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NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
NO. 0.794

2 August 1946.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July 1946 by Colonel
J.A.C. Kennedy, Chief Liaison Officer
Naples and South West Italy.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission.

(a) POLITICAL.

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The Allied Commission has also been fortunate in having had a loyal and hardworking staff to whom my very grateful thanks are tendered for exceptionally good work.

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(c) GENERAL ITEMS.

Some progress has been made with derequisitioning and the Amaldo Worms at Pozzuoli have been assisted in re-opening. There is still considerable agitation over requisitioned property. It is directed principally against those cases where the properties, though requisitioned, do not appear to be fully used. This question has the possibilities of dangerous developments.

The new dislaced persons centre at Pozzuoli is now well established under the direction of Major Sansone, and works direct under orders of the Allied Commission from Rome.

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During the month crime has been normal with theft predominating. There have been 7 cases reported of hold ups of cars and trucks by deserters or persons dressed in Allied uniforms and this continues to be a menace on the roads.

Cases involving Poles were 4, one of which resulted in the death of a civilian and the serious injury of 4 more at Salerno. This started with a drunken brawl in the evening of the 23rd July; later shots were fired by the Poles at a hostile crowd. One of the seriously injured was a small girl 9 years old.

2 Cases involving Yugo Slavs (Chetniks) were also reported. In one of these (which occurred on the 29/30 of June at Eboli) it appears that an attempt was made to poison the water at the camp by certain of the Yugo Slavs.

Disturbances caused by ex-PCW who demanded work, occurred nearly simultaneously at Pozzuoli, Caserta (Maddaloni), Benevento, Torre Annunziata and in Calabria during this month.

There was also a demonstration by farmers in Avellino Province against the Italian Government Agrarian Inspectors (UPSEA offices), who were collecting details of the harvest.

Traffic accidents in Naples have been somewhat high- during the month 130 accidents involving civil vehicles were reported - with 6 persons killed and 142 injured. Allied Military vehicles are reported to have been involved in 116 accidents, 5 persons being killed and 126 injured. Traffic control is in the hands of the civil police.

(e) ECONOMICS FOOD AND SUPPLY.

All reports of the harvest continue to be good. Returns to the Ammassi are, however small so far.

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At the end of June the considerable relief service of free meals in Naples run by the Roman Catholic Church closed down, as usual, until next winter. The relief centres run by the Ente Assistenza Comunale (10,000 free meals daily) also closed down temporarily for reorganization but were reopened after a few days. The Assistenza Nazionale Partigiani has altered its system and provides meals at 14 lire a head instead of free meals. The E.C.A. food centre referred to in my last report established at Via Montecalvario continues to provide meals at the small cost of 10 lire a head, but the number patronizing this very cheap and unrationed establishment remains at only 70 to 80 per day. The UNRRA relief organization has continued its issues at full scale.

(f) LABOUR.

A further strike of petrol distributing agencies (CIP) occurred in July and employees refused to distribute the imported petrol even to Relief agencies. The strike ended on the 20th.

A strike of short duration also occurred at the Alfa Romeo works on the 10th.

Employment by the Allies continued to fall slowly but is still on a substantial scale (30,000).

Unrest at lack of employment has manifested itself at a number of places as mentioned under Public Works and Utilities and is exacerbated by the slowness of the Public Works services.

The general rise in wages has tended to unbalance labour economy; for example a Provincial Vice Prefect with wide responsibilities towards the community gets less pay a month, than a skilled artisan or a good UNRRA clerk.

(g) PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

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As pointed out last month the number employed on relief works in Naples has actually fallen on account of these delays. Protests against lack of employment have been on an organized, and in some cases menacing, scale in many places in July. At Torre Annunziata, Pozzuoli, Caserta, Benevento and Calabria these demonstrations have caused some anxiety; they are made in the name of returned prisoners of war as Reduci.

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(h) PUBLIC HEALTH.

As anticipated with hot weather and large scale bathing in the sewage tainted waters of Naples bay, typhoid has increased. 85 cases as against 35 now reported. The figure for women infected with venereal disease treated in Hospital remains fairly constant, 1156 in July.

(i) FINANCE.

The fines and bails fund has been disposed of as follows :

(1) CASH BALANCE IN HAND AND BANK	4,8,410 Lire
This sum received for fines now handed over to Banca d'Italia after a	

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deduction of 200,000 lire transferred to APA account for current office wages and expenses.

(2) BAILS OUTSTANDING 3,198,700 Lire
These have been transferred to the Procuratore della Repubblica 29th July.

(3) FINES IMPOSED UP TO 31st December 1945 648,250 Lire
by AMG Courts.
This represents a sum which may be claimed in part by prisoners who serve out sentences. Authority passed to Procuratore della Repubblica.

(4) FUNDS HELD FOR ITALIAN COURTS AND BEING
HANDLED OVER TO THE BANCA D'ITALIA IN ROME
IN THE NAME OF THE A.F.A.

Cash Lire cheques in Bank	1, 740,779
American dollars	664
Algerian Francs	370
Maroccan Francs	5
English Sterling	7,5s.
Gold Bars	25

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Hq. Allied Commission	16
C.L.O.	1
No.3 District	1
Hq. Naples Area	1
Hq. Rlhd P.B.S. South	1
N.O.I.C. Naples	1
Hq. No. 1 Base R.A.F.	1
UNRRA Naples	1
British Consul General	1
American Consul General	1
B.L.U. MMIA Torre Annunziata	1
Air Force Sub-Comm. Naples	1
British Information Office	1
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Bread (pieces)	800
Bread qts	17,33
Flour "	13,45
Grain "	122,04
Rice "	2
Pasta "	9,02
Oil (ltrs)	23

DESERTERS AND WANTED PERSONS ARRESTED

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3. CRIME

Brief particulars of the more important cases are as follows:-

3 July in Casoria

Three civilians were arrested because found in possession of 4,400 ltrs of petrol and 60 ltrs of lubricating oil, belonging to the Allies.

4 July in Lauro

Unidentified masked persons held up an American Captain and robbed his car, 3,600 lire, two rings and two watches. Later on same thieves robbed from three civilians various sums of money.

9 July in Salerno Commune

A squad of U.P.S.E.A. on grain checking duty was surrounded by about 200 persons armed with farmers tools. The squad was overpowered. Some Carabinieri were injured and their arms taken away. Other Carabinieri, Finance Guards and Forest Guards intervened. 11 persons were arrested pending enquiries.

10 July in Torre Annunziata Station.

About 30 unidentified persons attempted to steal from freight wagon stopped in the station. Carabinieri intervened and thieves dispersed.

10 July in Torre Annunziata

About 20 thieves tried to enter 23 D.S.D. British Depot. On being ordered to halt by the British sentry the thieves fired some pistol shots towards the sentry who was wounded. The sentry also fired and seriously injured one of the thieves. 10 persons were arrested. Investigations in hand. On 14 July following the wounds the British sentry died.

11 July in Ottaviano

A gang of armed thieves tried to enter the ARAM Motor Vehicles Camp. They fired sub machine gun shots at the Carabinieri on duty. Carabinieri answered by firing back and thieves dispersed. Other two attempts, probably by the same persons, were prevented by the Carabinieri.

12 July in Scafati

Carabinieri seized Allied shells and 15 kg of gun powder from two civilians who were arrested.

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13 July in Torre Annunziata railway station

Unidentified thieves stole 50 cases of British cigarettes for a value of 5 million lire. Cigarettes were recovered. Investigations are in hand to trace the thieves.

14 July in Torre Annunziata

5 unidentified persons, 3 of whom were wearing Allied uniform armed with pistols and sub machine gun robbed 3 civilians of various sums of money and escaped in a civilian car.

16 July in Carinola

4 unidentified persons armed with military rifles robbed a civilian of two tents. Two of the thieves were later arrested and other two succeeded in escaping but were also identified.

17 July in S. Anastasia

Carabinieri in pursuing unidentified thieves who had stolen 13 Allied tyres from a truck found in the same locality a truck in good working order and some tyres for a value of 2 million lire. Thieves in seeing the Carabinieri fired in order not to be caught, Carabinieri fired back and thieves dispersed.

19 July in Boscoreale

Carabinieri of the Mobile Patrol in attempting to arrest a dangerous wanted criminal were fired at by same. One of the Carabinieri was seriously wounded and died on the following day.

20 July in Pontecagnano

Two civilians in attempting to steal gun powder from a bomb in an ammunition dump caused a fire. Numerous bombs and contrivances deposited there exploded. Nearby houses were damaged. A civilian slightly injured. The two responsible men were arrested.

CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL26 June in Caserta

Three Allied soldiers (probably Americans) armed with a pistol held up and robbed a workman

5 July in Naples

British soldiers held up and robbed a civilian who was travelling in a car.

7 July in Naples

An unidentified Allied soldier without any apparent reason fired a shot against a civilian and wounded him.

7 July in Caivano

Three Scotch soldiers held up a civilian and robbed him of 20,000 lire. As the man was trying to resist they hit him and slightly injured him.

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12 July in Afragola

During the night 6 negro soldiers armed with an automatic pistol together with four civilians broke into the house of a civilian and not finding anything to steal they took away the sheets from the bed.

14 July in Marcianise

Without any apparent reason some negro soldiers shot and killed an American soldier.

16 July in Naples

Three drunk Netherland soldiers or sailors tried to enter the San Carlo Opera House without entrance tickets. On being refused they assaulted and injured two of the P.S. Agents on duty. On intervention of the British M.P. the drunken soldiers fled.

16 July in San Gennaro Vesuviano

During the night a group of civilians were fired at with sub machine guns by Allied soldiers. Three men were injured and are being detained in hospital. It is believed that the men were trying to steal from the "Vesuvio" Camp (Allied).

16 July in Naples

A small truck of the Bank of Naples with on board some civilians and a P.S. N.C.O. was ordered to halt by an Allied sentry. But as soon as they stopped without any apparent reason the sentry fired two pistol shots, wounding the N.C.O. and a civilian.

19 July on the Naples-Rome high road

Two men wearing American uniforms together with three civilians stopped a car driven by a civilian with on board a Carabinieri Maresciallo. Whilst the latter was trying to get out of a car he was fired at by the thieves, seriously wounded and died later whilst being conveyed to the hospital. The thieves made good their escape.

POLISH AND YUGOSLAV CASES29 & 30 June in Eboli

Six members of the Yugoslav Concentration Camp were arrested by the Yugoslav Police for having attempted to poison the water contained in the Camp reservoirs.

4 July in Naples

Three Polish soldiers held up and robbed a truck coming from Naples and going towards Cairoli. Investigations in hand to trace the truck and the thieves.

4 July in Bellariva

Four Polish soldiers on board of a jeep held up and robbed a tram conductor. Later the same stole money from another civilian. The jeep on which they were travelling was found by the Queen's Guard on the following day.

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2 July in Cervinara

A Yugoslav soldier was found shot, it seems for jealousy reasons by another Yugoslav.

13 July in Avellino

Four Polish soldiers were arrested for having stolen 60 sacks containing sugar from an Allied train wagon. Also a civilian was arrested for complicity.

23 July in Salerno

Drunken Polish soldiers from a balcony of an Allied Club threw into the streets chairs and dishes hitting the passers-by. The incident caused a certain illfeeling which was being prevented to develop by the Italian Police when a boy threw a stone at a Polish car. The Polish soldiers started firing pistols and sub-machine gun shots, wounding 16 persons seriously and causing the death of a civilian.

VENEREAL DISEASE

The figures for July as supplied by the Questura are the following:-

65 prostitutes arrested and denounced
1156 infected women admitted in hospitals during the month.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES

On 3 July, in Pozzuoli about 600 unemployed workmen started a demonstration causing the ANSALDO workshops and other public offices to stop working. The demonstrators blocked the railroad tracks and caused a short circuit and damages to two engines. Carabinieri and P.S. Guards dispersed the demonstrators. In the afternoon a deputation was received in the Prefettura. On the following morning a meeting was held, during which it was decided that the manager of Public Works together with an official of the Genio Civile would go to Pozzuoli and Castellammare di Stabia to examine the possibility to start immediately work so as to employ a large number of unemployed persons.

On 7 July in Maddaloni (Caserta) about 100 ex POWs, partisans, assembled for a demonstration against the local Mayor and the Town Hall for not having dismissed employees lacking of the required qualifications and for not having assisted sick and unemployed ex POWs. A few incidents of slight importance occurred, in all the instances the Police intervened but the situation is rather tense.

On 8 July in Naples, a meeting was held as a protest against the decisions taken in Paris by the Foreign Ministers. After several speeches a procession was formed and through the streets they marched carrying flags and praising the Italianness of Trieste and Venezia Giulia.

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On 9 July in Amalfi during a communal meeting about 100 unemployed ex POWs who were present asked that urgent measures be taken to help their condition. Police Forces calmed the discontented and further incidents were prevented, by promising that their requests would be considered.

On 10 July in Torre Annunziata about 200 ex POWs and unemployed went to the Communal Office to protest for not having been employed. To the demonstrators communal employees and several workers united. All the demonstrators went to the electric cabins and asked the personnel to turn off the electricity. The workmen adhered to their request. Carabinieri and P.S. Agents intervened and electricity was supplied again. Ex POWs and unemployed asked for the dismissal of women employees who are not heads of families, for measures to be taken in their favour and for their employment. No outstanding incidents.

On 10 July for about three hours workers of the 'Alfa Romeo' workshop went on strike in order to obtain: increase of bread ration, payment of military bonuses, improvement in the bread baking and increase of the pasta and fat ration, improvement of the workmen's messes, approval of a new labour contract for the southern Italy, suspension of dismissals. At 1515 hrs they recommenced work. No incidents.

On 13 July in Nusco (Avellino) about 400 farmers collected in the square and demonstrated against the U.C.S.E.A. office, asking the immediate dismissal of the officials stating they taxed to high the cereals and grain. For precaution the manager of U.C.S.E.A. was sent to Avellino and the keys of the office were given to the local Sindaco. No incidents, public order normal.

On 13 July in Pagani about 20 ex POW followed by 30 women started a demonstration because the pasta had not been distributed. They went to a pasta factory and tried to stop a truck loaded with pasta. Carabinieri quickly intervened and upon authorisation of the owner allowed the distribution of the pasta. No incidents.

On 14 July in Portico di Caserta about 50 ex POWs occupied some premises belonging to a Catholic organization. Police Forces intervened to calm the ex POWs. No incidents, public order normal.

On 16 JULY the workers of the Petroleum factories went on strike asking a revision of their salaries.

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OTHER INCIDENTS

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - JUNE 1946 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 794
(Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission).1. GENERAL.

Election day 2 June, passed in a remarkably quiet manner, not one demonstration taking place in the whole of the Liaison Group area. At many of the election stations in Naples City there was a permanent queue all day as a result of the slowness on the part of Officials in dealing with voters: many of the latter having to wait several hours before casting their vote.

This tranquillity prevailed for a few days until results, which were being published, showed quite definitely that the Republicans were winning the day. The Monarchists then decided to show their teeth and on the afternoon of 6th June the first demonstrations took place. The bitterness of some of the Monarchists, curiously enough was directed against the Clergy, the latter being accused for having made republican propaganda and there were some cases of priests being roughly handled in the streets.

Monarchist demonstrations continued daily thereafter, with crowds varying from a few hundred to several thousands, and in many cases police agents had to fire over the heads on the mobs to disperse them; in a few instances hand grenades were thrown by unknown persons, but there was nothing very serious.

This condition prevailed until the evening of 11th June, when a large Monarchist demonstration consisting of several thousand, collected outside the Communist Hqs in Via Medina, where the Republican and Communist flags were being flown, the crowd demanding that the flags be withdrawn.

At about 2130 hrs when the Police were taking strong action to disperse the crowd, unknown elements began to throw hand grenades and open fire on Police Agents. The latter then retaliated and by 2300 hrs the crowd was eventually dispersed.

Casualties at this incident consisted of:

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Civilians - Killed	7
Wounded	47
Police - CC.RR. wounded	11
P.S. Agents wounded	6

The very strong measures taken by the Police at the latter incident, were apparently most effective as no further trouble has been experienced in the City and not one demonstration has since been held.

Very few demonstrations were held in the Provinces and those which did occur were fairly orderly, the most serious incident taking place at Reggio Calabria on 12 June when Monarchists clashed with Communists, the latter throwing some hand grenades and wounding seven members of the Monarchic Party.

In Naples, Police arrangements carried out by the Questore Dott. COGLITORE and the Legion Commander of the CC.RR. Col. MAURO were excellent, as is proved by the fact that during the whole of this difficult period, not one shop was looted. Their work was also hampered by the many false rumours floating round, some of which reach Rome, causing certain unjustified consternation amongst Italian Officials there.

Several hundred additional CC.RR. and P.S. Agents were drafted into Naples to cope with situation.

During the disturbances a daily situation report was telephoned to Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The behaviour of Allied Troops was very good and they steered clear of any trouble; no case of interference or casualties among Military personnel was reported.

2. CIVIL POLICE

There have been no changes in Naples of command during the past month. Colonel MAURO still in command of CC.RR. Naples Legion and Dott. COGLITORE in command of the Questura of Naples.

The Mobile Squads were withdrawn from their usual work for emergency duties in Naples, during the period of disturbances.

Brief particulars of their work for the remainder of the month are as follows:-

TYPE OF OFFENCES DISCLOSED

Houses searched	366	
Persons searched	1478	
Motor vehicles checked	1225	
Persons arrested: in flagrancy	19	
wanted	4	
Persons detained pending enquiries	39	
Persons denounced	27	

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ALLIED MATERIAL RECOVERED

Hand grenades	2
Pistol cartridges	7
Explosive tubes	1
American truck	1
Petrol: barrel	1
tank	1
Nafta : tin	1
Oil : tins	15
Complete wheels	5
Tyres	4
American tent	1

ITALIAN MATERIAL RECOVERED

Firearms	14
Cartridges	97
Cases of hand grenades	2
" ammunition	150
Gunpowder (kg)	25
Iron tubes	2
Truck	1
Mail sacks	6
Money (lire)	117,000

DESERTERS AND WANTED PERSONS ARRESTED

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A few of the more important cases are as follows:-

24 May in Mondragone

CC.RR. arrested 5 persons responsible of serious robbery and in searching their houses they found goods for the value of six million lire.

In Atella

CC.RR. seized from a civilian 5 complete Allied truck wheels.

In Marzano di Nola

CC.RR. seized from civilian 2 American hand grenades, a pipe of explosive and 6 sacks belonging to the Italian Postal Administration.

25 May in Brusciano

CC.RR. seized from a civilian a barrel containing 150 litre of petrol, a jerrycan containing 18 litre of nafta and 15 tins of mineral

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26 May in Mondragone

Four civilians arrested for receiving stolen goods.

In Qualiano

CC.RR. arrested civilian for stealing gunpowder.

10 June in Castellammare di Stabia

CC.RR. arrested wanted civilian, member of the 'LA MARCA' gang. A loaded pistol was seized.

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10 June in Torre Annunziata

Two civilians arrested found in possession of firearms.

In Villa Literno

CC.RR. found two cases of Italian hand grenades buried under a drain.

16 June in Boscotrecase

CC.RR. arrested 2 wanted individuals members of a criminal gang.

20 June in Terzigno

CC.RR. seized 4 Allied tyres and a fuel tank found in a civilian house.

In Cicciiano (Nola)

CC.RR. arrested 5 civilians discovered whilst stealing ammunition and zinc sheets. A truck on which the stolen goods were to be carried was seized.

3. CRIME

Crime figures for Naples, Campobasso and Reggio Calabria for the month of June and for Reggio Calabria and Catanzaro for the month of May (too late for inclusion in last month's report) are as follows:-

NAPLES

<u>Nature of Crime</u>	<u>Number of Crimes committed</u>	<u>Number of Persons arrested</u>
Homicide	6	1
Suicide	16	-
Robbery	3	-
Assault on Police	10	10
Assault indecent	3	7
Other assaults	49	44
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	89	98
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	32	32
Overcharging	10	10
Miscellaneous offences	26	26
Breaking and entering	69	19
Fraud	55	50
Other thefts	585	277

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<u>Nature of Crime</u>	<u>Number of crimes committed</u>	<u>Number of persons arrested</u>
Homicide	1	1
Suicide	-	-
Robbery	1	1
Assault on Police	3	4
Assault indecent	-	-
Other assaults	3	2
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	-	-
Overcharging	3	-
Miscellaneous offences	14	-
Breaking and entering	10	8
Fraud	1	1
Other thefts	32	18

REGGIO CALABRIA

Homicide	11	9
Suicide	-	-
Robbery	11	11
Assault on Police	8	12
Assault indecent	1	1
Other assaults	55	17
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	1	1
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	186	167
Overcharging	3	3
Miscellaneous offences	32	21
Breaking and entering	101	80
Fraud	11	-
Other thefts	198	98

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REGGIO CALABRIA & CATANZARO

<u>Nature of Crime</u>	<u>Number of Crimes committed</u>		<u>Number of Persons arrested</u>	
	<u>Reg. Cal.</u>	<u>Catanzaro</u>	<u>Reg. Cal.</u>	<u>Catanzaro</u>
Homicide	18	2	18	2
Suicide	-	-	-	-
Robbery	6	1	3	-
Assault on Police	5	3	3	3
Assault indecent	1	2	1	2
Other assaults	41	-	12	-
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	1	1	-	1
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	53	10	-	10
Overcharging	5	-	-	-
Miscellaneous offences	10	50	10	26
Breaking and entering	115	31	53	10
Fraud	4	5	2	5
Other thefts	172	80	101	69

4. CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

During the month 4 British deserters were arrested. These men have been operating in the Naples District for a considerable time and were responsible for 17 armed hold-ups, where both Military and civilian vehicles were involved.

Having regard to the large number of Allied Troops in the area their behaviour is very satisfactory and complaints against them are few, some of the most serious being as follows:-

On 29 May at Naples

At 1435 hrs Dvr. HAGHE H.R. of 26 G.T. Column, RASC was driving a W.D. P.U. vehicle No. 528874.C along Salita dello Scudillo, in the vicinity of 92 British General Hospital, when he was held up by three armed persons who were dressed in K.D. slacks. The vehicle was driven off in the direction of Naples.

On 31 May at Pompei

At about 1315 hrs, Major DETTLOFF W. Polish Town Major, Senigallia informed this Section that same day at Pompei his jeep WILLYS WD No. 5626753 was stopped by four British soldiers dressed as Military Policemen, who asked him for a lift towards Naples. He complied with their request, and after they had left Pompei, the British soldiers held up the driver at pistol point and stopped the jeep, the driver was ordered to dismount, and when he had done so he was struck on the head and thrown into a trench at the side of the road. They then made off in direction of Naples.

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On 31 May at Baiano

Sgt. AZZOUN French HQ reports that at about 1645 hrs while driving a 2½ ton vehicle near Baiano he was held up by 4 persons dressed in KD clothing and wearing SD caps, they were armed with pistols. Vehicle was stolen and driven in direction of Naples. It was later recovered abandoned 4 Km. away. Sgt. AZZOUN states that when held up British soldiers were in possession of a jeep No. 5626735.

On 1 June at Cancelllo

At about 1430 hrs a vehicle was being driven along Nola road, when it was diverted into side road by either a soldier or a civilian dressed as a Military Policeman. A number of civilians then commenced to converge upon the vehicle but the guard opened fire on them with a tommy-gun. The civilians dispersed.

On 3 June on the Casoria-Naples road

Three 3 ton vehicles with German drivers and German checkers, while returning with supplies from B.S.D. Casoria have been attacked by Italian civilians on the Naples-Casoria road. One German driver received injuries to his hand. The attackers were driven off by the drivers and checkers, without loss of supplies.

On 5 June at Pompei

At 1700 hrs US Army Chevrolet truck - markings - 9693 HQ WAT USA SSS II - was held up in the vicinity of Pompei by 5 British soldiers dressed in KD.

On 15 June at Naples

An Austin P.U. vehicle No. 5374955 was held up by two armed soldiers at or near Poggioreale Petrol Point. The driver was made to get out of the vehicle which was driven off in the direction of Nola.

On 20 June at Capua

L/Sgt. S. BRIDGES at 1110 hrs went out to arrest a prostitute. It seems that shortly after leaving the Camp, and at a spot near the Camp, he was shot and received 3 bullet wounds through the stomach. He died during the night from 21 to 22 of June.

POLISH AND JUGOSLAV CASESOn 4.6.46 at Cernivara

Eight Polish soldiers with the complicity of some Italian civilians at pistol point robbed a civilian in his house. Investigation in hand.

On 11.6.46 at Eboli

Three unidentified Yugoslavs went to the house of a civilian and forced him to take away from his window the red cloth he had exposed for the demonstration held for the proclamation of the republic.

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On 18.6.46 at Aversa

Some drunk Polish soldiers injured with a blunt instrument another Pole. Other Poles arrived, who in order to frighten the drunken soldiers fired some sub-machine gun shots which accidentally injured 7 civilians.

On 24.6.46 at San Gennaro Vesuviano

Four Slav soldiers attached to the RAF Camp presented themselves to civilian houses and at pistol point asked for money. On being refused they fired a few shots and threw two hand grenades without consequences. Investigation in hand to trace offenders.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE

The figures for June as supplied by Questura are as follows:-

77 prostitutes arrested
9 pimps arrested
1375 infected women admitted in hospitals during the month.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE

Frequent contact is maintained with all Provost Services and bi-monthly conferences are held when the A.P.M. from Naples Area, P.M. R.A.F., P.M. American and Public Safety Officer attend. All problems are discussed.

More confusion and dislocation of certain essential services was caused by action of P.B.S. Military Police in stopping and detaining civilian motor vehicles fitted with Allied tyres, on 4 June. Temporary permits had been extended until 30th June but unfortunately the P.M. P.B.S. was not informed. However eventually the matter was righted through the Economic Section HQs Allied Commission.

I understand Permanent Permits are now being issued from Rome and the Provost Marshal P.B.S. has agreed not to hold up any civilian vehicles fitted with Allied tyres until after 15 July and to allow sufficient time for the issue of permanent permits.

7. SECURITY(a) Sabotage.

Many complaints in the past have been received respecting the larceny of telephone cable and so causing serious dislocation in communications. In consequence Civil Police have concentrated men in various areas and this resulted in the arrest of a number of civilians and the recovery of a large quantity of cable. In the area of S. Maria Capua Vetere, members of a gang, who have been operating on this class of crime for a long period, were arrested.

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- (b) War Criminals
No change.

8. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS

On 22 June the workers of the CAPUTO mill, Naples, came out on strike, certain allegations being made against the management. All employees in other mills stopped work in sympathy but after two days, on a promise being made that a full enquiry would be conducted into the functioning of the CAPUTO mill, all workers returned.

There were minor trade disputes in several works and factories but all were settled without strike action being taken.

9. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

- (a) No change.

(b) Press

During the month the interest in the Election and Political matters has rather placed in the background points of local interest. There have however been bitter comments about the slight frontier changes - the towns of Briga and Tenda being handed over to France.

The position of Trieste is again gripping the interest of the public and apart from press articles many small posters are being exhibited all over the town.

Accidents in which Allied vehicles are involved is still a tasty item of local news

10. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES

(a) General

Apart from the political demonstrations NIL.

(b) Political

Naples and other Provinces in the Liaison Group voted strongly in favour of Monarchy, undoubtedly it was a severe shock when it became known that the Republicans had won the day. The chief aftermath of this was a feeble attempt to form a 'separatist' movement, and on the 10 June leaflets and posters (copy sent to Public Safety, Rome) were distributed throughout Naples and the Province. There has been no further propaganda in this direction and the movement appears to have cooled down.

On the 19 June a poster headed 'Appeal to the Citizens for the new Republic' was issued jointly by all political Parties. This poster, after pointing out the definite results of the Referendum, the decision expressed by the majority of the people, asked all

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Italians to be united in a firm bond.

The temporary President of the Republic, is a very well known popular person in this district. His appointment will definitely have a very good influence with the Monarchists in the South because it is believed that the problems mostly applicable to the South, will have more favourable consideration than hitherto.

The appointment of On.le Enrico DE NICOLA has undoubtedly eased greatly, the tension which started when Monarchy was defeated.

The political meetings held in Naples during the month under review of a minor character are as follows:-

<u>Name of Party</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Monarchic Party	22
Liberal Party	38
Socialist Party	19
Communist Party	35
Republican Party	18
Christian Democratic Party	43
Uomo Qualunque Party	30
Miscellaneous	90
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11. OTHER INCIDENTS

(i) At 0900 hrs on 1.6.46, 4 engine American plane flying from Cairo to Rome, crashed in sea near Amalfi, Salerno. Of 35 passengers and crew only 9 were rescued. 8 bodies were recovered.

(ii) At 0155 hrs at Pontecagnano (Salerno) passenger train from Reggio Calabria collided with freight train in station. Casualties: 15 dead and 60 injured.

12. TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

The figures for the motor vehicle accidents occurred during the month under review are as follows :-

<u>Italian</u>	<u>Allied</u>
131	133

13. FIREARMS

This problem still receives special attention from all Italian Police Agencies. The number of firearms seized is ample proof that energetic measures on the part of the Police are most necessary.

14. FIRE

33 fires attended during the month. Fire Commandant complains that Brigade is deficient in clothing and boots. Vehicles

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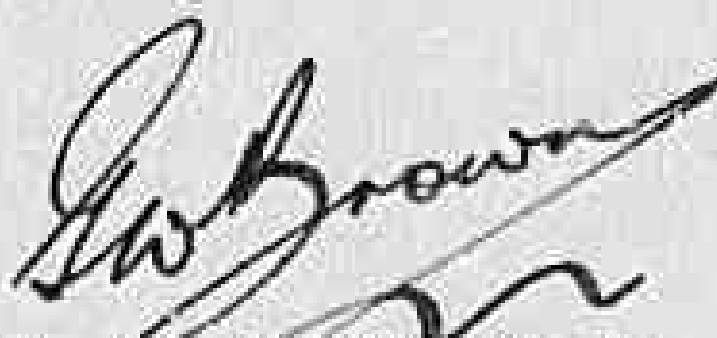
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urgently require tyres, spare parts and accumulators.

15. PRISONS.
No change.

16. STRENGTH
Capt. G. W. BROWN (B) - P.S.L.O.

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G. W. BROWN, Capt.
P.S. Liaison Officer
Naples.

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CHIEF OF BUREAU	<i>[initials]</i>	7/6
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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
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1 June 1946
Tel: 20444

1. CIVIL POLICE

The Ministry of War has ordered the following transfers effective from the 20th May 1946:

Brigadier General ROVINO Silvio, appointed acting commander of the 3rd CC.RR. Division;
Brigadier General PRANCA Amedeo, from acting commander of the 3rd CC.RR. Division to Commander of the CC.RR. 5th Brigade;
Brigadier General SANTAMARIA Mario, ceases to be in command of the 5th CC.RR. Brigade and from 21st June 1946 he will be pensioned.

CC.RR. Mobile Squads still continue to work well and the scheme has been a great success. Brief particulars of results achieved are as follows:-

TYPE OF OFFENCES DISCLOSED:-

Houses searched

Persons searched

Persons arrested: committing crime
wanted

Persons detained pending enquiries

Persons denounced

Motor vehicles checked

ALLIED MATERIAL RECOVERED:-

Tires, tubes, rims and wheels

Petrol, nafta, mineral oil (barrels)

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" " " (litre)

Spare parts of cars

Clothing (items)

Weapons

ammunition

1085

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" " " (litre)

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Clothing (items)

Weapons

Ammunition

Rubber belts

Lifting jack (three tons)

Pincers

Typewriter 'Underwood'

Rolls of telephone wire

American trucks

Boxes containing cigarettes (50 each)

Jeep canvas covers

Truck " "

American tent

German tent

ITALIAN MATERIAL RECOVERED

Authors of theft against Italian Military Admin.

Authors of other offences

Persons contravening rationed regulations

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Seized weapons	89
" ammunition	129
" foodstuffs: 697 kg maize, 584 kg wheat, 687 kg flour,	
1137 kg rice, 20 ltr oil, 565 kg pasta,	
210 kg bread, 305 kg sugar, 2749 kg bran.	
" clothing: 24 items.	

DESPORTERS AND WANTED PERSONS ARRESTED

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A few of the more important operations are as follows:-

26 April at Cicciiano

Three wanted criminals arrested responsible for thefts.

27 April at Castelvolturno

Five civilians arrested for possession of firearms. The following weapons were seized: 1 'Beretta' pistol, 1 American revolver, 1 musket, 1 shotgun, 68 pistol cartridges, 6 revolver cartridges, 47 musket cartridges, 10 shotgun cartridges, and 3 knives.

At Casoria

During a search of a house, wheat, flour and oil were seized.

28 April at Fertilia

Six criminals were arrested, all members of a criminal gang and all responsible for thefts. 2 pincers were seized.

At Acerra

One wanted criminal arrested. Two civilians arrested for illegal possession of loaded firearms.

At Scafati

During the search of a house 12 Allied tyres, 6 tubes, 6 rubber belts and 2 shotguns were seized. Four civilians detained.

29 April at Cese

195 boxes containing 50 British cigarettes each were seized.

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1 May at Casalnuovo

Three civilians arrested responsible for a theft of 6 qls of ammonium nitrate from railway wagons.

At Pomigliano d'Arco

An American lifting jack was seized from a civilian.

At Palma Campania

Three complete truck wheels, 1 Allied tyre, 1 inner tube and 4,41 qls of maize were seized.

At Torre Annunziata

During the search of a house 23 large size tyres, 18 inner tubes and 28 rims were seized.

3 May at Casoria, Afragola and Prattomaggiore

Local prisons were searched, 2 pistol cartridges were seized.

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3 May at Roscoreale

A rifle loaded with 6 cartridges, 3 shotguns loaded with 4 cartridges were seized from civilians.

At Arzari

A shotgun, a musket mod. 91, a French musket and 3 loaders were seized from civilians.

At S. Maria la Pruna

One barrel containing 120 lbs of Allied petrol was seized from a civilian.

At Penticelli

2 complete Allied wheels were seized from a dangerous criminal who was arrested.

4 May at Afragola

3 Allied tyres seized from civilian.

At Casalnuovo

Wanted criminal accused of double murder arrested.

At S. Antimo

5 jeep covers (canvas), 2 truck canvas covers, 1 American tent, 1 German tent, 5 Italian Military haversacks, 3 Italian tents and 4 complete jeep wheels were seized from 4 civilians.

6 May at Castel Volturno

During searches in civilian houses, 1 rifle, 2 muskets, 3 bolts for weapons and 37 cartridges were seized.

In Pompei

From various civilians an Italian rifle, 2 cartridge loaders, an Italian hand grenade, an Italian musket, a shotgun, 4 cases containing 750 cartridge loaders were seized.

7 May at Villa Literno

6 civilians arrested found in illegal possession of: 5 muskets, 1 rifle, 1 pistol, 125 cartridges, 2 shotguns and 1 revolver.

In Nocera Inferiore

3 barrels full of petrol were found abandoned.

8 May in S. Antimo

40 wheels, 17 with truck tyres, 4 tyres and inner tubes and 18 jeep tyres were found in a garden. Owner of the garden wanted.

1 German tent, 5 Italian Military heavy weapons, 3 and 4 complete jeep wheels were seized from 4 civilians.

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9 May in S. Antimo

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10 May on the Pagani-Nocera road.

8 qts of Allied petrol seized from a civilian.

13 May at Torre Annunziata

2 loaded revolvers, 1 Italian bayonet, 1 automatic pistol, a dagger, 2 unloaded revolvers were seized.

In Scelfati

2 Allied trucks without wheels, which had been stolen the previous night from the Capodichino airfield were traced.

14 May in Pomigliano d'Arco

Three Allied iron stools, 200 ltrs of petrol, 10 ltrs of oil and British clothing were seized from two civilians.

In Boscoreale

Three barrels full of petrol and 2 empty barrels were recovered, which had been abandoned by unidentified persons.

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15 May in Marzano di Nola

Civilian arrested for having been found in illegal possession of 3 Italian hand grenades which were seized.

17 May between Pompei and Castellammare di Stabia

During searches made 191 Allied quilted blankets, 50 worn Allied underpants and 4 motor tyres were seized. The possessor arrested. 2 Allied truck tyres, 1 revolver, 1 shotgun seized from 3 civilians.

In Schiava

40 litres of Allied petrol were seized from 3 civilians. Also British items and 1 revolver were seized.

21 May in Pollena Trocchia

An American truck, without 9 tyres and parts of motor was found abandoned.

350 cartridges, an Italian rifle, 2 Italian loaded pistols, 3 Italian loaders, 2 Allied bayonets, 1 Italian sword, 4 Allied tyres were found in a farm house.

2. CRIME

Crime figures for Naples, Campobasso, Caserta and

Avellino for the Month of May are as follows:-

NAPLESNature of Crime

	Number of crimes committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	6	-
Suicide	26	-
Robbery	9	12
Assault on Police	19	26
Assault Indecent	2	2
Other assaults	80	42
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	126	109
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	23	26
Overcharging	18	18
Miscellaneous offences	25	25
Breaking and entering	58	27
Fraud	69	69

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Fraud	69	69
Other thefts	646	428

CAMPOLASSC Nature of Crime	Number of crimes committed	Number of persons arrested
Homicide	2	2
Suicide	1	1
Robbery	6	1
Assault on Police	1	1
Assault indecent	8	19
Other assaults	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	3	-
Overcharging	7	8
Miscellaneous offences	10	-
Breaking and entering	1	20
Fraud	29	/5
Other thefts		

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CASERTANature of Crime

Nature of Crime	Number of crimes committed	Number of Persons arrested
Homicide	7	1
Suicide	-	-
Robbery	13	8
Assault on Police	4	6
Assault indecent	2	4
Other assaults	12	10
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	16	24
Theft or illegale dealing in rationed commodities	14	14
Overcharging	3	3
Miscellaneous offences	10	3
Breaking and entering	65	39
Fraud	16	28
Other thefts	135	76

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Homicide	9	2
Suicide	-	-
Robbery	10	4
Assault on Police	-	-
Assault indecent	3	1
Other assaults	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	67	-
Overcharging	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Breaking and entering	89	9
Fraud	1	-
Other thefts	81	3

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Other assaults	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in	-	-
Allied property	67	-
Theft or illegal dealing in	-	-
rationed commodities	-	9
Overcharging	-	-
Miscellaneous	39	-
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30 April in Naples

A vehicle under German guard was held up by an armed Italian gang half a mile from Naples docks on the Nola road to Casoria. A horse and cart were used to block the road. Nobody was injured. Three packs of potatoes were stolen.

30 April in Afragola

German POW driving a WD 10 ton lorry on the Afragola-Casoria road was stopped and attacked by 30 Italians who stole his spare wheel. He was not injured.

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1 May in Naples

CC.RR. belonging to the Central Railway Station opened fire against an unknown number of criminals caught while stealing goods from railway cars manœuvring in the station. Protected by the darkness the criminals were able to escape. 52 bales belonging to the Allies and 5 to civilians were recovered.

4 May in Benevento

In the vicinity of the Railway Station 4 CC.RR. attached to the CC.RR. Railway Police Nucleus, whilst patrolling the Benevento-Foggia railway track, were fired at by unidentified persons who were stealing Allied sugar from a wagon stopped in the Station. Following the prompt reaction of the CC.RR. the thieves escaped, 22 qls of sugar recovered.

7 May at Ponte San Giovanni-S.Maria Capua Vetere (Caserta)

Unidentified persons stole 60 kg of telephone wire from the Allied telephone line. American Military Police informed.

8 May at Maddaloni

Railway wagon containing medical supplies and M.T. stores derailed and looted by thieves. 5 to 6 tons of medical supplies recovered by Garrison Police, Maddaloni, 1 train civil official killed.

16 May at Gaivano

Three unidentified persons wearing British uniform asked for a lift to an American soldier driving an American car. On their way the three men threatened the American with their pistols. He was compelled to abandon the car which was used by the three assailants to run away. Four mail bags addressed to Caserta A.T.H.Q. were loaded on the car.

22 May at Caserta

Five Italian soldiers belonging to the 10th Workers Coy, because of women, fought against a group of British soldiers. The fight took place near Caserta Royal Palace. British Sergeant LEWIS Alfredo attached to GHQ was stabbed to death.

3. CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

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A coloured soldier threatened with an automatic pistol a P.S. Agent. A vicebrigadiere of the CC.A. noticing that the coloured soldiers was becoming more threatening and had ^{pg. 2} the Agent intervened and with the help of the Agent succeeded in disarming him. The aggressor was accompanied to the nearest P.S. Commissariato. Investigations are in hand.

6 May in Naples

A civilian was injured with a knife, apparently without any reason by a coloured soldier.

8 May in Naples

A boy was injured by an American soldier he had insulted.

10 May in Naples

2 British GIs armed, held up and stole Hillman PU - 2007, on charge to British Consulate, in the vicinity of 92 British General Hospital.

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11 May in Naples

A civilian was injured by a coloured soldier who asked him to have a drink and at his refusal the coloured soldier stabbed him with a knife.

13 May in Pozzuoli (Naples)

Four unidentified American soldiers wearing M.F. arm-bands, through the front door which had been left open, entered a civilian house. For fear of being attacked the civilians ran away. The soldiers then stole 20,000 lire from the house.

14 May on the Afragola-Casoria road

A WD 3 ton DODGE driven by a German POW, on the Afragola-Casoria road was held up by 3 armed British soldiers. They absconded with the vehicle.

25 May at San Giovanni a Teduccio (Naples)

Italian truck driven by Italian civilian took on board 4 persons wearing British uniform. At Pagani, at pistol point they ordered the driver to get out and left with the vehicle. Investigations in hand.

25 May at San Pietro a Patierno (Naples)

A wanted criminal whilst attempting to approach Allied sentry was shot and killed.

4. POLISH AND YUGOSLAV CASES30 April at Piazzolla di Vola

Slav sentries guarding the Slav camp fired a tommy-gun shot and killed a civilian who was attempting to steal tyres from Allied vehicle.

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12 May in Eboli (Salerno)
The body of a Yugoslav police warrant officer was found. Death occurred on the night of the 11.5.46 after he had been engaged in a fight during which he was repeatedly stabbed in the face, forehead and head. Robbery was the cause of the manslaughter which was committed by Yugoslavs of the same camp.

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19 May in Serra (Salerno)

A civilian was approached by three Yugoslavs belonging to Eboli Concentration Camp who assaulted him and stole from him 30,000 lire.

20 May at Battipaglia (Salerno)

A milkman was stopped by five Yugoslavs who at pistol point robbed from him 2,400 lire, a metal wrist watch, a fountain pen, shoes and jacket.

27 May in Cervinara

A Polish soldier was admitted to 65 General Hospital with a bullet wound in the head. Incident took place in No. 6 Wings of Polish Repatriation Camp.

5. GENERAL DISEASE

The figures for May as supplied by the Questura are as follows:-

59 prostitutes arrested
11 pimps arrested
1131 infected women admitted in hospitals during the month.

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10 May in Naples

100 workers of the aluminium factories walked off their job and went to the Confederal Chamber of Labour in order to ask the manager not to lower the price of the aluminium articles.

11 May at Naples

About 300 ex workers of the 'ILVA' workshop (not ex POWs) collected at the entrance of the workshop at Pagnoli and started a protest in order to obtain their re-employment. The director convinced them that for the time being they could not be re-employed, so they dispersed.

14 May at Torre Annunziata

40 workers of the General Warehouses of Torre Annunziata

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stopped unloading grain from the American ship "George Davis" in order to protest against the dismissal of two employees. Following the intervention of the manager of that P.S. Office work recommenced with the agreement that the question of the dismissal be brought to the attention of the Prefect for his decision.

9. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

Satisfactory. The high cost of living and unemployment is still a cause for concern.

10. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES

(a) General

Considering that election day is imminent, public order conditions can be summed up as rather good. Except for the incident which occurred in Naples on 15 May 1946, due to a clash between Monarchists and Communists (see our report PS/9.5 dated 25.5.46) the many political gatherings which were held during the month in the whole area did not give place to any special incident worth mentioning.

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Monarchic Party	15
Socialist Party	25
Communist Party	45
Christian Democratic Party	76
Republican Party	21
Uomo Qualunque Party	14
Miscellaneous	93
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(c) Patriotic and other bodies

Another political party has been founded: the Party of the Italian ex POWs, which will be represented at the elections with its own list.

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(d) Subversive activity

On 2nd May in Naples the manager of the Ferrovia P.S. Office together with a Commissario Aggiunto saw an individual attempting to escape after having rapidly written in black pencil on the side of the Station near the telegraph room "W il Duce". The man was immediately detained and accompanied to the a/m office and identified as GUARINO Giovanni. He admitted he had written the sentence as a joke not having anything better to do, as he was there with other train men awaiting for the opening of the cooperative shop, in order to collect his ~~clothes~~ ration. It has not been possible to identify the other train men who left in order not to be involved in the incident. Proceedings against GUARINO are in course.

On 9 May in Naples in Corso Vittorio Emanuele an Italian flag was found. In the middle of the flag there was a black eagle, German type, placed on a yellow Fascist Littorio. Attached at the end of the flag there was an Italian army hand grenade, without the two safety valves. Investigations are in hand.

On 9 May in Torre Annunziata, Piazza Cesare, attached to a monument of the veterans a "gagliardetto" (Fascist flag) was found. In the centre there was a white skull, at the end of the stick two electric wires were tied and at the end of them there was a small oil cloth package placed at the base of the monument. On the monument was written:- "P.D.I. Beware it is mined, long live the Duce and Fascism". Investigations are being made.

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Reports respecting the misconduct of Polish troops at Cervinara and Yugoslavs at Eboli are fewer. They are enumerated later in this report. I have received verbal information from A.P.M. Naples Area that on 24th April, 4000 Poles from the Camp at Cervinara were brought to the Naples dock to embark for repatriation to Poland. On arrival at the docks they refused to board the ships and were subsequently returned to their Camp. The position to date is unknown.

A further murder of an R.A.F. soldier occurred on 29.3.46 at Torre del Greco, Naples. The victim, Corporal John RAYWORTH, was on patrol duty in company with another member of the R.A.F. when they disturbed some Italian civilians in hiding. The civilians opened fire, fatally wounding the Corporal. R.A.F. Provost in conjunction with CC.RR. have arrested 6 men.

Two further explosions of ammunition dumps have occurred during the month. On 6th April at San Giuseppe Vesuviano (Naples) 14 civilians and 2 British Military were killed whilst engaged on loading ammunition. On 13th April at San Vitelliano (Naples) at 2300

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hours 4 civilians were killed and two seriously injured by the explosion of a dump of mine fuses. In the first case the actual cause is unknown and is the subject of a court of enquiry. In the latter, it is obviously a further case of unlawful interference for the purpose of theft that caused the explosion. Both incidents have been specially reported to A.C. I have no doubt that from time to time similar incidents will occur in this Province as practically all Communes are used as extensive ammunition dumps and the question of affording either Military or Civil Police protection is impossible.

The activities of returning Prisoners of War have been carefully watched during the past month and the various demonstrations in connection therewith are hereunder reported. With the exception of the clash between returning Russian P. of W. and Communists on 2.4.46 nothing of a serious nature has occurred. During the month considerable numbers have been disembarked at Naples, from various parts of the world, many of whom will swell the ranks of the unemployed. Various incidents in Naples connected with ex POWs are as follows :-

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On 9.4.46, ex POWs went to the Regional Labour Office and started a demonstration of protest because they had been informed that the special deputation had been able to collect only 20 requests for employment. A group of men tried to enter the Office of the 1946 employment chief but they were dispersed by the Agents on duty.

On 8.4.46, 500 returning Russian prisoners passing through Naples en route for localities South attacked the Communist Section in Via Milano, seizing and burning documents and furniture. Another group at the same time attacked the Socialist Office in Via Molana with similar results. They then visited the Stelle Communist Office in Via Duomo where the same attack was made.

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Street fights followed at each place, subsequently resulting in the arrest of 9 persons for disorderly conduct. With the departure of these men later by train, normal conditions were resumed. It is of interest to note that the Communist Party called a general strike in protest. Tramways ceased to function and, it is probable that had the Prefect not intervened, a strike of some proportion may have developed. This incident has been fully reported to A.C.

On 9.4.46, a group of ex POWs started a manifestation in front of the gratuitous mess Post-Cellica (Naples) and went towards Piazza Cavour with the intention of stopping the trams. They were dispersed by the Police. Later another group of about 400 ex POWs went towards the Central Municipio and threatened to enter the building. Whilst a deputation of ex POWs was waiting to speak with the Sindaco, a tin of petrol was thrown from the crowd against the door of the Municipio, but it fell in the street. A fire occurred but it was immediately extinguished. As the demonstrators threatened, to force the door and enter the Office, the Police fired a few shots which dispersed the demonstrators, but injured two persons. Eight persons were detained. Investigations are in hand. Public order re-established.

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There have been no changes of Command in Naples during the month. Colonel MAURO is in command of Naples Legion CC.RR. and Dott. COGLITORE the Questura.

CC.RR. Mobile Squads still continue to work well and the scheme has been a great success. Brief particulars are as follows:-

TYPE OF OFFENCES DISCLOSED

Houses searched	1044
Persons searched	10608
Motor vehicles checked	3714
Persons arrested: committing crime	34
wanted	46
Persons detained for enquiries	202
Persons denounced	66

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ALLIED MATERIAL RECOVERED

Weapons	8
Cartridges for automatic pistol	50
Loaders	3
Tyres, tubes and rims	131
Clothing (items)	70
Petrol, kerosene and mineral oil (litrs)	2413
" " " (jerrycans)	16
Steel wire (meters)	850
Vehicle spare parts	8
Motor car bolts	200
Barbed wire (rolls)	30
Trucks	3
Bed spring	1
Rubber mattress	1
Coffee (tins)	10

ITALIAN MATERIAL RECOVERED AND PERSONS ARRESTED

Arrests for theft from Italian Military Admin.	12
Arrests for other offences	23
Contravention of rationing regulations	6
Firearms seized	42
Cartridges	150
Clothing (items)	33
Wheat (qls)	2
Flour (qls)	6,50
Flour (sack)	1
Iron sheets	84
Vehicle spare parts	7
Tyres for truck 625	4
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In Torre Annunziata, CASO Francesco was arrested for attempted homicide, he was abusively carrying firearms and dagger.

26 March at San Pietro a Patierno

3 wanted civilians and 3 deserters arrested.

27 March at Aversa

27 persons detained for enquiries.

28 March at Aversa

PEZZELLA Pietro arrested for possession of a loaded revolver and a knife.

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28 March at Qualiano

The house of AUTORINO Gennaro was searched, American tyre, tube, canvas truck cover, two loaders containing 8 cartridges were seized. Also items and weapons (Italian) were seized. Possessor arrested.

29 March at Torre Annunziata

SALVINI Antonio author of robbery was arrested. A pistol and 6 cartridges were seized from him.

30 March at Scafati

3 persons arrested responsible for robbery. An American musket, 3 loaders, 50 cartridges and 600 meters of American wire cable were seized.

In 'Bottaro' locality (Torre Annunziata), 11 Allied tyres were seized.

31 March at Albanova

Five persons arrested, all members of a criminal gang, responsible for armed robberies, extortions and thefts.

3 April at Torre Annunziata

9 Allied tyres were seized and possessors denounced.

4 April at Villa Literno

18 houses searched, musket, pistol with 7 cartridges seized, owners denounced for abusive possession of arms.

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At Aversa, 3 persons arrested for unlawful possession of an automatic American pistol and suspected authors of thefts.

8 April at Acerra

3 American inner tubes seized and possessors denounced.

10 April at Varcoaturo

1 musket and 6 complete loaders were seized. Possessor denounced.

11 April at Pagani

12 jerrycans containing lubricant oil, 14 of petrol and 3 barrels of nafta (Allied) were seized from the house of PPE Gerardo, who was arrested.

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One barrel of nafta, 5 jerrycans and 1 barrel containing petrol, all belonging to the Allies were seized from two civilians.

In Aversa Refugee Camp, during a search made by the local CC.RR. an automatic pistol and 17 daggers and knives were seized.

12 April at Villa Volturno

4 houses and 200 persons searched. A 'Beretta' pistol and a shotgun seized.

13 April at Scafati, Pagani, Pompei

2 loaded pistols, 2 Allied tyres, 1 inner tube and 2 rims seized.

14 April at Torre Annunziata

14 tyres, 6 inner tubes, 1 motor, 5 quilted blankets, 100 meters of telephone wire, and other items seized from IACCARINO Michele.

15 April in Acerra

20 rolls of barbed wire, 1 roll of zinc sheet and 1 roll of metallic wire were seized.

17 April at Sant'Antimo

Allied property seized and possessors arrested.

In Ischitella, American truck found abandoned without wheels.

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<u>Nature of Crime</u>	<u>Number of crimes committed</u>	<u>Number of persons arrested</u>
Homicide	8	10
Suicide	22	-
Robbery	37	82
Assault on Police	23	29
Assault indecent	4	4
Other assaults	52	26
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	111	113
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	18	18
Overcharging	34	34
Miscellaneous offences	81	81
Breaking and entering	77	38
Fraud	93	51
Other thefts	713	436

CATANZARO and COSENZA

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Suicide	- 1	- -
Robbery	8 8	6 5
Assault on Police	1 -	2 -
Assault indecent	- 1	- 1
Other assaults	- 13	- 13
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Overcharging	- -	- -
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Other assaults	-	13	-	13
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	-	4	-	-
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	3	434	3	434
Overcharging	-	-	-	-
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The following are particulars of incidents involving Military received from civilian and military sources :-

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An unidentified Allied soldier tried to stop a civilian car and rob the driver and the other persons who were in the car.

On 25 March in Trentola (Naples)

Two American soldiers travelling on a P.P.S. truck with an Italian woman stopped a civilian truck and alleging that the Allied tyres had no legal permit obtained from the owner of the truck 10,000 Lire.

On 31 March in Naples

Six British soldiers entered a bar which was 'out of bounds' asking for drinks. As the owner refused to give them anything one of the soldiers armed with a dagger broke the cash register and attempted to steal the money. Another one threatened the owner with a sharp instrument and then all 6 went away after having stolen 3 bottles of liquor.

On 2 April in Naples

Some British soldiers entered a 'bar' and for no apparent reason beat and injured the owner who was conveyed to the Hospital. They then threatened with arms some of the customers and broke everything they could lay their hands on. 7 of the a/m soldiers were identified by the Allied Police.

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On 14 April at Naples

3 British soldiers, two R.A.F. men and 2 men of the British Navy entered a bar and stole from the owner a gold watch and a fountain pen. They then hit him and his two bar tenders. The British Police intervened and arrested them.

On 15 April in Marcianise (Caserta)

An American coloured soldier on guard duty at the American Camp No. 338, fired three revolver shots against some children who were trying to enter the Camp. One of the boys was mortally wounded.

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POLISH AND YUGOSLAV CASESOn 20 March at Eboli

At 2200 hrs about 15 drunken Yugoslavs started firing several shots in the main street of Eboli. CC.RR. intervened.

On 8 April at Gerpinara

Three Polish soldiers of the local Polish Camp No. 5 stopped a Fiat truck and compelled the driver to get out and hand over to them his travel papers. Local CC.RR. and a Polish M.C.O. intervened and settled the matter without further incidents.

On 15 April at Eboli

The body of a Yugoslav woman was found in a sewer. It appears that the crime was due to political reasons.

On 17 April in Caracciolo (Benevento)

Four drunken Polish soldiers entered the house of an Italian civilian. A fight started between the soldiers and the civilian and one soldier was killed with a shot fired by the civilian.

On 19 April at Caserta

Five Yugoslavs attached to N.A.F. assaulted by stabbing an Italian for reasons unknown. Eventually one of the Yugoslav soldiers was wounded by shots fired by the Italian. Man arrested.

On 24 April at Eboli

A Yugoslav wounded by a shot fired by unknown persons later died in the Eboli Yugoslav Concentration Camp.

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After telephone calls to Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rome, I received details of the arrangements; apart from this no official instructions have yet been received.

I write at length on this subject with the object of disclosing the confusion that can be occasioned by lack of proper instructions from the Department concerned in Allied Commission. On matters such as these Public Safety Liaison Officers should be in a position to advise as to correct procedure and not gather their information through Italian sources.

Special M.P. (B) check post.

On 5 April at Battipaglia, Naples Area Provost made a road block which lasted for 24 hrs. The assistance of this Office was sought and 10 CC.RR. and 2 15 cwts of the CC.RR. Mobile Squads supplied. The object of the block was of a secret nature and need not be explained here. In the course of this particular work the following offences were discovered :-

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Being in possession of contraband and weapons -		8
" " Allied tyres without authority -		15
" " " vehicle tools -		3
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9. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

(a) Satisfactory. Cost of living and unemployment is naturally a cause for concern.

(b) Press.

Articles on the requisitioning and continued occupation of private residences by Allied troops and sarcastic comments on road accidents involving Allied vehicles are the chief items of news. 'LA VOCE' a Communist paper usually leads in topics anti-Allied, the substance of which is generally far removed from the facts.

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Much prominence is now given to the new President of U.N.R.R.A., Mr. LA GUARDIA and his various activities closely followed. The tone of the articles leaves one the impression that with the change, the prospect for the future is much brighter with regard to food problems.

10. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES

(a) General.

Apart from the clash between ex Russian POWs and Communists. Nil.

(b) Political.

The most important meeting of the month was held at the San Carlo Opera House on 14.4.1946, when Guglielmo GIANNINI addressed a full house on behalf of the "Uomo Qualunque" Party. He received 'great applause' at the conclusion and for that reason it must be considered a success. The substance of his speech, however, did not amount to very much and no fresh views were presented outside the usual run of Italian Politics.

Those held in Naples of a minor character are as

follows :-

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Still continue to average as the previous months, of which 50% concerned Allied vehicles which includes those driven by civilians, POW and Military drivers.

Total accidents for month :-

<u>Italian</u>	<u>Allied</u>
122	121

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The regulation and control of traffic is now an Italian responsibility.

13. FIREARMS

Without doubt far too many firearms are in the possession of civilians as can be seen from various seizures made following searches in houses by CC.M. and crimes of violence that are committed.

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14. FIRE

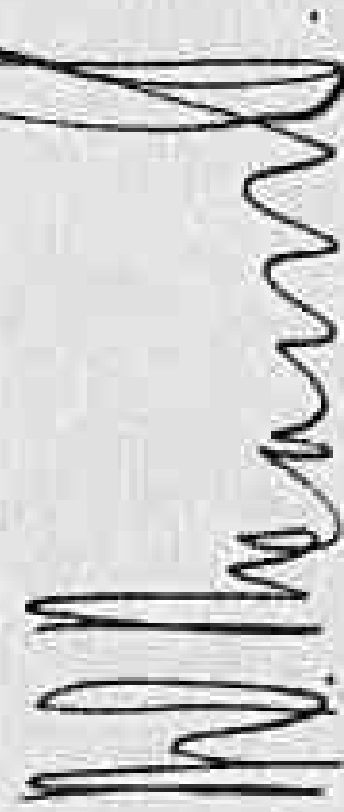
Nothing of importance to bring to notice.

15. PRISONS

Overcrowding the chief problem. The derequisitioning of the Reformatory of Nisida following action by Chief Liaison Officer, will help considerably.

16. STRENGTH

Major H. S. HARRIS (B) - P.S. Liaison Officer.



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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - MARCH 1946 -

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1. GENERAL

Conditions in this area can be summarised as satisfactory and generally showing a steady improvement.

Politically there has been little activity of note and the Communal elections have passed their initial stages without difficulty or disorder. In connection with the Communal elections a considerable area has been visited by the various officers attached to this Liaison Group. From personal observation and from information received, conditions throughout the various provinces during the elections have been absolutely calm. No disorders have occurred and the population as a whole, seem to regard the occasion as another 'festa'.

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Two changes of command of interest to Public Safety have occurred during the month:

(a) The new Questore of Naples Dott. COGLITORE assumed office on 3.3.46. Was previously in Milan. From first impressions he appears to be a 'live wire' and from information received is now re-organizing the Questura.

(b) Colonel MAURO CC.RR. assumed office on 20.3.46 and is in command of the Naples Legion. Has been a POW for sometime past and has just resumed service. An opinion cannot be expressed at this stage.

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Complaints are received from time to time from various Italian authorities respecting alleged dangerous position of Allied ammunition dumps. This is more pronounced since the Torre Annunziata disaster. The authorities have been informed that the remedy is in their own hands, and that is to see that the inhabitants do not interfere and steal therefrom. The various Police Agencies have also been instructed to pay particular attention to this organized larceny from dumps. Removal of these dumps is being carried out by the most expeditious means available and loading sites have been agreed between Italian Ministry and Allied authorities. Complaints, however, will undoubtedly continue, on the one hand, either because the dumps remain in the country, or on the other, if removed, because of the route by which they must be transported.

From my own observation in Naples and from reports received respecting various agitations by reduci, I am of the opinion that returning POW will give rise to some concern in this area. Their activities during the month consist of minor processions and demonstrations, deputations to the Prefect, etc. They have been quite orderly but with others returning weekly and adding to the unemployment, they may be an eventual cause for disorder. Brief details hereunder:

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The strength of CC.RR. for the Comune of Naples on 26th March 1946 is given hereunder which shows approximately 50% off strength for various reasons:-

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Strength		Absentees on leave, sick, with Allied Forces, etc.		Employed in Police Service	
Off.	N.C.Os	Men	Off.	N.C.Os	Men
60	377	929	31	187	443
				190	486

The CC.RR. Mobile Squads continue to operate in the Aversa, Nola, Torre Annunziata and Casoria areas with good results. The experiment here, with the full co-operation of No. 3 District, has been a success.

A list of the main items of interest and brief details of work by the Squads are shown hereunder:

TYPE OF OFFENCES DISCLOSED

Houses searched.....	525
Persons searched.....	4613
Motor vehicles checked.....	2761
Persons arrested:	
committing crime.....	70
wanted.....	33
Persons detained for enquiries.....	133
Persons denounced.....	85

ALLIED MATERIAL RECOVERED

Tyres and tubes.....	95
Petrol, nafta and mineral oil (ltrs).....	2490
" " " " (tins).....	137
Clothing (items).....	105
Cigarettes.....	7290
Sugar (sacks).....	47
Soup (pieces).....	6
Lard (tins).....	36
Telephone wire (meters).....	124
Cartridges.....	270
Mine gun-powder (kilos).....	100
Accumulators (batteries).....	5
(kilos).....	1

ALLIED MATERIAL, RECOVERED

ITALIAN MATERIAL RECOVERED AND PERSONS ARRESTED

DESERTERS AND WANTED PERSONS ARRESTED.....

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21 Feb. at S.Giovenni e Teduccio

Four civilians arrested for possession of Allied tyres.

23 Feb. at Pagani

3 wanted criminals arrested (Italians).

23 Feb. at Arzano

Four sacks of Allied sugar seized, possessor arrested.

23 Feb. at Grumo Nevano

Civilian arrested for possession of British, American, Italian and German tyres.

24 Feb. at Torre Annunziata

1 deserter and 1 wanted criminal arrested.

At Afragole, British items seized and possessor arrested.

25 Feb. at Nola

Five Italian wanted criminals arrested.

27 Feb. at Scafati

100 ltrs of Allied petrol recovered, abandoned by unidentified persons.

At Aversa, 2 Italian civilians arrested, suspected authors of homicide.

28 Feb. at Scafati

Civilian denounced for possessing Allied tyres and tubes.

1 March at Pozzuoli

One deserter arrested (Italian). Houses and persons searched in order to recover Allied property.

At Cancello Arnone civilian arrested and 43 sacks of Allied sugar seized.

2 March at Scafati

Civilian arrested for possessing 3 Allied tyres and 2 inner tubes.

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Dangerous escaped Italian criminal arrested.

9 March at Qualiano

Numerous houses were searched, various Allied and Italian items seized.

In Scafati 9 Allied tyres were seized, possessors arrested.

11 March at Pagani

One Allied wheel, five tins of mineral oil, three Allied jerry-cans and a small motor were found abandoned and seized.

12 March at Pagani

German POW arrested for complicity in swindling.

13 March at Pagani

After a violent fight 2 civilians responsible for attempted murder were arrested.

14 March at Afragola

A cave was searched and 12 car tyres were found and owner was arrested.

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In Giugliano 80 ltrs of Italian petrol, a German motor, an American rubber tyre and other items (Allied) were seized and possessor arrested.

15 March at Aversa

2 escaped German POWs arrested and handed to their camp Commandant.

At Aversa civilian arrested for possessing numerous British and American cigarettes.

At Torre Annunziata 3 Italian deserters arrested.

16 March at Aceria

17 tyres, 12 petrol jerrycans, 3 mineral oil cans, 1 dynamo etc. were seized, possessor arrested.

19 March at Albanova

3 civilians arrested found in possession of numerous weapons and ammunition.

21 March at Aversa

Criminal gang of train looters arrested.

2. CRIME

Crime figures for Naples and Campobasso for March and Avellino, Salerno, Catanzaro and Caserta for February (the latter received too late for insertion in last month's report) are hereunder:-

NAPLES and CAMPORASSO

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Other assaults	52	20	31	-
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Overcharging	75	-	76	-
Miscellaneous offences	196	8	197	3
Breaking and entering	97	20	15	12
Fraud	97	-	72	-
Other thefts	616	17	408	15

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CATANZARO, AVELLINO, CASERTA and SALERNO

Nature of Crime	Number of crimes committed		Number of persons arrested	
	Cat. Avell.	Cas. Sal.	Cat. Avell.	Cas. Sal.
Homicide	5	7	6	4
Suicide	1	1	2	-
Robbery	6	4	7	2
Assault on Police	3	-	1	2
Assault indecent	3	1	1	1
Other assaults	-	-	1	-
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	-	-	5	-
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	2	79	24	15
Overcharging	-	-	57	2
Miscellaneous offences	90	-	2	8
Breaking and entering	25	94	96	65
Fraud	1	4	1	5
Other thefts	150	-	53	220
			70	70
			-	25
			-	112

A few of the crimes of more importance follow:-

On 27.2.46 in Pietrascina (Benevento)

For jealousy reasons a farmer threw a hand grenade against a Polish soldier, injuring him. Responsible arrested.

On 6.3.46 in Paduli (Benevento)

10 unidentified persons robbed civilian of money and clothing.

On 7.3.46 in Pomigliano d'Arco

ESPOSITO Antonio ex POW entered the British air base and without apparent reason hit with a stick the Yugoslav sentry. The soldier fired and mortally injured ESPOSITO.

On 11.3.46 in Villa Literno (Caserta)

6 armed and masked persons assaulted and robbed 5 Polish soldiers.

On 14.3.46 at Seesa Aurunca

Civilians stole sacks of Allied flour from train in transit. 8 sacks recovered. Thieves escaped.

4. CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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ESPOSITO Antonio ex POW entered the British air base and without apparent reason hit with a stick the Yugoslav sentry. The soldier fired and mortally injured ESPOSITO.

On 11.3.46 in Villa Literno (Caserta)

6 armed and masked persons assaulted and robbed 5 Polish soldiers.

On 14.3.46 at Sessa Aurunca

Civilians stole sacks of Allied flour from train in transit.

8 sacks recovered. Thieves escaped.

4. CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

During the month there has been a considerable reduction of Allied personnel in Naples Area, a corresponding reduction in complaints against troops naturally follows.

It is noticeable that allegations of crime are made against supposed unidentified Allied troops solely because they were wearing Allied uniform. It would be a mistake to accept this always as authentic for so many of the male population are either dressed in American or British uniforms. This applies to practically all ex 1930 Prisoners of War and many other civilians besides.

Two British deserters named BOOKER and CAVIN, who had previously escaped from British custody, were responsible for crimes in this area, have now been re-arrested. They specialized in robbery and car thefts, and are suspected of one case of murder.

The conduct of troops generally is satisfactory.

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The following are some of the incidents, particulars of which have been received from both civilian and military sources:-

On 23.2.46 in Naples

Civilian was assaulted by two individuals wearing British uniform and robbed of 1000 lire and a metal wrist watch.

On 25.2.46 in Torre Annunziata

Allied coloured soldiers armed with sub-machine guns and pistols robbed civilian of a Fiat car. Car was found the following day without wheels, accumulator, front lights and circulating book.

On 27.2.46 in Frattamaggiore

Two unidentified coloured soldiers armed with pistols assaulted two civilians and robbed them of 45,000 lire.

On 1.3.46 in Pianura (Naples)

Civilian female was robbed at pistol point by an Allied drunken soldier who was arrested and handed to the American Police.

On 7.3.46 in Naples

Civilian female was injured by an American soldier after he had tried to rape her.

On 12.3.46 in Naples

Three coloured soldiers entered a taxi, near S. Pietro e Patierno at pistol point they robbed the driver and escaped in his taxi.

On 13.3.46 in Naples

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On 15.3.46 in Naples

Prof. Giandomenico MATTIOLI of the Naples University was robbed and killed by two British deserters. Responsibles arrested.

On 16.3.46 in Nocera Inferiore

A British soldier accidentally shot and injured Italian civilian.

On 18.3.46 in Casandrino (Naples)

An American soldier fired a shot and injured 3 passers-by.

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On 19.3.46 in Naples

Three Allied soldiers hired a taxi in order to go to Crispiano. On the road at pistol point they ordered to driver to get out and escaped in his taxi. 5 persons arrested, property recovered.

On 21.3.46 in Ottaviano (Naples)

Three Allied coloured soldiers, wearing M.P. arm-bands and three civilians armed with muskets, searched a private house and stole 45.000 lire.

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POLISH and YUGOSLAV CASES.On 2.3.46 at Cervinara

Three Polish soldiers admitted to 65 (Br) General Hospital from Polish Repatriation Camp. One soldier was suffering with stab wounds and the other two with scalp wounds. All three soldiers detained.

On 5.3.46 at Aboli

10 Yugoslavs entered a hostelry abusing the occupants. A fight ensued, a civilian was injured.

On 10.3.46 at Paolisi (Benevento)

One civilian, following a quarrel, was killed by 3 Polish soldiers. They were arrested by British Police and denounced to an Allied Court.

On 11.3.46 at Caserta

A Polish soldier admitted to 65 (Br) General Hospital with a stab wound in the shoulder. The soldier is at present unfit to make a statement.

On 19.3.46 at Aboli

A civilian was stabbed to death by Yugoslavs and robbed of 2000 Lire.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

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Bars and cafes are still "out of bounds" to troops by Prefect's decree excepting those approved by all Military Police Units here. This decree and subsequent action thereunder is directed through this Office.

7. SECURITY
(a) Sabotage. Mil.

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(b) War Criminals.

Trials for war crimes have taken place during the month at Afragola. The assistance of this Office was sought by No. 3 District to obtain certain documents for the defence. This was arranged satisfactorily.

8. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.On 3.3.46 in Naples

Following a disagreement concerning the increase in the price of bread the bakers went on strike. The following day the strike ceased.

On 2.3.46 in Naples

The Junior Judiciary Officials of the R. Pretura went on strike in order to obtain increases in wages. Strike ended on 14.3.46.

On 10.3.46 in Naples

The employees of the Gas Company went on strike asking for an increase of wages. An agreement was reached and strike ended on 19.3.46.

On 11.3.46 in Naples

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On 16.3.46 in Naples

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9. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE

(a) Generally speaking satisfactory. For those less fortunate in life the high cost of living and unemployment must be a matter of great concern.

As mentioned previously in this report, the return of ex POWs does not help the situation.

(b) PRESS

Press articles for the month have been mild compared with those appearing daily when I first arrived here in January. The daily allegations against the action of American Provost have ceased. The traffic control by Military has now been handed over which eases considerably another bone of contention. The chief

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item of interest contrary to Allied interest appears now to be the continued occupation of apartments etc. by Military, to the detriment of the civilian population. The arrival of wives has been given much prominence and has been the subject of articles. Although perhaps it is not within my scope to express any opinion on this subject, I am of the opinion that some of this continued requisitioning might well be described as somewhat of the "dog in the manger" principle, and a more reasonable attitude adopted.

10. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

(a) General. Nil.

(b) Political.

Political meetings mainly small of local character have been in Naples as follows :-

<u>Name of Party</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Communist Party	16
Socialist Party	5
Christian Democrat Party	5
Liberal Party	3
Republican Party	2
Miscellaneous	52
	<u>83</u>

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Accidents still continue high and average 52 per week, approximately 50% involving Allied vehicles, which includes those driven by German POWs and civilian employees.

13. FIREARMS.

No change from position last month, when the prohibition against shotguns was withdrawn in Naples and Avellino Provinces.

The following firearms were seized in the CC.MR. Naples Legion Territory:-

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Pistols of various type	22
Rifles " "	5
Sub-machine gun	1
Muskets	25
Bayonets	11
Hand grenades	7
Daggers	2
Cartridges	254

14. FIRE

No occurrence of fire of exceptional interest for the month.

The Brigades are still short of clothing, equipment, spare parts, etc.

15. PRISONS.

Overcrowding still the chief problem. Application was submitted for the return of the Scuola Agenti di Custodia di Portici for use as a temporary prison by Italian Ministry. Although No. 3 District were sympathetic they replied that as it was held as a British Courts Martial Holding Centre and the only one of its kind in Southern Italy it could not possibly be de-requisitioned at the moment.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
NAPLES

Ref: PS/8.3(a)

14011/19
13th March 1946
Tel: 53296

SUBJECT: Conduct of Yugo-Slavs at Eboli.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APC 394
(Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission). ✓

1. Reference is made to my report for the month of
February (Page 13 (15)) ✓

2. There is attached hereto a copy of a report
(No. 201/10-2 dated 12.3.46) received from CC.RR. Legion HQ,
Naples, which gives details of another serious incident at
Eboli in which Yugo-Slavs were involved. H/S

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	W/L	18/3
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	W/L	18/3
EXEC. OFFICER		
POWDER		
INC. & REQ.	W/L	18/3
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Report shown above.

W. S. Harris
Major,
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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI OF NAPLES
Eboli Company

File n. 42/77-1945

Eboli, 6 March 1946

SUBJECT: Public Order in Eboli (Salerno).

On March the 5th towards sunset, about ten Yugoslavs belonging to the near Concentration Camp, entered the hostelry of VIVONE Carmine located on Via G. Battista Vignoli n. 12 and started calling communists the people gathered in the premises.

To avoid incidents one of the customers, a man named RISTALLO Vito aged 22, labourer, produced the identity card of the Italian Demo-Christian Party, but the Yugoslavs, challengers as usual, got hold of the card and tore it up. A somewhat heated discussion followed and the Yugoslavs having left the hostelry started throwing stones at the Italians. LATRONICO Giovanni was hit on the forehead and slightly injured. The resentment of the Italian caused a fight during which RISTALLO was slightly wounded at the right hand. Thereafter the Yugoslavs backed roughly 150 yards and fired few pistol shots. Nobody was hit but the Yugoslavs threatened that for reprisals they would come back later in greater number.

To prevent further disturbances Carabinieri were ordered to police the town and about midnight the patrol dispersed about 30 Yugoslavs assembled in front of the hostelry.

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Same to the British Provost Marshal.

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IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
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PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
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Naples Liaison

Ref: PS/9.9.1

5 March 1946

Tel: 53296

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
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2. Investigations are being made to trace those responsible.

3. The Questore states that this is the first time that S.A.M. has operated in the Naples Area.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR	[Signature]	11/3
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	[Signature]	11/3
CHIEF OF STAFF	[Signature]	11/3
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Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
NAPLES

Ref: PS/6.7

2 March 1946
Tel: 53296

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - FEBRUARY 1946 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
(Director: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Conditions in this area, though still far from satisfactory, have shown an improvement during the month. In the political field there has been but little activity, and conduct of Allied Troops has improved. Cases of stealing Allied property are fewer but it must be remembered that material becomes scarcer each day and personnel, particularly American, is dwindling rapidly. The crime figures are still high but there is a slight improvement.

In spite of transportation difficulties visits have been made to Salerno, Avellino, Benevento and Caserta. General conditions and special problems were discussed with Questori and Carabinieri and any point of interest will be shown later on the report.

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The Carabinieri Mobile Squads operating in the Aversa, Nola, Torre Annunziata and Casoria areas are continuing to show good results and it is noticeable that they are being used more and more in outlying Communes to assist the local police to round up wanted criminals and break up dangerous gangs. An application to A.F.H.Q., through the D.P.M. 3 District, for a vehicle for the use of the Officer in Charge of the patrols has been successful and a light-utility AUSTIN truck has been released. The Officer will now be more able to visit and supervise his men at their stations and on their patrols.

A list of the main items of work performed, together with brief details of some of the actions in which they have been concerned, follows :-

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TYPE OF OFFENCE DISCLOSED

Houses searched.....	432
Persons searched.....	3828
Motor vehicle checked.....	2572
Persons arrested:	
Committing crime.....	95
Wanted.....	68
Persons detained for enquiry.....	201
Persons denounced.....	188

ALLIED MATERIAL RECOVERED

Tyres and tubes.....	134
Motor-cycles and side-car.....	3
Typewriters.....	1
Petrol, nafta and mineral oil (litres).....	5395
" " " " (tins).....	19
Clothing (items).....	142
Shoes (pairs).....	38
Soap (cases).....	61

ITALIAN MATERIAL RECOVERED AND PERSONS ARRESTED

Arrests for theft from Italian Military Admin...	26
Arrests for other offences.....	58
Contravention of ration regulations.....	26
Firearms seized.....	73
Tyres and tubes.....	35
Clothing (items).....	30
Iron (tons).....	2
Fuel (barrels).....	5
Foodstuffs (qls).....	1376,02
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29 Jan. at Cesa
 2 American and 1 Italian soldier arrested for stealing from civilians.

30 Jan. at Pozzuoli
 ESPOSITO Giuseppe arrested for possession of spare parts for motor vehicles, valued at 500,000 lire.

30 Jan. at Cancellò
 BARLETTA Nunziante and SANTACROCE Vincenzo arrested for receiving underwear and clothing valued at 500,000 lire.

30 Jan. at Aversa
 'Imperial' typewriter stolen from an Allied truck in transit recovered.

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30 Jan. at Grazzanise

Man arrested for possession of W.D. 'Morton' motor cycle alleged to have been purchased from 2 British soldiers.

30 Jan. at Castello di Nola

Five persons suspected of robbery and attempted murder of CANDIDA Teresa, arrested.

30 Jan. at Lauro di Nola

NUNZIATA Antonio and Francesco arrested for murder, attempted murder of CC.RR. personnel and for several robberies. In an endeavour to escape NUNZIATA Antonio threw a hand grenade at CC.RR. who replied with shots which wounded him in 3 places.

2 and 3 Feb. at Angri and San Valentino Torio

Eight members of a gang responsible for numerous crimes in the above places arrested.

4 Feb. at Mugnano

Eight persons strongly suspected of stealing 300,000 lire at Chialano arrested.

8 Feb. at Piazzolla di Nola

Patrols called to assist where a house had collapsed. One person killed and 3 others seriously injured.

8 Feb. at Torre Annunziata

70 Allied tyres recovered and the 4 men responsible for the theft, arrested.

9 Feb. at Afragola

8 clandestine prostitutes arrested;
23 unlicensed street pedlers denounced;
43 detained for enquiries. Released except four possessing Allied cigarettes and coffee.

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10 qls of pasta, 1 ql of rice, 5.9 qls of wheat and 25.84 qls of bran, seized. Possessors denounced.

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- 12 Feb. at Pizzolla di Nola
Two men arrested, both in possession of pistols, for attempting to steal Allied shells. A motor truck-trailer and a donkey cart loaded with the shells were seized. 1913
- 12 Feb. at Afragola
19 clandestine prostitutes arrested.
- 13 Feb. at San Giuseppe Vesuviano
AMMATURO Vincenzo arrested for possession of a hand grenade.

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13 Feb. Naples-Avellino Road

ESPOSITO Luigi arrested for possession of a pistol, 47 kg of pasta and 8,39 qls of wheat.

15 Feb. at Frattamaggiore

OREFICE Vincenzo, a dangerous criminal, wanted for numerous crimes, arrested. Five other criminals wanted for various crimes also arrested.

16 Feb. at San Lorenzo di Angri

CAMPITELLI Bernardo arrested for numerous robberies and murder.

20 Feb. at Cancellor Arnone

SCALZONE Armando arrested for possessing 10 American blankets, flying suit, 2 pairs boots, 3 pairs trousers, 2,500 kg of coffee, 3 motor tubes, case of non-rust varnish and 40 ltrs of petrol.

Three men arrested for stealing 1,000 kg of timber and 2,000 kg of iron.

21 Feb. at Scafati

AMBROSIO Domenico and Giuseppe, and IAQUINANTI Teresa arrested for being concerned with AMBROSIO Antonio (still wanted) for attempted murder.

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The Police Forces, nevertheless, appear to be prepared to shoulder their responsibilities and perform their duties in the manner expected of them. This is particularly evident in Naples where the change-over has been most recent.

During the month Questore of Naples BROCCOLI has been removed from office and will be replaced by Dr. COGLITORE, who was formerly at Milan. The new Questore has not yet arrived. My period of stay in Naples has been too brief to properly assess the qualifications of the former, but it can be said that he has co-operated fully with this and the Military HQs. The local Press was not much affected by the change and confined itself to a brief account of the career of the new man.

Lt. Colonel MEOLI, Commanding Officer of Naples Legion of Carabinieri has also been transferred and he will be replaced by Colonel MAURO who has not yet arrived. Lt. Colonel CAMA

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deputies.

Lt. Colonel MEGLI has done excellent work and he has always collaborated to the full with A.M.G.

It is interesting that both of the displaced men have hinted that their transfers are the result of Communist pressure and the inference is that they have been anti and not pro in their attitude.

3. CRIME

(a) Crime figures for Naples for December, January and February, and Campobasso and Reggio Calabria for the month of February as supplied by the Questori are as follows :-

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Nature of Crime	Number of Crimes committed		Number of Persons arrested	
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.
Homicide	3	1	1	2
Suicide	4	17	18	-
Robbery	14	19	23	12
Assault on Police	26	22	24	22
Assault indecent	2	3	5	3
Other assaults	30	25	38	21
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	260	279	157	270
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	207	63	88	187
Overcharging	200	172	147	200
Miscellaneous offences	271	180	303	266
Breaking & entering	75	129	88	45
Fraud	85	51	70	41
Forgery AM currency	10	5	6	8
Other thefts	641	799	614	372
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CAMPOBASSO and REGGIO CALABRIA

Nature of Crime	Number of Crime committed		Number of Persons arrested	
	H. Calabria	Campobasso	H. Calabria	Campobasso
Homicide	11	2	6	1
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Robbery	17	1	9	-
Assault on Police	5	1	3	1
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Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	790	30	336	41
Overcharging	1	3	1	3
Miscellaneous offences	5	9	1	11
Breaking & entering	31	12	9	10
Fraud	7	-	7	1
Other thefts	102	22	35	21

The suicide figures for Naples appeared high and on

checking it transpires that economic conditions is the main cause whilst most of the others are due to disappointment in love or health reasons.

A few of the cases of crime reported are as follows :-

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30 Jan. at Siciignano Alburni (Salerno)

CC.RR. seized Allied truck illegally sold by unidentified Allied soldiers. FANTINI Michele arrested whilst dismantling the vehicle.

30 Jan. at Casavatore

CC.RR. seized a truck loaded with 50 cases of cigarettes and arrested two German POWs travelling on the truck. The POWs were employed transporting cigarettes.

4 Feb. at Naples

British M.Ps, Finance Guards and CC.RR. on patrol duty were fired upon by unknown persons. CC.RR. replied and one civilian was killed, who has not yet been identified.

5 Feb. at San Valentino Torio

CC.RR. seized a truck which was in the possession of criminals, who escaped on seeing the CC.RR.

6 Feb. at Maddaloni Inferiore

CC.RR. arrested 7 civilians responsible for the theft of 2 bales of Allied tents stolen from a train.

7 Feb. at Gricignano di Aversa

CC.RR. seized 300 kg of sugar and arrested 8 civilians for receiving the stolen goods. Later in Atella CC.RR. seized two tents and 4 cubic meters of wood.

8 Feb. at Naples

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30 Jan. at Castello di Palma Campania

Directed by Carabinieri.
Eleven men wanted for crimes or found in possession of fire-arms, arrested.

30 Jan. at Naples

Directed by Carabinieri.
Eleven men arrested for larceny of 77 cases of margarine. 1916

15 Feb. at Aversa

Directed by Military Police (P.B.S.) 120 M.Ps and 110 CC.RR. Houses searched and a small amount of Allied property recovered.

21 Feb. at Grottaminarda

Directed by Carabinieri and Questore.
After a fight lasting 5 hours two wanted criminals, 1 Italian Army deserter and 1 possessor of firearms arrested. Two other wanted escaped, but are believed to be wounded.

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23 Feb. at Bagnoli

Directed by Military Police (PBS)

100 M.P.s and 110 CC.RR.

Action and result much the same as in above cases. The catch, however, included 1 American deserter and 11 prostitutes.

Following the raids at S. Marco di Santa Maria a Vico and Aversa we have received complaints of the manner in which the Military Police conducted themselves. That they entered unattended houses, abused and assaulted civilians and removed without right or authority money, jewellery, etc. From the first place fourteen statements from persons who had lost property were received, together with reports on the two incidents from Carabinieri which supported the allegations.

The correspondence was passed to Provost Marshal, P.B.S. (South). Carabinieri were very much upset as they rightly felt that were losing prestige by being involved and they were reluctant to assist in further raids. About February 20th, Provost Marshal, P.B.S. applied for Carabinieri for the raid on Bagnoli, which was timed for 23rd and in view of the feelings of Carabinieri I considered it necessary to discuss the matter with the Provost. With Captain WILSON I saw Captain BOALS of 803 Provost Company, who was responsible for the raids. He had not received our reports but we had taken the file and this he perused. Apparently the complaints had reached him from other sources, as he stated he had made arrangements to investigate and suitable action would follow if substantiated. He stated that he had also made special arrangements for the forthcoming raid at Bagnoli which he hoped would prove or disprove conclusively whether or not members of his Company were dishonest. Later I explained to the Commanding Officer of the Carabinieri that the complaint was being investigated and that special steps were being taken for future operations and arrangements were made for men to be available at Bagnoli.

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The general public resent these raids and adverse comment has appeared in the Press on several occasions.

The Mobile Squads in Naples Area are getting better results and these raids would be more successful if left entirely to them. The Military Police would be better employed in preventing the stealing of Allied materials and detecting the soldiers responsible for the leakages.

Capt. BOALS states that he will continue with these raids as ordered by higher level.

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4. (a) CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

With the reduction of Allied Troops in the area there has been a corresponding reduction in the number of incidents.

The most serious occurred at Naples on 22nd February, when French soldiers abused a crippled boy near their Mess at Piazza Trieste a Trento. Italian civilians and sailors resented this and a fight started in which firearms were used by the French. They then took shelter in the Mess and continued shooting through the windows, but were driven out by the Italian sailors who stormed the building. The French flag was torn down and thrown into the street.

British and American Military Police, Italian Navy Patrols and Public Safety Agents intervened and normal conditions eventually restored.

One male civilian was removed to Hospital suffering from a serious wound in the stomach. He died soon after admission. Two Italian sailors were also wounded and four civilians received slight injuries.

It is understood that several French soldiers are under arrest and that enquiry is being made by F.S.S.

The following are some of the other incidents which have come to notice :-

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On 3 Feb. at Torre Annunziata, civilian worker of the British Depot 'Equipment Warehouse' was injured by a shot fired accidentally by a British soldier.

On 3 Feb. at Casoria (Naples) Two British soldiers, wearing M.P. armband robbed two civilians of a small truck.

On 3 Feb. at Cercola, British soldiers attempted to take money from an employee of the Circumvesuviana Station.

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- On 4 Feb. at Marano, two unidentified British soldiers robbed a civilian of his wrist-watch, fountain-pen, cigarette-lighter and 542 lire.
- On 5 Feb. at Fuorigrotta, civilian was fired at by a coloured sentry, without apparent reason.
- On 9 Feb. at Casalnuovo (Naples) civilian was injured with a shot fired by a Polish sentry on duty at the 416 Polish Camp, without apparent reason.
- On 10 Feb. at Naples, civilian female was injured with a shot fired by British soldiers (unidentified) on escort duty on a train.
- On 12 Feb. at Rotondi, 5 drunken Polish soldiers assaulted the bar of a civilian and fired a few shots, injuring a civilian.
- On 12 Feb. at Cervinara, 4 drunken Polish soldiers, broke into the house of a civilian, damaging the furniture.
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5. VENEREAL DISEASE.

In Naples the fight against V.D. continues and figures supplied by Questore show that :-

208 Clandestine prostitutes were arrested (108 infected

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and detained for treatment)

20 pimps arrested

19 unlicensed brothels raided

1511 infected women in hospitals.

In A.M.G. days the hospitals for treatment of V.D. were supplied with drugs and medicines obtained from Army sources. Now UNRRA are carrying on but they are deficient in supplies and to remedy this they are endeavouring to secure Army Medical Service interest and assistance. The hospitals are overcrowded and infected women are being discharged too soon to ensure that they are

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completely cured. Without ample hospital accommodation, an adequate supply of medicines and drugs and guaranteed treatment there is little hope of lowering the V.D. numbers.

The worst type of infected women and the most difficult to detect are those who enter the towns from outlying areas and remain for short periods.

6. RELATIONS WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES

Continue to be excellent.

The British Naval Provost Marshal is no longer operating.

7. SECURITY

(a) Seizure.

There have been a few cases of telephone cable cutting in this area and though the act constitutes sabotage it is more likely that possession of the metal is the primary consideration.

Carabinieri have been specially requested to give this matter their special attention and cases brought to our notice are forwarded to them for special investigation.

One man has been arrested for this offence at Ponte Savuto near Cosenza.

(b) War Criminals.

On 16 February 1946, Maresciallo of Italy Rodolfo GRAZIANI, transferred from British to Italian custody, arrived in Naples on route for Procida. Transfer completed without incident.

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This was brought to the notice of the Prefect and action requested.

(b) PRESS

The Press has been somewhat better behaved this month. A few articles have appeared on the activities of the Military Police and there has been at least one on the further requisitioning of

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premises to accommodate the families of British soldiers.
The others were of no great importance.

9. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES

(a) Prisoners of War.

Only one incident involving returned prisoners of war has been reported and this was at Naples on 22.2.46 when about 500 attempted to enter the Regional Labour Office to demonstrate on their being unemployed. Police intervened and the demonstration ended without further incident.

On 5.2.46 175 Italian workers at the 300 General Hospital, Naples, were dismissed and German POWs substituted. The dismissed workers were naturally very perturbed but no incidents have occurred.

On 29.1.46, R.A.F. laid off 300 workmen, employed in the A.V.I.S. work-shops following an outbreak of small-pox. The men did not demonstrate but prevailed upon the Sindaco to request re-employment. Subsequent to his intervention it was decided that all the men would be vaccinated and permitted to start work 15 days after.

(b) POLITICAL

Political meetings, mainly small and of local character, have been held in Naples as follows :-

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Italian Labourers Christian Association	4
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Communist Party	10
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Front of the Man of the Street	2
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At Reggio Calabria 14 political meetings were held. The Christian Democrats are most powerful in this area. The most important political event was the visit by the Minister of the Interior ROMITA on 2nd February. On arrival he visited President of National Liberation Council LOMBARDI and remained with him for about one hour. He then proceeded to Torre Annunziata and there presided over a meeting of the local authorities. The conditions resulting from the explosion, the action being taken and to be taken, to assist the poor and homeless were discussed. Later he addressed the public and called upon them to remain calm in spite of the disaster and to await patiently the start of building projects which would provide them with work.

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He also visited the damaged area and then proceeded to Sorrento where he spent the night.

Next morning he proceeded to Poggiomarino and took part in the inauguration ceremony on some new fountains. Here he also addressed the population. He promised them the re-birth of Italy by the efforts of the hand and mind workers. At 10-15 am. he arrived at Sarno where Alberto CIANCA spoke in praise of the Martyr Giovanni AMENDOLA who died in the fight for freedom and for his opposition to Fascism. ROMITA spoke and united himself with the words of CIANCA. He added that if Italy could pardon the Fascists of good faith who were such until 27th July, 1943, and if she could punish the Fascists who collaborated with the Germans subsequent to this date and thus completely ruined Italy, then she must be inexorable towards the neo-Fascists who stifle reconstruction and the affirmation of Democratic freedom. He continued that if the Allies are sometimes doubtful about the Italians it is due to the fact that they are worried that Fascism has not been completely destroyed. He affirmed the necessity of the ideological struggle of the various parties but that their aim should be the general re-birth and prosperity of Italy and this achieved without the use of violence or disorder.

He returned to Naples and lunched with the Colonel in charge (B) at the Port. After a visit to the Prefettura he returned to Rome.

The visit does not appear to have any particular significance and there were no untoward incidents.

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These continue to operate but are too numerous to be important. The persons responsible for their formation are merely little men who thirst for a position of authority and might be compared to the barnyard rooster who from his place on the manure pile is monarch of all he surveys and indicates this by crowing proudly and defiantly.

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Serious street accidents in Naples are gradually becoming fewer but still average 60 per week and, unfortunately, 50% are caused by or involve military vehicles. Civilian and Prisoner of War drivers are often involved.

The tram service to Vomero, Naples, which had been forbidden for reasons of safety, has now resumed. Special precautions have been taken to prevent accidents and these, so far, have been successful.

The Questore of Naples has decided that the various one-way traffic systems which were put into operations shall continue.

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12. FIREARMS

The prohibition to the issue of permits for firearms which has operated in parts of Naples and Avellino Provinces has been withdrawn. Permits will, however, only be issued for shot-guns and then to persons of good repute.

13. FIRE

The outbreaks of fire have been about the average number and none serious.

Bomb-weakened buildings continue to collapse, sometimes with people being killed or injured, and the Fire Brigades are kept busy with these incidents.

The Brigades are still short of clothing, equipment, etc.

14. PRISONS

Conditions remain unaltered with overcrowding the main problem.

15. CONDITIONS BROUGHT TO NOTICE ON VISITS

The Questore of Salerno stated that the Yugo-Slavs at Eboli were causing a great deal of trouble in that area.

In support of this complaint there follows brief details of incidents which have been officially reported :-

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On 7 Feb. at level crossing Eboli-Battipaglia-Salerno

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On 15 Feb. at Battipaglia

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PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
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1 February 1946
Tel: 53296

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - JANUARY 1946 -

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
(Attn: Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. The Naples Liaison Group is concerned with the Provinces of Naples, Caserta, Avellino, Benevento, Salerno, Campobasso, Cosenza, Catanzaro, Reggio Calabria and this report should present a comprehensive picture of the whole of this extensive area. So far, however, time and transport have only permitted a brief visit to Campobasso and conditions in and around Naples must, therefore, provide the bulk of the material of the report.

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The disaster at Torre Annunziata required the services of every available man and the patrols had to be temporarily curtailed and though it is difficult to assess their usefulness or value at this early stage the following list of work done is interesting and shows they are moving in the right direction.

Prevention and detection of crime.

Period
15/17 Jan. W.E. 24 Jan.

(a) Houses searched	803	29
(b) Persons "	273	978
(c) Motorcars "	5	656
(d) Persons arrested committing crime	2	15
(e) Wanted persons arrested	23	39
(f) Persons held for enquiries		57

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<u>Allied Material recovered.</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>W.E. 24 Jan.</u>
Coal		5 qts
Tins of Coffee		2
" " Alcohol		2
" " Petrol		2
" " Lubricating Oil		2
" " Grease		2
Pairs of Shoes	1	6
" " Trousers	1	
Boxes of matches		450
Inner tubes		3
Tyres		2
Box of R.A.F. paper		1
Rifle ammunition (Rounds)		95
Persons arrested and detained		8
<u>OTHER ARRESTS, for theft of Italian Army Property.</u>	1	
Other crimes	2	7
Rationing Offences	2	4
Deserters, etc.		39
<u>Firearms seized.</u>		
Long	2	11
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- 24 Jan. - In the vicinity of Pagani (Salerno) 3 unknown individuals with a rope tied to a cart tried to bar the way in order to rob the trucks passing by. On the arrival of the truck with the Carabinieri an armed fight was started but the criminals succeeded in escaping in the darkness. In the field nearby was found a "MAUSER" pistol loaded with three shots. It seems one of the criminals had been injured.
- 24 Jan. - In S. Rocco di Pagani (Salerno), a patrol of CC.RR., searching the area arrested the criminals VITIELLO Gaetano and IZZO Antonio, from Torre del Greco, and seized a bag containing woollen clothes valued at 25,000 Lire, which had been stolen that same night from ROSALIA Salvatore while he was waiting at the Railway platform of Pagani.

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NOLA AREA

20 Jan. - After careful investigations, the Carabinieri patrol, in Piazzolla di Nola, started a hard armed fight against criminal ALFIERI Umberto one of the members of 'LA MARCA' gang who escaped from Regina Coeli Prison in Rome. ALFIERI was seriously injured by many shots fired by the Carabinieri with their machine guns and was captured.

CASORIA AREA

- 21 Jan. - In Casoria (Naples) a patrol of Carabinieri, at about 0200 hours entered the bar of CASILLO G. Battista and arrested two wanted persons, besides they seized two loaded pistols, a knife and two cans of Allied coffee.
- 22 Jan. - The Mobile Patrol of Carabinieri, in Casoria (Naples) searched the house of ROCCO Giuseppe and seized two jerrycans containing petrol, two jerrycans containing lubricating oil, two tyres and three inner tubes. ROCCO has not yet been arrested.
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- 24 Jan. - The Mobile Patrol of Carabinieri in Aversa, seized 65 Kg of pasta and arrested MOTTI Alberto who was wanted for crime.

(b) Examination of Carabinieri strength figures reveals that too many men are engaged with Allied Units on work which is in no way connected with normal Police duty.

For instance there are about 180 men employed in the Naples Port Area and most of them on routine guard duty. This matter has been brought to the notice of P.B.S. (Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission) and it is hoped that these men or the greatest part of them will be released to resume their proper duty.

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In addition a further 180 are at Capodichino airport and it appears that they are also performing guard duties. This matter is also pursued.

(c) The release of these men would naturally ease the present strain on police resources and thereby place them in a better position to combat crime.

3. CRIME.

(a) It will be seen from the following figures that the high rate of crime in the Naples Area continues. The figures for the month of December are reproduced for the purpose of comparison.

Nature of Crime	Number of Crimes committed		Number of Persons arrested	
	Dec'r	Jan'y	Dec'r	Jan'y
Homicide	3	1	2	-
Suicide	4	17	-	-
Robbery	14	19	12	5
Assault on police	26	22	31	22
Assault indecent	2	3	2	3
Other assaults	30	25	34	21
Theft or illegal dealing in Allied property	260	279	270	283
Theft or illegal dealing in rationed commodities	207	63	187	58
Overcharging	200	172	200	173
Miscellaneous (black market, etc.)	271	180	266	183
Breaking and entering	75	129	45	4
Fraud	85	51	41	53
Forgery AM currency	10	5	8	1
Other thefts	641	799	372	394
Prostitutes	257	164	185	87
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During the month Carabinieri have seized the following firearms, etc.:

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Muskets	7	
Rifles	4	
Revolvers	7	
Shotguns	1	
Hand grenades	180	
Bayonets	106	
Daggers	12	
Knives	6	
Sword-sticks	1	
Flares	2	
Fuses	3	
Explosives (Packets)	169	

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Cartridges
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4. (a) CONDUCT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

The improvement in the conduct of Allied Military Personnel has been maintained but there are still far too many incidents which, in addition, to the bad reflection on the Allied Forces, result in criticism from the Italians through the medium of the Press and otherwise.

Some of the incidents brought to notice are as follows :-

- 27 Dec. - Naples. Civilian robbed of his watch with chain, pocket book, containing personal papers and 600 lire and a British flashlight by 3 Allied coloured soldiers.
- 30 Dec. - In "Cimitero" Commune of Cardito (Naples) a Vice Brigadiere of the R. Questura Naples, and a civilian were respectively robbed of 1300 Lire and 860 Lire by 5 American coloured soldiers armed with pistols.
- 1 Jan. - In Naples, a girl was killed with a shot fired by an American soldier while she was standing on the balcony looking at the fireworks.
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- 21 Jan. - On 12.1.46 in Bellene, Commune of Villa Volturno (Caserta) two drunken Polish soldiers started a fight with some civilians. Many shots were fired without consequences. 1203
One of the soldiers was robbed of his pocket book and the other one of a pistol. The stolen property has been recovered but it has not yet been possible to arrest the civilians responsible for the theft.

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- 23 Jan. - On 6.1.1946 in Naples, a fight took place between some Italian civilians and two Allied coloured soldiers for unknown reasons. The P.S. Agents of San Giovanni a Carbonara Station intervened to stop the fight and one of them fired a shot which injured a civilian passing by. The coloured soldiers were arrested by the P.S. Agents and handed to the Military Police which had arrived on the spot.
- 25 Jan. - On 24.1.1946 in Via Pazzigno di Vigliena (Naples) five American soldiers (4 coloured and 1 white) entered the house of a civilian under the pretext of searching it and stole some valuables and clothing. The owner of the house started to shout asking for help. 3 CC.RR. intervened and a fight took place. Many shots were fired without consequences, but the three robbers succeeded in escaping abandoning the clothing they had previously stolen.
- 26 Jan. - On 25.1.46 in Castellammare di Stabia 3 unidentified drunken British soldiers, seriously injured with a firearm a Finance Guard who was on escort duty to some wheat on behalf of the Consorzio Agrario.
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The Military and Civil Police continue their drive against

V.D. The numbers arrested etc. are as follows :-

Closed unauthorized brothels	6
Prostitutes arrested and denounced	59
Women visited and found infected	692
Women detained in hospital	1071.

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6. RELATION WITH MILITARY POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES.

The relationship remains excellent and attendance continues at Provost CONFERENCES which are held one a fortnight at the H.Q. of each Military Police organization in turn.

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7. SECURITY(a) Sabotage.

No cases have come to notice.

8. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

5 Jan. - The workers of the S.A. Fabbrica Fiammiferi ed Affini (Match factory) in Naples, went on strike for a few minutes, because the working prize had not been paid.

10 Jan. - The employees of the Neapolitan Gas Company went on strike for a protest against the failed increase of wages. Work recommenced next day.

17 Jan. - The employees of the San Carlo Opera House went on strike because the Christmas gratuity had not been paid to them. Work recommenced on the 18th.

9. OTHER CIVIL DISTURBANCES.Prisoners of War.

Returned Prisoners of War have demonstrated as shown

below :-

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It was obvious that a large number of the demonstrators on the 10th were very young, and of the number arrested several were found to have criminal records.

Obviously any sort of demonstration is a heaven sent opportunity for action by criminals and hooligans, and that they have much to do starting the demonstrations is too apparent to be untrue.

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10. STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE.
 (a) The disastrous explosion at Torre Annunziata on 21st January 1946, has already been reported.

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Allied Military Authorities, UNRRA, etc., speedily provided relief and assistance but the apathy of the Italian Officials and the indifference of the people to organize and help themselves was painfully obvious and so completely typical. UNRRA, for example, provided 1500 blankets to the Sindaco for distribution. Two days later it was found that the distribution had not even started. Soap was also provided but this found its way into the black market within a few hours. Presumably it was considered more important as a means of barter than ensuring cleanliness. Tents were taken during the night and hauled over the sea wall and the beach to awaiting row-boats. One might well ask what is the use of trying to help such people.

The latest casualty return gives the number of dead as 42, injured about 300 and homeless 11,000.

Some days after the explosion a number of Army trucks loaded with explosives and manned by German POWs arrived in the town. Presumably the trucks were on route for the Port Area for unloading. A crowd of civilians armed with sticks soon collected and threatened the truck crews with violence if they continued. The trucks were turned round and as far as is known the use of this particular route has been discontinued.

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Articles have also appeared on the activities of the American Military Police and, considering that their actions, due to inexperience and lack of training, were somewhat highhanded, they might be accepted as justified.

(c) POLITICAL.

There has been no noticeable political activity during the month.

The Prime Minister DE GASPERI arrived in Naples on the afternoon of Saturday 26 January and left on the following Monday. During his stay he spoke at the San Carlo Opera House and visited Torre Annunziata.

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After the speech at the Opera House a small group of young men of the Monarchic Party carrying banners and posters in favour of the House of Savoia demonstrated. They were opposed by members of the Left parties and some blows were exchanged. Police intervened promptly and the disturbance ended. No other incidents occurred.

(d) PATRIOTIC BODIES.

The formation of many alleged patriotic organizations has already been reported. Their activities are being closely watched by the Police and the Headquarters of one of them was closed as it was being run as an unlicensed dance hall and club, with a membership comprising mainly of criminals and prostitutes. This will possibly happen to a few more or they will just fade from the picture.

11. OTHER MAJOR INCIDENTS.

(a) On Sunday, 27th January, a football match was being played at the Vomero Stadium between Naples and Bari.

Apparently Naples scored a goal with the result that the local supporters went wild with enthusiasm. Their jumping with joy, however, was too much for the protecting barrier of a part of the stand and about 70 feet broke away throwing a large number onto the spectators on the ground level. Some 114 persons were injured but only 12 required detention in Hospital. It is not thought that Allied personnel were among the injured.

(b) On 28th January, 1946, there was a collision of two trains on the Circumvesuviana Railway near Gianturo Station. As usual there were nearly as many passengers on the outside as inside, and though details of the cause of the collision are unknown at present it is reported that 11 persons were killed and 12 injured.

12. FIRE

Hereunder figures of the Fire Brigade strength :-

Officers	13
M.C.Os	89
Firemen	628.

The efficiency of the Corps is good. The equipment leaves much to be desired. Clothing, boots and spare parts are badly needed.

(c) On 26 January, a fire started in the wood depot and

Apparently Naples scored a goal. The local supporters went wild with enthusiasm. Their jumping with joy, however, was too much for the protecting barrier of a part of the stand and about 70 feet broke away throwing a large number onto the spectators on the ground level. Some 114 persons were injured but only 12 required detention in Hospital. It is not thought that Allied personnel were among the injured.

(b) On 28th January, 1946, there was a collision of two trains on the Circumvesuviana Railway near Gianturco Station. As usual there were nearly as many passengers on the outside as inside, and though details of the cause of the collision are unknown at present it is reported that 11 persons were killed and 12 injured.

12. FIRE

Hereunder figures of the Fire Brigade strength :-

Officers	13
M.C.Os	89
Firemen	628.

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(a) On 26 January, a fire started in the wood depot and workshop of the SAGAR Society. Machinery, wood and material, amounting to several million lire were destroyed. No casualties. Investigations are in hand to ascertain the causes. Also Allied Fire Brigade intervened.

13. PRISONS.

No special incident brought to notice but the overcrowding of Prisons remains a major problem.

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14. STRENGTH.

The following Public Safety Officers are at present assigned or attached to Naples :-

Major H.S. HARRIS (B) - Assigned from 20.1.1946
Capt. W.L. WILSON (B) - " " 7.1.1946
Major A.C. SAUNDERS (B) - Attached - Awaits posting
Capt. S. BEAN (B) - " "



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