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FORGING & UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY
CURRENCY
MAY 1944 - FEB. 1945

FORGING AND UTTERING OF ALLIED

MILITARY CURRENCY.

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THIS FOLDER
 CONTAINS PAPERS
 FROM MAY - 14 24
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 CATALOGUE.

25 May 44.

Executive Commission
Finance Sub-Committee

Re 10A-B

Forwarded for information. New returns filed
to this office as soon as possible. *Allyng. well*

To Executive Commission. I will keep you
in touch with developments. This is of course
by far the most serious case we have had. I am
now then satisfied with the action taken by Public

Sept 6.

Ally.

25 May 44.

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I agree. Thank you.
Then Finance

Sub-Com. been informed? They should be

Done
as /

Kept in very close touch.

27/11.

Seen as.

EX. D

19A is an important case; - I will done.

① Acknowledged with appreciation of good job. ② Advise
Finance S.C. as per par. 5; Food S.C. in par. 1; ③ Letter
to P.P.S.C. for increased vigilance.
Any report yet on 17A? Yes. P.P.S.C. 14 July 44

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Finance Sub-Committee

Re 40A

Presumably you are dealing with

this matter.

The post office on 17A.

Griffing

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Yours Truly,
 Frances

How
Fickens

Sub Com. been injured? They should be

Dad

Kept in very close bonds.

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IPA is an important case; - & well done.

① Acknowledge with appreciation of good job ② Advise Finance S/C as per par. 5.; Food S/C in par 4.; ③ Letter to PPSO is an increased vigilance.

any report on 17A. Yes.

P. 1. 14 July 44

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Sub. Committee
of Finance

Re 40A

Presumably you are dealing with

this matter.

The post office cultivation

should follow their normal procedure of reporting foreigners

to the local police

Refused to sign

Public Safety

26th May 1944

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Finances Dept

Please see 42 a

St Caths 2008

Public Safety S/c.

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Thank you. She returned.

6 Sept. 1944.

~~Dr. Packman~~
V. J. P. P. P.
Vance P. P. P.

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Finance S/C - A.F.A.

Please see 57A.

W. L. Lamm
Public Safety S/C

15/10/44. *or 7A - J.A.P.*

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Public Safety S/C.

Min. 8. Noted. by A.F.A.

J. Buckham
S/C
Finance Sub-Commission

19/10/44.

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Finance S/C. 7a-9 forwarded for your info.
of return. It was noted that they are not
yet complete.
Shirley Laph
for A.P.P.

12/11/44.

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Public Safety S/C
13/11/44. Noted with thanks.

B. L. Lamm

Major
Finance S/C

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Finance S/C

For information - 108-A in answer to 102-A.

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J. Buckham
Major A.C.
for A.P.P.

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Noted

B. L. Lamm

Major
Finance S/C

CONFIDENTIAL
HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Ref: PS/2.5.1

Date 12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities - Nov 44.
 Return of Forgery and Uttering of Allied Military
 currency notes.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
 (attention of the Director,
 Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Reference to Monthly Report of this Division dated
 5 Dec 44 and, in particular, to paragraph No.21 of that report
 dealing with the forgery and uttering of Allied Military currency
 notes.

2. Submitted herewith are the particulars of all cases
 of forgery and uttering of such currency notes which have been
 reported to this H.Q. during the month ending 30 Nov 44. Also
 attached are 179 (one hundred and seventy-nine) forged notes
 referred to in those cases.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. Richardson
 G. RICHARDSON
 Major,
 Regional Public
 Safety Officer.

GR/tp.

Enclos - 1 return
 179 forged currency notes.

Distr - Copy to: Regional Finance Officer,
 HQ. Southern Region,
 Allied Commission.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		12/14/44
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		1774/12
CHIEF CLERK		

*Spec Copy of Notes
 sent to Finance R
 12/12/44*

PARTICULARS OF CASES OF FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES REPORTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION (HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION, BETWEEN 1st and 30th NOVEMBER 1944).

(Note - Case numbers are continued from Appendix No. 2 of Monthly Report for October 1944).

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- Case No. N/20 - Note No. A17669444 - value nil. ♦
 Date disclosed - 11 Aug 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note
 Facts- At Naples where passed into Cassa Provinciale delle Poste by Post Office No. 7.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/21 - Note No. A1786424 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 12 Aug 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts- At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste by Post Office No. 36.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/22 - Note No. A1766944 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 17 Aug 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts- At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No. 13.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/23 - (1) Note No. 17745690 - value nil.
 (2) " " 14271793 - " "
 Date disclosed - 28 Aug 44
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Qualiano where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from local Post Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.
- N/24 - Note No. A22145877 - value 50 lire
 Date disclosed - 1st Sep 44
 Type - Raised to 500 lire.
 Facts- At Nocelleto where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from local Post Office. 1770
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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25 - Note No.A17669447 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 6 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts- At S.Maria Capua Vetere where passed into
 Cassa Provinciale delle Poste by local Post
 Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

N/26 - Note No.A2151778 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 9 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts- At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale
 delle Poste from Post Office No. 4.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

H/27 - (1)Note No.A17669422 - value nil.
 (2) " " A17669422 - " "
 Date disclosed - 9 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Gaianiello where received by Cassa
 Provinciale delle Poste from local Post
 Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

N/28 - Note No.A14105327 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 71 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Crispiano where received by Cassa
 Provinciale delle Poste from local Post
 Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

N/29 - Note No.A63518111 - value 100 lire.
 Date disclosed - 19 Sep 44
 Type - raised to 500 lire.
 Facts - At Trantola where received by Cassa
 Provinciale delle Poste from local Post
 Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

N/30 - Note No.A10473460 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note. 1774
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa
 Provinciale delle Poste from local Post
 Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/31 - Note No.A17669442 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 20 Sep 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from local Post Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/32 - Note No.A10473460 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 22 Sep 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from local Post Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/33 - Note No.10473460 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 30 Sep 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 Lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No. 18.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/34 - Note No.A08153642 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 30 Sep 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where passed into Cassa Provinciale delle Poste by Post Office 24.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/35 - Note No.A17669442 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 3 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Nocelleto where passed into Cassa Provinciale delle Poste by local Post Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/36 - Note No.A06195967 - value 50 lire.
 Date disclosed - 4 Oct 44.
 Type - raised to 500 lire.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Post Office 24 from source unknown.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/37 - Note No.A21515778 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 6 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - Received at Naples by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office 34.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/38 - Note No.A17745690 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 7 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No.19.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/39 - Note No.A60964925 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 9 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No. 1.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/40 - Note No.A17669447 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 10 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Piedimonte di Stessa where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from local Post Office.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/41 - Note No.A14105327 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 13 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No. 7.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/42 - Note No.A06285925 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 14 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where passed into Banco di Roma by customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/43 - Note No. A21515778 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 17 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/44 - Note No. A04501164 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 17 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Relates to Reggio Calabria case reported vide this HQ corras. PS/4.9.
Note forwarded Catanzaro Zone.
- N/45 - Note No. A13738347 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 18 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Castellammare where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/46 - Note No. A04679837 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 18 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Castellammare where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/47 - Note No. A17745690 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 18 Oct 44.
Type - Complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa Provinciale delle Poste from Post Office No. 13.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/48 - Note No. A85473606 - value 50 lire.
Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
Type - Raised to 500 lire.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/49 - Note No. AC4501614 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to Reggio Calabria case reported vide this HQ corres PS/4.9. Note forwarded Catanzaro Zone.
- N/50 - Note No. A14271793 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/51 - Note No. AC7395107 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from Italian Military organisation.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/52 - Note No. AC7395197 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/53 - Note No. A1427193 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 19 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/54 - Note No. A17669446 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 20 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/55 - Note No. A05428581 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 21 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/56 - Note No. A10473460 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 21 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Cassa
 Provinciale delle Poste from Post
 Office No. 42.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/57 - Note No. A10873517 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/58 - Note No. A04541160 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to Reggio Calabria case -
 forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/59 - Note No. A04564011 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from unknown American soldiers.
 Enquiries - Relates to Reggio Calabria case -
 note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/60 - Note No. A17745690 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/61 - Note No. A04541160 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to Reggio Calabria case - note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/62 - (1) Note No. A05874027 - value nil.
 (2) " " A14105327 - " "
 (3) " " A05428581 - " "
 Date disclosed - 23 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Aversa where received by Bank of Naples by customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.
- N/63 - Note No. A17669424 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 24 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Castellammare di Stabia where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/64 - Note No. A45052019 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 24 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/65 - Note No. A13738347 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 25 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Aversa where received by local Post Office from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/66 - (1) Note No. A19611374 - value nil.
 (2) " " A07395105 - " "
 Date disclosed - 25 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer. 1766
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

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- N/67 - Note No. A14250422 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 26 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/68 - Note No. A14271793 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 26 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/69 - Note No. A14105327 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 27 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/70 - Note No. A5372787 - value 50 lire.
Date disclosed - 27 Oct 44.
Type - Raised to 500 lire.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/71 - Note No. A07395107 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 27 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/72 - Note No. A00455323 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 27 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/73 - (1) Note No. A04679837 - value nil.
(2) " " A05874027 - " "
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire notes.
Facts - Received at Italian Commercial Bank, Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/74 - Note No. A13738347 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/75 - Note No. A05874027 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Italian Commercial Bank from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/76 - Note No. A04501164 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case and note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/77 - Note No. A4501164 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case and note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/78 - Note No. A64300274 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Italian Commercial Bank from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/79 - Note No. A17669472 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 31 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Post Office from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/80 - Note No. A14105327 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 2 Nov 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/81 - Note No. A07395117 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 2 Nov.44
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/82 - Note No. A83510274 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 3 Nov 44
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/83 - Note No. A26226430 - value 50 lire.
Date disclosed - 4 Nov 44.
Type - raised to 500 lire.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/84 - Note No. A04564011 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 4 Nov 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case and note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/85 - Note No. A11154895 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 4 Nov 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/86 - Note No. A17669444 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 6 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/87 - Note No. A10673517 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 6 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/88 - Note No. A24187640 - value 50 lire.
 Date disclosed - 6 Nov 44.
 Type - raised to 500 lire.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/89 - Note No. A14105327 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 7 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received at Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/90 - Note No. A04506114 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 9 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received at Bank of Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case and note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/91 - Note No. A06285991 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 9 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Post Office from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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N/92 - Note No. A04506114 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 9 Nov 44
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria
 case and note forwarded to Catanzaro
 Zone.

N/93 - Note No. A04560411 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 10 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria
 case and note forwarded to Catanzaro
 Zone.

N/94 - Note No. A04560411 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 10 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria
 case and note forwarded to Catanzaro
 Zone.

N/95 - Note No. A63218963 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 11 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

N/96 - Note No. A06776646 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 11 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

N/97 - Note No. A17669449 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 11 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- N/98 - Note No. A1766449 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 13 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/99 - Note No. A07395117 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 13 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Pozzuoli where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- N/100 - Note No. A04564011 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 14 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 500 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case. Note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/101 - Note No. A04561014 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 15 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where surrendered to Allied Commission by RAF Unit.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case. Note forwarded to Catanzaro Zone.
- N/102 - (1) Note No. A06285991 - value nil.
 (2) " " A06285991 - " "
 Date disclosed - 15 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.
- N/103 - Note No. A06776646 - value nil.
 Date Disclosed - 18 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Naples where surrendered by RAF Unit.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- X/104 - (1) Note No. A07395101 value nil.
 (2) " " A68828044 - " "

Date disclosed - 19 Nov 44.

Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.

Facts - At Naples where received by Bank of
 Naples from customer.

Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

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Case S/1 - (1) Note No. unknown - value nil.

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Date disclosed - 11 nov 44

Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.

Facts - Three civilians at Angri known to have
 notes. House was raided by CC.RR. but
 civilians were able to burn the notes
 prior to arrest.

Civilians now waiting trial.

FOGGIA ZONE

Case No. F/3 - (1) Note No. A22624312 - value nil.
 (2) " " A19355770 - " "
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Date disclosed - 8 Nov 44.

Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.

Facts - At Foggia where notes paid in settlement
 of purchase of livestock by men believed
 to have come from Naples.

Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

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F/4 - (1) Note No. A13305553 - value nil.
 (2) " " A13305553 - " "
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 (33) " " A02027712 - " "

Date disclosed - 11 Nov 44.

Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.

Facts - At Foggia where notes paid in settlement of purchase of livestock by men believed to come from Naples.

Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

F/5 - (1) Note No. A04679837 - value nil.
 (2) " " A07395117 - " "

Date disclosed - 18 Nov 44.

Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.

Facts - At Foggia where received by local tradesman. 1757

Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

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Case No. B/2 - (1) Note No. at present unknown - value 50 lire.

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Date disclosed - 26 Oct 44.

Type - All raised to 500 lire.

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Facts - At Corato Bari, where four civilians arrested by CC.RR. for forgery and uttering. Notes not attached as retained for Court production.

B/3 - Note No. A17669442 - value 100 lire
Date disclosed - 20 Nov 44
Type - Raised to 1000 lire.
Facts - At Brindisi where received by Bank of Naples from customer.
Enquiries - To date negative; being continued thus note not attached.

B/4 - Note No. A32530115 - value 50 lire
Date disclosed - 20 Nov 44
Type - Raised to 500 lire.
Facts - At present unknown and note retained for enquiries.

TARANTO ZONE

T/3 - Note No. A17669442 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 14 Nov 44
Type - Total forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Taranto where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

T/4 - Note No. A04501614 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 25 Oct 44
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Taranto where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case. Note held by AFA.

T/5 - Note No. 13422976 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 13 Oct 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Taranto where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

T/6 - Note No. A14105327 - value nil.
Date disclosed - 10 Nov 44.
Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
Facts - At Taranto where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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Case No. C/15 - (1) Note No. A15362301 value 50 lire.

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| (30) | " | " | A15362306 | - | " | " | " |

Date disclosed - 5 Nov 44.

Type - All raised to 500 lire.

Facts - At Borgia, Catanzaro, where seized by
UC.RR. following livestock sale.

Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

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Note No. A06285919 - value nil.

Date disclosed - 14 Nov 44.

Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.

Facts - At Crotone, Catanzaro, where received
by Bank of Naples from customer.

Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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- C/17 - Note No. A13947844 - value 50 lire.
 Date disclosed - 11 Nov 44.
 Type - Raised to 500 lire.
 Facts - At Catanzaro where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- C/18 - Note No. A04516140 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 15 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Crotone where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent Reggio Calabria case, thus note retained in Zone.
- C/19 - Note No. A10873517 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 17 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Catanzaro where received by Bank of Italy from customer.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.
- C/20 - Note No. A45052019 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 2 Oct 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Reggio Calabria where found in possession of a prisoner.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent case in the area, thus note retained.
- C/21 - (1) Note No. A04516140 - value nil.
 (2) " " A04516140 - " "
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 Date disclosed - 13 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgeries of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At St. Nicola D'Ardore, Reggio Calabria where stopped at Post Office.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent case in the 1753 district, thus notes retained.

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0/22 - Note No. 04511460 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 5 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Bova Marina, Reggio Calabria where
 taken by police from tradesman.
 Enquiries - Relates to recent case in the area,
 thus note retained.

0/23 - (1) Note No. A16259616 - value nil.
 (2) " " A16259544 - " "
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 Date disclosed - 17 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Rosarno, Reggio Calabria, where
 seized by CC.RR. following livestock
 sale.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

0/24 - (1) Note No. A16259544 - value nil.
 (2) " " A16259617 - " "
 (3) " " A16252554 - " "
 Date disclosed - 15 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire notes.
 Facts - At Rosarno, Reggio Calabria, where
 seized by CC.RR. from local tradesman.
 Enquiries - Negative. Notes attached.

0/25 - Note No. A08153642 - value nil.
 Date disclosed - 21 Nov 44.
 Type - complete forgery of 1000 lire note.
 Facts - At Melicucca, Reggio Calabria, where
 surrendered by local tradesman to CC.RR.
 Enquiries - Negative. Note attached.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473899

42/14044/PS

1 February 45.

SUBJECT : Forging and uttering of Allied
Military Currency.

TO : Regional Commissioners (Attention R.P.S.O.)

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1. With reference to the Return relating to cases of
forging and uttering of Allied Military Currency, submitted with
Public Safety Monthly Reports.

2. In agreement with Finance Sub-Commission, and with
a view to reducing the labour involved to the minimum, the follow-
ing procedure will be adopted from end of February 1945 :-

(a) All forged and Counterfeit Allied Military Currency
detected in ordinary circulation, will, after necessary investi-
gations have been made, be returned to the office of the Regional
P.S.O. They will not be sent to this Headquarters. They will
be clearly marked "Forgery".

(b) This does NOT affect the provisions of Finance
Sub-Commission Memorandum 1309/47 dated 20 December 1944 and Allied
Financial Agency Memorandum FAS/1.13 dated 5 December 1944, copies
attached which deals with procedure for redemption of counterfeit
Lira Notes taken by C/MG officers in course of their official
duties.

(c) A monthly return as appendix to the monthly Report,
will be submitted in DUELISTE, and will show :-

Number of cases handled.

Total number of notes of each denomination, under
two headings :

(1) "retained" Notes.

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(c) A monthly return as appendix to the monthly Report, will be submitted in duplicate, and will show :-

Number of cases handled.

Total number of notes of each denomination, under the headings :

- (1) "Raised" Notes.
- (2) Counterfeit Notes.

Number of convictions obtained.

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3. In addition, when important cases of wholesale forgeries are detected, separate reports should be submitted to this H.Q. giving particular features of the case, and showing what action has been taken to circulate useful information to Police Agencies, Banks, Post Offices, etc. and to HQ/C Officers.

4. Arrangements can be made at a later date for destruction of forged notes accumulating with R.P.S.C's, whereby one specimen from each plate may be kept for reference. No Notes will be destroyed without prior arrangements with this H.Q.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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"	Venezia	"	(15	"	)
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"	AMG 8th. Army	"	(10	"	)
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Allied Financial Agency, HQ.		"			(30 ")
"	"	Florence Office			(5 ")
"	"	Naples			(5 ")
"	"	Palermo			(5 ")
"	"	Rome			(5 ")
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D.P. & R. S/C					
Property Control Division					
Food S/C					
HQ., AC Commandant					(20 ")
Public Safety S/C					
Transportation S/C					
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Financial Advisor, 7-5.3ec., AFHQ.					(5 ")
Advisory Council for Italy.					

1. An AC/AMG Officer who finds that he has accepted a course of action which is in the normal course of his official duties under circumstances which he feels justify his action may take the following steps to seek redemption :-

(a) He will immediately mark the notes "CONFIDENTIAL" and deliver them to the nearest Public Safety Officer against a temporary detailed receipt. The latter will make the necessary investigation and return the notes promptly.

(b) The AC/AMG Officer will then address a request for redemption to Lt. Colonel James H. Perlick, Chief, Allied Financial Agency, HQ., A.P.O. 394, (or in the latter's absence, to Major E.J. Mats, Deputy Chief of AFA), and such request will set forth the full

circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the counterfeit note or notes. It must be stated, inter alia, that the notes were received in the ordinary course of business in connection with the official duties of the officer concerned, and that reasonable precautions were taken to detect fraudulent notes before acceptance.

(c) The counterfeit notes themselves will accompany the request for redemption.

2. If the request is approved, the officer who made the request will be authorized in writing by Lt. Colonel Penick, or by Major Gite, (specimens of whose signatures appear below) to recover from AC/AFG funds in his possession (if he is a Sub-Accountant) or from the nearest AFA Branch or Sub-accountant.

3. If the request is not approved, the notes will be returned to the officer who sought redemption. The latter may then either (a) pay the loss from his own personal funds or (b) request through channels to the Finance Sub-Commission that a Board of Inquiry be established under the respective Army Regulations to deal with the matter.

4. When counterfeit live notes are redeemed in accordance with these regulations, the transaction will be recorded in the Head "Special Counterfeit Live Redemption Account" on AFA's books.

5. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit live notes - and NOT to raised notes. Separate rules apply to the latter, and application may be made at any AFA Branch therefor.

Specimen signature of

Lt. Colonel James H. Penick

James H Penick

Specimen signature of

Major E.J. Gite:

Cap Gite, Branch

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4. When counterfeit lire notes are redeemed in accordance with these regulations, the transaction will be recorded in the Head "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption Account" on AFA's books.

5. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit lire notes - and NOT to raised notes. Separate rules apply to the latter, and application may be made at any AFA Branch therefor.

Specimen signature of

Lt Colonel James H. Penick:

James H Penick

Specimen signature of

Major E.J. Gits:

Col. Gits

Col.

Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 994
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

5 December 1944.

Ref. : FAH/1.13

SUBJECT : Redemption of Counterfeit Lira Notes.

TO : Allied Financial Agency, Florence Office
" " " " Naples
" " " " Palermo
" " " " Rome

1. AFA Branches are hereby authorized to redeem counterfeit M and Metropolitan Lira Notes under the following conditions :-

(a) The counterfeit notes themselves must be presented to the AFA Branch.

(b) The request for redemption must set forth the full circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the notes, and must bear the approval and certification of the Chief of one of the five Pay Services within this Theater (CHIEFED, USM, MAF, Fiscal Director, or IFIC). This means that all counterfeiters should be forwarded, by the disbursing officer or paymaster who concerns redemption, to the office of the chief of the pay service concerned, and the circumstances reviewed by the latter or by his staff before presentation to AFA. In this connection, should counterfeit notes be presented for redemption by finance officers or paymasters in the field with certificates signed in the name of or by direction of the Chief of the appropriate pay service, payment should be refused and the matter reported to this HQ.

2. A new Disbursements Road will be opened to record to the redemption of counterfeit lira notes, entitled "Special Counterfeit Lira Redemption account".

3. After counterfeit lira notes have been redeemed, they must be clearly marked "COUNTERFEIT" by the AFA Branch and then turned over against receipt to an officer of Public Safety Sub-Commission for investigation. The receipt shall specify that the notes be returned within 30 days to the AFA Branch which will then send them against receipt to this HQ to support the "Special Counterfeit Lira Redemption account".

1. ATFA Branches are hereby authorized to redeem counterfeit Italian Lire Notes under the following conditions :-

(a) The counterfeit notes themselves must be presented to the ATFA Branch.

(b) The request for redemption must set forth the full circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the notes, and must bear the approval and certification of the Chief of one of the five Pay Services within this theater (CHINMED, USN, NAF, Fiscal Director, or PFI). This means that all counterfeits should be forwarded, by the disbursing officer or paymaster who seeks redemption, to the office of the chief of the pay service concerned, and the circumstances reviewed by the latter or by his staff before presentation to ATFA. In this connection, should counterfeit notes be presented for redemption by finance officers or paymasters in the field with certificates signed in the name of or by direction of the Chief of the appropriate pay service, payment should be refused and the matter reported to this HQ.

2. A new Disbursements Head will be opened to record to the redemption of counterfeit lire notes, entitled "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption account".

3. After counterfeit lire notes have been redeemed, they must be clearly marked "COUNTERFEIT" by the ATFA Branch and then turned over against detailed receipt to an officer of Public Safety Sub-Commission for investigation. The receipt shall specify that the notes be returned within 30 days to the ATFA Branch which will then send them against receipt to this HQ to support the charges to the "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption account".

4. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit lire notes (both IM and Metropolitan) - and not to raised notes. Separate rules apply to the latter.

5. It should also be noted that ATFA has no authority to redeem counterfeit lire notes presented by IMC/IC Officers. Applications for relief in such cases should be addressed direct to the Office of the Joint Directors, Finance Sub-Commission.

By Command of Commodore STONE :

James H. Ponick,
Lt. Col. Spec. Res.,
Chief of ATFA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13002/F

26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Forgery Reports - AM Lira Currency.

TO : Director, Public Safety S/C.

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1. Acknowledgement is made of your letter AC/14044/PS dated 19 December 1944.
2. We are in entire agreement with the general thought in your letter that the clerical labour involved in the compilation of reports be reduced. We also feel that the handling of the forged, counterfeit, altered and raised notes themselves should be reduced to a minimum.
3. Therefore, we should like to suggest that the following procedure be adopted with respect to the handling and reporting of forgeries in future, say, with effect from 1st March 1945:
 - a. All forged, counterfeit, altered and raised AM Lira Notes which have been impounded will be cancelled and delivered promptly against detailed receipt to the nearest Public Safety Officer by the AC/AMG Officer who first comes into possession thereof.
 - b. Such notes will thereafter be retained by the Officers of your Sub-Commission, except in those cases where you are specifically requested to return them to the AMG/AC Officer who originally delivered them to you against receipt. In this connection please refer to Allied Financial Agency letter ref. FAH/1.13 dated 5 December 1944 (copy attached) and to our 13002/F dated 20 December 1944, both of which relate to the redemption of counterfeit lira notes.
 - c. We should like to have you send us a brief monthly report showing merely the number of cases handled by

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13002/F, Forgery Reports, 26 Jan 45.

you, the total number notes of each denomination involved and the number of convictions obtained. In addition, we would expect you to submit reports when cases of particular importance come to light, although we feel that the responsibility for advising ANG/AC officers generally regarding forgeries and how to guard against them is necessarily that of your Sub-Commission.

4. If at some later date you wish to arrange for the destruction of forged notes accumulated as a result of adopting the plan suggested in para 3 (b) above, this can be worked out under a plan whereby one specimen from each plate would be kept for reference.

5. We should like to have the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further. The counterfeiting and altering of AM Lira Notes is of course a matter of deep concern to all of us in AC, and I feel sure that your officers will make every effort to stamp out this evil in ANG territory and to assist the authorities in Italian territory to the best of their abilities.

A. P. Graber
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Copy to:
AFA, Hq.

TO	DATE
COL. CH. P. M. N.	31/1
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. W. G. G.	
MAJ. LUCKMAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANFORD	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWELL	31/1
CHIEF CLERK	

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Ref : FAH/1.13

5 December 1944

SUBJECT : Redemption of Counterfeit Lira Notes.

TO : Allied Financial Agency, Florence Office
 " " " Naples "
 " " " Palermo "
 " " " Rome "

1. AFA Branches are hereby authorized to redeem counterfeit AM and Metropolitan Lira Notes under the following conditions:-

a. The counterfeit notes themselves must be presented to the AFA Branch.

b. The request for redemption must set forth the full circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the notes, and must bear the approval and certification of the Chief of one of the five Pay Services within this Theater (CINCPED, USN, NAAF, Fiscal Director, or DPIC). This means that all counterfeits should be forwarded, by the disbursing officer or paymaster who seeks redemption, to the office of the chief of the pay service concerned, and the circumstances reviewed by the latter or by his staff before presentation to AFA. In this connection, should counterfeit notes be presented for redemption by finance officers or paymasters in the field with certificates signed in the name of or by direction of the Chief of the appropriate pay service, payment should be refused and the matter reported to this Hq.

2. A new Disbursements Head will be opened to record to the redemption of counterfeit lira notes, entitled "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption Account".

3. After counterfeit lira notes have been redeemed, they must be clearly marked "COUNTERFEIT" by the AFA Branch and then turned over against detailed receipt to an officer of Public Safety Sub-Commission for investigation. The receipt shall specify that the notes be returned within 30 days to the AFA Branch which will then send ^{them} against receipt to this Hq to support the

charges to the "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption Account".

4. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit lira notes (both AM and Metropolitan) - and not to raised notes. Separate rules apply to the latter.

5. It should also be noted that AFA has no authority to redeem counterfeit lira notes presented by AMG/AC Officers. Applications for relief in such cases should be addressed direct to the Office of the Joint Directors, Finance Sub-Commission.

By Command of Commodore STONE:

/s/ James H. Penick,
/t/ JAMES H. PENICK,
Lt.Col., Spec. Res.,
Chief of AFA.

Copies to:
G-5 Section, AFHQ.
(Att: Financial Adviser)
Fin Sub Com.
AFA, Accounts Branch.

MAJ LUCKMAN	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANBURY	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

" Toscana
 " Emilia
 " Liguria
 " Piemonte
 " Lombardia
 " Venezia
 SFO, AMG 5th Army
 " AMG 5th Army
 Regional Accountant,
 " " " " "

Emilia
 Piemonte-Liguria Region
 Lombardia Region
 Venezia

ATA, Hq
 " Florence Office
 " Naples
 " Palermo
 " Rome
 " Accounts
 Civil Affairs Section
 Commerce S/C
 DP & R S/C
 Property Control Division
 Food S/C
 Hq, AC Commandant
 Public Safety S/C
 Transportation S/C
 2675th Regt PX
 Financial Adviser, G-5 Sec, AFHQ
 Advisory Council for Italy.

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1. Reference our letter 13002/P dated 20 Dec 44 in which the specimen signature of Major E. J. Gits, Deputy Chief of ATA, referred to in para 2 does not appear.

2. Herewith is a specimen signature of Major E. J. Gits as required.

E. J. Gits
 AD Brantley
 Col.
 Joint Director,
 Finance Sub-Commission.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE
SIENA

Subject Forging & Uttering A.M. Currency.

Ref P/T/5

To R.P.S.O.,
TOSCANA Region,
LUCCA.

Date 6th January, 1945.

Referring to letter ACC/14044/PS, dated 1st May, 1944.

This directive has only recently come to my notice, as I have previously been employed in Army Areas. The following information is, therefore, submitted herewith for the months of November and December 1944:-

- 26 separate cases of forgery.
- In one case, see Reports 1A and 1B attached, 2 persons arrested at Siena, and 4 persons in Rome. (List B.)
- The case is still "sub judice" and further particulars will be forwarded when available, if required.
- Serial numbers of forged notes as on Lists A and B attached.
- All the other spurious notes mentioned in connection with arrests, have been retained by S.I.B. in Rome.



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Major,
Provincial P.S. Officer.

1st Ind.

FILE : R-VIII/PS/4.7
FROM : HQ. AMG. TOSCANA REGION, Regional Public Safety Division.
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C. + C.M.F.
(For Att. of Finance Sub-Commission)

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Forwarded.

AWR/dr

Finance Sec
Forwarded for information

A. W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE of SIENA

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Subject :

To:



Ref :

Date

LIST A.

LIST OF FORGED NOTES

1	Nº A 17669444 A	Lire	1000
2	" A 94830591 A	"	1000
3	" A 16143712 A	"	1000
4	" A 16269656 A	"	1000
5	" A 16143712 A	"	1000
6	" A 23045688 A	"	1000
7	" A 04561104 A	"	1000
8	" A 16143712 A	"	1000
9	" A 17669442 A	"	1000
10	" A 17669494 A	"	1000
11	" A 07395107 A	"	1000
12	" A 19611372 A	"	1000
13	" A 06465379 A	"	1000
14	" A 04561140 A	"	1000
15	" A 06776646 A	"	1000
16	" A 16259654 A	"	1000
17	" A 83519112 A	"	1000
18	" A 17669422 A	"	1000
19	" A 17669424 A	"	1000
20	" A 16259657 A	"	1000
21	" A 00455323 A	"	1000
22	" A 94830591 A	"	1000
23	" A 04511604 A	"	500
24	" A 21053876 A	"	500
25	" A 36961124 A	"	500

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LIST B.LIST OF FORGED NOTES

Nº 8	OF	Lire	1000	Serial	1943 A	Nº A	16143772
"	9	"	"	1000	"	1943 A	" A 16143711
"	8	"	"	1000	"	1943 A	" A 16143712

Nº 25

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE of SIENA

Subject: False Currency

Ref: P/T/5

To: Provincial Commissioner,
SIENA.

Date 28th December, 1944.

Being concerned with the large amount of spurious notes in circulation in Siena, a close check was kept by bank cashiers on all notes of Allied Military Currency of 1000 and 500 lire denomination.

In one case 25 of these 1000 lire notes were handed in by a local tradesman. This case was checked personally by me, and information was obtained that a man, age about 30 years, 5'-9", wearing light suit, and speaking with Toscan accent, had entered the shop in question, and ordered goods to the value of 25,000 lire, stating he would return in the evening for the property and would pay for it then. He returned at 5 p.m. when the light was bad, and paid over the false notes for the goods.

I searched the premises, but found nothing further material to this case.

I compiled a letter showing the description of the wanted man, and his "modus operandi" (copy 1 B attached) and caused this to be circulated to all shop keepers in Siena, who signed the reverse of the letter. They were instructed to notify this office immediately anyone using this method of purchasing goods entered their shop.

On 20th December, 1944, information came from one shop that a man had ordered mackintosh coats to the value of 5000 lire and would return later to take them away and pay for them.

Municipal Guards subsequently arrested a man CUTRONI, Andree, a resident of Rome, who had in his possession 470,000 lire, of which 350,000 lire were in notes of 1000 lire and were found to be false. He was arrested and also the driver of a motor van who was with him.

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With permission of P.C., the prisoner was taken by me to Rome on 22nd December, 1944, and with concurrence of Major Coxhead,

A.M.G., Rome, I obtained the services of a Sergeant of S.I.B., and five houses in the Trastevere and Prati districts of Rome were searched by us.

Nothing was found in the first house or the second, but in the third I discovered 268,000 lire in false 1000 lire notes and also 750,000 in good money wrapped up in separate bundles (the result of false money being changed), and also glass and cardboard used in the cutting of the false notes.

In the next house, plates for front and back of 1000 lire and 500 notes together with photographic prints were found, and also a further 142,000 lire in false money.

The searches continued all night and 4 persons were arrested, including the man who had photographed the notes, together with his apparatus.

It was stated that about 7,000,000 lire had been printed from these plates.

The case was then handed over to S.I.B., and American Military Police at central Questura, Rome, and I returned to Siena.

The prisoner Cutroni remained in Rome and was assisting the investigating authority there on further enquiries in the case.

About 750,000 lire in false money has been recovered, and approximately a similar amount in good currency (the proceeds of these sale and change of the spurious notes.).

Enquiries reveal that the driver arrested at Siena was not involved in the crime, and he was released on 27th December, 1944 on instructions from Rome.

The Questura and Municipal Guards at Siena rendered great assistance in the above arrests, and the case is a good one.



Spandola Major,
Provincial P.S. Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE of SIENA

Subject:

Ref:

To: AI NEGOCIANTI DI SIENA

Date 14/12/1944.

Sabato 2 Dicembre 1944, un giovane dall'età apparente sui 30 anni circa, corrispondente ai seguenti connotati: Alto m. 1,70 circa, corporatura snella, colorito bruno, senza cappello, capelli biondi, vestiva un soprabito avana (trenci), dall'accento toscano; entrò nel negozio del Signor Castelnuovo Aldo in Via Banchi di Sopra, ove comperò della merce per il valore di lire 25600. Il medesimo lasciò la merce nel negozio dicendo di tornare più tardi e ritirarla.

Alle ore 19 dello stesso giorno; quando il negozio stava per chiudere e la luce era molto bassa, il predetto fece ritorno nel citato negozio a ritirare la merce in precedenza acquistata, e pagò la stessa con 25 biglietti da 1000 e 6 da 100 lire.

Più tardi venne scoperto che i biglietti 25, da 1000 erano falsi.

Si richiama l'attenzione di tutti i negozianti, nel caso che, chiunque si presentasse a fare acquisti con sistemi su accennati, o comunque desse luogo a sospetti di voler smerciare soldi falsi, sono pregati di farne immediata segnalazione a questo Ufficio, per l'arresto degli spacciatori dolosi.

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@ Sanader A. Major,
Provincial P.S. Officer.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478800

8 January, 1945

AC/14044/18

SUBJECT : Counterfeit Notes.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

With reference to your letter 13002/R dated 6
December 1944 enquiries have been made and observation main-
tained over a period, but without result.

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JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Colonel, I.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission. 1730

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478800

8 January, 1945.

AG/14044/93

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

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with reference to your letter 13002/T dated 23
December 1944, information has been received that the
original censorship report was passed by Lazio Umbria region
to P.S.S. for investigation.

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JOHN J. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D., Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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Public Safety Division
3rd January, 1945

FILE : LUR/11/PS.

SUBJECT : Counterfeit notes.

TO : Public Safety S.C., A.C.

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Reference your AC/14044/PS, dated 7 Dec., concerning passing of counterfeit notes in Via del Cinque, Rome, enquiries have been made and observation maintained over a period, but no cases of counterfeit notes changing hands have come to light.

C.T. Francis

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Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O. Lazio-Umbria Region

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COL. YOUNG		
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

Public Safety Division.
30th December, 1944.

File No. :- LUR/11/PS.

Subject :- Counterfeit notes.

To :- The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ., AC., Apo 394.

With reference to your letter No.
AC/14044/PS dated 27/12/44.

The original Censorship report was
received at this Headquarters and was passed to
Capt. Archer F.S.S. for investigation.

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. W. COX		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANCOCK		
MAJ. BAL		
CAPT. P.		

W. Wilson Cap
for P.G. GREEN. Major.
D/ R.P.S.O.
Lazio-Umbria Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

WD/ewp

29th December 1944.

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering Allied Military
Currency.
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C. (2)

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1. Two counterfeited 1,000 lire Allied Military Currency notes have been turned in at Lucca Headquarters and are forwarded for transmission, after perusal, to Finance Sub-Commission.
2. Number of forgers taken into custody : none.
3. Number of convictions : none.
4. Serial numbers of forged notes : A06285985A & A16143772A.
5. Forged note No. A06285985A was presented to the Banca d'Italia, Lucca, on 15th December, 1944. The person who presented the note was Baroni Silvio who does not know where or when he came into possession of the note. The matter has been thoroughly investigated by the Questura and it is believed that Baroni had come by the note innocently. Forged note 16143772A was presented to the Banca d'Italia on 16th December, 1944, and found in the receipts at the close of the day.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILCOX	
MAJ. LUCKMAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWELL	
THIRD	

/ewp

Finance Sec.

*Forwarded with
notes. 1720*

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*Genl Capt
for DAF*

18/ Ministry of Interior

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20 December 1944
IO.12200.1.1944

TO : Allied Commission - B.S. Subcommission
SUBJ. : Counterfeit of bank-notes

Ref to letter ACC/14044, dated 24 July 1944. We inform that the signa-
lized chap, Sberre Grete, has been identified in Sberre Grete of Domenico
and of Muriel Maria, born on November 13, 1908 in Marcella Marina and living
there in Via del Calvario 13, Fishman. He, having been expelled from U.S.
came back in Italy on 21 December 1938, from the U.S., with his wife and his
his son Domenico, born in Brooklyn (U.S.) on 25 January 1922.

During the period of the German occupation it seems that he supplied
information to the Allies and that he helped with large allowances, dis-
banded soldiers, who secretly were emigrating in Corse.

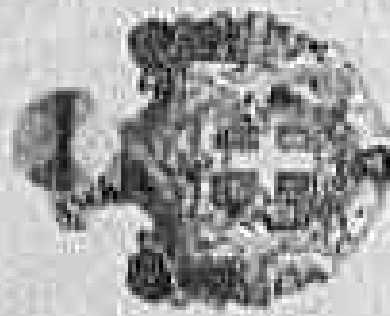
After the liberation of the Sler Island, Sberre, as he knew how to speak
English, approached the Allies.

He does not enjoy of the best esteem among the people and is fre-
quently traveling all over the Comunes of the Island.
A careful vigilance is being carried out on him.

For the Minister
Fern R

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Please initial response



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 28 dicembre 1944

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione Polizia *Sez. I.*

Prot. 10.12200.I.1944 Allegato

Proposta al Foglio del

Dir. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Contraffazione valuta

Con riferimento alla lettera 24 luglio n. ACC/I4044, si informa che il segnalato Oreste Serena è stato identificato per Serena Oreste fu Domenico e fu Murzi Maria, nato il 13 novembre 1898 a Marciana Marina ed ivi domiciliato in via del Calvario n.13, pescatore. Egli espulso dall'America rientrò nel Regno il 21 dicembre 1935 dagli Stati Uniti, assieme alla moglie ed al figlio Domenico, nato il 25 gennaio 1922 a Brooklyn (U.S.).

Durante il periodo dell'occupazione tedesca si vuole che abbia fornito informazioni agli Alleati e favorito per lauti compensi militari sbandati, che emigravano clandestinamente in Corsica.

Con la liberazione dell'Elba, il Serena essendo conoscitore della lingua Inglese, ha avvicinato le Autorità Alleate.

Gode scarsa stima e fiducia in pubblico e continuamente si assenta da Marciana Marina per i Comuni dell'Isola per affari.

Su di lui si è disposta attiva vigilanza.-

PEL MINISTRO

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PEL M I N I S T R O

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Spesato al Foglio del

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AO/14044/PS

29 December 1944

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region

The attached reports enclosed with your letter
R5/514/14 dated 26 Dec, 1944, are returned herewith for your
office records.

The contents of the reports have been noted and
the forged note forwarded to Finance Sub-Commission.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

Encl.

HFC/wmg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 594

AC/14044/PS

29 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Enclosed herewith is a forged Allied Military Currency
Note No. 46273972A; which was paid into Banca d'Italia, Pesaro, on
21 Oct 44.

No arrests made in this case.

JOHN W. CHAFFIN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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TO : HQ. AC Public Safety Sub Commission
FROM : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency
REF : RS/514/14
DATE : 26 December 1944

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1. Ref your AC/14044/PS dated 18 Nov. 44.
2. Herewith complete file together with forged note No. A68273972A. Further inquiry has been made by the Questura and the persons DEL PRETE Tritolemo, BENELLI Filippo and MATTIOLI Arturo have been interviewed, but all deny any knowledge regarding the forgery and no evidence has been gained to suggest otherwise.
3. Since the discovery of this forged note no further reports of a similar nature have been received.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER



S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

23 December 1944

13002/F

SUBJECT: Counterfeiting
TO : Public Safety Sub Commission

1. Attached Civil Censorship Group Report deals with an apparently clear case of actual or attempted counterfeiting.
2. It is requested that immediate action be taken to apprehend persons involved.

/s/ / ?
for Joint Director,
Finance Sub Commission.

AC/14044/PS

1st IND

27 December 1944

From: Headquarters Allied Commission - Public Safety Sub Commission APO 394
To : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region (Attention: R.P.S.O.)
R.P.S.O.

Forwarded to you for information.

See 110A
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission.

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Roma 23 dicembre 1944

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALL'ON/LE/COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione Polizia *Prima*
Dist. V. 10.12200.1.13944

Risposta al Foglio del
Dist. V. 10.12200.1.13944

OGGETTO Contraffazione di valuta

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13002/F

SUBJECT : Redemption of Counterfeit Lira Notes.

TO : R.F.O., Sicillia Region (5 copies)
" Southern " (15 ")
" Sardegna " (5 ")
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" Piemonte " (10 copies)
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D.P. & R. S/C
Property Control Division
Food S/C
HQ., AC Commandant
Public Safety S/C
Transportation S/C
2675th. Reg't. P X (20 ")
Financial Adviser, G-5 Sec., AFHQ. (5 ")
Advisory Council for Italy.

20 December 1944

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1. An AC/AMG Officer who finds that he has accepted a counterfeit AM or Metropolitan Lira Note in the normal course of his official duties under circumstances which he feels justify his action, take the following steps to seek redemption :-

(a) He will immediately mark the notes "COUNTERFEIT" and deliver them to the nearest Public Safety Officer against a temporary detailed receipt. The latter will make the necessary investigation and return the notes promptly.

(b) The AC/AMG Officer will then address a request for redemption to Lt. Colonel James H. Perdek, Chief, Allied Financial Agency, HQ., A.P.O. 394, (or in the latter's absence, to Major E.J. Tate, Deputy Chief of ATA), and such request will set forth the full

circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the counterfeit note or notes. It must be stated, inter alia, that the notes were received in the ordinary course of business in connection with the official duties of the officer concerned, and that reasonable precautions were taken to detect fraudulent notes before acceptance.

(c) The counterfeit notes themselves will accompany the request for redemption.

2. If the request is approved, the officer who made the request will be authorized in writing by Lt. Colonel Penick, or by Major Gits, (specimens of whose signatures appear below) to recover from AC/AMC funds in his possession (if he is a Sub-Accountant) or from the nearest AFA Branch or Sub-Accountant.

3. If the request is not approved, the notes will be returned to the officer who sought redemption. The latter may then either (a) pay the loss from his own personal funds or (b) request through channels to the Finance Sub-Commission that a Board of Inquiry be established under the respective Army regulations to deal with the matter.

4. When counterfeit lire notes are redeemed in accordance with these regulations, the transaction will be recorded in the Head "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption Account" on AFA's books.

5. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit lire notes - and NOT to raised notes. Separate rules apply to the latter, and application may be made at any AFA Branch therefor.

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Specimen signature of

Lt Colonel James H. Penick :

James H Penick

Specimen signature of

Major E.J. Gite :

Cap Gite, Smith

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Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13002/F

23 December 1944

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

1. Attached Civil Censorship Group Report deals with an apparently clear case of actual or attempted counterfeiting.
2. It is requested that immediate action be taken to apprehend persons involved.

for R.P.S.O. Director
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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AC/14044/PS

27 December 1944

From: Headquarters Allied Commission - Public Safety Sub-Commission APO 394

To : Regional Commissioner - Lazio-Umbria Region (Attention: R.P.S.O.)

Forwarded to you for information.

W.H.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

TELEPHONE

ROME

(Station)

Date Mailed 15/12/44

From: Telephone 62098

BANCA POPOLARE DI NOVARA
Largo Tritone
(Caller : un signore)

To:

(Callee : una donna)

Number of previous
comment sheets:

Caller R/T/6033

Callee

Disposition:

Passed X

Refused

Caller warned

Callee warned

Call cut off

Language: Italian

Observation started 1350

Recording No.

None

Total time: 10 mins.

Date 14 DEC. 1944

COMMENT

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

Il chiamante - Pronto, cara, che cosa hai fatto con quei biglietti ?
La chiamata - Sono parecchi biglietti, io ho tentato d'aggiungere lo zero, dato che quelli da 50 sono uguali a quelli da 500, però si riconoscono.

Il chiamante - Allora non ci sta niente da fare, in ogni modo, portali qua i biglietti, cercheremo di darli via. Certo è un pò difficile perchè il colore e gli acidi degli Alleati noi non li conosciamo.

La chiamata - Mi dispiace però se tu ci devi rimettere.

Il chiamante - Stai tranquilla, li metterò tra gli altri e così li darò via. Tu che fai adesso ?

La chiamata - Io vado dal parrucchiere devo fare la tintura, se vuoi telefonami al 62286. In caso invece che io finisco presto ti telefono e poi torno a casa.

Il chiamante - Va bene !

- Note - : Hairdresser's address is "Nino" Via della Vite 33. -

Comment by—
Monitor 112

Reviewed by—
R.L. Woodcock
Lieut USNR

Copy to—

✓ AC INF. FINANCE
REG IV SEC.
AMG POL. 1723
HQ CCG
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W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 9124
February 16, 1943

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

tel: 478800

22 December 1944

AO/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Allied Military Currency

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region (att: R.P.S.O.)

The attached letters received from Ministry
of Communications is forwarded for your information.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 472300

22 December, 1944.

AC/24041/TS

SUBJECT : Allied Military Currency.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region (Att: R.P.S.C.)

The attached letter received from the Ministry of
Communications is forwarded for your information.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.I.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

AC/14044/PS

19 December 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

TO : A.F.A. Bank of Italy.
(Attn: Major Mathias).

1. With reference to the monthly reports submitted from this Sub-Commission to Finance Sub-Commission relating to offences of forging and uttering of Allied Military Currency.
2. It is understood that this matter is shortly to be discussed at a meeting of AFA Branch Managers.
3. This Sub-Commission would like to draw to your attention the amount of clerical labour that these monthly reports have involved especially in Southern and Sicily Regions and in this office and suggest that the position be reviewed with a view to reducing same.
4. It is suggested that the matter could be handled better at regional level and that a weekly return of cases of forging and uttering, with forged notes be reported by the R.F.S.O. to the Regional Finance Officer. The report would contain the following information:
 1. Commune where forged note was detected.
 2. Serial number of note.
 3. Any arrests made in connection therewith.
 4. Results of any proceedings.
5. The Regional Finance Officer would be responsible for forwarding either to you, or to the Finance Sub-Commission any information you may require for your purposes.
6. As in the past, the Public Safety Officers would submit reports to Finance Sub-Commission when cases of particular importance, such as the recently detected cases of large forgery in Calabria and Palermo, come to light.
7. In Army Areas, the C.P.S. or S.C.A.P.O. would deal in a similar manner with the AF Finance Officer.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission
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Finance Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

15 December 1944

Reference: FAH/1.13/2856

Subject : Forged Allied Military Currency

TO : Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Hq. Allied Commission

1. Reference your AC/14044/PS dated 19 November 1944 regarding forged 500 and 1000 Lira denomination notes, having the serial No. A-045
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2. The following attached notes having these serial numbers have been withdrawn from reports sent to this office and are returned herewith:

<u>Note No.</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Enclosed in Report of:</u>
A04561104A	L. 1000	Catanzaro Zone - Sept 1944
A04560114A	L. 1000	Palermo, Region I - Sept. 1944
A04564001 A	L. 500	ACG/14044/PS - Oct. 12. 1944

/s/ James H. Penick
/t/ JAMES H. PENICK
Lt Col., Spec. Res.
Chief of A.F.A.

Enclosures: as stated above.

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AC/14044/PS
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394

20 Dec 1944

TO Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

Forwarded with notes for your information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

15 December 1944

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Subject : Forged Allied Military Currency

To : Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Hq. Allied Commission

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James H. Penick
JAMES H. PENICK
Lt. Col., Spec. Res.
Chief of A. F. A.

Enclosures: as stated above

TO	INITIALS
COL. CHAMBERLAIN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILSON	
MAJ. LUCKYMAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWEL	X
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14044/PS

Tel. 478708

18 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT : Forging Allied Military Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

The attached copies of letters received from
Communications Sub-Commission are forwarded for information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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COPY

HQ AMG Rear Eighth Army

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8 Dec 1944.

HQ Allied Commission

1. The attached forged 1000 lire note AM currency No. A.45042019A was received during Nov 44 at a Corps Field Post Office.
2. Despite exhaustive enquiries it has not been possible to trace the source of the note.
3. It may be connected with the forgeries having Serial A045 etc A, mentioned in your 14004/PS of 20th October 1944.

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(Signed) -

Major
SCAPO
for Group Captain
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

AC/14044/PS.

14 Dec 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Forwarded with note referred to for your information.
This note is not of the series A045-A.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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1- Note # A45052019A

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MEMO

In reply
refer to : P.8.112/CS.

13 December 1944

Subject : Forged Allied Military Currency.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission. ←

92B Reference your AGC/14044/P3 of 20 October 1944
four letters from the Italian Postal Administration containing
report of forged currency are connected.

WJ+Green
mayor

For Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

4 Inc:

Inc.1 103615/38/74
" 2 103651/38/74
" 3 1003723/38/74
" 4 1003695/38/74

92B of 7 Dec.44

TO	DATE
MR. CH. R. N.	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. W. C. K.	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANCOCK	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
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Ministry of Communications.

No. 1003651/38/74 Answer to M.P.S. 15-15-92

Subject: Allied currency suspected of being forged.

Relative to the letter above mentioned we inform what the Direzione Provinciale of the Poste di Trapani has signaled with letter of 6th. cur. No. 9867:1 D:

In reference to the circular above noted we inform that the office of Caltanissetta in date of 25-5-1944, sent four 1000 L. notes suspected of being forged, seized from a certain Mrs. Anna Leonorco, having the following numbers: 4013622200, 4050000704, 4013622200, 4013622200. When on September 8, 1944 the office of Poggioreale sent two other 1000 L. notes also these suspected of being forged having the No. 4092000971, 4092000971. To end up in date of 25-9-1944 this Prov. cashier sent another 1000 L. note having No. 4062059471 found in a payment of the Vito office, who traced the bearer through the RR. CC. Anna who suppose it is a certain Ferrino Filippo of Francesco resident in Alcamo. All these notes with the relative records have been given to the Allied Financial Agency A.M.A. of Palermo to establish the authenticity.

No. 1003651/38/74 Answer to M.P.S. 16-10-92

Referring to the letter above mentioned we inform what the Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Messina has signaled:

The bank notes seized up till now for being suspected by this Provincial bank of being forged have the following details

- 1) 1000 lira bank notes, Series 1943, n.A. 0000285933 A, coming from the postal receiving office of Lipari, according to the records received in date 15/8/1944;
 - 2) 500 lira bank notes, Series 1943, n.A. 0456140 A, coming from the postal receiving office of Pace del Mela, according to records received, in date 23-8-1944;
 - 3) 1000 lira bank notes, Series 1943, n.A. 00285912 A, coming from the postal receiving office of Cesarò, according to records received, in date 11/9/1944;
 - 4) 500 lira bank notes, Series 1943, n.A. 04514601 A, coming from the postal receiving office of Misserio, according to records received of 17/10/1944;
 - 5) Two 1000 lira banknotes, Series 1943, with n.A. 04546101 A and n.A. 04501164 A, coming from the receiving branch office n.2, of Messina, according to records received in date 16/10/1944.
- The bank notes above mentioned, all Allied Military Currency, supposed to be forged, have been brought to this R. Treasury sending a copy of the relative seizure records to the Public Safety Authorities of Messina.

No. 1003695/38/74

With reference to the letter above mentioned, we inform that the Direzione Provinciale of Naples has signaled the following:

Director telegraph N. 23180 the dependent

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Ministry of Communications

No. 1003723/38/74

Sub.Forged Allied Currency.

With reference to the letter above mentioned we inform what the Direzione Provinciale of the Poste of Avellino has signaled:

"The dependent offices have seized the following bank notes because suspected of being forged:

N.A. 16285914 A	of L. 1000
N.A. 21515778 A.	" " 1000
N.A. 17669449 A.	" " 1000
N.A. 21515778 -A	" " 1000

This currency has already been sent to the local R.Treasury, who has not yet forwarded it to the Technical Commission of Rome for examination as it is forbidden to send insured letters.

Besides the following bank notes have been seized for suspect of being forged and will be sent to the P.Treasury as soon as the jurisdiction formalities of the post offices that paid them in is settled:

N. A 174250422 -A	of L. 1000	
N. A 17745690 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 14105327 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 13422976 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 14271793 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 17669446 -A	" " 5000	
N. A 19965151 -A	" " 1000	They have The same number
N. A 19965151 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 62021111 -A	" " 1000	
N. A 40672317 -A	" " 2500	

As the Numbers of the currency seized are different from the ones indicated by your Ministry, we consider it advisable to warn the post offices that the details signaled by the Ministerial circular does not exclude that bank notes may be in circulation which have different characteristics.



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI
CRASSE DI RIFORMA POSTALE E CONTROCORRENTI

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Quartier Generale
Commissione Alleata

A.P. C. 394

Trasmissione V
Trasmissione I
Lot. N. 1003695, 38 Allegato

Ripresenta al f. N. 1

OGGETTO Valuta Alleata L. 100.

Con riferimento alla nota sopra in-
dicata si comunica che la Direzione Provinciale di
Napoli ha segnalato quanto segue:

"Giusta disposizioni telegramma cir-
colare M. 25180 il dipendente ufficio postale di
Marcianise ha sequestrato la banca-nota an-lire
di lire 1000, serie 1943, n. A 04512898 A, per so-
spetto di falsità...

"Tale valuta è stata ritirata a Delli
Curti Marcantonio, colà dimorante, ed è stata tra-
smessa, in data 17 novembre c.a., alla locale Sezione
di P. Tesoreria, con il relativo verbale di ricevi-
mento mod. 13 e 13 T".

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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Date _____
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Bancnote Alliate sospette di falsità

In relazione al foglio sopra distinto si partecipa quanto ha segnalato la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Trapani, mediante lettera del 1°8 corrente nr. 9867/I D:

" In riferimento alla circolare sopra segnata si fa conoscere che l'ufficio di Calatafimi, in data 25-5-1944, ha fatto pervenire quattro biglietti da L. 1000 sospetti di falso, sequestrati ad un certo sig. D'Anna Leonardo portanti i seguenti numeri : A0138228 CA = A40600070A = A0138228CA = A01382280-A.

" L'8 settembre 1944, poi, l'ufficio di Poggioreale ha fatto pervenire altri due biglietti da L. 1000 sospetti anche essi di falso portanti N.ri A09200097A = A09200097A. Infine in data del 26-

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Chief. Postal _____
H. Q. Coms. O. _____
Assl. Chief Postal _____
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CASSE DI RISPARMIO POSTALI E CONTICORRENTI

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Quartier Generale
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R. N. 1003651/36
Valuta Alleata falsa
OGGETTO

16.8.92
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Con riferimento al foglio sopra di-
stinto, si partecipa quanto ha segnalato la Direzio-
ne Provinciale della Poste di Messina :

" Le banconote finora sequestrate, per
sospette di falsità , da parte di questa Cassa
Provinciale hanno i seguenti dettagli;

1° - banconota da lire 1000, Series
1943, n. A 00285933 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria
postale di Lipari, giusta verbale di ricevimento,
in data 15/8/1944 ;

2° - banconota da L. 500, Series 1943, n.
A 0456140 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria postale di
Pace del Mela, giusta verbale di ricevimento, in da-
ta 23.8.1944 ;

3° - banconota da L. 1000, Series 1943, 1710



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Chief, Postal	
H. Q. Coms.	Quartier Generale
Asst. Chief Postal	Unione Alleata
Censorship	P. O. 304
Chief Clerk	
Reported by: P. S. 16-8-92	

Date _____
OGGETTO _____

Bancanote Alleate sospette di falsità

In relazione al foglio sopra distinto si partecipa quanto ha segnalato la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Trapani, mediante lettera del 1°8 corrente nr. 9867/I D:

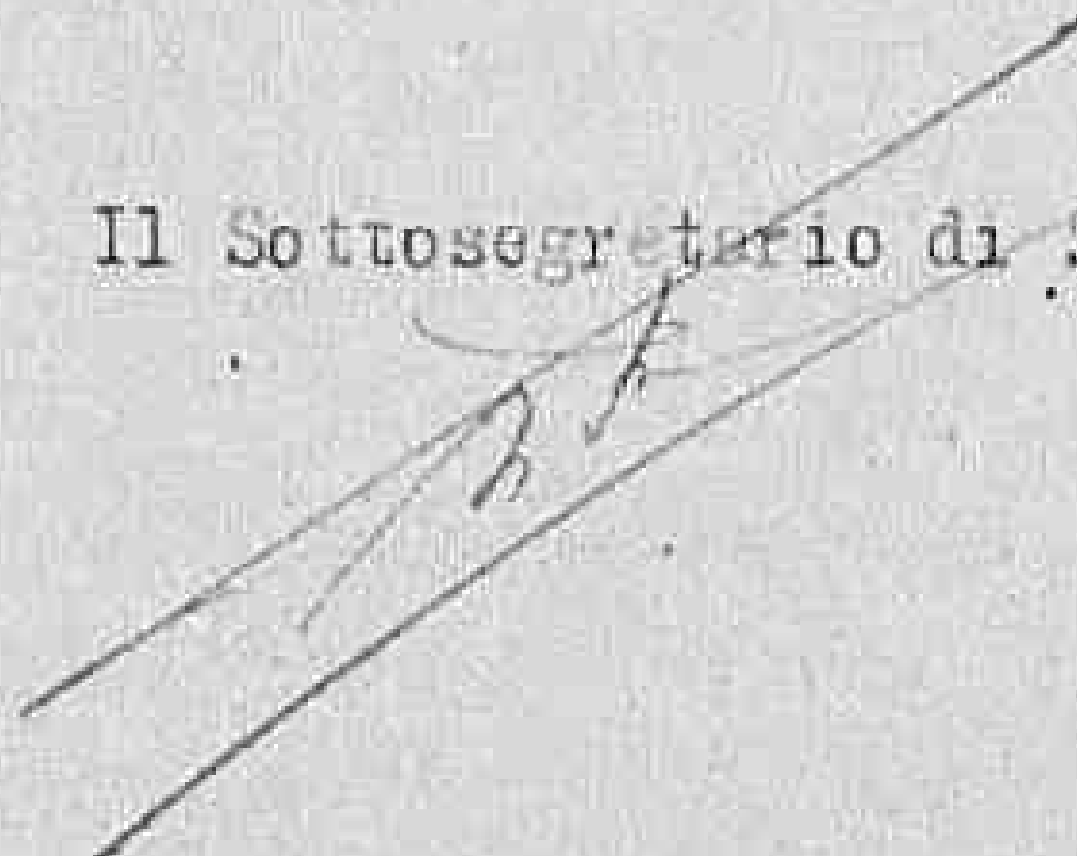
" In riferimento alla circolare sopra segnata si fa conoscere che l'ufficio di Calatafimi, in data 25-5-1944, ha fatto pervenire quattro biglietti da L. 1000 sospetti di falso, sequestrati ad un certo sig. D'Anna Leonardo portanti i seguenti numeri: A01382280A - A40600070A - A01382280A - A01382280-A.

" L'8 settembre 1944, poi, l'ufficio di Poggioreale ha fatto pervenire altri due biglietti da L. 1000 sospetti anche essi di falso portati N.ri A09200097A - A09200097A. Infine in data del 26-

9-1944 questo Cassiere Prov.le ha fatto pervenire
un altro biglietto da L.100, portante il nr.
AOC285947A rinvenuto in un versamento dello uffi-
cio di Vita, il quale ha rintracciato l' sbitore
a mezzo dell'Arma dei RR.CC. la quale suppone sia
un certo Parrino Filippo di Francesco residente
ad Alcamo.

Tutti i detti biglietti con i relativi
verbali sono stati rimessi all'Allied Financial
Agency A.F.A. di Palermo" per stabilirne l'auten-
ticità o meno".

Il Sottosegretario di Stato



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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI

CASSA DI RISPARMIO POSTALI E CONTROCORRENTI

MODA 45 (Emissione 1943)

Ricevuta 71 Lira 1943 194

 Quartier Generale
 Commissione Alleata
 APO 384

 Serie V
 Numero I
 Sub I
 Let. A 1003651/38

 Repertorio L. A. PS. 16.8.92
 Al 27-X

 Valuta Alleata falsa
 OGGETTO

Con riferimento al foglio sopra distinto, si partecipa quanto ha segnalato la Direzione Provinciale delle Poste di Messina:

"Le banconote finora sequestrate, per sospetto di falsità, da parte di questa Cassa Provinciale hanno i seguenti dettagli:

1° - banconota da lire 1000, Series 1943, n. A 00265933 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria postale di Lipari, giusta verbale di ricevimento, in data 15/8/1944;

2° - banconota da L. 500, Series 1943, n. A 0456140 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria postale di Pace del Mela, giusta verbale di ricevimento, in data 23.8.1944;

3° - banconota da L. 1000, Series 1943, n. 1710

N. A 00285912 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria postale di Cesarò, giusta verbale di ricevimento, in data 11/9/1944;

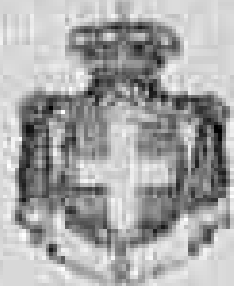
4°- banconota da L. 500, Series 1943, N. A 04514601 A, pervenuta dalla ricevitoria postale di Misserio, giusta verbale di ricevimento del 17/10/1944;

5°- due banconote da lire 1000, series 1943, distinte coi N. A 04546101 A e N. A 04501161 A, pervenute dalla ricevitoria succursale di Messina n. 2, giusta verbale di ricevimento, in data 16/10/1944 .

Le banconote sopra citate, tutte dell' Allied Military Currency, supposte false, sono state trasmesse a questa R. Tesoreria, comunicando copia dei relativi verbali di sequestro all' autorità di pubblica Sicurezza di Messina " .

Il sottosegretario di Stato





Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI
Cassa di Roma - R. P. M. I. T. A. L. E. C. O. N. F. I. G. O. R. R. E. N. T. I.

Mod. A. 45. (S. M. P. M. I.)

Roma 27 Dic. 1941

Quartier Generale
Commissione Alleata

ATO 394

Roma V
 Firenze I
 Torino I

Aut. N. 1003723/38/1941

Registrazione N. 11

Oggetto: Valuta Alleata falsa.

Con riferimento alla nota sopra distin-
ta si comunica quanto ha segnalato la Direzione Pro-
vinciale delle Poste di Avellino :

" I dipendenti uffici hanno sequestra-
te le seguenti banconote perché sospettate di falsità:

N.A. 16385914 A	da	L. 1000
N.A. 21513778 A.	" "	1000
N.A. 17669449 A.	" "	1000
N. A. 21513778 - A	" "	1000

Tale valuta è stata già trasmessa alla
locale R. Tesoreria, la quale comunica che non an-
cora viene inoltrata alla Commissione Tecnica di
Roma, per la perizia, a causa del divieto di spedi-
re lettere assicurate.

170°

Sono state, inoltre, sequestrate per so-
spetto di falsità, e saranno trasmesse alla R. Tese-

reria, non appena espletate le formalità di competenza degli uffici postali che le hanno versate, le seguenti altre banconote :

N. A I4250422 - A	da L.	1000	
N. A I7745600 - A	" "	1000	
N. A I4105327 - A	" "	1000	
N. A I3422976 - A	" "	1000	
N. A I4271793 - A	" "	1000	
N. A I7660446 - A	" "	500	
N. A I9965151 - A.	" "	1000	} recano lo stesso numero
N. A I9965151 - A.	" "	1000	
N. A. 62021111 - A	" "	1000	
N. A. 40672317 - A	" "	500	

" Poiché i numeri distintivi delle valute sequestrate sono diversi da quelli indicati da codesto Ministero, si è ritenuto opportuno avvertire gli uffici postali che i dettagli segnalati con la circolare Ministeriale non escludono che vi possano essere in circolazione banconote aventi caratteristiche diverse. " .

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473708

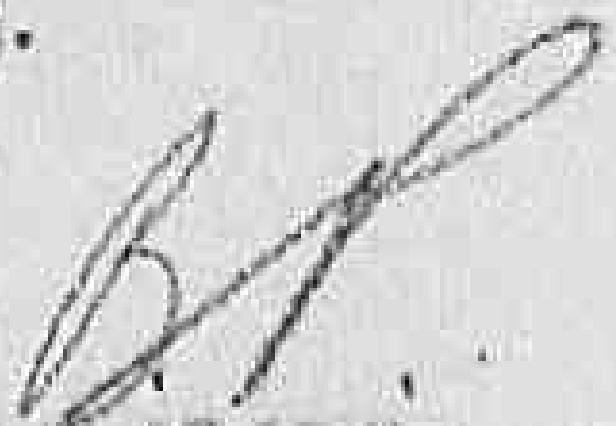
13 December, 1944.

AS/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Herewith particulars of forging and uttering of
Allied Military Currency in Southern Region, with Notes
referred to, for month of November, 1944.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BE/G.

1708

SUBJECT:- Forged AM Currency.

P. Saffery

3 AMG Rear Eighth Army.

CA/8/2

8 Dec 44

11044

5302
90A
See 1

HQ Allied Commission

1. The attached forged 1000 lire note AM currency No. A45052019A was received during Nov 44 at a Corps Field Post Office.
2. Despite exhaustive enquiries it has not been possible to trace the source of the note.
3. It may be connected with the forgeries having Serial A045 etc., mentioned in your 11044/PS of 20 Oct 44.

Blucum

Major,
SCPO,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

TO	INITIALS
COL CH-PM-N	
COL YOUNG	
LT. COL WILSON	
MAJ LUCKYMAN	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANBU Y	
MAJ BALLEWICE	
CAPT PIVEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

HEADQUARTERS

17 DEC 1944

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14044/PS 29A

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 7 Dec. 1944

Ref: PS/4.9

SUBJECT: Forgery of Allied Military Currency.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(attention of Deputy Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. This H.Q. has to acknowledge receipt of your letter AG/14044/PS of 4 Dec 44 commending Captain Hobbs of this Division upon the manner in which he dealt with a cause of forgery and uttering of Allied Military currency notes in Southern Region recently.

2. The contents of that letter, together with a suitable endorsement by Brigadier J. K. Dunlop, Regional Commissioner, this Region, have been passed to the Officer in question.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GR/tp

TO	DATE
1. DEPUTY DIR.	11/11/44
2. CHIEF CLERK	11/11/44
3. BY MAIL	11/11/44
4. BY AIR	11/11/44
5. BY TELETYPE	11/11/44
6. BY TELEPHONE	11/11/44
7. BY FAX	11/11/44
8. BY OTHER	11/11/44
9. BY HAND	11/11/44
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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

88A

29th November 1944

Ref. LU/7/2a

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Public Safety Division.

APPENDIX TO REPORT - FORGED AND COUNTERFEIT

- (a) Number of cases of forgery (uttering)
reported : ten
- (b) Number of forgery taken into custody : nil
- (c) Number of convictions : nil
- (d) Serial number of forged notes
 - 1000 lire notes Nos. A 19611373 A
 - A 10873517 A
 - A 14652190 A
 - A 17669424 A
 - A 68928014 A
 - A 96745154 A
 - 500 lire notes A 04546110 A
 - A 04564011 A
 - A 04564011 A
 - 100 lire note
 - (raised to 500) A 62097174 A
- (e) Additional useful information : nil

2 The above forged notes are attached to report submitted to Fifth Army for onward transmission to Finance Sub Commission please.

For the Provincial Commissioner
F.O. Green Major PPSO.

40/14344/15
2nd Jacket

1st IND.

5 December, 1944.

FROM HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION Public Safety Sub-Commission 400 39A
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

The above, together with the 1000 Lire Notes, and the note A 62097174 A is forwarded for your information.

The 3 Notes of the A 045... Series have been forwarded to PPSO Southern Region, reference enquiries proceeding in that district.

JOHN A. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to PPSO Southern Region
with 3 Notes, A 04546110 A,
A 04564011 A (two).

BP/C.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

WD/jm

5 December 1944.

203/19

SUBJECT: Forging and uttering of AMG Currency.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission and
Finance Sub-Commission.

1. It is reported for information that two persons have been apprehended in Florence City for tendering forged AMG 1000 Lire notes.

2. Although both persons reside at present in Florence they are natives of Palermo, Sicily to which place a report is being sent for enquiries at that end.

For the Commanding General:

TO	
DR. CHAPMAN	
DR. YOUNG	
DR. WICK	
DR. ...	
DR. ...	
MAJ. HANCOCK	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

W. Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

14044 86A
SECRET

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

6 December 1944.

13002/F.

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Notes.

TO: Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. I was informed to-day by an Intelligence Officer of PWB that counterfeit notes were changing hands in the Via del Cinque ROME at the following rates:-

1,000 lire note -- 450 lire
500 " " -- 250 lire.

2. I shall be glad if you will arrange to investigate, and to take appropriate action on, this report.

*A. J. Grasser with
Col.*

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1st Ind.

AC/14044/PS
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394.

7 Dec 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region. (Attn: R.P.S.O.).

For information and necessary action, and report to this office in due course so that Finance Sub-Commission may be informed.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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R/F.
Copy to: Finance Sub-Commission

14044/P-2

W. 85A

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

WD/ewp

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of A.M. Currency.

4th December 1944.

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

203/19.

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The enclosed return from P.P.S.O., Lucca Province, was received too late for inclusion in the Monthly Report for November, 1944.

May the notes, after perusal, be transmitted to Finance Sub-Commission.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

TO	DATE	DATE
MR. CHAPMAN		
MR. FORD		
MR. GILKINSON		
MR. HICKMAN		
MR. JONES		
MR. KENNEDY		
MR. LEE		
MR. MANNING		
MR. POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

/ewp

HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

856

Ref. LU/7/2e

29 th November 1944

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT - PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

TO:

APPENDIX TO REPORT - FORGED A.M.G. CURRENCY

- (a) Number of cases of forgery (uttering)
reported : ten
- (b) Number of forgery taken into custody : nil
- (c) Number of convictions : nil
- (d) Serial number of forged notes

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A 12653190 A
A 17669144 A
A 68828044 A
A 96745154A

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A 04564011 A
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100 lire note
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- (e) Additional useful information : nil

2 The above forged notes are attached to report submitted to Fifth Army for onward transmission/ to Finance Sub Commission please.

For the Provincial Commissioner

H. Green

F.G. Green
Major P.F.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

AC/14044/PS.

4th December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Forgery of Allied Military currency.

TO : Major Richardson, R.P.S.O., Southern Region.

1. The report of your Captain Hobbs dealing with the forgery of Allied military currency has been forwarded to the Finance Sub-Commission of this Headquarters for their information.

2. The Joint-Director of the Finance Sub-Commission has written to express his appreciation of the prompt investigation made by Captain Hobbs which should greatly facilitate the elimination of counterfeit notes from Southern Region.

3. I should be glad if you would pass this commendation to Captain Hobbs and say, at the same time, how much the Director of this Sub-Commission appreciates the good work which he has done.

A.B. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

ABY/ca.

No. 785016

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

RESTRICTED

Ref. : 13002/F

30 November 1944

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. The report dated 11 October 1944, file CZ/PS/FC, prepared by Captain R.N. Hobbs, Zone Public Safety Officer, and transmitted to this Sub-Commission with your endorsement ACC/14044/PS of 20 October 1944, is returned herewith.

2. This Sub-Commission wishes to express its appreciation of the prompt investigation made by Capt. Hobbs on the appearance of the counterfeit 1000-lire and 500-lire AM lire notes in Reggio Calabria. The seizure of the counterfeiters' press and printing supplies, together with the arrest of seven agents, should greatly facilitate the elimination of counterfeit notes from this Southern region.

For the Chief Commissioner:

NAME	DATE
LAST FIRST	3/17
STREET	See
CITY	
STATE	
HOME PHONE	
MAILING ADDRESS	
CAPT. POWER	
CLUB NAME	

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Joint Director, *major*
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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RECEIVED
21 OCT. 1944
PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMISSION

Head of
Ref. C/PS/PC

APG-S

Shall we
write letter of
commendation?

RAY

yes
up.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SOUTHERN REGION
CATANIA

CH. DIRECTOR

CH. ADJUTANT

Public Safety Officer

11 October 1944

INSURANCE

ED. 1035

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency

TO : The Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission
Hq. ACC.

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1. As a result of the appearance during the month of September, 1944, in the Province of Reggio Calabria of forged Allied Military Currency notes denominations 1000 and 500 lire enquiries to trace the source of forgery and the culprits responsible were immediately instituted and from information received the following action was taken.

2. On the 30th September, 1944, a search was made of the house of DELFINO Demetrio di Antonio, aged 37, at N.170 Via Aschenez, Reggio Calabria which resulted in the finding and seizure of 14 A.M.G. notes of 1000 lire each and 39 A.M.G. notes of 500 lire each.

3. As a result of the arrest of Delfino information was obtained which implicated and led to the arrest of

- (a) VETRANO Antonio di Giuseppe, age 32 of Catania.
- (b) CODISPOTI Domenico di Giuseppe, age 18 of Reggio Calabria.
- (c) CANALE Amedeo fu Pasquale, age 31 of Reggio Calabria.
- (d) GUARNACCIA Antonio fu Vincenzo, age 42 of Reggio Calabria.
- (e) CODISPOTI Vincenzo fu Domenico, age 50 of Reggio Calabria.
- (f) ONGRATO Agata fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.

4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the house of a certain VIKKI Giuseppe, age 32, at Via Macaluso No.69, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.

5. Agents of the Questurina, Reggio Calabria were immediately sent to this address and on searching the house found and seized in the attic therein the following:

- (a) Printing press used for stamping forged notes.
- (b) Dies and plates of forged 1000 and 500 lire notes.
- (c) Chemical formula of inks used in manufacture.
- (d) Acids.
- (e) A quantity of paper.
- (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.

6. The occupier VIKKI Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival

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- (f) CUNORATO Agata fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.

4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the house of a certain VERZI Giuseppe, age 32, at Via Macaluso No. 69, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.

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- (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.

6. The occupier VERZI Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival of the agents and no person was found on the premises.

7. Additional information gives proof of the following persons who have absconded also being implicated:

- (a) VETRANO Pietro di Gaspare age 27 of Catania, Sicily.
- (b) VETRANO Giuseppe di Antonio age 53 of Catania, Sicily.
- (c) VETRANO Giovanni di Giuseppe age 30 of Catania, Sicily.
- (d) CANGERI Giuseppe di Francesco age 33 of Catania, Sicily.

8. The particulars and descriptions of these persons and of VERZI have been circulated to all Police Agencies in liberated Italy and Sicily with a view to immediate arrest. Information has been received that they are located in the Province of Ragusa, Sicily and that their arrest is imminent.

9. It has been ascertained that the materials and acids found had been purchased from a Professor De Franco residing in Via Ventimiglia, Catania and the paper bought from a certain BRUNO residing in Piazza S. Francesco, Catania. The interrogation of these two persons proceeds to establish complicity or not in the forgeries.

10. On the 8th October, 1944 at Bova Marina a further 24 forged notes of 1000 lire each totalling 24000 lire were seized from a person who had accepted them in good faith from one of the arrested men some time previous to his arrest in payment for cattle.

11. Investigation gives belief that a total of 250,000 lire in 1000 and 500 denomination lire notes had been printed and is in circulation. Of this a total of 57,500 lire has been seized by this office through the Questura and CC.RR Reggio Calabria whilst an additional 7000 lire of forged notes in this series is in the possession of AFA Bari having been seized by Banco Di Napoli and Postal Authorities at Reggio Calabria vide corres : AFA/B/45 (Major W.F. Cook AFA Bari). The respective number of 1000 lire and 500 lire notes printed is not known at present.

12. The notes particularly the 500 lire denomination are passably good forgeries and scrutiny is necessary to discern the "smudgy" print and slight irregularities in the figuring which is not as clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1943 series and are minus lettering denoting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than A.M. currency paper and the whole gives proof of a determined and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive feature of each forgery is that each serial number thereon commences with A.045.....A.

13. All Banks in liberated Italy and Sicily have been circularised to be on the alert to detect forged notes of this series bearing the initial digits shown and full information and numbers of the notes already seized forwarded to them for information. On seizure of such notes they have been requested to inform this office through Questore. Similarly it is requested that AFA Bari be instructed to forward to this office the following notes in their possession as per corres : quoted in para 11 :-

One 1000 lire note No.	A04552019A
One 500 " "	A04564011A
Two 500 " notes "	A04560114A.
Nine 500 " " "	A04560111A

14. All such forged notes will be collated in this office for production as evidence in Court.

15. It is asked that all R.P.S.O's in liberated Italy and Sicily be instructed to forward to this office particulars or information of forged notes of these series having come or which may come to their knowledge.

16. Enquiry proceeds to effect the arrest of absconding members of the gang and on completion of the case a supplementary report will be submitted by this office.

R.N.Hobbs, Capt.

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R.N.Hobbs, Capt.
Zone Public Safety Officer.

1st ENDORSEMENT

ACC/14044/PS

From : H.Q. A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

Forwarded for information.

HP/G.

20 October, 1944.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION APC 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Rome, November 29th 1944.

Ref : A.C.C./14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.
(Through R.P.S.O. Lazio-Umbria Region A.C.).

With reference to the memo A.C.C./14044/PS of 20.10.44, nine of the 500 lire notes of the series referred to in this memo have been received in this Office.

One (A.04541610 A) was impounded on 3.10.44 by the Banca Commerciale Italiana who received it from the Societa' E.A.D.S., Via Trieste 16, Roma, where it had been tendered by an unknown customer.

The other eight notes :

ONE	-	A04564101 A.
TWO	-	A04564011 A.
TWO	-	A04564110 A.
TWO	-	A04541610 A.
ONE	-	A04561106 A.

were received on 27.9.44 at the Sezione Tesoreria Provinciale, Banca d'Italia, Roma, Office having been received from Raguso Calogero, Via Puleri, No.2 Naro, Agrigento, at one of their Provincial Offices.

No further information can be given by the bank officials.

The nine notes are being retained at the Questura Centrale, Roma, in the usual way.

J.B. FLEETWOOD
Capt. P.S.O.

AC/14044/2nd/PS 1st IND 2 Dec.44.
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission APC, 394
TO : Regional Commissioner Southern Region (Atten. R.P.S.O.).

Forwarded for information.

BF/C.

Howell Capt
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Rome, November 29th 1944

TO: The Director, Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.
(Through A.C. R.P.S.O. Lazio-Umbria Region A.C.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

25 November, 1944.

AC/11044/PS

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting of Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

With reference to your letter 13002/ dated
20 July 1944, with enclosures, a Report has now been
received from the Italian Director of Public Security
that the man named STAFFIERI Isidore is now deceased.

J. F. CHITMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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No. 10.12200.1

Ministry of the Interior.

21-11-44

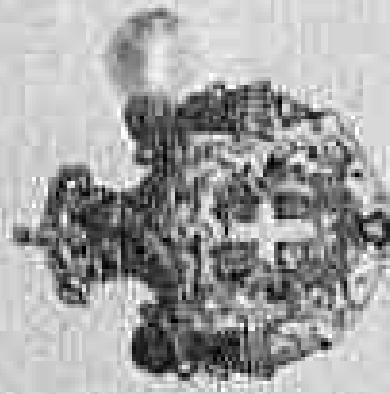
Sub. Counterfeit of money.

relative to the letter 24th. July current year N. ACC. 14044 we communicate (Nat Staffieri Isidoro of C. Azio and of Cinea Annunziata born in Montaquila (a part of Roccavindole) January 2, 1874 deported from the U.S.A. the 18.2.1935 for counterfeiting money, results to be dead since several years.

It has not been possible to have the certificate because the documents existing in the town of Montaquila were destroyed by the Germans.

TO	DATE	INITIALS
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILSON		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. RANDOLPH		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Direzione Polizia Sez. Prima
Prot. N. 10.12299.1 Allegato
1944

Translata 23/11

Roma, 21 novembre 1944

OH. COMMISSIONE ALIATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

- ROMA -

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. 1^a

OGGETTO Contraffazione di valuta.

In relazione alla lettera 24 luglio, corrente anno, n. ACC.14044
si comunica che Staffieri Isidoro di Orsizio e di Cinesa Annunziata,
nato a Montaquila (frazione Roccaravindola) il 2 gennaio 1874,
deportato dagli Stati U.A. il 16.2.1938, per contraffazione di va-
luta, risulta deceduto da diversi anni.

Non è stato possibile avere il certificato di morte perché
i documenti esistenti nel comune di Montaquila sono stati distrutti
dal tedeschi.

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per il capo della polizia

[Signature]

Divisione Polizia Soc. Prima
Prot. N. 20.12200.1 Allegati
1944

Proposta al Foglio del
Dir. Soc. N. 2

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dai tedeschi.

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per caso DELLA POLIZIA



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Territorial Legion of CC.RR.Rom

14044/
15-11-44. 78ANo. 884:2 of protocol
Sub. Phonogram.

Following a signal from the arms of Caprarola (Viterbo) and in collaboration with soldiers of that station, elements in civilian of the dependant squad proceeded to arrest and consequently denounce to the local Regia Procura del Regno the below named individuals all responsible of spending false bank notes.

- 1) Macaluso Salvatore of late Mario 32 years old from Ronciglione;
 - 2) Ceruli Adalgisa Married to Blasi of late Achille 53 years old from Fiumicino living here in via cutilia n. 7;
 - 3) Blasi Renato of late Pio 53 years old from Rome living in via outilia n. 7;
 - 4) Capo Bianco Vittorio of late Rafaele 44 years old from Rome living in via Collazia n. 9.-
- Up till now no false notes have been seized.
The investigations continue.

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LEZIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI ROMA
COMPAGNIA INTERNA DI ROMA

N° 384:2 di Protocollo.

Roma li 15 novembre 1944

Oggetto: Fonogramma.-

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO-Direzione Generale della P.S.-
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI
AL COMANDO SUPERIORE IV CLAM-Commissione-Britannico-
AL COMANDO DELLA 2^a DIVISIONE CARABINIERI REALI "POGGIORA"
AL COMANDO DELLA IV BRIGATA DEI CARABINIERI REALI
ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI
ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERRITORIALE CC.RR.-Uff. Servizio -
AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO INTERNO CARABINIERI REALI DI
AL CAPITANO CHPKINS - presso la Regia Questura -

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In seguito a segnalazione dell'Arma di Caprarola (Viterbo), ed in collaborazione con militari di detta Stazione, elementi della dipendente squadra in borghese hanno proceduto all'arresto e conseguente denuncia alla locale Regia Procura del Regno dei settonotati individui tutti responsabili di spesa di biglietti di banca falsi:

1°) MACALUSO Salvatore fu Marie di anni 32 da Ronciglione;

2°) CERULLI Adalgisa, in BLASI, fu Achille di anni 53 da Piumicino qui abitante in via Cutilia n.7;

3°) BLASI Renato fu Pio di anni 53 da Roma abitante in via Cutilia 7;

4°) CAPOBIANCO Vittorio fu Raffaele di anni 44 da Roma abitante in via Collazia n.9.-

Minore non sono stati sequestrati biglietti falsi.-

Le indagini continuano.-

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D.D.	20 NOV 1944
Atto	20 NOV 1944
File No.	

ITALIA
MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
CAPITANO COLANDREA

AL COMANDO DELLA 1^a BRIGATA
 ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI
 ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI
 AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERRITORIALE CC.RR.--Uff. Servizio --
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Finora non sono stati sequestrati biglietti falsi.-

Le indagini continuano.-

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20 NOV 1944
File No.



CAPITANO COMANDANTE
 (Gerola Giorgio) *Gerola*

HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

20 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Forged Currency.

203/19

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

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1. Reference AG/14044/TS dated 20th October, 1944.
 2. Two forged Allied Military Currency Notes for 500 lire No. A 0156011 A were paid into a bank in Lucca on the 15th inst. The notes are held at that office and enquiries to establish, if possible, the circulation route are in hand.
 3. Any useful information obtained will be forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

(signed)
W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety
A.M.C. Fifth Army

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AG/14044/2nd/PS

22 Nov 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region. (Attn: R.P.S.O.).

Forwarded for information.

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[Signature]
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

20th November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forged Currency.

203/19.

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

1. Reference AC/14044/PS dated 20th October, 1944.

2. Two forged Allied Military Currency Notes for 500 lire No. A 0456011 A were paid into a bank in Lucca on the 15th inst. The notes are held at that office and enquiries to establish, if possible, the circulation route are in hand.

3. Any useful information obtained will be forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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TO	DATE	INITIALS
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. W. DRY		
MAJ. HODGKINS		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HAMBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

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Ill
18 November, 1944.

AC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Abruzzi Marche Region
Attention R.P.S.O.

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With reference to your letter R5/514/14 dated
10 November 1944, the reports and forged Note attached therewith
are returned as it would appear the enquiry is not yet complete.

Would you please include this case, when complete,
in accordance with this Office Directive on reporting of cases
of forging and uttering Allied Military Currency.

JOHN W. CR PHAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BF/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

file 74
18 November, 1944.

AC/P 44/PS

SUBJECT : Forging, etc, Allied Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Herewith are copies of reports on the above subject received from Sicily, Toscana, and Southern Regions, and forged notes enumerated therein, with the exception of such notes of the A.045... series, which have been forwarded to R.P.S.C. Southern Region in connection with the inquiries proceeding there, see report forwarded from this office dated 20 October, 1944.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

file 73
18 November, 1944.

AC/1404/PS

SUBJECT : Forging Allied Military Currency.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Southern Region (Atten. R.P.S.O.).

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With reference to Catanzaro Zone Report CZ/PS/FC dated 11 October 1944, on the above subject, herewith are forwarded forged notes of the series A. 045... which have been recovered from Toscana and Sicily Regions, for use in enquiry now proceeding.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFG 394

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AC/14044/PS

19 November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Forging and uttering Allied
Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

With reference to this office letter 14044/PS dated 30 October, 1944, enclosing copies of Police reports on the above subject, together with forged notes, for the month of September, and with particular reference to copy of Catanzaro Zone Police Report CL/PS/PC dated 11 October, 1944, forwarded to you under our Ref. No. 14044/PS dated 20 October, 1944.

Would you please make available all 500 and 1000 Lire denomination Notes having the serial No. A-645.....A, as they will be required for continuance of enquiries in Southern Region.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to R.P.S.O.
Southern Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/1400H/PS

18 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Allied Military Currency.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.
(Attn: R.P.S.C.).

With reference to your letter R-VIII/PS/2.5 dated 11 Nov 44, the reports concerning the last five cases of Uttering forged Allied Military Currency are returned herewith for your office records.

The notes and reports of the first three cases have been forwarded to R.P.S.C. Southern Region, in connection with investigation proceeding there.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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14044/PS-70A

To : HQ AC Public Safety Sub-Commission.

From : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

Subject: Forged AMG Currency.

Ref : R5/514/14.

Date : 10 November 1944.

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see 103A

The attached copy of letter received from AMG Rear Eighth Army together with the forged 500 lire note and reports referred to are forwarded for your information.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

S. Pickering
S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

note held
3R 11/11
sent to Reg. Abruzzi
19/11

TO	DATE
MR. CHAMBERLAIN	
MR. FOUNS	
MR. WILSON	
MR. HUGHES	
MR. WILSON	
MR. HANCOCK	
MR. HARVEY	
MR. GALLAGHER	
MR. POWELL	1/684/11

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFD 394

ACC/14044/FS

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering of A.M.Currency.

30 October, 1944.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Herewith for your information are copies of reports from, Lazio, Toscana, Sicily and Southern Regions, concerning forging and uttering of A.M.Currency during September.

Mcl/G.

JOHN A. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 324

31 Oct. 1944

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Counterfeiters

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Reference your 13002/F dated 29 Oct. 1944, enclosed
are photographs requested.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CMF
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

30 944
29 October 1944

13002/F

SUBJECT: Counterfeiters.
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. With TAM Airgram 20 dated 5 July, 1944, were forwarded photographs of the eight counterfeiters mentioned in the Airgram.

2. These photographs, which were forwarded to your Sub-Commission in our on 20 July, 1944, for necessary action, have now been requested by Headquarters, Communications Zone, North African Theater of Operations.

3. Will you please return the photographs in question to this Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

for BERGIMMONS Major
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HINBORY		
MAJ HARVEY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 39

(Public Safety Division).

FILE NO : 6005

24th October 1944.

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : Capt. E.N. Hobbs, Public Safety Officer,
Catanzaro Zone, Southern Region.

Copies to: Colonel John W. Chapman,
Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC.HQ.

A.P.A. = Palermo and Naples.

Reference your report dated 11th October, 1944
(CZ/RS/FO) on above subject:-

1. Attached for your information is a list of forged 1000 lire and 500 lire A.M. currency notes, the serial numbers of all of which commence with A 045....., which have been recovered recently in this Region. It will be seen that the list contains a total of 71 - 1000 notes and 52 - 500 notes representing a total currency of L. 97,000. The majority of these notes have already been forwarded to ACC. HQ. with the monthly returns.

2. Following the raiding in May/June last of three plants in Palermo Province which were producing forged notes, it appeared that the number of such notes in circulation here was diminishing. Recently, however, the A 045..... series had been noted and reported upon and as certain information led to the belief that a new plant was operating in the Catania area a report calling for special attention of police was made to the questore of that Province. It is now thought that yet another plant is in existence in Palermo Province and enquiries are in hand which it is hoped will shortly lead to successful results.

3. Having regard to the fact that the persons wanted in connection with the Catania case are said to have absconded to Ragusa, the questore of that Province is being asked to ensure that every effort is made to arrest them, if such action has not already been taken.

J. J. Mansel

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A.F.A. = Palermo and Naples.

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Reference your report dated 11th October, 1944

(CZ/PS/FO) on above subject:-

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J. T. Manuel
J. T. MANUEL,
Captain,
Asst./Regional Public Safety Officer.

Submitted.

Russell A. Snook
Russell A. Snook,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Encl. as above.

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1000 Lire Notes

A 04560114	A	=	3	Notes	A 04516410	A	=	3	Notes
A 04516140	A	=	19	"	A 04561014	A	=	2	"
A 04561104	A	=	2	"	A 045111640	A	=	21	"
A 04561146	A	=	2	"	A 045111650	A	=	1	"
A 04560141	A	=	2	"	A 045111064	A	=	2	"
A 04560114	A	=	4	"	A 04501614	A	=	1	"
A 04516401	A	=	9	"					
					Total				
						71 Notes			

500 Lire Notes

A 04504611	A	=	2	Notes	A 04516401	A	=	1	Note
A 04501146	A	=	1	"	A 04540161	A	=	1	"
A 04506114	A	=	4	"	A 04541061	A	=	1	"
A 04506141	A	=	3	"	A 04541160	A	=	2	"
A 04511046	A	=	3	"	A 04541601	A	=	1	"
A 04511064	A	=	7	"	A 04560114	A	=	1	"
A 04511406	A	=	6	"	A 04561140	A	=	1	"
A 04514016	A	=	1	"	A 04561401	A	=	1	"
A 04514106	A	=	2	"	A 04564101	A	=	2	"
A 04514601	A	=	2	"	A 04564011	A	=	7	"
A 04511604	A	=	2	"	A 04560141	A	=	1	"
					Total				
						52 Notes			

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		

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Total	52 Notes	167
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TO	INIT	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
M L V		
CAPT POWELL		

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

28 October 1944

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forging Allied Military Currency.
TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

The enclosed copy correspondence is forwarded for your information, especially in regard to the report OZ/PS/FC dated 11 October 1944 of the Z.P.S.O., Catanzaro on counterfeiting in that area.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D. - 1670
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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DATE: 25

HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

From

To

Col. A. P. Graftey-Smith	
Col. E. H. Foley, Jr.	
Col. H. G. Crawshaw	
Lt-Col. A. H. F. Stephan	
Lieut-Comdr. J. J. Lawler, USCGR	
Major J. H. Penick	
Major B. E. L. Timmons	
Major A. J. Baxter	
Major J. Osmon	
Major P. D. Banning	
Major W. E. Price	
Major J. R. H. Hall	
Capt. A. Kamarek	
Capt. A. B. Hecker	
Capt. V. A. Catozella	
Lieut. H. J. Tasca, USNR	
Lieut. (jg) J. E. Hicks, USCGR	
SSM Angibault	
Public Safety S/C.	✓
Economic Section	
Message Center	

FOR:

- ☐ Recommendations & Remarks
☒ Information & Retention
☐ Approval or Disapproval
☐ Investigation & Report
- ☐ Necessary Action and return
☐ Permail & Return
☐ Filing
☐ Despatch
☐ Necessary Action and return

REMARKS:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

LMP/mjm

21 October 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

FILE : G-5/123-2

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Lira Notes.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Attention: Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter from A.S.F. War Department, to CG NATOUSA, dated 29 September 1944 on the above subject, together with endorsements of this Headquarters. *64B*

2. Attention is invited to the request in para 2 of minute 2 that the Public Safety Division, Allied Control Commission, be furnished with the information contained therein. *64B*

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ Lowell M. Pumphrey,
Captain, AUS
For FRANK A. SOUTHAND, Jr.
Lt-Comdr. USNR,
Financial Adviser.

Encl. 2
as above.

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[Signature]

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INFORMAL ROUTINE SLIP

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SUBJECT: Counterfeit Lire Notes

Date: 7 Oct. 1944

1. Fis Dir PMG
HQ COM ZONE
and
G-5 AFHQ
(in turn)

7 Oct

1. As requested in para 4, basic communication, correspondence is forwarded for your information and recommendation.

For the Fiscal Director:

/s/ R.D. Sullivan
/t/ R.D. SULLIVAN
1st Lieut. F.D.
Fiscal Officer.

1 Incl:

Ltr Fis Dir, Wash 29 Sep 44
with incl as stated.

2. PMG G-5
AFHQ
thru
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1. Photostatic copies of the inclosed counterfeit 500 lire note and detailed data based on the information furnished in the inclosed correspondence has been distributed to all Criminal Investigations Division offices in this theater, directing an investigation be initiated to determine the possible source of this counterfeit note in this theater.

2. All interested parties will be notified upon receipt of any information which might disclose the possible source of this counterfeit supply. Recommend that the Public Safety Section ACC in Italy be furnished this information.

3. Further recommend that this counterfeit note be registered and filed in the Fiscal Office for future reference by the Criminal Investigations Division.

For and in the absence of the
Provost Marshal General:

/s/ Kolster
/t/ KOLSTER, Exec.
18 Oct. 1944

Incl: n/o

3. G-1 G-1
COMZONE NATOUA

19 Oct.

/s/ H.E.
by W.E.K.
/t/ HUGH EVERETT, Jr.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Acting AG/S, G-1,
19 October 1944.

1 Incl:

n/o

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SPFET 000. General, 29 Sept. 44, cont'd.

3. Inclosed herewith is the note received from Mr. Raun, as well as a copy of a report on genuine and counterfeit 500 lire notes, which are forwarded for your information and assistance in detection of other notes of this type which may be in circulation. It is requested that the note be returned to this office when it has served its purpose so that it may be returned to Mr. Raun.

4. It is requested that the information contained in this letter be furnished the Provost Marshal General, and the Military Government Section of the Allied Financial Agency.

For the Fiscal Director:

/s/ T.J. Flynn

/t/ T.J. FLYNN

Captain, Finance Department

Assistant, Receipts and Disbursements Division.

Incls. *647*

- 1. counterfeit 500 lire note. *no note recd.*
 - 2. cpy report
- 64c*

VIA AIR MAIL

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COPY

WAR DEPARTMENT
Army Service Forces

Office of Chief of Finance
Washington, D.C.

29 September 1944

In reply refer to SPFET 000.5/ General

SUBJECT: Counterfeit lire notes.

TO : Commanding General
North African Theater of Operations
U.S. Army
APO 534, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Theater Fiscal Director

1. Reference is made to NATOUSA Circular Letter No. 11, 1 June 1944, in which information was promulgated about the counterfeiting ring producing 1000 lire Allied Military notes. Three 500 lire counterfeit notes have now turned up in this country and it is believed they may be the work of the same ring of counterfeiters who produced the 1000 lire notes.

2. In connection with these 500 lire notes, the following information is furnished:

On 1 September 1944, Captain J.C. Venable, Finance Officer Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Virginia, exchanged for William A. Wood, Master, SS Richard J. Gatling, a quantity of Allied Military lire currency. It was discovered in the Finance Office that three 500 lire notes appeared to be counterfeit. Two of the notes had the same serial number (A04540611A), and all three notes contained an inverted or backward letter "N" in the "Issued in Italy" printed on the notes.

The three notes were turned over to the Intelligence and Security Division of the War Department at Newport News, Virginia, and were forwarded by that office to the Provost Marshal General at Washington, D.C. Two of the notes are now in the possession of Mr. C.R. Raum, Secret Service, Treasury Department, the third note turned over to this office by Mr. Raum.

500 Lire Allied Military Authority
Currency

GENUINE

Offset Printing
Zinc Plates Photo lithograph process

Colors { green
 blue 100% Rag Paper
 green

Back { light brown
 dark brown

Serial numbers consist of 8 digits
same type as those on \$1.00 silver
certificate U.S. Currency

COUNTERFEIT

Printed Typographically
from Zinc etching

Crude reproduction
face colors are off dull green
in appearance

Back - fairly good and deceptive

"N" in "Issued in Italy" on
right-hand side of notes is
printed backwards.

3 specimen in hand bear

Serial Nos. A 04540611A
 A 04540611A
 A 04540161 A

Type
First issue 500 Lire Allied
Military Currency

COPY

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SUBJECT: Forged Allied Military Currency.

AMG Rear Eighth Army.

04/5/2

20 Oct 44.

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HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. On a date shortly before 2 Oct 44, the Cassa di risparmio PESARO Province PESARO detected a forged 1,000 lire note A.M. currency.
2. It was paid in by the local Consorzio Agrario who have no idea when or from whom it was received.
3. The Provincial Finance Officer for PESARO directed the Banca d'Italia to circularise the information and a copy of that circular is enclosed.
4. The same officer without knowledge of this HQ sent the forgery to Marche-Abruzzi Region HQ for onward transmission to H. ACC.
5. The forgery is described as a clumsy one.
6. So far Police enquiries have not met with any success.

HEADQUARTERS
2 OCT 44
A. C. C.

/s/ C. Bente T...
Lt. Col. RA,
S.O.I.,
For Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

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N C A D ' I T A L I A
e versato L. 30 000.000
cursale di: P E S A R O

N° 114 Ris.

OGGETTO:

Biglietti falsi.

Urbino 2 ottobre 1944

A TUTTE LE AGENZIE DISCREDITO DELLA
PROVINCIA DI

P E S A R O

e, per conoscenza:

DIREZIONE PROVINCIALE DELLE POSTE

INTENDENZA DI FINANZA

REGIA PREFETTURA

REGIA QUESTURA

RP. CARABINIERI

U R B I N O

Gli organi competenti del Governo Militare Alleato segnalano la presenza in circolazione di biglietti allacciati del taglio da lire mille (L. 1.000) da considerarsi falsi. E' stato precisamente giudicato tale un biglietto della " Series of 1943 A" - " A 09200007 A".

I segni più rimarcabili che distinguono il biglietto riconosciuto falso da quelli legittimi sono:

- qualità della carta, scadente, di minore consistenza della normale, e al tatto spugnosa con tendenza al tipo assorbente;
- nel recto:
 - stampe in genere difettosa in modo abbastanza appariscente, con evidente sbavatura nelle varie leggende;
 - la numerazione in rosso è stampata in lettere e cifre assai più alte e larghe delle normali, mentre il distanziamento fra l'una e l'altra cifra e lettera risulta minore, il che fa occupare alla numerazione stessa nell'insieme il medesimo spazio tanto nel biglietto legittimo che in quello falso;
 - i disegni della cornice e della vignetta centrale non sono nitidi né ben rilevati - si potrebbero definire anzi grossolani -, e mancano in modo netto degli effetti di chiaroscuro che si riscontrano nei biglietti autentici; anche i due rosoni laterali nei quali è iscritta la leggenda "Issued in Italy" non appaiono nel biglietto falso ben marcati come in quello legittimo;
 - la colorazione del sottofondo, normalmente tonalizzata su una tinta tendente all'azzurro, si orienta nel biglietto falso sul grigio verdastro;
 - la raggiera che dal fregio centrale si diffonde nitidamente nel biglietto buono, non appare quasi del tutto nel biglietto falso;
 - nel verso:
 - la colorazione del fondo che nel biglietto legittimo si avvia sul rosa pallido, è nel biglietto falso tonalizzata sul marrone chiaro;
 - nel medaglione di sinistra, le due iscrizioni "Freedom of speech" e "Freedom of religion" sono nel biglietto falso separate da due linee orizzontali che nel biglietto legittimo non esistono;
 - la stessa particolarità si rileva per le leggende "Freedom from want" e "Freedom from fear" del medaglione di destra;

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- nel recto:
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 - i disegni della cornice e della vignetta centrale non sono nitidi né ben rilevati - si potrebbero definire anzi grossolani -, e mancano in modo netto degli effetti di chiaroscuro che si riscontrano nei biglietti autentici; anche i due rosoni laterali nei quali è iscritta la leggenda "Issued in Italy" non appaiono nel biglietto falso ben marcati come in quello legittimo;
 - la colorazione del sottofondo, normalmente tonalizzata su una tinta tendente all'azzurro, si orienta nel biglietto falso sul grigio verdastro;
 - la raggiera che dal fregio centrale si diffonde nitidamente nel biglietto buono, non appare quasi del tutto nel biglietto falso;
- nel verso:
 - la colorazione del fondo che nel biglietto legittimo si avvia sul rosa pallido, è nel biglietto falso tonalizzata sul marrone chiaro;
 - nel medaglione di sinistra, le due iscrizioni "Freedom of speech" e "Freedom of religion" sono nel biglietto falso separate da due linee orizzontali che nel biglietto legittimo non esistono;
 - la stessa particolarità si rileva per le leggende "Freedom from want" e "Freedom from fear" del medaglione di destra;
 - il disegno del fondo che nel biglietto buono mette in evidenza una specie di reticolo, manca di tale effetto nel biglietto falso, il quale contiene linee in una sola direzione senza le trasversali, che nel buono determinano appunto quello che può chiamarsi un reticello;
 - in genere anche i disegni della cornice e delle altre parti del verso presentano i medesimi difetti riscontrati nel recto.

Quanto sopra, perché le Amministrazioni abbiano norma nel loro interesse.

IL DIRETTORE

[Handwritten signature]

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 439091
Ext : 502

23 October, 1944

220/11044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged A.M. Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Attached hereto for your information is copy of
A.M.C. Eighth Army letter 01/3/7 dated 19 September 1944,
together with two forged notes Nos :-

A 32410453 A and A 01829274 A

concerning passing of forged A.M. Currency notes at Arezzo.

JOHN E. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.M.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission. 1867

WJ/C.

1. About 2:00 PM, 1945, a man and woman called on a number in LUSAZO, Peru.

2. They appeared in a hurry, did not explain and gave the visitor to understand they were going to recall the turn in FIGURE.

3. The man and woman paid for the turn in FIGURE and Allied military currency of 1,000, 500 (1945) and 100 lire denominations.

4. When the vendor of the turn was making a purchase in LUSAZO it and of September 1945, which one of the 500 lire notes it was seen to be changed.

5. Of the 40 turned 500 lire notes attended, 37 have been recovered.

6. (a) Description of Man and Woman. Woman: for foraging and attending Allied military currency.

MAN: 35/40 years; 5'6" 10 inches; fat, well built, full face, fresh complexion, clean shaven, black hair (grey at sides) brushed back, large forehead, dark eyes, hair badly cut-brown, large white teeth, 4-1/2 footed, speaks with a Spanish accent, dressed in dark navy blue suit, double breasted suit jacket shirt, dark shoes.

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WOMAN: 45 years, 5'4", about 110 lb, full bust and wide hips, full face, a brownish skin with slight streaks of hair, badly eyebrows, fairly large oval teeth, talks quickly but nervously, speaks with a Spanish accent, dressed in colored blouse with short sleeves, 2-1/2" skirt to top of knees, stockings and shoes, carrying a dark brown leather bag.

(b) Description of items recovered.

2 Italian 500 lire
5 new 500 lire, black with silver streaks
1 new 500 lire

1,000 lire
10,000 lire
2,500 lire

(c) Description of currency.

Version 1945 50 lire Allied military currency with an "O" added to the number "50" in the center and each of the four corners of the note. A crude attempt has been made to use the notes.

All 37 of the recovered denominations have an eight figure number (not consecutive) with lot or "A" prefix and suffix. The addition of the "O" to "50" is not noticeable at first glance, but a patchy slight discoloration is apparent.

PC World Bank and others will furnish particulars of the notes persons who turn to civil police agencies with instructions to make enquiries, particularly at factories with a view to the arrest of the wanted persons.

8. Particulars of the forgeries will not be submitted to the civil Police Agency.

PC Bank, Peru
Lt. Col. R.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
The British Army.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 374

Tel. 1-473708

20 October, 1944

CO/14044/44

SUBJ: Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : R.F.C., Lazio-Umbria, Marche-Abruzzi,
Toscana, Italia, Regions (thru R.C.)
R.F.C., 3rd Army (thru S.C.A.C.)
R.C., R.C., 8th Army (thru S.C.A.C.) — 93A

1. During the last month, a number of forged 500 and 1000 lire Allied Military Currency Notes were found in circulation in Reggio Calabria. Investigations have revealed that the notes were forged at Catania. Several persons have been arrested, for 60 notes recovered and machinery etc. seized, but it is believed that several forged notes are still in circulation.

2. The notes particularly the 500 lire denomination are possibly good forgeries and scrutiny is necessary to discern the "smoky" print and slight irregularities in the figuring which is not as clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1943 series and are sinus lettering denoting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than A.M. currency paper and the whole gives proof of a determined and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive feature of each forgery is that each serial number thereon commences with A.043.....A.

3. All Banks in liberated Italy and Sicily have been advised to be on the alert to detect forged notes of this series bearing the initial digits shown and full information and numbers of the notes already seized forwarded to them for information.

4. Could you please forward particulars or information of forged notes of this series which may come to your notice, for onward transmission to R.F.C., Southern Region.

Copy to :
Communications Sub-Comm.
(inf. of Lt. Col. 3744).
R.F.C., Southern Region.

JOHN W. CRUICK
Colonel, J.A.M.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
CALABRIZO ZONE.

Public Safety Office
21 October 1944.

Ref. 22/PS/20

SUBJECT : Forged Allied Military Currency.

TO : The Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission
Hq. ACC.

1. As a result of the appearance during the month of September, 1944, in the Province of Reggio Calabria of forged Allied Military Currency notes denominations 1000 and 500 lire enquiries to trace the source of forgery and the culprits responsible were immediately instituted and from information received the following action was taken.

2. On the 30th September, 1944, a search was made of the house of Delfino Domestico di Antonio, aged 37, at N. 170 Via Aschese, Reggio Calabria which resulted in the finding and seizure of 14 A.M.C. notes of 1000 lire each and 39 A.M.C. notes of 500 lire each.

3. As a result of the arrest of Delfino information was obtained which implicated and led to the arrest of

- (a) YERANO Antonio di Giuseppe, age 32 of Catania.
- (b) CORRADO Domenico di Giuseppe, age 18 of Reggio Calabria.
- (c) CANALE Amedeo fu Pasquale, age 31 of Reggio Calabria.
- (d) SCARABIELLA Antonio fu Vincenzo, age 42 of Reggio Calabria.
- (e) CORRADO Vincenzo fu Domenico, age 50 of Reggio Calabria.
- (f) CORRADO Agatha fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.

4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the house of a certain Vito Giuseppe, age 32, at Via Maculoso No. 69, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.

5. Agents of the Guardia, Reggio Calabria were immediately sent to this address and on searching the house found and seized in the attic therein the following:

- (a) Printing press used for stamping forged notes.
- (b) Dies and plates of forged 1000 and 500 lire notes.
- (c) Chemical formulae of ink used in manufacture.
- (d) Acids.
- (e) A quantity of paper.
- (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.

6. The members Vito Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival

carriage notes for the purpose of the investigation. The source of forgery and the culprits responsible were immediately instituted and from information received the following action was taken.

2. On the 30th September, 1941, a search was made of the house of DEDINO Domenico di Antonio, aged 37, at H.170 Via Aschenez, Reggio Calabria which resulted in the finding and seizure of 14 A.M.G. notes of 1000 lire each and 39 A.M.G. notes of 500 lire each.

3. As a result of the arrest of Dellino information was obtained which implicated and led to the arrest of

- (a) VERRANO Antonio di Giuseppe, age 32 of Catania.
- (b) CODICIONI Domenico di Giuseppe, age 18 of Reggio Calabria.
- (c) CASALI Amedeo fu Pasquale, age 31 of Reggio Calabria.
- (d) GUARDUCCI Antonio fu Vincenzo, age 42 of Reggio Calabria.
- (e) CODICIONI Vincenzo fu Domenico, age 50 of Reggio Calabria.
- (f) ORLANDO Agata fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.

4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the house of a certain VERDI Giuseppe, age 32, at Via Macaluso No. 69, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.

5. Agents of the Quest Risa, Reggio Calabria were immediately sent to this address and on searching the house found and seized in the attic therein the following:

- (a) Printing press used for stamping forged notes.
- (b) Dies and plates of forged 1000 and 500 lire notes.
- (c) Chemical formulae of ink used in manufacture.
- (d) Acids.
- (e) A quantity of paper.
- (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.

6. The occupier VERDI Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival of the agents and no person was found on the premises.

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7. Additional information gives proof of the following persons who have absconded also being implicated:

- (a) VERRANO Pietro di Giuseppe age 27 of Catania, Sicily.
- (b) VERRANO Giuseppe di Antonio age 53 of Catania, Sicily.
- (c) VERRANO Giovanni di Giuseppe age 30 of Catania, Sicily.
- (d) CASALI Giuseppe di Francesco age 33 of Catania, Sicily.

8. The particulars and descriptions of these persons and of VERDI have been circulated to all Police A encies in liberated Italy and Sicily with a view to immediate arrest. Information has been received that they are located in the Province of Reggio, Sicily and that their arrest is imminent.

9. It has been ascertained that the materials and acids found had been purchased from a Professor De Franco residing in Via Ventimiglia, Catania and the paper bought from a certa. B. B. residing in Piazza S. Francesco, Catania. The interrogation of these two persons proceeds to establish complicity or not in the forgeries.
10. On the 8th October, 1944, at Bova Marina a further 24 forged notes of 1000 lire each totalling 24000 lire were seized from a person who had accepted them in good faith from one of the arrested men some time previous to his arrest in payment for cattle.
11. Investigation gives belief that a total of 250,000 lire in 1000 and 500 denomination lire notes had been printed and is in circulation. Of this a total of 57,500 lire has been seized by this office through the Questura and 95,000 lire by the Questura whilst an additional 7000 lire of forged notes in this series is in the possession of AFA Bari having been seized by Banco di Napoli and Postal Authorities at Reggio Calabria vide correes: AFA/3/A (Major A.F. Cook AFA Bari). The respective number of 1000 lire and 500 lire notes printed is not known at present.
12. The notes particularly the 500 lire denomination are possibly good forgeries and scrutiny is necessary to discern the "crab" print and slight irregularities in the figuring which is not as clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1942 series and are minus lettering denoting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than A.M. currency paper and the whole given proof of a determined and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive feature of each forgery is that each serial number thereon commences with A.015.....4.
13. All Banks in liberated Italy and Sicily have been circulated to be on the alert to detect forged notes of this series bearing the initials di its stem and full information and numbers of the notes already seized forwarded to them for information. On seizure of such notes they have been requested to inform this office through Questura. Similarly it is requested that AFA Bari be instructed to forward to this office the following notes in their possession as per correes: quoted in para 11:-
- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| One 1000 lire note No. | A0452013A |
| One 500 " " | A0456011A |
| Two 500 " notes | A0456011A. |
| Nine 500 " " | A0456011A. |
14. All such forged notes will be collated in this office for production as evidence in Court.
15. It is asked that all R.F.S.O.'s in liberated Italy and Sicily be instructed to forward to this office particulars or information of forged notes of these series having come or which may come to their knowledge.
16. Enquiry proceeds to effect the arrest of absconding members of the gang and on completion of the case a supplementary report will be submitted by this office.

R. N. Hobbs, Capt.

Joint Public Safety Officer

of for... notes in this series is in the possession of the... have seized by Banco di Napoli and Postal Authorities at Reggio Calabria ride courses: 1. AFM/4/45 (Major F. F. Cook, AFM, Bari). The respective number of 1000 lire and 500 lire notes printed is not known at present.

12. The notes particularly the 500 lire denomination are generally good forgeries and scrutiny is necessary to discern the "and y" print and slight irregularities in the figuring which is not as clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1943 series and are almost identical, excepting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than A.M. currency paper and the whole gives proof of a determined and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive feature of each forgery is that each serial number thereon commences with A.C.5.....4.

13. All banks in liberated Italy and Sicily have been circled to be on the alert to detect forged notes of this series bearing the initials of its issuer and full information and numbers of the notes already seized forwarded to them for information. In seizure of such notes they have been requested to inform this office through Quarters. Similarly it is requested that AFM Bari be instructed to forward to this office the following notes in their possession as per series quoted in para 11:-

One 1000 lire note No. A04520194
One 500 " " " A04561011A
Two 200 " " " A04560111A
Nine 500 " " " A04560111A

14. All such forged notes will be collected in this office for presentation as evidence in Court.

15. It is asked that all R.F.E.O.'s in liberated Italy and Sicily be instructed to forward to this office particulars or information of forged notes of these series having come on which any case to their knowledge.

16. Enquiry proceeds to effect the arrest of absconding members of the gang and on completion of the case a supplementary report will be submitted by this office.

R.N. Hobbs, Capt.
Zone Public Safety Officer.

1st INDOCHINA

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20 October, 1944.

From : H.Q. A.C.2. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

Forwarded for information.

JOHN W. CHADMAN
Colonel, I.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

RE/G.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

SOUTHERN REGION.

CATANZARO

ZONE.

Reference:-- 02/PS/1.

Public Safety Office.

11th. October, 1944.

Subject:-- FORGED ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY.

To:-- THE CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO. 394.

1. As a result of the appearance during the month of September, 1944, in the Province of Reggio Calabria of forged Allied Military Currency notes denominations 1000 and 500 lire enquiries to trace the source of forgery and the culprits responsible were immediately instituted and from information received the following action was taken.
2. On the 30th. September, 1944, a search was made of the house of DELFINO Demetrio di Antonio, aged 37, at N.170 via Acchenez, Reggio Calabria which resulted in the finding and seizure of 14 A.M.C. notes of 1000 lire each and 39 A.M.C. notes of 500 lire each.
3. As a result of the arrest of DELFINO information was obtained which implicated and led to the arrest of
 - (a) VETRANO Antonio di Giuseppe, age 32 of Catania.
 - (b) CODISPOTI Donatello di Giuseppe, age 18 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (c) CALABE Amedeo fu Pasquale, age 31 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (d) GUARNACCIA Antonio fu Vincenzo, age 42 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (e) CODISPOTI Vincenzo fu Domenico, age 50 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (f) ONORATO Agata fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.
4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the house of a certain VERZI Giuseppe, age 32, at via Macaluso, N.69, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.
5. Agents of the Questering, Reggio Calabria were immediately sent to this address and on searching the house found and seized in the attic therein the following:--
 - (a) Printing press used for stamping forged notes.
 - (b) Dies and plates of forged 1000 and 500 lire notes.
 - (c) Chemical formulae of inks used in manufacture.
 - (d) Acids.
 - (e) A quantity of paper.
 - (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.
6. The occupier VERZI Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival of the agents and no person was found on the premises.
7. Additional information gives proof of the following persons who have absconded also being implicated:--

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1. As a result of the appearance during the month of September, 1944, in the Province of Reggio Calabria of forged Allied Military Currency notes denominations 1000 and 500 lire enquiries to trace the source of forgery and the culprit's responsible were immediately instituted and from information received the following action was taken.
2. On the 30th. September, 1944, a search was made of the house of VERRINO Demetrio di Antonio, aged 37, at M. 170 via Aschenez, Reggio Calabria which resulted in the finding and seizure of 14 A.M.C. notes of 1000 lire each and 39 A.M.C. notes of 500 lire each.
3. As a result of the arrest of VERRINO information was obtained which implicated and led to the arrest of
 - (a) VERRANO Antonio di Giuseppe, age 32 of Catania.
 - (b) CODISTORI Domenico di Giuseppe, age 18 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (c) CAMALE Amedeo fu Pasquale, age 31 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (d) GUARNACCIA Antonio fu Vincenzo, age 42 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (e) CODISTORI Vincenzo fu Domenico, age 30 of Reggio Calabria.
 - (f) ORCHATO Agata fu Rosario, age 35 of Reggio Calabria.
4. Further investigation revealed that the notes had been forged in the home of a certain VERZI Giuseppe, age 32, at via Macaluso. N. 39, Catania, Sicily and transported to the mainland for circulation by the above named members of the gang.
5. Agents of the Questuring, Reggio Calabria were immediately sent to this address and on searching the house found and seized in the attic therein the following:-
 - (a) Printing press used for stamping forged notes.
 - (b) Dies and plates of forged 1000 and 500 lire notes.
 - (c) Chemical formula of inks used in manufacture.
 - (d) Acids.
 - (e) A quantity of paper.
 - (f) Other materials necessary for the forgery of currency.
6. The occupier VERZI Giuseppe had absconded prior to the arrival of the agents and no person was found on the premises.
7. Additional information gives proof of the following VERZI who have absconded also being implicated:-
 - (a) VERRANO Pietro di Giuseppe age 27 of Catania, Sicily.
 - (b) VERRANO Giuseppe di Antonio age 36 of Catania, Sicily.
 - (c) VERRANO Giovanni di Giuseppe age 30 of Catania, Sicily.
 - (d) CANTERI Giuseppe di Francesco age 33 of Catania, Sicily.
8. The particulars and descriptions of these persons and of VERZI have been circulated to all Police Agencies in liberated Italy and Sicily with a view to immediate arrest. Information has been received that they are located in the Province of Regusa, Sicily and that their arrest is imminent.
9. It has been ascertained that the materials and acids found had been purchased from a Professor De Franco residing in via Ventimiglia, Catania and the paper bought from a certain BRUNO residing in Piazza S. Francesco, Catania. The interrogation of these two persons proceeds to establish complicity or not in the forgeries.

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10. On the 31st October, 1944 at Bova Marina a further 24 forged notes of 1000 lire each totalling 24000 lire were seized from a person who had accepted them in good faith from one of the arrested men some time previous to his arrest in payment for cattle.
11. Investigation gives belief that a total of 250,000 lire in 1000 and 500 denomination lire notes had been printed and is in circulation. Of this a total of 57,500 lire has been seized by this office through the Quersera and C.C.R.R. Reggio Calabria whilst an additional 7000 lire of forged notes in this series is in the possession of AFA Bari having been seized by Banco D'Industria and Postal Authorities at Reggio Calabria vide copies: AFA/2/45 (Major W.P.2002 LRA Bari).
- The respective number of 1000 lire and 500 lire notes printed is not known at present.
12. The notes particularly the 500 lire denomination are possibly good forgeries and scrutiny is necessary to discern the "mummy" print and slight irregularities in the markings which are clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1943 series and are mirror lettering denoting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than A.M. currency paper and the whole gives proof of a determined and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive feature of each forgery is that each serial number commences with A.043 4.
13. All Banks in liberated Italy and Sicily have been circumscribed to be on the alert to detect forged notes of this series bearing the initial digits shown and full information and numbers of the notes already seized forwarded to them for information. On seizure of such notes they have been requested to inform this office through Quersera. Similarly it is requested that AFA Bari be instructed to forward to this office the following notes in their possession as per notes quoted in para. 11:-
- | | |
|------|-------------------------------|
| One | 1000 lire note No. A04552019A |
| One | 500 lire note No. A04554011A |
| One | 500 lire note No. A04550114A |
| Two | 500 lire notes No. A04550114A |
| Nine | 500 lire notes No. A04550114A |
14. All such forged notes will be collated in this office for production as evidence in Court.
15. It is asked that all I.P.S.O.'s in liberated Italy and Sicily be instructed to forward to this office particulars or information of forged notes of these series having come or which may come to their knowledge.
16. Inquiry proceeds to effect the above in members of 101st and on completion of the case a supplementary report will be submitted by this office.

J. N. Carlini
A.M. Hobbs. Capt.

Zone Public Safety Officer

12. The notes series level 200 and 500 are being printed on for series and coating is necessary to improve the "sound" print on all the irregularities in the printing which ~~are~~ **not** as clearly defined as on the genuine notes. Both denominations are of the 1943 series and are mixed lettering denoting the value thereof. The texture of the paper is slightly thicker than 2.5. Coarser paper at the whole five proof of an lettered and deliberate attempt at large scale forgery. A distinctive texture of each forgery is that each serial number thereof commences with A.045 4.

quoted in press, 11 :-	
One	1000 lire note No. A0455011A
One	500 lire note No. A0455403IA
Two	500 lire notes No. A0455011A.
Five	500 lire notes No. A0455011A.

14. All such forged notes will be delivered in their original condition as evidence in Court.
15. It is asked that all R.E.S.C.'s in liberated Italy and Sicily be instructed to forward to this office particulars or information of forged notes of these series having come or which may come to their knowledge.

forced notes or other means
Knowledge.
16. Enquiry proceeds to effect the amount of existing and on
completion of one case a supplementary report will be submitted by this
J. N. A. C. L.
of office.

2. Attitudes. Capt.
Edw. Public Safety Officer.
in W. W. Cook. (Capt.)

Copies to: - ATA. HQ. ACC. Naples (for attention
E.P.S.C. ACC. Southern Region HQ.
E.P.S.C. ACC. Palermo HQ Sicily.
Zone Commissioner, Catanzaro.

TO	DATE	NAME
DPS		Edwin
Police	41	
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Thompson		
4-13		
OFFICER		

MG/
Ministry of Interior
IO.I2200 C.I944

October 1944

57A

14044/b

to /A.C. - P.S. Subcommission
subj. : Counterfeit of banknotes

Following to letter 9 August ult, same number, with which we have answered to ACC/I4044 of 24 July, concerning people sentenced for counterfeit and repatriated by U.S. into Italy; we inform you that:

Through inquiries it has appeared that Passalacqua Sebastiano, included in the list, is Passalacqua Sebastiano, of L. Carmelo and Spadaro Maria, born in Montorfe S. Giorgio, the 11/10/1884, domiciled in Fiumedimar (Messina)

He is married, lives near Nizza Sicilia, trades with oranges and helps his sister in law, in the management of a public shop.

A vigilance has been ordered on him.

for the Minister
Ferrari

Verbalizzato
17/10

Mod. 412

Roma, 11 ottobre 1944



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALL'ON/LEA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

Apo 394

R.O.M.A.

Divisione Polizia *Prima*

Prot. N.° 10.12200.1 *Allegato*

1944

Risposta al Telex del
Dir. P.S. *N.°*

OGGETTO Contraffazione di valuta

Di seguito alla lettera del 9 agosto u.s., pari numero, responsive alla nota del 24 luglio n.AO.14044, circa le persone condannate per falsificazione e riportate dagli Stati Uniti in Italia, si comunica che dalle indagini esportate è risultato che PASQUALUQA SEBASTIANO, uno degli elencati, è stato identificato per PASQUALUQA SEBASTIANO fu Carmelo e fu Spaiaro Maria, nato l'11 ottobre 1884 a Conforte S.Giorgio, domiciliato a Fiumellina (Messina).

Egli è coniugato; risiede a Roccalunara, frazione di Mizza Sicilia, lavora in carum, ed aiuta una cognata nella conduzione di un esercizio pubblico in quella Piazza Regina Margherita.

Sul conto del Pasqualuqua è stata depositata la dovuta vigilanza.

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OGGETTO: Contraffazione di valuta

Di seguito alla lettera del 9 agosto u.s., pari numero, risponde alla nota del 24 luglio n. A30.14044, circa le persone condannate per falsificazione e importate negli Stati Uniti in Italia, si comunica che dalle indagini esperite è risultato che Passalacqua Sebastiano, uno degli elencati, è stato identificato per PASSALACQUA Sebastiano fu Carmelo e fu Spadaro Maria, nato l'11 ottobre 1884 a Montforte S. Giorgio, domiciliato a Fiumedinisi (Messina).

Egli è coniugato; risiede a Roccalumera, frazione di Nizza Sicilia, lavora in agrumi, ed aiuta una cognata nella conduzione di un esercizio pubblico in quella Piazza Regina Margherita.

Sul conto del Passalacqua è stata depositata la dovuta vigilanza.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
POSLANA REGION.

7 October, 1944.

R-VIII/PS/A.9

SUBJECT : Forging & Uttering Allied Military Currency.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C.C. - C.M.F.

1. Reference your AGO/14044/PS of 1 May 1944.
2. Enclosed are 3 forged Allied Military notes to be transmitted to Finance Sub-Commission, with a report from the Questore of Siena.

- I) 1,000 lire note No. A 45052019 A
- II) 1,000 " " " A 07395117 A
- III) 500 " " " A 04564001 A

A. T. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel G.I.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

1st IND

12 October, 1944.

AGO/14044/PS

FROM : H.Q. A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Herewith are the three Notes referred to, together
with relevant reports.

JOHN EL CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BP/C.

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SUBJECT : Counterfeit Currency

File 55A
AND Eighth Army Rear.
CA/8/2

HQ. Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioners Branch.

7 October, 1944.

1. Forwarded herewith as a matter of interest is copy of a Civil Police Report found at REWARD on recent occupation of the City.

Major, SOAPO
AND Eighth Army.

1st IND

ACC/14044/PS

12 October, 1944.

FROM : HQ. A.C.C. Public Safety S/C.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

File 55B

Forwarded, with copy of Civil Police Report referred to for information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.C.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

PP/C.

QUESTORI OF PESARO

Re. 01725

Pesaro, 11/6/44 XII

SUBJECT : False Banknotes of 100 liras, old type, new issue, counterfeit.

TO : Command of Garrison Group G.N.R. Pesaro-Urbino
Public Safety Office Pesaro-Urbino
Command P.S. Agents.

The following circular of the Ministry of Interior, No. 10.60001/12239.1 dated 28 May is forwarded for your information.

The Central Administration of the Bank of Italy informs that by examining a banknote of lire 100, old type, new issue, forwarded by their Venice branch for the purpose of ascertaining its falsity, they were able to establish the existence of the first falsification of banknotes of the a/m type and face value. The banknote has been confiscated by the Banca Compartimentale di Trieste and was included in a payment effected by the Station Master of Ceggia.

It has been ascertained that the falsification has a slight over print in varnish and it is thought that it may easily mislead the public faith and especially those who are not handling much banknotes.

The banknote that was examined bears the serial number 6.5 and No. 095355 and on the back the date of the Ministerial Decree 9/12/1942 - XII and 7 December 1942 - XII, shows the following characteristics of falsity. It is executed in lithography, whereas the legitimate banknotes are printed. On the front, the back ground shows engrossed lines, in the vignetta (label) appear considerable defects of print, particularly the continuity and neatness. In the wording the small letters of "Banca d'Italia" are coarser and are not refined at the endings. The numbers are reasonably well imitated. On the back the same deficiencies appear with regard to the back ground and the label.

In the distinguishing Government sign, the figure head representing Italy has not the half shades, being formed by clear and dark patches, specially in the hair which is lacking the softness. The curl above the fore head is brighter and of a different shape than that of the legitimate design. The eye is blurred. On the back, the Victor Eumle is drawn with hard lines.

The paper is of a cheap quality, the water marks and the head of Mercur are lacking the half shades and the outlines are different.

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It is, some as the letter 100 which indicate the face value of the banknote, made with a slight over print with varnish and can easily be removed with an eraser.

It is requested that the dependent police agencies be instructed with a view to identify those who make these banknotes and to confiscate the banknotes which may be in circulation.

THE QUESTION.

Dr. M. Rossi.

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Subject: Counterfeit Currency.

HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioners Branch.

Copy: Economic Section.
Admin. Section. ✓

Public Safety
AMG Eighth Army Rear.

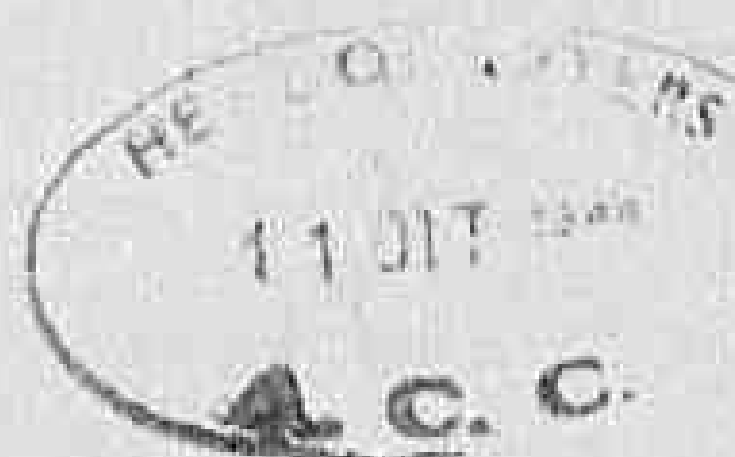
CN/8/2

7 October 1944.

1. Forwarded herewith as a matter of interest is copy of
a Civil Police Report found at PESARO on recent occupation of
the City.

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FIRE & C. D.	
FINANCING	
UNION & C.	

William
Major, SCAFO.
for AMG Eighth Army.



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Q U E S T I O N S O F P E S E R O

Ref: 01725

Pesero, 11/6/44 XIII

SUBJECT: False Banknotes of 100 Lire, old type, new issue, counterfeit.

TO: Command of Garrison Group G.M.R. Pesero-Urbino
Public Safety Office Pesero-Urbino
Command P.S. Agents

The following circular of the Ministry of Interior, No. 10.60001/12289.I dated 28 May is forwarded for your information.

The Central Administration of the Bank of Italy informs that by examining a banknote of Lire 100, old type, new issue, forwarded by their Venice branch for the purpose of ascertaining its falsity, they were able to establish the existence of the first falsification of banknotes of the a/m type and face value.

The banknote has been confiscated by the Cassa Compartimentale of Trieste and was included in a payment effected by the Station Master of Ceggia.

It has been ascertained that the falsification was a slight over print in varnish and it is thought that it may easily mislead the public faith and especially those who are not handling much banknotes.

The banknote that was examined bears the serial number G.5 and No. 095855 and on the back the date of the Ministerial Decrees 9/12/1942-XXI and 7 December 1942-XXI, shows the following characteristics of falsity. It is executed in lithography, whereas the legitimate banknotes are printed. On the front, the back ground shows engrossed lines, in the vignette (label) appear considerable defects of print, particularly the continuity and neatness. In the wording the small letters of "Banca d'Italia" are coarse and are not refined at the endings. The numbers are reasonably well imitated. On the back the same deficiencies appear with regard to the back ground and the label.

In the distinguishing Government sign, the figure head representing Italy has not the half shades, being formed by clear and dark patches, specially in the hair which is lacking the softness. The curl above the fore head is brighter and of a different shape than that of the legitimate design. The eye is blurred. On the back, the Lictor bundle is drawn with hard lines.

The paper is of a cheap quality, the water marks of the

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It has been ascertained that the falsification has a slight over print in varnish and it is thought that it may easily mislead the public faith and especially those who are not handling such banknotes.

The banknote that was examined bears the serial number G.5 and No. 095855 and on the back the date of the Ministerial Decrees 9/12/1948-XXI and 7 December 1948-XXI, shows the following characteristics of falsity. It is executed in lithography, whereas the legitimate banknotes are printed. On the front, the back ground shows engrossed lines, in the vignette (label) appear considerable defects of print, particularly the continuity and neatness. In the wording the small letters of "Banca d'Italia" are coarse and are not refined at the endings. The numbers are reasonably well imitated. On the back the same deficiencies appear with regard to the back ground and the label.

In the distinguishing Government sign, the figure head representing Italy has not the half shades, being formed by clear and dark patches, specially in the hair which is lacking the softness. The curl above the fore head is brighter and of a different shape than that of the legitimate design. The eye is blurred. On the back, the Victor bundle is drawn with hard lines.

The paper is of a cheap quality, the water marks of the head of Mercur are lacking in the half shades and the outlines are different. It is, same as the letter 100 which indicate the face value of the banknote, made with a slight over print with varnish and can easily be removed with an eraser.

It is requested that the dependent police agencies be instructed with a view to identify the those who make these banknotes and to confiscate those banknotes which may be in circulation.

THE QUESTION.
(Dr. M. Rossi)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

Public Safety
14044 53A

FILE : R-VIII/PS/4.9 7 October 1944. ac.

SUBJECT : Forging & Uttering Allied Military Currency.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C.C. - C.M.F.

1A see 56A

1. Reference your ACC/14044/PS of 1 May 1944.
2. Enclosed are 3 forged Allied Military notes to be transmitted to Finance Sub-Commission. with a report from the Questore of Siena.

- i) 1,000 Lire Note No. A 45052019 A
- ii) 1,000 " " " A 07395117 A
- iii) 500 " " " A 04564001 A

A. W. Rowler

A. W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

TO	INITIALS
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EX OFFICER	
POLICE	
FIN & C.D.	
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HEADQUARTERS
1 OCT 1944
A.C.C.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AOC/14044/PS

6 October 1944

SUBJECT : Counterfeit Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. The attached Allied Military Currency note of face value 10 Lire which came to light during recreation in the Men's Mess is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. It is possibly a case of faulty printing.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14044/PS

5 October 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Attached hereto is report concerning forgery of Allied Military Currency in the old Region III during August. Attached also are notes not forwarded with July report.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Subject Forged Currency.

HQ. AMG
Chieti Province
20 Aug. 1944

TO : R.P.S.O. HQ AMG
Region 5.

Ref:- ACC/14044/PS and
PS/514/18.

Attached forged not Allied Military Currency No 07366733-A
denomination 50 lire. Forged to claim value of 500 lire.

The forged note was handed to A.M.C. Vasto on 12 Aug. 44 by
a civilian. Enquires were made to trace the note to its source without
success.

/s/ ?
/t/ Capt. P.P.S.O.

/stamp/ T.P. COTTEN
Capt. Provincial Public Safety Officer.

COPY 4/10/44

ACC/14044/PS

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HEADQUARTERS, ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission, APC 394, 4 Oct 1944.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Above is passed to you for information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COM. IGV
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/11044/PS

3 October 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Attached report of case of forgery of Allied Military
Currency in Region VII (Catanzaro Zone), together with note
A 13001825A, is forwarded for information.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 439081
Ext : 502

3 October, 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering
TO : R.P.S.O., Lazio Region.

Reference your Monthly Report for August, page
6 "Forgery Cases".

May the report concerning arrests on charges of
counterfeiting now be forwarded to this Headquarters.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

3 October, 1944

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Allied Money Counterfeiters.

TO : R.P.S.O., Lazio Region.

Herewith translation of Censorship Report for
immediate action and report to this office for information
of Finance Sub-Commission.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 994

ACC/1A044/PS

4 October 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Attached hereto is Sicily Region report, together with counterfeit notes, on forgery of Allied Military Currency during August 1944.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Report.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

1. Reference attached censorship report.
2. In view of the possible urgency, can an immediate investigation be made and this Sub-Commission advised as to the result thereof?

Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Folio	for action information
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for BEL Immons
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Translation RV.

Civil Censorship Group - Italy.

26 September 1944.

N. 3006

To : Dott. Ortona - Chief of the Mobile Squad
Via Genova 2 - Rome.

R e m a r k s

Counterfeiters make Allied currency

"As to what I have referred in my previous letter, I can give you further informations.

MERCANTI, the famous typographer of the TRIBUNA, COLEINE, the famous counterfeiter, together with Augusto ANZALONI are at work; with them, works a certain RICCARDO, the full name of whom, I could not learn.

Up to this moment, it has been impossible for me to inquire on their doings; But I think, it is a matter of dollars. They meet at the kiosk in Piazza S. Giovanni, from there perhaps you could find out where they go to and where they work.

I also know, that COLEINE has changed home and that he is residing in a luxurious apartment in Via Amba Aradam 11, and that in the morning about 0900 hrs someone of the gang visits him . . . I have been informed by a person that in about a fortnight the work will be finished.

Translation. IV.

Civil Censorship Group - Italy.

26 September 1944.

N. 3006

To : Dott. Ortona - Chief of the Mobile Squad
Via Genova 2 - Rome.

R e m a r k s

Counterfelters make Allied currency

"As to what I have referred in my previous letter, I can give you further informations.

MERCANTI, the famous typographer of the TRIBUNA, COLEINE, the famous counterfeiter, together with Augusto ANZALONI are at work; with them, works a certain RICCARDO, the full name of whom, I could not learn.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY eb/

RISERVATA

UFFICIO DI CENSURA

LUOGO ROMA
N. di prot. 3006

MITT. <u>SENZA RITARDI</u>		DEST. <u>Dott. ORTICA</u> <u>Capo della Squadra Mobile</u> <u>Via Genova 2</u>		ROMA	
Indicare il luogo del timbro postale quando manca l'indirizzo.		LINGUA <u>ital.</u>		ALLEGATO <u>-</u>	
DATA DI COMUNICAZIONE O DEL TIMBRO POSTALE SE LA LETTERA E' SENZA DATA	TIPO DI POSTA	NUMERO DELLA RACCOMANDATA	PERVENUTA CENSURATA DA	PROVVEDIMENTO ADOPTATO	
<u>26/9/44</u>	<u>ordin.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	TEATINUTA <u>X</u>	INOLTATA
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<u>-</u>		<u>ARM POLICE</u>		TOLTA DAL CORSO	
		<u>COUNTER INT. OFF.</u>		AL MITTENTE	
		<u>JOINT DIR. FIK. SUB COMM.</u>		INVIATA CON COMMENTI A:	
		<u>PROVOST MARSHAL</u>			
		<u>INFO. DIV. ACC</u>			
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CENSURA ITALIANA <u>X</u>					
CENSURA ALLEATA					

OSSERVAZIONI

FALSARI FABBRICANO MONETA ALLEATA

"Su quanto le ho riferito nella mia precedente, posso informarle ancora di altri particolari.

MERCANTI, il famoso tipografo della TRIBUNA, COLEINE il celebre falsario, unito ad AUGUSTO ARZADONI sono al lavoro; tra essi c'è anche un certo RICCARDO di cui non mi è stato possibile sapere il cognome.

Fino a questo momento non mi è stato possibile indagare che cosa essi fanno; ma credo si tratti di dollari... Essi si aspettano al chiosco in Piazza S. Giovanni; da lì forse potrebbe vedere dove si dirigono e trovare dove essi lavorano.

Ho saputo ancora che il COLEINE ha cambiato abitazione e che abita un lussuoso appartamento in Via Amba Aradam 17 e che la mattina verso le 9 qualcuno della banda va a casa sua... ho saputo da una persona che fra una quindicina di giorni sarà ultimato il lavoro."

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				INVIATA CON COMMENTO
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CENSURA ITALIANA ☒				
CENSURA ALLEATA				

OSSERVAZIONI

FALSARI PANEERICANO MONETA ALLEATA

"Su quanto le ho riferito nella mia precedente, posso informarla ancora di altri particolari.

MERCANTI, il famoso tipografo della TRIBUNA, COLEINE il celebre falsario, unito ad AUGUSTO ANZALONI sono al lavoro; tra essi c'è anche un certo RICCARDO di cui non mi è stato possibile sapere il cognome.

Fino a questo momento non mi è stato possibile indagare che cosa essi fanno; ma credo si tratti di dollari... Essi si aspettano al chisco in Piazza S. Giovanni; da lì forse potrebbe vedere dove si dirigono e trovare dove essi lavorano.

Ho saputo ancora che il COLEINE ha cambiato abitazione e che abita un lussuoso appartamento in Via Amba Aradam 11 e che la mattina verso le 9 qualcuno della banda va a casa sua... ho saputo da una persona che fra una quindicina di giorni sarà ultimato il lavoro."

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CENSORE 4016
 Avviso speciale
 REVISORE 4002
 R I S E R V A T A
 Data d'arrivo 27/9/44

APPENDIX NO. I

(to report of activities of Public Safety Division, R.C. Region VII for month of May 1944)

FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES(a) Catanzaro Province

Case CA/5 Note No. A.24347590 - value 50 lire

(not received in Date offence disclosed - 25/5/44.

time for May Denomination of note raised from 50 lire to 500 lire by addition of figure '0' to original figures. Attempt made to erase the addition prior to receiptant this office. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Catanzaro City where received by Branch of Bank of Italy from a customer who discovered the forgery.

Customer received same from unknown source.

Enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of the person(s) responsible.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

Case CA/6

Note No. A.14365029 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44

Denomination of note raised to 1000 lire by erasure of all

figures and insertion centrally of figures '1000' apparently by means of stamp and ink. Basic colouring altered by application of colour crayon. Not a good specimen.

Facts - at Catanzaro City where received amongst large quantity of notes at head office of postal telegraph from branch at Nicotera.

Enquiries have failed to trace person tendering or person responsible for forgery.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

(b) Cosenza ProvinceCase CO/2

Note No. A.12505784 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44

Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown.

Condition of note unknown.

Facts - At Cosenza where Italian soldier arrested for forgery and uttering.

Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

Case CO/3

Note No. A.10194566 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 11/8/44

Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown. Condition of note unknown.

Facts - At Belyndere Marittimo where civilian arrested for forgery and uttering.

Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

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Enquiries have failed to
responsible.
Note, duly cancelled, attached.

Case CA/5

Note No. A.14385529 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44
Denomination of note raised to 1000 lire by erasure of all
figures and insertion centrally of figures '1000' ap-
parently by means of stamp and ink. Basic colouring
altered by application of colour crayon. Not a good
specimen.
Facts - at Catanzaro City where received amongst large
quantity of notes at head office of postal telegraph from
branch at Miontera.
Enquiries have failed to trace person tendering or person
responsible for forgery.
Note, duly cancelled, attached.

(b) Cosenza Province
Case CO/2

Note No. A.12505754 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44
Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown.
Condition of note unknown.
Facts - At Cosenza where Italian soldier arrested for for-
gery and uttering.
Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

Case CO/3

Note No. A1 40194556 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 11/6/44
Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present un-
known. Condition of note unknown.
Facts - At Belvedere Marittimo where civilian arrested for
forgery and uttering.
Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

Case CO/4

Note. A.14798459 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 17/6/44
Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown.
Facts - At Ferramonti Refuges Camp, Tarento, where inmate
arrested for forgery and uttering.
Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

(c) Reggio Calabria Province

No cases reported during month.

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14044
From: Public Safety Sub-Commission

14 Sept. 1944

TO : Finance Sub-Commission
The above is forwarded for information.

A.S. VIGNA Col.
Acting Director
Public Safety Sub-Com.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

43A

PS/9

31 July 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering Allied
Military Currency.

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

a. No of Cases

Altamura,	Bari Province	1
Rutigliano,	" "	1
Carbone,	" "	1
Bari,	" "	1
Turi,	" "	1
	Taranto Prov.	2

b. Forgers taken into custody 4

c. No of convictions reported 0

d. Serial No's of forged notes :

A19754028	(raised 100 to 1000)	
A34052938	1943	
A35513027	1943	
A55501440	(raised 50 to 500)	
A15910574	(raised 50 to 500)	1943
A04460803	(raised 50 to 500)	
A12158479	(1000 lire note)	

Bank of Italy Lines P1742. No 4654 (50 lire note)

e. Last two notes listed in (d) above, confiscated and are held by the Bank of Italy, Taranto. No arrests.

LLOYD E. KELLY
Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

1st INDORSEMENT.

ACC/14044/PS

FROM : HQ., A.C.C. Public Safety
Sub-Commission

13 September, 1944.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

The above is forwarded for information.

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A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO, 394
(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

Public Safety

1407

42A

FILE NO:

DATE 24th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of A.M. Currency

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

1.

Reference your Memo. dated 20th August 1944, (ACC/14044/PS).

The total number of forged 1000 lire notes submitted from Agrigento in July was 9. As one of these was shown separately under Agrigento Case No. 1, the number of notes under Case No. 2 should have read 8 and not 9.

The error is regretted.

HEADQUARTERS

26 AUG 1944

J. T. Manuel

J.T. MANUEL,
Captain.
Asst/Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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Tel. 489081

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Finance Sub-Commission
APC 394

44/A
DBM/mlde
Lofers

31 August 1944

Reference : 13002/F
44/A refers

Subject : Forged AE Lire Currency Accepted by Post Office.

To : Provincial Director of Rome.
PP. TT.
Via delle Mercede - Roma.

1. Reference is made to your undated memorandum addressed to "AMC - Financial Division" on the subject of "Forged Currency".

2. While we are naturally sympathetic toward the case of the postal employees which you cite, we regret that we have no authority to make reimbursement to them. We suggest that this is a matter of internal administration in the Post Office, and the latter may wish to relieve its employees of responsibility in those cases where due care has been exercised and the acceptance of forged notes was beyond the control of its employees.

3. With regard to the last part of your memorandum we suggest that the postal authorities be referred to the Banca d'Italia.

For Capt. ELLERY W. STONE, USAR.

(Signed, A.P. GRAFFIER SMITH)

Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to : AFA, HQ.

Communication S/C (L/Ce Head).

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Rec'd Comm. S-C

T R A S L A T I O N

FROM:- Prov. Director of Rome
 TO: - A.M.C. - Financial Division
 SUBJECT:- Forged currency.

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see 41A

Several post offices in Rome have accepted notes of Allied Military Currency, which on a second handling were found or suspected to be false.

The State and "contract" postal employees, who accepted such currency, are due to reimburse the Administration, by reason of their administrative responsibility.

They are modest employees, who live by their more than modest salary. Their position would be aggravated by the deduction which is due to be made.

Furthermore they contend that if laws in force impose on them an official administrative responsibility, it is necessary to safeguard themselves against such eventualities.

On that point it would be necessary to furnish them with all particulars necessary to define the authenticity or the falsity of currency; this has not ~~maxime~~ been done and up to date they are accepting Allied Military Currency because they are obliged to, without knowing whether it is good or false.

Following on the above, our opinion is that A.M.C. should examine the case with benevolence, and should find the way to make good the currency, which up to date amounts to about L. 50,000-

It also seems desirable to furnish us with all particulars of bona fide currency, in order that we may notify the employees in Cashier offices, to avoid in future the acceptance of forged money.

THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

off. Col. H. K. ad

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

20 August 44.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of A.M. C.

TO : Region I.

Ref your report for July on forging etc., A.M. C. under
Agrigento Case No.2 - is shown 9 Notes - but only 8 received.

It is presumed that "9" is a typing error and should
read "8".

Would you please confirm if this is so.

PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety.
Sub-Commission.

BP/ac.

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

File 38H
Tel: 489081 - Ext 502.

19 August 44.

ACC/I4044/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of A.M. C.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Attached hereto is a summary of Forging and Uttering cases in Region I during month of July.

39H
Re Agrigento (Case 2), only 8 notes were received and only 8 Serial numbers are shown. We presume this is a typing error and are confirming with Region I.

PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety.
Sub-Commission.

BP/ac.

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Note 37A
H.Q. AMO. FOGGIA PROVINCE
IN LUCERA

FROM : SPPSO, Foggia Prov.

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency

TO : R.P.S.O., Region 5.

19 July, 1944

Reference your RS/514/14 dated 3/5/44 and A.G.C./14004/PS.

In Volturino one case of uttering a forged note has occurred.

No arrest was made.

The forged note is an altered 50 lire note to the higher denomination of 500 lire.

The number of the note is A 02942537 A.

Lt. Colonel,
SPPSO, Foggia Province.

14044/PS 1st IND
From : H.Q. Public Safety
Sub-Commission A.G.C.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 502

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

9 August, 1944.

Above report forwarded, with forged Note referred to.

No other cases were reported from Reg. 5.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Translation BV,

Ministry of Interior
Hq. F.S.

14044
9 August 1944.

N. 10.12200-1-1944

Subject : Counterfeiting of money.

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - APO 394.

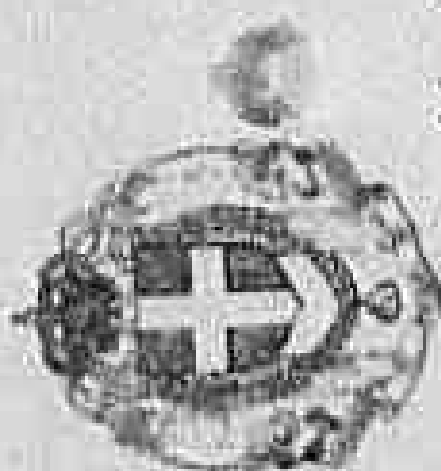
Ref. to the letter, dated 24 July 1944, N. ACC/14044/PS,
we inform you, that orders have been issued to the dependent F.S.
authorities of liberated Italy for the search of the nine counter-
feiters stated in the letter, who if found out, should be put under
convenient and opportune vigilance for the purpose of controlling
their activities.

We reserve to communicate every useful information.

For the Ministry

Sgd. - - -

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GEN/LE P.S.

Divis. Polizia - Sez. 1^a

Prot. N. IO. 12200-I-1944

OGGETTO

Controffazione di valuta

Sub:

Counterfeiting of money

10 AUG 1944

A. C. C.

Con riferimento alle note del 14 luglio u.s. M. ACC.

14044 P.S., si comunica che sono state impeditte disposizioni alle dipendenti Autorità di P.S. dell'Italia liberata per le ricerche dei nove falsari indicati nelle note, i quali, in caso di rintraccio, saranno sottoposti a conveniente ed opportuna vigilanza, al fine di controllare l'attività.

Si fa riserva di comunicare ogni utile notizia.

P.31. MINISTRO

[Signature]

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1944 A

Re. 3 Agosto

P. Safety

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

APD 394

R O M A

OGGETTO Controffezione di valuta -

SUB:

Counterfeiting of money

10 AUG 1946

Con riferimento alle note del 24 luglio u.s.i.ACC.
14042 P.S., si comunica che sono state impartite dispo-
sizioni alle dipendenti Autorità di P.S. dell'Intelle li-
berate per le ricerche dei nove falsari indicati nella
nota, i quali, in caso di rintraccio, saranno sottoposti
a conveniente ed opportuna vigilanza, al fine di control-
lare l'attività.

Si fa riserva di comunicare ogni utile notizia.

PER MINISTRO

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
Finance Sub Commission
A-6 354

Ref. : 18012/F 9 August 1944
Subject : Stolen Notes.
To : Director,
Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. Reference your ACO/14044/13 of 2 August 1944.

2. With reference to the attached, received from the Banca d'Italia for our information and passed on to you for a similar purpose, it may be noted that Sig. Sigliani of the Banca d'Italia had presented this information to the Civilian Police Authorities and they are now endeavouring to uncover further information relating to the disappearance of the rem of printed Bank of Italy notes.

For Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR

F. H. Foley
Colonel
Joint Director,
Finance Sub Commission

Copy to AFA, HQ.

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VERY SECRET

It was noted that in the factories of the State Polygraphic Institution a ream of Bank of Italy notes of denomination of 1.000 lire - modified type, new issuing - was missing.

This ream, of 500 sheets, with 8 notes per sheet, totally 4.000 notes, was completely printed and to complete the working, notes required only cutting and numeration checked.

These notes belong to the following 8 series of 500 notes each one:

-	series R 17	from No. 5501	to No. 6000
-	" S 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" T 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" U 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" V 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" X 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" Y 17	" " 5501	" " 6000
-	" Z 17	" " 5501	" " 6000

for a total amount of £ 4.000.000

In addition it has been found out that also in the Bank of Italy factories at Aquila notes of various denomination have been stolen, but they were not yet completed as the Governor's and the Chief Cashier's signatures, which must be shown on the face of every note, did not yet appear.

Since these signatures are missing, the notes are, of course, without any value, while those of the Polygraphic Institution are available.

It is impossible to exclude that further notes have been stolen from the factories at Aquila, but they should always need a few main characteristics.

Emanates from Allied Financial Agency

RISERVATISSIMO

Presso le Officine dell'Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato venne constatata la mancanza di una risma di biglietti della Banca d'Italia da L.1.000, tipo modificato, nuova emissione.

Detta risma, di 500 fogli, con otto biglietti per foglio, e così in complesso n.4.000 biglietti, era completamente stampata e, per ultimare la lavorazione, mancava soltanto da eseguire il taglio dei biglietti e la verifica della numerazione:

I biglietti stessi risultano appartenere alle seguenti otto serie, con 500 biglietti per ciascuna:

serie	R 17	dal n°	5501	al n°	6000
"	S 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	T 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	U 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	V 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	X 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	Y 17	" "	5501	" "	6000
"	Z 17	" "	5501	" "	6000

per un valore complessivo di Lit. 4.000.000

Risulta inoltre che anche dalle Officine Carte-Valori della Banca d'Italia all'Aquila sono stati esportati biglietti di vario taglio, però non ancora completati in quanto mancanti delle firme del Governatore e del Cassiere Principale che devono figurare sul recto di ogni biglietto.

L'assenza delle firme rende, naturalmente, i biglietti privi di valore, a differenza di quelli sopraindicati del Poligrafico che sono validi.

Non si esclude che possano essere stati asportati dalle Officine dell'Aquila anche altri biglietti sempre però mancanti di alcune caratteristiche essenziali.

Roma, 27 luglio 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File
35A
Tel : 478708

ACC/14044/PS

2 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Stolen Notes.

TO : Allied Financial Agency. *35B.*

With reference to attached which is believed to have emanated from your office, it would be appreciated if the source of this letter could be disclosed, and what action, if any, has been taken to bring to notice of Police Agencies.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

PS/C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081
Ext: 502

28 July, 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forging & Uttering A.M.C.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Region VI has submitted a N I L Return for month of
June 1944.

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

BP/G.

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HEADQUARTERS, PUBLIC SAFETY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI

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HQ/CMS/7

23 July 1944

SUBJECT: Forging etc. of Allied Military Currency.

TO : Advanced H.Q., A.C.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

refer to report of June 1944
1. With reference to your letter ACC/14011/6/1/PS dated 13 July 1944, please be advised that there have been no further cases of forging etc. of Allied Military Currency reported in this Region.

JEH/wld.

J. E. Hughes
J. E. HUGHES; Capt.,
RPSO, A.C.C., Region VI.

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

Tel: 489001
Ext: 502

ACC/140th/PS

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting of Currency.

24th July, 1944.

TO : Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter 13002/P dated 20th July 1944 enclosing T.A.M. Airgram 20 dated 5th July 1944 and the photographs of eight counterfeiters reported from the United States to Italy.

2. The information has been passed to the appropriate police agency for investigation.

3. Your assistance is very much appreciated and you will be kept informed of progress in this matter.

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

AFW/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 30A

Tel. 419021-Ext. 592

24th July, 1944

ACG/14044/13

SUBJECT: Counterfeiting of Currency.

TO: Director of Public Security,
Minister of the Interior.

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1. In view of the counterfeiting of Allied Military Government currency the records and photographs of eight counterfeiters who have been imported from the United States to Italy are forwarded in order that as far as possible, their present activities may be investigated.

2. Any action you may wish to take in Military Government territory must be referred to this Sub-Commission in order that the necessary instructions may be issued through Allied Public Safety Officers.

List of persons convicted of counterfeiting and
imported from the United States to Italy.

Gregorio Sereno - Arrested Sereno or Gerino Arresto, now 47 years of age, in 1932 described as 5-7; 130 lbs; slender build; dark complexion; brown eyes; brown hair; arrested on three occasions in connection with manufacture of counterfeit notes. Sereno is known to be a capable printer and very likely has some knowledge of photo-engraving acquired through association with plate makers for plates in which he was involved. In the early twenties Sereno had the reputation of being a bootlegger and was associated with illegitimate printers engaged in printing whiskey labels.

He is considered a dangerous counterfeiter and was last arrested by this Service on May 13, 1932, and sentenced July 8, 1932, to 12 years imprisonment. He was subsequently released to Immigration authorities and deported on November 16, 1935, to Italy aboard the S. REX, accompanied by his wife and young son who consented to voluntary deportation. Sereno is reported to have gone to his mother's home in Livorno, Italy.

Sebastiano Passalacqua or Sebastino Passalacqua, Joe Para, now 60 years old, in 1932 described as 5-7; 204 lbs; heavy build; dark complexion; gray eyes; black hair; large scar on left side of neck. Passalacqua was last arrested by this Service on May 4, 1932, in connection with operation of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$5 FR Notes in which he was associated with Oreste Sereno. Passalacqua was the distributor for this plant and was previously arrested for passing counterfeit notes and at the time of his latest arrest was on parole. On July 8, 1932, he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and was subsequently released to Immigration authorities. On August 5, 1935, he was deported to Italy aboard the SS Conte di Savoia, ultimate destination being Rione di Rizzo, Province of Messina, where a brother, Antonio Passalacqua, resided.

Ugo Albani - Albano, now 50 years of age, in 1935 described as 5-6 126 lbs; slender build; swarthy complexion; brown eyes; black hair; arrested August 1, 1935 in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$1 silver Certificates and \$5 U.S. Notes, Albani doing the printing for the group operating this plant. He was sentenced Sept. 27, 1935, to 6 months imprisonment and subsequently deported to Genoa, Italy, on April 25, 1936.

Mario Bertala Mario Morelli, in 1937 described as 38 years of age; 5-8; 144 lbs; slim build; dark complexion; brown hair; brown eyes; tattoo back of right hand; bird and initials "M.B." back right arm female figure and initials "AMC"; left arm female figure and name "Caterina"; arrested by this Service February 5, 1937 in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$10 FR Notes. Bertala, the printer for this plant; was sentenced March 5, 1937 to eight years imprisonment. He was released from Lewisburg Penitentiary February 3, 1940, and was deported on the SS Manhattan sailing from New York City on February 24, 1940 for Province of Reggio to which town it is presumed the deportee proceeded upon arrival in Italy. 1622

Pasquale Renaudo, now 48 years of age; 1933 described as 5-6; 200 lbs; heavy build; olive complexion; brown eyes; black hair; arrested by this Service on February 1, 1933, in connection with seizure of plates for counterfeit \$10 FR Notes; together with a quantity of counterfeit notes; moulds for making counterfeit 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ coins and a quantity of counterfeit coins. He was sentenced on February 17, 1933, to three years imprisonment. He was released from Lewisburg Penitentiary on June 4, 1934 and departed on the SS Vulcania July 14, 1934, for Italy. His family is listed as residing in Lavello, Province of Potenza, Italy, and it is presumed that he proceeded to that town upon arrival in Italy.

Isidoro Staffiere, born 1873, in 1935 described as 5-6; 187 lbs.; stout build; dark complexion; brown eyes; grey hair; arrested December 27, 1935 in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$5, \$10 and \$20 FR Notes. Staffiere, a distributor for this plant, and with March 11, 1936 to a year and a day. He was released from the U.S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri on June 16, 1937, being deported on the SS. Vulcania from New York City February 18, 1938 for Italy. His nearest relative is listed as a nephew, Rocco, Mavindila, Province of Bolice, Italy. It is presumed that he proceeded to this town upon arrival in Italy.

Genaro Cigco, Genaro Cigaco, Jerry Spatscente, was arrested in New York City on September 12, 1934 for selling \$5 U.S. Notes and \$10 FR Notes; described at that time as 40 yrs. of age, 5-4; 148 lbs, stocky build; grey hair; brown eyes; dark complexion; on Oct. 27, 1934, was sentenced in the Eastern District, Brooklyn, N.Y. to serve 7 years in jail and fined \$1. Subject was deported on November 3, 1939, via the SS Vulcania to Italy, his destination being Afragola; Province of Naples, Italy.

In addition to the above, records indicate the following with respect to one Amato Santaniello:

Agate Santaniello was indicted on October 5, 1932, in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$10 FR Notes which circulated actively in this country and abroad. Santaniello, the principal backer of this plant, escaped arrest, and finally in 1939 the indictment against him was dismissed. Santaniello, a funeral director, in 1932 was described as 46 years old, 239 lbs; 5-10, muscular build, large full face, and is reported to have been seen in 1937 in the town of Palma, near Naples, Italy. In 1910 he was convicted of murder, 2nd degree, serving 14 yrs., and his associates included a variety of underworld characters.

Photographs of the above subjects are enclosed, that of Santaniello taken in 1910 being the only photograph of him available."

3. May this Sub-Commission be advised of the result of your investigations.

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

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RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSIONAPO 394
TEL: 553
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13002/F

20 July 1944

SUBJECT: Counterfeiting of Currency.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. In view of the several recent cases in which AM lire notes have been forged by means of lithographic printing, a request was forwarded to G-5, AFHQ, for GCS, enquiring whether the US Treasury Department was in a position to furnish the names of persons who have been deported from the US to Italy on counterfeiting charges.
2. A reply has been received from GCS in TAM Airgram 20, dated 5 July, 1944, copy of which is enclosed. The photographs of the 8 counterfeiters listed are also attached.
3. It will be noted that in all cases these counterfeiters returned to Italy within the last ten years. It is suggested, therefore, that it would be desirable to conduct an examination into the present activities of the listed individuals, especially since in the United States they were involved in "plant" cases, the type which may be expected to increase in Italy.
4. The Finance Sub-Commission will appreciate being advised of the results of your investigation.

G. W. Foley
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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U. S. RESTRICTED
BRITISH RESTRICTED

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

COMBINED CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

TAM Airgram 20, 5 July 1944, Washington, D. C.

From: CCAC

To: FHGEG

Subject: Counterfeiting of Currency

Ref: Memorandum dated 1 June 1944, from G-5 Section, AFHQ to CCS.

With reference to memorandum, dated 1 June 1944, from G-5 Section, AFHQ, to CCS, concerning counterfeiting of currency, there are inclosed herewith the following:

1. Memorandum, dated 28 June 1944, prepared by Secret Service, U. S. Treasury Department, pertaining to said subject, and
2. Photographs of the eight counterfeiters listed in the memorandum referred to in sub-paragraph 1 above.

T. E. H. BIRLEY
T. E. H. BIRLEY,
Group Captain.

Photographs furnished
only to FHGEG.

W. M. CAMERON
W. M. CAMERON,
Major, GSC.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

1 July 1944

Dear General Hildring:

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 8, 1944, forwarding the request of the Finance Sub-Section, G-5, AFHQ for a list of convicted counterfeiters who have been deported from the United States to Italy during the last 50 years.

There is enclosed herewith a memorandum prepared by the U. S. Secret Service supplying information from their records regarding those individuals who were convicted within the last 15 years of direct involvement in the operation of counterfeiting plants and were deported to Italy. Accompanying the memorandum are photographs of the eight counterfeiters listed.

Very truly yours,

Harold Glasser,
Assistant Director,
Monetary Research.

Major General J. H. Hildring,
Director, Civil Affairs Division,
War Department,
Room 3B-928, Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosures

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D.C.

28 June 1944

Memorandum for Mr. Gaston

From: Chief, U. S. Secret Service

Reference is made to your informal memo of June 16, 1944 enclosing correspondence emanating from the War Department, requesting a list of counterfeiters deported to Italy during the last 50 years.

There is no list available showing deportation of persons convicted of counterfeiting during the past fifty years. Records covering the past fifteen years, dealing only with plant cases, indicate that the following persons convicted of note counterfeiting and involved directly with plant operations were deported from the United States to Italy:

Oreste Serena @ Aresto Cerino @ Cerino Aresto, now 47 years of age, in 1932 described as 5-7; 130 lbs.; slender build; dark complexion; brown eyes; brown hair; arrested on three occasions in connection with manufacture of counterfeit notes. Serena is known to be a capable printer and very likely has some knowledge of photo-engraving acquired through association with plate makers for plants in which he was involved. In the early twenties Serena had the reputation of being a bootlegger and was associated with illegitimate printers engaged in printing whiskey labels. He is considered a dangerous counterfeiter and was last arrested by this Service on May 13, 1932, and sentenced July 8, 1932, to 12 years imprisonment. He was subsequently released to Immigration authorities and deported on November 16, 1935, to Italy aboard the SS Rex, accompanied by his wife and young son who consented to voluntary deportation. Serena is reported to have gone to his mother's home in Livorno, Italy.

Sebastiano Passalacqua @ Sebastino Passalacqua @ Joe Para, now 60 years old, in 1932 described as 5-7; 204 lbs; heavy build; dark complexion; grey eyes; black hair; large scar on left side of neck. Passalacqua was last arrested by this Service on May 4, 1932, in connection with operation of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$5 FR Notes in which he was associated with Oreste Serena. Passalacqua was the distributor for this plant and was previously arrested for passing counterfeit notes and at the time of his latest arrest was on parole. On July 8, 1932, he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and was subsequently released to Immigration authorities. On August 5, 1935, he was deported to Italy aboard the SS Conte di Savoia, ultimate destination being Fiume de Nice, Province of Massina, where a brother, Antonio Passalacqua, resided.

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Ugo Albani ³ Albano, now 50 years of age, in 1935 described as 5-6 126 lbs.; slender build; swarthy complexion; brown eyes; black hair; arrested August 1, 1935 in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$1 Silver Certificates and \$5 U. S. Notes, Albani doing the printing for the group operating this plant. He was sentenced September 27, 1935, to 6 months imprisonment and subsequently deported to Genoa, Italy, on April 25, 1936.

Mario Bertala ³ Mario Morelli, in 1937 described as 38 years of age; 5-8; 144 lbs.; slim build; dark complexion; brown hair; brown eyes; tattoo back of right hand, bird and initials "M.B."; back right arm female figure and initials "AMO"; left arm female figure and name "Caterina"; arrested by this Service February 5, 1937, in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$10 FR Notes. Bertala, the printer for this plant, was sentenced March 5, 1937, to eight years imprisonment. He was released from Lewisburg Penitentiary February 3, 1940, and was deported on the SS Manhattan sailing from New York City on February 24, 1940 for Province of Spezia, to which town it is presumed the deportee proceeded upon arrival in Italy.

Pasquale Renauro, now 48 years of age; 1933 described as 5-6; 200 lbs; heavy build; olive complexion; brown eyes; black hair; arrested by this Service on February 1, 1933, in connection with seizure of plates for counterfeit \$10 FR Notes, together with a quantity of counterfeit notes, moulds for making counterfeit 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ coins and a quantity of counterfeit coins. He was sentenced on February 17, 1933, to three years imprisonment. He was released from Lewisburg Penitentiary on June 4, 1934 and deported on the SS Vulcania July 14, 1934, for Italy. His family is listed as residing in Lavello, Province of Potenza, Italy, and it is presumed that he proceeded to that town upon arrival in Italy.

Isidoro Staffiere, born 1873, in 1935 described as 5-6½; 187 lbs.; stout build; dark complexion; brown eyes; grey hair; arrested December 27, 1935 in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$5 \$10, and \$20 FR Notes. Staffiere, a distributor for this plant, and with a previous record of passing counterfeit coins, was sentenced on March 31, 1936 to a year and a day. He was released from the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, on June 16, 1937, being deported on the SS Vulcania from New York City February 18, 1938 for Italy. His nearest relative is listed as a nephew, Rocco, Ravindila, Province of Molise, Italy. It is presumed that he proceeded to this town upon arrival in Italy.

Genaro Giaco, ³ Genaro Giacco, ³ Jerry Spatacenta, was arrested in New York City on September 12, 1934 for selling \$5 U. S. Notes and \$10 FR Notes; described at that time as 40 yrs. of age; 5-4½; 143 lbs; stocky build; gray hair; brown eyes; dark complexion; on October 22, 1934, was sentenced in the Eastern District, Brooklyn, N. Y., to serve 7 years in jail and fined \$1. Subject was deported on November 3, 1939, via the SS Vulcania to Italy, his destination being Afragola, Province of Naples, Italy.

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In addition to the above, records indicate the following with respect to one Amato Santaniello:

Amato Santaniello was indicted on October 25, 1932, in connection with capture of a plant for manufacture of counterfeit \$10 FR Notes which circulated actively in this country and abroad. Santaniello, the principal backer of this plant, escaped arrest, and finally in 1939 the indictment against him was dismissed. Santaniello, a funeral director, in 1932 was described as 46 years old, 239 lbs., 5-10, muscular build, large full face, and is reported to have been seen in 1937 in the town of Palma, near Naples, Italy. In 1910 he was convicted of murder, 2nd degree, serving 14 yrs., and his associates included a variety of underworld characters.

Photographs of the above subjects are enclosed, that of Santaniello taken in 1910 being the only photograph of him available.

Correspondence forwarded with your informal memo of June 16, is returned herewith.

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

20th July, 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged A.M. Currency.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

Reference your 13002/f dated 19th June 1944 enclosing
censor's report.

This case was investigated by Agents of CID, PBS with
the result that the following persons are awaiting trial for counter-
feiting A.M.G. Currency.

DI SALLE Attilio fu Arnaldo

GALABRINI Mario

MARSICO Ernesto di Ernesto

ASTUTO Nicola

D'INNOCENZIO Vincenzo.

PAUL G. KIPP
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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

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20th July, 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

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Reference your 13002/P dated 19th July, 1944.

It is confirmed that forged ration cards referred to
in our ACC/14044/PS dated 15th July, 1944 were forwarded to Food
Sub-Commission with their copy of our above-quoted letter.

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PAUL G. MEYER
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Public Safety S.C.
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

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18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Forgery of Currency.

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

Reference your ACC/14044/PS dated 23 June 1944 the case was investigated by Agents CID, PBS with the result that the following persons are awaiting trial for counterfeiting AMG Currency.

DI SALLE Attilio fu Arnaldo
CALABRESE Mario
MARSICO Ernesto di Ernesto
ASTUTO Nicola
D'INNOCENZIO Vincenzo.

for *Ag. Francis* *Major*
C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

AFPO 394
TEL: 553
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FILE I3002/F

19 July 1944

SUBJECT : Counterfeiting.

TO : Chief,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

- I. Reference your ACC/I4044/ PS dated 15 July 1944.
2. Please confirm that the forged ration cards mentioned in the basic communication have been forwarded to Food Sub-Commission as these were not enclosed with your above-quoted letter.

for B.E.L. Timmons
Colonel, Major
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission,

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
ASO 394

File 24A

15th July, 1944

SUBJECT: Forging & Uttering of
Allied Military Currency.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Herewith copies of Police Reports relating to forging and uttering Allied Military Currency for month of June 1944, in Regions I, II, III and VII. Nil return has been received from Reg. V, and reports are omitted from other regions. These will be forwarded when received.

2. For your information, enclosed is a copy of circular sent from this Office to R.P.S.O.s on rendering of returns.

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

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APPENDIX "B"

Forging of Allied Currency.

- a) 5 cases. 1 from Town Major, Castellammare, 4 from A.F.A.
- b) None
- c) No information available from Courts.
- d) L. 50. A05825908A (Raised to 500)
 L. 50. A00285940A (Raised to 1000)
 L. 50. A00285944A (" " ")
 L. 50. A06215974A (" " ")
 L. 50. A06215973A (" " ")
- e) Believed that number of forged notes in circulation is greater than is indicated by these monthly reports, as all forged notes not reported to or received by this office.
- f) In addition to above, there is one case of uttering four forged Allied 50 lire notes, altered to 500, which has been reported from Pagani (Salerno). One arrest made and the case will be tried by an Italian Court. The case is not strong, lacking corroboration.
- g. Three further notes returned, enquiries being completed and no information obtained, viz:
- A 11613612A L.100 (raised to 1000) received 12 November 1943 from Banco Commerciale di Naples.
- A 07349617A L.50 (raised to 500) received 20 January 1944 from Banco di Napoli.
- A 04114617A L.50 (raised to 500) received 1st February 1944 from Banco di Napoli.

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APPENDIX NO. 1

(To report activities of Public Safety Division, H.Q. Region VII for the month of May 1944)

FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES(a) Catanzaro ProvinceCase CA/5

(not received in time for May report)

Note No. A.24347599 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 25/5/44.

Denomination of note raised from 50 lire to 500 lire by addition of figure "0" to original figures.

Attempt made to erase the addition prior to receipt at this office. A poor specimen.

Facts - At Catanzaro City where received by Branch of Bank of Italy from a customer who discovered the forgery. Customer received same from unknown source. Enquiries have failed to reveal the identity of the person(s) responsible.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

Case CA/6

Note No. A.14385529 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44.

Denomination of note raised to 1000 lire by erasure of all figures and insertion centrally of figures "1000" apparently by means of stamp and ink. Basic colouring altered by application of colour crayon. Not a good specimen.

Facts - at Catanzaro City where received amongst large quantity of notes at head office of postal telegraph from branch at Nicotera.

Enquiries have failed to trace person tendering or person responsible for forgery.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

(b) COSENZA PROVINCECase CO/2

Note No. A.12505784 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 3/6/44

Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown. Condition of note unknown.

Facts - At cosenza where Italian soldier arrested for forgery and uttering.

Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

Case CO/3

Note No. A.40194566 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 11/6/44

Denomination raised to 500 lire by means at present unknown. Condition of note unknown.

Facts - At Belvedere Marittimo where civilian arrested for forgery and uttering.

Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

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Case CO/4

Note. A. 14798/59 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 17/6/44

Denomination raised to 500 Lire by means at present unknown.

Facts - At Ferramonti Refugee Camp, Tarsia, where inmate arrested for forgery and uttering

Note not attached as required as Court exhibit.

(c) REGGIO CALABRIA PROVINCE

No cases reported during month.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 994

15th July, 1944.

100/1401/PS

SUBJECT : Forging Allied Military
Currency.

TO : R.M.D.C. (thru H.Q.)
Regions II, III, IV, V, VI, VII &
New Region.

See 1401/PS

The following is an extract of a report received at this
H.Q. on the subject of forging and using of Allied Military Currency
in Sicily.

It is requested that action be taken by Police Agencies
with a view to detecting forged notes in circulation :-

* In the same time the gang prepared the cliches for
counterfeiting Italian Cards to get bread and began to
spread them out in Palermo, City & Province; Trapani,
City & Province.

We think that a very considerable amount of 100 and
1000 lire notes has been already uttered in the Province
and Southern Italy. To this purpose the rough enquiries
are being carried on also in order to detect other accomplices,
Costa's relatives, and utterers of forged Italian
cards and notes.

When we raided Piacente Brothers Printing Office we
found and seized a certain quantity of 1000 lire notes
which were being forged, of 100 and 500 lire notes which
had been only colored, all the cliches of the 500 and 1000
lire notes, some forged 100 and 1000 lire notes, forged
Italian cards and its cliches, machineries, colours and
paper.

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It has been ascertained that they have forged 100, 500 and 1000 line notes, series and serial numbers as follows :-

100 LINE NOTE	Series 1943	Serial Number	A 15052019 A
500 LINE NOTE	" 1943	"	A 21515773 A
1000 LINE NOTE	" 1943	"	A 00455523 A
			A 05364793 A
			A 05364879 A
			A 05377861 A
			A 05379618 A
			A 05384879 A
			A 05387961 A
			A 06153798 A
			A 06153879 A
			A 06179530 A
			A 06179550 A
			A 06175379 A
			A 06187953 A
			A 08153612 A
			A 15052019 A

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

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AGC 394

13th July, 1944

AGC/10044/17

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering of Allied
Military Currency.

TO : A.P.S.C. Region III.

With reference to this office letter 19th June,
1944 enclosing copy of Censor's Report on Alleged Counter-
feiting of 500 Lire Notes, will you please state if you
are now in position to report on this matter.

PART S. BIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PALERMO

3.7.1944

SUBJECT: Forged Currency and
Forged Italian Cards.TO: Lt. Col. Samuel A. Sheck
U.S.A.C. Region I

1. I submit for information the preliminary report of the raiding of a forgery plant by Dr. Guzzino and Agents of the P.S. Dept. on 24th June, 1944 at No. 13 Via Carcella, Palermo.

2. Up to the present time 17 persons have been arrested in connection with these offences.

3. 1000, 500 and 200 lire notes were forged at the plant but it is believed only 1000 and 100 lire notes were put into circulation. Some of the latter have already been stopped by the banks. It is believed none of the 500 lire notes have been circulated.

4. Forged Italian cards were also found and further enquiry is in hand respecting these.

5. It is strongly suspected that some of the 1000 and 100 lire notes have been circulated through Southern Italy. I therefore ask that the numbers shown on attached report be circulated throughout the banks of Sicily and Southern Italy to enable necessary action to be taken should any of the forged notes be presented.

A further report will be submitted in due course.

A specimen of notes and Italian cards attached.

It will be noted that the 500 lire notes are incomplete.

I ask that a copy of this report be forwarded to Major Bray A I A for his information.

For the Provincial Commissioner.

E. J. BYE, Lt. Col.
Provincial Public Safety Officer.

1st IND.

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

Forwarded for information.

1. With the departure of Lt. Col. BYE close contact will be maintained with the Quastara Officers working on these cases and a further report submitted in due course.

For the Regional Commissioner.

RUSSELL A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

2nd IND.

13th July, 1944

To : Finance Sub-Commission
A.P.A. (Major Bray)
Food Sub-Commission

From: HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Comm.

Forwarded for information and any action deemed necessary.

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

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R. QUESTURA, PALERMO
MOBILE SQUAD OFFICE

MEMORANDA

Here is the result of the first enquiries we made respecting the forgery of 100,500 and 1000 Lire A.M. notes at the Flaccio Printing Office 13, Via Cavella.

In February 1961 the named La Placa Guglielmo fu Michele, Benigno Paolo di Giuseppe, Ippolito Giuseppe, Benovene Giuseppe fu Giuseppe, Arico Paolo di Salvatore, Bartolomei Francesco fu Stefano and other peoples we are going to detect, formed a counterfeiting Society. They succeeded to develop the pictures and prepare the designs in the various colours. At this point they admitted in their Society the named Costa Giuseppe di Michelangelo and Bagnara Gino di Giovanni.

Very shortly after, La Placa and Costa began quarreling as each one of them intended to direct the organization and Costa set out a plan to eliminate his adversary.

He agreed with Benigno and Arico Paolo to make two copies of the designs and then in the presence of the various partners he had all the material destroyed alleging he did not desire any more to afflict himself to such a criminal activity.

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In the home of the latter they engraved the cliches, as for the printing Costa applied to Alfredo & Carlo Flaccio Brothers sons of the late Antonino Printing Office, Via Cavella, who agreed and in March they started to print 100, 500, and 1000 Lire notes.

In the same () as the gang prepared the "Machos" for counterfeiting Italian Nation Cards to get bread and began to spread them out in Palermo, City & Province, Trapani, City and Province.

We think that a very considerable amount of 100 and 1000 lire notes has been already utilized in the Province and Southern Italy. To this purpose though enquiries are being carried on also in order to detect other accomplices, Costa's relatives, and attempts at forged nation cards and notes.

When we visited Giacomo Brothers' Printing Office we found and seized a certain quantity of 1000 lire notes which were being forged, of 100 and 500 lire notes which had been only colored, all the dummies of the 500 and 1000 lire notes, some forged 100 and 1000 lire notes, forged nation cards and its dummies, machines, colours and paper.

It has been ascertained that they have forged 100, 500 and 1000 lire notes, serial and serial numbers as follows:

100 LIRE NOTES	Series 1943	Serial Number A	45052019 A
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			A 05364788 A
			A 05354872 A
			A 05373864 A
			A 05373646 A
			A 05386479 A
			A 05387264 A
			A 06453735 A
			A 06453879 A
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			A 06479553 A
			A 06485379 A
			A 06487953 A
			A 06453642 A
			A 45052019 A

Through enquiries are still in hand.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MOBILES SQUAD
(Signed) Dr. Guarino Salvatore

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

14th July, 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT : Forged Currency & Ration Cards.

TO : R.P.S.C. Regional (through R.C.)

I thank you for your letter 3/7/44 and copy report respecting the above, and congratulate you and all officers concerned on the good work done in this important case. Please convey my appreciation to Dr. Guarino and his staff.

PAUL G. KIRK
Col. Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : RPSG Reg. II thro R.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Palermo

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3.7.1944

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Subject: Forged Currency and
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For the Provincial Commissioner

E. J. Byrnes

E. J. BYRNES, Lt. Col.

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1st Ind.

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R. A. Snook

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R. QUESTURA, PALEIMO
Mobile Squad Office

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Through enquiries are still in hand.

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE MOBILE SQUAD
(Signed) Dr. Guarino Salvatore

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

Your ref _____
My ref PS/9
Subject Currency.

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

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

Reference ACC/14044/PS. 1 May, 1944, Subject:
Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

Cases reported
Localities

3.
Altamura
Rutigliano
Carbonara

Forgers taken into custody 3.
Convictions 0.

Serial Nos of forged Notes:- A19754028
A34052938 - 1943
A35513027 - 1943

In the Altamura case value of the note
(A19754028) was raised from 100 to 1000 Lire.
No arrest.

One person denounced.
Note retained for prosecution.

Lloyd E. Kelly 1590
LLOYD E. KELLY.
Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIANCE CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Follow ^{16A} for action/information

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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19th June 1944. 17A

SUBJECT : Forged A.M. Currency.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission. 17B

1. Reference attached copy of censor's report on an anonymous letter addressed to Questura, Naples.
2. Will you please contact CIC, PBS, and ascertain whether this information has been investigated and, if so, may this Sub-Commission be advised of the result.

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1st DND

ACC/14044/PS.

FROM : A.C.C., - Public Safety Sub-Commission.
TO : R.P.S.O., Region III.

For investigation and report please.

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

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THE ANONYMOUS WRITER INFORMS THAT IN VICO FICO AT S.BRIGIDA N.3 3rd FLOOR. A CERTAIN D. ERNESTO, A PRINTER, PRINTS COUNTERFEIT 500 LIRE NOTES.

ACCOMPLICES ARE, DI SALLE TULLIO, MARIO CAIAROSE AND HIS PARTNERS D. VINCENZINO, NICO FICO N.6, AND NICOLA SCIPIA DI SALLE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.

ITALIAN CENSOR NAPLES Reviewer ACCO NAPLES
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Examination Date
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APC 324

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19 June 1944

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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

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B. E. L. Timmons
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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THE ABOVE-RECORDED WRITER INFORMS THAT IN VICO PICO AT 3, BRIGIDA
N. 3 2ND FLOOR. A CERTAIN D. ROBERTO, A PRINTER, PRINTS COUNTERLETTER
500 LINE NOTES.

ADDRESSING ARE, BY SALES FULFILL, MATIO CALABRESE AND HIS
PARTNERS B. VINCENTINO, NICO PICO N. 6, AND D. NICOLA SCIPPA DI SAVERIO
BROTHER-IN-LAW.

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To be completed and
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Chief
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Heat 302 A.C.C.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned :-

Ref. No.	No. of copies	Copy Numbers	Distribution
<i>ACC/14044/RS</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>dated</i> <i>14 June 44</i>	<i>Re: Forging &</i> <i>lettering of</i> <i>Allied Military</i> <i>Currency</i>

Signed.....

Address.....

L. J. Angerault W.O.I
Finance Sub Com
Main HQ

Date.....

14 June 44

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REMARKS.

refers to 14A.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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File 14A

14 June 1944

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of Allied Military Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Herewith are Copy reports received from Regions I, II, III, V, VI and VII; respecting offences of forging and uttering Allied Military Currency.

Nil returns have been received from Reg. IV and the Armies.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE
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2/6/44.

SUBJECT :- Forging and Uttering of Allied Military
Currency - Monthly Report.

TO :- Regional Police Officer
HQ 2 Region - Matera.

Reference your SP/HGB dated 5th May 1944.

- (a) Case Reported 1 Locality Altamura
- (b) Forger taken in Custody NIL
- (c) No case of conviction yet
- (d) A 19754028

Value of note 100 changed to 1000
Person denounced Caruso Domenico Luigi
born 1895 at Altamura
Note retained for prosecution.

G.M. Reveley Major
Provincial Police Officer
(Bari) A.C.C.

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APPENDIX "B"

TO REGION 3, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION REPORT FOR MAY 1944

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Forging and Uttering of A.M.G. Currency.

a) 14 cases. 10 reported from AEA Naples, one in S. Giorgio in Molara and three in Benevento.

b) None.

c) No information available from courts.

d)	L. 50	A03451661A	(Raised to L. 500)
"	"	A44884663A	" " " "
"	"	A28910627A	" " " 1000
"	"	A41561732A	" " " "
"	"	A17239740A	" " " 500
"	"	A31410338A	" " " "
"	"	A47768328A	" " " 1000
"	"	A25574460A	" " " 500
"	"	A40577271A	" " " "
"	100	A08276306A	" " " 1000
"	50	A68670655A	" " " 500
"	"	A47027364A	" " " "
"	"	A29125381A	" " " "

e) No reports received of new types notes being altered. Suggest withdrawal from circulation of all type notes.

At the beginning of May Allied Police and Agents of P.S. arrested nine persons for manufacturing false 1000 lire Allied Military notes. Result not yet known.

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APPENDIX

UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY

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1. With reference to your letter AGO/14044/PS dated 9 May 44, the following information is submitted:

VACCA Pasqualino of Samatzi, mutilated World War I veteran, was arrested by the CCRR on 30 March 1944 for the uttering of Allied Military currency notes. Five (5) £50 notes were altered to £500 notes and four (4) £100 notes were altered to £1000 notes by the above person. VACCA had at least one accomplice who has been identified by the CCRR but who has not yet been apprehended.

Following are the serial numbers of the notes altered by VACCA all of which have been recovered:

Serial Number	Description	Series
A08150481	£50 note altered to £ 500.	1943
A06723659A	" " " " "	"
A27903908A	" " " " "	"
A40208186A	" " " " "	"
A40094180A	" " " " "	"
A13205567A	£100 " " £1000	"
A18654640A	" " " " "	"
A23647627A	" " " " "	"
A25487418A	" " " " "	"

The above notes are being held for prosecution purposes.

2. An altered Allied Military Currency note was given to the Banca Commerciale Italiana of Sassari on 15 April 44 by one IBETTA Nino. This note was altered from £100 to £500 by the erasure of the figure one (1) and the substitution of the figure five (5). The note is in the possession of the CCRR who are still investigating the case. Serial N°. A20426592A, Series 1943.

3. The Cagliari Civil Hospital confiscated an altered Allied Military Currency note from Signora ETZI Vincenza of Villasimius who presented the note in payment of a hospital bill on 25 May 44. The note was altered from £50 to £500 by the addition of the figure zero (0). Serial N°. A20206909A, Series 1943. Investigations are still in progress.

The three above cases are the only ones reported for the month of May 1944.

APPENDIX No 1.

(to report of activities of Public Safety Division,
H.Q., Region VII for month of May 1944.)

FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES

(a) Catanzaro Province

Case CA/1 (a) Note N° A. 12396077 - value 100 lire
(b) Note N° A. 08087445 - " " "
(c) Note N° A. 13771132 - " " "
(d) Note N° A. 15166045 - " 50 "
(e) Note N° A. 13922400 - " 50 "

Date offence discloses - 6th May 1944

Denominations of notes (a) (b) and (c) raised to 1000 lire and notes (d) and (e) to 500 lire.

Modus operandi and condition of notes at present unknown.

Facts:- At Fabrizia where GCR arrested man for forgery of the notes and later two other men for assisting him to dispose of same. Case not yet concluded. Notes not attached as retained for furtherance of enquiries and as Court exhibits.

Note N° A. 06877094 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 13th May 1944.

Denomination raised to 500 lire. M.O. and condition of note at present unknown.

Facts:- At Platania where GCR arrested man whilst in the act of uttering.

Enquiry continues re persons responsible for forgery.

Note not attached as retained for further enquiries and production as Court exhibit.

Note N° A. 43273311 - value 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 24th May 1944

Denomination of old type note raised to

500 lire by addition of (0) to original figures by means of stamp and ink; further, denomination in words also brackets inserted apparently by means of printer's stamp and ink thus giving appearance of new type note. Original colouring tinted by application of yellow crayon. A good specimen.

Facts:- At Soriano were received by Bank of

Case CA/2

Modus operandi and condition of notes at present unknown.

Facts:- At Fabrizia where OCRR arrested man for forgery of the notes and later two other men for assisting him to dispose of same. Case not yet concluded. Notes not attached as retained for furtherance of enquiries and as Court exhibits.

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Facts:- At Soriano were received by Bank of Italy from person unknown during ordinary course of business.

Enquiries have failed to identify the person(s) responsible.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

APPENDIX No. I

Case CA/4 Note N. A. 24347599 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 25th May 1944
Denomination raised to 500 lire by means
at present unknown.

Facts:- At Tropea were received by local
branch of Bank of Rome from identified
customer.

Enquiries in hand by Questura.
Note not attached as required to assist the
enquiries.

b) Cosenza Province

Case 80/1 Note NO. A. 08487423 - value 50 lire
Date offence disclosed - 4th May 1944
Denomination raised to 500 lire by means
at present unknown.

Facts:- At Paola where man arrested for forgery
and uttering of note.
Note not attached as required for furtherance
of enquiries and production as Court
exhibit.

c) Reggio Province

Case RE/1(a) Note NO. A. 07529913 - value 50 lire
(b) Note NO. A. 10433408 - " 50 lire

Date offence disclosed - 30th April 1944
Denomination in both instances raised
to 500 lire by erasure of all
original figures and insertion
centrally of figures '500' apparently
by means of stamp and ink. Original
colouring tinted by application of
yellow crayon. Both poor specimen.

Facts:- at Archi where local resident
detained when found in possession.
Enquiries revealed explanation
satisfactory and person released.
Enquiries have failed to locate or identify
the person(s) responsible.

Note, duly cancelled, attached.

Note

The undermentioned forged currency notes the
cases of which were reported to HQ ACC. whilst
have been cancelled

b) Cosenza Province

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Date offence disclosed - 4th May 1944
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at present unknown.

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and uttering of note.

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exhibit.

c) Reggio Province

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detained when found in possession.

Enquiries revealed explanation
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Enquiries have failed to locate or identify
the person(s) responsible.

Note, duly cancelled: attached.

Note

The undermentioned forged currency notes the
cases of which were reported to HQ ACC. whilst
this Region was Region II, have been cancelled
and are submitted for official withdrawal from
circulation.

Note No.	A.09256549	-	raised	50 lire	to 500 Lire
"	A.06348805	-	"	50	" " 500 "
"	A.06565362	-	"	50	" " 500 "
"	A.01528210	-	"	50	" " 1500 "
"	A.10155813	-	"	50	" " 1500 "
"	A.14385543	-	"	100	" " 1000 "
"	A.15356533	-	"	100	" " 1000 "

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MONTHLY RETURN OF CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING ALLIED

DATE	PLACE	PARTICULARS INCLUDING No. OF NOTE.
10 / 3 / 1944.	B R I N D I S I	PARISI Nicola fu Domenico counterfeited 12 on altering "1" in "100" to "5" thus making the Alteration made by pen clumsily performed. Ar 1944. Delay in obtaining Nos. owing to case Military Tribunal Taranto for disposal Paris Case not yet tried. <u>Nos:</u> A0452594A A01421814A A07423350A A30578002A A02180815A A24330906A A19321915A A14420746A A26693817A A31536219A A07507038A A24244207A

Note: To be submitted in duplicate
To arrive H.Q. by 2nd of month.

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PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE
Province of Brindisi

RETURN OF CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY

	PARTICULARS INCLUDING No. OF NOTE.
I	PARISI Nicola fu Domenico counterfeited 12 one hundred lire notes by altering "1" in "100" to "5" thus making the note to read as "500". Alteration made by pen clumsily performed. Arrest made on 10th March 1944. Delay in obtaining Nos. owing to case papers being forwarded to Military Tribunal Taranto for disposal Parisi being an Italian Soldier. <u>Case not yet tried.</u> <u>Nos:</u> A0452594A A01421814A A07423350A A30578002A A02180815A A24330906A A19321915A A14420746A A26693817A A31536219A A07507038A A24244207A

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nd of month.

Provincial Police Officer.....

FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - ITALY AND GERMANY REGION I.

PERIOD FROM 1st April
TO 15th May 1944.

Province.	No & Brief Particulars of Case.	Number of Forged Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional information
Palermo	(1) 1000 lire notes forged in entirety by lithographic process. Four specimens.	39 persons arrested and plants seized at Palermo & Terrasini.	Not yet dealt with at Court.	09200097(6) 01322200(12) 02760008(2) 07002132(12) 10600070(1)	6 uttered (1 " " (10 " " (1 " " Cult 2 " " (3 " " (8 " " (1 " " 1 " "
	(2) ditto	"	"	00285914 00285918 00285933 06285932 06285925 06285926	6 uttered Provinc 39 notes
	(3) ditto	"	"	03794824 00713829 00025919 19208581	Uttered i " " " Notes ret Special a 3 cases o Note att
	(4) Attempted raising of 50 lire note to "500" by addition "0" Four specimens	Nil	Nil	02417539	

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CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I. PERIOD FROM 1st April
To 15th May 1944.

Number of Forges Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
39 persons arrested & plants seized at Palermo & Terrasini.	Not yet dealt with at Court.	09200097(6) 01382280(12)	6 uttered Palermo Province. (1 " " " (10 " Agrigento " (1 " Caltanissetta "
"	"	02760008(2) 07002432(12)	2 " Palermo " (3 " " " (8 " Agrigento " (1 " Ragusa " (1 " Catania "
"	"	00600070(1)	1 " "
"	"	0028591A 0028591B 00285933 06285932 06285925 06285926	6 uttered in Palermo Province. 39 notes attached
"	"	00994824 00713829 00025919 19208581	Uttered in Palermo Prov. " " " " Agrigento " " Messina " Notes retained. Enquiry in hand. Special report submitted re these 3 cases on 15/5/44. Note attached.
Nil	Nil	02417539	

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM : 1st April
TO : 15th May, 1944

Province.	No & Brief Particulars of Case.	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged notes
Palermo	(5) 50 Lire note raised to 500 by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of figures by pen and ink. Colour wash Poor specimen.	nil	nil	23900419
	(6) 2 50 lire notes raised to 500 by erasure of figures and insertion centrally of figures. Colour wash. Fair specimens.	nil	nil	40344693 02816888
Agrigento	(7) Three 1000 lire notes forged in its entirety by lithographic process. Fairly good specimens.	nil	nil	One-old type 09200097 Two-new type with words 12382280
	(2) Three 50 lire notes raised to 500 by erasure and insertion of 500 centrally by ink and brush. Color wash. Fair specimens.	nil	nil	24524295 16986941 21152792
	(3) 50 lire note raised to 500 by additional of "0" and color wash. Fair specimen.	nil	nil	00094955

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PRIMARY CURRENCY RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM : 1st April
TO : 15th May, 1944

Serial No. of Forged notes	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed	Any additional useful information.
29900419	nil	nil	Note attached.
40344693 02816888	nil	nil	Notes attached.
One-old type 09200097 Two-new type with words 12382280	nil	nil	Notes retained. Enquiry in hand. Agrigento informed notes identical with Palermo case (1).
24524295 16986941 21152792	nil	nil	Notes attached.
00094955	nil	nil	Note attached.

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM 1st April
TO 15th May 1944.

Province	No & Brief Particulars of Case	Number of Fingers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Note
Agrigento	(4) 50 lire note raised to 500 by addition of "0" and color washed. Fair specimen.	Nil	Nil	00944580
	(5) 50 lire note raised to 500 by addition of "0" and color wash. Fair specimen.	Nil	Nil	02839219
	(6) 50 lire note raised to 500 by erasure of figures and insertion of 500 centrally. Color wash. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	01159516
Caltanissetta	(1) 11 Genuine 50 lire Notes raised to 500 by ink. Poor specimens.	Nil	Nil	02737602
				18946029
				11573160
				01486573
				01332252
				21152846
				22226857
				22219229
				29340453
				02836110
				26859048
	(2) 50 lire note raised to 500 by erasure and insertion centrally of 500 by ink. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	08469079

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ARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM 1st April
TO 15th May 1944.

	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Notes	Any additional useful information.
ed to " and ccimen.	Nil	Nil	00944580	Note attached.
ed to " and imen.	Nil	Nil	02839219	Note attached.
ed to gures centrally imen.	Nil	Nil	01159516	Note attached.
live y ink.	Nil	Nil	02737602 18946029 11573160 01486573 01332252 21152846 22226857 22219229 29340453 02836110 26859048	Notes retained. Enquiry in hand.
ed to insertion ink.	Nil	Nil	08469079	Note attached.

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I. PERIOD FROM : 1st April
TO : 15th May, 1944.

Province.	No. & Brief Particulars of Case.	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial of Forgers
Caltanissetta	(3) 50 lire note raised by erasure and insertion centrally of figure "500" by ink and pen. Color wash. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	167558
Enna	(1) Two hundred lire notes raised to 500 by erasure of first figure and insertion of "5" by brush and ink. Fair specimens.	Nil	Nil	1569006 2487024
	(2) 50 lire note raised by erasure of figures & insertion of 500 by brush and ink. Color wash. Fair specimen.	Nil	Nil	1932193
	(3) Two notes ditto	Nil	Nil	0114703 1371905
	(4) One note ditto	Nil	Nil	0835094
Messina	(1) 50 lire note raised to "500" by ink. Fair specimen.	1	Nil	0708931
	(2) 50 lire note raised by erasure and insertion centrally of figures "500". Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	0143457

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BY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I. PERIOD FROM : 1st April
TO : 15th May, 1944.

Number of Forgers Taken into Custody.	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed.	Serial No. of Forged Notes	Any additional useful informati- tion.
Nil	Nil	1673581	Note attached.
Nil	Nil	15690060 24870243	Notes attached.
Nil	Nil	19821939	Note attached.
Nil	Nil	01147037 13713051 08350947	Notes attached. Note attached.
Nil 1	Nil	07089319	Note retained. Enquiries in hand.
Nil	Nil	01134573	Note attached.

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM : 1st April 1944
TO : 15th May 1944

Province	No & Brief Particulars of Case.	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody.	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Notes
Catania	(1) 100 lire note raised to 500 by erasure of first figure and insertion of "5" by brush and ink. Color wash. Fair specimen.	Nil	Nil	21523744
	(2) 8 notes raised to 500 lire	2	Nil	unknown
Syracusa	(1) 50 lire note raised by erasures of figures & insertion centrally of 500. Color wash. Fair specimen.	Nil	Nil	09902950
	(2) ditto	Nil	Nil	03027678
	(3) 2 notes ditto	Nil	Nil	16826612
	(4) 1 ditto	Nil	Nil	26247121
	(5) 50 lire note raised to 500 by Addition of "0"	2	Case not yet dealt with	16823487
	(6) Fortysix notes 50 lire raised to 500	4	Case not yet dealt with at court.	unknown

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CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM : 1st April 1944
 TO : 15th May 1944.

Number of Forgers Taken into Custody.	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged Notes.	Any additional useful information.
Nil	Nil	21523744	Note attached.
2	Nil	unknown	Notes retained.
Nil	Nil	09902950	Note attached.
Nil	Nil	09027678	Note attached.
Nil	Nil	16826612	Notes attached.
Nil	Nil	26247121	Note attached.
Nil	Nil	16328487	Note attached.
2	Case not yet dealt with	unknown	Note retained
4	Case not yet dealt with at court.	unknown	Note retained. Enquiry in hand. Case referred to in para. 6 of report for March.

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FORGING AND UTTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I					PERIOD FROM : 1st Apr
Province	No & Brief Particulars of Case.	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions showing briefly penalties imposed	Serial	TO : 15th May
Ragusa	(1) Five 1000 lire note forged in entirety by lithographic process. Good specimens.	1	Nil	3 notes	40700243
	(2) 50 lire note raised by erasure and insertion centrally of "500" by pen and ink. Tinted with color wash. Poor specimen.	Nil	Nil	2 notes	027600081 05566135
	(3) ditto	Nil	Nil		00448745
	(4) Ten 50 lire notes raised to "500" by addition of "0"	3	Case not yet dealt with		09537739 24060700 00678103 09908006 11262782 15801902 33295034 21695613 31750976 00696903

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LITARY CURRENCY - RETURN OF CASES REGION I PERIOD FROM : 1st April 1950
TO : 15th May 1950

Serials	Number of Forgers Taken into Custody	Number of Convictions show- ing briefly penalties imposed	Serial No. of Forged notes.	Any additional use- ful information.
re note by by litho- Good copy-	1	Nil	3 notes A07002432A	Notes attached. Appears identical with Palermo case (1)
raised by rtion cen- by pen and n color wash.	Nil	Nil	2 notes A02760008A 05566135	Siresse informed. Note attached.
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notes y addition	3	Case not yet dealt with	03697739 24060700 00678103 09908006 11262782 15801902 33295034 21695613 31750976 00696903	Notes retained

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APPENDIX

Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region I

FROM: S.P.P.S.O.

Reference your RS/514/14 dated 3/5/44 and AGO/14044/PS.

In Cerignola eight cases of uttering forged notes have been reported.

No arrests have been made but enquiries are being pursued in the Province of Bari.

The forgeries consisted of altered fifty lire notes to the higher denomination of 500. The alteration has been made with a pen.

The numbers of the forged notes are as follows:

No. A - 09971362 A
No. A - 04157621 A
No. A - 35518662 A
No. A - 34043455 A
No. A - 35898927 A
No. A - 05426424 A
No. A - 36834556 A
No. A - 37104341 A

The above mentioned eight 50 lire notes are attached.

C. R. BRIGGS,
Lt. Col.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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MONTHLY RETURN OF CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING

DATE	PLACE	PARTICULARS INCLUDING
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	<u>Nos.</u>	
A 0452594A	A 19321915A	
A 01421814A	A 14420746A	
A 07423350A	A 26693817A	
A 30378002A	A 31536219A	
A 02180815A	A 07507038A	
A 24330906A	A 24244207A	

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No. - Chief Public Safety
 Subcommission. McRear HQ
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CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING MILITARY CURRENCY

PLACE	PARTICULARS INCLUDING NO. OF NOTE
PARISI.	PARISI. Nicola fu Domenico. Counterfeited 12 one hundred Lira notes. by altering "1" in "100" to "5" thus making the note to read as "500". Alteration made by pen clumsily performed. arrest made on 10th March 1944. → Delay in obtaining Nos owing to case papers being forwarded to Military Tribunal Taranto for disposal. Parisi being an Italian Soldier. - <u>Case not yet tried</u>

Provincial Police Officer

R. K. K. Capt.

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No.:- Chief Public Safety Subcommission. Acc. Recd HQ

A.P.O. 394.

HR Reg 2.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE
PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
BARI

PS/12/33

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2/6/44



SUBJECT:- Forging and Uttering of Allied Military
Currency - Monthly Report

TO :- Regional Police Officer
HQ 2 Region - Matera

Reference your BP/HGD dated 5th May 1944.

- (a) Case Reported 1 Locality Altamura
- (b) Forger taken in Custody NIL
- (c) No case of conviction yet
- (d) A 19754028

Value of note 100 changed to 1000
Person denounced Carone Domenico Luigi
born 1895 at Altamura
Note retained for prosecution.

To: Chief Public Safety
Sub Commission
ACC Rear HQ.
A.P.O 394

G.M. Reveley
G.M. Reveley Major
Provincial Police Officer
(Bari) A.C.C.

Forwarded for B7C
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Police *Min. 3* for action/information

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

Ex. Officer..... *PA*

Police..... *PA*

Fire & C.D.....

Regn. & Licensing.....

Adm..Officer.....

REMARKS..... *Control*

[Signature]

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

File 11A

ACC/14044/PS.

26 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Forgery.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 1 (thru' RC.)

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With ref. to your report FPS/000.5, dated 16 May 1944, I very much appreciate the excellent work that has been done in this matter and I have brought it to the notice of the Executive Commissioner.

I await further report.

HS/1g.

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

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RFS/000.5

DATE May 16th, 1944.

SUBJECT: Forgery.

TO: Allied Control Commissioner, HQ.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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2. As shown by the attached samples the forgery in the one case is difficult to detect; in the other case the work is not as good and the notes might be more easily detected. Both present proof that a threat to the Allied currency still exists and that public confidence in the money might be impaired or even destroyed by counterfeiting. It is estimated that in the case of the notes most difficult to detect approximately 100 were put into circulation, while in the other case approximately 3000 notes are unaccounted for, some of which might have been destroyed.

3. The danger of forging has been realized for some time and soon after the occupation raised notes were discovered. This practice has continued and the complete record has been submitted in the required monthly reports to ACC HQ. These two cases constitute the most serious threat yet discovered.

4. A further point in these cases is the need for more careful coordination between the police agencies of the Military forces and the civil police agencies through A.C.C. One of the forgery cases not immediately reported to ACC. was for some time in the hands of military agencies. That case has not yet been cleared.

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For the Regional Commissioner.

R. J. DePford
Russell A. SMOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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- 1- Preliminary Report.
- 2- Forgery samples.

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ALIEN CONTROL COMMISSION
Palermo Province

Prefettura, 13/5/1944.

SUBJECT : Counterfeit Alien Currency.

TO : Lt. Col. Russell A. Snook,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

1. In consequence of information received the Criminal Investigation Division, L.B.S. took up an enquiry respecting forged 1000 lire A.M. Currency.
2. It was believed that counterfeit notes would be sold for 450 lire each and that printing of such notes would take place at Partanna, Trapani.
3. CID Agents got in touch with one of the principals of the counterfeiters, one Valguarnera and he stated that the printing of the notes was held up by reason of the fact that the printing-press in Trapani needed minor repairs.
4. The CID Agents assisted Valguarnera to obtain the necessary repairs to an end of the press roll. Later, on 24th April 1944, it was arranged for Valguarnera to purchase 19 cases of American Cigarettes from a Military warehouse and pay for them with counterfeit currency.

5. The same day Valguarnera handed 50 counterfeit 1000 lire notes to CID informer and was arrested. He alleged he had obtained the notes from an accomplice (name unknown) from Catania. In connection with this case 8 other men were arrested, an additional 1000 lire note was seized, and at premises in Partanna, Trapani, paper, similar to that used in the counterfeit notes, and 45,000 lire were found and seized.

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6. On 1st April 1944. Dr. Guarino, Chief of the Mobile Squad of the local Questura, took up an independent enquiry as a result of information he had received that 1000 lire notes were being counterfeited.

7. After long and careful enquiry, on 27th April, at the Piazza Cappuccini, Palermo, he arrested one Mario BONCADIO who was in possession of 99 - 1000 lire notes.

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8. On being interrogated BONCARDO disclosed that the notes found on him had been printed in a private house in Terrasini, Province of Palermo, and the work of counterfeiting had been in hand since 17 February 1944.

9. During the night of 27th April Dr. Guarino, with other agents arrested Giorgio SACCO at his house in Palermo and on searching it, found 407 -1000 lire counterfeit notes and various photographic equipments. In addition, 3 -1000 lire unnumbered counterfeit notes were found. These notes were of better design than the others and had obviously come from a different plant.

10. A search of Boncardo's house in Via S. Agostino, Palermo revealed 969 - 1000 lire counterfeit notes, which were also seized.

11. During the same night Dr. Guarino raided the house of Giuseppe CONTRUSCIERI in Terrasini, (where the counterfeit notes were made), arrested him and Francesco VENTIMIGLIA, whilst two other principals; Giuseppe ORDINATO and Vincenzo BOMMARITO escaped. Search for them is being continued.

12. In Contruscieri's house were found 1157 - 1000 counterfeit lire notes, hidden in a hole in the wall, and in Ventimiglia's house 1948 - 1000 lire counterfeit notes and photographic material, including a photographic plate for reproducing the back of the counterfeit notes. Two or three photographic plates and the printing press could not be found.

13. Under interrogation these men admitted having forged approximately 8,000 - 1000 lire notes and had put a large number into circulation in the province of Siracusa.

14. On 1st. May Dr. Guarino with other Agents and members of the CID went to Siracusa and arrested 10 persons who were concerned in uttering these notes and recovered 90 - 1000 lire notes.

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15. Apart from the three unnumbered notes seized in Sacco's house, all the notes were from the same press and were forged by a photographic process. The paper is thin, the printing is darker than the normal note, the letters and figures are slightly blurred and the forgery is easily discernable.

16. In contrast to these notes the three unnumbered notes found in possession of Sacco were very fine specimens and would quite easily pass for good notes.

17. By interrogation of Sacco, Dr. Guarino traced their source to a Printing Office of Signore Tommasini, in a lane near Via Don Kiposo, Palermo.

18. There, on the night of the 20th, he found the printing press, tools, and materials used in the manufacture of the notes. The stone used had been cleaned a short time before the arrival of Police. 35,711 - 1000 lire forged notes were also found inside the circular base of a furnace in the building. 13 men were arrested and in the house of one of these 2617 - 1000 lire forged notes were found. These notes were lithographed and are good and not easily recognizable as forgeries, but the paper is slightly thinner than the genuine note and the colours fade quickly.

19. Dr. Guarino is of the opinion about 100 of these notes have been put into circulation, two of which have been stopped so far by the banks.

20. With regard to the notes forged at Terrasini, approximately 3,000 are still unaccounted for, but it is believed that the persons who were in possession of them destroyed many of the notes when the arrest of the people concerned in the forgery became known.

21. On examination it was found that the notes seized by the CID were a part of those forged at Terrasini and enquiry is still in hand to trace the printing press which was repaired at the instance of Valguarnera. This may well be the press which was used to print all the notes at Terrasini.

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Specimens of notes are attached. *over*

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For the Provincial Commissioner.
E. J. P. [Signature]
Major,
Provincial Public Safety Officer. 156

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R. QUESTURA OF PALERMO
MOBIL SQUAD OFFICE

Palermo, May 11, 1944.

LIST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS
OF THE COUNTERFEIT 1000 LIRE A.M. NOTES - ISSUED BY
TOMASINO PLANT, PALERMO

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R. QUESTURA OF PALERMO
MOBIL SQUAD OFFICE

Palermo, May 11, 1944

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TERRASINI PLANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Palermo Province

13.5.44

LIST OF PERSONS IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION
WITH FOREIGN OFFENCE AT PALERMO

1. Mario	BONCANDO	of the late Giovanni	
2. Francesco	VENTIMIGLIA	Clemente	
3. Giuseppe	CONTINASCIONE	Francesco	
4. Giorgio	SACCO	Giuseppe	
5. Emilio	AGUGLIA	Giovanni	
6. Girolamo	POLIZZI	Francesco	
7. Antonino	RAMINA	Salvatore	
8. Angelo	RAMINA	Salvatore	
9. Paolo	LO BIANCO	Gaetano	
10. Carlo	BELLAVISTA	Salvatore	
11. Rosario	RAMINA	Giuseppe	
12. Francesco	BELLAVISTA	Salvatore	
13. Salvatore	BELLAVISTA	Carlo	
14. Domenico	RAMINA	Giuseppe	
15. Luigi	TOMASINO	Michele	
16. Angelo	ANELLO	Vincenzo	
17. Michele	TOMASINI	Antonio	
18. Giuseppe	LUPO	Salvatore	
19. Girolamo	VALGUARINERA	Francesco	
20. Andrea	CAMARDA	Bernardo	
21. Bartolomeo	GRIZARDI	Giuseppe	
22. Landzio	BUGLISI	Andrea	
23. Pietro	POLEICINO	Giovanni	
24. Giuseppe	CAMARDA	Salvatore	
25. Luigi	ADAMO	Giaccone	
26. Pietro	MISTRETTA	Simone	
27. Giuseppe	VALGUARINERA	Giovanni	15.
28. Giosuè	CALABRUSA	Vito	
29. Francesco	SOMMUTO	Francesco	
30. Salv. Gius. CAMFISI		Unknown	
31. Corrado	SCIORANO	Matteo	
32. Giaccone	FILI	Giuseppe	
33. Angelo	SCIFE'	Salvatore	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Division.

Prov. of Reggio Calabria.

Subject: Forgery and Altering Allied Military Currency.

10/4/44 Corso Garibaldi di Reggio Calabria.	PELLICANO Vincenzo born 27/2/27 native of Reggio.
10/4/44 Corso Garibaldi di Reggio Calabria	GERMOLI Francesco born 15/4/28 native of Villa S. Giovanni. di Reggio Calabria.
10/4/44 Corso Garibaldi di Reggio Calabria	GERMOLI Antonino born 1/6/29 native of Villa S. Giovanni di Reggio Calabria.

All the above arrested together whilst attempting to pass forged Allied Military currency. Then searched additional notes were found in their possession. Investigation revealed that each was a student at the Istituto Tecnico at Reggio and had drawn the notes (which were a presentable imitation) by hand. They had succeeded in passing some of the notes prior to arrest.

These notes were reclaimed.

The full facts and documents have been submitted to S.L.G. for decision as to setting up of ACC Court to deal with the accused or for appearance before Italian Court.

Re's of notes forged were:-

A 11935970 A - A 19915971 A - A 15040755 A - A 11915171 A -
A 11915971 A - A 11889971 A - (All 500 lire notes).
A 15141755 A - A 15141751 A - (Both 50 lire notes).

1st IWD

May 17, 1944

ACC/14014/23

From: HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

TO: Finance Sub-Commission

Forwarded.

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

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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MONTHLY RETURN OF CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING ALLIED MIL

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		A 11915971 A - A 11885971 A. (All 500
		A 15141755 A - A 15141751 A. (Both 50

Note: To be submitted in duplicate
To arrive H. Q. by 2nd of month

Provincial Police

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PROVINCE OF di Reggio

CURRENCY OFFENCES - FORGERY AND ALTERING ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY

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Ribaldi Reggio Calabria.	GERMOLI Francesco born 15/4/1928 native of Villa S. Giovanni. di Reggio Calabria.
Ribaldi Reggio Calabria.	GERMOLI Antonino born 3/6/1929 native of Villa S. Giovanni di Reggio Calabria.
	All the above were arrested together whilst attempting to pass forged Allied Military currency. When searched additional notes were found in their possession. Investigation revealed that each was a student at the Istituto Tecnico at Reggio and had drawn the notes (which were a presentable imitation) by hand. They had succeeded in passing some of the notes prior to arrest. These notes were reclaimed. The full facts and documents have been submitted to S.L.O. for decision as to setting up of A.C.C. Court to deal with the accused or for appearance before Italian Court. No's of notes forged are :- A 11985970 A - A 19915971 A - A 15040755 A - A 11915171 A - A 11915971 A - A 11885971 A. (All 500 lire notes). A 15141755 A - A 15141751 A. (Both 50 lire notes).

Provincial Police Officer



14004/PS 183
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS 7A

Your ref _____

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS 9. _____

Subject Currency. _____

11 May 1944

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

The following report was received from the Provincial Police Officer, Reggio, and as a result of further enquiries made the number has now been ascertained.

Currency Offence.Reggio.

The Banca d'Italia reported that a 100 lire note number A00986007A had been passed as a 1,000 lire.

Case investigated by Italian authorities,
no result.

Forwarded for your information.

For the Regional Commissioner.

mc/mow/PS

May 14

To Finance S/C

P. E. Coxhead

Forwarded. Case no. 1 of my ref. No. as above of 12/4 ref.

P. E. COXHEAD.

Captain.

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Regional Police Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

14044
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10 May 1944

PS/4.9

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 April 1944, details of which were received too late for inclusion in our Public Safety Report forwarded under our 2.5.1 dated 6 May 1944.

1. Number of cases of forging or counterfeiting reported and localities where uttered notes were discovered in circulation.
 Naples - 5 (in addition to the 6 cases reported in our PS/2.5.1 dated 6 May 1944)
 Avellino - NIL
 Benevento - 2 in Benevento City.
 Salerno - NIL
2. Number of forgers taken into custody.
 NIL
3. Number of convictions and brief statement of penalties imposed.
 In Benevento two forgers have been convicted for the offence reported in the March return. One was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment and the other was put on probation for 1 year.

A.W. Rowleson 1558
A.W. ROWLERSON.

Major, G.L.,

Actg. Regional Public Safety Officer.

Jb

To Finance S/C

Forwarded

14/5/44

(3) B. Powell
Rpt.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

9 May 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Report for Region II.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

At Brindisi on 30 March, an AMG 50 Lire Note No. A32428126A which had been altered to "500" Lire, was paid into No. 47 Area Cash office from an Army Post Office.

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

AMM/c

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

9 May 1944.

ACC/14044/PS

SUBJECT: Forging and Uttering of AMC Currency.

TO : RPSO Region VI.

With ref. to 1 (b) of your monthly report for April 1944.
Counterfeiting of Allied Military Currency.

Will you please send full details on the form set out in this
office letter No. ACC/14044/PS dated 1 May 1944, a copy of which was
sent to you.

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

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

File 3A

ACC/14044/PS

May 10, 1944

SUBJECT : Forging and Uttering Allied Military Currency

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

Herewith reports of forging and uttering of Allied
Military Currency in Region 7.

For your information, Regions have been asked to sub-
mit particulars at the end of each month.

Handwritten signature 1556
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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REGION 7

YOUR REF ACC/14044/PS.

MY REF CL/PL/131

POLICE OFFICER i/c ~~CALABRIA~~.
CENTRAL OFFICE. CATANZARO
TELEPHONE CATANZARO 1570

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Catanzaro 6 - 5 - 1944.

H.Q.ACC. SUBJECT FORGING AND ALTERING OF ALLIED CURRENCY.
Public Safety Officer.

SALERNO

Forwarded for information and transmission to the
Finance Sub-Commission in accordance with the above quoted Memo.

W.A. Moody
W.A. MOODY, Major

for Regional Police Officer
Region 7.

*If Cases Catanzaro
April: 2 persons
awaiting trial:*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

May 1, 1944

ACG/14044/75

SUBJECT : Forging & Uttering Allied Military Currency.

TO : AFSC Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII.

1. In order to bring all Regions into line and ensure uniformity in rendering of reports, it is requested that the Monthly return showing cases of forging and uttering of Allied Military Currency should be in the form of an appendix to the P.S.D. monthly return:

2. It should be rendered in duplicate and should include:

- a) Number of cases of forgery, counterfeiting and uttering reported, by localities.
- b) Number of forgers taken into custody.
- c) Number of convictions showing brief statement of penalties imposed.
- d) Serial Numbers of forged notes.
- e) Any additional information which will likely to be useful to the Finance Sub-Commission.

3. Forged notes recovered should be plainly indexed "Forgery" and may be attached to the report for onward transmission to Finance Sub-Commission, if not required for prosecutive purpose.

4. In certain reports will not be forwarded except in unusual cases, and in particular where a useful purpose, could be served, such as calling attention of Banks etc. of (a) serial numbers of known forged notes in circulation, (b) or when advice of assistance of Finance or any other Sub-Commission is sought.

Copy to CPS 5 Army
SCAPO 8 Army

Howard Capt
LIEUT. COL. H. H. HARR
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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