSI** (C.I.N. appointee).
- (g) **UDINE** - Dott. **BERNARDI Carlo** (the second C.I.N. appointee) is being replaced by Dott. **Umberto DURANTE**, due to arrive from Rome at about 1st August.
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Vice Commissari are arriving slowly: in some cases they have proved to be without previous experience but if they have been chosen wisely this can be overlooked.

Generally the Agents are showing signs of considerable improvement. The political element is slowly disappearing; morale is on the up-grade, helped by the payment of war indemnities and the prospect of pay increases in accordance with scales maintaining in the South.

Recruiting from disbanded partigiani and others is proceeding slowly, due to need of care in screening individuals presenting themselves for appointment.

Five Commissari of P.S. in UDINE Province have been suspended during the month by the Provincial Puration Committee.

Transport and communications are generally good.

(c) Guardia di Finanza.

This organization is making steady progress. Reports as to their efficiency vary in the Provinces but generally it is agreed that they do a steady job of good work. Results are not always obvious but quiet performance of their duties is showing good results in sequestration of contraband goods moving in the Region and in control of black market activities.

The G.G.FF. Alpine Training School at PREDAZZO, TRENTO Province, has been released by the Fifth Army, through the intervention of the P.P.S.O., together with a large store of Italian Army material stored there. This school is used for training guards for frontier control. The Legion Commander foolishly sent the old teaching staff there to resume their duties. These men had all served under the "Republican" Fascist regime and as soon as their presence became known the people of the Commune staged a demonstration against them. The demonstration was dispersed without violence.

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What is animating the C.I.N. in taking this attitude is not known: it may be that fearing for law and order after the departure of A.L.C. they are eager to secure as large a police force as possible. On the other hand they may be trying to "load the dice" with Agenti suitable to themselves in case of eventualities. In any event they have been informed that recruitment above the recognised strengths can not be permitted on a permanent basis, and that auxiliaries must be limited in numbers to those found necessary to maintain the Peace.

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The nearer the hour approaches for "liberated" Italy to be handed over to the Italian "Government" the greater is the degree of apprehension shown by all senior officers of the Italian Police. They make no secret of their feelings in this matter and judging from incidents which occur from time to time, and by the large number of firearms and ammunition which are undoubtedly in circulation, their fears are probably justified. It is hoped they will prove unfounded.

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The state of public morale continues to be rather depressed owing to low wages and the high prices. People who rather expected that with the advent of the Allies un-tapped resources would be available to them are beginning to realise that they were mistaken. Prospects of rising wages and possibly the realisation that they are considerably better off than people in some other countries are having a steadying effect.

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Equipment.

is for the most part adequate, and in some places surplus of normal requirements.

Personnel.

All Corps visited have more than their normal peacetime quota of men and instructions have been issued to reduce slowly, but in no case will this reduction leave less than a 50% surplus over peacetime strength.

Living conditions.

The Caserma at VERONA is in very bad need of repairs and the P.P.S.O. has been asked to obtain the release of materials so that the firemen can make their Caserma water-tight.

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During the month there were numerous small fires, mostly due to carelessness and the dryness of the countryside. However, in BOLZANO Province there was one serious fire in what was first thought to be a warehouse, but which turned out to be a kind of ammunition dump. One fireman was killed and three more wounded.

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Living conditions.

The Caserma at VERONA is in very bad need of repairs and the P.F.S.O. has been asked to obtain the release of materials so that the firemen can make their Caserma water-tight.

Fires.

During the month there were numerous small fires, mostly due to carelessness and the dryness of the countryside. However, in BOLZANO Province there was one serious fire in what was first thought to be a warehouse, but which turned out to be a kind of ammunition dump. One fireman was killed and three more wounded.

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15. PRISONS.

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(a) Prisons functioning in the Region.Judiciary Prisons.

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Casa di Lavoro per Uomini a Giudecca (Venezia), Casa di Reclusione e di Lavoro per Donne a Giudecca (Venezia), Casa di Pena a Padova, Riformatorio Centro e di Rieducazione per Minorenni a Zattere (Venezia).



Concentration Camps.

15th Infantry Caserma at Padova, Lido (Venezia), Palezolo (Udine), De Dominiois (Treviso), Vicenza, Collegio di Rorai (Rovigo), Distretto Militare (Rovigo).

(b) Prison Conditions.

Administration.

At best only fair. Prison directors are all in fear of political pressure from the outside and maintain very little control over their staffs. The director of the four prisons of VENEZIA City has requested that he be transferred because of political pressure. The director of BELLUNO the same. The director of the three prisons of PADOVA has been suspended by the Committee of Epuration. A director who was without a post, primarily because of inefficiency, has been sent to VERONA. The Region needs three more directors, one to take charge in VENEZIA, one for BELLUNO, and one for PADOVA.

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Generally poor. With a few exceptions every prison is badly overcrowded. No disinfectants or soap have been allocated for prison use until recently. A small supply of disinfectants and soap have been secured and will be distributed where needed most. Many prisons are old buildings with poor water systems. Where possible it has been ordered to increase the water supply. It may be regarded as fortunate that no serious epidemics have broken out.



Labour.

No change. The two factories at the Casa di Pena di PADOVA are still not functioning. Two few convicted prisoners and too few guards to take care of them at work. Regular shops for prison maintenance are all functioning.

(c) Prison Population.

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Minors</u>
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The number of prisoners being held for criminal charges is steadily increasing. This is as normal in A.M.G. occupied territory and with the already badly crowded prisons, it merely further augments the seriousness of the prison situation. Some political prisoners have been released. Many others should be released. In practically every prison there is a large number of men who have served in the Italian Republican Armed Forces against the Allies. The Italians have no charges against these people and are holding them for the disposition of the Allies.

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16. FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

At VERONA four people have been arrested and are awaiting trial for the possession of forged 500 Lire notes to the pseudo value of 137,000 Lire. These notes were of fairly good imitation and are believed to have come from PALERMO. In addition to these a number of forged 1000 Lire notes have been found in this Province. Arrests have been made and the case is being handled by Fifth Army G.I.D.

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There is naturally a deal of political activity but as far as is apparent there is faith in the Government and a general good-will towards it. This also should serve to maintain the Peace. The General Election is eagerly awaited by the politically-minded. The British Election results have fired their imagination and the "Left" confidentially expects a Pyrrhic victory in Italy also.

*F. G. Green.*

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Regional Public  
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APPENDIX "A"

HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

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Major W. R. HART	(B)
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Capt. J. B. FORSTER	(B)
1st Lt. J. J. GUARINI	(A)
R. P. S. O.	(B)
Security	(B)
Executive	(B)
Fire and Mines	(B)
Prisons	(A)

PROVINCIAL STAFF.

Major H. S. HARRIS ✓	VENEZIA	(B)
Capt. G. L. LEE	"	(B)
Major J. E. MANUEL ✓	UDINE	(B)
Capt. A. L. BERNARD ✓	"	(A)
Capt. A. L. BAKER ✓ <i>La Venezia</i>	VICENZA	(B)
Capt. W. N. CONNELL	"	(B)
Major T. P. COYTON ✓	TRIVISO	(B)
Capt. S. D. DECKER ✓	PADOVA	(A)
Capt. H. H. DOWDY	"	(B)
Capt. T. GLASSPOOL ✓	TRANTO	(B)
Capt. G. W. BROWN	POZZANO	(B)
Capt. D. J. HOEKINS ✓	"	(B)
Capt. J. H. DODRIDGE ✓	BELLUNO	(B)
Major E. POWELL	ROVIGO	(B)
Capt. S. DEAN <i>La Venezia</i>	VERONA	(B)

VENEZIAN REGION strength of P.S.O.'s will therefore

be :-

It. Col.....	1
Majors.....	5
Captains.....	13
1st Lieut.....	1
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

JTC/ec

Ref: AC/5087/Commerce/POL 3

Tel. Rome 478397  
17 July 1945

SUBJECT : POL Forms Venezia Region

TO :  Public Safety Subcommission

1. Your letter AC/14011/12/PS dated 11 July 45 quoting extract from Venezia Region R.P.S.O. report for June refers.

2. These remarks are rather misleading. As all other Northern Regions, Venezia were asked for estimates of requirements of new forms but have not sent them in. Our signal 9876 of 16 June -copy to you- resumed the situation in full but met with no response.

3. It is assumed that the estimate of "20,000 POL Forms" required for the period August to December refers to Circulation Permits of which there are 3 types in current use. If Venezia Region will state how many of each are required they can be supplied.

*R. A. GENT*  
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Commerce Subcommission

Copy to : HQ Venezia Region A.M.G.  
for R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478800

11 July 1945

AG/14011/12/TS

SUBJECT : Issue of Motor Vehicle Permits -  
Venezia Region.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission  
(attn: Capt. Cowling)

1. The R.P.S.O., Venezia Region, in his report for the month of June states as follows :-

" Registration of motor vehicles is progressing but has been held up in four Provinces due to lack of necessary forms. These are not forthcoming from ROME and consequently local printing has had to be resorted to. An approximate estimate of the number of P.O.L. forms required in VENEZIA Region is round about 20,000 for the new period August-December 1945."

2. Forwarded for information.

*W. C. Ballance May*

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

Copy : RPSO, Venezia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENEZIE REGION  
Military Government  
APO 394

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5 July 45.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
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The new, and much wanted, Group Commander for TREVISO, Lt.Col. DI PUGNIO, has now arrived and impresses well.



It. Col. AMATO, Group Commander, BOLZANO, has also arrived, so the re-organisation in BOLZANO should now go ahead.

Major D'AMARO has now assumed command of the BELLUNO Group.

Major TANTI has arrived to take command of the TRENTO Group.

The Group Commander at VENEZIA is not satisfactory and General SENNINO has promised to replace him, probably by Major MANUCI of FLORENCE, at my request.

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of most senior Allied officers is that his withdrawal is far too premature, whatever the dictates of high policy, and may well precipitate serious trouble.

Communications are gradually being restored, but clothing and boots are still in short supply. Efforts are now being made to bring about the release of clothing and boots "frozen", but it is a very slow process. Many lack pistols also.

The Eighth Army "spearheads" are now being sent on leave after their long service with Army, after which they will be sent back to their own Legions in the South.

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ROVIGO - Capt. Mario AMBROSI (C.L.N. appointee).

UDINE - Dr. Carlo BERTODO (the second C.L.N. appointee), in which case the Provincial Commissioner is asking for another month before considering Col. DURANTE, the Rome appointee.

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VENEZIA - Dr. Guido BATTISTELLO (the second C.L.N. appointee). The history of the career man appointed by Rome, Giuseppe LENTINI, who is at present Questore of TARANTO, is being requested from Rome before his appointment can be considered.

VERONA - Dr. MASIERO (C.L.N. appointee).

VICENZA - Dr. Luigi FOIGHIERI (C.L.N. appointee).

All the C.L.N. appointees are endeavouring to do a good job, but all are handicapped by lack of police training and police psychology.

Where the career men have been accepted - sometimes against much local opposition, as at TREVISO - the work is proceeding well.

When the new batch of screened Vice-Commissari arrive greater improvement should be observed.

The general situation is most unsatisfactory generally speaking as many of the regulars have vanished, and the Questure are cluttered up also with a lot of temporary agents recruited from the patrioti.

Steps are being taken to improve the transport situation, as also communications.

Various Commissariato have been re-established in the Provinces, but the men lack confidence and some time must elapse before this police agency can be considered anywhere near satisfactory.

This service has felt the effects of recent events more than any other and has been completely disrupted. Progress is being made however, and possibly within two months there should be a noticeable improvement.

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Steps are being taken to improve the transport situation, as also communications.

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One might well say, "What does it mean? It is only the Italian killing each other", but to the trained police mind this is not very gratifying as a police officer's duty is to maintain law and order, whatever the difficulties may be, and to detect and arrest offenders whenever possible.

The number of cases are, I am convinced, on the decrease in spite of the picture portrayed below.

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There are also reports from VERONA of heavy larcenies of clothing, bicycles, etc.

#### ROVIGO.

Crime in ROVIGO Province is considered low. Two well-to-do persons, one anti-Fascist and one Fascist, have disappeared and believed murdered. Six suspects are being held for enquiry.

An Auxilia Police Agent was killed whilst on night duty. CC.RR. effected an arrest.

VENICE. VENICE Province has its crime also for during the month bandits have been busy. In VENICE two men in Allied uniforms, believed Italian, entered the house of a successful prostitute and, after knocking her unconscious with a revolver, lifted L.35,000 in cash and L.150,000 in cheques.

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Despite the fact that "stand down" parades have been held everywhere for Patriots and disarmament taken place, there should be no misapprehension about the large number of modern weapons still remaining in the hands of the people. Very few pistols and automatic weapons have been surrendered, or those dropped by us from the air in order to arm Patrioti.

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At a recent "stand down" parade at UDINE of 12,000 Patrioti it was noticeable that a good many of the firearms handed in were old and not the automatic weapons seen in their possession when the place was liberated. It is certain that those handed in only represent a tithe of those in existence.

A number of prosecutions are taking place for possessing arms, but very few are now being carried.

Continued vigilance is being maintained by police and military with a view to recovering arms and prosecuting offenders. As a result of this vigilance on 26 June at LATISANA, Province of UDINE, FSS in conjunction with local Italian police located a hidden supply of arms in the crypt of the cemetery. The arms consisted of 50 rifles, 10 machine guns, one 3-inch mortar, and a quantity of grenades.

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IX. SECURITY.

No cases of actual sabotage have been reported but minor cases of wire-cutting have taken place.

FSS and CIC have been active in rounding up enemy agents and other suspects who might be a menace to security.

No serious strikes have occurred. One or two minor disputes regarding wages have occurred but without disorder and terminated

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No serious disturbances occurred except the one at PADUA, (mentioned under "Crime") where persons were removed from the Special Court of Assize by an hysterical mob.

There have been a number of minor food demonstrations, mostly of women protesting against the high cost of living and low wages.

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The movement of the Security Control Line from the PIAVE to the Western boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA has eased the strain on Public Safety Officers a good deal. Check points are established on this Line and also at useful places on the Prohibited Line.

Frontier Control is being operated by CIC/FSS, CMP, CC.RR. and GC.FF.

XV. FIRE SERVICES.

An inspection of the fire services has been carried out in all Provinces.

The fire brigades in all Provinces were found to be functioning with almost pre-war efficiency and defects were mostly local and of a minor nature.

There is a shortage of clothing and materials but the position as compared with Southern Italy is good.

A limited supply of materials may be obtained from the branch office of the Direzione Generale (Anti-Fire Services) at MILAN to whom all requests will be forwarded.

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The number of calls normally attended according to the Bollettino Statistico issued by the Direzione Generale is 598 per year.

With the completion of the tour of the Region it is thought that future activities of a Fire Officer might be in co-operation with the Italian Regional Fire Officer and the special problems connected with the fire protection of the Port of VENICE rather than at PADOVA.



XVI. PRISONS

1. Judiciary prison and Concentration Camps functioning in the Region.

Judiciary prisons - Rovigo  
 Padova  
 Vicenza  
 Trento  
 Belluno  
 Bolzano  
 Udine

S. Maria Maggiore (Venezia)  
 Treviso  
 Verona (79th Infantry Caserma)  
 Rovereto (Trento)  
 Pordenone (Udine)  
 Tolmezzo (Udine)

Casa di Pena di Padova  
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At the Casa di Pena di Padova, the largest prison in the Region, and where most of the long term political prisoners will eventually be taken, steps have been taken to establish a water supply to all parts of the prison.



Where conditions are really bad, prison directors have been instructed to permit prisoners to be out in the open as much as possible and to have the prisoners bring their blankets and bedding outside with them.

d) Food: The ration for prisoners is generally better than the ration set up by A.C. There seems to be no difficulty obtaining this ration and no efforts have been made to change it. The ration scale and allowance for guards has been put into effect on authority received from Sub-Commission. It is now understood that this allowance is not authorized for northern Italy and the letter authorizing it will have to be recalled. Unless the new wage scale for Government Employees goes into effect soon, this is going to present a problem.

e) Prison Records: Improving. Screening committees are at work in all provinces preparing political prisoners for these three categories: 1. War criminals, 2. Prisoners of war, 3. No charge and to be released. Two difficulties are presented here. In some provinces there seems to be some indecision as to who should do this work. In all provinces there aren't enough men doing the work. It is believed that the Province of Padova has a good working plan that could be used by other provinces not already using it. The Committee of Epuration, five lawyers, have handled all the screening. The number is insufficient but these men have worked diligently and have done an excellent job. In provinces where Commissarios of Public Security have done the screening, the results are not so satisfying. Since this is primarily a legal function, the Tribunales of the various provinces, should be charged with the job and sufficient lawyers be pressed into service to expediate the emergency.

5. It is difficult to obtain an accurate record of all the prisoners in the Region. All established prisons have submitted regular reports to this Hqs. but the Mandamentale prisons have not. The figures for the first type of prison can be given but the figure for the Mandamentale prisons will have to be approximated. Population chart attached.

4. Summary: Main difficulties are as follows:

- a) Insufficient number of regular guards.
- b) Slow working of screening committees.
- c) Divided authority in most of the prisons.
- d) Badly overcrowded conditions
- e) Lack of soap and disinfectants.
- f) Lack of transport to gather prisoners from the smaller prisons and centralize them and to take P.O.W.s to the cages.

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e) Prison Records: Improving. Screening committees are at work in all provinces preparing political prisoners for these three categories: 1. War criminals, 2. Prisoners of war, 3. No charge and to be released. Two difficulties are presented here. In some provinces there seems to be some indecision as to who should do this work. In all provinces there aren't enough men doing the work. It is believed that the Province of Padova has a good working plan that could be used by other provinces not already using it. The Committee of Epuration, five lawyers, have handled all the screening. The number is insufficient but these men have worked diligently and have done an excellent job. In provinces where Commissarios of Public Security have done the screening, the results are not so satisfying. Since this is primarily a legal function, the Tribunales of the various provinces, should be charged with the job and sufficient lawyers be pressed into service to expediate the emergency.

3. It is difficult to obtain an accurate record of all the prisoners in the Region. All established prisons have submitted regular reports to this Hqs. but the Mandamentale prisons have not. The figures for the first type of prison can be given but the figure for the Mandamentale prisons will have to be approximated. Population chart attached.

4. Summary: Main difficulties are as follows:

- a) Insufficient number of regular guards.
- b) Slow working of screening committees.
- c) Divided authority in most of the prisons.
- d) Badly overcrowded conditions
- e) Lack of soap and disinfectants.
- f) Lack of transport to gather prisoners from the smaller prisons and centralize them and to take P.O.W.s to the cages.

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If proper and efficient screening committees are put into operation thru out the Region, the prison problem will be greatly diminished. Very little action can be taken until these committees have done their interrogation and they have been woefully slow.

POPULATION CHART FOR THE PRISONS OF VENEZIA AS OF 16TH JUNE

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Judiciary prisons (14 in number)	421	32	0	271	43	0	3240	37
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Concentration Camps (4 in number)	0	0	0	21	0	0	1110	
Total for Established prisons in the Region	485	141	83	347	43	0	5656	4
Approximate total for 79 Mandamentale prisons and other places of confinement for political prisoners								
Total for all prisons in the Region								





XVII. CIVIL DEFENCE.

With the exception of PADUA and TREVISO all U.N.P.A. men have been disbanded and the equipment handed over to the Fire Service. In the two Provinces referred to the men are being used for mine clearance, etc.

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Only one case reported at BOLZANO this month, viz: fifteen L.1000 counterfeited notes. The case is at present awaiting trial.

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A/R.P.S.O.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
 VENEZIE REGION  
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3 June 1945  
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**SUBJECT :** Monthly Report for May 1945 re Public Safety Conditions in Venezia Region, A.M.G.  
**TO :** P.S. Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C., C.M.F.V Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.  
**FILE No. :** RXII/PS/1.4

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NOTE: + Includes personnel of Trieste Legion on temporary duty 4

as follows :- Padova 50, Venezia 50, Udine 100.

In addition 4 officers and 490 CC.RR recently arrived in Padova from Cesena and are being distributed as follows :- 1 Off. 190 CC.RR Treviso, 1 Off. 100 CC.RR Vicenza, 1 Off. 100 CC.RR Udine, 1 Off. 100 CC.RR Bolzano making a total of 91 Officers and 5264 CC.RR.



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Screening is still in progress, although in the provinces of Trento and Bolzano little has been done so far.

Of the total number of those found in the North 38 Officers and 600 CC.RR have been sent home as unacceptable.

More CC.RR are still no doubt to come in.

Owing to the urgent need of officers, only preliminary screening has been possible and a large number have had to be put into service and more comprehensive screening await a more suitable time.

The arrival of the mobile Bn of 500 CC.RR from Senegalia together with Recce Cars and other transport is awaited with pleasure and it is hoped that their arrival in Region will not be much longer delayed as they can be invaluable in the present uncertain and somewhat confused state of affairs.

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Agenti di P.S.	69	2000	
Guardia di Finanza	62	2157	
Guardia Municipale	10	831	
Corpo Forestale	47	630	

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Except for CC.RR, the above figures do not include the provinces of Bolzano and Treviso as reports are delayed through pressure of work.

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There was a very mixed reception on the part of the public and patrioti of C.R.R brought in from the North. The situation is easing considerably now and the escapades of some of the patrioti is swinging public opinion back towards being ready to accept the C.R.R more favourably than at one time. Once the patrioti problem is suitably disposed of, the chief difficulty will have been eliminated.

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A further and separate report will be submitted in the course of the next few days in an attempt to clarify the situation and thus form the basis for making decisions.

4. Guardia di Finanza

This force is co-operating and are being re-established in their normal duties. The various provincial strengths seem very disproportionate. For example there is a strength of 900

in Udine, whilst in Belluno and Rovigo the strength is 72 and 95 respectively

The Guards in Udine are described as being detested by the general public, by reason of their all time active collaboration with the Germans in regard to the collection of food etc. It is necessary that wholesale transfers be effected as soon as possible. This matter is already being considered by the GG.FF Brigade HQ.

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On 9th May seven political prisoners were taken out of prison at Solesino by unknown patriots; 6 of the bodies were found the following day 15 Km South of Padua near route 16.



There have been other cases elsewhere - for instance at Chioggia Province of Venice. Ex-patrioti members of the Italian 'Cremona' Division entered the gaol at night and killed two members of the Black Brigade.

The local Commander stated that he had no control of his men and that his own officers were not trust-worthy. The CC.RR and prison guards were incapable of handling affairs. Captain Lee immediately took up the enquiry and it is probable the assailants will be identified and arrested.

At Verona on the night of the 28th May an armed band of twenty persons, including a woman, from Imola (Emilia Region) came and after visiting CC.RR, Prefect, C.L.N., etc, obtained information as to whereabouts of a number of refugees from Imola and after collecting twenty, interrogated them at the CC.RR Caserma and eventually took away six, three girls and three men ages sixteen to 36, and shot them near Bologna Veneta, leaving their bodies on the canal bank.

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In some areas in the North Patrioti have necessarily been permitted to retain their firearms as protection against armed German or Fascist gangs still roaming the country-side. This is a most acute problem and still pregnant with much danger. I think the military authorities are aware that the sudden end of hostilities did not necessarily mean peace and that a concerted drive on the problem is now becoming a matter of some urgency.

9. Conduct of Allied troops

Can generally be described as good.

10. Veneral disease

There is much clandestine prostitution going on as is inevitable, as brothels are in the main out of bounds.

There is no reason to believe from available information that the V.D. rate is high.

- 11. Relations with
  - (a) Military Police } Excellent
  - (b) Security Services }

12. Functioning of Courts  
 Italian Courts are now opening and functioning.  
 A.M.G. Courts have in some provinces already begun to deal with cases.  
 Epuration committees and Special Courts of Assizes are being set up and cases already being listed for hearing.

13. Other points effecting Civil Police  
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No serious strikes or lock-outs reported.

No serious disturbances have occurred except such cases as are dealt with under 'Crime' above.

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 In the main can be described as good. The cessation of hostilities being so recent, adequacy of food, the gradual restoration of public services, and the stand being taken by the Allies over Venezia Giulia, all contribute in maintaining public morale. Further the people of the North are a hardier breed than their Southern brothers and there is less apparent want.

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Many nationalities are involved and much distress is evident in the masses of displaced persons wending their way south. The problem is a difficult one but is working out with the passage of time. Security risks have decreased; but it is to be remembered that Fascism and Nazism are not dead and the confused situation gives ample cover for almost any form of subversive activity, particularly as there is now free movement of civilians in most of the North.

The situation though is one which gives concern but not necessarily alarm.

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4. Civilian internees

In the strict sense of the word there are few civil internees. The prisons are crowded with political prisoners awaiting to be dealt with and there will be many more as the pressure on the prison accommodation eases, but see under 'Prisons'.

III LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

1. Registration of M/Vehicles

R.A.C.I. is beginning to function in each province as also are kindred services. Progress is slow but every effort is being made to establish control of M/Vehicles as outlined in G.O.20, permits being only issued to essential services or officials as recommended by Divisional Heads in conjunction with P.P.S.Os and/or Transportation Officers.

2. Control of Civilian Movement

The freeing of travel restriction South of the Prohibited Zone and West of Security Control Line have done much to ease the heavy burden on Public Safety Officers as has also the lifting of the curfew West of the Control Line.

Check points have been established on the Control Line in order to control unauthorised movement, and it is hoped soon to be able to increase and improve on the measures adopted.

IV FIRE

1. Captain A.J. Brown, Fire Officer, is now in Rome, but a preliminary inspection carried out by him reveals the situation in the main to be very satisfactory.

Vehicles and Caserme remain almost intact. There is a super abundance of manpower which will have to be cut.

There is need of clothing and leather and also some spare parts for appliances.

A comprehensive report will be submitted on Captain Brown's return.

V CIVIL DEFENCE

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TREVISO	- CARCERE Giudiziario	
VENICE	- Carcere Giudiziario Santa Maria Maggiore	558
	Casa di Lavoro per Uomini a Giudecca	
	Casa de Reclusione a di Lavoro per Donne a Giudecca	
	Reformatory Centro Reiducazione Minorenni a Zattere	
VICENZO	- Carcere Giudiziario	
TRENTO	- Carcere Giudiziario	
BELLUNO	- Carcere Giudiziario	
UDINE	- Carcere Giudiziario	
VERONA	- Carcere Giudiziario destroyed - 79th Infantry Caserma	
	being satisfactorily used as a prison.	
BOLZANO	- No report	



2. Prison conditions - (a) Administration: Unsteady. Authority over most of the prisons have been taken over by the Questore. Only a few prison directors have been removed but there remains some unsatisfactory ones. Prison Staffs are all understrength and recruiting has been started in several institutions. This has been progressing slowly as there seems to be little inclination for qualified men to do prison work. Adjusting prison personnel promises to be a major job.

(b) Sanitation: Good to poor, varying to the extent that the prison is overcrowded. Some German delousing powder and disinfectants have been obtained and these have been put to use. No soap obtainable as yet. Proper bathing facilities in most prisons insufficient due to both the construction of the prison and the overcrowded conditions.

(c) Feeding: The general prison ration in effect on our arrival is somewhat better than the ration as set up by AC and the Italian Government. 500 grams of bread and 100 grams of pasta daily are being given. About 200 grams of greens, salt, oil, potatoes, beans or peas make up the daily minestra. The guard ration has not been in force yet awaiting a response to a letter sent to the Prison Officer A.C.

(d) Prison labour: Nil. Outside of the regular prison shops there is little labour being done. 90 to 95% of all prisoners are political and have yet to be tried.

(e) Prison records: In poor shape. Prisoners have been tossed in with little regard to proper procedure and the committee of Epuration is now working to establish a charge against all prisoners being held.

3. Prison Population - No accurate figures available since all reports did not state exact number. In the ten provinces under 5th Army and Venezia Region control there are approximately 10,500 prisoners of which 9500 are political. None of these have been tried as yet. There are a thousand criminal prisoners of which about half have been tried. Prison population is constantly changing as there is a terrific turnover in some provinces. The Committee of Epuration are at work screening all political prisoners and they do release quite a number but new arrests have caused a slow but steady increase in the population. There are many Fascists that have yet to be arrested and when they are brought into the fold the total should be higher.

4. SUMMARY  
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VII FORGED AMG CURRENCY

- 1. None reported.

VIII PATRIOTS

- 1. The situation is far from satisfactory due to a variety of .....

reasons. The process of disarming is proceeding slowly. It is impracticable to give an out and out order to disarm everywhere as in the North it is still necessary to retain armed patriots to hunt for the many alleged armed Germans and Fascists still said to be roaming the hills and countryside. There are of course a number of bogus patriots taking advantage of the general situation and indulging in hold ups etc.

In other cases, certain small band leaders are still endeavouring to maintain themselves in authority and take on responsibilities outside their scope.

The situation is however being got under control, not as quickly as I should like to see, but enthusiasm is waning where there is little call for action and I think that both public and patriots are beginning to realise that the time has come when a serious attempt should be made to return to normal.

The sooner therefore the patriots can be absorbed into civil life and given something else to think about the better.

IX GENERAL

1. List of P.P.S.Os attached at Appendix 'A'
2. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation  
 Order is gradually returning out of chaos. The restoration of a completely disrupted Police service calls for great patience and tact in these difficult circumstances.  
 Already though there are signs of a return to normality, the disarming of Patriots and the re-establishment of the Police services should soon result in the restoration of confidence generally.

*A.W. Rowler*

A.W. ROWLERSON  
Lieut. Colonel  
Regional Public Safety Officer



APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF P.P.S.O.'s.

Headquarters Staff

Lt. Col. A.W. ROWLERSON  
Major G. RICHARDSON  
Major W. HARE  
Capt. A.J. BROWN  
Capt. L.W. TOES  
1st Lt. J.J. GUARINI

R.P.S.O.  
D/R.P.S.O.  
Security  
F and CD.  
Mines  
Prisons

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(B)  
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(A)

Provincial Staff

Capt. D.J. HOPKINS  
Capt. S. BEAN  
Major B. POWELL  
Capt. S.D. DECKER  
1st Lt. G.M. MARINKOV  
Major H.S. HARRIS  
Capt. G.L. LEE  
Capt. A.E. BAKER  
Capt. S.S.W. CHAMBERS  
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Capt. J.H. DODRIDGE  
Major J.T. MANUEL  
Capt. A.L. BERNARD  
Capt. G.W. BROWN  
Capt. T.P. COTTON

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Venezia Giulia Pool

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Major J.R.K. COWAN  
Major J.E. MAYFORTH  
~~Capt. T.P. COTTON (Transferred Treviso)~~  
Capt. H.R. HANBURY  
Capt. G. JONES

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Capt. H.F. STRAND  
Capt. H.H. DOWDY

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DIRECTOR  
History Division  
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John 7/6

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Director	AWB 6/6
Deputy Dir.	AWB 9/6
Asst. Dir.	AWB 9/6
Adm. Serv.	AWB 11-6
Prison	AWB 9/6
Security	AWB 9/6
Chief Clerk	

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30 April 45

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission; HQ - A/C. ✓  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - April, 1945.  
FILE NO. : RX11/PS/ 1.4

1. During the entire month of April, Lt. Col. A.W. Rowlerson, RPSO, remained on duty at this HQ with Major F.F. Hoelscher as A/RPSO. There are now five officers on the HQ Staff of Public Safety Division.
2. Approximately 1200 CC.RR and Officers reported to this Division during the month for service with this Region. More than half have already gone forward and plans have already been made for the balance to follow very shortly.
3. On the 14th day of April, the Division moved with the Region from Mondaino to Cesena. A approximately 5 days were required to establish Offices and Billets.
4. All RPSOs reported to the RPSO and were assigned to their duties with adequate supplies of Proclamations, General Orders and Notices, etc., for use in their respective Provinces.

*A.W. Rowlerson*

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Lieut. Colonel, G. I. ,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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AWH	12/5
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AWR	15/5
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31 March 45.

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

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - March 1945.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/41.

1. On the 23rd day of the month, Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, was assigned to the Region of Lazio-Umbria. Lt. Col. A.W. Rowleron, was assigned to this Region in his place on the same date. Major F.F. Hoelscher, acted as Regional Public Safety Officer in the absence of both. Capt. T.W. Glasspool remained on temporary duty with the Patriots' Branch - 5th Army, AMG. All other Public Safety Officers remained on temporary duty with other Regions subject to recall to this HQ on 48 hours notice.

2. Major Hoelscher made several trips to rear areas adjacent to army areas surveying possibilities of placing CC.RR groups in position for forward use when needed. Army Area has been reserved for 8th Army, AMG use and Billets for approximately half of our CC.RR strength have now been found.

3. Proclamations, General Orders, Notices and Public Safety Directives, were prepared for distribution to the Provinces when the Region is activated.

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DIRECTOR	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	10/4
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/2
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/4
POLICE	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	10/4
LC. & REG.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	12/4
PROCES	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/4
ADM. OFFICER	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/4
SECURITY	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/4
CHIEF	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>	11/4

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*Francis F. Hoelscher* Major, SR.,  
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 Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.

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28 February 45.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission - HQ - A/C.  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - February 1945.  
FILE NO. : RKII/PS/41.

1. During the month of February, 1945, Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, continued on T/D with the Public Safety Sub-Commission in Rome; Capt. T.W. Glasspool continued on T/D with the Patriots' Branch; 5th Army, AMG, and, Major F.F. Hoelscher, continued service as Acting Regional Public Safety Officer at this HQ.

2. There are at present 25 Officers assigned to Public Safety Division, Venezia Region; all of whom are on T/D with various Regions throughout Italy with the exceptions of Lt. Col. Millhouse, who is on T/D at HQ - Rome; and Major Hoelscher who is acting as Regional Public Safety Officer at this HQ during the absence of Lt. Col. Millhouse.

3. The major portion of the month was utilized in the preparation of General Orders, Proclamations and Notices for distribution to the Provinces when the Region is activated.

TO	
DIRECTOR	5/3
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	5/3
PROPERTY CLERK	5/3
POST	5/3

*F.F. Hoelscher*  
F.F. HOELSCHER; Major, SR-3  
Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.



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REGIONAL OFFICER	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
ASST. DIR.	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
CLERK	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
RECORDS	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
MAIL	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
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TRAINING	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
GENERAL	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3
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OTHER	<i>[Signature]</i> 5/3

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 Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.



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31 January 1945.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission - HQ - AC.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - January, 1945.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/47.

1. During the month of January, 1945, Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, continued on Temporary Duty with the Public Safety Sub-Commission in Rome; Capt. T.M. Glasspool of this Division, continued on Temporary Duty with the Patriots Branch, AMG, 5th Army; and Major Francis F. Hoelscher, continued service as Acting Regional Public Safety Officer at this Headquarters.
2. On the 2nd day of January, this HQ received information from Public Safety Sub-Commission that 250 CC.RR. would proceed to Senigallia. These have been loaned to AMG - 8th Army for use in the Ravenna - Forli District.
3. On the 14th day of January, the Division moved from PESARO to MONDAINO. Approximately 10 days were required to establish billets and offices for the Region.
4. In response to a request of Civil Affairs Section, HQ - A/C; this Division prepared an estimate of the required amount of copies of General Order 35 and handbooks and forms dealing with Defascism for use in Venezia Region. The said estimate was submitted on the 24th day of January.

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*Francis F. Hoelscher* Major, S.R.  
FRANCIS F. HOELSCHER-Major, S.R.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission - HQ - AC.  
 SUBJECT : Monthly Report - January, 1945.  
 FILE NO. : RXII/PS/42.

1. During the month of January, 1945, Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, continued on Temporary Duty with the Public Safety Sub-Commission in Rome; Capt. T.W. Glasspool of this Division, continued on Temporary Duty with the Patriots Branch, AMG, 5th Army; and Major Francis F. Heelschner, continued service as Acting Regional Public Safety Officer at this Headquarters.
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 Acting Regional Public Safety Offr.

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LT. COL. MILLHOUSE	Sub 1/12
MAJ. GLASSPOOL	5/12
MAJ. HEELSCHNER	6/12
MAJ. HANSEN	10/7/45
MAJ. BALANCE	13/12
CAPT. P. WEL	
Capt. Daley	

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31 December 44

TO : HQ - AC - Public Safety Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - December 1944.

FILE NO.: RXII/PS/41.

1. During the month of December, Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, remained on temporary duty with the Public Safety Sub-Commission in Rome; Capt. T.W. Glasspool, remained on temporary duty with the Patriots - Fifth Army; and Capt. Francis F. Hoelscher, performed the duties of Acting Regional Public Safety Officer at this HQ.

2. On the 4th day of December, Capt. Roberts of 8th Army, AMG, delivered a verbal order to this HQ, on behalf of Major Pullen, 8th Army, AMG, to the effect that 250 CC.RR should be made immediately available for shipment to necessary areas on 48 hours notice. Contact was made with Public Safety Sub-Commission and this HQ was assured that the said CC.RR would be ready the first week in January.

*left Rome on 9/45.  
15/45.*

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN	<i>13/11</i>	
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX	<i>14/11</i>	
MAJ LUCKMAN	<i>15/11</i>	
MAJ WILSON	<i>15/45</i>	
MAJ HANBU Y		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL	<i>14/11</i>	
CHIEF CLERK		

*Francis F. Hoelscher* Capt. S.R.,  
TO FRANCIS F. HOELSCHER, Capt., S.R.,  
Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.

COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ - AC.  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - November, 1944.  
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1. The entire month of November was utilized in the preparation of Proclamations, General Orders and Notices, for shipment to Provincial Public Safety Officers, when Provinces in Venezia Region are liberated.
2. On the 2nd of the month, Capt. T.W. Glasspool, of this Division was relieved from Temporary Duty with the Partisans at Florence, and placed on Temporary Duty as Intelligence Officer of Venezia Region. After his release from the 48th General Hospital (B), Lt. Col. R.T. Millhouse, the Regional Public Safety Officer, was placed on Temporary Duty with HQ - AC; Public Safety Sub-Commission, in Rome, where he still remains. Major Karl W. Fischer, Dep. Regional Public Safety Officer, was assigned to Sardegna Region on the 20th day of November; and Capt. Francis F. Hoelscher, was assigned from Hq - AC, to take his place on the same date. News was received during the month of the evacuation of Capt. A.R. Crosbie from a hospital in Naples, to the United Kingdom, on the 17 th of September, 1944. At present, Capt. Hoelscher is the only Police Officer on active duty at HQ - Public Safety Division, Venezia Region.

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