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FORGING & UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY
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FORGING AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.

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CURRENCY.

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1A	11/11/43	TRCAO	Forging Altering of AM currency
2A	19/11/43	From C.F.O	" " " "
3A	21/11/43	311.5	Security Officer's Receipt 1 piece Note - AMG currency
4A	22/11/43	14044/PS	To R.C.A. by 1-2-3. Forging Altering of Allied Military currency
5A	24/11/43	14044/PS	To Col. Henry H. Brown. Re false forged currency.
Forged 6A Key I { 19/11/43 CEY/13 St. C.A.P.O. in Dist. Referring to chain 107			
7A-B	26/11/43	From C.F.O. by 1-3	Counterfeit Money
8A	29/11/43	RPS 000.5	no Memoranda 17. Forging Altering of A.M. currency
9A	8 Jan 44	RPS 000.5/CR	Report (attaching specimens) on currency
10A	29 Jan 44	14044/PS	Region I forgery. Forging & Altering Report (remains)
11A	29 Jan 44	14044/PS	To Chief Finance Subcom. for Forged Military currency
12A	31 Jan 44	13002/F	From Finance Subcom. - request Region I report.
13A	28 Jan 44	RPS 000.5	Region I Forged USA dollar note. N1063624A.
14A	7 Feb 44	5-6826	From Reg I A11346587A Forged note requested R.I.
15A	9 Feb	14044/PS	To Finance Forged AM currency - request for note
16A	10 Feb	14044/PS	To R.C.A.P.O.s. Reg II and Reg III Forging & Altering of AM currency
17A	10 Feb	13002/F	From Finance re forged note A11346587A.
18A	14 Feb 44	13002/F	From Finance Forged Allied Military currency.
19A	15 Feb 44	P/29.	Reg. II - No cases reported month Jan 44 - forging AM currency.
20A	20 Feb 44	AS/7-9	Reg III - Report. Jan 44 from Reg. II re forging AM currency
21A	22 Feb 44	14044/PS	Finance Subcom Forging & Altering Allied AM currency
22A/B	21/2/44	000.5	From Region I Forging & Altering, repress Region I
23A	28/2/44	13002/F	ACC, Econ Section Forging & Altering of Allied AM currency

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Compare the following:

<u>One person</u>	<u>More than one</u>
kwe-sto si-NYO-re	kwe-sti si-NYO-ri
kwe-sta si-NYO-ra	kwe-ste si-NYO-re
a-mi-ko VÒ-atro	a-mi-či VÒ-stri

Now observe and study carefully the following:

FI-lyi	sons or children
FI-lye	daughters
a-MI-či	friends (boys or men)
a-MI-ke	friends (girls or women)
si-NYO-ri	gentlemen
si-NYO-re	ladies

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In the Basic Sentences you have heard words such as u-na a-MI-ko, and u-na FI-lye, preceded by the little word un or u-na. This little word corresponds to the English a (an before a vowel), but, unlike the English, it has more than one form, and you must be careful to learn whether the noun takes un or u-na. Italian nouns are divided into two groups, masculine and feminine. It is easy enough to see why male persons or animals should be masculine and female persons or animals should be feminine, but it is not so easy to see why mirror should be masculine and necktie feminine. Don't worry about that. Italian is very considerate and tells you frequently in some other way whether the noun is masculine or feminine. For example, a word ending in o is generally masculine; one ending in a is generally feminine. The word which is preceded by un is generally masculine; the word preceded by u-na is always feminine.

Reg I.

From occupation 6 3/13/43 9^a refers.

60 Cases. Rec 24^a for

Complete analysis.

1 Case: ~~Forged~~ American Currency 13^a

Jan	11 Cases	27 ^a .
Feb	Report 2/13/44 13 Cases	37 ^a .
March		58 ^a

Reg II

Dec 43 4 Cases 30^a

Jan 44 1 Case 30^a

Feb 44 7 Cases 29^a

March 1 Case 30^a

Reg III

Spring 1943 5 Cases 31^a

January 44 14 Cases 20^a

Feb ~~Report 2/13/44~~ 14 Cases 35^a

March 14 Cases 48^a

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FILE - No. RPS/000.5

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HQ., APO 394

TO - Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission Hq.,
ACC. APO 394

Forwarded as at (1) of 8 of basic report.

For the Regional Commissioner.

RUSSEL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Copy sent as at (2 & 3)
of 8 of basic report.

2nd IND

ACC/14044/PS

MAY 5, 1944

From : HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission.

To : Finance Sub-Commission

Subject - Forgery and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

With reference to report RPS 000.5 dated 28 April 1944 from P.S.D.
Reg. I, forwarded direct to you, enclosed herewith are the forged notes,
para 8 (1) of the report refers.

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A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO: RES 000.5
SUBJECT: FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY -
REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1944
TO:

DATE 28th April 1944.

REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, A.O.C., HQ. NO. 1 REGION.

Further reference to the forgery and uttering of Allied Military Currency notes: This report deals with all such cases submitted to this Section as having occurred in the Sicily Region during the month of March 1944.

In this period 17 cases involving 22 notes have been reported: In each instance the forgery has consisted of raising the denomination of the note by alteration of the original figures.

The analysis for the period under review is:-

(1) Total number of cases	17
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	1
(3) Total number of notes involved	22
(4) Total genuine value of the 22 forged notes	1,290 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 22 forged notes	12,500 lire

Further analysis of (3) above:-

(a) raised from 50 lire to 100 lire	19 notes
(b) " " 100 " " 1000 " "	22 notes
Total	22 notes

The analysis for period from date of invasion to 31st March 1944 is:-

(1) Total number of cases	101
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	19
(3) Total number of notes involved	253
(4) Total genuine value of the 253 forged notes	9,078 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 253 forged notes	100,200 lire

Further analysis of (3) above:-

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The analysis for the period under review is:-

(1) Total number of cases	17
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	1
(3) Total number of notes involved	22
(4) Total genuine value of the 22 forged notes	1,250 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 22 forged notes	12,500 lire

Further analysis of (5) above:-

(a) raised from 50 lire to 100 lire	19 notes
(b) " " 100 " 1000 "	3 notes
Total	22 notes

The analysis for period from date of invasion to 1st March 1944 is:-

(1) Total number of cases	101
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	19
(3) Total number of notes involved	253
(4) Total genuine value of the 253 forged notes	9,878 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 253 forged notes	100,200 lire

Further analysis of (5) above:-

(a) raised from 1 lire to 2 lire	1 note
(b) " " 1 lire to 5 lire	12 notes
(c) " " 1 lire to 10 lire	53 notes
(d) " " 2 lire to 10 lire	1 note
(e) " " 10 lire to 100 lire	1 note
(f) " " 50 lire to 500 lire	171 notes
(g) " " 20 lire to 1500 lire	1 note
(h) " " 100 lire to 500 lire	1 note
(i) " " 100 lire to 1000 lire	12 notes
Total	253 notes

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The brief particulars of the new cases are hereunder:-

PROVINCE OF PALERMO

Case 85 Note No. A. 01192592. - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 14th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '00' to original figures. Means unknown as figures erased prior to receipt at this office. A poor specimen.
Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 86 Note No. A. 24994327 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 17th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of colour wash. A poor specimen.
Facts - At Palermo where received by soldier in charge from unknown source. Note sur-rendered by soldier to military financial authority.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 87. Note No. A. 06358386 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 18th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures 500 apparently by stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of colour wash. A poor specimen.
Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 86

Note No. A.24994527 - value 50 lire
Date offense disclosed - 17th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of colour wash. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by soldier in change from unknown source. Note surrendered by soldier to military financial authority.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 87.

Note No. A.06558386 - value 50 lire
Date offense disclosed - 18th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures 500 apparently by stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of colour wash. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 88

Note No. A.09278451 - value 50 lire
Date offense disclosed - 20th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.

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Case 89

Note No. A.02547988 - value 100 lire
 Date offense disclosed - 6th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 1000 lire by
 addition of figure '0'. Means un-
 known as false figures erased prior
 to receipt of note at this office.

A poor specimen.

Facts - At Messina where received by Bank
 of Sicily from customer who received
 same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have
 failed to disclose identity of per-
 son(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 90

(1)	Note No.	at present unknown	- value	50 lire
(2)	"	"	"	50 lire
(3)	"	"	"	50 lire
(4)	"	"	"	50 lire
(5)	"	"	"	50 lire
(6)	"	"	"	50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 25th March 1944.
 Denomination in all instances raised to 500
 lire by addition of '0' to original
 figures.

Facts - At Messina where two civilians arrested
 and charged with forgery and uttering.

Result of case not yet to hand.

Notes not attached so retained as exhibits.

PROVINCE OF SIRACUSA.

Case 91

Note No. A.00508124 - value 50 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 23rd March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure
 of all figures and insertion centrally
 of figures '500' by means of stamp and
 ink. Original colouring tinted by
 application of yellow crayon. A fair
 specimen.

Facts - At Syracuse where received by branch
 of Bank of Sicily from customer who re-
 ceived same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
 to reveal identity of person(s) re-
 sponsible.

Note attached.

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Notes - At Machine where two civilians arrested and charged with forgery and uttering.
Result of case not yet to hand.
Notes not attached as retained as exhibits.

PROVINCE OF STRACHAN.

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Facts - At Syracuse where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown. No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible. Note attached.

PROVINCE OF RIGURA

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Note No. A.01286380 = value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed = 18th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink = original figures touched up. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.
Facts = At Ragusa where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer resident at Caltagirone who in turn received same from unknown source.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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PROVINCE OF MINDA

Case 93

Note No. A.16762926 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 4th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure
of all figures and insertion centrally
of figures '500' by means of stamp and
ink. Original colouring tinted by
application of water colour wash. A
fair specimen.

Facts - At Enna where received by branch of
Bank of Sicily from customer who re-
ceived same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
to reveal identity of person(s) re-
sponsible.

Note attached.

Case 94

Note No. A.06523392 - value 100 lire
Date offence disclosed - 6th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 1000 lire by total
erasure of figures '100' and insertion
centrally of figures '1000' apparently
by means of brush and ink. Original
colouring tinted by application of
purple crayon. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Leonforte where received by
branch of Bank of Sicily from customer
who in turn received same from source
unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
to reveal identity of person(s) re-
sponsible.

Note attached.

Case 95

Note No. A.04283409 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 9th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 by addition of
'0' to the original figures by means
of stamp and ink. Original figures
touched up. Original colouring tinted
apparently by application of yellow
crayon. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Leonforte where received in course
of business by branch of Bank of Sicily
from customer who received same from
unknown source.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
to reveal identity of person(s) re-
sponsible.
Note attached.

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Case 94

Note attached.

Note No. A.06523392 - value 100 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 6th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 1000 lire by total
 erasure of figures '00' and insertion
 centrally of figures '000' apparently
 by means of brush and ink. Original
 colouring tinted by application of
 purple crayon. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Leonforte where received by
 branch of Bank of Sicily from customer
 who in turn received same from source
 unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
 to reveal identity of person(s) re-
 sponsible.

Note attached.

Case 95

Note No. A.06283409 - value 50 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 9th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 by addition of
 '0' to the original figures by means
 of stamp and ink. Original figures
 touched up. Original colouring tinted
 apparently by application of yellow
 crayon. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Leonforte where received in course
 of business by branch of Bank of Sicily
 from customer who received same from
 unknown source.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
 to reveal identity of person(s) re-
 sponsible.

Note attached.

Case 96

Note No. A.22179928 - value 50 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 10th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure
 of all figures and insertion centrally
 of figures '500' by means of brush and
 ink. Original colouring tinted apparently
 by application of yellow crayon. A fair
 specimen.

Facts - At Leonforte where received in ordinary
 course of business by branch of Bank of
 Sicily from customer who received same
 from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
 identify the person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

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Case 97.

Note No. A.01028200 - value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed - 23rd March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by water colour wash. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Roma where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose the identity of the person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

Case 98

Note No. A.02597507 - value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed - 4th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted apparently by means of yellow crayon. A fair specimen.
 Facts - At Canicottì where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 99

Note No. A.03025953 - value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed - 11th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by means of pen and ink. Original colouring tinted by means of yellow crayon. A fair specimen.
 Facts - At Canicottì where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 100

Note No. A.03577332 - value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed - 20th March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all original figures and insertion centrally

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disclose the identity of the person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

Case 98

Note No. A.03597507 - value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed - 4th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted apparently by means of yellow crayon. A fair specimen.
Facts - At Canicatti where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 99

Note No. A.03023953 - value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed - 11th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by means of pen and ink. Original colouring tinted by means of yellow crayon. A fair specimen.
Facts - At Canicatti where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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Case 100

Note No. A.0057332 - value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed - 20th March 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of water colour wash.
Facts - At Canicatti where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose the identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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Case 101

Note No. A.15249985 - value 100 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 3rd March 1944.
 Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition
 of '01' to original figures apparently
 by means of pen and ink. No tinting.
 A poor specimen.

Notes - At Trapani where received by local
 branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary
 course of business from customer who
 received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed
 to disclose the identity of person(s)
 responsible.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CATANIA

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF CATANIZZETTA

No reports received.

To date details regarding the arrest of forgers and the
 'recovery' of instruments and forged notes at Syracuse as
 referred to in para. 7 of my previous report on the subject
 dated 25th March 1944, are not yet to hand. Immediately
 they are received in this office a further report will be
 submitted.

At the time of compilation of this report, information
 has been received that 1000 lire A.M. currency notes forged
 in their entirety and 'manufactured' by lithographic pro-
 cess have come to light during the past week in the Palermo
 area. In connection with this new and 'dangerous' type of
 forged note, important arrests have and are in the process
 of being made; furthermore, it is understood ink, litho-
 graphic stones and a considerable quantity of paper have
 been seized by police. As soon as these are in possession of
 the facts of this case a special report will be submitted.

I now ask that:-

- (1) a copy of this report together with the forged
 notes referred to in the cases enumerated above,
 be forwarded to the Chief, Public Safety Sub-
 Commission, Administrative Section, R.A. A.U.O.,
 for his information and in order that the notes
 may be passed eventually to Finance and Customs.

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PROVINCE OF CASAMIA.

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF CALLANISSETTA.

No reports received.

6.

To date details regarding the arrest of forgers and the 'recovery' of instruments and forged notes at Syracuse as referred to in para. 7 of my previous report on the subject dated 25th March 1944, are not yet to hand. Immediately they are received in this office a further report will be submitted.

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At the time of completion of this report, information has been received that 1000 like A.M. currency notes forged in their entirety and 'manufactured' by lithographic process have come to light during the past week in the Palermo area. In connection with this new and 'dangerous' type of forged note, important arrests have and are in the process of being made; furthermore, it is understood ink, lithographic stones and a considerable quantity of paper have been seized by police. As such as are in possession of the facts of this case a special report will be submitted.

I now ask that:-

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(1) a copy of this report together with the forged notes referred to in the cases enumerated above, be forwarded to the Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information and in order that the notes may be passed eventually to Finance Sub-Commission for formal withdrawal from circulation,

(2) a copy be passed to the Chief, Finance Sub-Commission, Executive Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for information, and

(3) a copy be passed to the Director, Allied Financial Agency, Palermo Office, for his information.

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G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

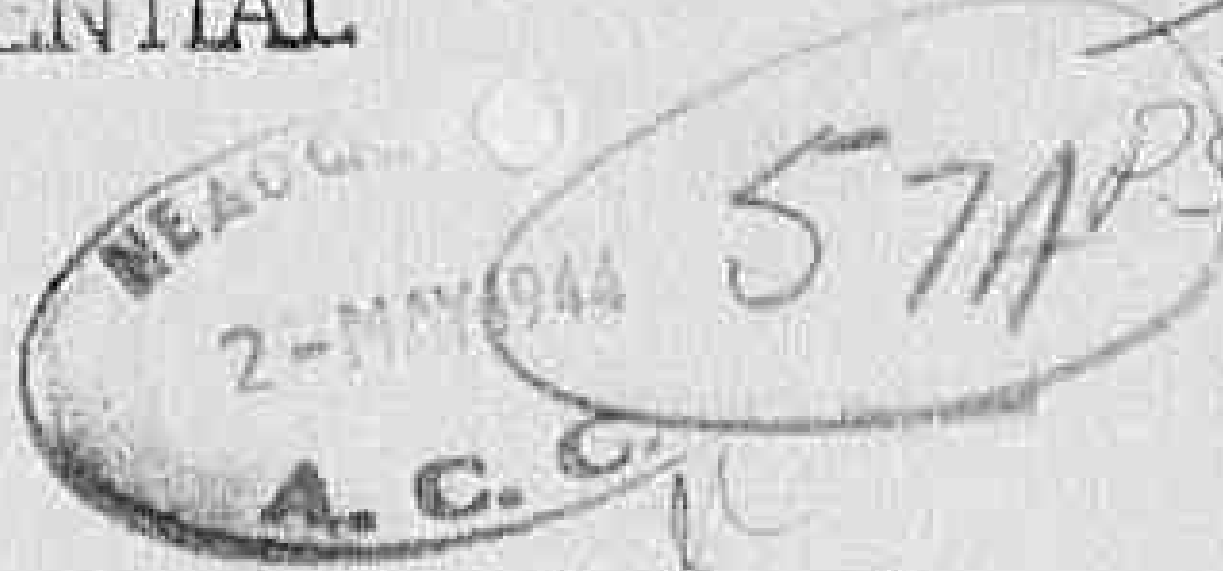
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AFA TO PATINA FOR AFA

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISE 26 ARRESTS MADE AND 18000000 LINE RECOVERED.
PRINTING PRESS AND PLATES SEIZED. NUMBER OF NOTES STILL IN CIRCULATION
UNKNOWN. WAITING FULL REPORT FROM PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENCE MYRD-44

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29 APR 1944

A. C. C.

MANY COMPLETELY FORGED 1000 LIRE AMERICAN NOTES IN CIRCULATION
 REPR. NUMBERS ARE A62760006, A01363280 OVERPRINTED WITH AMOUNT IN
 WORDS A40500070 AND A00370002 NOT OVERPRINTED. POLICE HAVE RECOVERED
 ABOUT 150 NOTES. ARRESTS MADE AND PRINTING PRESS LOCATED. ALL BANKS
 HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF NUMBERS KNOWN TO BE IN CIRCULATION. AWAITING INTERIM
 REPORT FROM SECURITY.

Confirmed that
 Finance S/C
 have a copy.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II HEADQUARTERS

Your ref AGC/14044/ES

My ref ES 9

Subject Currency

27 April 1944

To : Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission, AGC
Near Headquarters. APO 394 30A

With reference to my letter of 15 March in connection with the forging and altering of AMG currency in Calabria.

Further enquiries made by Capt Moody, and I now append the numbers of the notes for the information of the Finance Division.

District:	Date	Denomination of Notes	Nos.
Crotone	24 Dec 43	50 Lire altered to 500	09256549
"	24 " 43	"	06348805
"	27 " 43	"	06565362
"	27 " 43	"	01528210
Nicastro	31 Jan 44	"	14814327
Crotone	4 Feb 44	"	0026291.
Catanzaro	5 " 44	"	01427539
"	5 " 44	"	09474368
"	13 " 44	"	01422507
Crotone	13 " 44	"	10155313

P. COHENAD
Captain
Regional Police Officer.

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From: HQ AGC Public Safety Sub-Commission

To : Finance Sub-Commission

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Herewith is copy of Report dated 15 March 1944 received from
INFO Reg. II, together with supplementary report as above.

PAUL G. FICK

With reference to my letter of 15 March in connection with the forging and altering of AMG currency in Calabria.

Further enquiries made by Capt Moody, and I now append the numbers of the notes for the information of the Finance Division.

District:	Date	Denomination of Notes:	Non.
Crotone	24 Dec 43	50 Lire altered to 500	09256549
"	24 " 43	"	06348805
"	27 " 43	"	06565362
"	27 " 43	"	01528210
Nicomero	31 Jan 44	"	14374323
Crotone	4 Feb 44	"	0026291.
Catanzaro	5 3 44	"	01427539
"	5 " 44	"	09474268
"	15 " 44	"	01489807
Crotone	15 " 44	"	10155313

E. CORREAS
Captain
Regional Police Officer.

1st IND

From: HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

To : Finance Sub-Commission

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Herewith is copy of Report dated 15 March 1944 received from HPSO Reg. II, together with Supplementary Report as above.

BR/and

PAUL S. KIRK
Colonel, Inf
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

P. S. S. C. 3484
Recd 16/4/44

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

U-5265
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Your ref ACC/14044/ES

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS 9.Subject Currency.

17th April 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommittee, A.C.C.
Near Headquarters. APO 394.

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With reference to my letter of 15 March in connection with the forging and altering of A.M.G. currency in Calabria.

Further enquiries made by Capt Moody, and I now append the numbers of the notes for the information of the Finance Division.

District:	Date	Denomination of Notes:	No's
Crotone	24 Dec 43	50 Lire altered to 500.	09256549
"	24 " 43	" "	" 06348805.
"	27 " 43	" "	" 06565362.
"	27 " 43	" "	" 01528210.
Nicastro	31 Jan 44	" "	" 14814323.
Crotone	4 FEB 44	" "	" 0026291.
Catanzaro	5 " 44	" "	" 01427539.
"	5 " 44	" "	" 09474368.
"	5 " 44	" "	" 01489507.
Crotone	16 " 44	" "	" 10155813.



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Roxhead
Captain.
Regional Police Officer.

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Extracts from Civil censorship section.

From: APRILE, Pietro Via Vecchelli 136 Siracusa, Sicily
 TO : (Soldato) APRILE, Sebastiano 22 Rgt. Pat., 12 Comp. 3 Btg.
 P.M. 64 24 March 1944

CommentDOUBLE TALK: Falsified AMG Bills Circulated in Siracusa PR.

In a curiously worded letter writer speaking about what he calls "spinelli" (spinello according to the dictionary may mean either a kind of a ruby or an inedible variety of fish used for fertilizer) writer says:

"As regards the rubies more are being sold than used, and, every once in a while someone goes to jail, like the 4511 brothers, for example, and their grandmother who have been arrested for circulating false bills. At Rosolini (Siracusa PR) it is said that they had 16,000 Lt. in their possession and had circulated half of that amount, all bills of 50 and 500 to which a zero had been added (AMG money)"

From: GARISI Stefano (from letter) Scala, Messina Pr., Sicilian
To : Sig. Questore Messina, Sicilia

Comment

Alleged counterfeiting of AMG Money and Names of accused.

Writer advises Questore or Chief of Police at Messina that certain BANC brothers, Giovanni and Pietro, are counterfeiting or rather falsifying Allied Military Gov. bills by adding zeros and so raising 50 to 500 etc. He requests their home, Via Palermo, Scala-Ritiro N° 750 be searched.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS.

My ref. : P.S. 9

SUBJECT : Currency.

14 April, 1944.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC.
Rear Headquarters, APO 394.

On the 5th April 1944 Questure Bari reported :- SPINELLI FRANCESCO
late Salvatore e Capone Consigliere born in Lecce 2-8-1890 at Via Guisto 8,
Taranto, for uttering a 50 lire note No. 37095203 altered to read 500 lire,
man arrested, papers forwarded to Regia Procura for trial.

Submitted for your information.

Captain.
Regional Police Officer.

1st Ind.

ACC/14044/TS.

20 April, 1944.

FROM : HQ. ACC., P.S. Sub-Commission.

TO : Finance S/C.

Forwarded for your information.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission

PGK/vr.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS 49A

Your ref _____

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS 9. _____

Subject Currency. _____

14th April 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommittee, ACC.
Near Headquarters. APO 594.

On the 5th April 1944 Questura Bari
reported:- SPINELLI FRANCESCO late Salvatore e Capone
Consiglia born in Lecce 2-8-1890 at via Guisto 8
Taranto, for uttering a 50 lire note No 37095203
altered to read 500 lire, man arrested, papers for-
warded to Regia Procura for trial.

Submitted for your information.

Roxhead
Captain.

Regional Police Officer.

U-4369 Public Safety SC

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

PS/4.9

15 April 1944

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

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

Reference your AMG/14044/PS dated 22 November 1943
hereunder report for March 1944.

1. Number of cases of forging or counterfeiting reported and localities where uttered notes were discovered in circulation.

Naples	12
Avellino	1
Benevento	1

2. Number of forgers taken into custody.

1 in Avellino

3. Number of convictions and brief statement of penalties imposed.

1 in Avellino. Offender was tried by Superior Military Court at Avellino and sentenced to 22 years imprisonment.

G. Francis

G.F. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

jb/tp.

Ind. 1
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Over

1st Ind.

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ACC/14044/PS.

18 April, 1944.

FROM : Public Safety Sub-Com. HQ ACC.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Forwarded with reference to your 13002/F dated 19 Nov. 1943.

PA
Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II HEADQUARTERS

File
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PS 8

Subject: Currency

10/4/44

TO: Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission AGC
Rear Headquarters APO 394

Reggio Provincial Police Officer forwards for information particulars of the three cases of forgery AMG Currency which have occurred in Reggio Province.

- 1.1 Dec 15, 1943 The Banca d'Italia, Reggio, sent to LO, who handed it over to the Italian Court, a note 100 Allied lire, altered in 1000 lire. The Alteration was performed by an unknown person. *See 7 a. HWS folder*
2. Feb. 6, 1944 Amilino Giovanni (arrested) bought, at Rissiconi, some soap and paid with an Allied 100 (hundred) lire note (A.14499000 A) altered in 1000 lire.
3. Mar 1944 Palumbo Maria (not arrested) bought, at Reggio some soap and paid with an Allied fifty lire note (A 19000170 A) altered in 500 lire. Re verbale 75 dated March 6, 1944 RE.CS.

I have requested further information the case n° I and I will inform you of the result in due course.

Coxhead

Capt.
Regional Police Officer

AGC/14044/PS

1st IND

17 April 1944

From: Public Safety Sub-Com HQ AGC
TO : Finance Sub-Com

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1. Forwarded for your information.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

16 APR REC'D 6072

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS (46H)

Your ref _____
My ref PS 8
Subject Currency

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

10/4/44

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TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommission ACC
Rear Headquarters APO 394

Reggio Provincial Police Officer forwards for information particulars of the three cases of forgery A.M.G. Currency which have occurred in Reggio Province.

1. Dec 15. 1943 : The Banca d'Italia, Reggio, sent to IO, who handed it over to the Italian Court, a note 100 Allied lire, altered in 1000 lire. The Alteration was performed by an unknown person.

2. Feb 6. 1944 : Audino Giovanni (arrested) bought, at Rizziconi, some meat and paid with an Allied 100 (hundred) lire note (A. I4499000 A) altered in 1000 lire.

Re verbale 29 dated Feb 6, 1944 RR. CC.

3. Mar 1944 : Palumbo Maria (not arrested) bought, at Reggio some soap and paid with an Allied fifty lire note (A I9000170 A), altered in 500 lire.

Re verbale 75 dated Mar 6, 1944 RR. CC.

I have requested further information the case n°1 and I will inform you of the result in due course.

Flaxhead
Capt

Regional Police Officer

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Public Safety S/C & D

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

HQA
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SR

Your ref _____
 My ref PS 9.
 Subject Currency.

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

8th April 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommittee, A.C.C.
 Near Headquarters. APO 394.

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The attached copy of report from Bari Provincial Police Office is forwarded for your information.

It will be seen from the date of the occurrence that the offence was committed six weeks prior to the establishment of the A.C.C. Police Office in Bari.

I regret that it is only possible to provide the numbers of 53 of the 54 notes altered, the explanation given is that the notes have been forwarded to the Home Ministry, and it is hoped that as the result of further enquiries the number will be obtained.

1st IND

From: PS Sub-Com. HQ ACC

Captain.

14 Apr 44

To : Finance S/C ACC HQ

Regional Police Officer.

Forwarded for information.

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PAUL G. KIRK
 Colonel, Inf.
 Chief, Public Safety
 Sub-Com.

"	01326271
"	00863908
"	06571125
"	09820748
"	07533814
"	00081175
"	01289030
"	08014537
"	27053485
"	10169659
"	04276209
"	00870557
"	09818965

ed 15, 33

The Home Ministry also has been informed and this office will do the best to find the guilty people.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

File 44A

ACC/14044/PS.

13 April 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering, Allied Military Currency.

TO : CC. 6725 Staging Coy Office of the Finance Officer.
APO 782 : U.S. Army.

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1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 9 April 1944, enclosing a forged 50 lire Note No. A1557842A.

2. It would be appreciated if future cases such as this, are forwarded to the Regional Public Safety Officer, at the A.M.C. Regional HQ whence the offence was committed or discovered so that investigations can be made without loss of time, and also that the Region Concerned can maintain records of these offences.

BADEN R. POWELL, Capt.
for PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BRE/vf.

1534

6725th STAGING COMPANY
OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT OFFICER
APO 732 - U.S. ARMY

File 43A

9 April 1944

SUBJECT: Confiscated Currency

TO: Chief, Public Safety Division
AMG, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Attached is confiscated 50 lire note which has been altered to read 500 lire.

2. This note was presented to this office for exchange by Capt. Samuel Scott, 535th Medical Hospital Ship Platoon, APO 600. Capt. Scott was exchanging currency belonging to members of his unit, and does not recall from what individual he obtained the note in question.

3. No redemption was made on this note, and it is forwarded for your investigation.

C. F. SCHEP
1st Lt., P.D.

Encl: 1 - 50 lire note (altered)

Ind. No. 1

TO : Reg. 111 R.P.S.O.

13 Apr 44 *1521*

Forwarded with forged Note, for record and inclusion in monthly return.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT **42A**
PROVINCE OF NAPLES
MUNICIPIO, NAPLES

File No 51

Naples 11 April 1944

Subject: ACC/T4044/FS
Forged Currency

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission- A.S.C. HQ.

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Reference letter dated 24 March re forged
500 Lire the soldier who received the note
is now on the Anzio beach-head and cannot be
contacted.

John A. Miller
John A. Miller
Lt. Colonel
Provincial Public Safety

Control Commission
Allied Military Government

Region 2. Headquarters *UOA 14044*

Mon ref ACC/14044/PS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICER

My ref P S. 9

Subject Currency

6th April 1944.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommittee, A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

Currency offences return Month ending 31/3/44.

In the Brothel at 65 Via Marchese di Montrone
Bari. CANDELLA Pietro di Giovanni of CONVERSANO pre-
sented a 50 Lire note which had been altered to re-
present a 500 Lire note. NO; 38093810. man arrested
on the 17th March 1944.

No other cases reported in Region 2 during
March 1944.

Poxhead

Captain.

Region Police Officer.

*Reported to
Luncheon on
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File (39A)

AGC/14044/P3

9 1944

SUBJECT: Forging & Uttering AM Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Reference your 13002/P of 19 Nov. 1943 *2A*

The following particulars have been submitted by Region II
for work of March 1944.

1. Case of Forging at Bari a 50 lire note, number 38093810, altered to read 500 lire.

Man arrested.

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BP/hgd

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO. 394.

File (38A)

AGC/14044/PS.

10 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering U.S. Currency.

TO: Finance Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference Region 1 report dated 1-4-44 on the above subject, reporting cases for the month of February 1944, copy report sent direct to you.

2. Forwarded herewith are the forged notes for any action you may deem advisable. Para 5a of the report refers.

PAUL G. ALLEN.
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

REE/ed

RRAP HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO. 354.

File (38A)

ACC/120044/PS.

10 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering U.S. Currency.

TO: Finance Sub-Commission.

-37A-

1. Reference Region 1 report dated 1-4-44 on the above subject, reporting cases for the month of February 1944, copy report sent direct to you.

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PAUL G. KERN.
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

RRP/ed

For transmission
to Public Safety
Submissions
A.C.C. H.P.

Cop. Poell

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Forward note to Home Sec.

They already have copy of law.

Letter for signature.

Atty.

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
 APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO:
 SUBJECT:
 TO:

RPS 000.5.

FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY -
 REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944.

REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, A.C.C., H.Q., REGION NO.1.

DATE

25th March 1944.

5-1358
 HEADQUARTERS
 7 APR 1944
 A. C. C.

1.

Further reference to the forgery and uttering of Allied Military currency notes: This report deals with all such cases submitted to this Section as having occurred in the Sicily Region during the month of February 1944.

2.

In this period 13 cases involving 25 notes have been reported: In each instance the forgery has consisted of raising the denomination of the note by alteration of the original figures - no complaint has been received of a note being forged in its entirety.

3.

The analysis for the period under review is:-

(1) Total number of cases.....	13
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	1
(3) Total number of notes involved	55
(4) Total genuine value of the 55 forged notes	2,163 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 55 forged notes	21,070 lire

Further analysis of (3) above:

(a) raised from 1 lira to 5 lire	12 notes
(b) " " 1 lira to 10 lire	1 " 3
(c) " " 50 lire to 500 lire	41 " "
(d) " " 100 lire to 500 lire	1 " "
Total	55 "

4.

The analysis for period from date to invasion to 29th February 1944 is:-

(1) Total number of cases	84
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected.....	18
(3) Total number of notes involved.....	231

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having occurred in the Sicily Region during the month of February 1944.

2.

In this period 13 cases involving 55 notes have been reported. In each instance the forgery has consisted of raising the denomination of the note by alteration of the original figures - no complaint has been received of a note being forged in its entirety.

3.

The analysis for the period under review is:-

(1)	Total number of cases.....	13
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	Total	55 "

4.

The analysis for period from date to invasion to 29th February 1944 is:-

(1)	Total number of cases	84
(2)	Number of cases in which arrests have been effected.....	18
(3)	Total number of notes involved..	231
(4)	Total genuine value of the 231 forged notes	8,628 lire
(5)	Total forged value of the 231 forged notes	87,700 lire

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Further analysis of (3) above: =

(a)	raised from 1 lira to 2 lire	1 note
(b)	" " 1 lira to 5 lire	12 notes
(c)	" " 1 lira to 10 lire	53 "
(d)	" " 2 lire to 10 lire	1 note
(e)	" " 10 lire to 100 lire	1 "
(f)	" " 50 lire to 500 lire	152 notes
(g)	" " 50 lire to 1500 lire	1 note
(h)	" " 100 lire to 500 lire	1 "
(i)	" " 100 lire to 1000 lire	9 notes
	Total	231 notes

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5.

There are a number of points to bring to your notice this month concerning these forgeries:-

Point 1.

A case (Case No. 61) occurred in Agrigento Province in which a man was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment by an A.M. Court for forgery - converting 212teen 50 lire notes into 500 lire notes. Without any hesitation, I say this sentence was totally inadequate, particularly when it is borne in mind that accused was deported from the USA in 1936 after serving a sentence of 2. 1/2 years imprisonment for uttering forged currency notes.

It may well be that many officials of A.M. Courts look upon each case as just another forgery and so fail to appreciate the true aspect of the matter, namely, that every case of forgery is extremely serious as it tends to undermine the prestige and financial stability of any country. It may be considered by A.C.C. H.Q. an appropriate time to call upon Officers officiating at A.M. Courts also to advise Italian legal authorities within areas under A.C.C. jurisdiction, to award substantial sentences in these cases. Such sentences will not only put offenders out of harm's way for some time, but will act as a powerful deterrent to others. In addition, circulation of the sentences imposed by means of the Press will undoubtedly have a like effect.

Point 2.

It will be noticed that the present tendency of forgers in this Region is to erase all the figures before inserting the fictitious figures centrally and not merely adding a '0' which, of course, gives an unbalanced appearance to the note. A forged note can be detected easily by this unbalanced appearance, but it is a much more difficult task if the figuring is centralised and the tinting of the note is well executed.

Point 3.

Whilst referring to the execution of the forgeries, I draw particular attention to the attached 50 lire note, No. A.15414562 (Case No. 72 refers). Despite the smearing of the central figures, this is a really good specimen and one which would not be too easy to detect. It is the first of its type to reach this Office - by close examination it will be noticed that the fictitious figures have been inserted by a printer's metal type or stamp and obviously by a person of some experience. In the past the forgeries

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Point 4.

As stated previously no complaints have been received of A.M. currency notes being forged in their entirety. Furthermore, we have no knowledge of any instance where a B.M.A. or Italian currency note has been forged.

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I should like to add that the new A.M. notes with values printed in words and bracketed central figures are now in general circulation in this Region, and to date no complaints have been received that any such notes have been tampered with.

Point 5.

In view of the possible early 'opening-up' of new Regions in Italy, H.Q. A.C.C. may consider the time has arrived to bring the question of forgeries and the seriousness of the matter to the notice of the appropriate Military Authority in order that all military personnel may be asked to keep a sharp 'look-out' for these forgeries - there is every possibility such action will result in the detection of offences and the early apprehension of offenders.

The brief particulars of the new cases are hereunder:-

PROVINCE OF PALERMO.

Case 72.

Note No. A.15414565 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 7th February 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' apparently by means of metal stamp and printer's ink. Original colouring tinted by application of water colour wash. A good specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from a resident of Caronia, Messina, who in turn received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to locate or identify the person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 73.

Note No. A. 33253651 - value 50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 29th February 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A good specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by a branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business from customer who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.

The brief particulars of the new cases are herunder:-

PROVINCE OF PALERMO.

Case 72.

Note No. A.15414565 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 7th February 1944.
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Date offence disclosed - 29th February 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A good specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by a branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business from customer who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 74.

Note No. A.20426589 - value 100 lire
Date offence disclosed - 8th February 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of the figure '1' and insertion of figure '5' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of note tinted by application of green water colour wash. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by a soldier in change in restaurant.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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Case 75.

Note No. A.00363581 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 29th February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '10' to original figures by means unknown (additions removed prior to receipt at this office). Attempt made to alter original colour of note by means of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.

Facts = At Palermo where received by local Branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CATANIA.

Case 76.

Note No. A.29401161 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 29th February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of note tinted apparently by means of water colour wash.

A fair specimen.

Facts = At Catania where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA

Case 77.

Note No. at present unknown = value 1 lira.
 Date offence disclosed = 2nd February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '10' to original figures by means at present unknown.

Facts = At Messina where received in circumstances at present unknown.

No arrest effected as yet.

Note not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE.

Case 78

(a)	Note No.	A.03544922	=	value	50 lire
(b)	"	A.09893893	=	"	50 "
(c)	"	A.00978392	=	"	50 "
(d)	"	A.24604449	=	"	50 "
(e)	"	A.26246031	=	"	50 "

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PROVINCE OF CATANIA

Case 76.

Note No. A.29401161 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 29th February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all original figures and insertion centrally of figures '500' by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of note tinted apparently by means of water colour wash.
 A fair specimen.
 Facts = At Catania where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA

Case 77.

Note No. at present unknown = value 1 lira.
 Date offence disclosed = 2nd February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means at present unknown.
 Facts = At Messina where received in circumstances at present unknown.
 No arrest effected as yet.
 Note not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

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PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE

Case 78

(a)	Note No.	A.	value	50 lire
(b)	"	A.03644922	"	"
(c)	"	A.09893693	"	"
(d)	"	A.00973392	"	"
(e)	"	A.24634449	"	"
(f)	"	A.26246031	"	"
(g)	"	A.30014349	"	"
(h)	"	A.03010021	"	"
(i)	"	A.26246032	"	"
(j)	"	A.01257611	"	"
(k)	"	A.00760120	"	"
(l)	"	A.07583253	"	"
(m)	"	A.16827700	"	"
(n)	"	A.03023086	"	"
(o)	"	A.26246302	"	"
(p)	"	A.00928945	"	"
(q)	"	A.30006475	"	"
(r)	"	A.26246289	"	"
(s)	"	A.30000566	"	"

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Date offence disclosed - 26th February 1944.
 Denomination raised in all instances to 500
 lire by the erasure of all figures and the
 insertion centrally of figures '500' by
 means of stamp and ink. In all cases
 original colouring tinted by application
 of water colour wash. All are fairly good
 specimens.

Facts - At Sortino where received by local
 branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who
 is alleged to have received same from source
 unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
 identify the person(s) responsible.
 Notes attached.

Case 79.

(a)	Note No.	Value	1 lira
(b)	A.42348417	"	"
(c)	A.42323225	"	"
(d)	A.42344626	"	"
(e)	A.42322249	"	"
(f)	A.42351550	"	"
(g)	A.42327661	"	"
(h)	A.42325571	"	"
(i)	A.42321694	"	"
(j)	A.42344695	"	"
(k)	A.40016922	"	"
(l)	A.40232773	"	"
(m)	A.40017716	"	"

Date offence disclosed - 28th February 1944.
 Denomination is all cases raised to 5 lire by
 erasure of original figures and insertion
 of figures '5', also alteration of 's' in
 'lira' to 'e' by means of stamp and ink.
 Original colouring of borders tinted by
 application of yellow crayon. All poor
 specimens.

Facts - At Sortino where received by local
 branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who
 is alleged to have received same from source
 unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
 identify the person(s) responsible.
 Notes attached.

PROVINCE OF AGRIENTO.

Case 80.

Note No. A.02838851 - value 50 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 1st February 1944
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to original figures by means of brush
 and ink. A poor specimen.

Case 79.

(a)	Note No.	A.42348417	=	value	1 lire
(b)	"	A.42323225	=	"	"
(c)	"	A.42344028	=	"	"
(d)	"	A.42322249	=	"	"
(e)	"	A.42351550	=	"	"
(f)	"	A.42327661	=	"	"
(g)	"	A.42325571	=	"	"
(h)	"	A.42321694	=	"	"
(i)	"	A.42344695	=	"	"
(j)	"	A.40016922	=	"	"
(k)	"	A.40232773	=	"	"
(l)	"	A.40017716	=	"	"

Date offence disclosed = 28th February 1944.
 Denomination is all cases raised to 5 lire by
 erasure of original figures and insertion
 of figures '5', also alteration of 'a' in
 'lire' to 'e' by means of stamp and ink.
 Original colouring of borders tinted by
 application of yellow crayon. All poor
 specimens.

Facts = At Sortino where received by local
 branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who
 is alleged to have received same from source
 unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
 identify the person(s) responsible.
 Notes attached.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

Case 80.

(a)	Note No.	A.02838851	=	value	50 lire
(b)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"
(c)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"
(d)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"
(e)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"
(f)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"
(g)	"	A.02838851 <td>= <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </td>	= <td>"</td> <td>"</td>	"	"

Date offence disclosed = 1st February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to original figures by means of brush
 and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts = at Calamunaci where received by local
 resident from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
 identify person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 81.

(a)	Note No.	A.00114478	=	value	50 lire
(b)	"	A.06579421	=	"	"
(c)	"	A.01094165	=	"	"
(d)	"	A.07991665	=	"	"
(e)	"	A.00145350	=	"	"
(f)	"	A.00266843	=	"	"
(g)	"	A.07546355	=	"	"

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Note No.	Value	50 lire
(h) A.12060033	"	"
(i) A.16742528	"	"
(j) A.06774708	"	"
(k) A.16677362	"	"
(l) A.16745155	"	"
(m) A.00114315	"	"
(n) A.01263725	"	"
(o) A.00101967	"	"

Date offence disclosed - 5th February 1944.

Denomination in all cases raised to 500

lire by erasure of all figures and in-

sertion centrally of figures '500'

apparently by means of brush and ink.

In notes marked (l) (m) (n) and (o) the

original colouring has been tinted by a

colour wash. All are poor specimens.

Facts - At Cionciana where local man arrested

and charged with forgery. On 20th February

he was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

Case 82.

Note No. A.01169011 = value 50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 21st February 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition

of '01' to original figures by means of pen

and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Manfi where received by local branch

of Bank of Sicily from customer who received

same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to

identify person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

Case 83.

Note No. A.01595165 = value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 16th February 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition

of '01' to original figures by means of

stamp and ink. Original colouring slightly

tinted apparently by application of yellow

crayon. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Borgo Annunziata where received by

branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who

received same from unknown source during

ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to

identify person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

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Facts - At Cismone where local man arrested and charged with forgery. On 20th February he was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. Notes attached.

Case 82. Note No. A.01189011 = value 50 lire.
 Date offense disclosed = 21st February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Monti where received by local branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from source unknown.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

PROVINCE OF GRAPAZI.

Case 83. Note No. A.01595165 = value 50 lire
 Date offense disclosed = 16th February 1944. 1521
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring slightly tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Borgo Annunziata where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from unknown source during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

Case 84. Note No. A.03624119 = value 50 lire.
 Date offense disclosed = 16th February 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of original centre figures and insertion of figures '500' by means of brush and ink = figure '0' added to corner figures. Original colouring slightly tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Mesi where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from customer who in turn received from unknown source during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

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PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF CALUSA

No reports received.

7.

Prior to the completion of this report information has come to hand that four forgers complete with instruments and forged notes have been arrested recently by the CC.HQ. in Syracuse Province. No details are available yet, but same will be included in the report for March 1944.

8.

I now ask that:-

(1)

a copy of this report together with the forged notes referred to in the above cases, be forwarded to the Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information and in order that the notes may be passed eventually to Finance Sub-Commission for formal withdrawal from circulation, and

(2)

a copy be passed to the Chief, Finance Sub-Commission, Executive Section, H.Q. A.C.C. for information.

G. Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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FILE No. - RPS/000.5

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION H.Q., APC 394

1/4/44.

TO - (1) Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC., HQ.
(2) ~~Chief, Finance Sub-Commission ACC., HQ.~~

1. Forwarded.

(1) a copy of this report, together with the forged notes referred to in the above cases, be forwarded to the Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information and in order that the notes may be passed eventually to Finance Sub-Commission for formal withdrawal from circulation, and

(2) a copy be passed to the Chief, Finance Sub-Commission, Executive Section, H.Q. A.C.C. for information.



G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section, --1520

1st Ind.

FILE No. - RPS/OCO.5

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION H.Q., APO 394 1/4/44.

TO - (1) Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC., HQ.

~~(2) Chief, Finance Sub-Commission ACC., HQ.~~

1. Forwarded.

For the Regional Commissioner.



Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,

Regional Public Safety Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

AGC/14044/PS/

4 April 1944.

TO: Finance Sub-Commission.

2A
Reference 13002/P dated 19 Nov. 43.

Attached report from Region 3 is forwarded.

35A
Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

Public Safety P.C.
(Recd HQ)
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PS/4.9

3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO : HQ, ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference AM3/14044/PS dated 22 November 1943 hereunder report for February 1944.

1. Number of cases of forgery or counterfeiting reported and localities where uttered rated were discovered in circulation.

Naples	11
Avellino	1
Benevento	2.

2. No. of forgers taken into custody.

2 in Benevento (awaiting trial).

3. No. of convictions and brief statement of penalties imposed.

Nil.

Delay in submission of this report is regretted.

C.F. Francis 1519
C.F. FRANCIS

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

JS/AB.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Commission

for action/information
7a. 4002/4/c.

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

✓ Adm. Officer *[Signature]*

Remarks:

[Signature]

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File 34A

24th March 1944

MOO/14344/PS

SUBJECT: Forged Currency

TO : HSC, Region III

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1. Attached is a letter dated 21st March 1944, from 6725th Staging Company together with a forged 500 lire note.
2. APO 790 is the Central Directory, Naples.
3. The letter and forged note are forwarded to you for the usual action.

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PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Afe/Ad

Enclosure

50(0) lire No. A27562063A.

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6725th STAGING COMPANY
OFFICE OF THE FINANCE OFFICER
APO 782 - U.S. ARMY

140444

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21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Confiscated Currency
TO: Chief, Public Safety Division
AMC, APO 394, U. S. Army

action 34A

1. Attached is confiscated 50 lire note which has been altered to read 500 Lire.
2. This note was picked up by APO 790 for the purchase of a money order from Pfc. Arthur D. Hodge, 34363296, mail orderly for Btry. "D", 435th AAAW Bn., APO 464. Pfc. Hodge states that he received the note from Cpl. Harold Swach, serial number unknown, same organization.
3. This note was not redeemed in this office, and is forwarded for your investigation.

C. F. Eckert
C. F. ECKERT
1st Lt., F.D.

Encl: 1 - 50 lire note (altered)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks:

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ACC/11/10/11/PS
To R. H. P. 11/10/11/PS

Ref. Your PS 11/9 at 11/10/11/PS
Enclosed your participation
A. H. C. was found in Calangone Prov
Will you please forward the
Serial Number 11/10/11/PS
to the SPC

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 March 1944

ACC/1404A/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency

TO : RSCC Reg. II

Reference your PS/9 dated 15 March 1944 giving particulars of Allied Military Currency forged in Catanzaro Province will you please forward the serial numbers of the forged notes, for the information of the Finance Sub-Commission.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety Sub-Com.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

15 March 1944

PS/4.9

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO : HQ. ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference your letter ACC/14044/PS dated 3 March 1944.

1. A. Cases were tried by AMG Court
E. the fine imposed was 500 (five hundred) lire.

2. Particulars of cases prior to January 1944 are as follows:

Avellino Province	NIL
Benevento "	NIL
Naples City and Province	(i) 5 cases in Naples City. (ii) It is not possible to state whether the persons apprehended were the actual forgers (iii) 2 persons found NOT GUILTY. 3 awaiting trial by Superior Court.

3. Please note that the 3 cases awaiting trial are the same 3 cases shown in para. 2 of our report dated 20 February 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

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FROM: HQ. ACC Public Safety Sub.Com.

TO : Finance Sub.Com.

Ref. 13002/F of 28 Feb. 1944.
Above report from RPSO Reg. 3 is forwarded.

C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

PAUL G. Kirk
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety S/C

BP/hgd

Col. Young:-
If you ask Hale
Lutwac to forward serial
numbers of all kind - notes
so that "Amende Sub. Common
may be advised," Plot:-

CONTROL COMMISSION
Allied Military Government

Region 2. Headquarters

Your ref. ACC/14011/PS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC

My ref. FS/9

SAFETY OFFICER

Subject Forging and Altering ACC Currency.

To : Chief, Public Safety
 Sub-Commission, ACC. HQ.

*Law of land. In expectation
 ad totas place
 17. 12. 43*

As a result of forwarding the contents of the above quoted correspondence to Provincial Police Officers the following has been received from Catanzaro Province.

"On perusing the files of the former Provincial Police Officer I find that the following forged notes were discovered in the Districts on the dates shown and it appears that he failed to make the return as directed, on 10. 2. 44

District	Date	Denomination
Crotone	24. 12. 43	All 50 lire note
"	24. 12. 43	
"	27. 12. 43	
"	27. 12. 43	
Nicastro	31. 1. 44	altered to represent 500 lire note.
Crotone	4. 2. 44	
Catanzaro	5. 2. 44	
"	5. 2. 44	
"	5. 2. 44	
Crotone	16. 2. 44	

Full enquiries have been made by the Questura respecting the above quoted cases without result.

The notes are believed to emanate from Sicily arriving in the port area of Crotone.

No arrests have been yet effected, and it is not possible to estimate the number of false notes at present in circulation. I have instructed the Carabinieri and the Questura to vigorously pursue their enquiries in these cases and to be on alert to detect offenders. The Banks have been informed by the Finance Officer as to the particulars of notes being altered."

Forwarded for your information.

PEC/GAS

P.T.O.

H. Dale. Power
 Lt. Col.,
 Regional Police Officer,

Forgery Return Requested
on ^{HQ} ~~your~~ ^{directing} ~~direction~~ 10.2.48

Allied Control Commission
Region Headquarters

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PS/O

Subject: Forging & Altering A.M. Currency
TO : Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission, AOC. HQ.

Region 2- Return month ended 29 Feb. 44

One case of forging A.M. Currency.

100 Lire note to 500 lire. presented at
Bank in Salerno.

Enquiry in hand - no arrest.

Lt. Col.
Regional Police Officer

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AOC/14044/PS

From: Public Safety HQ, AOC.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission

1. Passed to you in response to 13002/F of 19 Nov. 43

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PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

CONTROL COMMISSION
Allied ~~Military Government~~ 23B
Region 2. Headquarters

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICER

Your ref. _____

My ref. PS/9.

Subject Forging & Altering A.M. Currency

6 Mar 44

To : Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission, ACC.HQ.

Region 2 - Return month ended 29 Feb 44.

One case of forging A.M. Currency.

100 Lire note to 500 Lire, presented at Bank in Salerno.

Enquiry in hand - no arrest.

H. A. L. Hoff 1-68

Lt. Col.,
Regional Police Officer.

Register

*Copies sent to
Finance S/C
HR*

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Forgery and Uttering of Allied Military Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

1. Reference to your 13002/F of 19 November 1943. *27A*
2. Police report from Region I respecting cases occurring in Sicily during the month of January 1944 has been received at this Headquarters, copy of which has apparently been sent by Region I direct to you.
3. The forged notes referred to in paragraph 8 (1) of the Police report are enclosed herewith for such action you may consider necessary.

Howell Capt
for PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

BP/hgd

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION).

FILE NO: RES 000.5 (GR)

22nd February 1944.

SUBJECT: FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.

TO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, REGION NO. 1 H.A.

1. Further reference to the forgery and uttering of Allied Military currency notes: This report deals with all such cases submitted to this Section as having occurred in the Sicily Region during the month of January 1944.

2. In this period 11 cases involving 23 notes have been reported: In each instance the forgery has consisted of raising the denomination of the note by the addition of '0' to the original figures - we have received no complaint of a note being forged in its entirety.

3. The analysis for the period under review

1a:-

(1)	Total number of cases	11
(2)	Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	1
(3)	Total number of notes involved	23
(4)	Total genuine value of the 23 forged notes	1200 lire
(5)	Total forged value of the 23 forged notes	11 lire 12000

Further analysis of (3) above:-

(a)	raised from 50 lire to 500 lire	22
(b)	raised from 100 lire " 1000 "	1 note

Total

23

4. The analysis for period from date of invasion to 31st January 1944:

(1) Total number of cases

71

2. In this period 11 cases involving 23 notes have been reported: in each instance the forgery has consisted of raising the denomination of the note by the addition of '0' to the original figures - we have received no complaint of a note being forged in its entirety.

3. The analysis for the period under review is:-

(1) Total number of cases	11
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	1
(3) Total number of notes involved	23
(4) Total genuine value of the 23 forged notes,	1200 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 23 forged notes	12000 lire

Further analysis of (3) above:-

(a) raised from 50 lire to 500 lire	22 notes
(b) raised from 100 lire " 1000 "	1 note

Total 23

4. The analysis for period from date of invasion to 31st January 1944:

(1) Total number of cases	71
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected	17
(3) Total number of notes involved ...	176
(4) Total genuine value of the 176 notes	6465 lire
(5) Total forged value of the 176 notes	66630 lire

Further analysis of (a) above:-

(a) raised from 1 lire to 2 lire	1 note
(b) " " 10 lire	52 notes
(c) " " 100 lire	1 note
(d) " " 1000 lire	1 note
(e) " " 5000 lire	111 notes
(f) " " 15000 lire	1 note
(g) " " 100000 lire	9 notes

Total 176 notes

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5.

Adverting to the analysis under paragraph 3: It will be seen that of the 11 new cases one only has been 'cleared' by arrest - this would appear a poor average. Nevertheless, this one case (Case No. 76 below) is of considerable interest and importance, important in as much as by the untiring efforts of Questura Agents a dangerous gang of counterfeiters has been broken up in Palermo - the district which to date has shown the 'heaviest return' of counterfeit notes.

6.

The brief circumstances of the apprehensions are set out in the case quoted and reiteration here is unnecessary. This gang has been operating since September 1943 and there can be no doubt whatsoever that they have been responsible for many of the forgeries subject of the 'unsolved' cases. Substantial prison sentences have been awarded and we are hopeful that this will result in a reduction of the forgery and uttering complaints.

7.

The brief particulars of the new cases as hereunder:-

PROVINCE OF ENNA.

Case 61.

Note No. A.01014134 - value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed - 5th January 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Mana where received by branch of Bank of Sicily. Traced to local tradesmen who received same during ordinary course of business.

Note attached. No arrest effected.

Case 62.

Note No. A.16878411 - Value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed - 14th January 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Nicosia where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from Finance Officer who in turn received it from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.

7. The brief particulars of the new cases as hereunder:-

PROVINCE OF ENNA.

Case 61.

Note No. A.01014134 - value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed - 5th January 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Enna where received by branch of Bank of Sicily. Traced to local tradesman who received same during ordinary course of business.

Note attached. No arrest effected.

Case 62.

Note No. A.16878411 - Value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed - 14th January 1944.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Nicosia where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from Finance Officer who in turn received it from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 63.

Note No. A.01013444 - 100 lire.
Date offence disclosed - 20th January 1944.
Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. Poor specimen.

Facts - At Agira where received by branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business with customer identified.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to trace person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

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Case 64. Note No. A.09251849 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 22nd January 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. Original figures touched up and original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A good specimen.

Facts - At Piazza Armerina where received during course of business at Bank of Sicily from unidentified customer.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to trace person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 65. Note No. A.00037126 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 22nd January 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon. Original figures touched up. A fairly good specimen.

Facts - At Rana where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from Finance Officer who received same from unknown source.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 66.

(a)	Note No.	at present unknown = value	50 lire
(b)	"	"	"
(c)	"	"	"
(d)	"	"	"
(e)	"	"	"
(f)	"	"	"
(g)	"	"	"

Date offence disclosed = 28th January 1944.
 Denominations of all notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink.

Facts - At Rana, but circumstances at present unknown.
 Notes not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

PROVINCE OF PALERMO.

Case 67. Note No. A.2705358 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed = 1st January 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion of figures '500' apparently by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A

Declassification raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon. Original figures touched up. A fairly good specimen.

Facts - At Enna where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from Finance Officer who received same from unknown source.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 66.

(a)	Note No.	at present unknown	value	50 lire
(b)	"	"	"	"
(c)	"	"	"	"
(d)	"	"	"	"
(e)	"	"	"	"
(f)	"	"	"	"
(g)	"	"	"	"

Date offence disclosed - 28th January 1944.

Denominations of all notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink.

Facts - At Enna, but circumstances at present unknown. Notes not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

PROVINCE OF PALERMO.

Case 67.

Note No. A.2705338 - value 50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 1st January 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion of figures '500' apparently by means of brush and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Palermo where received by Finance Officer from unknown Army unit.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 68

Note No. A.11374687 - value 50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 7th January 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown.

Facts - At Palermo where received by Bank of Sicily from customer who received same from unknown source.

No arrest effected to date but enquiries proceeding thus note retained to assist investigation.

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Case 69.

Note No. A.00132884 - value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed - 10th January 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. Original colouring of note tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Palermo where received by Finance Officer from unknown Army unit.
 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.
 Note attached.

Case 70.

(a)	Note No.	at present unknown value	50 lire
(b)	"	"	"
(c)	"	"	"
(d)	"	"	"
(e)	"	"	"
(f)	"	"	"
(g)	"	"	"

Date of offence disclosed - 28th January 1944.
 Denominations of all notes raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown - notes not yet received in this Office.

Facts - At Palermo. As result of observation following receipt of information Questura agents arrested four men and they were ultimately charged with forgery. In their personal and constructive possession were found:-

- (1) Seven notes forged or in the process of being forged
- (2) An ink stamp pad
- (3) A colouring set
- (4) Five small sticks with the figure '0' carved on ends.
- (5) A small paint brush inserted in penholder
- (6) Safety razor blade.

On 10th February 1944 three of the men were sentenced to 6 years, 6 years and 4 years respectively, whilst the fourth was acquitted owing to insufficient evidence.

PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE.Case 71

Note No. A.16827441 - 50 lire
 Date of offence disclosed - about 22nd January 1944.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. Original colouring of note tinted by application of yellow crayon. A poor specimen.

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PROVINCE OF CATANIA

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA.

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

No reports received.

I now ask that:-

(1) A copy of this report together with the forged notes referred to in the above cases, be forwarded to the Commissioner, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information and in order that the notes may be passed eventually to Finance Sub-Commission for formal withdrawal from circulation, and

(2) a copy be passed to the Commissioner, Finance Sub-Commission, Executive Section, H.Q., A.C.C., for information.

Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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FILE RPS. 000.5.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APO 394.
26/2/44.

TO - - COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, ADMINISTRATIVE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

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No reports received.

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*Notes forwarded to Finance S/C
Jan 25/44*

(2) a copy be passed to the Commissioner, Finance Sub-Commission, Executive Section, H.Q., A.C.C., for information.

Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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FILE RPS. 000.5.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APR 3/44.
26/2/44.

TO - COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, H.Q., ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. Forwarded as in (1) of para. 8 of basic report.

R. H. Hancock
(for) A. W. HANCOCK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

Encl. 1.

1. Forged notes as in cases referred to in report.

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FILE RPS. 000.5.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APO 394.
26/2/44.

TO - COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION, R.Q., ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. Forwarded as in (1) of para. 3 of basic report.

(for) A. N. HANCOCK.
Lt. Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

Encl. 1.
1. Forged notes as
in cases referred to
in report.

Feb 26th

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
ALLIED CRYPTIC COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APR 54

3 March, 1944

AWC/11044/74

SUBJECT: TROUBLE AND MISUSE OF ALLIED MILITARY SURVEILLANCE

TO : WFO, Naples 115

1. With reference to your letter of 16/2 dated 20 Feb, 1944, the further following information is being sent by the S.F.C.

Reference paragraph

Further details of this case are given and in particular:

a) whether the fault was not of Italian.

b) whether the fault was not of Italian.

2. Particulars of any other cases January 1944, revealed re-

3. With office letters AWC/11044/74 dated 18 Nov, 1944 in

Feb, 1944 ref.

Dr. J. J. J.

Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

AWC/11044/74

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/10/01 BY 60322
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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3 March, 1944

100/14601/78

SUBJECT: Moving and Unmoving Allied Military Currency.

TO : MEMO, 200,000 IL

1. With reference to your memo dated 12 Feb. 44 reporting
a bill return in Region II for the month of Feb. 44, the Chief of
Finance Officer has now issued for particulars of any cases in Region
II during the occupation.

2. There is reason to believe that some bills have occurred.

3. This office letters A-10/14601/78 dated 22 Nov. 1943 and
10 Feb. 1944, refer.

John J. ...
John J. ...
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Division

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TO : MR. TOLSON, MR. BOARDMAN, MR. BELMONT, MR. CLEGG, MR. GLAVIN, MR. LADD, MR. NICHOLS, MR. ROSEN, MR. TRACY, MR. WATSON, MR. WHELAN, MR. WIDEN, MR. WYATT, MR. ZIEGLER, MR. HARBO, MR. MOHR, MR. PENNINGTON, MR. QUINN TAMM, MR. NEASE, MR. GANDY

FROM : MR. BOARDMAN

1. With reference to your letter dated 10/19/50, in reporting
a mid return to Mexico City for the month of September, the Chief of
Mexico Office has now advised for publication of any news in Mexico
if during our occupation.

2. Mexico is reported to believe that some news have occurred.

3. Our office letters also dated 10/19/50 dated 22 Nov. 1950 and
20 Nov. 1950, refer.

BP/med

John J. Boardman
J. J. Boardman
Chief, Mexico Office
Sub-Commission

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FILE RFS. 000.5.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APO 394.
21/2/44.

TO - - COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION., ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION HEADQUARTERS., ACC.

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1. For information and action as suggested in (1) of 6, please.

R. Hancock

(for) A/ N/ HANCOCK.
Lt. Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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AME/14044/TS

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

From : Chief Public Safety

Copy of attached report, Forgery and Uttering of Allied Military
Currency to Region I is forwarded further to your 13002/F dated 19 Nov.
1943. The forged notes referred to are also enclosed herewith.

Paul G. Kirk
Colonel, Inf
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION).
 FILE NO: RPS 000.5.
 10TH FEBRUARY 1944.
 SUBJECT: FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.
 NO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, REGION NO. 1 H.Q.

1. Further reference to my report dated 18th January 1944 respecting the forgery and uttering of Allied Military notes: That report dealt with all such cases submitted to this Section as having occurred in Sicily from the time of the invasion until 31st December 1943.

2. Since its submission 8 further cases involving the forgery and uttering of 23 notes and coming within the period under review, have been reported to this Office.

3. The analysis for that period is now:-

(1) Total number of cases	60
(2) Number of cases in which arrests have been effected.	16
(3) Total number of notes involved	153
(4) Total original value of the 153 forged notes	5265 lire
(5) Total forged 'value' of the 153 forged notes	54630 lire

Further analysis of (3) above:-

(a) raised from 1 lire to 2 lire - 1 note	
(b) " " 1 " " 10 " 32 notes	
(c) " " 2 lire " 10 " 1 note	
(d) " " 10 " " 100 " 1 note	
(e) " " 50 " " 500 " 89 notes	
(f) " " 50 " " 1500 " 1 note	
(g) " " 100 " " 1000 " 8 notes	
Total	153 notes

4. The brief particulars of the new cases are as hereunder:-

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Further analysis of (3) above:-

(a) raised from 1 lire to 2 lire - 1 note	2
(b) " " 1 " " 10 " 52 notes	10
(c) " " 2 lire " 10 " 1 note	10
(d) " " 10 " " 100 " 1 note	100
(e) " " 50 " " 500 " 89 notes	500
(f) " " 50 " " 1500 " 1 note	1500
(g) " " 100 " " 1000 " 8 notes	1000
Total	153 notes

The brief particulars of the new cases are as hereunder:-

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PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

Case 52 Note No. A. 01292056 - value 50 lire
 Date offence disclosed - 6th November 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. Original figures touched up. A fair specimen.
 Place - At Favara where man arrested and charged with uttering. Acquitted owing to insufficient evidence. Person (a) responsible not traced.
 Note attached.

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 Facts - At Favara where man arrested and charged with uttering. Acquitted owing to insufficient evidence. Person (a) responsible not traced.
 Note attached.

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(a)	Note No.	at present unknown	= value	100 lire
(b)	"	"	"	50 "
(c)	"	"	"	50 "
(d)	"	"	"	50 "
(e)	"	"	"	50 "
(f)	"	"	"	50 "
(g)	"	"	"	50 "
(h)	"	"	"	50 "
(i)	"	"	"	50 "
(j)	"	"	"	50 "

Date offence disclosed - 11th November 1943.
 Denomination raised on (a) to 1000 lire and in
 (b) to (j) to 500 lire by means at present
 unknown.

Facts - At Favara, man arrested for uttering
 and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment on
 11th December 1943. Person(s) responsible
 for forgery not identified.

Notes not yet received by this Office.

Case 55.

Note No. A.00962859 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 15th November 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to original figures by means of stamp
 and ink. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Sciacca where man arrested and charged
 with uttering. Acquitted owing to insuffi-
 ciency of evidence. Enquiries have failed
 to identify person(s) responsible for for-
 gery.

Note attached.

Case 56.

Note No. A.400112823 = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 22 December 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to original figures by means at present
 unknown.

Facts - At Canicattl where received by branch
 of Bank of Sicily from unknown customer
 during ordinary course of business.

No arrest as yet effected.

Note not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

Case 57.

Note No. 101712298 = Value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 22nd December 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to original figures by means at present
 unknown.

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11th December 1943. Person(s) responsible for forgery not identified. Notes not yet received by this Office.

Case 55.

Note No. A.00962859 - value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 15th November 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Belfasco where man arrested and charged with uttering. Acquitted owing to insufficiency of evidence. Enquiries have failed to identify person(s) responsible for forgery.
 Note attached.

Case 56.

Note No. A.400112823 - value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 22 December 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means at present unknown.
 Facts - At Canicattì where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from unknown customer during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest as yet effected.
 Note not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

Case 57.

Note No. 101712298 - Value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 22nd December 1943. ...
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means at present 1498 unknown.
 Facts - At Cammarata where received by Bank of Sicily from unknown customer during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest as yet effected.
 Note not attached as retained to assist enquiries.

PROVINCE OF CATANIA.

Case 58.

Note No. 04226328 - value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 30th December 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. A poor specimen.
 Facts - At Catania where received by Finance Officer from SLO, AMZ, Catania, who in turn

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received same among fines collected over a period of a week.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

PROVINCE OF LAKEHURST.

Case 59.

(a)	Note No.	A.01478600	=	value	50 lire.
(b)	"	A.00113760	=	value	50 "
(c)	"	A.00639020	=	value	50 "
(d)	"	A.07482827	=	value	50 "
(e)	"	A.04288833	=	value	50 "
(f)	"	A.04258333	=	value	50 "

Date offence disclosed - 29th November 1943.
Denominations in all instances raised to 500 lire by addition '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. All fair specimens.
Facts - At Lercara Friddi where two men were arrested and charged with uttering.
On 8/1/44 one man sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and the other acquitted owing to insufficient evidence.
Notes attached.

Case 60.

(a)	Note No.	A.10150665	=	value	50 lire.
(b)	Note No.	A.00726078	=	value	50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 9th December 1943.
Denominations of both notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink.
Poor specimens.
Facts - At Monreale where two men and one woman arrested and charged for uttering.
One male prisoner sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, the others acquitted owing to insufficient evidence.
Notes attached.

Before concluding it should be mentioned that an arrest has been effected recently in connection with Case 51 - see previous report. The circumstances of the arrest are not yet to hand.

I now ask that:-

(1) copies of this report together with the above forged notes referred to in Case 51, 55, 58.

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Case 50.

- (a) Note No. A.10160663 - value 50 lire.
 (b) Note No. A.00726078 - value 50 lire.

Date offence disclosed - 9th December 1943.
 Denominations of both notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink.
 Poor specimens.

Facts - At Konrsele where two men and one woman arrested and charged for uttering. One male prisoner sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, the others acquitted owing to insufficient evidence.

Notes attached.

5.

Before concluding it should be mentioned that an arrest has been effected recently in connection with Case 51 - see previous report. The circumstances of the arrest are not yet to hand.

6.

I now ask that:-

(1) copies of this report together with the ~~notes~~ forged notes referred to in Cases 55, 56, 58, 59 and 60, be forwarded to the Commissioner, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information and in order that the notes may be passed eventually to Finance Sub-Commission, for formal withdrawal from circulation, and

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G. Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
 Special Police Section.

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Notes forwarded

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO-394

Ref: 13002/F

28 February 1944.

Subject : Forging and Uttering of Allied
Military Currency.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your ACC/14044/PS of 22 February 1944, reporting on the subject matter as affecting Regions II and III, during the month of January 1944.
2. This Sub-Commission will be grateful for a report on your investigations covering the period prior to January 1944, in both these Regions. There is reason to believe that in Region II, at least, cases of forging and uttering A.M. lire currency were detected and dealt with during the period of our occupation, before the month of January 1944.
3. Attention is directed, to para. C, of your report on Region III, in which it is stated that "in one case a penalty of 500 lire was imposed". Possibly the figure "500" is a misprint. A penalty of such a sum would be hardly adequate to a crime which until comparatively recent times was a hanging matter in England. In Region I. much more severe penalties were imposed.
4. It would be appreciated if further information could be supplied as to this case, please. In particular, this Sub-Commission is anxious to know whether the Court concerned was Italian or AMG.

for Lieut-General MACFARLANE,

A.P. Grafftey-Smith

A.P. Grafftey-Smith, Colonel,
Acting Chief Finance Officer,
Finance Sub-Commission.
for D.S. Adams, Colonel, C.E.
Chief Staff Officer,
Economic Section.

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Copy to - AFA, H.Q.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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D.C.P.S.

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Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer *BP*

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FILE RPS. 000.5.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS., APO 394.
TO -- COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION, ADM'VE SECTION
HEADQUARTERS., ACC.

1. Forwarded for information. -22B

[Signature]
A. N. HANCOCK.
Lt. Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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JAMES J. CONNELLEY COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO: HPS 000.5 (GR) 19TH FEBRUARY 1944.

SUBJECT: ALLEGED FORGERY OF CURRENCY NOTES.

TO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, REGION NO.1 H.Q.

1. Reference to attached correspondence appertaining to information supplied by C.I.C. Section, H.Q. I.B.S., to the effect that a gang of counterfeiters are operating from certain addresses at Catania and Palermo.

2. The information imparted was supplied to the S.C.A.P.'s of those two provinces and Questura agents operating under their direction, have investigated this matter.

3. As a result of exhaustive enquiries the Questore of Catania is able to report that no person by the name of DI MANO Gino alias 'The Romano' is located in Catania. He also states the allegation that the "same machinery" used by certain counterfeiters in 1919 and 1923 is now in operation, is untrue - that machinery was seized many years ago when the particular gang was broken up by the arrest of the members.

4. The agents attached to the Palermo Questura have kept an intensive observation upon and in the cafe referred to in basic communication, but nothing has transpired warranting police intervention. In addition, they requisitioned the services of reliable informants, but to date success has not attended these efforts.

5. Nevertheless, this matter will be borne in mind, investigation activity will continue and any development will be reported.

6. I now ask that this report be forwarded to the Commissioner, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information.

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Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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ALLIED CONTACT COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)
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Nevertheless, this matter will be borne in mind, investigation activity will continue and any development will be reported.

I now ask that this report be forwarded to the Commissioner, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Administrative Section, H.Q. A.C.C., for his information.

Richardson

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G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 594.

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO: RPS 000.5 (GR) 19TH FEBRUARY 1944.

SUBJECT: ALLEGED FORGERY OF CURRENCY NOTES.

TO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, REGION NO.1 H.Q.

1. Reference to attached correspondence appertaining to information supplied by C.I.C. Section, H.Q. I.B.S., to the effect that a gang of counterfeiters are operating from certain addresses at Catania and Palermo.

2. The information imparted was supplied to the S.G.A.P.O.'s of those two provinces and Questura agents operating under their direction, have investigated this matter.

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.,
APO #550

FCS-vv

25 November 1943

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Money.

TO : Public Safety Division, AMG Hqrs., Palermo.

1. Enclosed is our Agent's report on the above subject.
2. It is suggested that a copy be forwarded to the proper AMG authorities at Catania for investigation of those phases of the case reported to be taking place there.
3. This office contemplates no further action on this information. It is forwarded to your office for necessary action.

Floyd C. Snowden
FLOYD C. SNOWDEN,
Major, M.I.,
Commanding.

1 Incl:
(in dup.).

AMG/14044/PS Ind 1
Chief, Public Safety Division, H.Q., A.M.G.

PGK/rj
27 November 1943

TO : Chief Public Safety Officer (thru R.C.A.O. Region I).

1. Transmitted for necessary action. Suggest consultation with Lt. Correa, attached to Public Safety Division, A.M.G., H.Q., regarding procedure.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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C.I.G. SECTION, I.R.S.,
APC 550

November 22, 1943

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Money being circulated throughout Sicily.

On November 18, 1943, the following information, relative to the counterfeit money being circulated throughout Sicily, was given to this Agent by informant.

Informant stated the source of the counterfeit money is in Catania and the name of the man who is doing the counterfeiting is DI MAMO, Gino, who maintains a Fish Market near the steps leading to the Port. Informant said that the machinery presently being used is the same machinery that was used by a big counterfeit ring that operated from 1919 to 1923. Informant states that the operator, DI MAMO, is well known by most of the people in town because he is from Rome and is known as the Romano.

In the city of Palermo, informant states that the money is being circulated at the Cafe-Restaurant of BASO, Vincenzo, located on the corner of Via Macquada and Via Candelai with the entrance at No. 8 Via Candelai. Informant also states that another place to watch is the Cafe Pellerito on the Via Napoli.

HARRY J. MURPHY
Special Agent, CIG.

*Palermo Police
Investigate this angle
To Police for investigation
4 Dec 43*

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8 DEC 1943

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

22 February 1944

AGC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

With reference to your 13002/F dated 19, Nov 43, the following information has been received relative to month of Jan. 1944:-

Reg 2: No cases reported.

Reg 3a. Number of cases of forgery or counterfeiting reported and localities where uttered notes were discovered in circulation.

Naples	5
Pescepoli	8
Avellino	1
	<u>14</u>

b. Number of forgers taken into custody: 3

It is impossible to estimate number of forgers still at large but it is not thought that there are many.

c. Number of convictions and brief statement of penalties imposed.

In one case a penalty of 500 lire was imposed. The other two cases have not yet been tried.

PAUL G. FIRE
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

PKA/hgd

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

PS/4.9

20 February 1944

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO : HQ ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference AMG/14044/PS of 22 November 1943, hereunder
monthly report for January 1944:-

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

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HEADQUARTERS
 REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 APO 394, U.S. ARMY
 REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

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

CTF/jb

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

To see Col. Kearney's note attached.
~~Action for action information~~

C.P.S.
→ D.C.P.S.
Police
Prisons
Fire & CD
Regn. & Licensing
→ Adm. Officer

Remarks:

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 19A for action/information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S. *ending*

Police *ndm*

Prisons

Fire & CD

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks: We should now ask Reg. IV
to report monthly. Why
not ask all regions to include
this item in their monthly
reports? *1485*
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*Allied Military Government**Region 2. Headquarters*Your ref. AGG/14504/PSOFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICERMy ref. PS/3Subject Forging and Altering of A.M. Currency

17 Feb 44

To : Chief, Public Safety,
Sub-Commission, II, AGG.MF 14504
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1. With reference to your letter, no. as above, dated
10 Feb 44.

2. No cases of forging or uttering of forged Allied
Military Currency have occurred in this Region during the
month of January 1944.

R. Corhead
R. E. Corhead,
Captain,
R.C.A.P.O.

FCG/145

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Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Public Safety

Folio *PA* for *in* the *PA* SECTION
C.P.S.
D.C.P.S.
Civil Police
Special Police
Prisons
Fire & CD.
Regn. & Licenses ..
Adm. Officer ..

Remarks.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

13002/F

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14 February 1944

SUBJECT: Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ, ACC,
SALKENO Detachment.

Reference your ACC/14044/PS dated 2 February 1944.

HQ Region I Report RPS/000.5/CR dated 18 January 1944 on "Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency" is returned herewith as requested.

Also returned is booklet of specimen forgeries less note A.11346587A regarding which please see this office letter of even number dated 10 February 1944 addressed to O.C. 64 Section S.I.B., copy to you.

The loan of the report in question is much appreciated.

J.E.V. Smith Lt. Col.

for A.P. GRAFTLEY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Acting Chief Finance Officer.

Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 17A for ~~several~~ information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Civil Police..

Special Police

Prisons.

Fire & CD.

Regn & Licensing ..

Adm. Officer.. *JS* ..

Remarks.....

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Public Safety Sub-Comm
Hq All 170 83101
Salerno Detachment
10 FEB 1944

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10 Feb. 44

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BY FAST AIRREGISTERED

SUBJECT:- Forged A.M. Lire Note A.11346587 A.

TO:-
F.O.,
SA Section, S.I.M.,
C.M.P.,
Catania.

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As arranged with Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.G.C., and in accordance with telegraphic request received by that Sub-Commission from H.Q., A.M.C., Sicily Region, herewith A.M.C. Lire Note A. 11346587 A. raised from 50 Lire to 150 Lire.

It is understood that this note is required by you in connection with proceedings being taken against a soldier charged with uttering this forgery.

Please acknowledge receipt to this Headquarters, sending a copy of your acknowledgment to Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.G.C., Salerno Detachment.

A. P. CRAFTY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Acting Chief Finance Officer.

RHA.

Encl.: A.M. Lire Note A.11346587 A.

Copy to:- Public Safety Sub-Commission,
H.Q., A.G.C.,
Salerno Detachment.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

10 February 1944.

ACC/14844/PS

SUBJECT: Forgery & Altering of A.M. Currency.

TO : ROARO's II and III.

1. Reference ACC/14844/PS of 22 Nov. 43. copy of which is attached.
2. It is requested that monthly reports requested in para 3 of above quoted letter be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible.

PAUL G. KING,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 354

file 15A

ACC/14844/PS

9 February, 1944

Subject: Forced Air Currency.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

Capt Powell

Reference telephone conversation this date.

It is confirmed that case 519, note number
ALL346587A (raised from 50 lire to 1500 lire), for-
warded to you with Annex I report under this office
indorsement 1 to your 13002/P of 31 January, 1944,
is required as exhibit by 64 Section, MIB, CSM,
Catania, and should be forwarded to them direct by
you.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

8 Feb 1947
Date

Suspense _____

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C.G., A.M.G.	
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D.C. of Staff for (O&SI)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
Industrial Plan	
Mil. Sec.	
Pol. Sec.	
Econ & Admin Sec.	
Communications Sec.	
Economic Director	
Administrative Dir.	
Executive Off. Admin.	
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Miscellaneous	
Supply Officer	
Billeting Officer	
Transportation Off.	
Hq Commandant	
Camp Commandant	
Message Center	
Sub-Commission on:	
PUBLIC SAFETY	✓

For: Signature _____
 Recommendation _____
 Information _____
 Approval or Disapp. _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investig. & Report _____
 File _____
 Return to Cent. Files _____
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Remarks:

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Form 125D

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram

ADM. SEC

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

7 FEBRUARY 1944 19

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PRIORITY**ACTION COPY**

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION 9 RPS-16

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI (Region 1)

DATE TIME SIGNED: 071120A

DATE TIME REC'D : 071320A

REFERENCE NR. : S-6826

CITE : NONE



REFER TO REPORT OF 18 JANUARY FROM REGION 1 ON FORGED AMG NOTES.
CASE 519 NUMBER A11346587A RAISED FROM 50 LIRE TO 150 LIRE IS RE-
QUIRED EXHIBIT BY 64 SECTION, SIB, CMP, CATANIA. PLEASE FORWARD DIR-
ECT. SOLDIER HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR UTTERING NOTE.

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Info - H-2
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Acc. Item
(Action) Adm Sec. (2)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO: HPS. 0005. DATE 19th January 1944.
SUBJECT: FORGERY AND UTTERING OF CURRENCY NOTES
TO: THE CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, NO. 1 REGION.

1. I submit herewith attached representation of an American 20 currency note No. H.1063624.A., which has been recovered from circulation.
2. This forged note was surrendered at this Office by one Giuseppe LEONE of 10 Via Simone Corallo, Palermo. The facts are that LEONE who is employed as a motor mechanic at 55 Via Giacomo Gusmano, Palermo, was approached at about 9.30am, 2nd December 1943, at the last mentioned address by two soldiers, one of whom produced the note in question and asked for change. LEONE did as requested handing small denomination lire notes in exchange.
3. Complainant has not seen these soldiers before or since and would be unable to recognise them again - he can merely describe them as being dressed in the uniform of the U.S.A. Army. Every possible enquiry has been made including contact with reliable informants, but we have been unable to trace the individuals concerned.
4. This forgery of U.S.A. national currency is the first of its kind to come into our possession and no complaints have been received that such forgeries are circulating in this Island - if, however, complaints do reach us the necessary action will be taken immediately and the facts reported.
5. Incidentally, there can be no doubt that this particular forgery was not 'operated' in Sicily, but 'imported' from another Country.
6. It is now suggested that this report together with the forged note, be forwarded to the Director, Public Safety Division, H.C. AMB.

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ADMIN. DIRECTOR	
CHIEF STAFF	
STAFF O. 1	
STAFF O. 2	
STAFF O. 3	
CHIEF CLERK	
DATE	

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for his information and that after reads the note be
passed to AMFA for formal withdrawal from circulation.

Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Special Police Section.

FILE: RPS 000.5

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
28/1/44

TO: Headquarters, Allied Military Government APO 394

1. Forwarded for information and disposal of note.

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1. Forged note N.1063624 A

CHARLES POLETTI

Lt. Colonel

Regional Civil Affairs Officer

1st Ind

10 Feb. 44

ACC/14044/PB

Chief, Public Safety Division, HQ ACC

TO : Director, Finance Sub-Commission

1. Forwarded as recommended in para 6 of basic communication.

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Paul G. Hirk
PAUL G. HIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

13002/7

31 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO: Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Reference your ACC/14044/PS dated 29 January 1944.

A copy of the report from Region I on the above subject is not in the possession of this Sub-Commission; it is therefore requested that this office may borrow your copy as suggested in paragraph 1 of your letter.

J.E.V. J.

CARL A. MILLER,
Lieut-Colonel,
Finance Sub-Commission.

ACC/14044/PS

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2 February 1944

Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

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Region I report referred to is forwarded herewith. After perusal, please return to this office.

PAUL G. AIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

ACC/14244/PS

29 January 1944

SUBJECT: Forged Allied Military Currency

TO : Chief, Finance Sub-Commission

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1. This Sub-Commission is in receipt of a report from Region I on the above subject. A copy of the report is in the hands of the Chief, AMFA, Palermo, who presumably will forward it to your Sub-Commission. If this is not done, or if for any reason you wish to see the copy in our possession we shall forward it to you for examination and return, upon request.

2. The fact that the denomination of Allied notes is now indicated in words as well as in figures reduces the likelihood of forgery by alteration; and it is assumed that notes not thus marked are being supplanted as rapidly as possible.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

29 January 1944

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forgery & Uttering Report

TO : Region I - Public Safety.

1. Your comprehensive report on the above subject, prepared by Major Richardson, has been received. It is a very useful report.

2. Information is desired as to result of investigation of alleged counterfeiting by DI MANO, Gino of Catania, who was the subject of report by CIO section IBS. This matter was referred to your office on Nov. 27. A summary report will suffice.

PAUL G. ADAM
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - SPECIAL POLICE SECTION)

FILE NO. RPS/000.5/GR.

18th January 1944.

SUBJECT: FORGING AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.

TO : CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, NO. 1 REGION.

1. Further reference to previous correspondence relative to the forging of Allied Military currency notes: This particular report deals with all such cases submitted to this Section as having occurred in Sicily from the time of the invasion to the 31st December 1943.

2. By an analysis of the information at our disposal it is disclosed that during the period under review 52 cases involving the forging and uttering of 130 currency notes of various denominations, have come to light in the Island.

3. In every instance the forgery has consisted of the raising of the denomination of the note by the simple addition of a figure to the original figures, or alteration of the original figures. Of the 130 forged notes the denominations of 127 have been altered by the addition of '0' whereas in the remaining 3 the forgery has consisted of material alteration of the existing figures. In no case, however, has it come to our knowledge that a currency note of this type has been forged in its entirety, by this I mean a complete representation made of a genuine note by photograph, pen, stamp or otherwise.

Continuing, the analysis shows:

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(c)	" " 2 lire "	10 " "	=	1 note
(d)	" " 10 " "	100 " "	=	1 " "
(e)	" " 50 " "	500 " "	=	67 notes
(f)	" " 50 " "	1500 " "	=	1 note
(g)	" " 100 " "	1000 " "	=	7 notes
		Total	=	130 notes

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Total original value of 130 forged notes = 4,165 lire
Total forged value of same = 42,630 "

5. It must be pointed out that all forgeries have been confined to the Allied Military currency notes now in general circulation in the Island and no case has been reported of the forging and uttering of Italian currency or British Military Authority currency notes.

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6.

We have received, however, a complaint from the Palermo area of the uttering of one forged American 20 dollars currency note. This matter forms the subject of a separate report, but it should be explained that the forgery in this instance has been executed by an expert. We are satisfied the note has not been forged here, but is an 'import' from another Country.

7.

As regards the modus operandi adopted by the forgers in raising the denominations of these Allied Military currency notes: By a close examination of the specimens it is established that the methods used can be divided into three categories, viz.,

- (a) by pen and ordinary or indian ink
- (b) by stamp, rubber or steel type, with indian or printers' ink
- (c) by fine brush and ordinary or indian ink.

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On the whole the forgeries cannot be described as skillfully executed, in fact, it is no exaggeration to say that a number appear to be the handiwork of children. Some notes, it must be admitted, are good specimens and it is seen that in addition to the insertion of a figure thus increasing the denomination, the forger has taken great pains in touching up the original figures to make the colours of similar density.

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Regarding the arrests of persons for forging and uttering; in dealing with this particular question I beg reference to the resumé of cases appearing later in this report. It will be seen that in 11 cases arrests have been effected. In certain instances substantial prison sentences have been awarded to persons who, without doubt, have been forging on a somewhat extensive scale - in this particular connection attention is drawn to cases numbered 3, 11, 18, 27 and 44.

12.

By figure comparison II 'clear-up' cases against 52 might not be thought a good average; there are, however,

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circumstances which must be taken into consideration when judging the success of our efforts. In the first place I know from experience that the forgery of currency notes is one of the most difficult crimes to detect; secondly, we can safely assume that some of the forgeries subject of the 'undetected' cases are the workmanship of one or other of the individuals figuring in the 'detected' cases; then a point to be seriously considered is that during the period under survey 8 billion lire worth of notes have been put into circulation in Sicily whilst against this number 130 notes totalling 4165 lire have been rendered useless and forged to represent a total of 42630 lire.

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Undoubtedly there are other forgeries still in circulation in the Island and which have not as yet come to light. It is not intended to lessen the seriousness of these forgeries, but from the foregoing I do maintain that they have by no means reached alarming proportions. Nevertheless, I wish to draw attention again to the 'dangerous' design of these Allied Military currency notes as it will be appreciated a forgery is really a very simple matter and can be operated easily by any person with no expert knowledge.

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17.

Before concluding this report by setting out the brief particulars of the cases disclosed in No. 1 Region, I would suggest that:- 1470

- (1) Copies of this report together with the attached notes concerning which enquiries have been completed, be forwarded to the Director, Public Safety Division, H.Q. Allied Military Government, for his information and for consideration as to the desirability of transmitting information together with specimens of the forged notes, to the Officers of Special Police Sections of Regions still to be opened-up, in order that they may be forewarned as to the

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probability of crimes of this nature appearing in their regions. All the attached notes have been cancelled to prevent the possibility of re-circulation whilst in the process of transmission.

- 12) Copies of this report be passed to the Allied Military Financial Agency for information and in order that the forged notes referred to in the following cases may be withdrawn formally from circulation.

Below are the cases in question set out by Province and in date order and in each instance the following information is given in brief.

- (a) Number of note where known
- (b) Value of note
- (c) Date offence disclosed
- (d) Type of forgery, method used and condition of specimen.
- (e) How forgery revealed
- (f) Result of enquiries

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Case 1

Note No. A.00911878.A., = Value 1 lire
Date offence disclosed = between 23/7/43 and 13/10/43.
Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink; a poor specimen.
Facts = received at Palermo City by Finance Officer, 7th Army from unknown source.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note received by ALFA as specimen.

Case 2

Note No. A.01673651.A. = Value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed = Between 1/9/43 and 7/11/43.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means unknown.
Facts = received at Palermo City by Finance Officer, 7th Army, from source unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person (s) responsible.
Note received by ALFA as specimen.

Case 3

(a) Note No. unknown = value 100 lire
(b) Note No. " value 100 lire
(c) Note No. " value 100 lire

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 No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person (s) responsible.
 Note received by ALFA as specimen.

Case 3

(a) Note No. unknown = value 100 lire
 (b) Note No. " value 100 lire
 (c) Note No. " value 100 lire
 (d) Note No. " value 100 lire

Date offence disclosed= 2nd September 1943.
 Denominations of the four notes raised to 1000 lire by the addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink.
 Facts = two persons arrested in Palermo City possessing notes in question and set of printing type. Later charged with forgery, appeared before Superior Military Court and sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment respectively.

Notes not yet received by this Section.

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Case 4

Note No. 00150645.A. = value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed= about 3rd September 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures by means of stamp
and ink; a fair specimen.
Facts = received from unknown source at Palermo
City branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary
course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 5

Note No. A.00063703.A. = value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed= 8th September 1943.
Denominations raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures apparently by means
of fine brush and ink; a fair specimen.
Facts = at Palermo City; traced to possession
of native who was detained, but insufficient
evidence of guilty knowledge available to
permit prosecution
Enquiries to date have failed to reveal identity
of forger.
Note attached.

Case 6

Note No. A.44339337.A. = value 1 lira
Date offence disclosed= between 8/9/43 and 21/10/43.
Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0'
to original figures; by means of pen and ink.
A fair specimen.
Facts = At Palermo City: received by Finance
Officer, 7th Army, who received same from an
unknown Army unit.
No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Case 7

Note No. A.44474062.A. = value 1 lira
Date offence disclosed= between 8/9/43 and 21/10/43
Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0'
to original figures by means of pen and ink;
a poor specimen.
Facts = At Palermo City; received by Finance
Officer, 7th Army, who received same from an
unknown Army unit.
No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Case 8

Note No. A.00363780.A. = value 50 lire.
Date offence disclosed= 10th September 1943

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 Facts - at Palermo City; traced to possession
 of native who was detained, but insufficient
 evidence of guilty knowledge available to
 permit prosecution
 Enquiries to date have failed to reveal identity
 of forger.
 Note attached.

Case 6

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 Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0'
 to original figures; by means of pen and ink.
 A fair specimen.
 Facts - At Palermo City: received by Finance
 Officer, 7th Army, who received same from an
 unknown Army unit.
 No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
 failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Case 7

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 Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0'
 to original figures by means of pen and ink;
 a poor specimen.
 Facts - At Palermo City; received by Finance
 Officer, 7th Army, who received same from an
 unknown Army unit.
 No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
 failed to identify person(s) responsible.

Case 8

Note No. A.00363780.A. = value 50 lire.
 Date offence disclosed - 10th September 1943
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
 '0' to the original figures by means of
 a stamp and ink; a very fair specimen. 1400
 Facts - At Palermo City; received in ordinary
 course of business by local tradesman from
 woman identity unknown, but description
 obtained.
 No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
 failed to reveal the identity of the
 person(s) responsible.

Case 9

(a) Note No. at present unknown = value 1 lira
 (b) Note No. " 5 1 lira

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Note No.	at present unknown =	value	lire
(c) Note No.	"	"	1
(d) Note No.	"	"	1
(e) Note No.	"	"	1
(f) Note No.	"	"	1
(g) Note No.	"	"	1
(h) Note No.	"	"	1
(i) Note No.	"	"	1
(j) Note No.	"	"	1
(k) Note No.	"	"	1
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(m) Note No.	"	"	1
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(p) Note No.	"	"	1
(q) Note No.	"	"	1
(r) Note No.	"	"	1
(s) Note No.	"	"	1
(t) Note No.	"	"	1

Date offence disclosed= 18th September 1943.
 Denominations of the twenty notes raised to

10 lire by the addition of '0' to the
 original figures by means at present
 unknown.

Facts: = At Cerda, other particulars not yet
 available as case still under investigation.
 Notes not attached for reasons given above.

Case 10.

Note No. at present unknown = value 100 lire
 Date offence disclosed= 22nd September 1943
 Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition
 of '0' to original figures by means at
 present unknown.

Facts = at Chiusa Solafand, other particulars
 not yet available as case still under
 investigation.

Note not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 11.

Note No.	A.	at present unknown =	value	lire
(a) Note No.	A. 01419268	"	50	lire
(b) Note No.	A. 01259321	"	50	"
(c) Note No.	A. 00662727	"	50	"
(d) Note No.	A. 00007629	"	50	"
(e) Note No.	A. 00834991	"	50	"
(f) Note No.	A. 00600905	"	50	"
(g) Note No.	A. 01031290	"	50	"
(h) Note No.	A. 01362478	"	50	"
(i) Note No.	A. 01346985	"	50	"
(j) Note No.	A. 01419263	"	50	"
(k) Note No.	A. 00873432	"	50	"
(l) Note No.	A. 00004710	"	50	"

Denominations of the twenty notes raised to 10 lire by the addition of '0' to the original figures by means at present unknown.
 Facts: - At Cerda, other particulars not yet available as case still under investigation.
 Notes not attached for reasons given above.

Case 10.
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 Date of offence disclosed = 22nd September 1943
 Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means at present unknown.
 Facts - at Chiusa Solafani, other particulars not yet available as case still under investigation.
 Note not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 11.

Note No.	Value	Denomination
(a) Note No. A.01419268.A.	50 lire	50 lire
(b) Note No. A.01559321.A.	50 "	50 "
(c) Note No. A.00662727.A.	50 "	50 "
(d) Note No. A.00007629.A.	50 "	50 "
(e) Note No. A.00834991.A.	50 "	50 "
(f) Note No. A.00600905.A.	50 "	50 "
(g) Note No. A.01031290.A.	50 "	50 "
(h) Note No. A.01362478.A.	50 "	50 "
(i) Note No. A.01346985.A.	50 "	50 "
(j) Note No. A.01419263.A.	50 "	50 "
(k) Note No. A.00873432.A.	50 "	50 "
(l) Note No. A.00004710.A.	50 "	50 "
(m) Note No. A.00359231.A.	50 "	50 "
(n) Note No. A.00595471.A.	50 "	50 "
(o) Note No. A.01416626.A.	50 "	50 "
(p) Note No. A.01405522.A.	50 "	50 "

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Date of offence disclosed = 27th September 1943.
 Denominations of the above enumerated sixteen notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink; all are very fair specimens.
 Facts - At Caltavuturo; found in possession of a man (native) who upon arrest admitted forgery. At Superior Military Court on 13th November 1943 was sentenced to six

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years penal servitude.
Notes attached.

Case 12

Note No. A.00643694.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = between 1/10/43 and 13/10/43.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of pen and ink; said to be good specimen.
Facts = At Palermo City; found in possession of American soldier who received same from unknown source. Note originally issued to British Army.
No arrest effected and enquiries have as yet failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note retained by ALFA as specimen.

Case 13

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = 1st October 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures apparently by means of pen and ink.
Facts = at Palermo City, other particulars at present unknown as case still under investigation.
Note not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 14.

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = 4th October 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of pen and ink.
Facts = at Castellamare, other particulars at present unknown as case still subject of enquiry.
Note not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 15

Note No. A.01273466.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = 4th October 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means at present unknown.
Facts = At Galtayuturo where received by local tradesman from unknown source during ordinary course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to indicate the identity of person(s) responsible.
Note not attached as still subject of enquiry.

Case 14.

Facts = at Palermo City, other particulars at present unknown as case still under investigation.
 Note not attached for reasons stated above.

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 Date of offence disclosed= 4th October 1943.
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink.

Facts = at Castellamare, other particulars at present unknown as case still subject of enquiry.

Note not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 15

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 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means at present unknown.

Facts = At Caltavuturo where received by local tradesman from unknown source during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to indicate the identity of person(s) responsible.

Note not attached as still subject of enquiry.

Case 16

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Note No. A.01350990.A. = value 1 lira.
 Date of offence disclosed= between 6/10/43 and 21/10/43.

Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink; a poor specimen.

Facts = At Palermo City where received by Finance Officer, 7th Army from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

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Case 17

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = 21st October 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition
of '0' to original figures by pen and
ink.

Facts = At Caltavuturo where received under
conditions at present unknown as investi-
gation still proceeding.

Note not attached for reason shown above.

Case 18

	Note No.	A.	39228013.A.	=	value	1 lira
(a)	Note No.	A.	39228030.A.	=	"	"
(b)	Note No.	A.	39228012.A.	=	"	"
(c)	Note No.	A.	39228027.A.	=	"	"
(d)	Note No.	A.	39228016.A.	=	"	"
(e)	Note No.	A.	39228020.A.	=	"	"
(f)	Note No.	A.	39228014.A.	=	"	"
(g)	Note No.	A.	39228029.A.	=	"	"
(h)	Note No.	A.	443299036.A.	=	"	"
(i)	Note No.	A.	39228024.A.	=	"	"
(j)	Note No.	A.	39228088.A.	=	"	"
(k)	Note No.	A.	39228038.A.	=	"	"
(l)	Note No.	A.	39228090.A.	=	"	"
(m)	Note No.	A.	39228028.A.	=	"	"
(n)	Note No.	A.	39228091.A.	=	"	"
(o)	Note No.	A.	00502728.A.	=	"	"
(p)	Note No.	A.	01374303.A.	=	"	"
(q)	Note No.	A.	39228089.A.	=	"	"
(r)	Note No.	A.	39228025.A.	=	"	"
(s)	Note No.	A.	39228086.A.	=	"	"
(t)	Note No.	A.	39228022.A.	=	"	"
(u)	Note No.	A.	34585563.A.	=	"	"
(v)	Note No.	A.	39228039.A.	=	"	"
(w)	Note No.	A.	39228010.A.	=	"	"
(x)	Note No.	A.	00911878.A.	=	"	"
(y)	Note No.	A.		=	"	"

Date of offence disclosed = 1st November 1943.
Denominations of all twenty-six notes raised to
10 lire by the addition of '0' to the
original figures; they are all very poor
specimens and have been altered by pen
and ink.

Facts = found in possession of a man (native)
at Palermo City. Appeared before Superior
Military Court on 21st November 1943 on
charges of forgery, possession and uttering
when he was found guilty and sentenced to
four years penal servitude.

Notes attached.

(1) Note No. A.39228014.A. =
(2) Note No. A.39228029.A. #
(3) Note No. A.443299036.A.
(4) Note No. A.39228024.A.
(5) Note No. A.39228088.A.
(6) Note No. A.39228038.A.
(7) Note No. A.39228090.A.
(8) Note No. A.39228028.A.
(9) Note No. A.39228091.A.
(10) Note No. A.00502728.A.
(11) Note No. A.01374303.A.
(12) Note No. A.39228089.A.
(13) Note No. A.39228023.A.
(14) Note No. A.39228086.A.
(15) Note No. A.39228022.A.
(16) Note No. A.34585563.A.
(17) Note No. A.39228039.A.
(18) Note No. A.39228010.A.
(19) Note No. A.00911878.A.

Date of offence disclosed= 1st November 1943.
Denominations of all twenty-six notes raised to 10 lire by the addition of 'O' to the original figures; they are all very poor specimens and have been altered by pen and ink.
Facts = found in possession of a man (native) at Palermo City. Appeared before Superior Military Court on 21st November 1943 on charges of forgery, possession and uttering when he was found guilty and sentenced to four years penal servitude.
Notes attached.

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Case 19

Note No. at present unknown = value 1 lira.
Date of offence disclosed= 8th November 1943.
Denomination raised to 10 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of pen and ink.
Facts = At Palermo City, other particulars unknown as case still under investigation.
Note not attached for reasons shown above.

Case 20

Note No. A.00125242 = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= about 19th November 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of pen and ink. Original figures touched up and original colouring tinted apparently with

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with yellow crayon. A fairly good specimen.
Facts - At Palermo City where surrendered to H.Q.
IBS by American soldier who received same
from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 21

Note No. A.OO006839.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 21st November 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures by means of fine
brush and ink; all figures have been
touch up. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Palermo having been found in brothel
and surrendered to C.I.C.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible
or the source of origin.

Note attached.

Case 22

Note No. A.O1521183.A. = value 1 lira
Date of offence disclosed= 21st November 1943
Denomination of note raised to 10 lire by addition
of '0' to original figures by means of pen
and ink. Very crudely executed and a poor
specimen.

Facts - At Palermo City where received in change
by AMG native employee from juvenile street
vendor.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible or
the source of origin.

Case 23

(a) Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
(b) Note No. " " 50 "
Date of offence disclosed= 23rd November 1943.
Denomination raised in both cases to 500 lire
by addition of '0' to original figures by means
at present unknown.

Facts - At Prizzi, other particulars unknown as
case still under investigation.

Notes not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 24

(a) Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
(b) Note No. " " 50 "

Date of offence disclosed= 25th November 1943.
Denomination in both cases raised to 500 lire
by addition of '0' to original figures by
means at present unknown.

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Case 22

reveal identity of person(s) responsible
or the source of origin.
Note attached.

Note No. A.01521183.A. = value 1 lira
Date of offence disclosed= 21st November 1943
Denomination of note raised to 10 lire by addition
of '0' to original figures by means of pen
and ink. Very crudely executed and a poor
specimen.

Facts = At Palermo City where received in change
by AM native employee from juvenile street
vendor.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible or
the source of origin.

Case 23

(a) Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
(b) Note No. " " 50 "
Date of offence disclosed= 23rd November 1943.
Denomination raised in both cases to 500 lire
by addition of '0' to original figures by means
at present unknown.
Facts = At Prizzi, other particulars unknown as
case still under investigation.
Notes not attached for reasons stated above.

Case 24

(a) Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
(b) Note No. " " 50 "
Date of offence disclosed= 25th November 1943.
Denomination in both cases raised to 500 lire
by addition of '0' to original figures by
means at present unknown.
Facts = At Prizzi where received in course of
business by local shopkeeper from person
at present unknown.
No arrest effected, but investigation still in
hand to identify person(s) responsible.
Note not attached for reasons shown above.

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Case 25

Note No. A.02838506.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 27th November 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original numbers by means of stamp
and ink. A very fair specimen.
Facts = At Palermo City where surrendered to

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H.Q. IBS by an IBS native employee who received same in change from two men unknown, vague description and cannot be identified. No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.

Case 26

Note No. A.01676438.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 29th November 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original numbers by means of pen and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts = At Ballistrato where received by local tradesman from unknown source during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of person(s) responsible.

Case 27

(a)	Note No.	A.07549307.A.	=	Value	50 lire
(b)	Note No.	A.00026525.A.	"	"	"
(c)	Note No.	A.01394473.A.	"	"	"
(d)	Note No.	A.00259088.A.	"	"	"
(e)	Note No.	A.01096714.A.	"	"	"
(f)	Note No.	A.01043505.A.	"	"	"
(g)	Note No.	A.00626623.A.	"	"	"
(h)	Note No.	A.01301817.A.	"	"	"
(i)	Note No.	A.00709736.A.	"	"	"
(j)	Note No.	A.01420862.A.	"	"	"
(k)	Note No.	A.00461637.A.	"	"	"
(l)	Note No.	A.00153884.A.	"	"	"
(m)	Note No.	A.00458565.A.	"	"	"
(n)	Note No.	A.01290635.A.	"	"	"

Date of offence disclosed= 12th December 1943.
Denomination of all fourteen notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. All original figures touched and original colouring of note tinted apparently with yellow crayon. All are reasonably good specimens.

Facts = At Alia where man (native) was arrested whilst uttering these notes. Appeared on such charges before Superior Military Court on 5th January 1944 when found guilty and remained in custody to await sentence.

Notes attached.

Case 28

Note No. A.01596912.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= about 15th December 1943.
Denomination of note raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of

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(b)	Note No.	A.00026525.A.	"	50
(c)	Note No.	A.01394473.A.	"	50
(d)	Note No.	A.00259088.A.	"	50
(e)	Note No.	A.01096714.A.	"	50
(f)	Note No.	A.01043505.A.	"	50
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(h)	Note No.	A.01301817.A.	"	50
(i)	Note No.	A.00709736.A.	"	50
(j)	Note No.	A.01420852.A.	"	50
(k)	Note No.	A.00461637.A.	"	50
(l)	Note No.	A.00153884.A.	"	50
(m)	Note No.	A.00458565.A.	"	50
(n)	Note No.	A.01290635.A.	"	50

Date of offence disclosed= 12th December 1943.
Denomination of all fourteen notes raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. All original figures touched and original colouring of note tinted apparently with yellow crayon. All are reasonably good specimens.

Facts = At Alia where man (native) was arrested whilst uttering these notes. Appeared on such charges before Superior Military Court on 5th January 1944 when found guilty and ~~remained~~ in custody to await sentence.

Notes attached.

Case 28

Note No. A.01596912.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= about 15th December 1943
Denomination of note raised to 500 lire by means of addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of note tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon. A fair specimen.
Facts = At Palermo City where received by Personnel Officer, 10th Port of Embarkation, it having been surrendered to him. Was received during a card game but source of origin unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have not failed to indicate the identity of the person(s) responsible.

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Case 29 Note No. at present unknown = value 2 lire

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Date of Offence disclosed= 29th October 1943
Denomination of note raised to 10 lire by original figures being erased and the figures '10' inserted with stamp and ink.

Said to be crude forgeries.
Facts = At Marsala; surrendered by local shopkeeper he having received same from unknown source during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries to date have failed to indicate person(s) responsible.
Note not attached as retained to assist further enquiries.

Case 30

Note No. at present unknown = value 1 lira
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in November 1943.

Denomination raised to 2 lire by original figures being erased and figures '2' inserted by means of pen and ink. Said to be poor specimen.

Facts = At Marsala where received by local tradesman from source unknown during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and person(s) responsible not yet identified.

Note not attached as retained for further enquiries.

Case 31

Note No. at present unknown = value 10 lire
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in November 1943.

Denomination raised to 100 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink. Said to be a very poor specimen.

Facts = At Marsala where received by local shopkeeper from source unknown during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and to date person(s) responsible have not been located or identified.
Note not attached as retained to assist further enquiries.

Case 32

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= 2nd November 1943

Denomination raised to 500 lire by all original figures be erased and figures '500' inserted by means of stamp and ink.

Facts = At Marsala where received in ordinary course of business by local tradesman from source unknown.

No arrest effected and person(s) responsible not

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Denomination raised to 2 lire by original figures being erased and figures '2' inserted by means of pen and ink. Said to be poor specimen.
 Facts = At Marsala where received by local tradesman from source unknown during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and person(s) responsible not yet identified.
 Note not attached as retained for further enquiries.

Note No. at present unknown = value 10 lire
 Date of offence disclosed = unknown date in November 1943.
 Denomination raised to 100 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink. Said to be a very poor specimen.
 Facts = At Marsala where received by local shopkeeper from source unknown during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and to date person(s) responsible have not been located or identified.
 Note not attached as retained to assist further enquiries.

Case 32

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire.
 Date of offence disclosed = 2nd November 1943
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by all original figures be erased and figures '500' inserted by means of stamp and ink.
 Facts = At Marsala where received in ordinary course of business by local tradesman from source unknown.
 No arrest effected and person(s) responsible not yet traced.
 Note not attached as retained to assist further enquiries.

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Case 33

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
 Date of offence disclosed = 2nd November 1943
 Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Condition of specimen not yet known.
 Facts = At Marsala where received by local shopkeeper from unknown source during ordinary course of business.
 No arrest effected and person(s) responsible

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not identified.
Note not attached as retained for further enquiries.

Case 34

Note No. A.G00259358.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 6th November 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures by means of stamp
and ink. All figures touched up and
original colouring of note tinted apparently
by means of a yellow crayon. A reasonably
good forgery.

Facts = At Trapani where received by branch of
Bank of Sicily from Finance Officer, 7th
Army.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
identify person(s) responsible.
Half of note attached.

Case 35

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in
December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to the original figures by means of
present unknown. Original colouring of
note said to have been tinted apparently
by means of yellow liquid.

Facts = At Paceco where man arrested for uttering
note in question. Prosecution proceeding
but person responsible for forgery not
yet identified.

Note not attached as retained as Court exhibit and
to assist further enquiry.

Case 36

Note No. A.01398266.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in
December 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures by means of stamp
and ink. A fair specimen.

Facts = At Partanna where received by local
tax collector from unknown source during
ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries to date have
failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 37

Note No. A.01281014.A. = Value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= 21st December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of
'0' to original figures by means of stamp
and ink. A fair specimen.

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Half of note attached.

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = unknown date in December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to the original figures by means at present unknown. Original colouring of note said to have been tinted apparently by means of yellow liquid.
Facts = At Paceco where man arrested for uttering note in question. Prosecution proceeding but person responsible for forgery not yet identified.
Note not attached as retained as Court exhibit and to assist further enquiry.

Case 36

Note No. A.01398266.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = unknown date in December 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. A fair specimen.
Facts = At Partanna where received by local tax collector from unknown source during ordinary course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries to date have failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 37

Note No. A.01281014.A. = Value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = 21st December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. A fair specimen.
Facts = At Trapani where withdrawn from circulation at branch of Bank of Sicily having been received during ordinary course of business.
No arrest effected and no clues obtained as to identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

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PROVINCE OF ENNA.

Case 38

Note No. A.16725265.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = 16th September 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of brush and ink. A fair specimen.

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Facts = At Enna where received by civilian from a local shopkeeper during course of a business transaction. Elicited no guilty knowledge on part of shopkeeper and origin of note unknown.

Note attached.

Case 39

Note No. A.01126898.A. = value 50 lire.

Date of offence disclosed= on or about 21st October 1943.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of

'0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. All original figures touched up. A fair specimen.

Facts = At Enna where received locally in ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 40

Note No. unknown = value 50 lire.

Date of offence disclosed= 21st October 1943.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of

'0' to original figures apparently by means of pen and ink. Condition of specimen unknown.

Facts = At Enna where three persons arrested for uttering, result of case not known.

Further enquiries in hand to trace forger. Note not attached for reasons states above.

Case 41

Note No. A.00922603.A. = value 50 lire

Date of offence disclosed= 13th December 1943.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of

'0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. All original figures touched up and original colouring of note tinted

apparently by application of yellow crayon.

A fair specimen.

Facts = At Troina where received from unknown source by branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

Case 42

Note No. A11583404 = value 50 lire.

Date of offence disclosed= 13th December 1943.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of

'0' to original figures by means of stamp

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course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Note No. unknown = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= 21st October 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of pen and ink. Condition of specimen unknown.

Facts = At Enna where three persons arrested for uttering, result of case not known.
Further enquiries in hand to trace forger.
Note not attached for reasons states above.

Case 41

Note No. A.00922603.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 13th December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. All original figures touched up and original colouring of note tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon.
A fair specimen.

Facts = At Troina where received from unknown source by branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 42

Note No. A11583404 = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= 13th December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink. Original colouring of note tinted apparently by application of yellow crayon.
Very fair specimen.

Facts = At Troina where received from unknown source by branch of Bank of Sicily during ordinary course of business.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 43

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= about 5th December 1943.
Denomination of note raised to 500 by addition of

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'O' to original figures by means of brush or stamp. Condition of note unknown.
Facts - At Enna where received in circumstances at present unknown.
Case still under investigation and thus note retained to assist.

Case 44

Note No. at present unknown = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = believed 5th December 1943.
Denomination of note raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means at present unknown. Condition of note not known.
Facts - At Enna where ^{officer} ~~civilian~~ arrested for uttering. Report of case not yet learned that subject was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude at Enna on 11th January 1944.
Note used as Court exhibit not yet received.

Case 45

Note No. A.02821382 = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = 22nd December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to corner figures, complete erasure of central figures and substitution by brush and ink. Original colouring of note tinted by application of yellow crayon.
A reasonably good specimen.
Facts - At Enna where withdrawn from circulation by branch of Bank of Sicily who received same from Finance Officer locally. Source of origin unknown.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA.

Case 46

(a) Note No. A.05816516.A. = value 1 lira
(b) Note No. A.01313492.A. = value 50 lire
(c) Note No. A.01382971.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed = unknown date in December 1943.
Denomination of note (a) raised to 10 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of pen and ink; a very poor specimen.
Denominations of notes (b) and (c) raised to 500 lire by addition of 'O' to original figures by means of stamp and ink; both fair specimens.
Facts - At Gela where received and surrendered by

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was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude at Enna on 11th January 1944.
Note used as Court exhibit not yet received.

Note No. A.02821382 = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed= 22nd December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to corner figures, complete erasure of central figures and substitution by brush and ink. Original colouring of note tinted by application of yellow crayon.
A reasonably good specimen.

Facts = At Enna where withdrawn from circulation by branch of Bank of Sicily who received same from Finance Officer locally. Source of origin unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to disclose identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA.

Case 46

(a) Note No. A.05816516.A. = value 1 lira
(b) Note No. A.01313492.A. = value 50 lire
(c) Note No. A.01382971.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in December 1943.

Denomination of note (a) raised to 10 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink; a very poor specimen.
Denominations of notes (b) and (c) raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of stamp and ink; both fair specimens.

Facts = At Gela where received and surrendered by American soldiers.
Enquiries instituted, man detained but insufficient evidence obtained to prosecute. Prisoner's house was searched, nothing incriminating found, and it was established he could neither read nor write. Further enquiries have failed to identify the forger.

Notes attached.

Case 47

Note No. A.01061203.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed= unknown date in December 1943.
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and

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and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Gela received in ordinary course of business from local shopkeeper. Shopkeeper identified by enquiries shewed no guilty knowledge.

No arrest effected and investigation has failed to identify person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 48

Note No. A.00732569.A. = value 50 lire.

Date of offence disclosed = unknown date in December 1943.

Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. All figures touched up. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Galtanissetta where civilian endeavouring to change note with local shopkeeper who declined. Man apprehended and charged, but case dismissed at Allied Tribunal owing to insufficient evidence as to guilty knowledge. Forger not identified.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA.

Case 49.

Note No. at present unknown = value 100 lire

Date of offence disclosed = 25th December 1943.

Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of pen and ink. Condition of forgery unknown.

Facts - At Messina man (native) arrested for forgery and possession under circumstances not yet known by this Office. Prosecution proceeding.

Note not attached as retained for Court exhibit.

PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE.

Case 50.

Note No. A.00730574.A. = value 100 lire.

Date of offence disclosed = on or about 11th October 1943

Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Syracuse where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from a depositor who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to

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means of brush and ink. All figures touched up. A fair specimen. Facts - At Caltanissetta where civilian endeavoured to change note with local shopkeeper who declined. Man apprehended and charged, but case dismissed at Allied Tribunal owing to insufficient evidence as to guilty knowledge. Forger not identified.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA.

Case 49.

Note No. at present unknown - value 100 lire
Date of offence disclosed - 25th December 1943.
Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of pen and ink. Condition of forgery unknown.

Facts - At Messina man (native) arrested for forgery and possession under circumstances not yet known by this office. Prosecution proceeding.

Note not attached as retained for Court exhibit.

PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE.

Case 50

Note No. A.00730574.A. = value 100 lire.
Date of offence disclosed - on or about 11th October 1943
Denomination raised to 1000 lire by addition of '0' to original figures apparently by means of brush and ink. A fair specimen.

Facts - At Syracuse where received by branch of Bank of Sicily from a depositor who received same from source unknown.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of the person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

Case 51

Note No. A.11346587.A. = value 50 lire.
Date of offence disclosed - 27th December 1943.
Denomination raised to 1,500 lire by addition of figures by means of brush and ink.
All original figures touched up. A fairly good forgery.

Facts - At Villasmundo where received by local tradesman from two soldiers wearing leather jackets, no further description, during the purchase of wine. Shopkeeper queried

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authenticity of note whereupon he was shown two other similar notes by the soldiers.

He surrendered note received to CC.M. No arrest effected and extensive enquiries have failed to locate or identify the soldiers concerned; furthermore, origin of note not discovered.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF MAFUSA

Case 52

Note No. A.00129730.A. = value 50 lire
Date of offence disclosed = 20th August 1943
Denomination raised to 500 lire by addition of '0' to original figures by means of pen and ink. A poor specimen.

Facts = At Monterosso Almo where received during transaction at a horse and mule auction.

No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to reveal identity of person(s) responsible.

Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CATANIA

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

No reports received.

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Submitted for your information and consideration of recommendations made at (1) and (2) of paragraph 17.



G. Richardson, Major,
Superintendent,
Special Police Section.

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FILE: RPS 000.5

1st Ind.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
22/1/44

TO: Chief Public Safety Division, A.M.G. HQ

transmission at a horse and mule auction.
No arrest effected and enquiries have failed to
reveal identity of person(s) responsible.
Note attached.

PROVINCE OF CATANIA

No reports received.

PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO.

No reports received.

Submitted for your information and consideration
of recommendations made at (1) and (2) of paragraph
17.

G. Richardson

G. Richardson, Major,
Superintendent,
Special Police Section.

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FILE: RPS 000.5 1st Ind.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
22/1/44

TO: Chief Public Safety Division, A.M.G. HQ

(Copy Chief, Allied Military Financial Agency,
Banco Nazionale del Lavoro, Via Roma, Palermo)

Submitted for information.

Encl. 1

1. 84 forged notes

for CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel

Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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ATTN: (!) — 8-11-89

(84) documents are
missing at
this point.

No lira notes
are enclosed.

No warning
or explanation
or removal

Card. JMS/# 8

(Remove This!)

(Remove!)

In Security for.

RE FORGING AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY
CURRENCY NOTES

FILE NO. RPS. .0005 REFERS

ENCLOSED :-

30 - forged 1 lira notes
53 - forged 50 lire notes
1 - forged 100 lire note.

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Public Safety Division

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For ~~information~~ information

- C.P.S.

- *of* L.C.P.S. *17/12/3*

- Civil Police. *see*

- Special Police *2/12/4*

- ~~Police~~ *see*

- ~~Police~~

- ~~Police~~

- Adm. Officer *see*

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ALLIED MILITARY COMMANDS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

23/12/73

FILE: 105 000.5

SUBJECT: Numbered Agency Note No. 17
Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency

TO : All Senior Civil Affairs Officers

With reference to numbered memorandum No. 17 a monthly report embodying the items enumerated in para. 2 (A) & (B) is to be forwarded to this Headquarters as soon as possible after the end of each month.

Charles F. Peltz
OF. AL. C. POL. SEC.
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.,
APO #550

FCS-vv

25 November 1943

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Money.
TO : Public Safety Division, AMG Hqrs., Palermo.

1. Enclosed is our Agent's report on the above subject.
2. It is suggested that a copy be forwarded to the proper AMG authorities at Catania for investigation of those phases of the case reported to be taking place there.
3. This office contemplates no further action on this information. It is forwarded to your office for necessary action.

1 Incl:
(in dup.).

FLOYD C. SNOWDEN,
Major, M.I.,
Commanding.

AKG/14044/PS Ind 1
Chief, Public Safety Division, H.Q., A.M.G.

RG/rj
27 November 1943

TO : Chief Public Safety Officer (thru A.C.A.C. Region I).

1. Transmitted for necessary action. Suggest consultation with Lt. Correa, attached to Public Safety Division, A.M.G., H.Q., regarding procedure.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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C.I.C. SECTION, I.B.S.,
APO 550

November 22, 1943

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Money being circulated throughout Sicily.

On November 18, 1943, the following information, relative to the counterfeit money being circulated throughout Sicily, was given to this Agent by informant.

Informant stated the source of the counterfeit money is in Catania and the name of the man who is doing the counterfeiting is DI MANO, Gino, who maintains a Fish Market near the steps leading to the Port. Said that the machinery presently being used is the same machinery that was used by a big counterfeit ring that operated from 1919 to 1923. Informant states that the operator, DI MANO, is well known by most of the people in town because he is from Rome and is known as the Romano.

In the city of Palermo, informant states that the money is being circulated at the Cafe-Restaurant of SASO, Vincenzo, located on the corner of Via Macqueda and Via Candelai with the entrance at No. 8 Via Candelai. Also states that another place to watch is the Cafe Pollerito on the Via Napoli.

HARRY J. MURPHY
Special Agent, CIG.

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Col. Meaurio, Lt. Correa: — 5A
 Note & pass on to Capt. Powell
 for despatch to Region I

An informal report ^{on this case} as to
 amount of falsified currency in possession
 of method used to raise; is desired.

Also follow-up on the ~~the~~
 trial & sentence should be made.

File 14044

Consult file AMG/14044/PS PR 24/11
 on this

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

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TO SEE :- *PSK*
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D.C.P.S.....
PRISON SECTION.....
CIVIL POLICE SECTION..... *mtm 7/13/43*
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....
H. S. S. 11/23/43
LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....
HO Seen PSK

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HEADQUARTERS 2629th M. P. BATTALION

Date Nov. 22

No. A.M.E.O.T.

For:

1. Approval or Disapproval.
2. Appropriate action
3. Comment or concurrence
4. Correction and return
5. Data on which to base reply.
6. Investigation and report.
7. Notation and return.
8. Publication
9. Remark and recommendation.
10. Signature
11. Your information.
12. For necessary action and direct reply to writer.
13. Note and forward
14. For indorsement.
15. For your files.
16. Noted.

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

(Initials)

- C.S. for information

then to Reg I.

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Arrest Report - Passed
to Regional
R24/11

WASHINGTON
ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
Public Safety Division

22 November, 1943

JMS/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forgery & Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO: E.C.A.C's, Regions I
II
III (Through 15 Army Group)

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- (3) Number of convictions and brief statement of penalties imposed.

3. It is requested therefore that a monthly report covering the above points, should be forwarded to this office, as soon as possible after the end of each month.

PAUL G. MEYER,
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Division.

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3. I should therefore like to request that, if agreeable to the Public Safety Sub-Commission, a statement of this type, covering each Region, be given to the Finance Sub-Commission, as of the end of each month.

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R.A. HAMLYN,
Brigadier,
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NO. 37

COORDINATING AND JITTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY

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2. Information on this subject is urgently required by Public Safety Division, therefore please forward to this Headquarters the following data at your earliest convenience:

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- (a) location of offence
 - (b) date or approximate date of offence
 - (c) total number of notes involved
 - (d) denominations of notes involved
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- B. Total number of cases in your Province in which prosecutions have ensued giving in each instance
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 - (b) name of prisoner
 - (c) location of offence
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