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SCAPO'S MONTHLY REPORTS, 8 ARMY
DEC. 1944 - MAY 1945

A.M.C.
HQ EIGHTH ARMY
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FILE:- R.IX/PS/19/19.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - APRIL 1945.

TO:- S.C.A.O. Eighth Army.

1. CIVIL POLICE

1(a) STRENGTH

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The Questore and Vice-Questore of Ferrara Provinces fled before liberation of the Province.

1 (b) EFFICIENCY

Efficiency is on the up-grade, indications of improvement are becoming noticeable.

1 (c) UNIFORM

The failure of the C.C.R.R. Supreme Command to provide the uniform for which bids were sent in last October is still a matter for complaint and urgent representation, no further supplies having been received.

1 (d) STATE OF TRANSPORT

Provides for a minimum of mobility and is served for load carrying needs by Ufficio Trasporti.

1 (e) COMMUNICATIONS

Remains confined to courier systems employing motor cycles and bicycles, and needs are reasonably well served.

1st May, 1945

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(a) The general situation is causing no anxiety.

(b) There have been no serious crimes.

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3. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ETC BY CIVILIANS.

No recoveries were made in Forli and Ravenna Provinces.

Firearms etc. of the Partisans are being handed in well in newly liberated Ferrara Province.

4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

Generally good.

Two instances of attacks by Allied soldiers on C.C.R.R. in discharge of their duty, resulted in an Allied soldier in each being shot at and slightly wounded.

In a brawl between Polish soldiers and civilians as a result of the soldiers "gatecrashing" a civilian dance, one soldier and three civilians received slight injuries.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

A further 45 prostitutes have been rounded up, sent to hospital for examination, and those diseased detained for treatment. The total to date so examined is 287, of whom 165 have been found to be suffering from V.D.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

Excellent. The utmost co-operation has existed.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

Cases for trial have been dealt with promptly by both A.M.G. and Italian Courts.

II. SECURITY.1. SABOTAGE.

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No reports of sabotage or suspected sabotage have been received.

2. STRIKES AND LOCK OUTS.

Nil.

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

Two small instances. One, on the 13 April at Forli City. An

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ex-C.C.R.R. was rescued by the C.C.R.R. from a small mob apparently intent on lynching him and taken into protective custody. It is alleged that the ex-C.C.R.R. followed the Germans northwards from Naples and collaborated with them in civilian clothes in Forli prior to liberation.

40 persons, mostly women, staged a short demonstration outside the Municipio, Forli City, on the 14 April, as a protest against an order to vacate their homes by use of Army, and were dispersed without incident.

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

Generally good. Enhanced by sweeping defeat of Germans in Italy.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The ban on public meetings has not been relaxed.

6. APPROCIATION OF GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Satisfactory.

7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

(a) General Position.

Satisfactory. Cases continued to be revised twice monthly in conjunction with G.S.I. (b).

(b) Number of Internees in Civilian Prisons.

Males 24. Females 4.

8. POLITICAL PROPAGANDA.

Instances of propaganda activities conflicting with proclamations and orders continued to be few in number and consisted of isolated cases of clandestine posting of pamphlets on walls.

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Forlì Province. The system set up under General Order 20 worked well.

Ravenna Province. Still remains at first phase, but all arrangements are completed for a start on posting of General Order 20.

IV. FIRE.

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I. GENERAL REPORT.

(a) Efficiency.

Regarded as equal to demands reasonably expected upon services.

The Corpo di Ferrara Province is reported to be in good shape in housing, appliances and personnel.

(b) State of Equipment.

Main augmentation, a further two W.D. re-constructed trucks fitted with water tank and pump.

2. SERIOUS DEF.

Consorzio Alimentare at Cesenatico. Foodstuffs value lire 905,828 destroyed. Investigation of cause not yet completed.

V. CIVIL DEFENCE.

1. BY WHOM CONTROLLED.

By P.P.S.O. with Italian Provincial Inspectors of Civil Defence.

2. STATE OF EFFICIENCY.

Reported as good, but limited by light appliances.

VI. PRISONS.

Forli Province.

Judicial Prison still under requisition by Military as a ~~Military~~ Detention Centre.

Mandamentali at Cesena, San'Arcangelo, Rocco S. Casolano, Galeata and Sogliano al Rubicone. Mandamentali at Rimini still used as a Military Detention Centre, and temporary premises at Via Bonai 15 being used.

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Ravenna Province.

Judicial Prison, Ravenna, and Mandamentali at Lago.

Ferrara Province.

Judicial Prison found to be part destroyed and locks removed from cell doors. Capable of housing 80 in present state, and after repairs 300.

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2. GENERAL FACTS.

Accommodation remains congested and it is extremely difficult to provide readily for intakes.

3. PRISONERS: APPROXIMATE NUMBER.

(a)	Convicted	173
(b)	Awaiting Trial	
	(1) By Italian Courts	26
	(2) By A.M.G. Courts.	24
(c)	Italian Military.	51

VII. FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.1. NUMBER OF CASES BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

ONE: 1000 Lire note, series 1943-A. No.A.96745139A.

2. NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR FORGERY OFFENCES.

Nil.

VIII. GENERAL.

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2. List of Forgery Cases. See Appendix "B". - 12 B

3. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HQ EIGHTH ARMY REAR

Appendix "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1st May 1945.

Ref. R.IX/PS/19/19.

FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
No. of Cases of Forgery, counterfeiting and uttering.	No. of Forgers taken into custody.	No. of Convictions.	Value of Notes.	Serial Nos. of Notes.	Additional Information be useful.
1	Nil	Nil	1000 lire	A96745139A	Detected in Banca Allied to have been by Allied Officer (Rest Camp), Ricca. Note is counterfeit.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HQ EIGHTH ARMY REAR

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2. CARABINIERI :-

the supply of Carabinieri for the forward areas, i.e., PARARA Prov in Emilia Region and the provs of VERGATE region in the Eighth Army projected sphere has been as follows :-

At 9 Apr 45:	In PARARA area	250 for PARARA.
	In Army Area generally	250 for VERGATE Region.
	Arrived from South 27 Apr 500	" "
	Arrived from South 1 May 500	" "

Total :- 1,500

Notification has been received that a further 500 are due at PARARA during period 14/20 May 45.

For the first 10 days of the attack it was possible to disperse the CC-RR freely in the area as occupied, but as the attack gathered momentum, and in particular, when the IO and ADIGE Rivers were crossed, it became increasingly difficult to keep up with the movement as all hauls were by road from the GSSMA area.

Some idea of the road and traffic conditions will be obtained when it is recorded that one round trip of 100 miles took 3 days to complete.

After leaving PARARA behind it has only been possible to place CC-RR in the Provincial towns. It is anticipated that it will be possible to complete the distribution to the most forward Prov Capitals of UDINE and BELLUNO by 6 May 45. Road and traffic conditions and availability of transport have been and still are, the determining factors in the taking forward of the CC-RR. In addition to the carry forward of the Provincial CC-RR, the Mobile CC-RR have been moved along the main traffic routes on block posts to keep them as free as possible of civilian traffic.

In this almost day-to-day movement, the Mobile CC-RR have met all the calls upon them with usual efficiency and good spirit.

3. CARABINIERI FOUND IN FORWARD AREAS :-

With the fast movement and difficult communications it is not possible to give full information on this point, but it is known that in the first few days of occupation 50 CC-RR reported for duty at PARARA and no less than 400 at PADUA. The latter figure included a full Colonel CC-RR who is being sent to 1407 ROME soonest. The Colonel CC-RR who arrived with the PADUA group, and who, it should be added, appears to be extremely efficient, has commenced screening. The very fine Legion HQ at PADUA has not been damaged. So far as can be ascertained only a few of these CC-RR reporting for duty served in the G-R-R.

4. CONDITION OF CC-RR UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT :-

Generally the usual comment is made on the poor condition of uniforms and boots and in the inadequacy of equipment.

5. GUARDIA DI FINANZA :-

These are apparently available for duty in substantial numbers.

*New allotments from NWFA
in hand. Only small units
available at the moment.*

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6. AGENTS OF PUBLIC SECURITY :-

These men also are apparently on duty in good strength.

7. GUARDIA MUNICIPAL :-

In the provincial capitals and larger towns these men have been out on traffic duty as soon as possible, in some cases within hours of the forward troops passing through. This has been extremely helpful to the Military, as Military Police have had to be continually moving forward.

8. CRIME :-

No cases of serious crime have been reported in the newly-occupied area.

There have, however, been a number of reports, particularly in ARAGONA and PADUA, of women alleged to be fascists having their hair cut off.

9. ENEMY AGENTS :-

To deal with the investigation and preparation for trial of the accumulation of cases a Special Branch has been set up consisting of Mr. FOSTER (i/e), and Mr. ROGERS, on loan from AUSTRIA Public Safety; Major HARE on loan from VENTZIE region, and one Giff and 4 MOOS from GSI(b), Army. A number of the pending cases have been recommended by this branch, for various reasons, for Internment.

10. COMMITTEE OF ALLIED TROOPS :-

No serious cases reported.

11. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES :-

Excellent.

12. CIVILIAN INTERVIEWERS :-

Cases of 48 persons arrested by PS personnel on security grounds reviewed and ~~with~~ ^{after} recommendations made by reps of GSI(b) and this Hq.

13. FIRE SERVICES :-

In nearly all towns occupied which maintained a Fire Service, it was found that the enemy, contrary to usual practice, had left both equipment and vehicles intact. POL only was required to put the vehicles on the road and this has been supplied. It is believed that all the larger cities have an excellent Fire Service functioning.

14. CIVIL DEFENCE :-

UNRA generally was found to be well organized and functioning.

15. PRISONS :-

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14. CIVIL DEFENCE :-

UNFA generally was found to be well organised and functioning.

15. PRISONS :-

As can be expected, in many cases these have suffered the usual damage but detailed reports are not yet available.

16. FORGED NOTES :-

No cases of forged currency (AM) have come to notice during the month.

17. PERSONNEL :-

S.C.A.P.O.,
C.A.P.O. (Corps),
C.A.P.O. (Army),
C.A.P.O. (Army),
C.A.P.O. (Corps)

Lt. Col. E.J. FULLER (att from 22 C.A. Unit).
Major J. REID -do-
Capt. E.J. ROBERTS
Capt. G. JONES
Capt. HUNT.
Major J. MOKAY (att from 22 C.A. Unit).

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Inter Office Memorandum

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14011/16/PS

12 April 1945

SUBJECT : Motor Vehicle Circulation
TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(attn. Major W.B. Brarston)

1. Appended herewith for information is an extract from the March Monthly report submitted by the S.C.A.P.C., and Night Army

Wm C. Hallam May

for JOHN P. CHAPMAN
Colonel, S.C.A.P.C.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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A.M.G.
HQ EIGHTH ARMY
RMR.

FILE:- R. IX/EC/13/17.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY - MARCH, 1945.

TO:-	TO:-
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIR.	
SEC. OFFICER	
PRISON	
ADM. OFFICER	
SECURITY	
CHIEF CLERK	

(1) CIVIL POLICE.

Agency	Officers	Other ranks.
Carabinieri Regali	15	896
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza	13	136
Guardia di Finanza	5	196
Guardia Municipale	5	182
Corpo Forestale	2	69

Note:-

The above figures for Carabinieri are the original number, with minor augmentations of the Group of Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara Provinces, Emilia Region, together with the reorganized Carabinieri who have reported since the liberation of Forli and Ravenna Provinces.

(b) EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION.

242 "Specialized Carabinieri" permanently attached to AMG, Eighth Army, continue to perform useful services in forward areas, provide personnel for 'road blocks', and mobile motor cycle patrols designed to keep military roads clear of slow moving civilian traffic.

The replacement by Italian Military Guards of the OC, RR. of the Parma, Piacenza and Reggio Emilia Groups, formerly employed under the direction of the P.S.S. on check posts in controlling civilian movement and generally improving security measures, has been completed and the OC, RR. have been returned to the Holding Centre in Florence.

The 250 OC, RR. destined for Venetia Region continue to perform temporary duties in the forward areas.

Arrangements have been made to employ 120 OC, RR. from the Venetia and Ferrara contingents for special security checks under direction of 5 Corps.

(c) EFFICIENCY.

Attention continues to be given to improving the efficiency of the several police agencies. In particular the new Quarters of Forli Province has made progress in reorganising his department and has assigned

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PUBLIC SAFETY (h)
1st. April, 1945.

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ADM. OFFICER	10-110
SECURITY	10-110
CHIEF CLERK	10-110

Agency	Officers	Other personnel
Carabinieri Reali	15	396
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza	13	186
Guardia di Finanza	5	196
Guardia Municipali	5	102
Co. 36 Forze Armate	2	69

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(b) REARMED CARABINIERI.

242 "Spezial Carabinieri" permanently attached to 14th, Eighth Army, continue to perform useful services in forward areas, provide personnel for 'road blocks', and mobile motor cycle patrols designed to keep military roads clear of slow moving civilian traffic.

The replacement by Italian Military Guards of the CC. 23, of the Parma, Piacenza and Reggio Emilia Groups, formerly employed under the direction of the F.S.S. on check posts in controlling civilian movement and generally improving security measures, has been completed and the CC. 23 have been returned to the Holding Centre in Florence.

The 250 CC. 23, destined for Venezia Region continue to perform temporary duties in the forward areas.

Arrangements have been made to employ 120 CC. 23, from the Venezia and Ferrara contingents for special security checks under direction of 5 Corps.

(c) REORGANIZATION.

Attention continues to be given to improving the efficiency of the several police agencies. In particular the new structure of Forlì Province has made progress in reorganizing his Department and has done so with its less useful auxiliary members.

The progress of the Carabinieri is slower, attributable in Forlì to the fact that the Acting Commandante is not of a strong or aggressive character, and in Ravenna attributable to the shortage of officers. The increase of Officer strength of the CC. 23, has been requested as a matter of urgency. Further officers have been assigned and their arrival is awaited.

(d) CONDITION OF UNIFORMS.

No supplies have been received during the month and the conditions of uniforms has been further aggravated by another month's wear and tear. Throughout the winter the lack of uniforms has been the subject of urgent representations, and to date the original bids sent in during October last, remain largely unfulfilled, particularly in the matter of outer garments.

An exception are the 242 'spezial' CC. 23, who are now reasonably well clothed. For the rest uniform still remains an urgent necessity.

(c) ST 1 OF TRANSPORT.

Passenger transport has been provided for the principal police agencies, and load carrying needs continue to be met by the Ufficio Trasporti.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS.

Remain confined to a courier system maintained by C.I.R.R. employing motor cycles and bicycles, and needs are reasonably well met.

2. CRIME.

(a) The general situation is causing no anxiety.

(b) In Brisighella (Ravenna) and Faenza (Ravenna) areas an outbreak of thefts allegedly by Allied soldiers mainly Poles, of pigs, poultry and bicycles, was with the cooperation of the Polish Military Police, repressed and the matter is now seemingly at an end.

In Brisighella a Polish soldier was killed as a result of a brawl with peasants over their refusal to meet his demands for wine. A peasant is in custody on a charge of causing his death.

In Villa Franca (Forlì) one of four Polish soldiers was killed whilst attempting to forcibly steal poultry at a farm. The farmer who is alleged to have shot him, fled and is being sought.

In S. Maria del Monte (Forlì) a mother is alleged to have deliberately suffocated her newly born child.

3. CONFINEMENT OF PRISONERS.

Four cases are reported. Convictions were obtained against two civilians out of three cases tried, and substantial prison sentences imposed. The remaining case is awaiting trial.

4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

Reports from both Forlì and Ravenna Provinces are good, with the exception of the Brisighella and Faenza areas, where relations between troops and civilians have been disturbed by:-

(a) A Polish soldier exploding two hand grenades in a partisan centre at Faenza as a result of which he and two civilians were killed and 11 civilians wounded.

(b) Instances of the destruction by Polish soldiers of civilian movement metres and ANC reservation signs, and attacks upon civilians and police by individual or small parties of Polish soldiers. Polish hostility towards Communism is regarded as the cause of some of these instances, which have arisen as a result of the wearing of red scarves etc. by civilians belonging to the Garibaldi Partisans.

Normal relations were restored on publication to the Polish troops that Red was the colour of the Garibaldi partisans and was not intended to indicate membership of a political party, and instructions to partisans to cease wearing this colour.

5. GENERAL DISSENT.

(b) In Brindighella (Ravenna) and Faenza (Ravenna) areas an outbreak of thefts allegedly by Allied soldiers mainly Poles, of pigs, poultry and bicycles, was with the complicity of the Polish Military Police, repressed and the matter is now seemingly at an end.

In Brindighella a Polish soldier was killed as a result of a brawl with peasants over their refusal to meet him demands for wine. A peasant is in custody on a charge of causing his death.

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In S. Maria del Monte (Forlì) a mother is alleged to have deliberately suffocated her nearly born child.

3. CONVICTION OF VIOLENCE.

Four cases are reported. Convictions were obtained against two civilians out of three cases tried, and substantial prison sentences imposed. The remaining case is awaiting trial.

4. CONTENT OF A LEO TROOPS.

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(a) A Polish soldier exploding two hand grenades in a partisan centre at Faenza as a result of which he and two civilians were killed and 11 civilians wounded.

(b) Instances of the destruction by Polish soldiers of civilian movement passes and AMG reconnaissance signs, and attacks upon civilians and police by individual or small parties of Polish soldiers. Polish hostility towards Communism is reputedly the cause of some of these instances, which have arisen as a result of the wearing of red scarves etc. by civilians belonging to the Garibaldi Partisans.

Normal relations were restored on publication to the Polish troops that Red was the colour of the Garibaldi partisans and was not intended to indicate membership of a political party, and instructions to partisans to cease wearing this colour.

5. VENEREAL DISEASES.

A further 55 prostitutes have been rounded up, sent to hospital for examination, and where diagnosed detained for treatment.

The total to date of prostitutes so examined is 242 of whom 133 have been found suffering from V.D.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

Excellent. Almost cooperation exists.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(a) Italian Courts. The Tribunale and 7 Pretore Courts are functioning in Forlì Province and the Tribunale and 2 Pretore Courts in Ravenna Province.

(b) A.M.C. Courts. Summary Military Courts are functioning throughout the area and offenders promptly tried. Several Superior Courts were held and two General Military Courts.

(II) SECURITY.

1. SABOTAGE.

No reports of sabotage or suspected sabotage were received.

2. SERIES AND LACK-CUES.

NIL.

3. CIVIL DISSENTIMENTS.

NIL.

4. STATUS OF FUGITIVE MONARI.

Generally good.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The ban on public meetings has not been relaxed.

Between the 10th./15th. March, 1945, Prime Minister Bonomi, the Minister of War and other representatives of the Italian Government, visited Forlì and Ravenna, inspecting Italian troops, military and civil hospitals and other installations. Their reception by the public was friendly and there were no incidents.

6. APPREHENSION OF GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Regarded as satisfactory.

By arrangements made by the Provincial Legal Officer with the FFB, public attention is drawn by loud speakers broadcasts in Forlì, to all notices, court sentences in respect of cases of possession of arms and other selected cases. Results of Superior Court trials are also reported by FFB and published in the 'Corriere Allente' and 'Voce Liberata'.

7. CIVILIAN INTERESTS.

(a) General Position. Satisfactory. Cases continue to be revised twice monthly in conjunction with G.S.I. (b).

(b) Number of Internees in Civilian Palaces.

NIL.

8. POLITICAL PROPAGANDA.

Instances of publication in Army Area have been few, consisting of

(a) Part distribution at Forlì by Partito Democratico Cristiano of 500 copies of news sheet 'Democrazia Cristiana', 200 copies of pamphlet 'Lavoratori in zone rognose' and 250 copies of 'La Democrazia Cristiana alla Donna Italiana'. All these papers were alleged to have been brought from Rome or Florence.

(b) Two printed caricatures were posted publicly in Ravenna attacking the Italian Economy. On one the King representing Aristocracy, Militarism, Police, Corruption etc, was strangling a woman representing Italy, and on the other a

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4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

Generally good.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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6. APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

Regarded as satisfactory.

By arrangements made by the Provincial Legal Officer with the RMB, public attention is drawn by local systems broadcasts in Forlì, to RIG notices, court sentences in respect of cases of possession of arms and other collected cases. Results of Superior Court trials are also reported by RMB and published in the 'Corriere Allentio' and 'Voce Liberata'.

7. CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE.

(a) General Position. Satisfactory. Cases continue to be revised twice monthly in conjunction with G.S.I. (b).

(b) Number of Informers in Civilian Regions. - Nil.

8. POLITICAL PROPAGANDA.

Instances of publication in Army Area have been few, consisting of

(a) Part distribution of Forlì by Partito Democratico Cristiano of 500 copies of news sheet 'Democrazia Cristiana', 200 copies of pamphlet 'Lavoratore in devo regionale' and 250 copies of 'In Democrazia Cristiana alle Deme Italiane'. All these papers were alleged to have been brought from Rome or Florence.

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(b) Two printed caricatures were posted publicly in Ravenna attacking the Italian Monarchy. On one the King representing Aristocracy, Militarism, Police, Corruption etc., was straggling a woman representing Italy, and on the other a woman representing Italy was hanging on a gibbet surmounted by the Royal Crown and the rope was being cut by scissars held by a hand representing the 'Republic'.

(c) 2 notices in Italian were found affixed to an Eighth Army order posted in Cesena, which order forbids possession by civilians of Allied materials and other property such as cigarettes and foodstuffs. The Italian notices in brief agreed that the Allied notice was just but equally agreed that the English should not buy Italian wines or liquors or enter Italian hotels or cafes, and also that the English should not have the pleasure of dancing with Italian girls and threatening severe punishment to the English and Italian girls who disregarded the warning.

ARMING AND EQUIPMENT

I. (a) Forli Province.

The system set up under General Order 20 is well established and checks on use and movements of vehicles are revealing that control and regulation are being properly exerted and observed.

(b) Arezzo Province.

Still remains at first phase. A.M.C. 8th. Army temporary vehicle permits being issued only for essential services, with a central index for close check on use.

Arrangements are in hand for the setting up of an Ufficio Trasporti when General Order 20 is authorized to be published.

(IV) REM.

I. GENERAL REPORT ON

(a) Efficiency.

In personnel and appliances the state to date is one of reasonable expectation that the service will be equal to most demands on their services.

The Acting Commandante of the Forli Corpo has not moved entirely satisfactory and an application is being made to have the Corpo placed under the command of a Substantive Commandante.

Sixty uniforms, boots and a small quantity of repair materials received from the Ministry of the Interior by the Forli Corpo will ease the uniform problem.

The morale of the personnel is good.

(b) State of equipment.

Further improvements by repairs and improvisation of fire fighting appliances and equipment have been made, but the main augmentation has been the putting into service at Rimini and Forli of the two M.D. reconstructed trucks fitted with water tank and pump, after overhaul and repair by the Transportation Division.

2. ARMED FORCE.

Nil.

(V) CIVIL DEFENCE.

I. BY WHOM CONTROLLED.

By P.D.S.C. with Italian Provincial Inspectors of Civil Defence.

2. STATE OF EFFICIENCY.

Is reported as fairly good but equipment is limited and light. A state of readiness to meet emergencies has been concerted with all other interests in Forli City and similar arrangements are in hand for the lesser important centres.

(IV) PRISON.1. GENERAL REPORT ON(a) EFFICIENCY.

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(b) State of Armament.

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2. ARMED FORCES.

III.

(V) CIVIL DEFENSE.1. BY WHOM CONTROLLED.

By F.P.S.O. with Italian Provincial Inspectors of Civil Defense.

2. STATE OF EQUIPMENT.

Is reported as fairly good but equipment is limited and light. A state of readiness to meet emergencies has been concerted with all other interests in Forlì City and similar arrangements are in hand for the lesser important centres.

(VI) PRISON.1. NUMBER AND LOCATION IN THE CITY CATEGORIES.Forlì Province.

in Forlì City, on Forlì Judicial Prison and Refectory are used by military, is used by military.

Ossana:- Mantovano Prison.
Bentivoglio:-
Rocca San Casiano:-
Calisto:-
Sogliano al Rubicone:-

Ravenna Province.

Ravenna Judicial Prison at Ravenna City.

(VI) PRISON (continued)

2. GENERAL PRISON.

Accommodation is strained and it is increasingly difficult to provide accommodation and prevent overcrowding at smaller prisons when arresting agencies require the detention of civilians for trial or safe custody, despite arrangements for transfers and resort to releases on bail.

Prison accommodation has now become equally a problem in Marche-Abruzzo Region and now further transfer of prisoners to there is possible.

The question of the Italian Military formations in Army Area providing for the custody and detention of Italian Military personnel within formation organisation and thus relieving the problem of overcrowding in civil prisons, has been advanced for consideration and decision.

200 pairs of wooden shoes received from the Rome Prison, have been allocated to Polish and German Prisoners for use by prisoners.

3. PRISONERS. APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF.

(a) Convicted prisoners.	210
(b) Prisoners awaiting trial.	33
(1) by Italian Courts.	18
(2) by AMG Courts.	

(VII) FORGED L.M.G. CARTRIDGES.

1. Number of Cases brought to notice.

TWO :- 500 lire counterfeit (not raised) notes.
 SIX :- 1000 " " "

Some of these notes are similar to those reported in circulation in Southern Italy. In four cases where negotiation was traced, one a Polish soldier claimed he had received the note in change, two civilians that they had received the notes from Italian soldiers and one that he had received the note from an Allied soldier.

S.I.S. believe these notes are circulated by Italian and Allied soldiers who buy them from Italian vendors either in Rome or Florence whilst passing through on leave.

2. Number of persons arrested for Forgery Offences. - Nil.

(VIII) GENERAL.

1. LIST OF P.S. PERSONNEL. See Appendix "A" attached.
2. LIST OF PERSONNEL CAPTIVE. See Appendix "B" attached.
3. SITUATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

Further progress has been made and most of the first phase 400 contributing of the various police agencies to perform their duties have been completed.

200 pairs of socks which received from the Red Cross, have been allocated to Forli and Ravenna Prisons for use by prisoners.

3. PRISONERS. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF.

(a) Convicted prisoners.	240
(b) Prisoners awaiting trial	
(1) by Italian Courts.	53
(2) by AMG Courts.	18

(VII) PURCHASE A.M.C. ORIGINALLY.

1. Number of Cases brought to notice.

WFO :- 500 lire counterfeit (not raised) notes.
 BIK :- 1000 " " " "

Some of these notes are similar to those reported in circulation in Southern Italy. In four cases where negotiation was traced, one Polish soldier claimed he had received the note in change, two civilians that they had received the notes from Italian soldiers and one that he had received the note from an Allied soldier.

S.I.B. believe these notes are circulated by Italian and Allied soldiers who buy them from Italian vendors either in Rome or Florence whilst passing through on leave.

2. Number of persons arrested for Forgery Offences. - NIL.

(VIII) GENERAL.

1. LIST OF P.S. PERSONNEL.

See Appendix "A" attached.

2. LIST OF FOREIGN CASES.

See Appendix "B" attached.

3. SUMMARY OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

Further progress has been made and most of the first phase of conditioning of the various police agencies to perform their duties have been completed.

W. A. Collins

W. A. COLLINS, Major,
 S.C.A.P.O. (2)

ALBION MILITARY GOVERNMENT
IN MICHIGAN ARMY AREA

Appendix "A" to Monthly Progress Report, Public Safety Division,
dated 1st April, 1945.

MONTHLY ROLL OF OFFICERS ON PUBLIC SAFETY ESTABLISHMENT.

Major	E. J. HUNTER	S. C. A. P. O. (I)
Capt.	E. J. ROBERTS	G. A. P. O.
Capt.	G. JONES	G. A. P. O.
Capt.	H. BAKER	G. A. P. O.
Capt.	J. HAYWARD	G. A. P. O.
Capt.	BRAYBROOK	G. A. P. O.
Major	W. B. COLLINS	S. C. A. P. O. (2) and P. P. O. O.
Major	R. C. BOND	Assn/
Major	M. A. WALDWIN	Forli Province
Major	W. G. HARR	Pinnd district.
Capt.	I. A. SCOTT	Lawrence Province.
Capt.	W. J. WILLIS	Forli district.
Capt.	J. G. DAVENPORT	Common district.
+	Brill's Region Officers temporarily working under AMO,	
	Eighth Army.	
Major	T. GARDNER	Pinnd district.
Capt.	J. H. DOVERIDGE	Forli district.
Capt.	D. HARRISON	Common district.

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(Attached to Brill's Region from Edgwin Region)

(Attached to Brill's Region from Verona Region).

(attached to Brill's Region from Verona Region)

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
HQ EIGHTH ARMY REAR

Appendix "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1st. April, 1945. Ref. P

FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
No. of cases or forgery, counterfeiting and uttering.	No. of forgers taken into custody.	No. of convictions	Value of notes	Serial Nos. of Forged notes
2.	Nil	Nil	1000 lire	A47275750A +
			" "	A45727507A
			" "	A16143712A
			" "	A27115107A
			" "	A94830591A
			" "	A4450537A
			500 lire	A20754691A
			" "	A30715524A +

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HQ EIGHTH ARMY REAR

Appendix "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1st. April, 1945. Ref. R.IX/PS/19/17.

FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY.

B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
No. of forgers taken into custody.	No. of convictions	Value of notes	Serial Nos. of Forged notes	Additional information which might be useful.
Nil	Nil	1000 Lire	A47275750A + A45727507A A16143712A A27115107A A94830591A A44450537A	+ Detected in Army P.O. All others detected in Italian Banks. Some notes are similar to those circulating in Southern Italy. Enquiries tend to show that they may be bought in Florence Or Rome by soldiers on leave. All notes are counterfeit and not raised notes.
		500 Lire	A20754691A A30715524A +	

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ARMED MILITARY CONSPIRACY
IN HIGH ARMY RANK

Appendix "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1st April, 1945.

Ref. R. IV/13/

FORGERY A.M.C. UNDERWAY.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
No. of cases of forgery, counterfeiting and uttering.	No. of forgers taken into custody.	No. of convictions.	Value of notes	Serial Nos. forged notes
2	141	141	1000 lire	8-7275750A
			" "	125727507A
			" "	116443712A
			" "	127115107A
			" "	124830591A
			" "	144150257A
			500 lire	123751591A
			" "	130711514A

ARMED MILITARY COMPLAINT
RE HIGHEST ARMY LEAD

to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1st April, 1945. Ref. R.D/83/19/17.

FORGED A.M.C. CURRENCY.

B.	C.	D.	E.	F.
No. of forgers taken into custody.	No. of convictions.	Value of notes	Serial Nos. of forged notes	Additional information which might be useful.
151	Nil	1000 Lire	A5727150A +	+ Detected in Army P.O.
		" "	A5727150T	
		" "	A16143712A	All others detected in Italian States.
		" "	A27115167A	
		" "	A3430591A	
		" "	A4450537A	
		500 Lire	A20734691A	Some notes are similar to those circulating in Southern Italy. The series tend to show that they may be bought in Florence or Rome by soldiers on leave.
		" "	A30715524A +	All notes are counterfeit and not raised notes.

ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
IN NORTH AFRICA

Report of the Allied Military Commission on the Status of the Enemy, dated 1st April, 1946. Ref. A.M.C. 10/46

SECTION 1.1.1. SUMMARY

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
No. of items of property, assets, etc., and other.	No. of persons taken into custody.	No. of convictions.	Value of assets.	Details of property seized.

1	111	112	250 1120	1111111111
			" "	1111111111
			" "	1111111111
			" "	1111111111
			" "	1111111111
			" "	1111111111
			350 1120	1111111111
			" "	1111111111

ARMED MILITARY DOCUMENTS
IN NORTH AFRICA 1942

Report to Public Safety Director, Security Council, Report dated 1st April, 1945. Ref. P. 11/13/17/17.

ARMED MILITARY DOCUMENTS

No. of forged notes in category.	No. of countries.	Value of notes	Serial Nos. of forged notes	Additional information which might be useful.
100	100	1000 Lira	A-123456 A-123457 A-123458 A-123459 A-123460 A-123461	+ Detected in Army P.O. All others detected in Italian Bank. Some notes are similar to those circulating in Northern Italy. They are said to have been taken to be bought in Florence or Rome by soldiers on leave. All notes are counterfeit and not valid notes.
		500 Lira	A-123462	
			A-123463	

SECRET

A.M.G.
114 EIGHTH ARMY
R.M.R.

FILE:- R. IX/15/19/15.
SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY
TO:- S.C.A.O. Eighth Army.

1st. March, 1945.

I. CIVIL POLICE.

(a) Strength.

Agency

Carabinieri Penale
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza
Guardia di Finanza
Guardia Municipale
Corpo Forestale

UNASSIGNED	10/15/20
DEPUTY CHIEF	10/15/20
SENIOR OFFICER	10/15/20
POLICE	10/15/20
TIC. & REG.	10/15/20
PRISONS	10/15/20
CHIEF CLERK	10/15/20

12 669
13 292
5 157
AS 8/82
3 66

REMARKS:- The above figures for Carabinieri include only the original model of the Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara Provinces, Emilia Region, together with 45 reassigned carabinieri who have reported since the liberation of Forli and Ravenna Provinces.

(b)

"Spearhead" Carabinieri.

242. "Spearhead" Carabinieri permanently attached to A.M.G.: Eighth Army, continue to perform valuable services in forward areas and maintaining system of 'road blocks' and motor cycle patrols designed to keep military routes clear of slow moving civilian traffic.

An officer vacancy and supervisory defect has been not by the posting by the CC.M. Command of Capitano ALBANI to command the group.

The 12 motor cyclist carabinieri have now been completely equipped with crash helmets and 'all weather' uniforms.

The average absence from duty through sickness is not at a low figure and at present date there are no cases.

During the continuance of the present static phase and availability of carabinieri for duty, leave of absence for the spearhead group has been resumed.

The 230 CC.M. destined for Venetia Region continue to be temporarily employed in the town in the forward zones.

A start has been made to relieve the carabinieri of the Ferrara, Piacenza, Parma and Reggio Emilia nuclei, who have for several weeks been employed under the direction of F.S.I., on check posts in controlling civilian movement and improving security measures generally, by soldiers of the Italian Militia.

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(a) Strength.	Agency	A	C	TIC & PAB.	PRISONS	OTHER SERVICES	Other (M. 24)	14/6

Carabinieri Reali
 Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza
 Guardia di Finanza
 Guardia Municipale
 Corpo Forestale

12 809
 13 232
 5 157
 85 8/82
 3 66

NOTE:- The above figures for Carabinieri include only the original nuclei of the Forlì, Ravenna and Ferrara Provinces, Emilia Region, together with 45 recuperated carabinieri who have reported since the liberation of Forlì and Ravenna Provinces.

(b) "Scattered" Carabinieri.

242 "Scattered" Carabinieri permanently attached to A.M.G., Eighth Army, continue to perform valuable service in forward areas and maintaining system of 'road blocks' and motor cycle patrols designed to keep military routes clear of slow moving civilian traffic.

An officer vacancy and supervisory defect has been met by the posting by the C.I.M. Command of Capitano ABBADA to command the group.

The 12 motor cyclist carabinieri have now been completely equipped with crash helmets and 'all weather' uniforms.

The average absence from duty through sickness is now at a low figure and at present date there are no cases.

During the continuance of the present static phase and availability of carabinieri for duty, leave of absence for the spearhead group has been resumed.

The 250 C.I.M. destined for Venetia Region continues to be temporarily employed in the towns in the forward zone.

A start has been made to relieve the carabinieri of the Ferrara, Piacenza, Parma and Reggio Emilia nuclei, who have for several weeks been employed under the direction of F.C.G. on check posts in controlling civilian movement and improving security measures generally, by soldiers of the Italian Military Unit permanently assigned to Eighth Army for security duties.

The C.I.M. of the Ferrara nucleus will be temporarily attached to the Ravenna group for duty.

The C.I.M. of the Piacenza, Parma and Reggio Emilia Provinces will be returned to Bologna Legion Command at Florence, the first relief of 5th, having already been despatched as agreed with Public Safety Division, 4th, 5th, Army.

(c) Efficiency.

Whilst among certain units and individuals of the police agencies there are welcome signs of increasing interest and effort, there is much to be desired before the general level can be regarded as satisfactory.

The longest single factor in retarding efficiency of the carabinieri as a whole, has been the delay in provision and the inadequacy of uniform, boots and blankets for the rigorous conditions in forward areas during the winter months, the recuperated personnel of all agencies especially being

being most effective. A by lack of suitable uniform distinguish them in the performance of their duties.

Officer establishments of the CC.RR. and CC.PP. are as yet incomplete, and the attention of the Commander of the CC.RR. Legion has been drawn especially to the acute deficiency existing in Ravenna Province.

The arrival during the month of the new Quastore GUIN, also, for Ravenna Province, has provided the opportunity for a more complete reorganization of the P.S. establishments in both Provinces, and the sending out of auxiliary agents who came into service during the Fascist Republican regime and who have little experience or training, has commenced.

The four suspended Quastore Officials of Forlì Province left for Rome on 23rd. February, 1945.

(d) Condition of Uniforms.

The condition of the CC.RR. has improved to the extent of half of the bid for uniforms for the original number having been received to date.

The position briefly is that all uniformed police agencies are still in great need of uniform and equipment, so many of the recuperated personnel presenting a shabby and sorry spectacle in the remnants of their uniforms. Blankets are still an urgent necessity despite the approach of spring.

(e) State of Transport.

Further progress has been made in Ravenna in obtaining vehicles to provide mobility for the police agencies.

Load carrying needs are being met as in January by the Utilido Transport.

(f) Communications are confined to a CC.RR. courier system employing motor cycles and bicycles, and a reasonably good service is maintained.

2. CRIMES.

(a) The general situation is causing no anxiety.

(b) The most serious crime during the month was the robbing of the occupants of a farmhouse on the 17th. February, and another farmhouse on the 24th. February, 1945, by five young men armed with berry guns. The group have been identified and a special CC.RR. squad is endeavouring to locate and arrest them.

The mysterious disappearance (suspected kidnapping) of an ex-vice Director of the Ravenna Casa di Risparmio, and also of an ex-steward of the Ravenna Civil Hospital, both of whom were in popular disfavour for their former Fascist activities, are being investigated.

3. BLACK MARKET.

Indications of Black Market activities continue, the most numerous being reports of transactions in wood fuel and illegal sales and transporting of pigs for slaughter.

(d) Condition of Uniform.

The condition of the CC, RI, has improved to the extent of half of the bid for uniform for the original needed having been received to date.

The position briefly is that all uniformed police agencies are still in great need of uniforms and equipment, so many of the recruited personnel presenting a shabby and sorry spectacle in the remnants of their uniforms. Matters are still an urgent necessity despite the approach of spring.

(e) State of Transport.

Further progress has been made in Ravenna in obtaining vehicles to provide mobility for the police agencies.

Long carrying loads are being met as in January by the Ufficio Trasporti.

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2. CRIME.

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3. BLACK MARKET.

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Indications of Black Market activities continue, the most numerous being reports of transactions in wood fuel and illegal sales and transporting of pigs for slaughter.

Other reports are of a case of 'Black Market' in Allied Military clothing (largely obtained by theft) and a case of similar character in military and civilian motor vehicle parts. Investigations of these cases continue.

4. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CIVILIANS.

A total of 450 firearms and a large quantity of ammunition have been handled in during January and February, 1945, by the Partisans at Ravenna to the Canadian Corps Partisan Group under Major Healey, and 250 Italian civilians were transferred to the CC, RI, Command at Ravenna for arming the police agencies.

Of 9 cases of illegal possession of arms detected during the month the most serious was the possession by 3 civilians of 1 German Machine gun, 2 German automatic rifles, 25 German rifles, thousands of rounds of ammunition and other sundry items of enemy war material. The principal accused was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

5. CONDITION OF THE TROOPS.

The reports from Forlì and Ravenna Provinces are good, except for the Ferrara - Brisighella area of the latter province, where unidentified Syrian soldiers were alleged to be concerned in one case of theft of money, and one case of shooting and wounding a farmer when entering a farm to obtain chickens and being refused.

Other cases reported are:- I case of theft of watches from a jewellers shop and two cases of theft of food animals by unidentified Polish troops.

British soldiers.

Allied soldiers.

I theft of a bicycle by unidentified

I theft of private car by unidentified

Investigations by both Military and Civil Police agencies are continuing.

Otherwise relations with civilians in this area are normal.

5a. VIENNA DISSENT.

A further 23 prostitutes have been rounded up, sent to hospital for examination, and where diseased detained for treatment.

A total to date of prostitution so examined is 167, of whom 104 have been found suffering from V.D.

The number of prostitutes has increased in Forlì City during the month, believed due to troops bringing prostitutes in from other areas.

Control continues to be exercised by Special Vice Squads of Military Police personnel and Italian P.S. Agents.

There was one prosecution in Forlì for breach of the Non-Association order.

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

Most excellent, the utmost co-operation is extended and received.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(a) Italian Courts.

3 in Ravenna Province.

(b) A.M.G. Courts.

Summary Military Courts are functioning throughout the area with apparently prompt trial of offenders.

Several Superior Military Courts were held, prosecutions being undertaken by the P.S.S.G.

A General Military Court commenced the hearing of two key trials on 28th. February, 1945.

5e. VIETNAMESE PRISONERS.

A further 88 prostitutes have been rounded up, sent to hospital for examination, and where diseased detained for treatment.

A total to date of prostitutes so examined is 187, of whom 104 have been found suffering from V.D.

The number of prostitutes has increased in Forli City during the month, believed due to troops bringing prostitutes in from other areas.

Control continues to be exercised by Special Vice Squads of Military Police personnel and Italian F.C. Agents.

There was one prosecution in Forli for breach of the Non-Association order.

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

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7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.(a) Italian Courts.

5 Preture Courts are functioning in Forli Province and 3 in Ravenna Province.

(b) A.M.C. Courts.

Summary Military Courts are functioning throughout the area with apparently prompt trial of offenders.

Several Superior Military Courts were held, prosecutions being undertaken by the P.M.C.O.

A General Military Court commenced the hearing of two new trials on 28th. February, 1945.

SPECIAL.

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1. SABOTAGE.

1 case of cutting Army signals wire at Cesena by two civilians awaiting trial by Superior Military Court.

No other cases reported.

In case of cutting and interfering with railway communications as reported last month, two civilians were sentenced to six years imprisonment each and the matter has been suitable published as a warning.

2. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

No labour troubles have been reported.

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

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3. CIVIL DEMONSTRATIONS.

At Forlì and Cesena, Patriots and a large number of young men paraded to demonstrate their desire to join the Italian Army and fight the Nazis, carrying British, American and Italian flags and placards worded in English and to that effect. The demonstrations passed off without incident and the provokers were later cautioned.

Two other minor public demonstrations occurred in Ravenna Province. One at Borgo Imbecolo di Pesaro, when about 100 civilians, mostly women, gathered as a protest against demolition of their damaged houses by Military Engineers, and dispersed quietly when the G.I.C. and the Town Major intervened to stop the house-ravaging. The other at Nord Milano Maritime section of Cervia, when as a result of a military order for the evacuation of the section, about 80 women residents marched to the Municipio at Cervia, but dispersed quietly after about 40 minutes. The evacuation was carried out, most of the inhabitants were forced alternative accommodation locally and very few were obliged to go to the Refugee Centre. The whole of this incident was particularly well handled by the carabinieri.

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Public morale varies between areas and is generally good, except in the larger cities where prolonged occupation by troops prevents the resumption of or disturbs the normal life of sections of the community.

Generally the public remain favourably inclined towards the Allies.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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The general situation is good.

Civilian movement control continues to be enforced by the Civil Police Agencies in cooperation with the F.S.C. and Military Police, and has resulted in a number of arrests of suspected enemy agents, the recovery of a quantity of firearms and ammunition, and the detection of breaches of movement and curfew regulations, approximately of the same number as last month.

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The transfer to Town Majors of the authority to issue passes to Italian civilians attending military dances and functions after curfew, has relieved considerably the pressure on C.A.P.O.s. in the larger centres caused by the numerous demands for passes for these purposes.

The reduced hours of curfew, now 1900 hours to 0500 hours, in the area south of Corps boundaries, which came into operation today, is welcomed by civilians.

7. CIVILIAN INTERVIEW.

(a) General Position, in conjunction with C.A.I. (b).

Satisfactory. Cases are reviewed twice monthly.

(b) There were 15 internees in civilian prisons on the 25 February, 1945. In Ravenna 19 civilians who have been expelled, were brought ~~back~~ into Army area by Canadian units as civilian employees contrary to Security Regulations.

(AMM) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

1. (a) Permit Province.

The number of passenger cars and motor cycles licensed is 244.

The number of load carrying vehicles all of which come under control of vehicle transport is 444. Of this number 280 have a load capacity of 10 quintals or less and it has been agreed with transportation that all of these vehicles, except those in commerce which have no other heavier vehicles for transportation purposes, shall have their licenses recalled, commencing today 1st, March, largely in the interests of economy because of being of little use to vehicle transport, and also to eliminate use for black market transactions.

(b) Revenue Province.

Motor Vehicle licensing is still in the first phase. All, 8th, Army temporary vehicle permits being issued for the functioning of essential services. A central index is kept of all permits issued and a close check kept on use.

Arrangements are being made and are advanced for the setting up of an Office Transport when General Order No. 20 is authorized to be published.

(4v) FIN1. GENERAL REPORT ON

(a) REQUIREMENT. The Perdi Corps with a strength of 106 officers and firemen, stationed with principal fire fighting appliances at Perdi, Cessna, Binal and Negro B. Cessna, and the Revenue Corps with a strength of 70 officers and firemen stationed with principal appliances at Revenue and Neuma, are making satisfactory progress towards efficiency.

Much has been done in repairing damage to buildings and repairing and recovering equipment.

Three fires were extinguished.

In addition, firemen have been employed in demolition of dangerous buildings and removing U.S.B's, shells and hand grenades.

A close liaison has been established with Army Fire Fighting Units.

The morale of the personnel is satisfactory. Uniforms and boots are in great need and have been bid for through own channels by the Commanders.

(b) STATE OF EQUIPMENT. Further improvement has been made by repair and recovery of fire fighting appliances and equipment.

A reconstructed U.S. vehicle with a motor pump fitting has been received from Laredo-Mexico Region by arrangement, for use in Laredo Region, and it is proposed to attach it temporarily at the Mining Station.

2. GENERAL NOTES. MIL.

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2. SERIOUS FIRES

Nil.

(v) CIVIL DEFENCE1. By whom controlled

Civil Defence.

By P.S.S.O.S. with Provincial Inspectors of

2. Status of efficiency

Fairly good. Emergency arrangements to deal with results of air attacks are in being at Forli' and Ravenna and linked with Army Fire Services and U.S.S. Arrangements will also be concerted for Cesena and Rimini.

(41) PRISON.

1. NUMBER AND LOCATION IN USE BY GUARDIANS.

Forli Province.

Rooms 65 through 69, castle used as temporary prison, and near Forli Judicial Prison and Reformatory, now used by military.

Kimini - Mandemortale Prison.

Cesari - "

S. Arcangelo - "

Rooms 3 and 4, Casimiro - "

Calceata - "

Ravenna Province.

Ravenna Judicial Prison.

2. GENERAL NOTES.

The general situation in Forli Province is not satisfactory in that accommodations and thus the sanitary arrangements are not good. The Room 65 efforts in being received by the Germans at Forli town to make it more secure and to deter the sanitary arrangements. To bring out some difficulties, the following is related:-

On the night of 13/16 Feb 45, four prisoners escaped from the temporary prison at Forli. All four prisoners had been tried and sentenced, one by Civil Court to 4 years and the other three by Superior Allied Military Court to one and two years. Escape was made through a small round window near the ceiling in one of the rooms used as a cell. The prisoners lowered themselves by a chain of ropes and dropped to the ground. It was necessary to make a considerable jump to complete their escape and in doing so 2 of them broke their ankles and had eventually to turn themselves into hospital where they were discovered by P.S.S. and Civil Police. A search is being made for a more suitable location for the prison. Investigations are being continued with regard to the escape and the responsibility of the prison staff.

Another difficulty in the province is that there is now no place available to hold a large number of detainees or prisoners. The maximum that can be kept in the temporary prison at Forli is 35 to 40. It is thus necessary to shift occasionally a number of civilian prisoners to the prison at Ravenna. This was done on 7 Feb 45 when 12 prisoners were thus transferred by transport of Ufficio Trasporti. Another such transfer of prisoners is again necessary.

With regard to the sanitary conditions in general a survey has been made of the prison in the province as shown above. There was found to be on an average 45% of the prisoners suffering from scabies or were lousy. The Provincial Supply Officer has been consulted about a supply of soap and lice powder.

The general condition of the Ravenna Judicial Prison continues good. Its sanitary and cooking facilities have been materially improved by the water tanks installed in the upper part of the building during the month.

On the 15th, Feb. 45, two members of the Signal Control Branch, HQAG, gave a following demonstration at the prison in the presence of the P.S.S. and a group of Provincial public health officers headed by the Provincial Health Doctor.

On the night of 22/23 Feb. 45, two prisoners attempted to escape but were overpowered by the guards. In the scuffle two of the four prison lanterns were broken. It is apparent fairly crowded condition. Lighting is an important safety

2. GENERAL FACTS.Ravenna Provincial Prison.

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3. PRISONERS AND PRISON STAFF.

(a) Convicted prisoners	-	156
(b) Prisoners awaiting trial	-	
(1) by Italian Courts	-	19
(2) by A.S.C. Courts	-	7
(3) P.S.G. detainees	-	15

(~~vi~~) FORCED A. B. C. OUT WY.

- T. - 500 Live counterfeit notes (not released yet) and
STANLEY - 1000 " "
have been detected in Army Pay Offices.

Many are similar to counterfeits notes reported as printed and circulated in Southern Italy, and the result of enquiry is that some have come into the possession of soldiers whilst on leave in Rome and across to the south.

2. No persons have been arrested for foreign offenses.

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Further progress has been made in improving the ability and capacity of the several police agencies to assume and discharge their functions, but much remains to be done before they can be regarded as conditioned in their roles in Unit Areas.

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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
IN NORTH VIETNAM

Appendix "A" to North Vietnam Report, Public Safety Division.

March 1, 1962

GENERAL ROLL OF OFFICERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY ESTABLISHMENTS

Major A.J. MILLER	S.C.A.P.C., (1)
Major T.B. COVINGS	S.C.A.P.C., (2) and P.A.C.C.
Capt R.J. HERRICK	C.A.P.C.
Capt G. JONES	C.A.P.C.
Capt J. HARTMAN	C.A.P.C., North, Long
Capt H. HAZENBERG	C.A.P.C., Hanoi, North
Capt H. BAKER	C.A.P.C.
Major R.C. ROSE	Asst S.C.A.P.C., (2) and Asst P.A.C.C.
Major W.P. HARRIS	Minist. Interior
Major R.A. BALDWIN	South Province
Capt W.L. MILLER	Central District
Capt J.A. STEWART	Revenue Division

* Public Safety Division temporarily pending under
S.C.P. Army.

Changes from last report are:-

1. Capt H. BAKER, from C.A.C. to P.A.C.C.
2. Major R.L. CHASE, P.A.C.C., North Province relieved
3. Major R.A. BALDWIN, P.A.C.C., Revenue Division

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
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Public Safety Division
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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for February -
Public Safety Division, Lazio-
Umbria Region.

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

Herewith I give Monthly Report for the Public Safety
Division of Lazio-Umbria Region for the month of February 1945.

1. CIVIL POLICE

(a) Strength -

Agency	Officers	Other Ranks	On other than ordi- nary duty	Returned to ordin- ary duty
CC.RR.	366	12243	19	-
Agenti di PS	379	9600	9	-
CC.FF.	197	3627	5	-
Corpo Forestale	33	411	-	-
Guardia Municipale	46	1710	-	-

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

(b) Report on Police

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

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

Communications

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

Transport

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

2. CRIME(a) Situation in Region

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

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

More activity has been shown in suppressing black market activities.

(b) Serious Crimes and Incidents

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

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

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

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

3. FIREARMS

(a) Collections from Civilians

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

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(b) Illegal Possession

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

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

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4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS

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

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

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

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

5. VENEREAL DISEASE

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

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

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

- (a) Italian - As previously reported - deplorably slow. 1380
(b) A.M.G. - Satisfactory.

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8. OTHER POINTS AFFECTING CIVIL POLICE

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

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

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

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

II. SECURITY

1. SABOTAGE

Two cases of suspected sabotage have been reported -

- (a) On 7 Feb 45 at 1300 hours at Forte Antenne (Rome) the pipe-line was damaged by the explosion of a hand grenade. SIB are making enquiries.
- (b) On 24 Feb 45 at 2100 hours the pipe-line near the Rome Railway Goods Yard was damaged by the explosion of a hand grenade. SIB on enquiry.

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

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2. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

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

3. CIVIL DISTURBANCES

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

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

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

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

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

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

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

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

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5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

6. GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

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

7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES

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

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

III. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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IV. FIRE1. General Report on -

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

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

2. Serious Fires and General.

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

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

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

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

(c) Serious fires

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The following disciplinary measures were taken :-

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

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

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

Monetary loss was estimated at 680,000 lire.

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

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

V. CIVIL DEFENCE

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

VI. PRISONS

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

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(2) General Conditions

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

(3) Prisoners - Approximate number of :-

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

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

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

VII. FORGED A.M. CURRENCY

Number of cases handled - Nine.

Rome City - three cases, involving -

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

Eleven arrests have been made.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VIII. GENERAL

1. List of Public Safety personnel :-

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

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

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

Changes

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

2. Synopsis of General Public Safety Situation

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

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

The state of efficiency of the Fire Brigade is good. 1371

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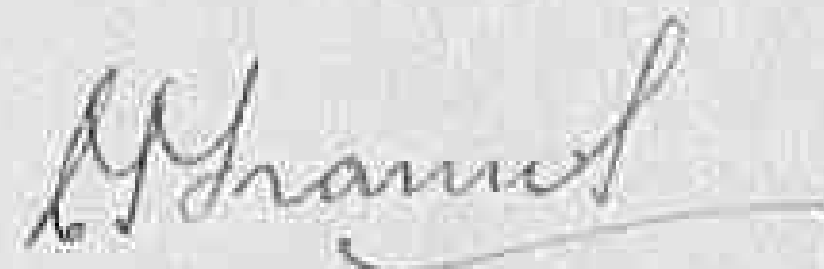
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Much concern is felt regarding overcrowding of prisons and the inability of the Italian Judicial authorities to speed up the trials of prisoners.

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

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

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



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

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APPENDIX "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1 Mar 65, reference B.IV/

No. of cases of ^A Forgery, Counterfeiting and Uttering	No. of ^B Forgers taken into custody	No. of ^C convictions	Value of ^D Notes	Serial ^E Forged
1	None	None	1000	A1644374
			1000	A1490263
			1000	A630027
			1000	A2106437
			1000	A1625961
			1000	A9843059
			1000	A0213678
			1000	A1987351
			1000	A1644374
			1000	A1427179
			1000	A1342297
			1000	A1361137
			500	A0456411
			1000	A2661142
			500	A1490723
			500	A3216706
			500	A1057102
			500	A4012967
			1000	A275436
			1000	A8351027
			500	A1051301
			500	A6758409
			1000	A2148783

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DIX "B" to Public Safety Division Monthly Report dated 1 Mar 45, reference E.D./F3/19/45.

No. of <u>F</u> organs taken into custody	No. of <u>C</u> onvictions	Value of <u>N</u> otes	Serial Nos. of <u>F</u> orged Notes	Any additional information which might be useful to Finance Sub-Commission
None	None	1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 500 1000 500 500 500 500 1000 1000 500 500 1000	A16143743A A14902637A A14300274A A21064379A A16259644A A93430591A A02136749A A19873517A A16143743A A14271793A A13422976A A19611371A A04594110A A86611428A A14907236A A32167069A A10871021A A40129675A A27654364A A83310274A A10513012A A67504093A A21487836A	All these notes were received from ABE-1 Cdn Corps in one communication dated 9 Feb 45. From the inquiries made by ABE it would appear that they originated in the South.

A.M.G.
HQ EIGHTH ARMY
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FILE:- R.IX/PS/19/13.

1st. February, 1945.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Jan. 1945.

TO:- S.O.A.O., EIGHTH ARMY.

CIVIL POLICE STRENGTH.		Remarks	
COL. CHAPMAN	100/10/1	Officers	Other Ranks
COL. YOUNG	100/10/1		
LT. COL. WILCOX	100/10/1		
MAJ. DUCKER	100/10/1		
MAJ. WILSON	100/10/1		
MAJ. HAYES	100/10/1		
MAJ. BALANCE	100/10/1		
CAPT. POWELL	100/10/1		
MAJ. CLARK	100/10/1		
Carabinieri Reali		12	864
Polizia di Pubblica Sicurezza		8	195
Guardia di Finanza		3	187
Guardia Municipali		4	161
Corpo Forestale		3	65

Note:- The above figures for Carabinieri include only the original nuclei of the Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara Provinces, Emilia Region, together with 389 recuperated CC.RR. who have reported since occupation of Forli and Ravenna Provinces.

(b) "SPEARHEAD CC.RR."

241 "Spearhead CC.RR. permanently attached to Eighth Army, AMG, continue to perform valuable services in forward areas, mainly on Road Blocks in keeping military routes clear of slow moving civilian traffic.

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The arrival of this body may be anticipated as a reason for Fifth Army A.M.G. to withdraw the 174 CC.RR. who are now on loan from Reggio Emilia, Parma and Piacenza Provinces, Emilia Region, and doing duty with F.S.S. at check posts in controlling civilian movement and improving security generally.

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Morale generally is good, despite the adverse conditions under which they are serving.

Officer establishment which is incomplete as yet, accommodation shortages and the lack generally of aids to efficiency, still hinder and delay but each month shows progress and this month is no exception.

The Agents of Public Security are now working fairly well in Forlì and Ravenna, and with the arrival of a Questore for each place, further improvement should ensue. The appointment of the Questori have been approved and their arrival is expected at any time now.

The Guardia di Finanza are also now getting into their stride and becoming active again.

(d) CONDITION OF UNIFORM.

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(a) CONDITION OF UNIFORM.

Uniform and kit for all agencies still remains an urgent need, and although some supplies have been received and distributed, the seriousness of the position has only been relieved in part and not by any standards solved.

The 250 CC.M. destined for Venezuela Region arrived inadequately clothed and equipped for present conditions in Army Area and to withstand the severe weather now being experienced.

(c) STATE OF TRANSPORT.

Procurement of transport from civilian sources is proving an exceedingly slow medium, and so far has not reached the stage of independence for mobility or distribution of supplies.

(f) COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications so far are confined to a CC.M. courier system employing motor cycles and bicycles, and despite road and weather conditions a reasonably good service is being maintained.

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- (b) No serious crimes have been reported during the month.

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During the month 97 firearms were handed in by civilians, and as the result of searches of the houses of persons suspected of being in possession of firearms, another 12 firearms were confiscated when the offenders were dealt with by MAG Courts.

One saboteur at time of arrest was found to have on his person a firearm and ammunition.

4. CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

The conduct of troops continues to be on a fairly high standard and no really serious crimes against civilians or their property have come to notice.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

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6. RELATIONS WITH (a) Military Police. (b) Security Services.

Excellent, the utmost co-operation is extended and received.

7. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS.

(a) Italian Courts.

The Tribunale and the Pretura Courts have been functioning since the early days of the month and are dealing with cases that do not affect Allied interests and which are direct violations of the Italian Penal Code.

(b) A.M.S. Courts.

Summary Courts are functioning for all parts of Army Area on a regular twice weekly timetable for the larger centres and once weekly

7. RECRUITING COURTS (continued).

(B) A.M.C. Courts (continued).

weekly/ for the lesser areas and no difficulty is experienced by the P.S. Division in having offenders tried with the minimum of delay.

Superior Courts are held as necessary and with similar expedition.

So far as the P.S. Division interest in the prompt trial of offenders is concerned, the position is regarded as highly satisfactory.

8. OTHER POINTS AFFECTING CIVIL PEACE.

Removal of refugees from forward areas was completed without incident and arrangements were both adequate and satisfactory.

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SECURITY.

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2. NUMBER OF STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

No industrial disputes occurred during the month.

3. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

On New Years Day in Moril the local C.A.O. received instructions to evacuate all civilians from a section of the town which was to be taken over by the Army. As a protest a large crowd mostly women and children, formed outside the Municipio. The plea made being that there was no alternative accommodation. The demonstration lasted about two hours and dispersed as the Army reduced their demand to a quarter of the original.

4. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.

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5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The prohibition upon the holding of public meetings has not been relaxed.

6. APPRECIATION OF GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION.

The general situation is regarded as good. Civilian movement control is effected with the co-operation of F.S.S., Military Police and Civilian Police Agencies, and movement along roads beyond the 10 kilometre permitted is becoming difficult without detection.

Some laxity in security arrangements in AMG and AG Camps have been brought to light. Every effort is being made to close any loopholes that exist, and G.S.I.(b) have been asked to supply F.S.S. personnel as permanent attachments to each camp. As these camps are NOT concentrations Camps it is a difficult problem, but it is felt that with the co-operation of all concerned, maximum

6. APPROPRIATE GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION. (continued).

maritime security will be achieved.

The sentences against the two enemy agents Boni, Tea and Barraldi, Giovanni, who were convicted of espionage have been reviewed, and the death penalty commuted to imprisonment for 10 years in each case.

There are indications in the towns that political organizations are uneasy in their attitude towards compliance with the security regulations prohibiting civilian mail and the printing and publishing of printed matter. A number of instances of mail carrying and the introduction of newspapers from outside Army area, in addition to mail carrying and printing publications in Army area, have been detected, and there is evidence that this party activity is being directed or prompted by Party Headquarters in Rome, and there is a readiness by members of the local organizations to aid it.

There is no evidence of hostility or subversiveness to the Allies, nor of the possibility of political strife.

7. CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

(a) General Position.

Satisfactory with a twice monthly review in conjunction with G.S.I. (b).

(b) There were 17 internees in civilian prisons on the 24th. January, 1945.

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LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

I. (a). Forli Province.

The Director of RAGI and the Inspector of Motorisation have worked very well during the month. To date the number of vehicles that have been licensed through these agencies are:-

123 passenger cars and motorcycles.

353 trucks and three-wheeled motors all of which come under the Ufficio Trasporti as to their use.

The licensing of all load carrying vehicles through RAGI and having their use controlled by the Transport Office has had a considerable effect on the movement of goods of all kinds and there has been a decided drop in traffic because of this control.

The C.O.M. have been informed as to what documents each load carrying vehicle should be in possession of to be legally on the road. All check posts have been instructed to stop all such vehicles to examine the documents and personnel.

(b) Ravenna Province.

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There is no evidence of hostility or subversiveness to the Allies, nor of the possibility of political strife.

7. CIVILIAN INTERESTS.

(a) General Position. Satisfactory with a twice monthly review in conjunction with G.S.I. (b).

(b) There were 17 internees in civilian prisons on the 24th. January, 1945.

(111) LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.

I. (a). Forlì Province.

The Director of RAGI and the Inspector of Motorisation have worked very well during the month. To date the number of vehicles that have been licensed through these agencies are:-

123 passenger cars and motorcycles.

553 trucks and three-wheeled motors all of which came under the Ufficio Trasporti as to their use.

The licensing of all load carrying vehicles through RAGI and having their use controlled by the Transport Office has had a considerable effect on the movement of goods of all kinds and there has been a decided drop in traffic because of this control.

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FILE.

I. GENERAL REPORT ON

(a) Efficiency.

The Ravenna Corps 69 with strength of 70 officers and men, and the Forlì Corps 33 with strength of 35 officers and men are functioning at all their stations in Army Area and during the month attended and extinguished 6 small fires satisfactorily.

Some improvements have been effected in increasing accommodation in war damaged stations by clearance of debris, and in improving alternative accommodation which is being used owing to extensive damage to proper stations or occupation by troops.

The morale of the personnel is

satisfactory. Uniform and footwear is in great need and the indents have been

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I. GENERAL R ET ON

(a) Efficiency (continue)

been/ forwarded by the Commanders of the Corps.

(b) State of Equipment.

Repairs and recovery of equipment still continues and emergency transfers of fire fighting appliances have been made to adjust the mechanical aids available to the fire posts in the different areas.

Corpo 69 is regarded as being in serviceable condition and sufficient to protect the province, but the Forli' Corpo 33 is short of many items.

2. SERIOUS FIRES.

Nil.

(V) CIVIL DEFENCE.

I. BY WAR OUTBURST.

Provincial Inspectors of Civil Defence.

2. STATE OF EFFICIENCY.

In addition to surveys made to Forli' and Ravenna Cities made last month, surveys of Cesena and Rimini have now been completed.

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In Rimini all public shelters have been destroyed by

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The public Air Raid warning system at Cesena is in order, but at Rimini whilst the system is in being there is no electricity to operate it.

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Forlì Judicial Prison and Reformatory was completely taken over by the Army on 12th. January, 1945, despite strong opposition by Army A.M.G.

74 convicted prisoners and some 27 minors with 15 of the prison staff were transferred to Ravenna Judicial Prison on 5th. January, 1945.

The loss of Forlì Prison and the continued occupation by the Army of Rimini Mandamentale Prison present problems of segregation of the several categories of civilian prisoners that must necessarily be detained locally, and efforts are being made to secure the release of buildings which can be readily converted.

When Forlì Prison was taken over, an old castle in the vicinity was taken over and is being used as a temporary prison for persons detained temporarily and awaiting trial.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF:-

(a) Administration. The number of prison guards is adequate and transfers have been between the prisons.

The supplies of uniform and stationery asked for

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for/ from the Ministry of Grace and Justice on 17th. November, 1944, have not arrived.

(b) Sanitation. Water tanks are being installed at Ravenna to provide the kitchen with water and to get the toilets and sanitary arrangements functioning.

(c) Food. The new ration scale came into operation on the 1st. January, 1945, and no undue difficulties are being experienced in supply.

(d) Prison Labour. Nil.

(e) Records. The prison staff are following fairly satisfactorily the instructions requiring complete records, with a consequent improvement in regularising by proper documents admissions and releases of prisoners.

3. NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

(a) <u>Convicted.</u>	84 men.	13 women.	27 monacs.
(b) <u>Prisoners awaiting trial.</u>	{1) By Italian Courts 10 men. (2) By AMG Courts 8 men.		

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(VII) FORGED AMG CURRENCY.

1. No cases have been brought to notice.
2. No persons have been arrested for forgery offences.

(VIII) GENERAL.

1. LIST OF F.S. PRISONERS. See appendix "A" attached. 1363
2. SYMPTOMS OF GENERAL MOVE TO SAFETY SITUATION.

Further progress has been made in improving the ability and capacity of the several agencies to assume their functions, but a lot still remains to be done before they can be regarded as conditioned for their role in Army Area.

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W.E. COLLINS, Major.
S.O.A.B.C. 1. (2).

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3. NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

(a) <u>Convicted.</u>	24 men.	13 women.	27 minors.
(b) <u>Prisoners awaiting trial.</u>	(1) By Italian Courts		10 men.
	(12) By ANG Courts		8 men.

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(VII) ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1. No cases have been brought to notice.
2. No persons have been arrested for forgery offences.

(VIII) GENERAL.

1. LIST OF P.S. PERSONNEL. See appendix "A" attached. 1363
2. SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION.

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Appendix "A" - P.S. personnel. attached.
Appendix "B" - Prison Population. attached.

W.E. COLLINS, Major.
S.U.A.B.O. I. (2).

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ANG
HQ EIGHTH ARMY
YEAR

APPENDIX "A" TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

DATED 1 FEB 45

Nominal roll of Officers on Public Safety Establishment

Major	E.J. PULLEN	S.G.A.P.O. (1)	
+	Major	W.M. COLLINS	S.G.A.P.O. (2) and R.P.S.O.
	Capt	E.J. ROBERTS	G.A.P.O.
	Capt	G. JONES	G.A.P.O.
	Capt	J. MAYFOUR	G.A.P.O. Forli' Town
	Capt	BRAYBROOK	G.A.P.O. Ravenna Town.
+	Major	R.O. BOND	Asst S.G.A.P.O. (2) and Asst R.P.S.O.
+	Major	E.L. CHAMNEY	Forli' Province
+	Major	W.R. HAYS	Rimini District
+	Major	E.A. BALDWIN	Ravenna Province
+	Capt	W.L. WILLIS	Cesena District
+	Capt	L.A. TOMKINS	Faenza District

+ Emilia Region Officers temporarily working under
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to Chief of Public Safety Division Fifth Army
2. Major W.B. COLLINS from Rimini District to S.G.A.P.O. (2) and
R.P.S.O. Emilia Region.

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3. Major W.R. HARE, P.F.S.O. Reggio Emilia to Rimini District.

Appendix "B"

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DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION 24 January 1945 DATE

	M.	F.	M.	FOREIGN		ITALYAN		M.
A	1	—	—	—	6	4	27	
B	7	—	—	—	70	9	—	
C	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	
D	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	
E	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
G	1	—	—	—	16	—	—	
Total	12	—	—	—	109	15	27	

- Legend :
- M. Men
 - F. Women
 - M. Minors
- Note:
- A - Civil Prisoners Convicted by Italian Courts
 - B - Civil Prisoners Convicted by AMG & AGF
 - C - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by Italian Courts
 - D - Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by AMG & AGF
 - E - Italian Military Prisoners
 - F - Civil Prisoners Arrested by Italian Military
 - G - Civil Prisoners Arrested by RSE

Note: Prison and Restroom are regulated
Alternative accommodation has a capacity of 60.

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Commando di Vercelli

24 JANUARY 1945

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total
POW/1	1	7	1	—	—	—	1	12
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POW/100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Legend :

M. W. M.
Men Women Missing

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Note:

POW/1, Prison and Detention are requisitioned
 Alternative requisitioned has a capacity of 60.

Commander de Vincennes
 T/A. ARMANDO DE VINCENNES
 Prison Section
 Public Safety Division

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

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

27 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Assignment - Officers

FILE No: RXII/210.3(G)

Capt. C.R. Braybrooke (156826) Int. Corps

1. Reference AMG Eighth Army Letter OA/3/Gen/6/123A dated 22 Jan 45.
2. According to records held at this HQ, the above named officer has had no police experience. He is a Civil Affairs Officer assigned to Venezia Province who are under command of AMG Eighth Army.

W. Brinkley Capt
Acting Regional Commissioner

Copy to:
AMG Eighth Army

TO	INI	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWER		

31 JAN 1945

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Tel Bxt: 93.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMYSubject: Assignment of Officers.

GA/3/46/6/123A

22 Jan 45.H.Q.,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference your AC/14011/16/RS of 17th January, 45.
2. Capt. BRAYBROOK is an officer of VENEZIA Region included in one of the Provincial teams on loan to this H.Q., from that Region. Full particulars are, therefore, available from VENEZIA Region.
3. The authority for his being temporarily assigned to Public Safety duties is, ~~therefore~~, that of this H.Q., who as you know, do not differentiate between specialist Public Safety Officers and ordinary C.A.Os in the allocation of duties, as assignments are continually changing with the military situation, and in most cases the officer has to be both C.A.O., and Public Safety Officer.

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COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. W. G. X	
MAJ. DUCKHAM	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANCOCK	
MAJ. BATTERY	
CAPT. POWELL	
CAPT. DICKSON	

Copy to 14004/1
 Group Captain,
 Officer Commanding,
 H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMM ON

Originator's Reference: E/32. 129
 Date/Time of Origin: JAN 20 1420A

Message Centre No: C/8768
 Date/Time Rec'd: JAN 20 2110A
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ ANG 8 ARMY REAR
 TO: HQ ALCON ATEN P SAFETY SC

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Monthly reports for December were sent this Hq 5 January through ANG 8 ARMY who hold receipt for same signed by Cpl ROBINSON. Our references were R1X/PS/19/6 and R1X/PS/19/7.

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Action - P Safety
 Info - A/Pres
 Chief Commissioner
 CA Sec
 File (2)
 Float

*No knowledge of this
 in this S/C*

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GR Cpl

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HEADQUARTERS

21 JAN 1945

A. N. C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 594

Tel : 478500

17 January, 1945

AC/14011/16/PS

SUBJECT : Assignment of Officers.

TO : A.S.G. & Army.

With reference to your monthly report for December 1944, could particulars please be given respecting Capt. Graybrook, police experience, etc., and authority for assignment.

JS
JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.S.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALSO
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
PLAN.

DATE : 2.14/19/19/16.

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORTS.

TO : S.C.A.O.
AND, KUSTEN ARCT.

1st. January, 1947.

1. STRENGTH OF KUSTEN ARCTIC DIVISION.

The strength of Kustén Arctic Division operating within 8th. Army Area is THREE. This number includes 3 KUSTEN ARCTIC officers and 1 officer of KUSTEN ARCTIC temporarily attached to 8th. Army.

They are allocated as shown in Appendix "A" attached.

All officers are fully occupied and one of their most arduous tasks is the issue of travel and carrier permits.

2. CARAVANS.

(a) FOUR DIVISION.

The whole of Four Division is now occupied and 7 officers, 65 N.C.O's. and 350 conscripts making a total of 479 Ballia Division CC.M. are operating within the province.

Of this number 262 are re-occupied personnel.

As shown hereunder, nearly all of the CC.M. stations have been re-occupied and it is hoped that the whole will be in operation early in the new year.

The Company of REINA is functioning in full as a company. All of the stations, with the exception of Kustén A.S. Giallano and Kustén Radio, have been re-occupied and opened. It is not considered necessary to open these two stations at this time.

The Company of GUSTIA is also organized and functioning in full. Three stations have not been re-occupied viz:- Kustén B. Pisto, Langiano and S. Kustén in Lago. The areas previously covered by these stations are being covered by these stations nearly that are open.

There are 7 stations in the Company of PISTO that have not yet been officially opened, however, there are Caravanti on duty in these counties. As soon as arrangements and investigations are completed on the re-occupied CC.M., these 7 stations will be opened and the Company will be functioning in full.

(b) REINA.

Slightly more than half of Reina Province is occupied and at the moment 3 officers and 196 CC.M. of Reina Division are in service within the province. Of this number 49 are re-occupied Caravanti.

CC.M. stations are now operating in Reina City, Cervin, Sted, Castiglione di Reina, S. Pietro in Pisto, Pisto and Pisto.

(c) SPIN MD CC RR

244 Speechhead (CC, RR). Advised to 8th. Army and contoured throughout the forward areas are doing invaluable service, but like their brethren in Emilia Region, are in a pitiful state with regard to clothing. I am visiting A.U. H.U. with regard to this matter on 4 Jan 45.

In addition to the speechhead (CC, RR), 172. carabinieri have been loaned from the Provinces of Reggio, Parma and Piacenza, Emilia Region, for duty with F.S.S. at check posts on various roads. These men too are doing splendid work, often at times under very adverse conditions.

3. ARMY

All the CC, RR. are armed with rifles but a large percentage are deficient of pistols. There is no shortage of ammunition but cleaning materials and oil are exceedingly short. Indoctrination are being made to obtain supplies through CC, RR. channels.

4. SHIRTS

Replacements of uniforms, boots, underclothes and blankets, are still one of the major problems of the CC, RR.

Urgent representations have been made to A.U. H.U. Roma, for supplies of these articles with the result that a signal has been received from them that the following amounts were being dispatched for CC, RR. Emilia Region, on 28th. December, 1944.

Ironers	450	Shirts	500	Belts	250
Boots	200	Books	2,300		
Rollers	500	Blankets	650		

These supplies are now awaited.

The total amount is only a quarter of the amount previously asked for and which is urgently required.

In addition a large amount of Italian Military clothing was recovered from the Sanatorio di Vecchio, Forlì, at the time of the occupation and is being handled by the 228 Italian Division. It is hoped that the CC, RR. can by arrangement with the Italian Military authorities receive a portion of this clothing. Should they be successful it will help to a considerable extent in relieving the present acute position.

5. MORALE AND EFFICIENCY

In view of the conditions under which the CC, RR. are at present serving, their morale is generally good, but of course it will be appreciated that only time and encouragement can restore their morale to its pre-war level. Every effort is being made to restore their self confidence which at present is sadly lacking.

Their efficiency is reasonably good and they appear to be giving loyal service. As an example of this 2 carabinieri were killed by shell fire in Russi, Ravenna Province on 17th. December, 1944, and 1 carabiniere (attached to Ferrara Province) was killed by a military motor vehicle on the same day in Ravenna.

6. CIVIL POLICE EMILIA REGION(a) FORLÌ PROVINCE

In Forlì Province 125 Agents of Public Security reported for duty. All were screened by Major Chaney, F.F.S.O. and by the F.S.S. Of this number 50 have been found to be entirely satisfactory and are being

through C.R., channels.

4. REPLACEMENTS

Replacements of uniforms, boots, underclothes and blankets, are still one of the major problems of the C.R. in.

Urgent representations have been made to A.G. H.C. Rome, for supplies of these articles with the result that a signal has been received from them that the following amounts were being dispatched for C.R. Sicilia Region, on 26th. December, 1944.

Trousers	450	Shirts	500	Boots	200
Boots	200	Spokes	2,500		
Blankets	500	Blankets	650		

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6. CIVIL POLICE, PUBLIC SECURITY.

(a) FORLÌ PROVINCE.

In Forlì Province 125 Agents of Public Security reported for duty. All were screened by Major Cheney, F.P.S.G. and by the P.S.G. Of this number 65 have been found to be entirely satisfactory and are being sent back into service at once. Vetting of the remainder is being continued. It is anticipated that the majority will be eligible for immediate service.

OFFICERS:- The Questore VANDERLINDEN fled north with the Germans and the Vice-Questore VERONE, Commissario DE ROSA, Com. Chief of Carabinieri SANTORO and Maresciallo VILLAGGIO, all of whom, with the exception of Santoro, were members of the O.V.R.A. have been suspended from duty and the facts reported to A.G. H.C., Rome, to have them screened by the central authority as early as possible.

The following replacements have been approved:-

1. IANUZZO, Francesco. Vice-Questore from Arezzo.
2. MALLO, Giuseppe. Vice-Com. from Pistoia.
3. A'GLIOTTI, Testa. Commissario from Rome.
4. BLANCINI " "

Numbers 2 and 3 have already arrived in Forlì, the others are

awaited.

Thirty other Commissioners in Furl are in the process of being screened and if table they will be allowed to resume duty.

(b) RAVENNA PROVINCE.

As in Furl, the Quastore NIGHT Fied north with the Demaris, the Vice-Quastore is ill.

28 Agents have been vetted by the P.S.S. and found suitable. They have been put back into service under the command of a Lieutenant who is also suitable. The vetting of the remainder of the agents continues and on completion a report will be made to A.C. H. for necessary replacements of officers.

7. BUILDINGS OF C.F. and QUASTORE.

(a) FORL PROVINCE.

Forl City: - 2 C.F. buildings, one in good condition, one being used by Allied troops.

Quastore building damaged by mines but can be repaired and is in use. Records are in fair condition, some being burned before Allied occupation.

Cesena: -

C.F. building damaged.

Quastore building in good condition and is now occupied by both Quastore agents and by C.F.

Rimini: -

C.F. building destroyed.

No Quastore building.

In other parts of the province the C.F. buildings, usually small buildings, have been damaged but not beyond repair.

(b) RAVENNA PROVINCE.

Ravenna City: -

C.F. building slightly damaged.

Quastore building slightly damaged but main building intact. Records, (apart from political records and photographic apparatus which were destroyed by bombs) are intact.

C.F. building in good condition and occupied by C.F.

Comacina: -

8. GUARDIA DI FINANCE.

79 Finance Guards have reported, been vetted and put back into service in Forl province, commanded by a Lieutenant of Finance Guard. Sections of these guards are on duty in Forl, Cesena, Rimini, Ravenna, Modigliana and Cattolica.

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Like other police services the majority of Finance Guards need replacements of uniforms and boots and the question is being taken up through Italian channels.

9. GUARDIA FORESTALE.

6 Forest Guards, including the Commandante, Captain Camillo Chiovanna have reported for duty in Ravenna. They are in course of being vetted by the P.S.S.

10. GUARDIA MUNICIPALE.

46 Municipal Guards

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Forlì City: 2 CC.RR. are present. Both in good condition, one being used by Allied troops.

Quartre building damaged by bombs but can be repaired and is in use. Materials are in fair condition, some being burned before Italian occupation.

Genoa:

CC.RR. caserma damaged.

Quartre building in good condition and is now occupied by both Quartermasters and by CC.RR.

Rimini:

CC.RR. caserma destroyed.

No Quartermaster building.

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11. CRIME GENERALLY.

Crime, apart from one or two isolated incidents, is satisfactory and does not present at the moment any major problem.

In Forlì only one case of importance is recorded, viz.: On 13th December, 1944, a group of 15 Patriots, some of whom were armed, took the law into their own hands, entered a house and removed some furniture claiming it was the property of Fascists. They ignored the directions of the CC.RR. to disperse. No arrests were effected. The situation was quickly got under control. Doubtless the primary cause of the disturbance was the exaggerated opinion some of the Patriots have of their own importance.

In Burma on an 13th, December, 1944, 3 armed men believed Patriots, killed a civilian from his home. In order to trace the men responsible and the victim is continuing.

On 15th, December, 1944, a German soldier who was drunk, attempted to rape an Italian girl. The father of the girl attempted to protect his daughter and was shot dead by the soldier who was immediately arrested by the Military Police.

12. BLACK MARKET.

Up to the present the black market has not been very active but no doubt will come into prominence in due course.

There have been cases in World City of olive oil being offered for sale at 900 lire per kilo. The Finance Guard are working on this particular problem.

13. A.M.G. COURTS.

A.M.G. Courts have been functioning in each province since occupation. The majority of the cases have been minor ones, chiefly cases of travelling beyond the 10 kilometre limit and being in possession of Allied Military property.

A General A.M.G. Court met in Pinofino recently and tried 2 Italian girls accused of espionage. Both were sentenced to death.

14. ITALIAN COURTS.

So far Italian Courts have not opened in either Province but it is hoped that they will commence to function early in the new year.

15. SUMMARY.

The closest co-operation is being maintained between G.A.P.O's, P.S.S., and the Military Police, and relations between them are excellent.

Every effort is being made to 'tighten up' the issue of Civilian Movement Passes. They are issued only in necessary cases and the civilian population is being discouraged in every possible way to apply for movement passes. In A.M.G. areas where security is essential, it is vitally necessary that every application is carefully scrutinized by the A.M.G. Police Officer concerned, consequently a great part of his time is occupied by this work. Very large numbers of applications for Curfew Passes are received particularly in connection with civilians employed by the Military Authorities, and also to enable civilians to attend, after-noon-hour during curfew hours, special functions organized by Military units. It is hoped that simplified regulations regarding permits for the latter will come into force in the near future, thus easing the pressure on local G.A.P.O's.

Cases of Suspected Sabotage.

Cases of interference with the Petrol Pipe Line have practically ceased but there has been some interference with telephone communications by lengths of wire being cut away. Notices pointing out that such actions may incur the death penalty have been posted in prominent positions in the vicinity of telephone lines and all civilian police agencies have been specially alerted. During the latter part of this month, this grave offense has practically ceased.

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16. MINES AND U.X.B'S.

There have been a few cases of civilians being killed and injured by German mines and bombs.

The G.M.P. are compiling lists of the presence of U.X.B's. and mines for the information of the Mobile Bomb Disposal Squads on their arrival in this area.

17. LICENSING REGISTRATION.

In both Forlì and Ravenna Provinces, motor vehicles have been circulating to date under the authority of Temporary A.M.C. 8th. Army Permits issued by A.M.C. officers in necessary cases. For the time being this procedure will continue in Ravenna Province, but in Forlì Province, General Order No. 20 together with Provincial Orders Nos. 1 and 2 have been posted up and come into force on the 1st. January, 1945.

R.A.C.I. with offices in the building of the Ufficio Trasporti is now functioning in Forlì. The R.A.C.I. Director is Signore GARLINI, Carlo Alberto. The Inspector of Motorisation, Signore MOLIGNI, Vittorio, has also reported and commenced work in examining vehicles which are to be licensed under General Order No. 20. Neither of these men were known to be active Fascists although like many others were members of the Fascist Party.

18. FIRE BRIGADES.

The whole of the Fire Brigade Stations and equipment have been inspected by Captain Bassani, Regional Fire Officer, copies of whose reports are attached.

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It is hoped that Allied troops will shortly evacuate the Fire Brigade Station at Viale Corbelloni, Forlì City, which will considerably ease the situation.

It is also proposed to transfer one large pump from Ravenna to Forlì, as an emergency measure to enable the firemen in the latter city to have a reasonable chance of successfully combating any serious fire which may break out.

The equipment of the Brigade in Cesena has, to a large extent been saved and the Brigade is able to function efficiently. This Brigade does in fact go to the assistance of the Forlì Brigade as and when required.

Rimini itself is very badly damaged, a great number of buildings have been razed to the ground and few buildings remain intact. An Army Fire Service Unit is stationed in the town and therefore the need of a civilian brigade at the moment is not so great as elsewhere. Nevertheless, a combination pump and tank has been sent to Rimini from Florence where it was originally held for Bologna City.

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It should be mentioned that since the Allied occupation namely on 10th. December, 1944, enemy planes bombed Forlì hitting a church and other property. The casualty list was 26 killed and 98 injured. Both the Civil Fire Brigades and Civil Defence Service performed good service in assisting to extricate the dead and injured from the debris.

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20. EQUIPMENT, FIRE BRIGADE, EQUIPMENT, RAVENNA PROVINCE.

Ravenna:- In the City of Ravenna there is at the moment sufficient fire equipment to adequately serve the city. This is almost entirely due to the local brigade buying their fire engines and appliances to prevent the Germans confiscating or destroying them. They were buried about 6 kilometres outside the town and were unearthed during the first days of liberation.

As mentioned above I propose to transfer one of the large pumps to Forli solely as an emergency measure.

Faenza:- The amount of equipment at Faenza is not accurately known at the moment as the digging up process is still in hand, but it is confidently expected to be sufficient to meet the needs of the town.

The remainder of Ravenna Province is still in enemy hands.

13. PLIB HET YES (continued).

Ravenna Province Personnel. In World the whole of the personnel have been vetted and are back into service. Commandante TASSINARI appears a very able and efficient fireman. Regular shifts have been organized and the personnel are kept busy with emergency firemen's work.

Fire Brigade Buildings, Ravenna Province.

The fire station in Ravenna was very badly damaged but the substitute buildings although not nearly so convenient can be used until a proper station and quarters can be provided.

With regard to Ravenna little can be said at the moment as the town is practically in the front line.

15. CIVIL DEFENSE SERVICE, U.S.A.FORUM.

The U.S.F.A. organization in Forum City consists of a Commandante and 24 men. They are back in service and have done very good work especially during and after the recent bombings of the town.

Air Raid Shelters. There are 34 public air raid shelters in the city, in good condition with a capacity for 4,888 persons. In addition there are 4 tubular shelters with a capacity of 584 persons. There are also a large number of private shelters.

Alarm System. Prior to our occupation there were 5 electric air raid sirens in the city. The central siren in Via Maratti has been destroyed and the others are being repaired. In addition there are 5 hand sirens available but as there is no electricity or telephonic communication within the city and therefore no means of obtaining prior information of an impending raid, the only warning the population receives is present in concentrated public or two dropping of bombs. Major Gianni, the Provincial Public Safety Officer, is exploring the possibilities of a temporary air raid warning system.

RAVENNA.

The U.S.F.A. in Ravenna City is much stronger than in Forum. There is a total of 140 men divided into seven squads of 20 each. They are under the control of Commandante POCAGLIA who has held the post since 1939, and all are in the course of being vetted.

Air Raid Shelters. There are 14 public air raid shelters and 70 private shelters in the city with a total capacity of approximately 24,000 persons. Some have been damaged and some are being used as latrines. The U.S.F.A. are cleaning those which are serviceable to enable them to be available in case of need.

As in Forum there is no air raid alarm except for A.A. fire and/or the dropping of bombs.

20. PRISON.

The prisons have been inspected thoroughly by Sergeant Divinense, Regional Prisons Officer, whose reports regarding them are attached.

There are 2 judicial prisons one in the town of Forum and one in the town of Ravenna. Both are in a poor state of repair and are undamaged.

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REVENUE.

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Air Raid Shelters: There are 14 public Air Raid shelters and 70 private shelters in the city with a total capacity of approximately 22,000 persons. Some have been damaged and some are being used as latrines. The U.S.A. are cleaning those which are serviceable to enable them to be available in case of need.

As in Porti there is no Air Raid alarm except for A.A. fire and/or the dropping of bombs.

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There are 2 Judicial Prisons one in the Town of Porti and one in the Town of Revenue. Both are in a good state of repair and are undamaged.

PORTI PRISON.

Immediately after occupation, the upper two stories of Porti Prison were taken over by the military as a detention barracks. Previously such prisoners had been housed at General Mandamentale Prison. Notice has now been received that the whole of Porti Judicial Prison will be taken over by the Army Authorities as a detention barracks as from 14th January, 1945.

The only other prison in Porti Province capable of housing the number of civilian prisoners at present detained in Porti Prison, is the Mandamentale Prison at UBBIA. This prison is very old, there are practically no conveniences and in my opinion it is not a fit place for the detention of prisoners except for reasons of urgency and then for very short periods only.

To avoid if possible transferring prisoners from one province to another, the question is being explored of using a part of the Porti Reformatory Institution which adjoins Porti Prison, as a prison for adults until the Military vacates the Judicial Prison. At present there are only 34 minors housed in the Institution at the moment it may be possible to do this and keep the minors separate from the adults, which is very necessary.

20. PRISONS (continued).

The Director of Forli Prison is also Director of the Reformatory Institution. If suitable arrangements cannot be made, then the whole of the prisoners will be transferred to Ravenna Prison.

RAVENNA PROVINCE.

Prison City: The prison is in very good condition and at the present there are only 18 prisoners confined.

Although the total capacity is 97 men and 10 women, in case of emergency this number could be almost doubled.

The Prison Director is at present in Bologna, therefore the Administration del Reale is acting in his stead in accordance with Italian custom.

Prison: The prison at Ravenna has been entirely destroyed and at the present all prisoners when convicted are being transferred to Forli Prison. They too will close under the new arrangements.

The various reformatory schools of Forli and Ravenna are being taken up with a view to a general improvement in prison arrangements.

21. CRIME IN PRISON.

Generally the conduct of troops has been good apart from a few isolated cases, i.e. The Canadian soldier who murdered a civilian in Ravenna as mentioned earlier in this report, and one other case of the murder of a civilian by a British soldier in Forli Province.

22. PRISON MORALE.

Generally good.

23. CRIMES.

Nil.

24. PROSTITUTION.

One of our former chief problems, that of prostitution, is not so far acute in this area.

In Forli a Vice Squad is operating consisting of R.A.F. Police and Military Police personnel.

From 2th, December, to 21th, December, 1944, 15 women were arrested for practising prostitution. Of this number 4 were found to be suffering from V.D. and were evacuated to the hospital at Forli.

A scheme has been devised whereby women found associating with soldiers are, on release, served with a form which orders them to refrain from associating with Allied personnel. A record of all forms served is kept, and should a woman so dealt with again come into the hands of police for a similar offence she is charged with 'disobeying a written order'. It is too early yet to comment upon the success of this scheme but it should go a long way towards checking solicitation.

It is hoped to have Vice Squads working on similar lines in Ravenna in the near future especially when the Quarter Agents are better organised.

25. ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION.

In view of the length of time Forli and Ravenna have been liberated, reasonable progress has been made to re-establish the police and to bring order out of chaos. There is still a tremendous amount

I ask that 2 copies of this report together with copies of Wire and Prison Officers' reports and appendices be forwarded to A.O.H.Q., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

E. H. Davis

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Appendix "A" to Monthly Progress Report, Public Safety Division,
dated 1st January, 1947.

Nominal Roll of Officers on Public Safety Establishment

+	Major Bullen.	S.C.A.P.O. (1)
+	Lt. Col. E.J. Byr.	S.C.A.P.O. (2) and R.P.S.O.
	Capt. Roberts.	C.A.P.O.
	Capt. Jones.	C.A.P.O.
	Capt. Mayforth.	C.A.P.O. Portl Town.
	Capt. Braybrook.	C.A.P.O. Ravenna Town.
+	Major R. Bond.	Ass. S.C.A.P.O. (2) and Ass. R.P.S.O.
+	Major Chener.	Portl Province
+	Major Collins.	Portl Town
+	Major Shepherd.	
+	Major Baldwin.	Ravenna Province
+	Capt. Willis.	Josans
+	Capt. Tomkins.	Recon
+	Malia Region Officers temporarily working Under A.P.O. 5th Army.	

Note:- Major Shepherd at Rimini is being transferred to another province in Malia Region.

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COL. CH-PM-N	W	14/1
COL. YOUNG	S	15/1
LT. COL. W.C. X	M	16/1
MAJ. LUCK		
MAJ. WILSON	W	15/1
MAJ. HANBURY	W	16/1
MAJ. BAL	W	15/1
CAPT. P.W. L	W	17/1
Capt. D. A. L.	W	18/1

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AMG EIGHTH ARMY
 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

A. POLICE

(1) The efficiency and cooperation of the various civil police agencies is, on the whole, good. The tendency is still apparent however, even with regard to the mobile CRR (whose morale and sense of adjustment to Allied Military needs is higher than any other body) to require the constant supervision of Allied personnel. This is particularly the case in such duties as block posts for the control of civilian movement, nevertheless their value in the performance of those particular duties is most marked. It is a fact that morale increases in direct ratio as they become reclothed and re-equipped - this is being effected, though slowly, as supplies become available. Members of the various agencies continue to report for duty at a constant rate as territory is occupied. The agents of public safety in Forlì Province so far number 120, but require some re-organization in the case of higher officials. The Questore has fled, the vice Questore has been arrested on his political record and at least 4 Commissarios require replacing. Application has been made to Hq AS in this matter.

(II) The incidence of crime is very low and presents no problems. One civilian reported to have a bad fascist record was shot, believed by partisans in the operational area and it has not been possible to attach the responsibility to any individuals.

(III) Conduct of Allied troops leaves room for improvement in some quarters, all reports are vigorously investigated by Provost units with assistance from AMG where possible. It should be mentioned however, that reports are frequently made by civilians of thefts by Allied troops of property which has not been seen by the owners since the enemy occupation and no doubt was stolen by the enemy.

(IV) Relations with military police excellent.

(V) Refugee movement needs constant attention by the Carabinieri and is covered by patrols and block posts switched about army area as military operations require.

(VI) General. Considerable advantage has been obtained from the presence in Army area of Carabinieri destined for Provinces as occupied and they are kept constantly employed.

B. SECURITY

(1) General state of public morale is good.

(II) Attitude of public towards AMG is cooperative and so far uncomplaining as regards the Italian Government.

(III) No political activities apparent.

(IV) No riots or civil disturbances.

(V) No industrial agitation.

control of civilian movement, nevertheless their value in the performance of these particular duties is most marked. It is a fact that morale increases in direct ratio as they become reclothed and re-equipped - this is being effected, though slowly, as supplies become available. Members of the various agencies continue to report for duty at a constant rate as territory is occupied. The agents of public safety in Forlì Province so far number 120, but require some re-organisation in the case of higher officials. The questore has fled, the vice questore has been arrested on his political record and at least 4 Commissioners require replacing. Application has been made to HQ AC in this matter.

(II) The incidence of crime is very low and presents no problems. One civilian reported to have a bad Fascist record was shot, believed by partisans in the operational area and it has not been possible to attach the responsibility to any individuals.

(III) Conduct of Allied troops leaves room for improvement in some quarters, all reports are vigorously investigated by Provost units with assistance from AMG where possible. It should be mentioned however, that reports are frequently made by civilians of thefts by Allied troops of property which has not been seen by the owners since the enemy occupation and no doubt was stolen by the enemy.

(IV) Relations with military police excellent.

(V) Refugee movement needs constant attention by the Carabinieri and is covered by patrols and block posts switched about army area as military operations require.

(VI) General. Considerable advantage has been obtained from the presence in army area of Carabinieri destined for Provinces as occupied and they are kept constantly employed.

B. SECURITY

(1) General state of public morale is good.

(II) Attitude of public towards AMG is cooperative and so far uncomplimentary as regards the Italian Government.

(III) No political activities apparent.

(IV) No riots or civil disturbances.

(V) No industrial agitation.

(VI) No strikes etc.

(VII) There have been a few cases of interference by civilians with the petrol pipe line, ~~mainly~~ aimed at stealing petrol. No sinister ~~note~~ has been apparent but in view of the potentially serious consequence of such actions notices have been posted by AMG warning civilians interfering with the petrol pipe they may be shot on sight (by military guards and patrols).

(VIII) The month has seen a considerable tightening and check on civilian movement throughout army area by all military agencies in which Carabinieri, (their numbers increased by the welcome loan of Carabinieri destined for duty in territory to be occupied in Fifth Army area) are giving full support. It may be added that this influx of Carabinieri has made it possible for F.S. Secs to discontinue the use of civilians as auxiliary police. At the request of

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army 6.6.1. persons desiring to move out of army area are sent to F.S. personnel for interview and vetting. F.S. Secs are furnished with particulars of civilians who are given passes to enter army area, and are also furnished by CAGs at frequent intervals with lists giving particulars of all persons to whom passes are issued (except semi-permanent curfew passes). Another requirement directed to be observed by CAGs is that, in the case of those persons whom it is desired shall have the facility of AD transport to make their journey, at "Transport employed" on the form of pass the words "AD NOT AIL, NON EM OVIA" shall be endorsed. A natural consequence of the slowing down of the army's advance has been an increase in the evening social amenities provided for allied personnel such as dances which civilians are allowed to attend. In many cases a heavy burden has thus been thrown on CAGs in the issue of curfew passes, and some solution of this difficulty is receiving the attention of all concerned. Army GSI, charged as they are with the security of the army have so far not felt it possible to lessen the area in which curfew (now from 1800 hrs) shall be imposed, which is from the front line to the rear army security control line.

(IX) The cases of 39 persons arrested by IS personnel in army area during the month Nov are considered by rep of GSI (b) and SCAPO and agreed recommendations made.

(X) Curfew is generally well observed. A concession has been granted to enable civilians behind the Corps rear boundary to attend midnight mass by lifting curfew altogether on Xmas eve and until 0230 hrs on Xmas day.

(XI) General. At the request of army GSI notices prohibiting the carrying of civilian communications in army area without consent of allied military have been posted in army area and will continue to be posted at some time as Proclamations as territory is occupied.

Line ~~by~~ net fishing with boats up to 500 metres from the shore as far NORTH as PASARO and without boats up to ORVIA has been approved.

Approval was also obtained for the transfer of 23 fishing craft SOUTH from CATTOLICA prov Forli to a port below ANCONA from which they may fish for the benefit of FORLI Province.

Photographic estabs may now be opened in certain circumstances for the benefit of both troops and civilians in army area rear of Corps Headquarters.

Special Motor Vehicle Circulation Permits have been approved and issued for vehicles registered in the Republic of SAN MARINO.

C. PRISONS

(I) There are no prisons so far in RAVENNA Province. The general conditions of the prisons in CESAÑA and FORLI, both FORLI Province, are fair. These prisons are being surveyed with the welcome co-operation of an officer detailed by the RPSO, EMILIA Region.

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(III) Sanitation

(IV) Discipline

Nothing to comment upon.

(V) Buildings in fair condition

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(IX) The cases of 33 persons arrested by IG personnel in army area during the month Nov were considered by rep of GSI (b) and SMO and agreed recommendations made.

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| (VI) Food as far as possible at the scale laid down. | |

D. FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENSE

None so far in the small area of RAVENNA Province occupied.

In FURLI Province, no observations can yet be made but again, with the welcome co-operation of RPSO, EMILIA Region, who has detached an officer for the purpose, the position is being surveyed.

In the matter of the disposal of UDs and mines, efforts are being made by EMILIA Region in collaboration with this HQ to form a class or classes of Italian personnel to deal with this pressing problem. The full co-operation of Army BD personnel has been promised for purpose of instruction.

E. STAFF

- (I) Major E. FULLEN SCAPC, EIGHTH ARMY, (on loan to FORLI Prov)
Capt J.B. MAYNORTH CAPC, do
Capt E.J. ROBERTS CAPC, do
Capt E. JONES CAPC, do
Major E.L. CHANEY FPSC, FORLI Province
Capt WILLIS PSO, do
Major E.A. BALDWIN FPSC, KAVINIA Province

(II) Changes since last Report

- Major MARINFIELD, ANCONIA Province)
Capt GREENHUGH, PESARO Province) ceased to be under command
Capt DECKER, do)

E. Fuller
Major,
SCAPC,
AMC, EIGHTH ARMY

4 Dec 44

APPENDIX "A"

Forged Allied Military Currency

Receipt by Army Branches of 9 forged AM 1000-lire notes already reported
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Capt CHAMBERS, PASAMO PROVINCE)
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Ed. Miller

Major,
SCAPO,
AMG, EIGHTH ARMY

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