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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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**SUBJECT : Weekly Sitreps**

TO : All Sub-Commissioners

- 1 Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of Executive  
Commissioner's letter Ref: 150/37/EO of 21 Aug 45.
- 2 Please consider this Section's letter Ref: 6/16.B/GA of 17 Mar 45  
as cancelled.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel : 234

21 Aug 45

Ref : 150/37/EC

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitreps.

TO : Civil Affairs Section  
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Routine weekly sitreps will not be submitted in future, but matters of special interest or importance will be reported to this office as and when they occur.

s/  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 257  
21 August 45

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 21 August 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

WEEKLY NOTES :

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

(i) The following appointments have been agreed to :

Avv. Antonio CATARDO, Director, Genoa Provincial Seat. Avv. Cataldo will also act as Liaison officer between RACI Provincial Seats in Liguria and the Regional HQ.

Sig. Carlo PETTINI, Director, Verona Provincial Seat.

Dott. Ferdinando MEXOMARTINI, Director, Apuania Provincial Seat.

(ii) The following nominations have been received from the Central Seat :-

Dott. Vincenzo GUERRIERI, as Director, Trento Provincial Seat.

Rag. FILIPPI Alberto, Director, Livorno Provincial Seat. 5479

(iii) S.C.A.O., Venezia Giulia has reported that RACI in Gorizia and Trieste has been reactivated and that the Provincial offices are known as

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Automobile Club Gorizia (A.C.G.) and Automobile Club Trieste (A.C.T.) respectively. The offices are in charge of the former RACI Staffs. The SOAG has been asked to report whether the circulars issued by the Central Seat with the approval of this HQ to the Provincial Seats in AMG territory may be forwarded to AGG and ACT.

(b) Misuse of POL

The Ministry of Interior has requested Prefects and Commanding Generals GG.RR and GG.FF to intensify the control over motor vehicle circulation. Notices intended for the public have been sent to the press and wireloss.

The Ministry reported that good results obtained from a drive against abuses on the Rome-Batia road. The AG Liaison Officer has been requested to arrange for the military police to assist the civil police in this work.

The Ministry also reported the break up of a gang who printed and distributed false circulating permits.

It has been reported that the Ministry of Aeronautics issued a "S" (State) motor vehicle permit to a civilian for a private purpose. The matter has been taken up with the Ministries concerned.

2. Prohibited Frontier Zone.

AFHQ has been requested to authorize the cancellation of the restrictions on travel relating to the Prohibited Frontier Zone.

3. Travel between Italy and Switzerland.

AFHQ has intimated that they are prepared to authorize Swiss and Italian nationals normally resident in Italy to re-enter Italy from Switzerland without Allied force permits provided, when crossing into Switzerland, their passports are endorsed to that effect by the control agents.

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4. Travel Orders.

(i) It has come to notice that the Displaced Persons Centre, Augsburg, issued travel orders to a Belgian UNHRA worker covering travel from Augsburg to Rome and return by motor vehicle to enable him to take a six day leave in Italy.

The matter has been reported to AFHQ to whom it was suggested that strong action should be taken to prevent the issue of improper movement orders and the entry of unauthorized persons into Italy.

(ii) This Sub-Commission has agreed with Transportation Sub-Commission on the list of a letter to AFHQ drawing attention to the need to invite civil travel agencies to deal with applications for civilian travel, and for the issue of a special travel voucher in the case of civilians in place of military travel orders.

5. Overcrowding (Prisons)

A program is in progress which has for its purpose the acquisition of a camp to which sufficient numbers of the political prisoners now in prisons in AMG territory may be transferred to relieve the overcrowded conditions in Northern regions.

6. Personnel

1. A few Directors and Guards of prisons in the Northern regions are still applying for transfer into Italian Government territory as a result of threats of violence from ex prisoners or partisans. This situation shows some slight improvement over previous reports.

2. Clarification of ration and salary regulations, and up-grading of pay and allowances have resulted in fewer complaints from guard personnel. The recruiting programs inaugurated by AMG prison officers are having more success, as a result and the situation, especially in Venezia Region can be considered satisfactory.

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19 August - Trieste. Clash between CLN demonstrators and opposing factions approx. 10000 to 12000 persons present. One demonstrator fired at an MP who returned fire and wounded assailant. Assailant and 30 others arrested. After 2 hours peace was restored.

17 August - Gorizia. 1500 persons demonstrated against new local government. 18 arrested for breaches of peace and possession of arms. Police controlled situation.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel : 489081 - 257

14 August 45

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 14 August 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles

(a) Misuse of POL

Motor vehicle circulating permits have been issued in Venesia Region without motor fuel coupons. Matter taken up with R.C.

(b) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

(i) The appointment of Avv. Michele TIXI, as Commissioner, Genoa Provincial Seat, confirmed

(ii) The appointment of Avv. Antonio Cataldo, as Director Genoa Provincial Seat, and as Liaison Officer between the RACI Provincial Seats in Liguria and Regional HQ, has been confirmed.

2. Control of Movement

The CINAI has issued documents which purport to authorise the holders, among other things, to "circulate night and day and carry arms".

The EPSC, Lombardia has been requested to secure the withdrawal and cancellation of all such documents.

3. Prohibited Frontier Zone

A letter has been prepared by signature of

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VP, CA Section, requesting AFHQ authority to cancel the restrictions relating to the Prohibited Frontier Zone.

4. Control of Travel into and out of Italy.

The Ministry of Interior will submit the names of those officers which they desire to attach to the Allied controls for the purpose of gaining experience.

The Ministry is being pressed to submit as rapidly as possible a report as to the form of control which will be institute when the Allied controls are removed.

The Ministry has been asked to say when they will be in a position to assume responsibility for the control of travel into and out of Italy.

5. Issue of Travel Orders.

The volume of work in connection with the issue of travel orders continues to increase. It has already been reported that there are no security aspects in connection with the issue of these orders, and that the work should be undertaken by Transportation Sub-Commission.

The desirability of reactivating authorized Travel Agencies and issuing special vouchers to civilians instead of military travel orders has been pointed out.

6. Crime

Number of murders still very small in Northern Regions. Robberies however still numerous, and armed hold-ups still being reported from Southern Italy and Sicily.

7. CO.RR.

10,000 pairs of new boots received for 3rd Brigade at Florence. Delivery of tanks to mobile battalions held up, by reason of non-assignment of Italian Army instructors by Ministry of War.

Reorganisation of strength continuing. Some more older classes being released, to make room for younger men recuperated in the North. 5474

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8. Counterfeit AMI Currency

Other arrests still continuing in northern regions by Military and Questura, after enquiries following recent heavy hauls of counterfeit notes.

9. General (Prisons)

Disquieting reports continue to be received from the North, especially from Lombardia Region, concerning the overcrowded conditions of all jails. The slowness of Italian courts is again emphasized as being responsible for most prison problems. AMI courts are disposing of their cases with dispatch.

10. Regina Coeli

Approximately 1400 prisoners have been transferred to other prisons, and there are now less than 1000 inmates in Regina Coeli.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel: 489081 - 237  
7 August 1945

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 7 August, 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported:

WEEKLY NOTES :

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Regio Automobile Club d'Italia.

(i) The appointment of Dott. Ernesto Basso as Director Of the Provincial Seat at Modena has been confirmed.

(ii) The transfer of Dott. Pampoloni from Bologna to Milan for the purpose of re-organising the services in connection with the issue of motor vehicle circulating permits in the latter city, has been authorised.

(iii) with the concurrence of this Section, Dott. Ricci, General Secretary of the Club, will carry out an inspection of the Provincial Seats in Northern Italy.

(iv) The appointment of Avv. Adriano Bolletto as Commissioner of the Provincial Seat at Turin has been confirmed.

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2. Travel to and from Italy.

A letter addressed to the Prime Minister, covering the points discussed by Major Ballance and Major Bennett (G-2, AFHQ)

with the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to the transfer to the Italian Government of the responsibility for the control of travel to and from Italy, was prepared and signed by the Chief Commissioner. The Prime Minister has been asked for his comments.

### 3. Overcrowding.

The overcrowded condition of practically every main prison in Italy is a continuing source of concern to this section. Increasing numbers of arrests in the Northern Regions are making a serious situation even more critical. The necessity of evacuating Regina Coeli, in order to effect repairs following the damage caused by the rioting of 21 - 23 July, has further complicated the problems of the prisons to which these prisoners have been sent.

### 4. De-requisitioning.

Some progress has been achieved as a result of the attempts of this Section to secure the release of requisitioned prison accommodations to Italian Government Control. Efforts to effect further de-requisitionings are continuing in order to more nearly meet the requirements of the Civil Government.

### 5. Re-organisation of Police Forces.

(a) Lack of uniforms, clothing and equipment and transport, is still the greatest concern militating against efficiency of the CC.RR. There has been some improvement as regards boots, as now some are being obtained through Allied sources and others through Italian services. The reported finding of some 30,000 Italian uniforms near Milan and Turin, is being investigated, and the matter taken up with M.M.I.A.

(b) Work is proceeding, in conjunction with RPSO's of northern Regions, in establishing organic strengths of Carabinieri in each Region as fixed under the new 65,000 ceiling strength.

(c) Disaffection and unrest has been shown by Questura agents in the north, against low wages but the increase in wages consequent upon the implementation of D.L.L. 116 in north Italy, effective from 1st August, 1945, should improve matters. 8471

### SITREP

1. Continuing reports from areas where Polish or New Zealand troops are billeted indicate disorders and lack of control of the troops. Polish incidents seem to be based on political differences

with the local Italians, and New Zealand incidents to general ribaldry and disregard of Italians.

2. Forged AMG Currency.

4 arrests have been made in Genoa, by S.I.B. and Questura Agents, working between Genoa and Milan, and some 40,000,000 lire worth of counterfeit 500 and 100 lire notes confiscated together with some 21,000,000 lire worth of counterfeit 500 lire Bank drafts on Cassa di Risparmio of Genoa.

3. 12 trucks from Italian State Railways turned to use of Carabinieri in Bari for augmenting patrol in Minervino Murge area.

4. From Naples it is reported that 4 CC.RR. and 3 American MP's halted drivers of four horse carts. The drivers fired on the Police, who retaliated, seriously wounding one driver. Another driver was arrested. 22 bales of Allied military clothing recovered.

5. 1 August - In Naples, 400 Italian ex POW invaded Municipio demanding relief. Dispersed without incident. Plans are in formulation by Prefect, Sindaco and Questura to effect some relief for these returned Italian POW.

6. In the Rome area - self-styled partisans are creating apprehension - SS area and CC.RR. are establishing 10 extra patrols.

7. Near Ascoli Piceno, a Polish soldier in forcing an 11 year old Italian boy to buy wine for him, accidentally shot and critically wounded the boy.

8. Matera - Large crowds 1st August tried to seize all mills and grain stores - demand abolition of rations - Broke into prison, released 50 prisoners. Some returned voluntarily, other prisoners refused release - 150 CC.RR. reinforcement already in area - Italian Government authorized 2 companies to move from Trani to Matera today (2 Aug) no shooting or bloodshed - situation believed in hand.

9. Demonstration and partial strike Trieste 1 August, only during afternoon

10. 27 July at Pelosolo (Udine) 15 to 30 Armed men overpowered guards at the prison possibly with some connivance from inside and released all prisoners, some 211 persons many of them partisans. All but 70 prisoners had returned voluntarily or had been picked up during succeeding two days.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel : 478709

31 July 1945

AG/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 31 July, 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

1. Reorganization of Police Forces

The question of the reorganization of Italian Police Forces has been re-opened with AFHQ. The internal security situation in Italy is far from satisfactory and threatens to become worse, due in part to taking Carabinieri from the South to assist in the policing of the north. The carabinieri sent north were inadequately equipped and created a poor impression. The responsibility of Public Safety S/C is specifically limited to directing the operational use of the Carabinieri as police. The failure to recognize the full responsibilities of MMIA in regard to Carabinieri has resulted in an unsatisfactory level of supply of all kinds of equipment as compared with troops of the Italian Army. Also this has caused the development of a fallacious opinion that, because Carabinieri are used as police, Public Safety Sub-Commission, which controls nothing in the way of supplies and equipment is responsible for everything relating to Carabinieri. This situation has contributed materially to the ineffectiveness of the Carabinieri and the reports from the north all testify to the very poor impression created in the minds of the public by the poor turn out of the Carabinieri.

AFHQ are willing to assist in organizing a strong and efficient Police force. With this in view returns have been prepared showing the requirements as to clothing, equipment, arms and transport for the Carabinieri, Guardia

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Finanza and Agents of Public Security. If these needs can be met - or a substantial allotment made, then a big and important step will have been taken towards the improvement of the Italian Police forces.

2. The control of "Polizia Controllo Economico" will pass to the Public Safety Sub-Commission on August 1.

4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles

(a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

(i) The Central Seat has reported that the Provincial Seats in Venezia Giulia are functioning independently of the Central Seat. The S.C.A.O. has been asked for his comments.

(ii) The Central Seat wish to send Dott. Pampoloni, who recently reorganised the RACI services in Bologna, to Milan to reorganise the services there in connection with the issue of circulating permits as it is reported the system is not working satisfactorily. RPSO asked for his comment.

(iii) The Central Seat has nominated Sig. Avv. Giacomo Stuart as Commissioner of the RACI Provincial Seat at Ancona.

(b) Motor Vehicles used by the Vatican with S.C.V. registration marks

A new type Certificate of Registration, expiring 31 December, 1945, has been issued in respect of those motor vehicles used by the Vatican with S.C.V. (Stato Citta Vaticano) registration marks.

(c) Misuse of POL

The Ministry of Interior issued a notice to the press stating that action would be taken in the case of any motor vehicle found circulating in an irregular manner.

5. Travel to and from Italy

At the request of AFHQ discussions have taken place with the Italian Government as to the possibility of

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transferring to the Government responsibility for the control of travel into and out of Italy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is prepared at any time to reinstitute the visa system for entry into Italy. It is thought that the Government will not wish to introduce any form of exit visa.

The Ministry of Interior are working out plans to take over the control of the frontiers, sea and air ports.

A letter to the Prime Minister covering these points is being prepared for signature of the Chief Commissioner.

#### 6. Issue of Travel Orders

G-5 Section AFHQ has been asked to advise as to whether permission for civilians to travel by Italian warships to places abroad should be withheld except in those cases in which AFHQ are prepared to issue travel orders for travel by transportation controlled directly by the Allies.

#### 7. Control of Civilian Movement

The Austrian Control Commission reported that an officer in Venezia Giulia has issued a movement of Civilian pass covering travel of five civilians into Austria. The matter has been taken up with the RPSO.

#### 8. Overcrowding - Prisons

Attempts on the part of the Ministry of Grace and Justice to evacuate Regina Coeli prison, in order to institute a program of repairs, are progressing, with approximately 1000 inmates already transferred to outlying jails. Some progress has been made in derequisitioning prison institutions in order to make them available to the Ministry. But progress is slow. Efforts to effect the return of the fifteen or more institutions still in Allied hands are continuing.

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Director.

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3. Movement of Civilians.

The attention of the RPSO, Venezia Region was called to the issue of a civilian pass in an improper manner.

4. Prisons

Reports from Northern Regions describe a statu prison situation, with the greatest overcrowding and slowest Italian judicial processes occurring in Lombardia and Venezia Regions.

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1. Practically the entire population of Regina Coeli, numbering 2360, participated in a riot starting at 1800 hrs Saturday 21 July and continuing throughout Sunday. Reportedly led by recently arrested, self styled Partisans, the rioters overpowered guards and attempted a mass escape. Thwarted by CC.RR. they set fire to the roof of the first rotunda which later collapsed. The CC.RR fired first for intimidation, then for effect, and one prisoner was killed and two wounded.

The situation is under fair control by Italian authorities, with transfers of prisoners to other jails in progress. The Ministry of Grace and Justice plans to evacuate the prison entirely in order to institute a program of repairs.

2. A general strike in Trieste and Gorizia lasted 24 hours. Reasons cited were : a) food b) wages c) arrests of suspected persons by Allied agencies. No incidents.

3. In Torino demonstrators against a previously Fascist paper "La Stampa" raised the plant, burned papers and caused some mechanical damage.

4. At Malnate a crowd of unknown persons armed with grenades and machine guns stormed the entrance to a concentration camp but were repulsed by the guards without casualties.

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17 July 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 17 July, 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

WEEKLY NOTES

1. Carabinieri Clothing

(a) Meetings have been held with Land Forces Sub-Commission to agree a programme for supply of clothing to Carabinieri. Italian Army stocks are very low, and the items of clothing available are too small for issue to Carabinieri.

(b) The responsibility for clothing the increase of CC.RR ceiling by 10,000 sets of British battledress dyed grey green. 10,000 pairs of boots have already been assigned. Underclothes shirts and socks are in short supply from British sources at the moment, but supplies will be available in the near future, and no difficulty is anticipated.

(c) The clothing of the 55,000 carabinieri in the Italian category is impossible from present stocks of Italian uniform. AFHQ have been approached and have agreed to issue dyed British battledress. The Carabinieri Commanding General has accepted with pleasure this offer to clothe his forces with serviceable garments. However, the change in the appearance of Carabinieri that will result from the use of British style uniform is a matter of considerable importance when public opinion is considered. Accordingly, before firm arrangements are made for the issue of battledress the matter will be referred to the President of the Council of Ministers for his opinion.

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(d) Supplies of repair boots are available to MMIA and it is anticipated that a substantial monthly allotment will be made to Carabinieri.

## 2. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

(i) The appointment of Mr. Pedele Mario as Director of the Provincial Seat at Brescia has been agreed to.

(ii) The Central Seat has nominated Sig. Renzo Ferrari as Commissioner of the Provincial Seat of Bergamo; also Ing. Trevisani as Provincial Commissioner of Turin in place of Avv. Adriano Belleto whom they nominated previously. R.C.'s have been asked for their comment.

(iii) The appointment of Ing. Luigi Bertet, as Commissioner, and Avv. Renzo Cantanessa, as Deputy Commissioner, of the RACI Provincial Seat of Milan has been confirmed.

## 3. Military Travel Authorizations

In order that G-2 AFHQ may be kept advised of all applications received from persons wishing to travel, arrangements have been made to deal with applications submitted to this Sub-Commission as follows :-

(a) recommended applications will be forwarded to G-2 in the usual way

(b) if the journeys do not fall within any of the categories permitted, one application will be retained at by Sub-Commission while the duplicate form will be forwarded to G-2 for information together with a copy of the letter refusing the application.

## 4. Prohibited Frontier Zone.

S.G.A.O's and R.P.S.O's concerned have been requested to comment upon a suggestion to relax the present restrictions relating to the Prohibited Frontier Zone.

## 5. Frontier Control.

AFHQ are prepared to consider handing over to the Italian Government a greater control over the movement of persons over the frontier. The matter has been taken up with the Minister of Interior who are anxious to cooperate.

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Steps are being taken to arrange a meeting between AFHQ, this HQ and the Italian Government.

6. Illegal Entry into Tripolitania

32 illegal immigrants landed at Tripoli from Sicily on 6 June. 30 of the immigrants have been traced and will be returned to Sicily. The Minister of Interior has been requested to take action against the owner of the boat in which the journey was made.

7. Travel to Austria

AFHQ issued an amendment to their directive relating to the above which necessitated issuing a letter amending letter AG/14425/43, subject as above, dated 30 June, 1945.

8. Overcrowding

Thirty three of the main Judicial and Penal prisons of the five Northern Regions are still overcrowded, with the overload running from 50 to 300 %. This situation is unparalleled in AMG history and is presenting critical problems to Allied personnel in the North. Lombardia and Venezia Regions, with nine badly overcrowded prisons each, have the most serious situations with Emilia, Liguria and Piemonte Regions following in that order.

The single cause of this overcrowding is the number of political prisoners in custody at the disposition of Italian Judicial agencies. Italian courts are, as usual, disgracefully slow and the problem of overcrowded prisons in AMG territory will give headaches to Allied personnel concerned until the Northern Regions are returned to Italian Government control.

9. Disturbance

Sporadic instances of invasion of prisons and <sup>5462</sup>illegal executions of prisoners continue to be reported. At Schio, Venezia Region, a particularly vicious massacre of political prisoners occurred 6-7-45 in which 49 people were killed and 23 were wounded.

Prisons are commonly insufficiently guarded because of scarcity of guard personnel. AMG officers are moving

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political prisoners from outlying jails into the larger institutions where, while greater overcrowding occurs, they can be given better security.

SITREP1. Jail Break

70 ex-partisans held on criminal charges escaped from the Military Prison at Torino 14 July 1945. An inquiry is reportedly in progress.

2. 9 July. The "House of Partisans of the North" was surrounded by tanks, armoured cars and 400 soldiers of P.S. and C.C.RR and about 50 men and women habitués arrested. No disorder. The place is closed and being systematically searched.

3. 10 July. Garibaldi Regt. 2000 strong in Bari for duty in internal security as Italian Government may require and direct.

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Tel: 489081-257

10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep.  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 10 July, 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported:

WEEKLY NOTES

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles

(a) Misuse of POL

The attention of Dott. Ferrari, chief of the Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza of the Ministry of Interior has again been drawn to the gross misuse of POL that continues to take place in Italy, and particularly in the Rome area. More vigorous police action has been promised.

(b) Extension of Circulating Permits.

The validity of circulating permits issued by Piemonte Region with red and yellow stripes has been extended until 31 July, 1945. The standard permits with green stripes will be issued as from 1 August, 1945.

(c) Issue of unauthorised Permits.

It has come to notice that improper circulating permits have been issued by Transportation officer, Lombardia Region, and the Prefect of Pavia. This matter has been taken up with the R.P.S.O., Lombardia Region.

(d) Motor Vehicles used by French Consul. 5480

The registration of the motor vehicles used

by the French Consul has not been regularised. Italian Government advised not to hold up the issue of permits pending the registration of the vehicles being put in order and it was agreed temporary permits valid for one month.

(e) Knights of Malta.

A new type Certificate of Registration expiring 31 December 1945, has been issued in respect motor vehicles used by the Knights of Malta bearing SMOM registration plates.

2. Control of Movement.

The Italian Government has been informed that the existing restrictions relating to "enemy" aliens should continue in force for the time being.

3. Prisons.

(a) Overcrowding.

Reports from all Northern regions tell the oft-repeated story of overcrowded prison accommodation thruout the area. The situation is unchanged from previous reports, due primarily to the slowness of screening political inmates and the usual laxity of Italian Courts in processing cases. Lombardia Region alone has over 13,000 cases awaiting trial by Italian tribunals. Concentration camps for PW's are springing up thruout AMG territory, Lombardia, as a case in point, having eight in the Region, accommodating approximately 6500 prisoners.

(b) Personnel.

R.P.S.O's are all having their troubles with both a scarcity in numbers and a critical lack of training of guard personnel. Prison personnel are commonly fifty percent understaffed, with low grade partisans commonly being pressed into service to relieve the shortage.

Regular prison guards on duty in the Northern Regions, on leave to districts in Italian Government territory commonly invent various excuses to avoid returning to their posts of duty. As a result there is a trickling of guard personnel out of AMG territory which is being stopped by arbitrary refusal to grant leaves except when specifically approved by the RPSO concerned.

4. Carabinieri

Approval has now been given to the raising of the ceiling of CC.RR. to 65000. Rations clothing and arms will be supplied. Effective date for Rations is 1st July 1945 but some delay will be inevitable before clothing and arms can be issued. Owing to the special circumstances existing in Venezia Giulia, and the fact that Italian Police Services as such are not being employed, the CC.RR. Legion of Trieste will not be implemented. The strength of this Legion is 2696. Strength of force will thus be 62,304. A copy of the Order of Battle for CC.RR. on a 65000 ceiling has been forwarded to the Regional Commissioners of Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and Venetia. In conjunction with CC.RR. Legion Commanders, they will arrange that recuperated CC.RR. are enrolled into the Regular force up to the ceiling figures shown for each company. The personnel for mobile battalions will be recruited and employed on ordinary duty pending the allotment of transport. CC.RR. on Frontier control will figure in the ceiling of the local Legion. The North will be recruited to full strength almost immediately. Accordingly, any Legion over strength in the South will be above establishment. In this connection, Sicily and Sardinia require special attention. By agreement with the Italian Government, both islands are above strength and therefore other Legions in Italian Government territory must be temporarily reduced by the number of this excess in order to balance the strength.

SITREP1st July

Marghereta Belice (Agrigento) Riot of about 200 workers, protesting division of cereal products, ran thru streets, set fire to Archives and furniture in seats of UPSEA Esattoria Municipale and Garibaldi Club. Municipale building successfully defended by CC.RR. barricading themselves in. Hand grenades and automatic arms used by rioters wounded 1 CC.RR. Roads were barricaded preventing entrance of CC.RR. reinforcements. Adequate reinforcements arrived later consisting of 50 CC.RR. and 50 soldiers 2 armored cars restored order. 46 rioters identified, 16 arrested. Curfew 1900 to 0500 set and order was resumed.

4th July

Torino, mass demonstration following a strike affecting most industries, rail workshops and Post and Telegraph employees.

Evidence indicates communist activity. Demands listed Flecchia, Communist Joint Secretary of Camera del Lavoro are (1) liberation bonus including state employees. (2) Milan industrial wage agreement must be accepted in Torino. (3) Sepral must be separated and brought under direct supervision of workmen representation.

4th July

45 partisans in jail for murder of 11 prisoners and awaiting AMG trial released from Quercia Genoa by a guard who escaped with prisoners.

5th July

Milan. Strike from 10 AM to 12 Noon and demonstration of 300000 at Milan protesting low wages and asking increase in stipends and requesting price controls held after parades in Piazza 5 Giornate. No incidents.

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3 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 3 July 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported:-

WEEKLY NOTES

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Reale Automobile Club D'Italia.

The Central Seat of R.A.C.I. have submitted the following nominations:

- (i) Avv. Adriano Belletto as Commissioner of the Provincial Seat at Turin.
- (ii) Ing. Luigi Bertet as Commissioner of the Provincial Seat at Milan.
- (iii) Avv. Renzo Cantamessa, as Deputy Commissioner of the Provincial Seat of Milan.
- (iv) Sig. Carlo Pettiti as Director of the Provincial Seat at Verona.

The Regional Commissioners concerned have been asked for their comments and recommendations.

2. Control of Civilian Movement.

AFHQ agreed to the Security Control Line being adjusted to the line running along the western boundary of Venezia Giulia. Action taken to inform all concerned.

3. Travel to Italy.

AFHQ has been asked for information as to the agencies in the territory under the control of SHAEP to whom applications may be made for Allied Force Permits for travel to Italy.

4. Travel to Austria.

AFHQ directs that travellers to Austria must be in possession of Allied Force Permits. Travel will be restricted to the minimum essential for Allied administration. All concerned informed by letter signed by V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

5. Prison Section.

A gradual decrease in the number of new arrests in the Northern Regions has alleviated the over-crowding previously reported but concern is still being felt about the large number of political prisoners arrested by partisans and held on flimsy accusations.

The situation in Italian Government territory is quite static. Requests from the Ministry of Grace and Justice for the de-requisitioning of prisons held by Allied Military authorities are still being received with but little chances for success at present.

SITREP

Almost 1000 Partisans from the North are reported to have set up barracks and a mess in Rome. They have perpetrated several armed holdups and blackmail attempts. About 20 of them entered the "Spada" Club, 25 June, armed with pistols and grenades. P.S. Agents arrested 14 including one woman. 3 Partisans in officers uniform fled with stolen property valued at 1 million Lire.

16th An Italian near Brindisi quarreled with 2 American soldiers over purchase of blankets and shot at and missed the soldiers. Italian arrested by CC.RR.

17th CC.RR. arrested 3 Italians charged with murders of Political Commissario of Settore Venezia "Brigata Tesi" and another person. Property and money and firearms and ammunition discovered in prisoner's premises.

19th. At Cervignara (Avellino) one British M.P. killed and another wounded by two unknown persons, whom the M.P.'s had ordered to stop.

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27th  
Vado Ligure

Director General of AGIR found shot dead at

29th 12 prisoners at Finale Ligure penal jail were released on a forged release letter. Prison director and 2 others suspected.

24th to 30th At Minervina and Andria (Bari) CC.RR. arrested 11 armed men. Other armed men attacked CC.RR. barracks, blocked roads and fired on relief detachment CC.RR. Two days later Communists broke into Andria jail, released 47 prisoners, forced CC.RR. to release 11 men at Trani prison, occupied the Municipio Post Office and Telephone Exchange at Andria, and sent an ultimatum to the CC.RR. that unless 200 CC.RR. reserves were withdrawn the local CC.RR. would be disarmed. At HQ of Communist Party Andria, CC.RR. were disarmed and undressed, losing 20 rifles, 22 pistols, 6 machine guns and uniforms. 3 companies of Italian Pioneers heavily armed were made ready at Bari but not used. Communist armed with machine guns and grenades. Communists arrested over 100 people for Alleged fascism many public buildings were fired including Public Security and Industry buildings, The Preture was looted and evidence destroyed. At least 17 civilians and police were killed or wounded by the Communists. Situation reported as quieted, 30 June on arrival of Vice Chief of Police Italy and Scoccimarra, Minister.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep  
Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 26 June 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :-

WEEKLY NOTES

1. Prisons : Overcrowding

The screening of prisoners in the jails of the Northern regions, and the consequent transfer of those classified as prisoners of war into PW cages, has reduced some of the overcrowding previously reported. Progress is slow, however, and Public Safety officers in the field are still having their troubles with prison accommodations.

2. Personnel

Contacts with the Ministry of Grace and Justice will insure renewed efforts to provide guard personnel for Northern prisons.

3. Italian Government Territory

Fewer problems are being brought to Public Safety Sub-Commission concerning prisons in Italian Government Territory. Requests for transport, endorsement of appeals for building materials for the reconstruction of war damaged institutions, and requests for approvals of proposed transfers of personnel which effect AMG territory constitute the main items of work. A new over-all policy of rationing for prisoners is now being studied by the Ministry and all Allied Headquarters concerned.

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4. Carabinieri Mobile Battalions *will now*

The increase of Carabinieri strength to 65,000 which will include both rations and clothing from British sources, will enable Carabinieri Headquarters to organise the 12 mobile battalions considered necessary to ensure Public Safety throughout Italy. Battalions have been formed in Sicily and Sardinia, and transport has been allotted for battalions in Milan, Turin, Genoa, and Padua. Fresh battalions will now be formed in Florence, Bologna, Ancona, Rome, Naples and Bari. At present, the transport of a battalion consists only of 12 trucks and 12 armoured vehicles. Each of the new battalions includes 70 motor cycles and 24 motor cycles with sidecars carrying machine guns. The strength of each battalion will be 39 officers 54 NCO's 494 ORs, a total of 573. Headquarters Companies will each have a strength of 47 and control 3 Mobile Battalions each.

Accordingly the total strength for mobile battalions in Italy will be 7,124. As the needs of the Italian Army are becoming less, it is anticipated that more transport will be available for CC.RR, and that all mobile battalions will soon be properly organised and operating.

5. Circulation of Motor Vehicles

Approval has been given for the issue of circulating permits for Vatican vehicles with Italian State registration marks.

The permits will be issued by Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione at their office in Via Alessandri instead of Via Tomacelli.

6. Control of Civilian Movement

The SCAG, XIII Corps requested the Adjutant by signal not to issue travel orders to Trieste. The SCAG has been asked whether a general prohibition has been placed on travel to Trieste. 482

7. Entry of Civilians into Italy

The number of persons seeking to enter Italy is showing a notable increase.

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The Italian Government, and all concerned, have been informed that applications for travel to Italy which arise in US, UK, SHEAF theatre, Balkan countries, Switzerland and Egypt, should be directed to the competent local Allied authorities. Elsewhere, they must be forwarded through Italian channels to this Headquarters. Applications for travel for purely private purposes cannot yet be entertained.

SITEREP

In Naples Comune, five persons have been imprisoned, a U.S. truck was recovered, and 101 sacks of sugar, 14 quintals of lard and 10 quintals of lubricating oil taken from these groups of thieves during the past week. In Milan a demonstration by 7000 people protesting the lenient sentence against Basile, was dispersed by CC.RR and P.S. agents. Sabotage of phone lines between Naples and Rome and Florence continues.

Lombardia and Liguria report reduced number of killings.

In Milan - 54 counterfeit checks valued 200 lire each, were taken with the prisoner by CC.RR.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 19 June 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

WEEKLY NOTES & SITREP

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Vehicles used by the Vatican.

List of 129 vehicles submitted by the Vatican approved for the issue of circulating permits. The motorizzazioni has been authorized to issue the permits without further reference to this Headquarters provided all relevant documents are in proper order.

It has come to notice that two permits have been issued by the Italian Authorities to the office of the Vatican Secretary of State without the authority of this Headquarters. The matter is being pursued.

(b) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

- (i) The appointment of Dott. Benedetto Delmastro as Director of the Cuneo Provincial Seat has been confirmed.
- (ii) The appointment of Eugenio Rietti as Director of the Padua Provincial Seat has been confirmed.
- (iii) The appointment of Dott. Luigi Gatti as Director of the RACI Provincial Seat at Bergamo confirmed.

2. Movement of Civilians.

A reprint of movement of civilian passes has been ordered, and the opportunity was taken to revise the wording of the pass to conform with the latest names given to boundary lines. The passes will continue to be prepared in book form, but "notes for the guidance of officers completing passes" will be printed on the folders.

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3. Military Travel Authorizations.

Directive prepared by the Ministry of Interior for issue to Questori agreed to.

4. Travel from Switzerland to Italy.

The instructions relating to the issue of Allied Force permits covering travel from Switzerland to Italy were issued in the form of a letter to all concerned.

5. Requisitioned Vehicles.

Major W.C. Ballance attended a meeting called by Establishment Branch on 14 June with regard to the handing over of requisitions to the Italian Government for settlement. The representatives of the Government who were present agreed that the requisitions should be handed to the Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile. All military marks will be obliterated from requisitioned vehicles handed back to civilian agencies.

6. Carabinieri.

During the past week the position has been cleared concerning the transport for Mobile Battalions. 2 light utilities 4 trucks and 40 Rubber armoured cars have arrived in the four Regions of the north. With the assistance of Rome Area RAME the balance of 44 trucks are being repaired at a quick rate and it is hoped to send a further 12 trucks to the north during the coming week. The 6 armoured vehicles in Naples are being transported to Rome by rail where they will be repaired and sent north with the two already in the workshops. The 2 light utilities have still to be allotted by the 408 Rome V.P. and this is being followed up. The 50 Italian Army Recce cars allotted for general duty will be sent to the north by rail and there used on town patrols.

7. Questori for the North.

The passage of time has shown that C.I.N. appointees to positions in the north as Questori are not proving successful. Very few have any real police experience and the difficulties of general police work are proving too much for them. Some are resigning without any pressure, many are being replaced. When the north was first occupied officials from the south were not welcome, and officers of ALE in the north expected to find sufficient trained personnel on the scene to fill the positions of responsibility.

Experience has shown that career officials from the south are trustworthy and able and frequent requests are being received from all Regions asking for the supply of Questori and other ranks of Public Safety officials to the north. Biographies of the persons concerned are forwarded to the Regions for perusal before the official is sent. Screening is carried out by Security Division.

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### 8. Overcrowding of Prisons.

Some of the overcrowding and, more important, cause for possible disturbance at Regina Coeli prison has been alleviated with the transfer of eighty political prisoners to Naples.

The prisons in Northern Italy are a continuing source of concern to Public Safety officers in the field, who continue to report practically all main establishments filled to overflowing. The great bulk of those in custody are political prisoners arrested by partisans and other Italian agencies. Releases are few and new arrests are complicating an already critical housing situation. All prison officers are supervising the reconstruction of damaged prisons and adopting other structures to house the growing number of inmates.

### 9. Personnel.

There is a serious shortage of guard personnel in prisons of the Northern Regions. Attempts made to recruit guards from local sources are meeting with but little success, and the Ministry of Grace and Justice appears unable to find guards for transfer northward.

### 10. Equipment.

Clothing items for prison guards is trickling in at a low rate, but 1000 pairs of boots were recently made available to the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 12 June 1945, the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported.

WEEKLY NOTES.

1. Carabinieri Transport.

As a result of the cooperation and assistance received from REME Rome Area 40 Dumber Mark IV Armoured vehicles have been serviced into good condition. 34 have proceeded via Leghorn to Genoa. 10 will remain with Genoa Legion, 12 will proceed to Turin and 12 to Milan. A further 2 vehicles are under repair in Rome and when ready will be sent to Genoa to complete the establishment of 12.

Of the 12 Armoured vehicles destined for Venezia 6 are awaiting repair in Naples and 6 will proceed to Padova during the coming week. Of the 48 trucks issued, 4 are in good order. 2 have been sent to Milan and 2 to Padova. Difficulty is still being experienced in repairing the remaining 44 trucks, but when they are finally completed they will be sent to the north making a final allotment of 12 to each Region.

2. Questura for North Italy.

In November, 1944, the Ministry of the Interior received applications for a course of instruction for Public Security Officials. After an examination 250 were selected and the course was completed at the end of May, 1945. These men have all been passed as Vice Commissario Aggiunti and will be used to fill positions in the North. Questore have been sent during the past week to Treviso, Pisa, Turin and Bologna.

3. Circulating of Motor Vehicles.(a) Issue of Motor Vehicle Circulating Permits.

(i) Motor cars have been seen circulating in Rome with bollettari (tax receipts carried on the windscreen) but no circulating permits. It seems that no proper tie up exists between the issue of bollettari by RACI and circulating permits by UPIC. Commerce Sub-Commission has been asked to take the matter up with the Italian Government.

(ii) It has come to notice that motor vehicle circulating permits and fuel ration cards are issued in Milan for private purposes. The matter has been taken up with the RPSO.

(b) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

(i) At the request of the R.C., Emilia and in agreement with the Central Seat, Dott Pampoloni, who has been nominated Director of the Provincial Seat at Modena, will remain at Bologna for six weeks or so until the next issue of circulating permits has been completed.

(ii) Extended enquiries have failed to locate two sacks containing bollettari which the Central Seat dispatched in February last through AMG channels to the Provincial Seats at Perugia and Terni.

2. Military Travel Authorisation.

Executive Memorandum No. 61/45, relating to the issue of Military Travel Authorisations, was signed by the Executive Commissioner on 6 June, 1945. The restrictions on travel from Italy to places abroad have been further relaxed, and Questori are now authorised to receive applications for Military Travel Authorisations.

3. Permission for Persons to Enter Italy.

AFHQ have issued a directive relating to the entry of civilians into Italy from Switzerland. Instruction drafted for issue to Regional Commissioner.

SITREP

1. Prisons in all Northern Regions are filled to overflowing and the housing situation is generally critical. Approximately 95 percent of the total count consists of political prisoners arrested by Partisan groups. Many are being held in small district (Mondamentale) jails or military casernes. Screening by epuration committees is very slow and releases are few. AMG courts are functioning efficiently but there are very few cases to handle.

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5 June, 1945.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

WEEKLY NOTES :

During week ending 5 June 1945 the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

1. Carabinieri Strength.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed that the carabinieri ceiling may be increased from 55000 to 65000 at the expense of the U.K. Italian Army commitment. An initial transfer of 3000 ceiling spaces has been ordered with effect from 20 May 45. Personnel will be equipped and clothed from Italian resources as far as possible, supplemented where necessary from British stocks.

Equipment will be issued to those units only which are organized on to War Establishments submitted through MMIA and approved by AFHQ. Accordingly the 3000 carabinieri have been allocated as follows :

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| Lombardia | 1,500 |
| Emilia    | 500   |
| Piemonte  | 500   |
| Venezia   | 500   |

TOTAL 3,000

The men have been allotted to Regions where large number of recuperated carabinieri await being recruited into the authorized establishment. If recuperated carabinieri are not available in Piemonte they will be transferred from Lombardia where a surplus exists. Information as to the actual units into which these men are being recruited is being obtained from Regional Public Safety officers in the North and the necessary returns will be submitted to AFHQ through MMIA.

2. It is interesting to note that to date it is known that the following numbers of carabinieri have reported for duty in the North. They are being screened, and, pending enrolment of those

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found suitable they will be used as Special Police wearing an AMG armband.

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| Liguria   | 797         |
| Emilia    | 1628        |
| Lombardia | 3069        |
| TOTAL     | <u>5494</u> |

### 3. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) A.F.H.Q. has ruled that members of the Italian Armed Forces may travel on duty and demobilisation forward of the Security Control Line and Prohibited Frontier Zone Line provided such personnel are in possession of the relevant documents countersigned by MMIA.. Navy or Air Forces Sub-Commissions. The issue of leave passes to places forward of the lines mentioned is forbidden. All concerned so informed by circular letter.

(b) It has come to notice that Questore, C.L.N. and others, in the territory recently liberated, have issued letters and passes purporting to authorize the movement of civilians and the circulation of motor vehicles. Regional Public Safety Officers have been requested to pay special attention to this matter.

### 4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

The General Secretary of Reale Automobile Club d'Italia, with the concurrence of this Sub-Commission, recently visited the principal RACI Provincial Seats in Northern Italy. He received a good reception from AMG authorities and the C.L.N., and he reported that the condition of the seats is satisfactory. Three Provincial Directors had vacated their posts, and one was replaced because of his activities during the German occupation. The necessary staff adjustments are in the process of being made.

### 5. Military Travel Authorisations.

AFHQ issued a new directive relaxing the existing restrictions with regard to the issue of Military Authorisations, and authorising Questori to deal with applications for such authorisations.

A draft Executive Memorandum, implementing the AFHQ directive, was submitted for approval and signature.

### SITREP :

27 May - Irresponsible Italian youths shooting small arms at night in vicinity of Cassino and Roccasecca are creating a hazard to traffic.

28 May - CC.RR are being sent to Santa Maria Capua for guarding

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hemp production.

29 May - 20 Partisans of Arrone (Terni) beat the ex-Mayor and several other ex-Fascists. CC.RR intervened and are investigating to place responsibility.

29 May - 500 irate citizens of Recanati (Macerata) demonstrated before the prison, demanding delivery to them of the ex-Fascist prisoners. The CC.RR and an English officer with a few G.N.'s restored order. Later the prisoners were transferred to another location.

30 May - In Cardilo (Naples) 2 English soldiers and an Italian POW driver were arrested by CC.RR for selling 19 quintals of flour to civilians. They were handed over to American Police. The receivers also were arrested.

30 May - At Ostuni (Brindisi) 10 persons were illegally unloading a freight car. When surprised by CC.RR they fled. At least two have been identified and arrests are expected.

  
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29 May 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes and Sitrep,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission Allied Commission.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

WEEKLY NOTES:

During week ending 28 May 1945 the following matters of interest to Public Safety Sub-Commission are reported :

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Circulation of Motor Vehicles in Rome.

The Questore of Rome has called upon two (2) independent police forces to take firm action in the case of motor vehicles circulating in an irregular manner.

(b) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

RACI in Liguria Region has been authorized to make an inclusive charge of 150 lire for each motor vehicle circulating issued instead of making a charge of 50 lire for each application accepted and a further charge of 100 lire for each permit issued.

2. Control of Civilian Movement.

AFHQ agreed to the abolition of the Restricted Line as from 28 May. The general effect of this is to give complete freedom of movement throughout Italy in the territory to the rear of the Security Control Line and Prohibited Frontier Zone Line. In this territory movement passes are not required. All concerned have been informed accordingly.

3. Military Travel Authorisations.

(a) AFHQ agreed to the suggestion made by this Headquarters that applications for Military Travel Authorisations should be made to Questori in all but special cases, for example, diplomats, repatriates.

(b) The Ministry of Interior has agreed to this procedure.

4. General -(Prison)

Reports from Northern Italy are all to the effect that prisons are generally filled, and critical overcrowding is expected to again reflect the failure of Italian judicial processes to expedite trials. Many prisoners have been arrested by partisans and other civilian groups, with insufficient evidence to justify their custody. AMG Courts are functioning efficiently.

5. Questura for North Italy.

(a) Several requests have been received from 5 Army and Regional Commissioners in the North, for Questore. Many Questore in the area were unsatisfactory and the GIN appointee has not proved acceptable to AMG. Accordingly the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior has been asked to provide Questura for: Piacenza, Ferrara and Bologna.

(b) Toscana Region requested an Inspector to visit Florence. In addition the Ministry desired to make an enquiry at Lucca. Toscana Region did not object. Accordingly Dr. MORAZZINI of the Ministry has been sent to Florence and later he will proceed to Lucca.

(c) Information was forwarded to Venezia and Lombardia regarding Ministry of Interior records believed to be hidden in the North. These have now been found intact at Valdarno and Venezia and the Ministry informed.

(d) Missions from the Ministry have been sent to tour the north to gather information on equipment personnel etc. This was done with the approval of Armies.

6. General.

Enforcement of certain Articles of Proclamations will be relaxed to fit conditions in Northern Italy South of the Army Control Line.

7. Many discharged Italian soldiers are returning to their homes heavily armed.

SITREP

20 May, prisoners at Regina Coeli staged a demonstration in protest against the contemplated transfer of eighty of their number to outlying jails. Guards were held as hostages and some damage done by fire and violence. The rioters were brought under control with the aid of CC.RR. and the 80 prisoners were transferred.

20 May, 400 new CC.RR. enrolled. 30 N.G.O. and 60 CC.RR. recovered in new areas in north and 45 N.G.O. and 136 CC.RR. from German POW camps.

At Francovilla Fontana, a public celebration of the end of hostilities objected to by two strong Fascists, resulted in the death by burning in the town square, of the two fascists, and death to two communist, members of the rioting crowd, and partial destruction by fire of the Fascists' home. Police quelled the riot and are investigating to determine persons responsible.

21 May. Toscana region reports indicate reduced numbers of political murders and lawless acts during past weeks.

21 May. 43 officers and 2806 CC.RR. who were in Lombardia prior to liberation have been retained for service.

21 May. Rome - two (2) Allied soldiers out after curfew hours were set upon by a gang of armed Italian ruffians. In attempting to escape a British Corporal was killed and the other wounded. S&B is investigating and expects arrests. Near the Alexander Club, a G.F. guard, attempting to frighten off a gasOious soldier prowler, fired a shot from his rifle high in the air. Other guards at this car park and at another park near by started shooting wildly. Soldiers attracted by the shooting milled around and two allied soldiers were wounded. Military Police arrived,

disarmed and arrested offending guards. SIB is investigating.

24 May, 1513 CC.RR. have returned to Emilia Region to date, and have been assigned work in that region.

24 May, 10 counterfeiters were sentenced to 4 to 15 years in Naples AM3 Courts. Another 11 counterfeiters responsible for making 4,000,000 Lire have been apprehended and arraigned.

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TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 22 May 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with :

SITREP

1 May. Prison break at Santa Teresa prison (Florence). 63 prisoners escaped of which 26 have been recaptured. The N.C.O. in charge of the G.C.P.R. guard is under arrest for neglect of duty in failing to take adequate action to prevent the break.

4 May. Fire of unexplained origin caused violent explosions in an ammunition dump at Baghiera (Palermo). Five persons, 3 of whom were Italian military personnel, were injured.

7 May. Approximately 2000 people paraded in Catania in celebration of the end of the war. Enthusiasm mounted, firearms were used and grenades thrown. Thirty seven wounded.

8 May. A group of young men at Barletta demanded removal of flags displaying Sabauda emblem from public buildings and shops. About 200 broke into registration office, removed stamps and burned them in the street. Others entered Mayor's office in another demonstration. Local authorities trying to apprehend the instigators.

20 May. Disturbance at Regina Coeli. General unrest of the past month culminated in fires being started against the roof of 2 wings, with an undetermined amount of damage. Shots fired by custody personnel and tiles thrown by prisoners. No injuries reported. Prison now quiet.

WEEKLY NOTES

1. Frontier Control

5 Army have now called forward the personnel for Frontier Control. The contingents comprise 350 Carabinieri, 600 Guardia

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Finanza and 60 Customs Guards. The Customs Guards will be dealt with by Finance Sub-Commission. The Carabinieri and Guardia Finanza are all billeted in Rome and a bid has been made to Transportation Sub-Commission for their forward move to Milan. On arrival they will be distributed to the various areas for duty under C.I.C. control. Responsibility rests on AFHQ and Commanding General 15 Army Group, who will direct the Italian Frontier Control Detachment C.I.C. A.M.G. has no operational responsibility.

2. Carabinieri for the North.

The movement of the whole of the second wave of CC.RR comprising 4000 men is now complete. The last move was of 1000 men to Genoa for Liguria Region. The men were supplied in two parties of 500 from Catanzaro and Rome. They will arrive in Genoa during this week. 500 CC.RR comprising the mobile battalion for Venezia are standing by at Senigallia and will move forward when transport is available. 12 Rubber armoured cars for their use are being withdrawn from a vehicle park at BISCEGLIE near Bari this week and will proceed to Senigallia by road with CC.RR drivers. The truck transport of 12 vehicles required has been made available in Rome but work is still going on to repair these vehicles. Particulars of all these arrangements have been forwarded to R.C. Venezia. The 36 Rubber armoured vehicles for Liguria Piemonte and Lombardia will leave in convoy from Naples under the control of a British officer RACQ. He will ensure that 12 vehicles are delivered to Genoa Turin and Milan. The 36 trucks are still undergoing repair in Rome and will be sent north on completion.

3. Ceiling of Carabinieri.

AFHQ have approved an increase in ceiling of Carabinieri of 10,000. This lifts the ceiling to 65,000, but no provision can be made for clothing or rations. Pending a decision by AFHQ on the ration problem CC.RR recovered in the north are being enrolled as Special Police and fed and paid on the scale applicable to Police Agencies. If it is finally decided that rations cannot be supplied for the additional 10,000 CC.RR, then a number will have to be discharged in the South equivalent to those taken on in the North. It is hoped that this eventuality will not arise.

4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

The Reale Automobile Club d'Italia (RACI) has been requested to state what tie up, if any, exists in Rome to ensure that RACI do not issue bollettari (Motor Vehicle Tax receipts carried on the windscreen of motor vehicles) unless the Chamber of Commerce are prepared to issue motor vehicle circulating permits for the vehicles in question. It is suspected that bollettari are being issued in some cases in which there is no possibility of circulating permits being issued.

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5. Control of Civilian Movement.

The instructions issued by AFHQ modifying the present restrictions on movement control have not yet been implemented by this Headquarters. Land Forces Sub-Commission, however, took independent action with regard to the movement of the Italian Army. Similar action has since been taken by Navy Sub-Commission and Air Forces Sub-Commission in connection with the Italian Navy and Air Force.

It is understood that the C.O. is in communication with Armies on the question of travel of civilians to northern Italy. Meanwhile, AFHQ instructions have been implemented by Districts, and this has created a good deal of confusion in regions.

6. Prisons - General

Reports from Northern regions indicate that large numbers of prisoners are being taken into custody. Most arrests are for political offenses and are being made by Partisans, C.L.N. personnel and other Italian agencies.

7. Disturbances.

1 May. Prison break at Santa Teresa prison (Florence). 63 common prisoners escaped of which 26 have been recaptured. The N.C.O. in charge of the CC.RR is under arrest for neglect of duty in failing to take adequate action.

8. 20 May. Disturbance at Regina Coeli. General unrest of the past month culminated in an ultimatum by the prisoners to the Director on 19 May, the prisoners complaining of a lack of fair treatment. The prisoners set fire in two wings, which were extinguished with some difficulty. Shots were fired by custody personnel but no injuries resulted. At last reports the prison was quiet.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 994

Tel : 478709

15 May, 1945.

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety Sitrep and Weekly Notes  
Week ending 15 May 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 15 May, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

SITREP :

5 May. An armed band held up a train at the RR station of TORRE GAFFE, near Licata, and robbed approximately 100 passengers. Many shots fired but there is no report of injuries. Commanding General of CC.RR. reports investigations in progress.

7 May. A clash between Italian and Yugoslav soldiers occurred at TRANI, near Bari. The Yugoslav soldiers reportedly fired pistols and threw grenades. Four Italian soldiers wounded and an unknown number of the Yugoslavs also injured.

8 May. Two Italian civilians, brothers, reportedly former Fascists and recently released from jail, were mobbed by a crowd of approximately 3000 civilians at Francavilla Fontana, 30 miles west of Brindisi. Report states that the two civilians fired on the approaching mob, after which the house was fired, the two brothers killed and quartered. Two of the crowd were killed and several wounded. CC.RR. at Bari making further investigation.

WEEKLY NOTES :

General The outstanding event of the week was a review and inspection of the Carabinieri of Rome by Field Marshal Sir Harry Alexander at CC.RR Headquarters, Via Legnano, on 12 May. Approximately 1650 CC.RR were on parade including two mounted squadrons of 120 men. During the ceremony Field Marshal Alexander was presented, by Minister of War Casati, with a bronze plaque, a replica of the Carabinieri memorial in Turin.

All Senior Allied Officers in Rome, with President of the Council of Ministers, and other high Italian Officials were in attendance.

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Prisons. Reports from newly liberated territory in the North are to the effect that penal establishments are almost entirely undamaged, and empty, the retreating enemy or the prisoners themselves effecting releases en masse.

With no further reports of disturbances or other significant events, the entire prison situation is considered satisfactory.

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10 May, 1945.

AO/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - Week ending 8 May, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

4 May. War Veterans and students held an authorized demonstration in Rome in protest against possible annexation of Trieste by Yugoslavia, and clashed with an unauthorized procession of Communists. Some shots were fired and cudgels were used, several persons injured.

7 May. Students again demonstrated in Rome without authorization and clashed with Police.

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1 May. 1945.

AG/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 1 May. 1945. the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Transfer of CG.RR.

(a) The movement of the spearhead force of CG.RR into the northern Regions is now complete. The numbers involved are as follows ;

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Emilia    | 1120        |
| Liguria   | 580         |
| Piemonte  | 790         |
| Lombardia | 1910        |
| Venezia   | 1250        |
| TOTAL     | <u>5650</u> |

(b) The second wave of 4000 men is now moving forward. 500 were made available from the Florence Legion and have been allotted to Regions. 1000 are being transported by rail to the Scuola Centrale Florence to await the disposition of 5 Army AMG. On the 8th Army side 500 men have been moved to CERRA for Venezia Region. A further 500 will move from BARI to CERRA in the next few days. Thus a total of 2,500 of the second wave have been allocated. A further thousand are being trained as two mobile battalions. The balance of 500 men to complete the second wave are available in the South and await call forward by armies when accommodation can be found for them in forward areas.

(c) The third wave to bring the Carabinieri in the north to their authorized strength on a 55,000 ceiling are available in southern legions and have been alerted. The total for the northern legions is as follows ;

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Alessandria | 1720 |
| Bologna     | 3071 |
| Bolzano     | 1087 |
| Genova      | 2521 |
| Milano      | 3078 |
| Padova      | 1888 |

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| Torino  | 1906         |
| Trieste | 2461         |
| Verona  | 1997         |
|         | <u>19929</u> |

2. Transport for CC.RR.

AFHQ have now made 48 3 ton trucks and 48 armoured vehicles available to the CC.RR for four mobile battalions in the North. At the present time 44 of the trucks are not in sound mechanical order, but steps are being taken to institute repairs. A bid has also been made to AFHQ by C-4 AG for 50 trucks to be used by CC.RR in the North on general duties.

3. Questura Officials.

A new Questore has been sent to Perugia, and other transfers of Questura Officials to forward Provinces have been completed.

4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

(a) Dott. Ricci, General Secretary of the Club, after a tour of inspection, reported that the Provincial Seats in Ravenna and Forli, as well as those in the Marche, are functioning satisfactorily.

(b) Dott. Asati will act as Liaison officer between the Central Seat and this Headquarters during the temporary absence of Count Pironti.

(c) Appointment of Dott. Sanseverino Eriberto to the Terni Provincial Seat and Mr. Luigi Palma to the Florence Provincial Seat agreed to.

5. Validity of Motor Vehicle Circulating Permits.

Agreement has been reached to extend the validity of motor vehicle circulating permits from four to six months.

6. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) The Rear Army Security Control Line W.K.F. from 28 April was adjusted to run through Porto Corsini, Ravenna, Forli, Pontassieve, Florence, Prato, Pistoia, Lucca, Massarosa, Viareggio.

(b) Executive Memorandum 77/45 was signed by the Executive Commissioner on 30 April.

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(c) At the request of AMG Eighth Army, instructions were issued that civilian movement passes must not be issued to the town of Cotignola, Province of Ravenna, as the place had been completely evacuated owing to its devastated condition.

(d) It has come to notice that the American Red Cross issues Travel Orders to places in the Army Zone, to personnel attached to that organization, without reference to any military authority. The matter is being referred to AFHQ.

(e) General Order No.24 has been revised.

7. Demonstrations.

Several demonstrations by students have occurred in Sicily and Southern Italy in protest against the possibility of Jugoslavia annexing Trieste after the war. No disorders or violence in connection therewith.

8. Labor Holiday - 1 May 1945.

Labor meetings were held throughout Italian Government Territory and, as the day closed, no disorders had been reported to this HQ. An estimated 70,000 persons attended the meeting at Piazza del Popolo, Rome.

9. Prison Disturbances.

(a) Fort Boccas was the scene of a serious meeting on the part of some 450 Italian Military prisoners on 30 April. At last report the entire prison was in the hands of the prisoners - with CC.RR and Civil police - with armored cars and machine guns holding the fort in a state of siege.

(b) Sora prison, near Frosinone, staged a riot on 29 April, with the prisoners holding guards as hostages and doing considerable damage before order was restored. No escapes occurred and civilian personnel is again in control.

10. Requisitioning.

The proposed use of a completed building on the penitentiary city project 10 k. North-east of Rome by Allied authority has been dropped due to the imminent resumption of construction by the Ministry of Public Works. Said project when completed will accommodate approximately 8000 prisoners of all classifications.

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11. Personnel.

Col. Chapman, Director, has just completed a visit to 8 Army area.

Major E.E. Hanbury (A) attached Prisons Div., and Capt. Daley (B) attached to Police Division, have left to rejoin their Regions, Piemonte and Lombardia respectively.

Lt. Col. C.T. Francis (B) formerly P.F.S.O. Southern Region, later Lazio Umbria Region, and now Lombardia, has been awarded the CBE, and Lt. Col. E.J. Pullen, (B) who has been SCAPO, AMB. 8 Army for many months, has been awarded the MBE, and Major F.F. Hoelscher, (A) Venezia Region, the SOLDIERS MEDAL.

Capt. C. Hayes (B) has been re-assigned from Liguria Region to this Sub-Commission (Security Division) and Capt. T.G. Geach (B) has been assigned from this Sub-Commission (duties at "A" Civilian Internment Camp) to Liguria Region.

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24 April, 1945.

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SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - Week ending 24 April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

300 Carabinieri entered Bologna on its liberation.  
Public Order reported as tranquil.

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Ext: 257

24 April, 1945.

AD/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 24 April, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Bologna - CC.RR.

Within a few hours of the capture of Bologna 300 CC.RR were sent into the city where they immediately assumed their duties of maintaining law and order. Full reports have not yet been received but public order is understood to be tranquil.

2. CC.RR. Transport.

20 "Rumber" Armoured Cars have been made available for CC.RR. Drivers are now being instructed in the use and maintenance of the vehicles. The armoured cars will be used in Northern Italy and will be particularly useful in the event of public disorders.

3. Overcrowding.

About 250 prisoners have been transferred from Regina Coeli to outlying prisons in Spoleto and Sulmona. Other transfers are in prospect to relieve the situation in this jail - where a bare 600 cells are now available after the damage done during the riot of 5 April. Two shipments of prisoners have been made from the mainland to Sardinia and other movements will follow.

4. New facilities.

The Ministry of Public Works has, after some 9 months of pressure from AMG/AGC/AG personnel and from the Ministry of Grace and Justice, approved the immediate allocation of 36,500,000 lire for the completion of the Penitentiary City located a few kilometres north east of Rome. Work will reportedly start not later than the first week in May 1945, and about 500 men will be employed. This project, started in 1939 and halted at the outbreak of the war, provides for the construction of over 70 buildings and is designed to accommodate about 8000 inmates of all classifications.

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CIRCULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES5. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

(a) Arrangements made for RACI memoranda to be dispatched to RACI Provincial Seats in northern Italy as the seats are liberated.

(b) Dott. Sergio, of the Central Seat has been appointed Director of the Provincial Seat at Lucca in place of Dott. Pampoloni who has been transferred to the Provincial Seat at Bologna.

6. Extension of Validity of Motor Vehicle Circulating Permits.

Agreement reached with the Italian Government to extend the validity of motor vehicle circulating permits from 30 April to 31 May.

7. Consular Officials.

Informed the Italian Government that Permits for Consular Officials may be issued without reference to this Headquarters providing the Italian Foreign Office are satisfied that -

- (i) the officials concerned are properly accredited, and
- (ii) the use of the vehicles are necessary to serve the needs of the Consulates.

8. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Revised Executive Memorandum No. 77, which has already received the approval of HQ 15 Army Group and AFHQ, was submitted for signature of Executive Commissioner.

(b) The Minister of Interior was requested to instruct Questori to show the utmost discrimination when considering applications for passes to places on or near the Rear Army Security Control Line.

(c) It has come to notice that Public Relations Branch, this Headquarters, with the approval of P.R.O., AFHQ, has devised and issued a new form of pass to Italian Journalists. Neither this Sub-Commission nor G-2, AFHQ, were consulted on the matter. Public Relations Branch will submit details of the pass.

(d) The Minister of Interior was requested to check up on travel agencies to ensure that tickets to places in the Army Zone are not issued until travellers are in possession of movement passes.

9. Theft of Petrol from Pipe Lines.

The Minister of Interior has instituted a special petrol between Rome and Naples with a view to suppressing theft of petrol and damage to the pipe lines.

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17 April, 1945.

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SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - week ending 17 April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

15 April, all Public Safety Officers withdraw  
from Sardegna as Region VI closed.

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17 April, 1945.

AM/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 17 April, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Tour of Inspection by Director.

Colonel CHAPMAN, Director Public Safety S/C, made a tour of inspection, visiting P.S. officers in the rear of 5th Army front and discussed plans for policing Northwest Italy with AM 5 Army and 4 Corps.

2. Important Conferences of the Director.

On 16 April, Col. CHAPMAN conferred with General BRUNETTI, C.G. CC.NR and discussed plans for rotating refresher training of CC.NR; and with Director of P.S. (Italian) FERRARI concerning plans for preparation and training of Highway Patrol Force of P.S. agents.

3. Spearhead CC.NR for the Northern Regions.

Emilia, Liguria and Piemonte Regions' "spearhead" Carabinieri are now all forward and waiting to move forward with the Army. The majority of those for Lombardia and Venezia Regions are waiting at Lucca and Pesaro respectively, and arrangements have been made for the remainder to join their groups as from 22nd April 1945.

4. Carabinieri Mobile Battalions.

AFHQ have authorized the release of 48 Greyhound armoured cars, 48 3 ton lorries, and 4 Light Utility cars for the CC.NR Northern Mobile Battalions. The lorries and utility cars are available immediately and the armoured cars, which require some repairs, will be available during May 45.

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5. Agents of Public Safety.

On Sunday 15th April 1945, a demonstration was held at the Police Training School, to mark the end of the first recruits' course held since the commencement of the war. About 600 recruits have completed a four months course of training, and it is gratifying to record that there are more than sufficient candidates enrolled to commence the next course in a few days time. In fact, if accommodation, equipment, and clothing were available, there is no dearth of recruits, and given the necessary facilities, much more progress could be made towards building up the Corps with a good type of men. The demonstration, which included drill, physical training, weapon training etc, was attended by H.E. Ivan Bonomi, Prime Minister. H.E. Enrico Molo, Under Secretary, to the Ministry of Interior, H.E. Dr. Ferrari, Director of Public Security, Col. Chapman, Director, Public Safety S/C, and other officers of this Sub-Commission.

CIRCULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES6. Extension of Validity of Motor Vehicle Permits.

The Italian Government has asked that consideration be given to the question of extending the validity of permits from four to six months. Commerce Sub-Commission has referred the matter to Petsec, AFH, for their comment.

7. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

(a) Arrangements have been completed for Dott. Ricci, the General Secretary of the Central Seat, to pay a visit of inspection to the Provincial Seats in Marche as well as Forli and Ravenna.

(b) Dott. Farina, Provincial Director of Florence, has been recalled to the Central Seat. Dott. Luigi Palma will replace Dott. Farina.

(c) Dott. Amos Pampolini, Provincial Director at Lucca, has been nominated Provincial Director of Bologna. Dott. Antonio Sergio will replace Dott. Pampolini at Lucca.

(d) Dott. Conti, new Provincial Director of Pesaro, has left Rome to take up his new appointment.

(e) 54 Area agreed to reconsider the question of derequisitioning R.A.C.I. premises at Bari at the end of the month.

8. Irregular use of Motor Vehicles.

The Minister of Interior has called upon Prefects to exercise a stricter control over the use of motor vehicles to prevent irregularities.

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CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

9. R.A.A.C. Orders.

R.A.A.C. have agreed to publish an Order drawing attention to the existing orders relating to civilian movement.

10. Executive Memorandum No.77.

The Revised Executive Memorandum No.77 has been approved by AFHQ and HQ 15 Army Group and is now being prepared for the signature of the Executive Commissioner.

11. Members of Italian Government.

Semi-permanent movement of Civilian passes, prepared for issue to Members of the Central Italian Government, have been submitted to AFHQ for countersignature of G-2 Section.

12. Prisons - Overcrowding.

The salient feature of the prison situation in both Italian Government territory and territory under A.M.G. control is the widespread overcrowding of judicial establishments. No less than 35 main judicial prisons have populations which exceed their capacity by from 30 to 60 percent. Slowness of Italian judicial process continues to prevent the capacities of 17 penal prisons from being used. There are over 16300 untried cases in Sardinia, 7135 in Southern Region, 2000 in Tuscany. At the same time accommodations for about 9000 prisoners in Penal prisons are not being filled. Large number of prisoners are being transferred from Regina Coeli and other mainland prisons to judicial jails on Sardinia and other islands.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AND  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: D.O. 3/2.1/45.

14 Apr 45.

SUBJECT: Discussions with the Italian Government  
and other matters of interest.

TO: See Distribution below.

Further to this Section's letters 9/2.1/45 dated 12 Sep 44 and  
6/16/45 dated 17 Mar 45.

- 1 In order to comply with the Executive Commissioner's letter, reference: 150/26/RC, dated 15 Mar 45, all Sub-Commissions please render a short weekly Sitrep to reach this office by 1200 hrs each Tuesday (instead of Wednesday morning). Heads of Sub-Commissions' attention is drawn to the Executive Commissioner's letter, reference above, as it is felt no Sub-Commission should render a nil return.
- 2 To enable the Vice President to send out an interesting, concise report to Regional Commissioners and Allies, on the work of the Civil Affairs Section, Sub-Commissions will render weekly, on a Wednesday morning (instead of Tuesday) a short, interesting, light précis of the result of any discussions they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week, or any other points of interest arising out of their work. These reports are compiled into a D.O. letter, and are also sent to Public Relations Officer, who uses these reports for information in the AD Weekly Bulletin.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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10 April 1945

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - Week ending 10 April 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. 5 April - Jail break at Regina Coeli Prison, Rome.  
100 prisoners involved, 25 still at large.
2. 9 April - Allied Ship exploded in Port of Bari causing  
many injuries, possible deaths and considerable damage to other  
ships and property in town. Cause unknown at this writing

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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AC/14056/2/PS.

10 April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 10 April, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Jail Break - Regina Coeli Prison.

The attempted jail break and riot at Regina Coeli high-lighted the prison situation during the past week. Taking advantage of a period when outer guards were being relieved, about 100 prisoners escaped from their wings and broke the outer gate before the arrival of CC.RR. About 25 are still at large. Overcrowding of the prison (over 2000 prisoners are in Regina Coeli), and a lessening of the guard precipitated the escape attempt.

2. Overcrowding - Prisons.

Italian judicial processes apparently cannot be speeded up. There are over 10,500 untried cases in Sardinia alone. Significant overcrowding exists in 35 main judicial and penal prisons on the mainland, Sardinia and Sicily, the excess population amounting to almost 3000 inmates. Penal institutions are not being used to capacity. Recent reports indicate that there are unused accommodations for over 4500 convicted prisoners in 17 penal prisons, this being the answer to the claims of the Ministry that an accelerated court program would not help matters.

3. Control of Civilian Movement.

Major W.C. Ballance visited HQ. 15 Army and discussed matters relating to this control, and the provisions of Revised Executive Memorandum No. 77 which had been submitted to them by AFHQ for their comment.

... 15 Army Group are satisfied with the present forms of control. They would not agree to extending the Free Zone to include the Restricted Zone unless the Rear Army Security Control Line was adjusted further to the rear of the Rear Army Boundary.

The present Rear Army Security Control Line might well be adjusted further forward, but the HQ. 15 Army Group hoped that in a very short time it would be possible to adjust the line much further forward than is possible at the moment.

HQ. 15 Army are in agreement with the provisions of the revised Executive Memorandum and have returned the Memorandum to AFHQ. with their comments.

AFHQ. have since advised this Sub-Commission that the Memorandum will be forwarded to this HQ. on 9 April, 1945.

Major W.C. Ballance also visited AMG Fifth and Eight Armies. No particular problems exist, but both HQ.'s mentioned that applications for passes to enter the Army Zone are submitted to them that should be refused at this HQ. The Adjutant has since been requested to issue a notice covering this matter in the Daily Bulletin.

#### 4. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

In agreement with the Central Seat, Dott. Amos Pampoloni, RACI Provincial Director at Lucca, has been nominated as provincial Director of Bologna in readiness for this city when liberated.

#### 5. Forging of Allied Military Currency.

Important arrests in connection with forging of Allied Military Currency have been made in Naples by S.I.B. and Questura personnel on the 31 March 1945.

Ten persons were arrested, and from three addresses, plates, presses and a considerable quantity of paper were seized, together with forged 1000 and 500 Lire notes to a total of 199,500 Lire. From evidence obtained, it is believed that this gang has been operating since August 1944, since when forged notes of various denominations representing over 40,000,000 Lire have found their way into general circulation.

Information regarding the serial numbers of the forged notes is being given wide circulation.

#### 6. Questore.

Arrangements are being made to send a new Questore to Perugia this week.

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7. CC.RR. for the North.

(a) Arrangements are being made to move Carabinieri from Rome, Naples and the South, forward to Army areas. These men form the balance spearhead strengths awaiting entry into the four northern Regions. 3400 men have already been concentrated in Florence, Viareggio, Rimini, Ravenna etc. and on 5th April a further 500 CC.RR. with officers were sent from Rome to Lucca. A further move of a similar number will take place in the near future and that will complete the Lombardia spearhead allotment of 1910. The complete teams for Liguria and Piemonte are already forward.

(b) During the coming week arrangements will be made for the move of 250 CC.RR. to Pesaro and 250 to Jesi. These men form part of the Venezia spearhead of 1250. 300 CC.RR. for Venezia are already forward.

(c) While these moves forward from Rome are taking place, transport arrangements have been made to transfer all CC.RR. stationed in Naples and the South up to Rome. As accommodation is found in Army areas, these men will be moved north. It has been the lack of suitable accommodation in Army areas that has prevented the transfer of CC.RR. during the past months.

8. Explosion of Allied ship - Port of Bari.

At about 1200 hrs. 9 April 1945, an Allied ship believed to contain munitions or gasoline, exploded in the port of Bari, causing injury to many persons, possible death to some, and damage to property in the town. Reports received thus far from Ministry of Interior and HQ. CC.RR. contain no further details. Complete report awaited.

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3 April, 1945.

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - Week ending 3 April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

General Giovanni GILIA, previously Under Secretary of State for War, was appointed Commanding General of the Finance Guards, replacing General AYMONINO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel : 478709 - 357

3 April, 1945.

AC/14056/2/P

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 3 April, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Appointment of Commanding General of Finance Guards.

On the retirement of General ATOMINO, who had held the position of Commanding General of the Royal Finance Guards for the past six months, the Italian Government proposed the appointment of General Giovanni GILIA. General GILIA who is 57 years of age has had a distinguished Army career and until recently was Under Secretary of State for War, during which time he co-operated loyally with the Allies. The appointment of General GILIA as Commanding General of the Royal Finance Guards was approved by the Allied Commission on 28th March 1945.

2. Clothing etc.

Difficulty is still being experienced in obtaining material for making uniforms for Agents of Public Security and efforts are now being made through Commerce Sub-Commission to obtain the release of stocks in 5 Army area. An allotment of 8000 blankets for the Agents of Public Security has been obtained.

3. Repatriation.

In view of the new Memorandum on the repatriation of POW and Civilians interned outside Italy, the Ministry has been instructed to prepare data for those members of the Corps of P.S. whom it wishes to have repatriated.

4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

The Minister of Interior requested Questore to take active measures to eliminate all motor vehicles circulating without proper authority.

5. Movement of Civilians.

A.F.H. confirmed that H.Q. 15 Army Group are now considering the provisions of the revised Executive Memorandum No. 77.

JOHN S. CHAPMAN 5410  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director Public Safety  
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Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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27 March, 1945.

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SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP - week ending 27 March 1945.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Nil.

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

Ext. 502

27 March 1945.

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 27 March, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Clothing and Equipment for Police Agencies.

At the meeting of the A.C. Priorities Board on 20 March 45 it was agreed to allocate to Police Agencies 42,044 blankets from a stock which has recently arrived in Italy. In the near future these blankets will be issued as follows :

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Agents of Public Security | 10,000 |
| Finance Guards            | 10,000 |
| Vigili del Fuoco          | 8,044  |
| Forest Guards             | 4,000  |
| Prison Guards             | 10,000 |

During the past week the following items of clothing and equipment have also been received and will be distributed to Finance Guards :

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Pairs Boots | 1800 |
| Undershirts | 680  |
| Drawers     | 840  |

2. Long Range Projectiles.

On 21st March a meeting was held to discuss Post Raid Measures and attended by the 8 Sub-Commissions interested. It was agreed that the maintenance of morale in ports was a military necessity, otherwise migration of labour from the docks and essential public utilities would cause a cessation of work, or require the diversion of very considerable military man power. To bolster up morale, Post Raid measures should be organized now in order that they can be put into force immediately if V attack occurs.

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3. Defascism.

(a) Owing to the difficulties of communication, the President of the CC.RR Epuration Commission has applied for permission to proceed to Florence, to interview witnesses there in the case of one CC.RR General and 2 other senior CC.RR Officers. As the time limit for the completion of the Generale case is now short, the application has been forwarded to 5 Army AMO with a recommendation that the permission be granted.

(b) There was an appreciable rise in the figures of cases completed on the last fortnightly return submitted.

4. Desecration of Graves.

A report has been received from AFHQ of cases of civilians desecrating and pillaging Allied and enemy war graves, particularly in the Anzio and Gerigliano districts. This matter has been referred to the Italian Director of Public Security for energetic action to detect offenders with a view to stopping these despicable offences.

5. A.P.S.

The Ministry of the Interior is continuing the policy of sending an Inspector General to conduct investigations of Questure. A report has recently been received on the Questura at Macerata, and arrangements are now in hand for the inspection of the Terni Questura. These inspections are filling a long-felt want, and are contributing to weeding out undesirable elements and re-organising the Questure on sounder lines.

6. Personnel.

Important changes have been made this week in the Senior Officers of Public Safety in the field. Lt. Col. Rawlerson (B) has been transferred from R.P.S.O. Toscana to the larger Region of Venezia as a R.P.S.O., and is succeeded in Toscana by Major F.G. Green (B). Lt. Col. Millhouse (B) becomes P.S. Liaison Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region in Rome. Lt. Col. Francis (B) R.P.S.O. Lombardia Region, has gone to Lucca to act as F.S. Liaison Officer with N.W. Planning AMG Committee.

7. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

In agreement with the Central Seat and the Regional Commissioner concerned, Dott. Mario CONFÈ was provisionally appointed Manager of the Provincial Seat of Pesaro.

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8. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Major W.C. Ballance visited G-2 Section, AFHQ, and submitted revised Executive Memorandum No. 77 for their approval. The provisions of the Memorandum were agreed to, but AFHQ will consult with HQ 15 Army Group before giving their formal approval. AFHQ has not issued a clear directive with regard to the Control of Civilian Movement (previous directives were issued by HQ A.A.I.). AFHQ agreed to issue a directive covering the salient points of revised Executive Memorandum No. 77.

(b) With effect from the 25 March, the Free Zone was extended to include the Province of Foggia.

9. Entry into Italy.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor of Malta that persons may only travel between Malta and Italy with the approval of AFHQ. The Governor promised to take steps to ensure that no person is allowed to travel without such approval.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
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Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Ext. 502

20 March 1945.

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 20 March, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Strength of Carabinieri.

The latest return of Carabinieri strength shows a total of 53528 officers and men, being 1472 under the authorized ceiling. 400 volunteer recruits were enrolled during the past month. The scheme by which 4% of the Italian military call-up was absorbed into the Carabinieri produced no recruits as the arrangements were cancelled by the Land Forces Sub-Commission owing to a misunderstanding. This has now been corrected. It was observed that in the past the number of Carabinieri on leave exceeded the authorized limit of 5%. During the last period the number of men on leave has been reduced to just under 3%.

2. Transport for CC.RR.

(a) It has not been found possible to allot 100 trucks to Carabinieri from the 1700 vehicles earmarked for the carrying of supplies. It has been anticipated that 25 of these vehicles might have been allotted to each of the four northern regions. Application has been made to AFHQ for 48 trucks and 48 Armoured vehicles for four mobile battalions, and, in addition, it will now be necessary to obtain approval for the allocation from Italian Army sources of the 100 trucks required for general duties.

(b) A WO/TE of vehicles for the Carabinieri has been obtained from the Commanding General. The number of vehicles actually in the possession of the various legions is far short of the authorized establishment. Of the vehicles that do exist, more than 50% are out of action due to lack of tyres and spare parts. The activation of a vulcanizing plant in the near future will help to deal with the tyre problem, but the greatest difficulty is experienced in obtaining spare parts. The whole question of allotting to CC.RR. a fair proportion of the WO/TE of vehicles to which they are entitled is being taken up with AFHQ and it is hoped that in this manner the needs of the northern legions will be partially met if not satisfied.

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Shooting Incidents - Minervino Murge.

Shooting incidents have been reported by 54 Area as occurring at Minervino Murge (Bari) on 2/3 days preceeding 19 March. On 18 March, Carabinieri, escorting British Officers, were fired upon; 3 CC.RR. were killed and several wounded. There were no British casualties but it is reported that British officers were previously fired upon. Further incidents are considered likely. 50 CC.RR. and Field Security Sergeant have proceeded to Minervino Murge. Further details are awaited.

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Disturbances - Ascoli Piceno.

(a) R.C. Abruzzi/Marche Region reports that on 7 March, following an authorized Public Meeting of the Local Labour Party, disorderly groups of those attending went to homes of various officials and demanded their resignation. There were no assaults but all officials were intimidated and threatened with reprisals. Several local "bad eggs" are awaiting trial as a result.

(b) A second incident occurred on Sunday 11 March when 200 persons congregated at the Prefettura demanding that the Prefect dismiss the officials previously threatened, and issue of garments and other items to the populace. Capt. Thomas Bellamy P.P.S.O. ordered CC.RR. to disperse this crowd but they took no action. The Captain dispersed the crowd himself.

(c) Learning of a similar meeting planned for the following day, 25 CC.RR. were placed inside the Prefettura and 18 P.S. Agents placed outside. A crowd assembled at 1100 hrs. the Lieut. in charge of CC.RR. was ordered to disperse them and arrest the principals. He did neither. Allied officers made the arrests.

(d) A crowd again assembled in the afternoon and demanded the release of those arrested in the morning. On this occasion armed Italian troops had joined the crowd. The CC.RR. refused to take any action and, in view of the array of arms against the few AMB officers, the prisoners were released and some P.S. Agents and CC.RR. were disarmed by the soldiers and civilians.

(e) The Commanding General CC.RR. has been informed and instructed to conduct an investigation into the inefficiency and lack of action by the CC.RR. and to take appropriate action.

(f) Land Forces S/C has been informed of the conduct of the troops.

5.

Defascism.

Consultations have been held with the Examining and Epuration Committees of the Ministry of the Interior concerned with the Agents of Public Security and Fire Service, and the Ministry of War regarding the CC.RR. The rather slow progress being made may be attributed to some or all of the following causes: - Lack of transport for witnesses and

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perat appearing before the Committees; delay in transmittal of correspondence due to war conditions; time taken in making necessary enquiries; transfers of officials; loss or destruction of records owing to war conditions. Further, initial enquiries have taken longer, and it is felt that from now on, there will be more cases completed and ready for presentation to the Epuration Committees. The most serious cause of delay would appear to be in the course of case papers between the Examining Committees and the Epuration Committees. This delay is stated to be in the office of the High Commission for Epuration, and one of the reasons given is the number of channels through which the papers have to pass. It can be said that the Committees with which this S/C deals are working keenly and fairly expeditiously.

6. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) The revision of Executive Memorandum No. 77 has been completed and Major W.C. Ballance has proceeded to AFHQ, to discuss the matter with G-2.

(b) The Military Railway Services (MRS) have requested authority to issue movement passes in the case of MRS and Italian State Railway personnel. AFHQ will be asked to approve the request.

7. Prisons.

(a) The prison section personnel has been instrumental in facilitating the delivery of considerable salvage material (Jackets, trousers, shoes, gloves, etc.) for distribution by the Ministry of Grace and Justice. Forty sets of clothing items will, by agreement with the Ministry, be allocated to the Naples prisoners.

(b) In compliance with a request from 15th Army group, eight male security prisoners were transferred from Philpott area to Naples, and three female prisoners moved from same area to Rome.

(c) A contact has been made with the Ministry of Grace and Justice on a proposal to ease the housing situation with respect to Italian military prisoners in civil prisons. The Ministry of Grace and Justice and the Ministry of War are evidently endeavoring to work out a satisfactory program and will advise this Sub-Commission as to their recommendations.

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 : 478709-257

20 March 1945

AC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety SITREP-Week ending 20 March 1945  
TO : Civil Affairs Section

Crime generally satisfactory. In forward AMG areas, good. Strength of CC.RR. now 53528 officers and men. Morale and efficiency of police agencies, particularly CC.RR., greatly improved. Receipt of uniforms and clothing inspires confidence immediately. Coordinated Italian and Military Police action against organized gangs continues and is producing excellent results. Planning for policing North Italy proceeding. It is reported that CC.RR. and British Officers were fired on by unknown persons in Minervino Murge (Bari) on 18 March; 3 CC.RR. reported killed, several wounded; no British casualties.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/168/OA

17 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps  
TO: All Sub-Commissions

1. Attached for your information and guidance is Executive Commissioner's letter Ref: 150/26/EG dated 15 March 1945.
2. In order to comply with the instructions contained therein Sub-Commissions will render to this Section a short weekly sitrep to reach this office by 0900 hours each Wednesday.
3. Nil Returns will be required.

*R. R. Griffiths*  
R. R. GRIFFITHS, Col.  
CSO OA Section

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Public Health Sub-Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Displaced Persons & Repat. S/C  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 150/26/EC

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : VP, Economic Section (11)  
VP, Civil Affairs Section (10)  
Dir, Communications Sub-Commission (1)  
Dir, War Material Disposal (1)  
& Italian PW Sub-Commission  
Public Relations Officer. (1)

1. I have received a complaint from AFHQ that the material contained in the Weekly Sitrep is not satisfactory.

2. The purpose of this sitrep is to provide AFHQ with material to give a concise weekly national picture of conditions in ITALY for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in WASHINGTON. I gain the impression that this is not appreciated and the object of this memorandum is to give directions which will ensure that the activities of this Commission are adequately reported.

3. Previously the basis of this sitrep has been reports from Regions, but since Sub-Commissions receive all regional information of importance from their specialist officers in the field I have decided to rely on HQ to provide this basis. Vice Presidents will give special attention to the provision of material for the sitrep. Two or three lines are all that are required from each Sub-Commission, containing only material which is general in character and is likely to be of value to the CCAC in WASHINGTON: commencing 21 March 1945 this information, or a nil return, to be submitted to this office not later than 1200 hours on Wednesday of each week.

*J. T. Hillier*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission  
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLL)  
Air Forces Sub-Commission

*Date*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AG/14056/2/PS

Tel. Ext. 502  
12 March 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 12 March, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Appointment of Commanding General CC.RR.

As a result of the Government crisis arising out of the escape of General ROATTA, the Commanding General of the Carabinieri, Lt General TANDEO Orlando, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. The appointment of Major General Brunetto BRUNETTI, formerly General Commanding the Rome Military District, has now been confirmed.

2. New Questore - Rome.

Police Inspector Giuseppe Solimando, who is serving on the commission investigating the escape of Lt. Gen. Mario Roatta while on trial as a war criminal, has been named the new Questore of Rome. Solimando, who succeeded Adelmo Sessa, has served in Italian police departments for 22 years.

3. Defasciam.

The new forms on which Ministries submit fortnightly Epuration progress reports have been distributed and explained. The work of the Examining Committees and the Epuration Committee is considered to be too slow. The persons responsible are being interviewed with a view to finding causes of delay and a speeding up of the work. It is anticipated that the cases of all officials of the Central Administration will have been examined within the time period allowed by law.

4. Arms.

A supply of muskets, pistols and ammunition has been authorized for release to the Agents of Public Security from Ministry of War stocks.

5. Clothing.

Greatest difficulty has been experienced in trying to obtain lining material for making of A.P.S. uniforms and, in spite of determined efforts, no satisfactory conclusion has been reached. Negotiations are now proceeding to obtain some material from 5 Army Areas.

6. Personnel.

Further action has been taken in revising assignments to Regions in accordance with new ceiling on the liberation of all Italy, and list forwarded to C-1 (B).

7. Prisons.

(a) Contact was made with the Ministry for the purpose of arranging the closing down of prisons on the islands of Capraia and Gorgona and the transfer of prisoners and staff to the island of Elba.

(b) Arrangements were made for <sup>A</sup> committee from the Ministry of Grace and Justice to proceed to the island of Pianosa to investigate alleged atrocities committed by members of the prison staff.

(c) Arrangements made to facilitate transfer of security prisoners from Philpott area to an approved security location, in compliance with a request made from 15 Army Group.

8. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Motor vehicles circulating in an irregular manner.

The Ministry of the Interior has been informed of the grave concern felt by the Allied Command at the open abuse and waste of petrol that takes place as a result of the large number of motor vehicles circulating in an irregular manner. A request was made for strong action to be taken in connection with this matter.

(b) Motor vehicles with Knights of Malta Registration marks.

On receipt of information from the Order that a vehicle with S.M.O.M. registration marks was being used in an irregular manner, the Certificate of Registration issued by this Headquarters in respect of the vehicle was cancelled.

(c) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Dott. Ricci, General Secretary of the Club, after a tour of inspection of the Provincial Seats in AMG territory, reported that the condition of the seats is satisfactory, and that there were no special problems.

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9. Control of Civilian Movement.

The Minister of Interior was requested to instruct Questori that "Movement of Civilian Passes" must not be issued to places in AMG territory in the case of persons wishing to travel for political purposes.

10. Allied Force Permits.

AFHQ indicated that persons in possession of Allied Force Permits endorsed "France" do not require visas for that country.

11. Issue and use of Military Tyres on Civilian Vehicles.

At a meeting attended by interested parties. Transportation Sub-Commission agreed to deal with all questions relating to the use of Military tyres on civilian vehicles.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AG/14056/2/PS

Tel Ext 502  
6 March 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 6 March, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. General ROATTA.

On the night of 4th March, 1945, Lt. General Mario ROATTA, former Chief of the Italian General Staff, who was being tried by the Italian High Commission for the Punishment of Fascist Crimes, escaped from an Italian Military Hospital in Rome. All possible steps are being taken to effect his recapture and to trace his accomplices. The Italian Government has appointed a commission to enquire into the culpable negligence of those responsible for guarding ROATTA.

2. Long Range Rocket.

(a) Arrangements have been made to forward a copy of the AFHQ directive on this subject to all Regional Commissioners. Special measures are necessary to re-activate the Civil Defence Services in the target area, and particular attention is being paid in certain important centres.

(b) The importance of planning for post raid measures is understood by the eight Sub-Commissions involved, and draft schemes are being prepared. Application has been made by AFHQ C-5 to the war office for an officer of the Ministry of Home Security to visit Italy to advise Allied Commission on post raid measures. It is anticipated that an officer of Allied Commission will be appointed to co-ordinate the planning of post raid measures by the eight Sub-Commissions involved and to deal with correspondence from Regions on this subject. Legal Sub-Commission has been consulted, and it has been agreed that when Sub-Commissions decide what legal powers are necessary to carry out post-raid schemes, any necessary additions will be made to Italian law.

3. Clothing for Police Agencies.

The setting up of the Allied Commission Priorities Board has resulted in supplies of repaired clothing being made available to Police Agencies. In addition to the 2414 pairs of boots allotted previously, items of clothing have now been made available to GG.FF. at a cost of nearly one million lire. To date the following items have been allotted for all Police Agencies.

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Battledress   | 1000 |
| Shirts        | 1234 |
| Undershirts   | 4000 |
| Drawers       | 5400 |
| Field Jackets | 1841 |
| Gloves        | 2158 |
| Caps          | 490  |
| Pairs Socks   | 1200 |
| Pairs Boots   | 3414 |
| Overscoats    | 218  |

#### 4. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

##### (a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

(i) Dott. Ricci, General Secretary of the Central Seat, with the approval of this Headquarters, is carrying out a tour of inspection of the R.A.C.I. Provincial Seats at Pisa, Livorno, Florence, Lucca and Pistoia.

(ii) The Prefect of Livorno appointed a new Provincial Commissioner to the R.A.C.I. Provincial Seat of Livorno. The new Commissioner is not known to the Central Seat. The matter will be taken up with the General Secretary on his return from his inspection tour.

##### (b) Civilian Vehicles used by Military.

The attention of Commerce Sub-Commission was drawn to the fact that no clear instructions have been issued with regard to the issue of circulation permits, with or without fuel cards, in the case of unrequisitioned civilian vehicles used by the military. This matter has since been taken up with Petsec AFHQ.

#### 5. Control of Movement.

(a) In reply to a suggestion from Liaison Branch that special identity cards should be issued to members of the Italian Government, this Sub-Commission recommended that movement of civilian passes should be issued endorsed as directed in Executive Memorandum No. 77.

(b) Interested Sub-Commissions agreed with the provisions of the Executive Memorandum No. 77 revised which will now be submitted for approval of 15 Army Group and AFHQ.

#### 6. Entry into Italy.

In reply to a request for information, AFHQ was informed that the number of persons now in Sicily who were domiciled in Tripolitania prior to June, 1940, are 2,332 women and children with breadwinners in Tripolitania, and 68 breadwinners with families in Tripolitania.

7. Military Petrol Cans.

WED and IPW Sub-Commission advised that persons lawfully in possession of military petrol containers may retain them. The Sub-Commission named has been requested to furnish further information with regard to this matter in order that the standing instructions may be revised.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
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Director Public Safety  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14056/2/PS

Tel 502  
27 February 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 27 February, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Transport for CC.RR.

It is essential that trucks should be allotted to CC.RR. Legions in the North. It is anticipated that Public Safety duties will be difficult in this highly industrial area, and the mobility provided by efficient transport will enable Legion strengths to be utilized to their fullest advantage. When considering numbers of vehicles to be allotted, consideration must be given to the possibility of the enemy taking away all forms of transport on his withdrawal. The Commanding General CC.RR. has been asked what the transport requirements of the Northern Legion would be on the basis of no vehicles being found on occupation. A total of 392 cars and 527 trucks has been requested. These numbers are obviously for more than can be allotted from 1700 vehicles earmarked for the carrying of supplies. Nevertheless, supplies will not reach their destination and be distributed unless public order is properly enforced. Accordingly a request has been made for 100 trucks to be used for duty in the early stages on a provisional basis of 25 to each of the 4 Northern Regions. Experience on the ground may necessitate re-adjustment of numbers between Regions. After liberation, civilian vehicles will be requisitioned to increase the numbers to the ceiling required by the CC.RR.

2. Mobile CC.RR. Battalions.

(a) Mobile CC.RR. units are essential for the north. The general economic position may well bring about industrial unrest and it will be necessary to have available at all times a force of CC.RR. especially trained to deal with large public disorders, riots, etc. This need can best be met by the formation of a mobile battalion in each northern region and stationed at Genoa, Turin, Milan and Padova. Battalions to be of 500 men each, 300 carried by 12, 3 ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles; the balance of 200 used in reserve. Personnel can be provided from the normal strength of Regions. Total transport required would be 48, 3 ton trucks and 48 armoured vehicles. The type of armoured vehicle most suitable is the Italian SPA 40. 2 District have already applied to AFHQ for Allied transport for 3 battalions on the basis mentioned above.

(~) In connection with the Sicily Battalion, AFHQ have stated that Army vehicles can only be lent temporarily. Accordingly, although it has not been possible to requisition civilian trucks in Sicily, the 24 three-ton trucks there at present must be returned to the Army by 15th March, 1945. If this is insisted upon it will bring about the disbanding of the CC-RR. Battalions.

### 3. Railway Police.

A draft decree has been prepared by the Ministry of Transport, with the concurrence of the Ministry of the Interior, proposing the institution of a Corps of Railway Guards. The force will comprise some 2000 men, largely drawn from railway employees, who will be trained in police duties, given police powers and entrusted with the task of protecting goods, trains and railway premises. It is unlikely that the scheme will be put into effect for some time as the draft decree has first to be placed before the Council of Ministers, and then the guards must be recruited and trained before they can be sent out on duty.

### 4. Frontier Control.

A proposed instruction regarding the control of the French and Swiss frontiers is under discussion with AFHQ. The outstanding point to be settled is the extent to which the existing Italian Police at the frontiers will be utilised by the Allies when the frontiers are reached.

### 5. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Requisitioning of Motor Vehicles by Italian Authorities.  
Italian Requisitioning Agency agreed with proposals made by this Headquarters not to requisition vehicles in respect of which standard circulating permits have been issued.

(b) Validity of Permits.  
Instructions issued by Italian Government and this Headquarters that old type permits are no longer valid after 15 February. After this date only permits valid are those with yellow bars.

(c) Printing of Motor Vehicle Permits.  
Present lay-out of permits agreed to with Commerce Sub-Commission, but this Sub-Commission requested that an indorsement be printed on the back of the permits to the effect such permits do not authorize movement by civilians. It has come to notice that persons to whom motor vehicle permits had been issued indorsed for "Liberated Italy" have been found in the Army and Restricted Zones without movement passes, and have produced the permits as purporting to authorize their presence in the Zones mentioned.

### 6. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Agreement reached with Ministry of Interior on a procedure for dealing with applications for travel into Army Zone. Such applications will be made to Questore and channelled through Ministry of Interior and this Headquarters to S.C.A.O.'s. armies for approval.

(b) The Italian Foreign office has expressed a willingness to deal

with all application for passes by Diplomats, and to keep the diplomatic Corps ( ) ised of all travel restrictions.

(c) Further steps have been taken to revise Executive Memorandum No. 77.

#### 7. Agents of Public Security.

(a) Contact has been made with the Ministry on the question of epuration of OVRA Officials, and the work of the Committee in this regard is being closely watched.

(b) A Questore has been sent forward to Ravenna this week.

(c) The Italian Director of Public Security has been interviewed and matters arising from the forth coming withdrawal of Allied Commission Officers from Italian Government territory discussed.

#### 8. Personnel.

(a) Various minor adjustments in assignments of Office personnel for Northern Regions have been made at the request of the Regional Commissioners concerned. Owing to the withdrawal of Allied Commission Officers from Southern Region, some officers have become available, and are being transferred to forward areas pending recall to the respective Northern Regions to which they are assigned.

(b) Three American Officers have been taken from Public Safety strength for future employment in Austria.

(c) Application has been made for the ceiling of Public Safety Officers at this Headquarters to be increased by one, to cope with the increasing volume of work in the Licensing and Registration department.

#### 9. Prisons.

The prison of Badia di Sulmona in Aquila, which was offered by the Italian Government to house the Military Prisoners of the Allied Command, was visited. It was not accepted because of lack of sanitary accommodations. It has come to the attention of this Sub-Commission that Directors of Prisons, in agreement with Prefects of Provinces, do not follow the ration scale as laid down by the Food Sub-Commission, and they continue to cite the Rome Prisons as having a higher ration. In order to keep peace and quiet in these institutions, they have made these special arrangements.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel. Ext 502  
20 February, 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 20 February, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. CC.RR. Strength.

(a) The Carabinieri strength as per the last return dated 24th January, 1945, was 5054 in excess of the authorized ceiling. It was learned, however, on approaching the CC.RR. Commanding General with a view to disposing of the surplus personnel, that the following data should be taken into consideration when comparing the established ceiling with the strength as at the 24th January, 1945.

i. Pisanò group has been alerted to return to army duties and are, therefore, unavailable for police duties.

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ii. Of the 2936 shown as on sick leave, 2000 are estimated to have been away for periods in excess of 30 days, and therefore, do not count against the established strength.

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iii. Of the 1462 shown in hospital, 200 have been detained for over 60 days and these also do not count against the establishment strength.

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(b) Therefore, although accurate figures as of i and ii are not yet available, it is reasonable to assume the total strength to be 54,971 and not 60,054.

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## 2. Clothing for Police Agencies.

(a) The efficiency of the Italian Civil Police Agencies is affected by a certain lack of adequate clothing and equipment. Carabinieri are supplied from Italian Army Sources, but the other agencies rely on provision by their controlling Ministry. The Ministries of Interior, Grace and Justice, and Finance have made every effort to obtain the necessary clothing for their dependant agencies by submitting their requirements to the Italian Ministry of Industry Labour and Commerce, but nothing has been received. On the other hand it has been established that no bids have been received by Commerce Sub-Commission from the Italian Ministry of Industry, Labour and Commerce on behalf of Police Agencies. Accordingly this matter has been taken up strongly with the Italian Ministry with a view to having the necessary bids made.

(b) Various bids have been made by this Sub-Commission to the Priorities Board and the following allotments have been made.

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Battledress | 1000 |
| Gloves      | 1212 |
| Shoes       | 300  |
| Shirts      | 285  |
| Undershirts | 3783 |
| Pants       | 5076 |
| Socks       | 802  |

In addition 2414 pairs of boots have been allotted to Guardia Finanze.

## 3. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

### Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Regional Commissioners of Forward Regions have been invited to comment on a proposal to attach to convenient Provincial Seats near to the forward areas, R.A.C.I. personnel who may be called upon by the Regional Commissioners to organise and re-establish newly liberated Provincial Seats.

## 4. Control of Civilian Movement.

A revision of Executive Memorandum No. 77 is being undertaken.

## 5. Personnel.

Colonel Young, (B) D.D.P.S., has been released from his military duties to return to U.K. to take up the Chief Constableness of Hertfordshire. He is succeeded at this Headquarters by Lt/Col Roberts (B).

6. Civilian Compensation Claims.

As previously recorded, cases have arisen of civilians wishing to submit claims for compensation for injuries or death suffered by misconduct of French troops. In cases involving US and British military personnel, claims boards are already set up. No such machinery exists in the case of French troops. A case has been referred to AFHQ requesting statement of policy and procedure for dealing with future cases which may arise. A reply has now been received that all claims should be forwarded to AFHQ, G-5 and they will then be transmitted by AFHQ Liaison Section to the appropriate French Military Authorities. This procedure will be followed pending further negotiations to set up a French Claims Board.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Tel: Ext 502  
13 February 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 13 February, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Appointment of Deputy to Commanding General CO.RR.

General Isconetto TADDEI has been appointed Deputy to the Commanding General of the CO.RR.

General TADDEI, who has recently been in command of the CO.RR. assembled for policing northern Italy, has had a distinguished career in the Carabinieri Service and his professional abilities at Carabinieri Headquarters will have a stimulating effect on the Force.

2. Strength of CO.RR.

The strength of Carabinieri as at 24th January, 1945, was 60054. Of this total only 45719 are available for normal police duties, the balance being ineffective due to the following causes.

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Employed in extraneous duties                 | 4156        |
| Leave                                         | 5561        |
| A.W.O.L.                                      | 163         |
| Prison                                        | 22          |
| Piceno Group alerted to return to Army duties | 2971        |
| Hospital                                      | 1462        |
|                                               | <hr/> 14335 |

The figures show an increase of 1362 during the past two weeks. The CO.RR. Command are taking measures to reduce the total strength to 55,000, mainly by the release of 3000 Italian troops.

3. Northwest Italy Planning.

(a) As a result of the points raised at the Planning Committee Meeting on 7 February, 1945, concerning CO.RR. strength, further discussions have been held with the Commanding General CO.RR. The special difficulties of Liguria Region consequent upon Allied occupation, and the problems raised

by the t of Genoa were considered and a redistribution of CC.RR. strength in Piemonte and Liguria was agreed. No variation was made to the spearhead allotment, but on the 55,000 ceiling, 559 men were transferred from Piemonte to Liguria making final figures Liguria 2116 Piemonte 3251. On the 65,000 ceiling, the figures are Liguria 2674, Piemonte 4337.

(b) The whole of the spearhead strengths for Piemonte and Liguria are in the forward areas. 800 of the CC.RR for Lombardia are in the Scuola Centrale, Florence. The balance of 1100 are in Rome on call.

(c) The forward movement of CC.RR. will be by direction of 5 Army. When the men to be moved are in forward areas, transport is undertaken by Army. When in rear areas, the men are moved to a forward railhead by Transportation Sub-Commission and journey completed by Army transport. All arrangements are co-ordinated by Public Safety Sub-Commission.

#### 4. Questore of Rome.

Arrangements have been made for the appointment of Dr. Sessa (at present Questore of Palermo) as questore of Rome in the place of Dr. Morazzini.

#### 5. Agents of Public Security.

Renewed efforts are being made to obtain for its proper use the Police training School at Caserta, at present occupied by Naval and other personnel. Since the recruiting of Agents commenced some months ago, the number have increased beyond all expectations, and lack of accommodation for them is becoming a serious matter.

#### 6. Questura Officials for the North.

Urgent representations have been renewed to the Italian Director of Public Security to nominate and have immediately available, adequate teams of Questura Officials for the Northern Provinces. The question of transport for them was raised with the northwest Italy Planning Committee. The Ministry has also been asked to make provisional arrangements for "staging" accommodation for the officials in their journey north. It is pointed out that owing to dismissals, expiation proceedings etc., the number of young, energetic and efficient officials is very limited. The Ministry does state however, that some good officials should be found when the northern areas are liberated.

#### 7. Questore for Forli.

A official has been sent forward this week as questore of Forli.

#### 8. Clearing of Ammunition Dumps.

The question of clearing-up of ammunition dumps has been referred to this Sub-Commission. Consultation has been made with War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, and the matter has been referred to AFHQ.

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#### 9. Offences and Accidents, involving Allied Personnel.

In accordance with a Memorandum from AFHQ, the Civil Police agencies have been requested to obtain full details of complaints made by civilians respecting offenses and accidents in which Allied Military personnel are involved, and forward such information immediately and directly to the nearest Allied Military Police or Provost Marshal.

#### 10. Ex P.O.W., Possession of N.A.A.F.I. Goods.

Instances have been disclosed of Ex-POW being re-patriated to this Country who, on arrival, are found to be in possession of an appreciable amount of N.A.A.F.I. goods, such as soap, coffee, etc. It is stated that they have been able to buy such goods at camps or on ship en route. As it is possible that some of these articles may find their way into the Black Market, the matter has been referred to AFHQ so that the question of rationing the sales to ex POW can be considered.

#### 11. Personnel.

(a) Action has been initiated to assign to Ancona a P.S.C. with specialist Fire and C.D. experience.

(b) Assignments of P.S. Officers to complete establishment in N.E. and N.W. Regions have been completed. This includes 2 Officers assigned from Security Branch, and one officer from P.S., but these re-assignments will not take effect immediately.

#### 12. Prison Guards.

In order to prevent a shortage of guards in AMG Territory, The Ministry of Grace and Justice has notified all Prison directors that leaves for guards must be approved by Regional Public Safety Officers. In Toscana 11 guards went on leave and did not return, leaving the staff short.

#### 13. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

(a) RACI de-requisitioned and handed back to RACI part of the premises formerly occupied by the RACI Rome Provincial Seat.

(b) The appointment of Dr. Andreani as Provincial Commissioner of the RACI Provincial Seat of Perugia, with the concurrence of the Central Seat, was confirmed.

(c) The question of the appointment of a Provincial Commissioner of the Provincial Seat of Livorno, without reference to this Headquarters of the Central Seat, has been referred to the RPSO, Toscana Region.

#### 14. Validity of Circulating Permits.

February 15 has been fixed as the dead line when all circulating permits will be invalidated except those permits with yellow bars. All concerned informed.

15. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Letter of instructions indicating additional restrictions on civilian movement in the Army Zone issue to all concerned.

(b) Steps taken to prohibit the issue of improper movement passes by the Mayor of Nettunia.

(c) Lazio-Umbria Region will in future ensure that civilian movement passes are not issued for movement by civilian motor vehicles except in those cases where they are satisfied that petrol used in the vehicles is drawn from authorized sources.

(d) Steps are being taken to revise Executive Memorandum No. 77.

16. Safety and Accident Prevention.

Copies of the Codice della Strada and other relevant information forwarded to AFHQ which is carrying out an investigation into accident causation in Italy.

17. Entry into Italy.

AFHQ confirmed that visas issued by Italian Legation and Consuls will not be regarded as valid for entry into Italy. Political Section asked to obtain early assurances from Italian Government that such visas will not be issued without prior consultation with this HQ.

18. Travel between Italy and France.

AFHQ advised that persons in possession of A.E.F. permits do not require French visas, but Italian nationals travelling with military authorisations, whether on a military mission or not, do require visas.

19. Issue and Use of Tyres.

Discussed with Commerce Sub-Commission the manner in which Public Safety can best help in carrying out the decisions of the Priority Board.

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6 February 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 6 February 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Long Range Rocket.

The use of V1 and V2 weapons against targets in the European theatre has necessitated the overhaul of P.A.D. arrangements in liberated Italy. To this end, all Fire and Civil Defence officers in Regions were assembled in Rome during the past week and attended a 2 Day conference at which they were addressed by the P.A.D. and C.D. Advisor, A.F.H.Q. Experience gained in the European theatre was discussed, and measures suggested for the revision of P.A.D. arrangements.

Owing to the limited range of the V1 and V2 such revision is only urgently necessary in areas forward of Rome. The protection of forward ports and towns in Army area remains a military responsibility and A.C. officers are charged with the duty of ensuring that the Italian anti-fire service is capable of functioning efficiently in support of Army P.A.D. arrangements.

Post Raid measures are of prime importance after V1 and V2 attack, and these are beyond the scope of any one branch. It has been recommended that Public Safety responsibility be limited to operational Civil Defence and that responsibility for Post Raid measures be assumed by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer who alone can co-ordinate all the many services concerned.

A meeting was called by Public Safety Sub-commission on Wednesday 31 January, 1945, at which representatives of the following Sub-Commissions attended, Legal, Finance, Labour, Industry, Commerce, Public Health, Food, and Public Works. The meeting was addressed by Lt. Col. Daw, the A.F.H.Q., P.A.D. and C.D. advisor. Post Raid problems were explained particularly as they affected the various Sub-Commissions, in order that the matter could be studied, necessary legislation prepared and instructions given to officers in the field.

2. N.H. Air Planning.

On 31 January, 1945, a meeting of N.H. Italy R.P.S.C.'s was held in this Sub-Commission. Problems of CC.M. strength were discussed and it was agreed that the allocation to Regions on a 55,000 ceiling basis was inadequate in view of the problems likely to be encountered. In particular the port of Genova calls for special police measures, and urgent representations will be made for the allocation of Italian Military personnel for guard duties.

3. Criminal Records.

The Ministry of the Interior is anxious to form a modern Central Record Office in Rome and has proposed to appoint technical experts to study the criminal record system, fingerprint classification and scientific police work.

4. Allied Military Currency.

Close liaison is being maintained with AFA, on this important matter, and Public Safety Officers have been issued with a memorandum on the subject.

Negotiations are proceeding with a view to publishing a circular setting forth peculiarities of some forged notes which have been circulated. If the negotiations reach fruition, the circular should prove useful to Police Agencies.

The Italian Police agencies are being urged to do everything within their power to detect the persons responsible for the forging and uttering of Allied Military Currency.

5. Discipline.

The Italian Director of Public Security has asked for a ruling as to his power to dismiss Public Security Agents in AMG territory for disciplinary offences. It has been agreed that lower ranks may be dismissed without reference to this Headquarters, but ranks of Maresciallo and above shall not be dismissed without approval of the R.P.S.C. concerned, and of this Headquarters. A memorandum setting out the procedure has been sent to all R.P.S.C.'s.

6. Transfers etc.

Transfers of senior officials have been dealt with and in some cases have been put into effect.

An Officer has been sent to Pistoia to re-organise Public Security Agents there.

7. Personnel.

Lt. Col. Doherty (B) for many months Chief Public Safety, AMG 5 Army has been assigned to this Sub-Commission and has taken up his duties at this Headquarters. He is replaced at 5 Army by Lt. Col. Bye (B).

Nominal rolls of Officer personnel assigned and earmarked for Western Regions have been prepared and submitted. A conference of the R.F.S.O's assigned to the Northwest Regions was held at this Headquarters, when matters pertaining to planning for that area were discussed.

8. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Vehicles at the Service of the Vatican  
Dealt with applications for renewal of circulating permits.

(b) Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta  
Issue of permits completed.

(c) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia  
Circulars prepared by Central Seat forwarded to all Provincial Seats after clearance with Finance Sub-Commission.

9. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Report submitted concerning the improper issue of passes by AME Fifth Army.

(b) In view of the impending revision of Executive Memorandum No. 77. Regional Commissioners, Sicilia and Southern Regions, and Economic Section, have been asked whether they consider it desirable to maintain the present restrictions relating to the control of movement between the mainland and Sicily.

(c) Improper movement passes have been issued by a member of E.H.S.A. to Italian civilians. The matter has been taken up with AFHQ.

10. Military Travel Authorization.

(a) Sections and Branches concerned have been informed that AFHQ has issued instructions that applications for MTA's and Travel Orders should be made to G-2 Section. Applications for Travel Orders only should be made to G-5 Section. This procedure will ensure the receipt at this Headquarters, of M.T.A's and Travel Orders at the same time.

(b) A supply of MTA application forms forwarded to all Regions.

(c) Major Bennett, AFHQ G-2 Section called. No special problems now exist in connection with the issue of MTA's. The system of dealing with applications is now operating satisfactorily to AFHQ.

//. Entry into Italy.

An increased number of applications are being received from Swedish Industrialists to enter Italy. The Italian Legation in Stockholm has issued visas to enter Italy without reference to AFHQ who alone may authorize entry into Italy. This matter has been taken up with the Political Section.

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12. Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta.

Capt. Carlo de Dominicis, Knight of the Order, has been appointed to cooperate with Mons. Ego O'Flaherty in dealing with Headquarters Allied Commission.

All concerned so informed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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Lot 502  
30 January 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 30 January, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Policing of Trains.

A directive has been forwarded to R.P.S.O.'s on the subject of policing of trains and railway stations in Italian Government territory, together with a draft circular by the Italian Director of Public Security addressed to Prefects on the same subject. It is hoped that this will have the effect of preventing incidents which have occurred in the past, where Allied Officers have been concerned. Copies of the Directive has also been forwarded to Provost Marshals, AFHQ and 15th Army Group, for information.

2. Questura Officials for the North.

The Italian Director of Public Security has been requested to submit up to date lists of questura Officials for the North.

3. Transfers.

Several transfers of Questura Officials have been dealt with. In this connection, there is a marked reluctance of officials to be transferred to districts which are still under Army Control. For instance, two senior officials nominated as questore for Forli, were "sick" when arrangements were made for them to go forward. Lack of readily available transport facilities also delays them being sent forward as quickly as may be desired.

4. Mission Pay.

Approval has been given By Finance Sub-Commission to the payment of "Mission Pay", which enables Public Security Officials to be granted a special rate of pay when transferred away from their homes.

5. Civilian Compensation Claims.

Cases have occurred where Civilians have requested assistance and compensation for injury and death suffered as result of assault, etc, by French Moroccan troops. A specific case has been submitted to AFHQ asking

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for direction on policy and procedure to be adopted in dealing with such cases.

#### 6. Personnel.

It/Col Boherty (B) after being with 5th Army, AMG. for several months, is coming to Headquarters Allied Commission, and his position as Chief Public Safety, 5th Army is being taken by It/Col Bye (B).

#### 7. Austria Planning.

Four senior British Police Officers are expected from United Kingdom for a short visit to this theatre in connection with Austria planning.

#### 8. Piceno Group Italian Army.

The return of the Piceno group, on loan to CC.RR. for police duty, is going forward. Arrangement are being made by AFHQ in conjunction with MMIA. The 500 Congedanti formed in Sardinia who were engaged on Public Safety duties are due to leave Cagliari on 30 January, 1945.

#### 9. CC.RR. Strength.

The ceiling of 55,000 Carabinieri has been reached during the past week. Personal representation has been made to AFHQ with a view to increasing the ceiling to 65,000. This recommendation was supported by the Chief Commissioner. However, in view of the fact that the original ceiling was set by the combined Chiefs of Staff no variation can be made at present by AFHQ. This problem has formed the subject of a special report and a recommendation will be made by AFHQ during the coming 14 days with a view to the raising of the CC.RR. ceiling. Pending this decision steps are being taken to ensure that CC.RR. strength does not exceed 55,000. Accordingly, as men are recruited or returned to the service after screening, from liberated areas, over age and temporary duty personnel are being discharged.

#### 10. Clothing of CC.RR.

The 140 tons of CC.RR. clothing from Bari and Naples will arrive in Rome during the first week of February. It will be allotted to regions in forward areas and transportation arrangements made in conjunction with 5th and 8th armies and Transportation Sub-Commission.

#### 11. Seizure of Arms and Ammunition.

On the 25th January, 1945, at 6.10 A.M. Rome Carabinieri visited the offices of the Movimento Comunista d'Italia where after searching the premises quantities of Arms and Ammunitions were found hidden behind a false wall built inside the premises. The premises were unoccupied and no arrests were made but enquiries continue to establish ownership and responsibility for possession. The following items were seized:-

40 Rifles  
 5 Sub-machine Guns  
 100 Hand-grenades  
 20 Mortar Bombs  
 30 Packages explosive material  
 1 Box Rifle ammunition.  
 200 Packages Rifle ammunition

On the 27 January, 1945 Rome Carabinieri carried out a <sup>SEARCH</sup> in Via Fornovo n. 12 office of the "Proletarian Union". Among other things the following arms and ammunition were seized:-

1 Complete Machine Gun Fiat caliber 9  
 21 Bombs Italian "Fa."  
 5 Bombs German Mfg.  
 4 Mitra "Beretta"  
 5 Rifles Model 38  
 9000 cartridges for mitra "Beretta" with relative loaders and ammunition boxes  
 90 loaders for rifle mod. 38 (540 cartridges)  
 350 cartridges for machine gun rifles  
 30 cartridges for pistol mod. 89  
 240 cartridges for German pistol "Mauser".

## 12. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

### (a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Appointment of a new Provincial Director of Lucca Provincial Seat agreed to, subject to satisfactory screening. Steps are being taken to appoint a new Provincial Commissioner of Perugia.

### (b) French Delegations.

List of vehicles at the disposal of the French Delegations approved for the issue of circulating permits.

### (c) Knights of Malta.

Dealt with applications for renewal of circulating permits, and other matters relating to the motor vehicles at the disposal of the Order.

## 13. Control of Civilian Movement.

(a) Major Daly Lewis of G-2, AFHQ, called and discussed questions relating to civilian movement. He thought sympathetic consideration would be given to an application to reduce the restricted zone. It was agreed that it would be useful to meet with 15 Army Group in about three weeks.

(b) S.C.A.P.O., AMG Fifth Army, also called. He is not in favor of introducing a special pass for entry into Army Zone. Executive Memorandum No. 77 should retain its present form when revised.

(c) AFHQ has made a request that passes issued to members of the Central Italian Government should be forwarded to them for counter signature.

(d) Prepared letter of instruction specifying additional restrictions on the movement of civilians in the Army Zone.

14. Issue and Use of Civilian Tyres.

Transportation Sub-Commission further discussed the question of the issue of Tyres, and the problem of dealing with those to whom tyres have already been issued. It was suggested the persons in possession of tyres should be obliged to denounce them to R.A.C.I. within a specified time. A receipt should be given at the time the tyres are denounced. The receipt should be regarded as their authority to use the tyres pending the issue of a regular authorisation. A dead line would be fixed when all receipts would be invalidated and only regular authorisations recognised.

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23 January 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.  
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 23 January 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

The appointment of Ing. Giovanni GRACIONI as Provincial Commissioner of the RACI Provincial seat at Pisa agreed to with the Central Seat and Toscana Region and approved by this Headquarters.

2. Control of Movement.

(a) Discussed with the Ministry of Interior the question of re-activating the P.S. Commissariato at Ports where passengers arrive and depart with a view to exercising an effective control at the Ports. The Ministry will furnish further details as to their duties etc. The matter will then be put up to AFHQ.

(b) AFHQ has confirmed that the Italian Foreign Office has no authority to give permission unilaterally for travel to Italy from other countries.

3. Military Travel Authorizations.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by G-5, AFHQ all MTA applications dealt with by Liaison Branch will be registered in Public Safety before submission to G-2 AFHQ.

4. Defascism.

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Close contact has been made with the Expiration Committee of agencies connected with this Sub-Commission, and some time spent with them dealing with the compilation of fortnightly returns. Liaison has been made with Land Forces Sub-Commission respecting figures concerning senior ranks of the CC.FI., and arrangements have now been made whereby the Ministry of War will submit such returns direct to this Sub-Commission. Generally speaking, progress can be considered as satisfactory, the slower progress being in the actual Expiration Committee after cases have been

referred to them. Transport and Communications difficulties are blamed for this, and must be ready to appreciate this. Also it can be said that every case referred is thoroughly investigated, and the possibility of miscarriage of justice appears remote. This eagerness to be scrupulously correct in judgment also accounts for the time taken for referred cases to be completed. It is pleasing to state that all concerned have shown themselves very helpful and co-operative.

#### 5. Personnel.

An urgent request for RM/OR clerks for duty in P.S. Offices in Bailis Region has been referred to the Establishments section.

#### 6. Conduct - Allied Troops.

(a) Several cases of stealing of standing timber and wood in Foggia Province by Allied troops has been referred to JMR, with a view to strong action being taken to prevent recurrences.

(b) Incidents of trespassing on the Royal Estate at Castel Pergiana were reduced from 4 in November to 2 in December. The Commanding General R.A.A.C. has stated that vigorous action to detect and punish the offenders will be taken in all cases reported.

#### 7. Prisons.

Reports have been received that in some of the Provinces the S.E.P.R.A.I. has not been informed of the increase in Rations for Prisoners as of 1 January 1945. Regional Public Safety Officers should see that all Provinces are informed.

#### 8. Piceno Group Italian Army.

Urgent operational requirements of the Italian Army for reinforcements, necessitate the immediate return of troops of the Piceno Group at present on loan to the Carabinieri. The only personnel not affected will be the Montegrano Battalion in Sicily. The men of this Battalion are all over age personnel and it has been agreed with JMR that they shall remain attached to Carabinieri pending their release to civilian status.

The Piceno Group will be made available to the Italian Army at the same stations as they arrived and were taken over by CC.RR., that is, Naples, Ortona, Rome and Bari. The actual moves will take place soon after the 28th January 1945.

#### 9. CC.RR. Strength.

Although by the end of the month the Carabinieri will have exceeded their authorized ceiling of 55,000 urgent representations to JMR for an increase to 65,000 received no reply. 372

Land Forces Sub-Commission have expressed alarm at the possibility of more than 55,000 rations being drawn but since some 5,000 CC.RR. (absent

on leave, etc) are not included on the ration strength, no immediate measures are called for. However, the problem of making arrangements to ensure that rations are not drawn in excess of the authorized strength is being studied.

#### 10. Port Police.

The resumption of passenger services by Italian vessels plying between Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland has raised the problem of policing the ports. A service performed prior to Allied occupation by the Fascist Port Militia. The Ministry of the Interior is willing to revive the old system under which Agents of Public Security and Carabinieri were stationed at ports to check the identity and credentials of passengers arriving and departing. These port police will be under the control of a Commissario responsible to the Questore. Allied Port and Security authorities are being approached to obtain their approval before the service is re-established.

#### 11. Liquidation of the Hunchback of Rome.

Investigation into the murder of a British Corporal, a member of the Carabinieri and three civilians, established them to be the work of a gang headed by one 'Il Gobbi' (The Hunchback) whose Headquarters were in two of the Capital's poorest districts, Borgo dei Quatticciolo and Borgo dei Cardiani, the latter being situated above some ancient Roman Catacombs whose ramifications are spread over a wide area.

A raid was staged to take place on the 13th instant, but on the 16th the Hunchback while endeavouring to break into a Villa was shot and killed by a Carabinieri.

The raid, as planned, was successfully carried out with some 1000 Carabinieri and Agents of Public Security taking part. 25 of the Hunchbacks gang were arrested and 700 persons detained for interrogation and for possessing firearms. Also a large quantity of firearms, ammunition and explosives were seized. The arrest of the greater part of the gang, to whom was accredited a large number of hold-ups and extortions should have a deterrent effect on criminal elements in the Capital.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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Ext : 502

AG/14056/2/PS

16 January, 1945.

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 16 January, 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Strength of Carabinieri.

The Carabinieri methods of compiling strength returns have been revised to bring them into conformity with the system employed by the Ministry of War. At the same time, much fuller information is being obtained regarding the different categories of Carabinieri. Efforts are being made to reduce the number of "mobilised" Carabinieri, that is, Carabinieri performing provost duties, who are a dead weight from the point of view of policing the civil population.

2. Railway Police.

A scheme prepared by the Ministry of Communications for establishing a Railway Police Force of 5000 men is now being examined. The main problem is to determine how far it will be necessary to retain the Public Safety machinery which now exists under the control of the Ministry of the Interior.

3. Mobile Battalions.

(a) Movement has commenced of armoured vehicles for the two Mobile Battalions in Sicily. 12 light tanks have been loaded at Cagliari, Sardinia, and will arrive direct by sea at Palermo on 21st January 45.

(b) Application has been made for a mobile battalion in Sardinia. 12 3 ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles will be required. Commanding General CC.RR. is training men for this battalion and it is anticipated that it will be formed before the proposed "call up" for military service in Sardinia. When the battalions are functioning properly in Sicily and Sardinia, application will be made for further battalions on the mainland at *1000*

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Naples and Rome.

4. Clothing.

With very minor exceptions, all clothing allotted to CC.FR. has at last been released from Italian Military Stores. Transportation Sub-Commission is dealing with a bid for the movement of 80 tons of clothing from Bari and 60 tons from Rome. On arrival, priority will be given to Carabinieri in forward areas, who, although they have had a first issue, are still in need of other items of clothing and equipment.

A bid has been made to the new A.C. Priorities board for clothing and boots in respect of all civil police agencies.

5. Forging Allied Military Currency.

Some concern has been expressed at an increase of forged Allied Military Currency in Toscana Region and Florence Province. Public Safety Officers there are alive to the situation, and a recent case investigated by officers at Siena and Rome, resulted in some important arrests and confiscation of forging plant and forged notes. Negotiations are proceeding with A.F.A. respecting the reporting of these cases and disposal of forged notes that have been recovered from circulations.

6. War Graves.

As a result of strong representation from this Headquarters, reports are being received from civil police agencies respecting locations of Allied War Graves. A procedure for reporting these cases from Regions direct to Army formations has been prepared, but in many cases the procedure is not being complied with, resulting in added and unnecessary labour at this Headquarters. A memorandum on the subject has been addressed to Regional Commissioners.

7. Defascism.

Officials at the Directorate of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior, and the Committee for Epuration of A.P.S., have been interviewed, and advised on the alteration of pro-forma, compilation of records, and on the necessity of completing certain investigations by the allotted dates.

8. Agents of P.S.

A special application for 2500 pairs of repaired boots has been received from the Italian Director of Public Safety, urgently required for A.P.S. The application has been forwarded to Cornetti Sub-Commission with a strong recommendation for approval.

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9. De-requisitioning of Garage.

A reply has now been received from Regional Commissioner Lazio Umbria Region that an application from this Sub-Commission for the de-requisitioning of the Central A.P.S. Garage cannot be consented to at the present time.

10. Questore Officials.

(a) Arrangements have been made for a new Questore to proceed to Pistoia this week.

(b) Application has been made for the appointment of a new Questore for Ravenna, and arrangements are proceeding.

(c) Various transfers of questore officials are in hand.

11. Issue of Permits.

Came to notice that the Ministry of Communications issued an instruction to the effect that circulating permits for trucks would be issued without any formality. As this is contrary to all previous instructions agreed to between this Headquarters and the Italian Government, the question has been taken up with the Ministry concerned.

12. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia

Reported that a new Provincial Director of R.A.C.I. has been appointed at Lucca without reference to this Headquarters. The Central Seat is not in agreement with the appointment and the matter has been taken up with S.O.A.O. AME Fifth Army.

13. Military Railway Services. (MRS)

In the early days of the occupation of Rome, motor vehicles used by the M.R.S. carried certificates issued by them to ensure their freedom of movement. It came to notice that vehicles without permits continue to circulate with these certificates. The M.R.S. having advised that arrangements now exist for the issue of permits, instructions have been issued to eliminate from service those vehicles that circulate without them.

14. Control of Movement.

Applications have been received from French Industrialists to enter Italy. Economic and Political Section consulted and AFHQ advised not to permit their entry for the time being.

15. Issue and Use of Military Tyres.

Transportation Sub-Commission have further discussed the matter with this Sub-Commission who advised that the matter should be closely tied up with the issue of circulating permits to ensure

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that the best use is made of the tyres.

16. Disorders in Sicily.

Disorders, in protest against enforcement of the call up, occurred in Ragusa, Agrigento and Syracuse Provinces, requiring the use of CC.RR. and Italian troops and resulting in death, injury and destruction of property, but as the week closed, the situation appeared somewhat quieter although hardly under complete control. It is felt that further disorders can be anticipated. G-5 AFHQ has been kept informed by daily Sitrep signal.

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Ext 502  
9 January 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 9 January 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Disorders in Ragusa Province, Sicily.

The Public Safety high-light for this period was the disorders in Ragusa Province, Sicily, which resulted from enforcement of the Military Service call-up, and began with minor disturbances on 3 January, 1945, which, on 6 January, 1945, developed to serious proportions. Early reports received by telephone from Z.I.S.C. Sicily Region on 7 January, 1945, were to the effect that conditions were serious in the towns of Vittorio, Comiso, and Modica, that 100 Italian Soldiers had been disarmed by the populace, that further troops were being dispatched, that unconfirmed reports to that time indicated 4 Italian Soldiers and 8 G.C.M. killed. Headquarters, G.C.M. Rome reported that all communication lines had been cut. Subsequent signal from three District dated 8 January, 1945, states situation quieter, General Ronco in command. Reinforcements, 200 troops arrived at Ragusa from Syracuse and sustained casualties 1 killed, 13 injured, 8 missing. Three rioters killed. 16th Artillery Regiment attacked at Comiso. Complete details of these disorders are awaited.

2. Police.

The strength of Carabinieri has now reached the authorized ceiling of 65,000 men. It must, however, be pointed out that from the Public Safety point of view this figure is deceptive as some 6000 men are ineffective (being absent or leave or sick) while another 2500 men are attached to the Italian Army for Provost duties. None of these men are available for Public Safety duties.

For many months this Sub-Commission has been pressing for the ceiling of the G.C.M. to be raised to a minimum of 65,000 and it seems that a decision cannot be delayed much longer. In the meanwhile the measures already adopted for increasing the Carabinieri strength are continuing.

3. Mobile Battalions.

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The transport for the two Mobile Battalions in Sicily has now been allotted. 21 three ton trucks have been made available from the Italian Army and proceeded from Naples to Sicily during this past week. 12 Armoured

vehicles are being supplied from Sardinia and 12 from Lecce. The movement of these vehicles is not yet completed but is being expedited by AFHQ.

4. Boots.

A new policy has been agreed with Land Forces Sub-Commission on the issue of repaired boots to CC.RR. An allotment of boots will be made by the Minister of War at the rate of 10% of the Strength, at present this will be 5,500 pairs. These boots will be issued by CC.RR. Legion Commanders as replacements for old boots. The old boots will then be returned to the Minister of War for repair and a further issue of 5,500 pairs will be made. This scheme is continuous, and taken in conjunction with the allotment of 20,000 pairs of boots since 3rd October, 1944, should clear up the difficulties that have been experienced in the past.

5. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Reale Automobili Club d'Italia

Considered various aspects of motor vehicle registration with the Central Seat, and confirmed the fact that as a matter of policy, the provisions of the Italian law must be enforced on all occasions.

(b) Military Railway Services.

Motor vehicles have been seen in circulation carrying "stickers" issued by the Military Railway Services, but without standard permits. This matter has been taken up with the Services in question.

6. Control of Movement.

Complaint made by S.C./A.C. 5th Army that passes are issued by A. Questura di Roma to places adjacent to the Rear Army Control Line without clear justification. Matter taken up with Minister of Interior.

Agreed with Land Forces Sub-Commission that Italian Military Personnel proceeding on leave to Sardinia will not be required to be in possession of civilian passes providing they are in possession of military passes endorsed by AFHQ Liaison Officers.

The French Embassy have consulted this Sub-Commission with a view to obtaining early permission for French industrialists to enter Italy. Matter taken up with Industry Sub-Commission.

7. Personnel in Regions.

Re-assignments of Senior Public Safety Officers previously indicated have been reviewed, so that the position is now :-

Lt. Col. Boherty remains CFS 5th Army AHC  
Lt. Col. Pickering remains S.C./A.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region  
Lt. Col. Bellock posted to AFHQ for Austria Planning

8. Personnel for Austria.

Nominations of Public Safety Officers to be earmarked for service in Austria were made and submitted.

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9. U.S. Claims Offices.

A list of U.S. Claims offices, with details of the procedure for submitting claims, that is claims by civilians against U.S. Forces, other than in circumstances arising from combat activities, has been obtained and forwarded to the Director of Public Security, for the information of persons who may be affected.

10. Sale of Clothing by ex POW

Cases have recently come to light in Southern Region of persons being arrested for being in possession of Allied Military property. On investigation it was found that the property had been purchased from prisoners of war repatriated from India Kenya & elsewhere. The property had been purchased by the POW before repatriation. Under this circumstances, the charges could not be proceeded with. Representations have been made with a view to these articles being suitably marked before purchase by the POW.

11. Transmittal of Correspondence.

The question of procedure on the transmittal of correspondence on behalf of the Italian Director of Public Safety into 8 Army area has been the subject of correspondence between this office and AM 8 Army.

12. Questore.

A Questore has been nominated to act as a Liaison Officer with the R.F.S.O. Toscana Region, and is shortly taking up his duties.

A Senior Official has been sent to Pesaro and Rimini to re-organize the Questura there. The R.F.S.O. Southern Region has commended six Questura Officials at Naples for their outstanding work in connection of a number of persons who were forging AM prison release warrants.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

2 Jan 1945

During the week ending 2 January 1945, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Military Call-up and disturbances in Sicily

(a) The disturbances in Sicily arising out of the call-up for the Italian Army have subsided. The High Commissioner for Sicily has ordered an investigation of the conduct of the Carabinieri during the Catania riots. Allied Commission has expressed to the Italian Prime Minister concern at the inability of the Italian Police to control the disturbances in Sicily and has asked what measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence. It has also been suggested that the Government should announce to the Italian people that it is the intention of the Government to preserve law and order by every means of its power and by force if necessary. Both the Director General of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior, and the General Commanding the Carabinieri have been requested to conduct a thorough investigation into police action in Sicily.

(b) Reinforcements have been sent to Sicily. They include:

- i. The 786 men of the Montegrano Battalion of the Italian Army for transfer to Carabinieri.
- ii. The 600 men of the Calabria Division, Italian Army transferred directly by sea from Cagliari, Sardinia.
- iii. 300 Carabinieri transferred from the mainland as follows.  
100 from Rome, 100 from Naples, 100 from Bari.

2. Mobile Battalions CC.RR.

AFM have now agreed to the formation of Mobile Battalions of CC.RR. and transport for battalions at Palermo and Messina has been made available from the Italian Army through Land Forces Sub-Commission. 24 three ton trucks were sent by road from Naples to Sicily on 1st January 1945. 24 Armoured vehicles will also be sent in the near future. The operation of these two Mobile Battalions each of 500 men should do much to control public order in Sicily.

3. Prisons.

The new ration scale for prisoners went into effect on Jan 1, 1945. It is now 250 grams of bread per day 50 grams of pasta per day and 100 grams of tinned meat per week.

4.

Circulation of Motor Vehicles.(a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Steps being taken in conjunction with the Central Seat and Regional Commissioners to appoint a Provisional Commissioner of the Provincial Seat at Pisa, and a Provincial Commissioner and Director of the Provincial Seat of Perugia. Questions relating the suggested increases in RAGI fees were referred to Finance Sub-Commission now considering revenue matters.

(b) Rome Passenger Transport Vehicles.

Prefect has now published decrees establishing a Transport Committee to regulate the passenger transport system in the City of Rome. The Regional Public Safety Officer and the Provost Marshal will organize a drive to eliminate all vehicles circulating without proper authority.

(c) Requisitioning of Vehicles.

The Italian Government Requisitioning Agency is being pressed to reply to a suggestion that they should agree to the principal that motor vehicles with proper circulation permits should not be requisitioned.

5.

Control of Movement.

Stencil prepared for signature of V.P. ascending Memorandum relating to "Territorial Boundaries" consequent upon information received from 2 Army and DOCAO.

6.

Identity Cards for Import Receiving Agents.

At the request of Economic Section an identity card was drafted for use by Import Receiving Agents at Military Ports.

7.

Military Travel Authorizations.

The number of applications for M.T. Authorizations dealt with at this Headquarters is steadily increasing.

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26 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 26 December, 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Issue of bollettari to all provincial RACI seats completed.

(b) Vehicles used by Vatican, Knights of Malta and Republic of San Marino.

Instructions relating to the circulation of these vehicles signed by V.I. and issued.

2. Movement of civilians.

Conference with military Railway Services (Brigadier Sghera) with regard to the issue of passes to Railway employees. In agreement with AAI, the Military Railway Service will issue a special pass to senior officials. This pass will cover movement on railway property and freedom from curfew restrictions. Standard Civilian Movement passes issued by AME/AS or the Questori will be used for all other purposes.

3. Military Travel Authorisations.

AFHQ, G-5 Section, discussed the possibility of channelling all applications for Military Travel Authorisations emanating in this theatre through Public Safety Sub-Commission.

4. Personnel.

Capt. J.E. Hughes (A) has proceeded to Sicily on temporary duty in connection with recent disturbances there.

5. Questura Officials.

A request from AME 5th Army for an official to be appointed as Questore at Pistoia is being dealt with.

6. Disturbances in Sicily.

After a week of minor demonstrations against the Military Call-up in Sicily disorder has now subsided.

Most of the demonstrations occurred in the centre of the Island and in the south east provinces of Ragusa and Syracuse. The total number of demonstrations reported was 73, 40 of which passed off without any untoward incident occurring or damage being caused. The number of dead and injured to the 21st December, 1944, totalled:-

Dead 4 civilians  
Injured 25 civilians and  
6 police.

It was anticipated that 8000 men would present themselves for call up, but only 1000 have so far reported.

In view of the resistance a proposal has been made by the Military Commander Sicily that further call-ups be suspended and that those who have failed to report be arrested and brought before the Military Tribunals, one of which will be established in each District (each province). After being sentenced it will be possible for the Minister of War to offer them the opportunity for service in lieu of sentence.

The 500 men of the Montegrano Battalion of the Piceno group are being transferred to Palermo. They are seasoned Alpini troops and will be attached as CC.M. On arrival they will be dressed in CC.M. uniform and provide a valuable reinforcement to the present CC.M. strength.

7. Clothing for CC.M.

During the past week CC.M. have transported clothing to the north. In addition allotments have been made available at Rome for Liguria and Emilia regions who will make their own transport arrangements. Land Forces Sub-Commission have expedited the issue of clothing by the Italian Military Stores, and the position is steadily improving.

8. Seizure of Arms and Ammunition in Rome.

On the 22 December 1944, the CC.M. raided a number of houses in the Tor Marancia district in the southern section of Rome where it was suspected the quantity of arms and ammunition was being illegally stored. The raid resulted in the undermentioned weapons being seized.

3 Sub Machine guns  
24 Rifles  
7 Carbines  
8 Pistols  
24 Hand-grenades  
2 tubes of Coblite  
32 cans of petrol  
1 Radio transmitting set.

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In a building occupied by the local branch of the Communist Party the following items were found:

- 1 Rifle
- 5 Rounds of Ammunition
- 52 tubes of Cellenite
- Some spare parts of weapons

175 persons were detained for questioning and eventually 12 were arrested and charged with being in illegal possession of arms and ammunition. Enquiries are proceeding against 27 other persons with a view to prosecution.

  
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17 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 19 December 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Disturbances in Sicily.

(a) The Italian Army call-up of men of the 1914-24 age group has aroused widespread resentment in Sicily, particularly among students.

(b) The first demonstrations were reported in Palermo on the 11th December, when some handgrenades were exploded outside the Municipal Offices, without causing much damage. On the following day, some hundreds of students demonstrated in the entrance hall of the University of Palermo, carrying such slogans as: 'We will not serve as gun-fodder'. An attempted procession through the streets of Palermo was dispersed by the police.

(c) On the 12th and 13th December, other demonstrations were held in Enna, Ragusa, Trapani and Messina, but no serious incidents occurred.

(d) On the 14th December, about 500 demonstrators, led by students, gathered in front of the Italian Military District Headquarters in Catania to protest the call-up. A handgrenade was thrown by an unknown person killing one civilian and injuring another. Fires were started and the Town Hall, Tribunale, and Tax Office were gutted, while other buildings, including the Military Call-up Headquarters, were damaged by fire. Further demonstrations were attempted in Catania on the 15th December, but were repressed by the police. The total casualties in Catania on the 14th and 15th December, are reported to be: 1 civilian killed and 18 injured; 3 CC.RR., and 5 agents of Public Security injured. 27 arrests were made.

(e) On the 17th December, demonstrators again attacked the Town Hall in Catania. CC.RR. opened fire killing two civilians. 100 Italian troops have been placed at the disposal of the civil authorities in case reprisals are attempted. On 18th December, the situation in Catania was quiet. The new Prefect of Catania left Rome by plane on the 17th December. It is reported that disturbances were taking place in various parts of the island on the 18th December but no details are yet available.

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(f) A.F.M.-I. have been requested to displace, by the quickest possible means, the 300 troops of the Montegrano Battalion, Italian Army, who are to augment the CC.NR. legions in Sicily.

(g) It is reported that while the disturbances originated as a protest against the military call-up, economic and political dissatisfaction is also being ventilated. The situation was not improved by the fact that the Military Call-up came at the same time as the High Commissioner's order to agricultural producers to consign 25 kilos of grain per person to ease the food shortage.

(h) It is said that the call-up came as a surprise to the Sicilians who had not been prepared by suitable publicity. The 1914-24 classes were to have been called up in three batches - on the 15th December, 1944, 3rd January, 1945 and the 12th January, 1945. It is estimated that only approximately 200 men in Sicily have answered the call-up.

(i) Many grounds of protest have been advanced, chiefly,

- 1) that the Sicilians have no wish to participate in the war,
- 2) that they are unwilling to bear arms against Italians in the north,
- 3) that the Italians are still treated as enemies by the Allies,
- 4) that the Armistice terms have not been made public,
- 5) that young men called up refuse to abandon their families to starvation,
- 6) that the call-up should not have coincided with the Christmas festivities.

(j) At the request of Sicily Region, an additional Public Safety Officer is being sent to Sicily on temporary duty in connection with these disturbances.

## 2. Mobile CC.NR. Battalions in Sicily.

By agreement with EMIA the Minister of War has agreed to place at the disposal of the CC.NR. in Sicily two cars, twenty-four trucks and twenty-four armoured vehicles. This will enable two mobile battalions to be formed, each consisting of 500 CC.NR. commanded by a Major. The mobile battalions, whose Headquarters will be at Palermo and Messina, will be used for patrolling the Island and will prove particularly valuable when reserves are needed quickly at the scene of a major incident.

## 3. Training of CC.NR. N.C.O.'s.

Arrangements are being made to hold a course of training for 300 CC.NR. N.C.O.'s at the Central Training School in Florence. It is hoped that the course will commence on the 15th January, 1945.

## 4. Agents of Public Security.

(a) Representations to Lazio-Umbria Region for the restoration of the Ministry's Central Garage and attached barracks resulted in the whole of the

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premises, with the exception of the garage, being returned to the Ministry's use. Strong application is being continued to have the garage returned.

(b) Approval has been given by APRA for a certain amount of arms to be released for the equipping of Agents of Public Security.

(c) The Decree which reconstitutes the Corps of Agents of Public Security has been published in the official Gazette.

(d) Various transfers of Questura Officials have been approved and one official sent to forward area.

#### 5. Personnel

Nominations of personnel for Service in Austria were completed.

#### 6. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

##### (a) Diplomatic Vehicles.

Letter of instruction with regard to the use of Diplomatic Vehicles, and the special type of permit and identification plate carried by them prepared for signature of V.P.

##### (b) Vatican, Knights of Malta and Republic of San Marino Vehicles.

Letter of instruction with regard to the use of these vehicles, and the special type certificates of Registration and identification carried by them prepared for signature of V.P.

##### (c) Reale Automobile d'Italia.

(i) Arrangements are being made for the Director of Siena Provincial Seat to carry out an inspection and audit at all the provincial seats in Toscana Region with the exception of Florence and Pistoia. The Director of Florence to carry out an inspection at the provincial seats at Pistoia, Forli and Ravenna as and when opportunity occurs.

(ii) The Commissioner reported good progress in dealing with matters relating to the personnel and the finances of the Club. He has been in close touch with the chamber of labour and the Finance Ministry in connection with these matters.

(iii) Bolletteri (Tax receipts carried on the windscreen of motor vehicles) dispatched to provincial seats in both AC and AO territory.

#### 7. Control of Movement.

(a) Letter prepared and issued relating to territorial boundaries.

(b) It has come to notice that the drivers of motor vehicles operating by Truck Pool, Poggia, are not issued with movement passes when traveling in the Restricted or Army Zones. Matter taken up with P.C., Southern Region.

2. (c) The Regia Aeronautica continues to issue passes to Italian personnel proceeding to Army zone on leave. Matter taken up with Air Forces Sub-Commission.

7. Issue and Use of Military Types on Civilian Vehicles.  
Transportation Sub-Commission has suggested a conference between the Italian Government and Public Safety and Transportation Sub-Commission to discuss the matter.

8. Military Travel Authorizations.

Executive Memorandum No. 61 dated 13 December, which cancels Executive Memorandum No. 61 dated 25 May, 1944, and establishes a new procedure for dealing with applications for MTS's, dispatched to Regions. Summary of the instructions also dispatched to the Italian Ministries.

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12 Dec 1944

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SUBJECT: Weekly Notes.

TO: Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 12 December 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Transfer of Italian Military.  
Units of the Piacenza Group have been moved to Carabinieri Regiment Headquarters during the past week. The move to Casale Monferrato has not been possible owing to disorganization of rail traffic by floods. A.A.I. have now agreed to the move of the Montegrano Battalion to Ancona, and one unit has already moved. The rest of the Battalion will be transported by rail from Vercelli to Ancona between 1st and 24th December 44. Army responsibility ceases at the railhead, but Transportation Sub-Commission have arranged trucks to complete the move to Carabinieri Headquarters.
2. Fire and Civil Defence.  
(a) Information concerning the Anti-fire services in the North is being collected from the Ministry of the Interior. This will be supplied to Regional Planning Staffs, and the particulars concerning Emilia have already been forwarded.  
(b) 24 U.S. vehicles are being fitted with water tanks and used as civilian fire apparatus. When completed they will be used in connection with fire extinction both civil and military, and also to transport water for hospitals and other military establishments. Two pools of vehicles have been formed at Naples and Rome where they await call to forward areas.
3. Scientific Police School.  
Efforts are being made to re-establish on a sound basis the central registry of criminal records which was destroyed by the Fascists and Germans. Experiments are being carried out which may radically improve the system of finger print classification. Questionnaires throughout the country are being furnished with what limited supplies of fingerprint material are available. The Allied Security Services who take advantage of the facilities offered by the School have been asked to provide photographic material. Pressure is being brought to bear on the Ministry of the Interior to take more interest in the scientific laboratory, which is woefully short of apparatus.
4. Consular Officials.  
Discussions have taken place with Commerce Sub-Commission and the Italian Foreign Office with a view to dealing with Consular Officials, with regard to the issue of permits and P.O.I. in much the same manner as diplomats.

5. Restoration of Bus lines to Sicily.  
A meeting was called by Economic Section at which the question of restoring bus services to Sicily was discussed. Representatives of the Italian Government were present. They were informed that this HQ is not in favor of the lines being restored at present.
6. Passenger Carrying Vehicles in Rome.  
It is expected that a Traffic Commission will shortly be established under orders issued by the Prefect. The orders will provide for ATAC to exercise control over all vehicles carrying passengers, and for the users of roads vehicles to carry trip tickets issued by the Ufficio Trasporti di Roma. Rigorous police action will be instituted one week after the publication of the orders.
7. Renale Automobile Club d'Italia.  
Vollstari (tax receipts carried on the windcreens of motor vehicles) prepared for issue to Provincial Seats in both AMG and Italian Government territory.
8. Control of Movement.  
Issue of Passes by French Commander in Rome.  
It has come to notice that the Commander of the French Forces has been issuing passes purporting to give freedom of movement to civilians and vehicles. The matter was taken up with the French Representative of Allied Commission.
9. Restricted Zone.  
AFHQ having advised that Viterbo is now within the Free zone, a letter informing all concerned of this was prepared for signature of V.P.
10. Italian Red Cross.  
Recommendations submitted as to the manner in which applications from CRI Officials should be handled.
11. Passio di Via, issued by Ufficio Trasporti di Roma.  
Come to notice that these are being used in lieu of movement passes. Letter regarding this matter prepared for signature of V.P.
12. Prisoners.  
A new scale of rations for Prisoners has been approved with the following changes. Bread is increased from 300 grams to 350 grams per day and 100 grams of tinned meat per week is now added. Other changes are anticipated.
13. Personnel.  
In some of the Regions not yet activated, the full establishment of U.S. Officers has not yet been assigned, due to necessary transfers etc, and Regions have asked for the assignments to be made now. Owing to further possible transfers, it has been decided not to earmark or assign any further officers to the non-activated Regions at present.
14. Questori and A.P.S.  
A request has been made by AMG 5th Army for a Questore and other Questura Officials to be sent to Forli. The necessary transfers are proceeding.

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Printing Machines.

The Italian Director of P.S. has requested assistance to obtain a linotype machine and equipment for the more efficient printing of the "Bollettino delle Ricerche" the means by which the Police Circulate particulars of wanted persons etc. Enquiries have been made and it is ascertained that the possibility of obtaining such machines and equipment is very remote. Suggestions as to making use of other Government facilities or privately-owned premises, which may meet the situation, have been offered.

16.

Questura Inspection.

Arrangements are in hand for an Inspector of the Italian Public Security Department to visit the Questura at Macerata.

17.

Prostitution.

The Italian Director of Public Security continues to urge the police to direct their efforts to combat prostitution, and a recent decree has strengthened the law in respect to the use of premises for that purpose and for importing.

18.

Light for Police Buildings.

Information has been received from the Electricity Control Board that as far as possible all police buildings in the Rome area will be put on preferential circuits for electric lighting.

19.

Street Lighting.

Enquiries were made as to the possibility of street lighting being provided, as a help towards Public Safety measures. The Electricity Control Board has intimated that this is not possible at present.

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WAR GRAVES.

Correspondence has passed between this Head Office, AAI and AFHQ, on the subject of the reporting of Allied War Graves by Police Agencies. A procedure has been adopted and a directive forwarded to Region Commissioners.

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5 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 5 December 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with.

1. Recruiting.

The details of a recruiting scheme has now been agreed with Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA). 4% of the men accepted into the army in each district will be enrolled as Carabinieri. It is planned that a representative officer of the CC.MR. will be present at each district and will have the option of selecting the most suitable men, with priority after the Combat Groups and specialists, but before other categories of reinforcements; this is provided the recruit volunteers for enlistment into the CC.MR. As soon as the men have been selected by the CC.MR. representative they become a CC.MR. responsibility. From the moment they will be lodged, clothed fed and transported under CC.MR. arrangements and from CC.MR. sources. It is anticipated that 1000 recruits for CC.MR. will be obtained by this scheme in the period December/January.

2. Transfer of Italian Military.

Arrangements for the transfer of the Piacenza group of Italian Army into the CC.MR. are going forward and should be completed during the coming week. Regional Commissioners concerned have been informed and CC.MR. legions are prepared to receive the units concerned.

3. CC.MR. Resistance in Movement Control.

174 CC.MR. awaiting employment in territory yet to be occupied are being made available forthwith to GS7 (b) 8 Army to assist in the control of civilian movement for Army Security purposes. They will perform duty under their own officers with PS Section throughout the Army area including areas handed over to AMG Regional Control.

4. Railway Police.

The Ministry of the Interior has prepared a plan for recruiting 1800 Agents of Public Security to form a Special Railway Police Section. Until these men can be recruited and trained a body of ex-railway employees will be used.

5. Firearms.

It has been pointed out to the Italian Government that the existing regulations which require civilians merely to declare to the police the existency of firearms in their possession is an inadequate safeguard under present circumstances. It has been suggested that no civilian should be allowed to possess a weapon unless he has been granted a permit by the Police.

who should satisfy themselves that the applicant is of trust worthy character and has a legitimate reason for having a weapon.

The Italian Government is now considering making regulations of this nature.

6. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

(a) Intifical Commission for Refugees. Meetings have taken place between the Commission, Refugee Branch, Commerce and Public Safety Sub-Commissions, with a view to regularizing the issue of motor vehicle permits and POL to the Commission which works on a national level. Hitherto the Commission has dealt with Lazio-Umbria Region Headquarters.

(b) Real Automobile Club D'Italia. Questions dealt with relating to the appointment of a Provincial Director at Pistoia, and a Provincial Commissioner and a Provincial Director at Perugia. Prince Filippo CARACCIOLO, newly appointed Commissioner and Dott. Giovanni RIGGI, General Secretary, called at this Headquarters, and discussed general matters relating to R.A.C.I.

Comm. D'Amico, Director R.A.C.I. Palermo Seat, called and reported upon the work of R.A.C.I. in Sicily Region.

7. Control of Movement.

(a) Aliens. Agreed with Security Division that no special restrictions necessary in the case of movement outside the Army Zone apart from those already imposed under General Order No. 27 and Italian Government decrees.

8. Ration of Soap. Prisons

In agreement with Industry Sub-Commission the ration of soap for prisoners has been set at 150 grams per person per week; the maximum allowed by A.F.M.Q.

9. Personnel.

Changes in Regional Public Safety Officers of Abruzzi-Marche Region, Lazio-Umbria Region, and O.P.S. AMG 5th Army, are in the course of being made, and orders have been issued accordingly.

10. Agents of Public Security.

(a) Transfer of Agents of Public Security. The transfer of approximately 100 Agents of Public Security from Lucca and Pistoia to Rome is contemplated and arrangements for their transport are being instigated.

(b) Request for Questori. An urgent request from AMG 8th Army for a Questori and other Public Security Officials for Ferli has been received and is receiving immediate attention.

(c) Lighting for Police Training Schools. Lighting for the Police Training School is still not satisfactory and an auxiliary generating set with which it was hoped to remedy matters has not come up to expectations.

(d) Requisition of Garage. Information has been received that steps are being taken by a Section of this Headquarters to requisition a garage belonging to the Agents of Public Security as a store. This is receiving attention.

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28 Nov 1944

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 28 November 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with:

1. CIRCULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) Pontifical Commission for Refugees. Enquiries are in hand with regard to motor fuel allocations and the issue of circulating permits for vehicles used by the Commission. The Commission is part of the Vatican organization and concerned with refugees in all parts of Italy. This matter has not been dealt with at this Hq. although it was previously agreed that all matters relating to the use of vehicles by the Vatican should be dealt with at Hq. level.

(b) Reale Automotile Club D' Italia. At the request of the Central Seat, and in agreement with the S.C.A.O. and R.C. concerned, arrangements were made for the transfer of Dott. MARINI from the Provincial Seat at Teramo to the Provincial Seat at Pesaro.

2. CONTROL OF MOVEMENT.

(a) Adjustment of Rear Army Control Line. A.A.I. informed this Hq. of an adjustment to the Rear Army Control Line. S.C.A.O.'s and R.C.'s were informed by cable. A letter amending Executive Memorandum No. 77 was submitted for approval of V.P. C.A. Section.

(b) Irregularities in connection with issue of Passes. Recent reports from S.C.A.O.'s Armies indicate that a good deal of laxity has developed in connection with the issue of movement passes. A letter drawing attention to this matter was submitted to V.P. C.A. Section for approval. It is intended that the letter be given a wide distribution.

3. MILITARY TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION.

A new Executive Memorandum based on an AFHQ directive, was prepared and submitted for approval.

4. USE OF MILITARY TYRES ON CIVILIAN VEHICLES.

A scheme for controlling the issue and use of military tyres on civilian vehicles was prepared and referred to Transportation Sub-Commission.

5. PERSONNEL

(a) Two officers of Public Safety have been specially assigned to Southern Region in connection with the olive oil harvest law enforcement.

(b) One officer has been assigned for special duties in connection with investigation and prosecution of offences to be tried by AMC Courts in Southern Region.

6. 24th November, 1944. Information was received from AFHQ that the transfer of the Piceno Group of the Italian Army to the CC.RR. would take place; personnel to be released for return to normal military duties on the 15th February, 1945. Discussions have taken place with NSIA on this subject and the movement of the unit concerned to Sicily has been suspended. AFHQ being informed. In place of the Italian military personnel it is proposed to allot certain Italian military vehicles: 25 lorries each holding 20 men, and 20 light tanks each holding two men. These vehicles will be supplied by Land Forces Sub-Commission (NSIA) through the Ministry of War. The number of Piceno Group to be transferred is 156 Officers, 3,666 ORs on the mainland and 25 Officers, 475 ORs to Sardinia; Total 181 Officers, 4,141 ORs. The effect of these transfers will be to make an equivalent number of CC.RR available for the north. It is not proposed to transfer the CC.RR thus made available. They will remain with their present Groups pending the liberation of the north.

7. Every effort is being made to increase the strength of CC.RR. In the near future, 3,500 volunteers from the Italian Army will be transferred to the CC.RR. Also 1,500 recruits are under training, so that at the beginning of 1945 a further 5,000 men will be available for CC.RR service. The Chief Commissioner has agreed to a scheme for recruiting CC.RR from men called up for the Italian Army. The details have still to be agreed with Land Forces Sub-Commission, but long discussion of various recruiting schemes have shown that the one under consideration is the only system likely to produce definite results. It is understood that the intake to CC.RR. would be on an agreed percentage of the total "call-up" and that specialists and technicians likely to be of value to the Army would be excluded.

8. Movement of CC.RR. clothing to the north is still going on, and arrangements are also being made for collection of various items from stores by transport provided by northern regions.

9. Efforts are still being made to arrange electric lighting for Police premises during the hours of darkness, in particular at the school of Agents of Public Security.

10. Steps have been made for clothing for all police agencies from a stock held by F.B.S. Details of allotments are not yet known.

11. The question of Railway Guards in the south is still under consideration with the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior and in particular it is hoped to arrange that the Special Railway Police force of 600 men, formed in Sicily, be considered as Agents of Public Security.

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21 Nov 1944

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 21 November 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been dealt with:

1. Agents of Public Security - Recruiting.  
The new recruiting program is progressing very favorably and the first class of instruction at the Police School is up to full strength. Other recruits are being assembled at various points.
2. Discipline, Public Security.  
As a result of a conference between the Italian Director of Public Security, V.S., C.A. Section and Director Public Safety Sub-Commission at which measures for increased efficiency and morale of Police Forces were discussed, the Minister of the Interior has set up a special office for investigating complaints made by the public against Public Security Agents.
3. Administration Public Security.  
The Italian Director of Public Security has issued an "Order of the Day" to the Corps of Agents Public Security calling on all ranks to make every effort to improve efficiency and morale of the corps and to respond faithfully to the measures being contemplated by the Government and Allied Commission in that direction.
4. Italian Government Requisitioning Agency.  
Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region, reported a case of a motor vehicle with a regular permit being requisitioned by the Agency. Hitherto the principle had been accepted in both Italian Government and Allied Military Government that motor vehicles in respect of which permits had been issued should not be requisitioned as the permits denoted that the vehicles in question are essential to the needs of the community.  
This matter was taken up with the General Pettorelli, Head of the Agency, who saw the reasonableness of this, and agreed to de-requisition the vehicle which was the subject of the report from the Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.
5. Reale Automobile Club D'Italia.  
Notification has been received that in accordance with a "Decreto Inogotenenziale" dated 6 November, 1944, Prince Filippo Caracciolo has been appointed Extraordinary Commissioner of R.A.C.I. In accordance with the same Decree Prof. Patrucco is nominated Vice-Commissioner.  
Prince Caracciolo has appointed a Dott. Ricci as General Secretary. Avv. Cataldo who has been acting as General Manager, has left the services of the club.  
The above appointments were made without the prior knowledge of this Headquarters.

6.

Motor Fuel Ration Cards.

This Sub-Commission and Commerce Sub-Commission have been in consultation with the Italian Government with a view to the adoption of a new type of petrol ration card (or book) which will contain numbered coupons related to particular vehicles. The use of the new type of coupons will enable a more effective control to be exercised over fuel supplies. The Italian Government who are in agreement with the proposal will submit draft coupons for consideration in due course.

7.

Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta.

Let Sec of A.F.M.S. has approved the proposal to deal with the Order on a Headquarters level.

Certificates of Registration have been issued in the case of those motor vehicles registered by the Order and bearing the special S.M.O.M. registration plates.

Arrangements are being made for the issue of standard circulating permits in the case of those vehicles used by the Order which bear Italian State registration plates.

8.

Prisons.

Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Grace and Justice that all Italian Military Prisoners serving over 30 days will be transferred to former Italian Military Prisons which have passed from the Ministry of War to the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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14 November, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 14th November 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety matters have been dealt with :

1. Communist meeting.

On Sunday 12th November 1944 an open air meeting was held by the Communist Party to celebrate the 27th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. A crowd of 15,000 people assembled at the Palatine Hill and were addressed by Communist and Socialist Party leaders including Fogliatti and Nenni. The speeches were chiefly concerned with promoting greater unity between the Communist and Socialist parties. No inflammatory remarks were passed and the meeting was very well conducted. The crowd dispersed without incident.

2. Transportation for Public Security Officials.

Two cars and drivers have been allocated by the Italian Director of P.S. for conveying Questura Officials on tours of inspection, etc.

3. Police Training School.

This Institution in Rome was visited on 10 Nov. 44 by Col. A.E. Young Deputy Director of Public Safety and Lt. Col. A.F. Wilcox, Police Section and a portion of the training program observed. Preferential electric service is essential to this training program but efforts to obtain such service has to date been unsuccessful. Improved service in the near future is hoped for.

4. Questore newly assigned.

Dr. Nicolosi, left his old post at Penevento on 12 Nov. 44 to assume new post at Pisa. Mr. Rovella, appointed temporary Questore for Aquila, assumed that post on 19 Nov. 44.

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5. Questure inspection.

Arrangements made for Dr. Messina, Inspector, Ministry of Interior, P.S. to proceed to Terni, Perugia, Ancona and Ascoli for the purpose of inspecting Questure at this places.

6. CC.RR. Strength for North Italy.

Although there is no immediate call for CC.RR. in the North, arrangements are in hand to increase strength to 55,000 as soon as possible. Though AFHQ has approved transfer of the Piceno Div., Italian Army to CC.RR., the actual movement has not taken place, pending decision on release date, presently set at 31 December 44. It is considered essential that the military should remain attached to CC.RR. for an indefinite period or until strength of 55,000 is reached. Discussion between Chief Commissioner and AFHQ continues and agreement in principle in the near future is hoped for.

7. New Recruiting Plan for CC.RR.

It is planned to recruit CC.RR. at rate of 1000 per month, if possible, for emergency war time duty; this will involve coordination with Land Forces S/C (MMIA) as general call-up for military service probably will be required. Land Forces S/C (MMIA) have already approved transfer of 3,000 soldiers, or approximately 2 % of present army strength, to CC.RR., these men to be selected by CC.RR. Officials visiting military units. The Minister of War has reacted favorably and early transfer of these soldiers (all volunteers) is hoped for. Special training schools will not be required; training to be given at Legion and Group Hqs. to which these men will be assigned.

8. Repatriation of CC.RR. & Finance Guardia P.V.

10 Officers and 500 Ems, CC.RR., 10 Officers and 300 Ems Finance Guards, former Prisoners of War in North Africa have been repatriated, landed at Taranto and attached to Bari Legion, and after training will be distributed throughout Southern Italy.

9. Railroad Police Guards.

The matter of forming Railroad Police guard for certain sections of railroad in Southern Italy to be turned over to A.C. from military control, has been discussed with the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior.

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10. Electric Service in Police Premises, Rome.

Lists of all Police Premises in Rome have been sent to Vice President, Economic Section, with request for daily 24 hour electric light services.

11. Motor Vehicles Permits.

The form of permit to be issued for the period commencing 1 January, 1945, has been agreed to with the Italian Government.

It has been decided to adopt a standard permit for use in AMG and Italian Government Territory and arrangements for the printing of all permits will be the responsibility of the Italian Government.

The headings "Allied Military Government" and "Italian Government" will no longer be printed on the permits.

12. Rome Automobile Club d'Italia.

Questions relating to the appointment of new Directors of the Provincial Seats at Ancona, Naples, Pisa, Pistoia and Sicily were discussed with the Central Seat and the S.C.A.O's and Regional Commissioners concerned.

A letter of instructions to Regional Commissioners has been prepared with regard to the procedure to be followed in appointing Provincial R.A.C.I. Commissioners and Directors.

13. Requisitioning of Motor Vehicles.

Regional Commissioner, Lazio Umbria Region, reported that the Italian Government ~~is~~ requisitioning motor vehicles with standard permits. It has been ascertained that the vehicles in question were requisitioned by order of General Pettorelli, of the newly created Italian Government Requisitioning Agency.

As a matter of principle, motor vehicles in respect of which regular permits have been issued should not be requisitioned, and the matter is being taken up with the General.

14. Control of Civilian Movement.

Numerous complaints have lately been received from S.C.A.O's Armies with regard to certain laxities which have developed in connection with the Control of Civilian Movement.

A directive to all concerned has been prepared covering the matters raised.

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7 November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending 7th November 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety matters have been dealt with :

1. Rations for Public Safety Agencies.  
On 1st November 1944 all Public Safety Agencies were placed on an increased ration scale equivalent to that enjoyed by the Italian Army.
2. Strength of CC.RR.  
It was learnt from AFHQ (G 3) that the 5000 troops allotted to reinforce the CC.RR. will be withdrawn on 31st December 1944. This will mean that they will be attached to the CC.RR. for little more than a month and therefore they will be useless for the purpose for which they were required, namely, to release 5000 trained CC.RR. for policing Northern Italy. Until this ruling is reversed the scheme has been suspended.
3. Railway Police.  
It has been announced that sections of railway in Southern Region will shortly become the responsibility of the Italian authorities and that military guards will be withdrawn. Since the trains will be conveying food and other commodities intended for the rehabilitation of the Italian civilian population it will be necessary to provide guards to protect the trains. Discussions are taking place with the Director General of Public Security Ministry of the Interior with a view to training approximately 500 railway employees as a Railway Police Section. A proportion of the L.C.O.s of this Section will be Carabinieri.
4. Flashlights for Police.  
2800 flashlights and 3400 batteries have been obtained for the use of Police agencies on night duty, particularly in Naples Port and at road blocks, etc. Further requisitions are being submitted for an issue to be made to police in the forward areas.

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5. Circulation of Vehicles in Rome.  
 With a view to establishing a more rigorous control over motor vehicles circulating in Rome, Public Safety Division (Lazio Umbria Region) and the Provost Marshal's Office have arranged to step up a system of check blocks, and Transportation Division will provide for impounded goods vehicles.

The Minister of Communications has been asked by this Sub-Commission to submit a plan to deal with the passenger transport problem in Rome, and it was agreed not to interfere with the unauthorized carriage of passengers by good vehicles until the Minister has had an opportunity to submit his plan. It is intended either to stop the carriage of passengers by goods vehicles or subject the traffic to a measure of control.

6. Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta.  
 A "certificate of registration" has been designed for issue in respect of those motor vehicles used by the Order, which bear the special registration plates issued under the authority of a convention signed by the Order and the Italian Government. The special registration plates bear the letters S.M.O.M., a number, and the Maltese and Red Crosses.

7. Reale Automobile Club D'Italia.  
 With the concurrence of this Headquarters, Dott. PALMA Luigi of the Central Seat is carrying out an inspection and an audit of the Provincial Seats at Ancona, Macerata, Ascoli Piceno.

A Rag. MONTEMARANI Emilio has been nominated by the Central Seat to the vacant post of Director of the Ancona Provincial Seat. This Headquarters agreed with the nomination and the matter has been referred to S.C.A.O. Eight Army.

The R.M.A. TRIPOLITANIA has referred to this Headquarters questions relating to the transfer of documents from R.A.C.I. Italy to R.A.C.I. Tripolitania in the case of those vehicles registered in Italy but used by owners now in Tripolitania. The matter has been taken up with the Central Seat.

Questions relating to the importation of vehicles by Consulates has also been taken up with the Central Seat. As a matter of policy this Sub-Commission holds the view that all civilian vehicles used by all Consulates, and Embassies must comply with existing Italian Law.

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Ref. AGC/14056/2/PS.

31st October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

To : Civil Affairs Section.

During the week ending the 31st October, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been under discussion:

1) Palermo disturbances. No repercussions have followed the incident at Palermo on the 19th October, when 26 persons were killed and 156 injured. The situation is now normal.

2) Strength of Carabinieri. Final agreement has been reached for the transfer of 5,000 Italian troops to the Carabinieri. 500 soldiers will be sent to each of the ten Carabinieri Legion Headquarters in Southern Italy. The transfer has already taken place in Sardinia and it is hoped that the movement of the remaining troops will take place shortly.

It has been ruled that the soldiers will return to Military duties on the 31st December, 1944. This is not practicable as it would mean that the soldiers will be available for less than two months. Accordingly the matter has been taken up with A.F.H.Q. and the 31st March, 1945 has been suggested as a release date.

3) Clothing of Carabinieri. The transport of Carabinieri clothing to the Florence Replacement Centre is continuing, a further 970 overcoats having been delivered on the 26th October. Further issues of clothing will be transported to Florence as soon as they are made available at Bari and Naples.

4) Electric light at Police stations. Steps are being taken to provide electric light in police stations and barracks

5) National Police Guard. The Council of Ministers have passed a Decree renaming the Corps of Agents of Public Security: "Guardia Nazionale di Polizia". The strength of this body will be increased by recruiting former members of disbanded militias whose character and abilities have been found to be satisfactory after screening.

6) Central Police School in Rome. On the 30th October the first course of instruction for Public Security Agents recently recruited was commenced in Rome.

7) Bulletin. The first printed Police Bulletin (Bollettino delle Ricerche) was circulated by the Ministry of the Interior to all Police Agencies in Italy. This Bulletin gives descriptions of persons wanted for crime.

8) New Questore for Ascoli Piceno. Dott. Luigi Daga has been appointed Questore of Ascoli Piceno where the position has been temporarily filled by an Acting Questore.

9) Policing the Frontiers. Discussions have taken place with the Director General of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior and the Commanding General of the Royal Finance Guards with a view to preparing plans for policing the frontiers of northern Italy. These plans are being co-ordinated with the Finance Sub-Commission who are concerned with the enforcement of customs and excise regulations.

10) Press Propaganda. On the 30th October, Col. Young addressed the Editors of the Italian Press in Rome on the Public Safety situation in general, calling upon them for their co-operation and goodwill in restraining the unjust criticism to which the Police has been subjected in the Press for some time past.

11) Military Travel Authorisations. Discussions have taken place with A.F.M.Q. and Political Section with a view to establishing a new procedure for dealing with applications for Military travel authorisations. A new directive will be prepared shortly.

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12) Circulation of Motor Vehicles. Discussions have taken place with Commerce Sub-Commission (Petrol Division), Provost Marshall, RAC, and R.F.S.O., Lazio Umbria Region with a view to establishing more rigorous control over vehicles

circulating in Rome without proper permits.

Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta. The Order enjoys special privileges in Italy which include the right to maintain its own motor vehicles register and issue special registration plates for motor vehicles belonging to the Order. In conjunction with Commerce Sub-Commission, a plan is being prepared for the issue of motor fuel rations and circulation permits for these vehicles, on similar lines to the plan which applies in the case of Vatican City State registered vehicles.

Motor vehicles used by French Forces. Civilian motor vehicles used by the French Forces are now circulating with a special type of permit issued by the Commanding General French Forces. The vehicles do not bear military vehicle marks nor carry permits issued by Allied Commission. It appears that the French Forces were not fully aware of the regulations in force relating to the circulation of civilian type vehicles. They are now taking steps to correct the situation as rapidly as possible.

Reale Automobile Club d'Italia. Arrangements were made for Dott. Palma of the Inspectorate staff of the Central Seat to visit the Provincial Seats of Ancona, Macerata, Ascoli Piceno and Perugia. Regional Commissioner Abruzzi Marche Region raised a question as to the scale of salaries to be paid to R.A.C.I. employees. Labour Sub-Commission and the Central Seat were consulted on this matter and the Regional Commissioner was duly advised on the results.

13) Control of Movement. Information was received from AMG Armies that irregular passes are being issued by the Polish War Relief and the Pontifical Commission of Refugees. This question was taken up with the bodies mentioned and it is hoped that there will not be any further cause for complaint.

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24 October 1944

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SUBJECT : Weekly notes.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. During the week ending the 24 October, 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been under discussion.

(a) Palermo disturbances.

During the early part of the week there were sporadic strike and demonstrations against the high costs of living in Palermo.

On the morning of the 19 October strikers attempted to call out on strike other elements, including youths and boys. Some raiding of food shops took place. At about 1230 hours a crowd collected outside the Prefettura to demonstrate. An official, not yet identified, called for the assistance of Italian troops to protect the Prefettura building. One officer and 36 men arrived in trucks at the Prefettura, when, it is alleged, two hand grenades were thrown by the crowd, exploding underneath the truck. Nine soldiers were wounded. The soldiers replied with hand grenades and rifle fire. Sixteen civilians were killed and 104 were wounded.

At no time was the situation out of control.

The incident aroused some resentment against Italian troops. On the 20 October crowd of about 1000 civilian threw stones at Italian troops guarding the U.S. Naval Base in Palermo. The Italian troops replied with rifle fire and hand grenades. There were no serious casualties. As a precautionary measure British and United States military and naval units withdrew Italian soldiers guarding their installations and replaced them with allied guards.

On the 21 October the Italian Police raided the Separatist Headquarters in Palermo and arrested 10 persons in connection with illegal printing of propaganda leaflets.

No incidents occurred when the funerals of the victims took place.

It has been agreed that no additional Carabinieri will be sent to Sicily but representations have been made for the return of the Battalions of Italian garrison troops recently withdrawn from Sicily.

(b) Strength of Carabinieri.

Discussions are still proceeding between AFHQ and AAI

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regarding the transfer of 5000 Italian troops to the Carabinieri. It is proposed to attach the troops to Carabinieri Legions in Southern Italy thus releasing an equal number of trained Carabinieri to police the north of Italy. At the moment the prospects appear encouraging.

(c) Clothing for Carabinieri.

On the 23 October the following articles of clothing were sent to the Carabinieri Training School in Florence for equipping the men waiting to move into the northern provinces.

500 pairs trousers  
200 overcoats  
1000 pair boots  
3000 shirts  
8600 pair socks  
4000 pair pants

(d) Rations for Public Safety Agencies.

Arrangements have been made for the rations of all Public Safety organizations to be increased from the heavy workers scale to the Italian army ration scale from the 1 November 1944. It is hoped to arrange that the additional cost will not be borne by the personnel.

(e) Prisons.

The central director<sup>3</sup> of prisons at Naples will be abolished on the 15 November by agreement of the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

In the near future all military prisons will come under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

(f) Vatican State Motor Vehicles.

The Vatican has carried out a revision of all Vatican State Registered Motor Vehicles. Steps are being taken to insure that no vehicle circulates as a Vatican Vehicle without proper authority.

(g) Reale Automobile Club D'Italia.

On the 23 October Dott. Farina of the Central Seat proceeded to Florence to take up the duties of Director of the Florence Provincial Seat of the Reale Automobile Club D'Italia.

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(h) Motor Vehicle Registration.

Consultations have taken place with the Ministry of Communications regarding the registration of Motor Vehicles which were sold to the present owners as hulks by the Allied Military Authorities.

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17 October 1944

Ref. ACG/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly notes.

TO : V.P., C.A. Section.

1. During the week ending 17 October 1944, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been under discussion :-

(a) Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.  
Questions relating to the appointment of Directors to the Provincial Seats at Ancona, Arezzo, Ascoli Piceno, Florence and Pesera have been discussed with the Central Seat and the Regional Commissioner and S.C.A.O.'s concerned.

(b) Circulating of Motor Vehicles.  
Steps have been taken to regularise the circulation of motor vehicles by the French Forces and the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta.

(c) Public Safety in Toscana.  
Some anxiety has been expressed on condition of Public Safety in Toscana Region. Representations made by the Regional Public Safety Officer to have a Regional Questore appointed, were not recommended by this Sub-Commission, but as an alternative, the Ministry of the Interior was asked to nominate a Questore who would act as liaison Officer between the R.P.S.O. and Questori in the Provinces. Such an official has already been nominated and R.P.S.O. Toscana informed to take necessary action.

The Ministry of Grace and Justice has also been asked to appoint an Italian official to be in charge of Prison and Penal Institutions responsible to and working under the direction of the R.P.S.O.

Arrangements are in hand to temporarily attach to Toscana Region, two Public Safety Officers for duty at Livorno, where extra assistance is urgently required at this stage.

(d) Questura pool for North.  
The Director of Public Security has supplied a further list of officials recommended for service in the new regions as they become occupied. These Officials are being screened and everything possible being done to have them ready at short notice.

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

10 October 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

1. During the week ending 9th October, the following matters relating to Public Safety have been under discussion:-

(a) Strength of CC.RR.

After consultation with G-3 and G-5, A.F.H.Q., proposals have been submitted to the Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q., that 5,000 picked Italian troops, fully equipped, be transferred to the CC.RR in order that 5,000 CC.RR may be released for police work in the industrial north of Italy. The transfer will be on a temporary basis until the strength of the CC.RR can be brought up to its authorized ceiling by normal methods. The 5,000 Italian troops will be distributed among Legions in Southern Italy. No final decision has yet been reached.

Recommendations have also been made with the support of G-5 A.F.H.Q., for increasing the CC.RR ceiling from 55,000 to 65,000, with authority to raise the ceiling to 70,000 if circumstances warrant.

(b) CC.RR. Prisoners of War.

Application has been made to G-5, A.F.H.Q., for the repatriation of 1,000 CC.RR prisoners of war in North Africa.

(c) Visit of Sir Frank Brook.

Sir Frank Brook, D.S.O., M.C., H.M. Inspector of Constabulary for England and Wales and Advisor to the Civil Affairs Directorate, War Office, London, is at present touring Regions in Italy to visit British Police Officers in this theatre.

2. (a) The 5,300 CC.RR now stayed forward into Northern provinces have proved sufficient for immediate needs. AMG 5th Army have asked that no further CC.RR be sent forward until requested. The 1250 CC.RR allotted to Venezia are in the vicinity of Naples ready for movement when required.

(b) Arrangements have been made for the meeting between R.P.S.O's and CC.RR Legion Commanders to take place at Florence at 11 A.M. Friday 13 October 1944.

(c) Since 13th June 44 Agents of Public Security, which includes *Agenti Politici*, have been fed on Heavy Workers Scale C rations. This is considered inadequate, and the Acting Chief Commissioner has now issued instructions that all Public Safety Agencies in Italy will draw rations on a scale equivalent to the Italian Army Ration Scale. This is already received by CC.RR.

(d) Finance Guards and Agents of Public Security are unable to draw uniform from Army Sources, but the provision of cloth and boots is being considered by the Economic Section.

### 3. Agents of Public Security

(a) Newspaper Article. An article in *Il Tempo*, reporting an interview to the Press by the Questore of Rome, in which there appeared statements reflecting on the inadequate strength of Public Safety Agents. In Rome, was discussed with the Director of Public Security. If correct, the article would give cause for concern to the population. The Director stated that the Questore had obviously been mis-quoted and would take action to correct the matter.

(b) Action is being taken by the Director of Public Security to speed-up recruiting for the Agents of Public Security, and re-institution of the Police Gazette. A special extra daily rate of pay has been granted to MCO's and men.

(c) Questura at Florence. Over the weekend, owing to an urgent situation arising at Florence in which the Prefect Alleged that the Committee of Liberation was undermining his authority he made a special request for 6 Questura Officials to be sent immediately. This was done in Consultation with the Director of Public Security, and AMG 5th Army notified of the Alleged situation.

### 4. Personnel.

Action has been taken with a view to ensuring that Public Safety Officers assigned to the new Regions not yet activated and not required for actual planning, are either attached temporarily to Regions for duty or allowed to remain in their present Regions until actually required. An increase of ceiling for Public Safety Officers has been approved.

5. Arrangements are in hand for the appointment of a new Director for the Regina Coeli prison, which is in line with the agreement arrived at the change the entire staff of the prison, and for the disbanding of the ~~Central~~ Prison Directorate.

Continued action is being taken to have Military Prisoners removed from Civilian Prison establishments.

### 6. Circulation of Motor Vehicles.

#### (a) Vatican Vehicles

All requests for circulating permits from the Vatican have not been met.

(b) Diplomatic Vehicles

The issue of permits for Diplomatic Vehicles by the Italian Foreign Office has now been completed. The Italian Government has promulgated a decree under which the Foreign Office will issue new C.D. plates for Diplomatic Vehicles. The issue of the Plates will commence on 15 October and should be completed by 31 October.

(c) Republic of S. Marino

Vehicles registered by the Republic of S. Marino will be permitted to circulate in Italian Territory providing they carry certificates of Registration issued by the R.P.S.O. Emilia Region.

(d) Military Travel Authorisations

The number of applications being received is on the increase. This is largely due to the Italian Foreign Office whose policy is to change their representation abroad as rapidly as possible.

(e) Implementation of General Order No. 33 relating to the surrender of Military Petrol Cans

The necessary orders were issued to the Minister of the Interior and the Commanding General CC.FF and CG.FF.

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

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3 October, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : V.P. Administrative Section.

The following notes on Public Safety matters for the week ending 2nd October, 1944, are submitted for circulation :

Royal Carabinieri.

During the past week the moving of CC.RR. to the forward areas has continued. 1562 left Naples on 1st October for Florence via Leghorn. This completes the allotment to Region 10 (Liguria-Piedmont) and makes 772 available for Region 11 (Lombardy).

The total of 3,300 staged forward is sufficient for present needs, and A.M.G. 5th Army have asked that no more CC.RR. be sent forward until requested by them.

A meeting was held on 2nd October with M.M.I.A., Ministry of War and CC.RR. H.Q. It was agreed to issue clothing and equipment in sufficient quantities properly to equip the strength of 43,000 CC.RR. Each man will have serviceable uniform, overcoat, 2 blankets or comforter, pullover, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of pants, shirt and boots.

A long term policy was agreed which will ensure that in future old Army uniforms and boots are supplied to the CC.RR., for repair in their own workshops.

Arrangements are in hand to transport to Florence the Legion Commanders for the North. A meeting will be held at which Regions and Armies will be represented. The CC.RR. Officers will remain in Florence to organise their new commands.

Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

Consideration is being given to the creation of Regions, following the Compartimentali boundaries of the Ispettorato Motorizzazioni, and the appointment of Supervising Directors.

The Supervising Directors will perform the duties of

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Directors at important Provincial Seats, e.g., Palermo, Naples, Bari, etc., as well as carry out the additional supervisory duties of the Regions under the direction of the Central Seat.

Military Travel Authorisations.

A new draft instruction relating to the issue of Military Travel Authorisations is under consideration.

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

26th September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Weekly Notes.

TO : V.P. Administrative Section.

The following notes on Public Safety matters for the week ending 25th September, 1944, are submitted for circulation:

Royal Carabinieri.

Carabinieri are being moved from the South of Italy to Florence in readiness for the occupation of Northern Italy. Between 5,000 and 6,000 CC.RR have been made available for Regions 9 to 12.

Provisional arrangements have also been made to withdraw a further 5,000 CC.RR from the South and replace them with Italian troops, if more CC.RR are needed in the North.

Police Reformation.

On the 22nd September, 1944, a meeting was held with the Commanding Generals of the CC.RR and GS.FF and representatives of the Ministry of Interior to discuss measures for improving the morale of the police. It was generally agreed a) to train and encourage officers to display initiative and leadership and to keep closer contact between officers and men, b) to obtain the support of the Press in restoring public confidence in the police and c) to set up special staffs to investigate complaints against police officials.

Caruso trial.

On the first day of the trial of Caruso, ex-Chief of Police of Rome, the mob of spectators in the Palace of Justice got out of control, seized Caretta, ex-Prison Director, Rome, one of the principal witnesses, threw him in the river Tiber and then hung his dead body outside Regina Coeli Prison.

The trial of Ceruso was held later without any further demonstration. He was convicted and executed.

#### Prison.

A certain amount of unrest has developed in Regina Coeli Prison, Rome, owing to overcrowding and delay in bringing prisoners to trial before Italian Courts. The Italian Police were called in and the situation is well under control. A number of convicted prisoners have now been transferred to nearby prisons; other prisoners charged with minor crimes have been released on provisional liberty while steps have been taken to speed up the trials.

#### Scale Automobile Club d'Italia.

A pool has been formed at the Central Seat from which vacancies will be filled on the Provincial Staffs both in A.M.S. and Italian Government territories.

It has been reported that Prefects have appointed directors in two instances. All questions relating to the appointment of Directors must be referred to this HQ. (Executive Memorandum No. 51, para. 4).

#### Vatican Motor Vehicles.

Vatican State registered motor vehicles bearing the registration letters "V.S.V." and a number will not carry standard circulation permits. They will, however, carry a Certificate of Registration, printed in the Papal colours - white and yellow. The Certificates bear an indication that the vehicles are Vatican State vehicles and that the vehicles are not to be requisitioned. The Certificates are signed by Public Safety, HQ., ACC. 5327

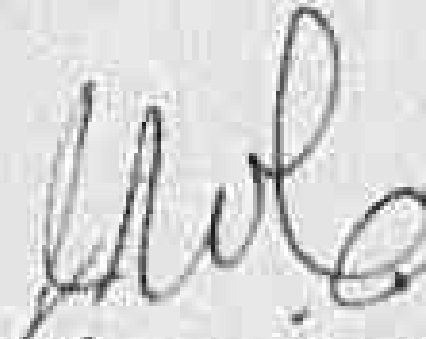
Italian State registered vehicles used by the Vatican will carry standard circulating permits.

Vatican vehicles, whether Vatican State or Italian State registered will draw their POL supplies from allocations made to the Vatican by AFHQ.

#### Diplomatic Motor Vehicles.

Diplomatic motor vehicles will carry standard circulating

permits overprinted with the letters "G.D." These permits will be issued by the Italian Foreign Office irrespective of whether the diplomat is accredited to the Vatican or the Quirinal.

  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN.  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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26 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report.

TO : D.P.S.

1. During the past week arrangements have been made to transport CC.RR to forward areas, and the allotment of strength for Region 12 has been agreed.

2. The figures for the Northern Provinces are as follows:-

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| Region 9  | 1120 |
| Liguria   | 710  |
| Piedmont  | 660  |
| Region 11 | 1510 |
| Region 12 | 1250 |
| Total     | 5650 |

3. The whole of this strength has been made available, and 3300 have been staged forward, with Florence as a holding centre. The CC.RR school at Florence will hold 2500 men.

4. Transport has been difficult, but arrangements have now been made to assemble CC.RR in Naples by rail from the South. They are then shipped to Leghorn, where 5th Army transport completes the journey to Florence.

5. Region 9 is already complete. 1220 CC.RR left Bari on 25 Sept for Naples and will be shipped to Leghorn on about 27 Sept 44. 330 CC.RR arrived at Naples from Cagliari on 24 Sept 44. When these men are shipped to Leghorn for Florence, this will complete Region 10 and make 430 available for Region 11.

6. The 1100 CC.RR required to complete Region 11 are in Rome awaiting the arrival of arms from Taranto and boots from Naples. Transport has been allocated and the men are expected to be ready to move in one week. 5350

7. It is not proposed to move the Rome contingent forward until some of the CC.RR at present in Florence have gone into the field. Too heavy a concentration in Florence will present feeding and accommodation problems.

8. Arrangements are in hand to transfer 5000 fully equipped soldiers to the CC.RR. This would release 5000 trained CC.RR for the North. With this end in view, Region Commanders have been instructed to earmark bodies of 500 CC.RR who will be immediately available for movement if and when the soldiers are transferred. No decision has yet been reached with AFHQ on the policy involved.

9. Regional Commissioners have been informed of the transfers of CC.RR from the South, and a statement of present CC.RR strength and Dispositions in the South will be forwarded in the near future.

*Frank J. Wilson* .M.T.  
FRANK J. WILSON  
Major  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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18th September, 1944.

TO: All Sections.

Reports are required from each section by 10 a.m. on Tuesday each week, commencing Tuesday 26th September, giving any matters of interest for circulation to Regional Commissioners. These reports will also form the basis of the weekly situation reports from A.C.C. to A.F.H.C.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

*Weekly Sitrep file*

9/3.1/AS

19 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Discussions with the Italian Government.

TO : All Administrative Sub-Commissions.

Further to this Sub-Commissions letter 9/3.1/AS dated 22 April 44, and the point brought up at the V.P.'s meeting on Monday 18 Sep 44 - items of interest to A.P. HQ. for inclusion in the weekly Sitrep.

Will Administrative Sub-Commissions submit so as to reach the Admin Sec by 1600 hours every Tuesday commencing 26 Sept 44 (instead of Saturday) a short interesting light précis of the result of any discussions that they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week, or any other points of interest arising in their work during the past week.

*G.R. Chapman*  
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V.P. Admin Section

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AGC/14056/2/PS

18 June, 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly News letter.

TO : Adm. Sec.

Notes for week ending 17th June 1944.

1. Hotel Registration.

Contrary to provisions of Royal Decree Law No. 20 of 20 Jan. 44, hotel patrons were still required to state their race on registering.

This matter has been amended by the issue of a letter of instruction to all Prefetti in unoccupied territory by the Minister of the Interior.

*W.C. Ballance Major*

*for* PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Public Safety  
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June 14, 1944

ACC/14056/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly News Letters.

TO : Admin. Section.

Notes for the week ending 10th June 1944.

1. Minister of the Interior.

A new Minister of the Interior has not yet been appointed. S.E. Solimene continues to deal with Public Safety matters.

2. Fascist Militia.

Royal Decree No. 139 of 9th May 1944 was published on 6th June 1944, revoking a previous decree which allowed ex-members of the Fascist Militias to be admitted into the CC.RR.

3. Expiation Committee.

There are signs that the High Commissioner and his staff are becoming active in collecting evidence against former Fascists.

4. Aliens Order.

A General Order will shortly be published in Military Govt. territory dealing with the registration of aliens and imposing restrictions on the movement of enemy aliens.

5. Questori.

The Ministry of the Interior is considering the appointment of Government Inspectors to visit Questori in Italian Government territory.

6. Firearms

Regulations to compel the declaration of all firearms, ammunition etc., in Italian Government territory are under discussion with the Ministries of the Interior and of War.

7. Prisons

It is hoped that a decision as to evacuating Italian Military prisoners from civil jails will be reached shortly.

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

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ASO/14054/2/PS

June 4, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly News Letter.

TO: Admin. Sec.

The following notes on Public Safety matters for the week ending 3 June 1944 are submitted for circulation.

Motor Vehicles Registration

1. Royal Decree Laws No. 83 and 105 which relate to the obligatory declaration of motor vehicles and spare parts were discussed with a view of the Decrees becoming effective in Italian Government territory on 30 June, 1944.

It was intimated that this Headquarters would raise no objection, and that the question of extending the effectiveness of the Decrees to Military Government territory would be considered.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

May 27, 1944

AGO/14056/2/25

SUBJECT: Weekly News Letter.

TO : Admin. Sec.

The following notes on Public Safety matters for the week ending 27th May 1944 are submitted for circulation.

1. Parliamentary

A Royal Decree disposing of the ex members of the Fascist Militia attached to the C.S.R.R. was passed by the Council of Ministers on 23rd May 1944.

2. Prisoners

By agreement with the Ministry of Justice 100 prisoners from Region VII will shortly be transferred to prison farms colonies in Sardinia.

Measures to hasten the trials of prisoners in Sardinia are under discussion.

3. Civilian Identity Card

An order is being prepared by the Minister of the Interior which will regularize the issue of identity cards. All out photo-graphs.

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A. D. TUNISI, Colonel  
Deputy Chief, Public  
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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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APO 394

May 20, 1944

ACC/14356/2/PS

SUBJECT : Weekly News letter.

TO : Admin. Section.

The following are notes on Public Safety matters which have been dealt with during the week ended 20th May 1944.

1. Military Police.

Discussions have taken place with the Provost Marshal AAI with the object of securing closer co-operation between Military Police and the Italian Police among the points suggested were:

- a) Description of the Italian Police organization and the control exercised by Public Safety Officers be be circulated to all Provost Companies.
- b) Lectures by Public Safety Officers at Military Police Training Centres.
- c) Public Safety Officers to put Military Police in touch with Italian Police officials and arrange meetings to discuss problems of mutual interest.
- d) Extension of the system of joint patrols of Military Police and Italian Police.
- e) Provost Marshal AAI to act as liaison officer between Public Safety and R.A.F. American Provost Marshals.

2. CC.RR and CC.FF Prisoners of War.

Renewed applications have been made for the release of CC.RR and CC.FF officers who are detained as Prisoners of War.

3. Fascist Militia.

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## 4. Rations.

Application has been made to the food Sub-Commission for the Quastura Police, Forest Guards, Fire Service, Prison Guards throughout Liberated Italy to receive Heavy Workers (class "A") rations.

## 5. Prisons.

The Minister of Justice has agreed to appoint 4 Inspectors of Prisons. One in Sicily; one in Sardinia and two on the mainland.

A Royal Decree is being prepared dealing with the release on bail of accused prisoners and the presentation of minor offences by summons instead of by arrest.

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

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ACC/14056/2/PS

May 13, 1944

SUBJECT : Discussions with the Italian Government.

TO : Admin. Section.

The undermentioned points have resulted from discussions during the week ended 13th May 1944.

1. CCRR

The retention of CC.RR who have reached the age limit in being considered.

The system of recalling to duty CC.RR in territory occupied as the Allied Forces advance is being reviewed.

A proposal by the Minister of Agriculture to include CC.RR on communal committees of arbitration in connection with the Amassi system has been vetoed.

Renewed representations are being made to prevent interference by Allied troops with Italian Police.

2. GGFF

General Moricca, Commanding the GGFF will leave by air on 15th May on a tour of inspection in Sicily.

General Moricca is taking stern measures to tighten up discipline in the GGFF.

3. Uniforms for Police.

Requisitions for uniforms and boots for Agents of Public Security, Forest Guards, Fire Services and Prisons Guards have been submitted.

4. Prisons.

The Minister of Justice has been impressed with the urgency of taking immediate steps to reduce the overcrowding of prisons. Among the measures suggested are:

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- b) the appointment of Inspectors to visit prisons.
- c) The repair of damaged prisons.
- d) the institution of prison camps.
- e) the release on bail of prisoners awaiting trial on minor charges.

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Arrangements have been made to obtain through Public Utilities Sub-Commission priority for labour and materials needed in rebuilding prisons.

5. Civilian Movement in Unoccupied Territory.

The Minister of Interior has issued instructions to all Prefetti to publish Orders prohibiting the movement of civilians between Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland of Italy unless in possession of a pass issued by ACC.

6. Motor Vehicle Permits.

At a meeting with AMHQ the Minister of Communications asked what steps could be taken to ensure that a person with a residence in more than one Province did not obtain more than one circulation permit. It was agreed that whenever a permit is issued which does not bear the identification letters of the Province in which the permit is issued, the licence or registration book should be endorsed to that effect. Instructions will be circulated in due course.

7. Fire & CD.

The appointment of a new Director General of anti-Fire Services is being considered by the Minister of Interior.

*A. E. Young*

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

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APO 394

ACC/14056/2/P3

May 7, 1944

SUBJECT : Discussions with the Italian Government.

TO : Admin. Section.

The undermentioned points have resulted from discussions with the Italian Government during the week ended 6th May 1944.

1. Public Safety Prefect.

S.E. Solimene has been temporarily appointed to deal with Public Safety matters in the Ministry of the Interior until ~~his~~ permanent appointment is made.

2. Questori

Discussions are proceeding with the Minister of the Interior regarding the appointment of Questori to fill existing vacancies.

3. Uniforms for Police.

Requisitions for uniforms and boots to meet the urgent requirements of CC.RR and CC.FF have been sent through the Army Sub-Commission to the Italian Army authorities.

Agents of Public Security are not entitled to uniforms and equipment from Italian Army sources. The supply of immediate needs is being pursued with the Minister of the Interior.

4. Director of Public Safety, Sicily.

The Minister of the Interior has been asked to clarify the position of Dr. Modica, Director of Public Safety in Sicily.

5. Rations for Agents of Public Security.

The Minister of the Interior is considering the adequacy of the rations <sup>now</sup> being drawn by Agents of P.S.

6. Finance Guards.

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6. Finance Guards.

Gen. Morricea, Officer Commanding CC.FF, will visit Sicily during the first half of this month and during the course of his inspection will deal with the requisitioning of CC.FF barracks and the shortage of patrol boats.

At a later date Gen. Morricea proposes to visit Sardinia.

7. Prisons.

All possible measures to relieve the overcrowding of prisons are being brought to the attention of AAJ, the Minister of Grace and Justice and the Minister of War.

### 8. Fire Service Transfers.

The Director of Anti Fire Service (U.E. Umberto Petraganani) has confirmed the interchange of the Commandanti of Bari with the Commandanti of Messina.

### 9. Motor Vehicle Registration.

The Minister of Finance will instruct the Provincial Directors of the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia in Kings Italy on matters connected with the issue of bollettari (tax receipts carried on the windshield of motor cars) which have now been standardized in ACC and ACC territories.

### 10. Civilian Movement in Kings Italy.

The Minister of Interior is preparing an Order for publication by all Prefetti restricting the movement of civilians between Sicily, Sardinia and the Italian Mainland unless in possession of a pass issued by ACC or under its authority.

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

### 11. Fascist Militia.

The Minister of the Interior has been pressed to submit a draft decree rescinding the Royal Decree of 4 or December 1943 which permitted ex-members of the Fascist Part and Highway Militia to be admitted to the CC.RR.

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29 April 1944

SUBJECT : Discussions with the Italian Government

TO : Admin. Section.

The undermentioned points have resulted from discussions with the Italian Government during the week ended 29th April 44.

1. Public Safety Prefect.

The new Minister of the Interior has been asked to appoint as soon as possible a Prefect to deal with Public Safety matters at the Government level. A Prefect has not yet been appointed.

2. Fascist Militia.

The Minister of the Interior has been instructed, as a matter of urgency, to prepare a decree rescinding the Royal Decree of 6th Dec. 1943 which permitted ex-members of the Fascist militias to be admitted to the CC.NR.

3. Motor Vehicle Registration.

The Minister of Communications has published Royal Decree No 105 ordering the declaration of all motor vehicles and spare parts. The Minister has been asked to supply copies of the instructions and declaration forms to the Public Safety Commission in order that the question of extending the order to AMG territory may be considered by RC and MG.

4. Civilian Movement.

The Minister of the Interior, the Generals Commanding CC.NR and CC.FF have been requested to issue instructions to all police agencies respecting the control of civilian movement by means of passes and "spot checks". These instructions implement the directive on "Control of Civilian Movement" issued by the Executive Commissioner to Regional Commissioners on 26th April 1944.

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5. Lights on Civilian Vehicles.

The Minister of the Interior and the General Commanding CC.RR asked to issue orders to all police agencies to enforce vigorously the regulations dealing with lights in civilian vehicles.

6. Prisons.

Officials of the Ministry of Grace and Justice have been asked to suggest steps for relieving the overcrowding of civilian prisons.

7. Registration of Fire Brigade Vehicles.

The Minister of Communications and the Minister of the Interior are arranging to issue registrations permits to be carried on all Fire Brigade vehicles. It is expected that the permits will be issued on 1st May 1944.

8. Fire Appliances - Servicing.

The Minister of the Interior has authorized the firm of BERGOMI, which supplies all fire appliances to the Italian Government, to send representations to all Fire Brigades to inspect the machines and supply such spare parts as are available.

9. Fire and Civil Defence Organization.

The Minister of the Interior has issued instructions for the Civil Defence organization to be absorbed into the Fire Service. In unimportant districts the Civil Defence organization will be dissolved altogether. Copies of these instructions have been circulated to Regional Public Safety Officers.

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

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TO : Heads of Police *renewed*  
Prisons *red.*  
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In order to comply with this Administration Instruction, will you please prepare memoranda, and have typed ~~in duplicate~~, by Noon each Saturday, commencing Saturday 29/4/44, particulars of discussion up to and including the previous Friday.

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Major.  
E. O.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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22 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Discussions with Italian Government.

TO : All Admin Sub Comms.

In order that Admin Section can keep Regions informed of what matters are under discussion with the Italian Government and of the progress made in such discussions, all Admin Sub Comms will submit so as to reach Admin Section by 1000 hrs every Sunday commencing 30 Apr 44, a short precis of the result of any discussions that they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week.

S.H. WHITE, Major,  
for CSO Admin.

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REMARKS... *being forward*  
*on 28th April 1944*  
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