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MEETINGS, ROME AREA COMMAND
JUN. - SEPT. 1944

MEETING AT ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1944

Present :

Lt. Col. Wedemeyer C of S. R.A.A.C. (A) Presiding
 Lt. Col. Stoddard G.I. (A)
 Major Lawrence G.I. (B)
 " Battersby (B)
 Lt. Col. Young (B)
 " " White (B)
 Capt. Loudon (B)
 Colonel Meaney (A)

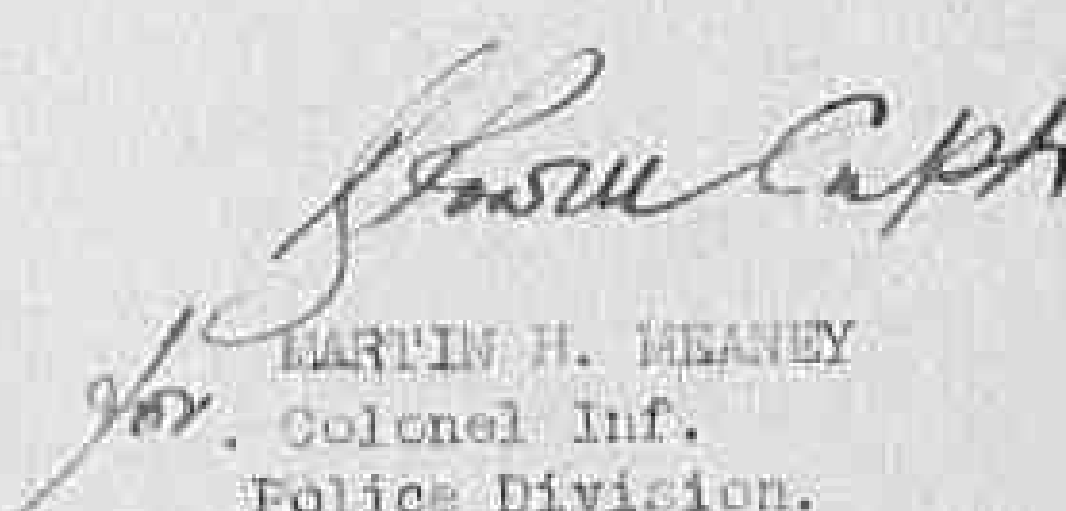
1. Major Battersby reported an Allied Soldier was stabbed to death by some Italian Civilian on the night 30-31 August, nationality of deceased not given. The Civilians involved are identified and if not already in custody will be apprehended soon. It is believed the argument resulting in the death was started over some personal transactions, probably Black Market.

2. Battersby also stated that the Gestapo had started a "round up" of Civilian cars in an effort to locate some of the cars which are being reported stolen every day, 106 cars have been reported stolen in the past 16 days.

3. Col. Wedemeyer said he was informed that there were scores of cars in one garage in Rome and he instructed Major Battersby to make an investigation and report the number and condition of any cars found. Battersby said he had already inspected a garage where many cars were stored, but all were dismantled and in his brief inspection could not say if any could be reassembled.

4. Major Lawrence said Medical officers were becoming concerned about an epidemic of Typhoid among soldiers which may be spread through the sale of ice cream by stores and road-side vendors. There are no cases now among the military but Medical officers are fearful that it might be spread by the sale of milk products from unsanitary shops.

Meeting adjourned at 0930.


 for MARTIN H. MEANEY
 Colonel Inf.
 Police Division.

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MEETING HEADQUARTERS ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND ON TUESDAY 29 AUG. 44.

Present : Brigadier Low Presiding
 Lt. Col. Fisher
 " " White
 Major Coxhead
 " Battersby
 " Lawrence
 " Mansicker
 Capt. Loudon
 Col. Meaney

1. The question of Curfew was brought up Major Battersby who announced that the Questore had published an order for information and guidance of the Civilian population continuing the curfew regulation in A.C.C. as they were in effect under A.M.C. Brigadier Low announced that he was in favor of extending the hour to mid night and General Brown had no objection. Major Battersby and Col. White opposed the extension. Brigadier Low said he would go further into it with Col. Poletti and make a decision later.
2. Brigadier Low stated that the Curfew regulations will continue to apply to the Military personnel, but that he was inclined to be lenient in its enforcement. Any officer who was necessarily out after curfew hours must have a pass signed by his Unit Commander. For those on leave a pass from the officer commanding the Hotel or other leave area where the officer is billeted, will be recognized as his Unit C.O. for the purpose of after curfew passes.
3. Major Battersby announced that the Questore had published speed and traffic regulations. The authorized speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Brigadier Low said he would take up with Col. Poletti the question of publishing speed and traffic regulations for observance by Military vehicles.
4. Major Battersby requested authority to remove the A.M.C. "Civil Police" arm bands now required to be worn by all Civil Police whether on duty in civilian clothes or uniform. Brigadier Low decided that it is not necessary to wear them any longer in Rome Area Allied Command and authorized their elimination.
5. Major Coxhead announced that a report came to Lt. Col. Pollock last evening intimating that a political meeting was being arranged for some time last night at some section and that they had arms and

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ammunition. He called on the Questore and got in touch with all Party Leaders, directing them to prevent the meeting. He also directed that all members be instructed to turn in all arms and ammunition without further delay. The meeting was not held and there was no information presented that would indicate that any disturbance took place. Report of any arms discovered or turned in will be presented later.

6. The question of executions of spies and others condemned to death was brought up by Major Lawrence G - 1 (B). In this connection Brigadier Low expressed the opinion that in the execution of spies and other enemy personnel condemned to death by Allied Military Courts the firing squads should be combined British and American.

Meeting adjourned at 0930.

M. H. Meaney
MARTIN H. MEANEY
Colonel Inf.
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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MEETING HEADQUARTERS R.A.A.C. AT 0900 FRIDAY 25 AUGUST, 1944.

Present : Brigadier Low, Presiding
 Lt. Col. White
 " " Fiske
 Major Littleton
 Captain Iouden
 Col. Meaney.

1. Col. White reported that it was alleged that a shooting and stabbing took place on Route 2 about 12 miles North of Rome on Wednesday night between some Royal Engineers and Italian Civilians. C.I.D. is investigating and a complete report will be submitted later. The soldiers involved are identified.
2. Col. White stated also that many reports are coming to him of Civilian Police on Traffic duty complaining that Military drivers fail to obey their signals. Brig. Low said he would prepare an order for Gen. Brown's approval directing that all military drivers will obey the traffic signals of Civil as well as Military traffic Police.
3. Col. White enquired if the area of LIDO was still "out of Bounds" and Brig. Low announced that it is still required as a Military Training Area and therefore is "out of Bounds".
4. Col. White mentioned the great numbers of people (civilians) who are waiting along Route 7 to be picked up by vehicles going South, the sudden stopping of vehicles for the purpose of picking up these people is being complained of as a danger to traffic. This brought up a discussion of the Control of circulation of civilians. Brig. Low said it was an ACC problem to control the movement of displaced persons. He announced that he would discuss the matter with Col. Poletti with a view to arriving at some solution.
5. Brigadier Low announced that Lt. Col. Pollock discussed with him, at length, the question of Prison over crowding in Rome, he said he advised Pollock he had no jurisdiction in this matter. I stated I would bring it to the attention of the Director of Public Safety.
6. Lt. Col. White inquired if the Curfew order which was in force prior to 15 August was still in effect as regards civilians. Brigadier Low said it was not but that it still applied to the military. He said the Mayor of Rome should issue an order continuing the curfew regulations for civilians, but could not say if such an order had been published.

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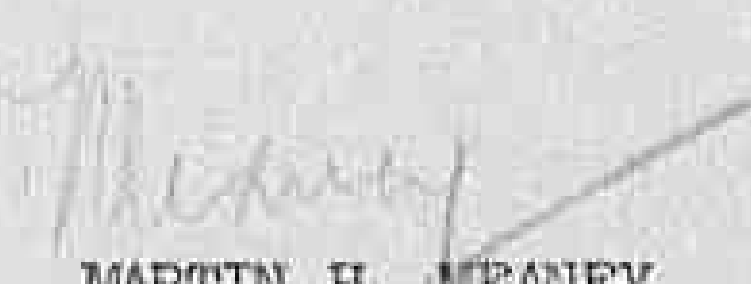
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The Meeting adjourned at 0940.

NOTE

"Major Coxhead informed me that the alleged shooting and stabbing referred to in Para 1 is somewhat exaggerated. The story is the soldiers on the way from the front on leave stopped at a wine shop drank a good deal of wine and protested the price being charged by the store keeper. In the argument which followed one or two of the soldiers were thrown to the floor and fell on some broken glass causing some cuts. One of the soldiers fired some shots at the civilians as they were running away and hit one civilian causing minor injuries in the arm and leg.

Coxhead feels that some one is trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill".


MARTIN H. MEANEY
Colonel Inf.
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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MEETING AT ROME AREA HEADQUARTERS AT 0845 ON TUESDAY 22
AUGUST 1944.

Present : Brigadier Low Presiding
Lt. Col. White
" " Fisher
Major McMillan
" Battersby
Capt. Louden
Colonel Meaney.

1. Lt. Col. White reported that some days ago it was called to his attention that a great amount of food products for Army Units was being unlawfully removed from the Railroad yards at TIBURTINA in Rome. He had the place under observation for a few days and found that the guard furnished for protection of the Station and property was entirely inadequate. He said the place was wide open and it was impossible to properly safeguard the property being dumped there without a force of guards of such proportions that it is impossible to furnish them and take care of other Police responsibilities.

He cited one instance where a goods train came into the station one evening recently and it was filled with refugees from TERNI. These people were hungry and it is possible that they helped themselves to the food which was laying out in the open. District 3 submitted a list of missing items. Train guards are too few to prevent the refugees from boarding these freight trains.

2. Major Mac Millan reported that two U.S. negro soldiers accosted a carabinieri on duty with a demand that he produce women for them, an altercation occurred and the negroes left to return a short while later with several other men from their unit, they attacked the Carabinieri and knocked him down, he drew his pistol and fired some shots hitting one negro in the abdomen, a British Indian Soldier in the hand and a British Tommy - who was some distance away - in the leg, presumably with a stray bullet.

(a) Brigadier Low directed G - 1 (B) to determine the unit of which the Indian is a member and issue instructions that a court of inquiry be appointed to investigate his presence at the scene.

(b) To determine the unit to which the Tommy belongs and order a court of enquiry to investigate his presence at the scene.

(c) Major Mac Millan has initiated an enquiry in the case of the negroes.

3. Major Mac Millan stated that he had been informed that orders were issued transferring three M.P. Companies from Rome. This will

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leave only three U.S. M.P. Companies in Rome, plus 126 men employed on special guard, which will be inadequate for the duties they are called upon to perform. The three remaining Companies have been in Rome less than a week.

4. Major Mac Millan also reported that a disturbance was caused about 1100 p.m. last night on Piazza Dell'Esedra by three intoxicated British soldiers. The commotion caused a large crowd to gather. The intoxicated men were taken away by British M.P's. No one was injured.

5. The Major also remarked that many instances are coming to the notice of the M.P's indicating that cars are still being requisitioned improperly by A.C.C. I suggested that he send the information to A.C.C. and steps would be taken to correct it. A.C.C. is anxious to discover who the persons are that are violating the existing orders covering this subject.

6. Major Mac Millan also announced that instructions had been issued to convoys travelling to Naples to be "on the look out" for two or three gangs operating along along this route. The gangs are heavily armed and travel in a car with military police signs, they approach their victims in the guise of U.S., M.P's and rob them of money and valuables of any kind. Major Mac Millan has some groups now operating on the route in the hope of apprehending these highwaymen. He believes two were arrested during the week by M.P's from Naples.

7. Brigadier Low authorized Lt. Col. White to withdraw the Provost Guard from Anzio, they are no longer required there.

8. The question of a permanent guard at the Prisoner Ward at 104 Gen. Hospital (B) was brought up by White. Brigadier Low said he would try to arrange with District 3.

9. Meeting adjourned at 0920.

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 MARTIN R. MEARNEY
 Colonel Inf.
 Public Safety
 Sub-Commission.

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MEETING AT ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND ON FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 1944 AT 0845

Present : Brigadier Low
 Lt. Col. Wedemeyer C. of S. - RAAC
 " " Fisher
 " " White
 " " Pollock
 Major Battersby
 " Coxhead
 " Littleton
 " MacMillan
 Captain Loudon
 Colonel Meaney

1. (a) Lt. Col. White reported four cases of dysentery has shown up among members of RAME organization, three of which were very severe. It is thought the source of trouble is a store in the vicinity of the Railroad Station where ice cream is sold. Medical Authorities are checking up.

(b) Signs are being posted indicating that the sale of milk or milk products to Military personnel is prohibited, and warning Military personnel that they are prohibited from purchasing such products.

2. (a) Major Mac Millan reported that another hair cutting incident came to light, some young hoodlums who resented the girls associating with Allied soldiers performed the act : Some U.S. soldiers were probably involved but were not in evidence when the M.P.'s came on the scene. Some Italian sailors requested permission to handle the incident in their own way. The M.P.'s at first refused but later consented and the Italian sailors took the young hoodlums and handed them scissors and razors and directed them to cut each others hair and shave each others heads while the sailors supervised the operation. This method of handling the matter may have the desired effect.

(b) Major Mac Millan stated that he had AWOL patrols checking on the men living in small Hotels and Boarding houses, they are picking up a number of men, some of whom have been AWOL for four to six months. Thirty (30) AWOL's have been picked up during the past week.

(c) British AWOL's are handled by the British M.P.'s, the numbers are not high, this statement was made by Col. White.

3. (a) Brigadier Low read an extract from an Italian Newspaper IL TEMPO and one from an American War Correspondent's report relating to the hair cutting. IL TEMPO stated that shots were fired on the demonstrators. Brigadier Low said the German Radio announced yesterday that a riot took place as a result of the hair cutting incident and that Allied troops opened fire on the demonstrators, killing seven (7) youths

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and wounding several.

(b) Brig. Low said he would take up the question of such reports in newspapers with the proper authorities in an effort to prevent the publication of such exaggerated and unverified reports in the future.

4. (a) Major Battersby reported an incident which took place a week or so ago where four (4) French Colonial soldiers, three (3) armed with knives and one (1) with a pistol, attacked some civilians. The soldiers had done something which the people resented. Some civilians were injured - none seriously. The soldiers were arrested by some M.P.'s and presumably turned over to the French Commander for disciplinary action.

(b) Major Mac Millan reported that his M.P.'s stopped a car last night to make a routine check up, a French officer was riding in it, he refused to give his name or any information and told the M.P.'s that he did not recognize them as having any jurisdiction over him or the French troops. Brigadier Low said in future if any officer of any nationality refused to give his name, take the number of the car and forward it to him, he will then take it up through proper channels. He intimated that the situation with regard to the French troops is a bit strained at the moment.

5. Brigadier Low suggested that the Provost Marshal and M.P.'s be on the alert to discover if these isolated cases of hair cutting were in any way connected with a deliberate attempt to create an unfriendly situation between the citizens and Military - in other words Fifth Column work --.

6. (a) The Brigadier also directed that he ^{be} informed immediately of any shooting by Military personnel under any circumstances.

(b) Col. White said instructions were published some time ago with approval of AF HQ covering instances under which shooting may be resorted to by M.P.'s.

7. (a) Major Mac Millan stated that the Apollo Club for Allied officers was a disgrace, was practically conducted as a Brothel. The employees act as procurers. He does not recommend that it be closed up but the management should be warned.

(b) Major Littleton announced that a new Allied officers Club would be opened soon, on a membership card basis. Women in the Military Service can join also Red Cross workers. I believe it is the intent to confine its use solely to Military personnel (officers) male and female.

8. Major Littleton announced that signs are to be posted giving instructions to Allied Prisoners of War where to report for advice and rehabilitation. The Provost Marshal will post the signs and

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distribute them to offices interested.

9. (a) Col. Pollock announced that Major Battersby had been appointed Provincial Public Safety officer for Rome City and Province and he would hereafter attend these Public Safety meetings.

(b) Major Battersby said he had assigned Civil Police to patrol with Military Police on a joint patrol basis. CC.MR. to patrol with U.S. M.P.'s and Metropolitan with British M.P.'s.

(c) Numerous vendors of various articles are again showing up all over the City. The joint patrols will control these vendors.

(d) Battersby said that venereal disease was not an alarming problem at the moment.

10. Col. Meaney brought to the attention of the meeting the conditions existing at the Hotel Diana where French troops are billeted. Brig. Low directed the Provost Marshal to check and suppress any violations of public order or decency, and the unlawful sale of Allied property from Allied Trucks under control of French Troops.

Meeting adjourned at 0930.

MARTIN H. MEANEY
Colonel Inf.

MM/G.

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MEETING ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, 1 AUGUST 1944 AT 0845.

Present : Brigadier Low Presiding
 Lt. Colonel Fisher
 " " White
 " " Pollock
 Major Coxhead
 " Littleton
 Captain Tompkins
 " Louden
 Colonel Meaney

1. Col. Pollock reported public order was remarkably peaceful. The cutting off of the hair of girls who were with Allied soldiers at a dance on Saturday night was discussed. Col. White said some arrests were made. The cases will probably be handled in Civilian courts.

2. Captain Tompkins reported that he was driving in his police district near St. Peter's square at about 2000 hours Sunday 30 July when his attention was attracted to a crowd, he stopped to investigate and found two U.S. soldiers and an Italian sailor. The soldiers seemed to be somewhat concerned about their safety. Tompkins was told the sailor had seized a young girl - who presumably was with the U.S. soldiers - and cut off her hair with a scissors, the hair was strewn about the street. The girl was not present but the sailor was accused by other persons present. The sailor and a witness were taken into custody by Captain Tompkins and taken to the Italian Ministry of Marine. Here the accused proved his innocence and gave the identity of the sailor who actually committed the act. The culprit was apprehended and turned over to the Italian Naval Authorities for punishment, which the said Authorities assured Tompkins would be sufficiently severe to prevent a recurrence. Brig. Low agreed to this procedure.

3. The Chief of Staff of the Station - a Naval Captain - told Tompkins on Monday that he went out alone on Sunday night to see for himself if Italian sailors were misbehaving and was accosted and threatened by two American soldiers armed with sub machine guns, for a time he was fearful for his safety. He was not injured however.

4. This Italian Naval Officer suggested that a Patrol of Italian sailors work with the M.P.'s, he felt sure this would have the tendency to keep Italian sailors within bounds. His suggestion was accepted by the Provost Marshal and Col. White said the combination was working out most efficiently. White said that the officer and sailors were very co-operative and helpful.

5. Col. White reported that a Pool Room which was in operation adjacent to the place where the dance was held Saturday night where the Hair Cutting incident took place was closed up, he believed this was

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used as an assembly place for the hoodlums who were responsible for the Hair Cutting incident, its closing should cause the gang to disperse.

6. Brig. Low inquired if there were other Hair Cutting incidents prior to Saturday night. White said there were rumors of some such happenings but there was no official record. White further stated that *there* was no evidence of trouble since Saturday night in that area.

7. Major Coxhead reported that the Questore had closed two dance halls where some trouble had occurred.

8. Brigadier Low said he had written to Col. Poletti regarding the insertion of Dance ads. in Italian papers and was awaiting a reply. Pollock said he was preparing the reply to the letter.

9. Captain Tompkins reported that in his district 2 French soldiers were arrested for stabbing two Italians, and when he called on the French Unit Commander to report the incident the French Commander said he was not interested in hearing about it.

10. Col. White reported that between 2330 hours and 0200 hours last night his M.P.'s stopped vehicles - which were on the street - at the rate of about 2 vehicles per minute. The majority had no passes, about an equal number of British and American Officers and in a majority of cases were accompanied by women.

11. Major Littleton stated that complaints were being ^{made} about the enormous number of signs of all kinds that were making *their* appearance all over the place. White said that requests to post signs should be submitted to him before posting. Brig. Low said an effort must be made to control the posting of signs within the City Area.

12. Major Littleton said the daily Police reports were coming too late not allowing the G - 1 Section sufficient time compile its report of the C.G.

13. Brigadier Low said he would like to extend the joint patrol system (U.S. and British M.P.'s and CC.RR) as widely as possible. Pollock and White did not agree. The question of civilian arrests being made by M.P.'s was discussed and Brig. Low agreed that so far as possible Civil Police should make Civilian arrests.

14. The question of the train outrage by Moroccan soldiers where several Italian women were raped and thrown off the train - some women with children, at least one woman and one child were killed and several injured.

The Meeting adjourned at 0930.

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MEETING ROME AREA HEADQUARTERS AT 0845 HOURS ON 28 JULY 1944.

Present : Brigadier Low, Presiding
 Lt. Col. Fisher
 " " White
 " " Pollock
 Major Littleton
 " Coxhead
 Col. Meaney

1. Lt. Col. Pollock reported that on 31 July Rome Area would assume control of and responsibility for seven (7) Provinces of Region IV in addition to Rome City Area. He is unable to say now what officer he will appoint in charge of Police for Rome City and Province. Major Coxhead has already reported and he (Pollock) plans to have Coxhead attend future Public Safety Meetings if the Brigadier approves.
2. Lt. Col. White stated that about forty (40) enlistedmen - British - were in the stockade. None detained more than five days. Major Littleton said he had arranged with 8th Army - thru A.A.I. - to set up receiving Posts at the rail heads as the Hqs moves north, so that these detainees can be taken off the P.M.'s hand without unnecessary delay.
3. White said, in answer to a question by the Brigadier, that about twenty five (25) men, deserters and absentees, were picked up daily during the month of July - about two (2) or three (3) of these men can be classified as deserters, the others are A.W.O.I.'s. White said this report applied only to the British but believes that the situation is about the same with regard to the American Forces. He further stated that the typical - deserters crimes - are not prevalent. Some complaints still come in about rape principally by French soldiers.
4. Brig. Low said he had noticed a marked improvement in saluting. He also said he had written to Col. Poletti suggesting a tightening up of the control of circulation of civilian vehicles. He expressed the belief that some vehicles have authorization permits for certain purposes but that they were being used for other purposes and said this should be stopped. Pollock said he had appointed Lt. Davenport with a squad of civil police to check all vehicles (civilian) passing through a certain intersection and any found circulating without proper authority to be impounded at 137 Via Tomacelli. Units which may wish to requisition vehicles will be notified and may come and make arrangements.
5. Brig. Low advised that about one half of Ostia is declared a military area and must be evacuated by Sunday 30 July. The Ferry over the Tiber must be moved. After the dead line - date is reached armed guards will be posted with instructions to shoot any civilian in the area.
6. Col. Meaney advised that trained dogs could be obtained from the Fire Brigade by making application direct to the Director General Anti-Fire Services, Ministry of Interior. *Suggested by Major Mason*
 Meeting adjourned at 0930.

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19A
Tuesday 25 July 1944

Meeting at Hq. Rome Area

Present - Lt. Col. Fisher
 " " Pollock
 " " White
 Major Walne
 " Littleton
 Colonel Kenney

1. Brigadier Low was absent on an important mission. Lt. Col. Fisher Presided at meeting.
2. Col. Pollock presented a written report of incidents during the past twenty-four hours. (copies not available) He reported some complaints where it is alleged that men in uniform wearing "Civil Police" armbands entered homes and stole money, food and other valuables. He is having the complaints investigated by the CCRR and Questore.
3. The demonstration at the food office yesterday was believed to be in protest against the payment of "Food Distribution Tax" which is a government authorized tax which is unpopular. The Food Distribution office was entered by some 200 or more demonstrators who seized some of the records and threw them from the windows into the street. The merchants and distributors have not paid the taxes for sometime (tax rate is 3%). A list of some firms owing taxes, showing the amounts owed is attached. The names of the leaders of the demonstration are known. Three (3) arrest have already been made. The others will be apprehended in time. 196
4. Pollock reported that a number of women were raped by Moroccan Soldiers in the Rome Area during the past twenty-four hours.
5. Major Walne reported that an order was prepared for publication to the Military informing them they were prohibited from purchasing milk and milk products from store and/or stands.
6. Col. White stated that "Off Limits" - "Out of Bounds" signs would be posted in front of all such stores and stands.
7. Col. Pollock stated that long lines were being formed at markets where vegetables and other food products are for sale in some instances the persons at the tail end of the line find all food gone when they reach the counter. This is liable to cause unrest. Police officers are on duty at the markets to maintain order. At times the people are in these lines for hours before being served.
8. Major Littleton stated that Brigadier Low wanted a squad of Carabinieri assigned to Ostia. Pollock said he already had 55 GGFF and 15 CCRR on duty there, if Brigadier Low thinks he should send more men he will do so, he feels however, that 70 men should be sufficient.

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9. Lt.Col. Fisher reported that CID AND FSS had received information sometime ago, about a Sabotage, Espionage and Subversive organization being in existence in Rome and planning a demonstration on July 25 (which is an Anniversary of some significance to Fascism). Some arrests were made last night, it is believed the planned demonstration will not be held, it is hoped they got the ring leaders. The one most important person is named Hartung. He could not say if this man was in the net. A man with a similar name was siezed - it may be the man they are after, if so the raids were profitable.

The meeting adjourned at 0945.

Heaney

LIST OF DEBTS OWING TO A.S.A. FOR WHICH PAYMENT WAS DEMANDED
A WEEK AGO.

Firm	Debt	Total
AUSIELLO FULVIO	1.	68.459.70
BIDOLINI ADAMO	"	106.581.25
BONVICINI	"	29.768.85
BRACCI	"	27.313.50
BRANDI BRANDO	"	66.750.50
CADSKY	"	61.789.40
CASADEI RICCIOTTI	"	686.581.35
CASALINO B.	"	191.127.60
CATALANO NICOLA	"	162.928.15
CAVATERRA ROMEO	"	618.327.90
CELESTINI ARCHIMIDE	"	140.521.70
CLEMENTE GIUSEPPE	"	245.869.60
COLLEZA NICOLA	"	122.147.90
CONA VINCENZO	"	200.85
CONSOLI FLAVIO	"	157.867.20
D'ANDREA	"	216.677.50
DE GIORGI MICHELE	"	91.943.00
DE GREFFORI I TANIA-ETTORE	"	353.968.90
D'ILIA TOMMASO	"	125.930.80
DEL ZERCO UMBERTO	"	28.368.25
DE MARCHIS	"	280.117.35
DE SANCTIS GAETANO	"	36.337.05
D'INNOCENZO ELVIRA	"	63.118.30
DI CARLO A.	"	182.656.60
DI GIACOMO MARIA	"	93.324.45
DI PAOLA	"	695.50
DI TOMMASO	"	117.989.30
DI VANNI FERRARI	"	88.663.65
DOLCI ANGELO	"	341.065.70
EUSTACHI GUGLIELMO	"	189.809.30
FACCANI	"	17.413.00
FERRARI AGUSTO	"	355.320.50
FRANZINI E LEDDA	"	200.896.55
FRENI	"	71.740.80
FRONTONI OTELLO	"	296.148.70
GALASSI ALBERTO	"	278.366.35
GARGANO PIETRO	"	24.569.55
GIULIANI MARINO	"	17.706.70
L'ABATE ALFREDO	"	71.058.10
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MEETING AT ROME AREA ON FRIDAY 21st JULY 1944
0845 HOURS.

Present : Brigadier Low, Presiding
Lt. Colonel Fisher
" " Pollock
" " White
Major Walne
" Littleton
Colonel Meaney.

1. Col. Pollock reported a train wreck outside Rome City on the ANZIO-ROME railroad at about 0900 hours 19 July causing derailment of several cars carrying supplies, - 2 U.S. soldiers were seriously injured. Brig. Low stated that the stores had to be removed from the cars before the work of getting them back on the track could be proceeded with and that the stores were left unguarded for a period of nine hours. When the derailed cars were finally righted and the stores re-loaded, it was discovered that about three thousand pounds worth of supplies had been removed. This might indicate that the derailment was deliberately planned. Brigadier Low directed Pollock and White to follow through with the investigation. Pollock said daily reports of incidents were submitted to Brig. Low - (copies not available). He reported that Public order was excellent - that untoward incidents would not take place without coming to his notice and that civilians were eager to bring violations to our notice.
2. Col. White reported that there were complaints of incidents where Military Drivers ignore the traffic signals of Civilian Police and Civilian Drivers ignoring the signals of Military Traffic Police. Orders will be issued calling attention of all drivers to the traffic regulations requiring obedience of all traffic signals by all drivers.
3. In this connection Pollock asked if Col. Firks directive which requires all items for publication be presented for approval before being published applied to this type of notice. I said "I did not think so", that such directive applied to matters of policy. This is a routine matter which is in universal use.
4. Brig. Low said he was arranging for some Police Dogs to be used in the Anzio Area, he expects to get six trained dogs for the purpose.
5. Col. White stated he had requested the assignment of a platoon of mounted M.Fs. Pollock said he could furnish the horses as they had rounded up scores of them which were running wild on City Areas.
6. Major Walne asked that he be furnished with a daily break down of offenses - that is - major and minor offenses.
7. Brigadier Low read an agreement which had been arrived at on Wednesday 19 July at a meeting where Rome Area - A.A.I. and A.C.C. were represented. It covered the procedure to be followed in requisitioning buildings office furniture and/or motor vehicles and technical equipment. It also covered circulation passes for vehicles - A.C.C. is to issue circulation or identification passes for the Diplomatic Corps.

Meeting adjourned at 0950 hours.

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Tuesday 18 July, 1944

Meeting, Hq. Rome Area - 0845 hours.

Present:

Brigadier Low Presiding.

Lt.Col. Fisher

Lt.Col. White

Lt.Col. Pollock

Maj. Littleton

Maj. Waluc

Lieut. Lipsius

Col. Meaney.

1. Lt. Lipsius reported that 60% of the customers in Civilian restaurants are Military personnel and the vast majority of those are officers usually accompanied by ladies. He further stated that pasta being served in many civilian restaurants is made from white flour. He is preparing to make an analysis of the pasta and if any violations of law are discovered he will take legal action. Lt. Lipsius said that he had been informed that military vehicles were being used to transport food products from Naples and the Provinces to Rome for Italian friends and these items eventually find their way to the Black Market. He also said he had been informed that Moroccan Troops were selling Allied Ration items from Allied Nations trucks along side streets near St. Peter's. White was directed to have his M.P.'s check and make arrests where violations are found.

2. Brig. Low stated that there were 300,000 British troops in Italy and 400,000 British rations are being issued daily. 100,000 are either being consumed by Italian civilians working for the British or finding their way to Black Market.

3. Col. Pollock reported that blackout regulations were not being observed and suggests a tightening up. Brig. Low said he would prepare instructions covering blackout regulations and directing that a Blackout test be conducted at a stated time after due warning. Pollock brought up the question of speed and traffic regulation. Instructions will be issued governing the movement of cyclists in congested areas. Public order is satisfactory. There are less complaints against the Military. Fewer troops coming to town is probably responsible for this condition.

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4. Col. White brought up the question of saluting; he stated that some British soldiers questioned said they were informed by their C.O.'s that saluting was not required in Rome. Brig. Low said he had a plan in mind to take care of that situation. White said vehicle checks will begin shortly.

5. Col. White said numerous complaints were coming in about activities at The Apollo Club (Allied Officers Club) and the Excelsior Hotel. He recommends that The Apollo Club be closed. Col. Fisher said that his organization had checked up the women visitors to the Excelsior and found no foundation for the report that female enemy agents were frequent visitors. Brig. Low stated he would take up the matter of closing The Apollo Club.

6. Col. White reported that the number of absentees - deserters - being apprehended is increasing, this applies to both British and Americans.

7. Major Walne expressed the opinion that Airborne Troops Units in training near Rome should furnish some M.P.'s for duty in the City. Brig. Low suggested that Major Walne visit the Training Centre C.O. and discuss the subject.

8. Col. Fisher reported that only one (1) Radio Transmitting set now remained to be picked up, they have not located it as yet, but expect to in a day or so.

Meeting adjourned at 0930.

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16th MEETING ROME AREA HEADQUARTERS ON FRIDAY 14th JULY, 1944

AT 0845 HOURS

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Present :

Brigadier Low Presiding
Lt. Colonel Fisher
" " White
" " Pollock
Major Walne
" Littleton
Colonel Meaney

1. Col. Pollock reported that curfew regulations were being observed in a satisfactory manner by Civilians, and observance by Military personnel is improving.
2. Col. Pollock stated that all members of Police Agencies who were employed in firing squads for the execution of civilians condemned by German and Republican Fascist Courts were removed from office pending action by Italian Government. Officers involved are interned pending investigation.
3. Pollock also reported that General Cotardi second in command of P.A.I. during occupation was arrested yesterday and interned pending investigation.
4. Col's Fisher and Pollock reported that the population of prisons was increasing daily. Col. Fisher requested a full report of facts relating to any persons ordered interned by Pollock or picked up by Civil Police and turned over to G.2. for internment.
5. Pollock reported that CARUSO ex Questore, Rome, who fled with the Germans on June 4 or 5 had been apprehended in a hospital some 60 to 80 miles north of Rome, where he was recovering from an injury received through an accident which occurred during his flight north with the Germans. He was in the hospital under an assumed name. Local CC.RR. discovered and reported the fact. In his possession at the time of arrest was a strong box - which he took with him when he left - containing a quantity of valuables - including jewelry silver, gold articles and gold bars. This property is believed to be in his possession illegally. The case is being investigated.
6. Col. White reported that conditions at the Allied Officers Club - Apollo Club - were most unsatisfactory, and recommended that new and larger quarters be secured.
7. White also asked for instructions regarding the sale of Ice Cream in restaurants and stands. Brigadier Low said he would check on the Allied Officers Club Quarters and also get a decision on the Ice Cream question. White stated that discipline of troops was good. There is no considerable number of British soldiers in desertion in Rome, he had no information about American Soldiers. Brigadier Low said that as Provost Marshal of the area

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he must keep himself informed on these matters.

8. Major Littleton stated that the number of soldiers detained by the Military Police today is 49.

9. Brigadier Low inquired about Black Market conditions and it was stated by Pollock and White that numerous complaints are being received from residents of Rome - particularly wealthy people - about the shortage of food items in the Black Market. They state that Black Market stocks during the German occupation were much larger. Pollock stated that the Black Market Squad working from Rome Area Headquarters was doing a very fine job. Brigadier Low also inquired if the large numbers of Military personnel in Rome, were consuming the food in restaurants which should be available for civilian consumption. Pollock and White both agreed this to be a possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 0930.

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11th July, 1944Meeting Rome Area Command. 0845

Present:

Brigadier Lowe (B)
Lt.Col. Fisher (A)
" " White (B)
" " Pollock (B)
Major Littleton (B)
Major MacMillan (A)
Col. Meaney (A)

Col. Pollock submitted to Brig. Lowe written reports covering Public Safety activities in Rome Area for past week. Copies not available. Pollock also reported that U.S. Paratroops were quartered in Ostia area with no Military Police available, he discussed the situation with Col. Manning C.O. in Area who agreed he would detail members of his Command on M.P. duty and also discuss the matter with other unit commanders in the area. Brigadier Lowe directed G-1 and G-3 to make necessary arrangements to insure that units occupying such areas will provide necessary MPs to maintain order.

Col. Pollock reported that hundreds of mines are along the beach area and several persons have been killed and injured. Civilians are returning to their homes and are in danger of injury and death from mines.

Brig. Lowe announced that the clearing of mined areas is being dealt with. He directed Major Littleton to take up with Engineers the question of properly marking and roping off mined areas and posting warning signs.

Col. White reported that the curfew hours were not being obeyed. Brigadier Lowe said signs were ordered posted in Hotels calling attention to the fact that curfew regulations applied to officers and soldiers as well as to civilians.

The question of passes for civilians attending officers and soldiers dances was brought up and Brigadier Lowe ordered that each individual must be in possession of a pass which will be good for the one occasion only.

He further directed that all applications to hold dances must come to him for approval. Control of 5th Army Hotel dances to be referred to Gen. Johnson for decision. The Brigadier further directed that any special after curfew pass requests from officers must be referred to him for approval.

Brigadier Lowe directed Lt. Col. White to stop all military vehicles circulating after curfew, on Wednesday night 12 July, especially those in which civilians are riding and take names of occupants, with data identifying units to which they belong. This information to be submitted to him the next day. Col. White said he was opposed to impounding British vehicles. Col. White stated that he was opposed to arresting civilians for being in possession of small items of Allied property - such as a tin of Bully Beef or a pack of cigarettes, he believed a summons to appear in court would suffice instead of crowding the jails. After a brief discussion between Col. White and Pollock, Brigadier Lowe decided that arrests would not be made for the time being at least just issue summons.


Col. Pollock reported that street accidents in the City during the past month have resulted in 8 fatalities and approximately 500 injured.

Maj. MacMillan stated that at present he had 1 Battalion of MPs (10 officers and 671 Enlisted men) and ~~four~~ separate companies in Rome. Asked if he could handle the situation if his strength was reduced to three (3) separate companies (which it is understood, is the strength authorized for Rome City.) he answered he would do the best he could. At this point Col. White stated that the American MPs had requested authority to install sirens in some MP vehicles. Brigadier Lowe authorized one for Major MacMillan's car and two for Escort Motorcycles.

Lt. Col. Fisher reported the discovering of some explosives in the City which SID had been informed it was intended to use for sabotage purposes. The persons responsible are in custody. The Engineers are arranging for removal.

Col. White reported that some houses of prostitution have been closed. Pollock said some medical officer (presumably Rome Area M.O) had told him it was unwise to take that action.

Major Littleton stated that 27 soldiers are in the stockade awaiting units calling for them. 6 have been detained for at least three weeks, the others for varying lesser periods. Littleton stated further that he had discussed the question with AAI and was authorized to remove the men to a designated replacement Centre outside Rome City, if they are not called for by a specified time by the unit concerned.


MARTIN H. DEANEY
Colonel, Infantry.
Police Division.

15th MEETING RC AREA COMMAND ON FRIDAY 7th JUL. 1944
AT 0845

15A

Present : Brigadier Lowe presiding
Lt. Col. Fisher
" " White
" " Pollock
Major Littleton
Capt. Loudens
Colonel Meeney

Col. Pollock reported crime fairly quiet, he submitted a report to Brigadier Lowe in writing, covering incidents of crime and also a report in writing covering the data relating to executions by Italian Police Agencies of civilians condemned to death by the Germans. This is the report called for at last meeting. Copies were not available for this office.

Col. Pollock reported one case of typhoid in one of the districts in the out skirts: the house is quarantined and medical officer is investigating, suppose to come from contaminated water, source is shut off, being tested by medical personnel. Brigadier Lowe directed his staff officer, Captain Loudens to handle details.

Col. White reported that Gen. Robertson A.A.I. was much concerned about the dress of troops and saluting, he was particularly critical of half naked men riding in trucks on convoy routes. Military Police will take action to correct. Signs will be placed on roads entering Rome calling attention to the requirement of proper dress while in - and passing through - Rome.

Col. White stated that Curfew was still a problem, the civilians go to their homes pretty well at or before 1100 P.M. but later emerge again to be more comfortable these warm nights, not a serious violation so long as they do not circulate.

Major Littleton inquired if Brigadier Lowe wished to have a notice inserted in bulletins calling attention to the saluting requirement. The Brigadier said no, he would make inquiries and give a decision later.

Brigadier Lowe stated that three M.P. Companies were called away and felt some concern about the guarding of security prisoners under Col. Fisher. Col. Pollock said he would furnish as many CC.RR. as were necessary for that purpose. Col. Pollock said there were approximately 800 civil prisoners now in City Prison - male prisoners and about 60 security prisoners - the latter will be sent to Internment Camps if ordered detained for an indefinite period.

Major Littleton stated that the R.F.I. Club had established a car park at Pincio Gardens, they asked for some police, Pollock said he would furnish CC.RR. and White said he would also give it some attention.

Meeting adjourned at 0905.

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11th MEETING ROME AREA COMMAND, ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 1944, AT 0845
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Present : Brigadier LOWE Presiding
Brigadier MATTHEWS
Lt. Col. FISHER
Lt. Col. WHITE
Lt. Col. POLLOCK
Major LITTLETON
Colonel MEANEY

Col. White reported no unusual happenings during past twenty four hours. 43 soldiers in detention, 6 stragglers. Some men are detained for several days before being called for by units concerned. G.I. directed to check on reason for delay. 2 Canadian Soldiers arrested for robbery with violence.

Col. Pollock reported that mixed patrols of M.P's and CO.RR. are doing a fine job.

Brigadier Lowe stated that Col. Pollock was short of clerical help. He directed G.I. to try to get one additional soldier clerk-(typist) British or American- preferably British since the one clerk now assigned is American.

Brigadier Lowe stated that P.B.S. had already withdrawn one M.P. Company from Rome Area. This leaves 1 Bn. and 5 separate M.P. Companies still on duty here. Gen. Johnson feels that he needs them all here for the next ten days at least. At the end of ten day the Battalion and 2 separate Companies may be withdrawn. The remaining 3 Companies (70th - 73rd and 74th) to remain under Gen. Johnson's jurisdiction until further notice.

Major Littleton reported that 2 restaurants are to open on Friday for British soldiers on leave in the City and asked Lt. Col. White to assign M.P's for duty at the doors during hours of service.

Brigadier Lowe announced that it had been decided to hold these conferences twice each week from now on and designated Tuesdays and Fridays as the meeting days. Next meeting Friday 7 July.

Meeting adjourned at 0915.

The National Flag which flew over the White House in Washington on December 8th, 11th, 1941 (The days when war was declared on Japan and Germany respectively by the U.S. Congress) was hoisted to the top of the newly erected Flag Pole - on Piazza Venezia this morning.

19th MEETING ROME AREA COMMAND AT 0845 - 3rd JULY, 1944

Present : Brigadier Lowe Presiding
 Lt. Col. White
 Lt. Col. Pollock
 Major Fisher
 Major Littleton
 Colonel Meaney

Colonel White reported that he had received information to the effect that P.B.S. had decided to withdraw nearly all P.B.S. M.P.s from Rome for duty in other places. These are in all 1st Battalion and seven separate M.P. Companies (U.S.) and two Companies (B). Col. White also stated that he was informed that a Col. Jones from P.B.S. came to Rome a day or two ago and issued some secret instructions to the M.P. Commanders. Neither he nor Major Mc. Millan (U.S. P.M.) are aware of what such orders amount to.

Major Fisher stated he was using a good portion of 74th M.P.Co for guarding security prisoners, and should they be ordered away, he could not assume responsibility for the security and safe keeping of these prisoners.

Brigadier Lowe directed Col. White to be sure that sufficient M.P.s. (British or American) are available to Major Fisher for his purpose.

Col's White and Pollock said discipline was pretty good, about the usual number of drunks - no violence. Col. Pollock reported that some thefts took place in the Grand Hotel last night, no details.

Col. Pollock reported he is very short of officers, all officers are overworked, all are trying to do an impossible task.

Brigadier Matthews stated that O.C.R. housed in Castel Pretoria Infantry Barracks must move out and leave entire place for British Military Unit now authorized to occupy the facilities.

Brigadier Lowe reported that after discussing with Gen. Johnson and Col. Poletti the question of the members of firing squads continuing to perform Police duty in Rome it was decided that they could not continue as Police officers in Rome. He directed Col. Pollock to submit a report of the number of executions performed, who the people were, what was the offense charged and were the officers and members of the firing squads acting under orders or were they volunteers. Also if they refused to do the work, what action would be taken against them.

12th MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS FOEME AREA COMMAND AT 0830
SATURDAY 2nd JULY, 1944

Present : Brigadier Lowe presiding
" Matthews
Lt. Col. Fisher G.2 Rome Area
" " White P.M. " "
" " Pollock P.S. A.M.G. Rome
Major Littleton (G.I.B) Rome Area
Colonel Meeney

Col. Pollock reported everything under control from Civil Police
view-point. A few arrests.

Lt. Col. White stated discipline very good. Curfew enforcement
a difficult problem.

Brigadier Lowe described the curfew problem as being obeyed
moderately well by civilians - indifferently by E.M./O.R. and not at all
by officers.

Lt. Col. White reported that the Royal 22nd Regiment (French
Canadians) was coming to the City tomorrow Monday to attend Mass, have an
audience with the Pope and visit places of interest.

Brigadier Lowe stated a letter had come in from A.A.I. relating
to accommodations in Rome. It directs that all through traffic must be
routed on available roads outside the City. Col. White said this situation
was being attended to.

Lt. Col. Fisher reported that 211 security ^{prisoners} were still in Civil
prisons. He is arranging for their transfer to Internment Camps as quickly
as possible.

Col. Pollock brought up the question of members of Finance
guards and other Civil Police Agencies who acted as the "Firing Squads"
in the execution of civilians condemned to death by German or Fascist Courts.
He said 500 to 600 Civil Police were involved and he had names of victims
and other facts relating to the composition of firing squads. He said
each member of the firing squad received a bonus of 200 lire for each job.
Col. Pollock said he proposed arresting all officers involved and intern
them until the individual cases could be properly investigated. The men
who composed the firing squads to be suspended from duty pending action
by the Italian Government.

Brigadier Lowe thought it was a matter of decision by higher
authority and he advised no further action until he had an opportunity
to discuss the matter with the Commanding General. He said he would
have an answer tomorrow morning.

Brigadier Lowe announced the meetings here after would be
at 0845. Meeting adjourned at 0915.

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11th MEETING AT 0830 HOURS
SATURDAY 1 JULY 1944

Present : Brigadier Matthews
 " Lowe
 Colonel Shryock
 Lt. Col. White
 " Pollock
 Colonel Mooney

Col. Pollock reported police conditions in the area satisfactory. A number of arrests of civilians have taken place in the past twenty four hours, charged with unlawful possession of fire arms, charging excessive prices for various articles, Curfew violations and thefts. These cases are being dealt with by the Italian Courts. 137 members of the Republican Fascist Army have been arrested. They will be sent to P.W. Camps.

Col. White reported that from his standpoint discipline was exceptionally good.

Col. Shryock reported that at 2300 hours last night he received word that an American Military Policeman had shot a British soldier for failing to halt when challenged. The wounded man died a few hours later.

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10th MEETING AT 0830 HOURS, ON FRIDAY 30th JUNE 1944. *10A*

Present : Brigadier Matthews presiding
 " Lowe
 Lt. Col. White
 " Pollock
 Major V Walne
 Col. Meaney

Col. Pollock reported situation good. Curfew order has been published in Italian Press. Special Curfew Courts to be set up to deal with violations.

Brigadier Matthews stated that complaints were coming in regarding insufficiency of Civil Police on outer fringes of the City. Col. Pollock said he had taken steps to correct this condition by reducing the number of Police officers on duty in the central parts of the City and assigning them to the outer fringes, and further that he was arranging to put motorcycle Police on patrol in those areas. Brigadier Matthews stated that he had been informed that numerous former members of the Fascist Republican Army are running around Rome undisturbed. Col. Pollock said he hoped to receive a roster giving names, addresses and other pertinent facts, he will then get the CC.RR on the job of apprehending them. They are to be treated as Prisoners of War and sent to the P.W. Camp near Aversa, pending investigation.

Brigadier Matthews reported a car taken from a Civilian at point of pistol. He also called attention to the traffic in gasoline and directed Col. Pollock to have the Civil Police check up on it.

Brigadier Matthews also directed Col. White to make "Spot Checks" for passes in possession of troops authorising them to be in Rome and report result.

Major Walne reported that the Canadian Troops were opening a Club tomorrow 1st July and requested authority to hold a parade and have the band play in front of the Club from 2.00 to 3.00 P.M. The Commanding General is expected to make a speech. The request was okayed by Brigadiers Matthews and Lowe. Brigadier Matthews announced that July 1 was Canadian Independence Day. Adjourned at 0915.

Meaney

9th MEETING AT 0830 HOURS, ON THURSDAY 29th JUNE, 1944

9A

Present : Brigadier Matthews Presiding
" Lowe
Colonel Meaney
Lt. Col. Pollock
" White

Cols. White and Pollock reported no unusual occurrences. Discipline of troops satisfactory.

Brigadier Matthews reported that complaints were reaching him regarding the prices being charged for souvenirs. Col. Pollock reported that action is being taken to control the prices of essential articles first and that Co. Poletti would go into the matter of prices for souvenir articles later.

Brigadier Matthews suggested to Col. White that something must be done to shut off from the view of the public, the stockade where soldiers are detained pending being called for by units concerned. White said it was being taken care of. Brigadier Lowe reported that the Curfew hours would be from 2300 hours to 0500 hours and that it would apply to the Military as well as Civilians. He said he had taken it up with A.A.I. and requested that Army and lower unit Commanders be requested to so advise the personnel of under their jurisdiction.

8th MEETING AT ROME AREA COMMAND.
0830 hours - 28 June 1944

Present : Gen. JOHNSON
Brigadier LOVE
Colonel MELANKY
Lt. Col. WHITE
Lt. Col. POLLOCK

Col. Pollock reported that class "C" rations have been issued by Civil Supply for Civilian use. The meat and vegetable stew item - it is purchased by the people through authorized retail stores - on a ration basis upon presentation of necessary ration coupons. Col. White and Pollock both reported that discipline of troops is generally satisfactory.

Pollock stated that the M.P.s reported many violations of curfew regulations and that he also witnessed numerous violations by civilians. He said that about 3000 curfew passes had been issued to professional men and workers on essential utilities. It was emphasized too that the military apparently have the feeling that curfew does not apply to them. After some discussion Gen. Johnson agreed to extend curfew hour to 1100 P.M. instead of 10.00 - and directed that it be enforced rigidly for all - both military and civilians. Where dances or other entertainments are held to which civilians are invited and which would keep them out after curfew hours, they must be transported to and from the place of entertainment in convoy and thereby avoid inconvenience. The new curfew hour to become effected 29 June.

Col. Pollock reported that of the 155 persons ordered arrested by Col. Amas only 20 were actually apprehended when he was ordered by A.C.C. to make no further arrests for the time being pending investigation by Security Intelligence of those now in custody.

Col. White reported he stopped a civilian car last night, the owner had proper credentials authorizing circulation but admitted he had no means of procuring gasoline. Brigadier Love said this question would be brought up later in connection with the general circulation of civilian vehicles and the control of civilian gasoline supply.

Col. White reported that he had received information that a supply of British Military rations was stored in the Hungarian Legation. He had instructed his Staff to investigate - accompanied by a representative of the Swiss Legation - and report findings. Brigadier Love directed that no action be taken that might create any diplomatic comeback.

7th MEETING ROME AREA COMMAND
0830 Tuesday, June 27, 1944.

Present : Brigadier MATTHEWS
" LOWE
Colonel MEANEY
" SHRYOCK
Lt. Col. WHITE
Lt. Col. POLLOCK

Pollock reported Black Market was becoming active, he has assigned 200 G.G.F.F. to work with Captain Correa, in an effort to control the activities. Road blocks to be established on all roads entering Rome.

Pollock also reported he was receiving complaints from the Military regarding the use of all roads by civilians, thereby interfering with the uninterrupted passage of military convoys. Continuous complaints by civilian of vehicles of all kind being taken by military personnel, sometimes by threat of shooting. In one instance the vehicle of a Diplomatic representative - properly marked as such - was taken.

Pollock reported that he had taken into custody Gen. PRENTI of P.A.I. who is still confined in the Civil Prison; he is well taken care of. He also stated that he had directed the arrest and detention of 155 Members M.S.V.N. under orders from Lt. Col. Ames, Gen. Hume's office. Pollock could not say how many have been apprehended thus far. He will check up and submit report. Pollock stated also that the Chief of Police under German occupation is now under arrest.

White reported that civilians were being arrested by the M.P.s for being in possession of U.S. Class "C" rations, which they claim to have received from legitimate sources. Pollock will check with Civil Supply to determine accuracy of claim.

White also reported that the investigation of a "By Pass" route is continuing without success thus far.

Col. Shryock reported that P.B.S. was preparing to issue orders to withdraw all M.P.s (U.S.) from Rome; and that Gen. Johnson was endeavoring to prevent it by contacting Lt. Gen. Devere through Gen. Lemmitzer A.A.I.

6th MEETING IN BRIGADIER MATTHEWS OFFICE.
Monday June 26 - 1944.

Present :

Major General JOHNSON
Brigadier MATTHEWS
" LONE
Colonel KEANEY
" SHRYOCK
Lt. Col. WHITE
Lt. Col. POLLOCK
Major WALSH

Lt. Col. Pollock reported bakers and other food store operators were complaining that Allied soldiers were coming to the stores and insisting upon buying bread and other food items which should be left for civilian use, otherwise the behaviour of Allied troops satisfactory.

Col. Shryock reported that at about 2300 hours last night a fight of some nature took place between some civilians and American soldiers resulting in one American soldier being stabbed by an Italian civilian, he was taken to an Italian hospital for treatment and later transferred to a U.S. Army hospital. The extent of injuries and condition of injured man was not known. Several soldiers and civilians involved in the case were detained.

Lt. Col. Pollock reported that some citizens were complaining about the improper requisitioning of buildings. A long discussion took place as to the method of handling this matter. Gen. Johnson directed that any officer who may be responsible for taking over any building or part thereof without proper requisition be brought to his office to explain the conditions to him.

Lt. Col. White reported that the "day leave" parking areas are not clearly defined to the troops coming to the City on one day leave resulting in vehicles being parked on the streets. Gen. Johnson directed that a letter be prepared by Major Walsh for his signature, addressed to Gen. Clark, requesting that leave convoy commanders and vehicle drivers be instructed to go to the regularly designated parking area and that a sketch be sent along showing the routes through the City to the different Corps and Air Force parking areas be properly marked with signs and arrows; and when this has been accomplished to post "No Parkings" in areas where parking is prohibited.

Lt. Col. White reported that civilians were selling inferior quality wines and some food stuffs from suit cases along that side streets. The G.C.P.R. and M.P.'s and other civil Police agencies will be directed to put a stop to it.

The question of soldiers eating in all restaurants and thereby consuming food which should be left for the civilians. The possibility of combining restaurants - such as now being run by the 5th Army - for use by British and American soldiers was discussed. Brigadier Matthews said he would look into the matter and if considered feasible he would discuss it with U.S. Special Service and British Welfare Service. If this plan can

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be worked out, both British and American rations would be provided and a small charge made for each meal. Some system of meal tickets would have to be worked out.

Col. Stryock suggested that British M.P's be posted at the 5th Army restaurants so as to avoid any misunderstanding when British soldiers are turned away. The British M.P's could explain the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 0915.

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5th PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF BRIGADIER MATTHEWS
AT 0830 ON SUNDAY 25th JUNE 1944

Present : Brigadier MATTHEWS C.O. 59th Area
Brigadier LOWE (who is taking over from Brigadier Matthews as Deputy to Gen. Johnson).
Colonel MEANEY
Colonel SHRYOCK
Lt. Col. WHITE
Lt. Col. POLLOCK

Brigadier Matthews, presided, stated that the very important Person who arrived Friday left yesterday for a tour, is returning today and leaving for other places tomorrow morning.

Lt. Col. Pollock reported, public order is very good. Some complaints about soldier taking bicycles to ride around the City. One baker reported some soldiers entered his place of business and took some bread without paying for it.

Lt. Col. White reported some arrests of Allied soldiers for intoxication. There was no disturbance during the past twenty four hours. In answer to a question by Brigadier Lowe, Lt. Col. White stated that soldiers detained by the Military Police are returned to their units by arrangements with a Staff Officer of the unit concerned. They are picked up by vehicle of the unit. Charge sheets are sent to the unit Commander through Channels.

Brigadier Matthews stated that Major Huntsinger is preparing a plan for the control of motor vehicle traffic in Piazza Venezia. It is intended to put into effect some "one way" circulating system.

Colonel Shryock reported that consideration was being given to the possibility of requisitioning a villa in Rome for housing and entertaining important persons visiting this area. If this is possible it will relieve the crowding at the Grand Hotel. The guarding problem will not be eased to any extent. Such an arrangement would, however, relieve the traffic situation some.

Brigadier Matthews directed that the 1000 P.M. Curfew must be rigidly enforced. He stated he would arrange for bell hops in Hotels occupied by Military personnel to go around the lobbies and other public rooms at 9.30 P.M. announcing that in accordance with curfew regulations, visiting officers should leave for their own quarters.

Colonel Shryock brought up the question of building a stockade for the detention of soldiers until they are called for by units concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 0930.

44th MEETING IN BRIGADIER MATTHEWS OFFICE AT 0830

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 1944

Present : Brigadier MATTHEWS - Presiding
 Col. MELANEY
 Lt. Col. WHITE P.M. 59th Area
 Lt. Col. POLLOCK P.S.O. Rome Area
 Major WALNE G.I. Rome Area Command

Col. Pollock reported that prices are soaring, the discipline of troops is improving, less intoxication, no trouble with civilians. Police conditions are generally satisfactory. Col. White reported that food vending stalls on side walks, along roads, and the approach to St. Peter's Square have been closed as a hygienic measure. Stalls for the sale of trinkets, religious articles and souvenirs are permitted to function while prices are maintained at a reasonable level. With the discipline of the troops showing improvement generally, the question of saluting and proper dress will be stressed. Traffic control is gradually being taken over by Civil Police. Military Police must be kept at main intersections on convoy routes. Brigadier Matthews emphasized that civilians - except those who are employed by Allied Forces - must not be permitted to ride in military vehicles. Major White stated that the signs are being printed calling attention to this ruling and will be posted at prominent places.

Major Walne stated that some troops -individuals- continue to enter the Vatican City area carrying arms, these violations are not considered deliberate rather a misunderstanding of the neutral position of the Vatican. M.Ps have been instructed to prevent troops from entering the Vatican area carrying arms of any kind. Men coming to Rome on leave or sight seeing trips from combat units are instructed to come unarmed. It is believed this ruling is obeyed but the men find it possible to purchase -secretly- these small Italian Beretta pistols to keep as souvenirs. Major White will again issue instructions to M.Ps on duty at the Vatican entrance to take proper measures to ensure that no arms are carried by men entering the Vatican City Area.

Col. Pollock reported that a confession had been obtained from the Guardia di Finanza Lieutenant on the day the 5th Army entered Rome. Details later.

3rd PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING HELD AT HEADQUARTERS R.C. C. 3A
FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 1944.

Present : Brig. MATTHEWS A.C. 59 Sub Area
Col. SHRYOCK (A) C of S to Gen. Johnson
Lt. Col. POLLOCK Chief A.M.C. Police Rome
Lt. Col. WHITE P.M. of Rome.
Major WALNE (A) G1
Capt. POWELL

Some time was spent by the meeting discussing the arrival in the city of an important personage.

CRIME

Lt. Col. Pollock reported that no serious cases of crime had been reported, and discipline of troops appeared to be improved.

RESTAURANTS

Lt. Col. Pollock stated that it was felt that the troops coming into the city and eating in the restaurants were using civilian stocks of food. Brig. Matthews explained the situation respecting the different categories into which restaurants had been divided (i.e.) "A" Authorized for civilians only (6) "B" authorized for troops (limited number) with supply of rations to be sold to troops at fixed prices. "C" Reserved and requisitioned as Clubs for Forces. "D" "Free to all" (6). Major Walne stated that the organization as above was in hand and when completed should be satisfactory to all.

BROTHELS

Major Walne stated that Brothels had now been placed "out of bounds" to American troops, which now makes the position that Brothels are "out of bounds" to All troops. Lt. Col. Pollock stated that suitable notices would be posted as required.

INDUSTRIAL SALES

Lt. Col. Pollock brought to notice the fact of troops selling cigarettes and rations to civilians and stated that the civil Police were taking action against the civilians, but asked that action should be taken by the military respecting the troops who were involved. Lt. Col. White said he would take up the matter.

CIVILIAN CARS

Col. Shryock stated that Col. Fiske was concerned about the great number of civilian cars being used by military, and queried whether they were all properly requisitioned; Col. Fiske feared that enough cars would not be available for properly authorized military purposes later on. 1420

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It was suggested that a wholesale check of cars on the road be made by the military and civil police, and any cars not properly requisitioned and authorized be impounded.

Capt. Powell stated that an A.C.C. officer, who is an expert on licensing and registration was in the city working on the problem of proper licensing and registration of vehicles and suggested that until the matter had been straightened out, and cars properly registered, a check on such a scale as suggested, by Police who were not thoroughly familiar with the licensing system, may lead to some confusion. In addition, the magnitude of such a check as suggested, would involve the use of large numbers of Police. Capt. Powell suggested that if a check was desirable at the present time, it could be done on a much smaller scale, with "snap" checks at certain time and places; Brig. Matthews stated that this would show that something was being done in the matter, and this course was agreed to.

Capt. Powell later acquainted Major Ballance on the discussion which had taken place regarding the car licensing, and Major Ballance concurred with Capt. Powell's action.

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ADV. HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Thursday 22 June 1944

2. MEETING IN OFFICE OF BRIGADIER MATTHEWS AT 0830

Present :

Major Gen. JOHNSON
Brigadier MATTHEWS
Colonel SHERVOCK
Colonel MEANEY
Lt. Col. WHITE
Major WALNE

Lt. Col. Pollock - Submitted report and left for conference with Col. Poletti.

1. Minutes of Wednesday's meeting were read.

2. Gen. Johnson inquired about the colored M. Ps (U.S.) on duty in Rome.
Major Walne will make inquiries and report.

3. Lt. Col. White reported it is not possible to arrange a convey route
to By pass Rome at this time.

4. Gen. Johnson calls for a daily report of arrests made by all forces -
Civil Police - C.I.D. F.S.S. or any other units - giving the numbers of military
arrests by nationality. Civilian arrests giving nature of crime or cause of
arrest.

5. I arranged with Lt. Col. Pollock's office to forward a copy of daily
report of arrests to Gen. Johnson for his information. That is report of arrests
by Civil Police Agencies.

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PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING No. 1 HELD 21 JUNE 1944. 1A

1. It was arranged that a meeting be held daily for Public Safety. Provost & C.I. First meeting held on 21 June 1944 was attended by the following named persons :-

Brig. MATHEWS Area Commander 59 Sub Area

Col. MEANEY P.S. Acc.

Lt. Col. POLLOCK Chief A.M.G. Police, Rome.

Lt. Col. WHITE P.M. of Rome.

Col. SHRYOCK (A) C of S to Gen. JOHNSON

Maj. WAINE (A) C.I.

2. Persons buying wireless sets without permit is being stopped.
3. Carrying of civilians in military vehicles not permitted, persons carrying will be arrested. Notices to the effect will be posted in English and Italian.
4. Lt. Col. Pollock was against permits being issued, and it was agreed that Civilian Passes will be endorsed accordingly.
5. Lt. Col. Pollock stated that the P.A.I. disbanded, uniform and arms were confiscated. There is some fear of extremist P.A.I. reforming, they are being clamped down, through Security Branch. There are no P.A.I. doing duty in town.
6. An espionage gang was rounded up last night.
7. Military discipline - 100 cases of CC.RR. being disarmed - Cases of Rape by French Moroccan troops.
Lt. Col. Pollock said that CC.RR. had been instructed to avoid clashes with Allied troops, Brig. Mathew endorsed that view.
Col. Meaney said that CC.RR. should stand up for themselves, Col. Shryock endorsed Col. Meaney's view.
Col. Shryock recounted the story of American soldier shooting at Excelsior Hotel 3 a.m. today.
Col. Meaney expressed his views on the lack of discipline by Allied Troops.
Lt. Col. Pollock stated that CC.RR. do not surrender their arms without protest.
Brig. Mathews said question is to be decided by Gen. Johnson.
Lt. Col. White stated at present it was difficult to keep noisy soldiers off street, - 47 soldiers arrested. There are serious cases by French Moroccans. The problem of putting maximum military Police on duty in streets hampered by having to supply Static guards.
8. Lt. Col. White asked for Civil Police to take over more traffic

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points, Lt. Col. Pollock and Lt. Col. White to arrange traffic points.

9. It was proposed that By Pass roads to avoid Rome should be reconnoitered and submitted by Area Commander to Armies to lessen traffic in Rome.

10. Steps will be taken to enforce Blackout.

11. All undesirable street stalls where bad wine, high price souvenirs etc. are sold, Brig. Mathews advised no street stalls. Order to this effect to be prepared.

12. Police to take necessary action in closing undesirable wine shops. All brothels out of bounds to British Troops.

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MEETING OF A POLICE MEETING HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, ROME AREA COMMAND0900 HOURS, 21 JUNE 1944

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Present: Brigadier MATTHEWS
 Colonel SHRYOCK
 Lt. Col. POLLACK
 Lt. Col. WRIGHT
 Colonel NEANEY

1. The Brigadier produced an A.F.H.Q. letter prohibiting the purchase of wireless sets, radio valves, musical instruments, etc., by private individuals or units as these items were to be frozen for purchase by the Rome Purchasing Board. Cases had been reported where individuals, units, and hospitals had been making private purchases and inflating prices. Colonel SHRYOCK undertook to publish an order to all units in Rome prohibiting purchase of such articles and Colonel POLLACK undertook to prevent such sales through the offices of the Carabinieri under his command.

2. STATIC GUARDS

To many police are being immobilized by employment as static guards on hotels, headquarters, etc. Steps will be taken by U.S. and British staffs to reduce these commitments as far as possible.

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Colonel POLLACK stated that he had a large number of well trained Italian traffic control police available to take over all points in the city. It was agreed that they should relieve military police of these duties as quickly as possible.

4. BYE-PASS ROUTES

It was considered that much traffic could be avoided if bye-pass routes outside Rome can be arranged for 5th and 8th Armies. Colonel WRIGHT was instructed to make a reconnaissance and report with a view to submitting proposals to the armies concerned, through Hq., AAI.

5. BLACK-OUT

It was generally agreed that observation of the black-out in Rome was not good and was getting worse. Brigadier MATTHEWS gave orders that the buildings concerned should be reported to Headquarters, Rome Area Command, so that the occupants could be warned. Repeated offences would result in cutting off of electricity supplies. G-4 to issue orders on this subject. Headlights are not to be used in the town and Colonel WRIGHT was instructed to place notices on roads leading into Rome to this effect.

6. IMPROPER USE OF TRANSPORT

It was stated that a large number of girls and other civilians being driven around Rome in government transportation had been seen. After discussion it was agreed that:

- a. Notices prohibiting carrying of unauthorized civilians should be put up by Provost Marshal.
- b. That all civilians employed by our Allied forces and Military Government should have their permanent passes indorsed "Permitted to ride in Government transportation on duty".
- c. In all cases where unauthorized civilians are found in military vehicles, the same occupants would be detained by the police and the vehicles impounded and a report made to unit concerned.

7. BROTHELS

Brigadier MATTHEWS pointed out that as far as British troops are concerned, all brothels are out of bounds.

8. ROAD STALLS

A large number of road stalls and itinerant vendors of wine, soft drinks, cakes, trinkets, and religious medallions are springing up in the town. The sale of food and drink cannot be adequately medically supervised, while trinkets are being sold at exceptionally high prices. Colonel POLLACK undertook to insure that all street hawkers and stalls should be wholly abolished.

9. GENERAL

Colonel POLLACK stated that the general behavior of the Italian civilians was most helpful and law abiding, and there had been very few arrests necessary. Colonel WRIGHT stated that the behavior of troops showed some deterioration last night (19th). Brigadier MATTHEWS ordered the A.P.M. to report the names of any units which showed a high number of arrests and he would undertake that the leave of such units into Rome would be either curtailed or stopped. Colonel SRYOCK made the same undertaking on behalf of units of U.S. forces.

10. ARMING OF CARBINIERI

Colonel POLLACK reported that there had been some cases of Carabinieri being disarmed by Allied troops. Considerable discussion followed as to whether or not Carabinieri should or should not shoot at any Allied soldier or other person attempting to assault them. The decision was reached that under police direction, the Carabinieri should obey the international ruling that only the minimum force necessary to achieve their object should be employed. 114

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