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2A	14064/B 30/1/44	To: Region I Forwarding 1A/B.	
3A/E	21/1/44	To: HQ. ABS	Comment Sheets addressed to Collier, Buechner, Santilippo - <sup>by Caracci</sup>
4A-7	Jan	From: Civil Censorship Section - Comment Sheets	
5A-Q	25/1/44 9 Feb 44	From CCS	January Mail of Italian Division with: Jugoslav Army.
6A-L	14064/B 16 Feb	To: REAB. Reg. I - II, IV, V - Civil Matters Censorship	
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8A/O		To: Region I-23.6. Comment Sheets - Censorship	
9A	14064/B 21/2/44	To: R.P.S.D.	Civil Matters, Censorship
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Vice Brigadiere  
ANIELLO GRECO  
CASTELNUOVO

TO Per il Sig. Col. dei CC.RR.  
Comandante la Legione di  
ROMA

10/7/944

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In the Comune of Pomarancia, Maresciallo COSTAGNOLI, station local Commander, has disappeared. It is believed he has followed the Germans. It has been ascertained however, that he was the terror of the "Comune". Many families are in mourning on account of him. There are now in this "Comune" carabinieri who follow the 5th Army. On the ground of all that has been here, allow me to suggest that an officer from the Corps, possibly a higher Officer, may follow closely the 5th Army in order to take the necessary measures and solve such a situation which seems to get worse as you go north, the best he can; and also in order to avoid any unpleasant conflict which would be detrimental to our Glorious Corps.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

T A R A N T O

Taranto, 16th June 1944

Subject: Censorship Intercepts. - Legal Proceedings.To: Regional Public Safety Officer, Region 2.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INFORMATION DIVISION  
A.P.C. 394

SUBJECT : Extract Civilcensorship Report. <sup>2134 / INFO</sup> 7 August 1944  
TO : Public Safety.

1. Attached herewith is an extract from a report received by Civil Censorship Section.

*JV Salieff*  
John V. HINI 3401  
Major, M.I.  
Director

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Brig. CC. C. a cavallo  
DI MARCO GIROLAMO  
Via Pomponio Leto, 2  
R O M A, Italy

TO DI MARCO Cav. Salvatore *305*  
Via della Vittoria 36  
MENFI (Agrigento) Sicily

19 July 1944

ACCUSATION AGAINST C.C.R.R. OFFICERS

The 10,000 Carabinieri interned in Germany (through the vile treachery of some of our superiors principally TABELLINI and CHIERICO) include my Cadet Legion and Squadron almost complete. The Germans and Fascists took away with them horses, saddles, beds, mattresses, everything.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INFORMATION DIVISION

AS 14064  
23 JUN 1944  
JSA

2141 / INF 265A  
20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Extract Civil Censorship Report

TO : Administration Section

1. The attached information was extracted from reports sent to the Information Division, A.C.C., by Civil Censorship Section.

erc glm #3397  
JOHN V. HINDEL  
Major, M.I.  
Director,  
Information Division

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REGIO. 2. HEADQUARTERS

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref \_\_\_\_\_

My ref PS/ 17

Subject Censorship Intercepts. 20 June 1944

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

With reference to your ACC/14064/PS of 22 April 1944, the action taken is indicated in the report of Provincial Police Officer, Taranto, dated 16 June 1944 which is attached.

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Lloyd E. Kelly  
LLOYD E. KELLY.  
Lt. Col. Inf.  
R.P.S.O.

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission

Relia<sup>7</sup> for action/information

C.P.S..... *psk* .....

D.C.P.S.....

Ex. Officer.....

Police.....

Prisons.....

Fire & C.D.....

Regn. & Licensing.....

Adm. Officer.....

Remarks.....

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MITT.

DILIZIO (Capi (o))  
Villa S. Giovanni  
Reggio Calabria

DEST.

DD <sup>JRB</sup> 142 Carabinieri 5 Brigata et  
Carabinieri Terza Divisione  
Napoli

12 June 1944

Translation:

At 0730 hours on 12 June in San Roberto (Reggio Calabria), about 200 persons, mostly women, gathered in the Municipal Square to protest the lack of bread flour on 4 June. They entered the Municipal offices, breaking windows and destroying files. Police living near by arrived quickly and re-established order. The undersigned soon arrived at the place with adequate re-inforcements for further action. Latest news pending. Ministry Interior Headquarters Third Carabinieri Division of Free Italy already informed.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REC.ON 2. HEADQUARTERS 27C

Your ref \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS 17.

Subject Legal Proceedings.

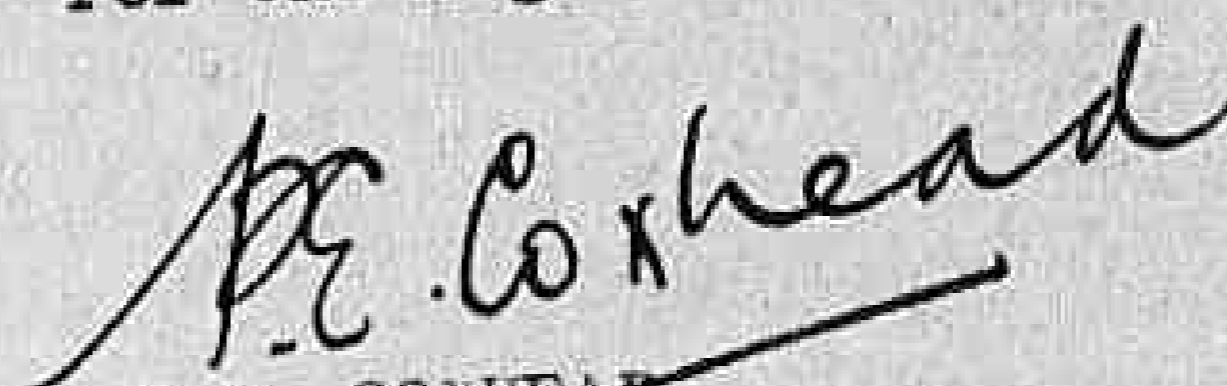
11 May 1944

TO : Provincial Police Officer, Taranto.

With reference to the attached papers, I have seen the Regional Finance Officer and the Regional Legal Officer and they both agree that it would be advisable to confer with the Intendenze di Finanza and the Questori and be guided by their decision in taking the necessary action in this case.

Will you therefore take this line of action and report to me in due course, returning the papers to this Headquarters.

For the Regional Commissioner.



P.E. COXHEAD.

Captain,

Regional Police Officer.

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Bank's Box Lead

Here is a copy <sup>27E</sup>  
of the instructions issued  
by the Italian Government  
regarding opening of safe  
deposit boxes, and a copy of the  
Italian laws dealing with foreign currency etc.  
As however it is possible  
that the reserve fund may  
not be in a box at the  
moment and in any case half  
only of the reserve fund is  
going to be put in the box it  
would appear to be a case  
of are we going to make a  
direct approach to the writer  
or not

*Jm*  
R.P.O. Tananto

Ref.: F / 1601 / 1 / 17

OFFICE OF REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICER

A. C. C. HEADQUARTERS

REGION 2

C. M. F.

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3 May 1944.

Cosenza and Reggio in the proportion 2:1:1 respectively.

Data for the province of Cosenza, which is representative of the area reveals that the state deficit for the month of March as reflected by the actual cash income and expenditure of the R. Tesoreria Provinciale was L. 62million. Since however deposits by other banks on the new, high interest, short term current accounts amounted to L.35millions cash holdings by the Bank of Italy dropped by L.27millions during the month. Information for April is scanty but at the Banks of Italy at Potenza and Cosenza

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

CONFIDENTIAL

23 APR 1944

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22 April 1944

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Censorship Intercepts.

TO : RPSO, Region ~~I~~, II, III.

1. Attached extract from a letter intercepted by the censor is passed to you for information and any action deemed desirable.

*Paul G. Kirk*

PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel, Inf.

Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission

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GALANTINO, Angelo Via Acclavio 37 Taranto, Italy  
 TO: Marchese d'AYALA VALVA, Giuseppe Palace Hotel Lausanno,  
 Switzerland

Comment

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Administrator of large Agricultural estate in Southern Italy  
gives Administrative report to Proprietor living in Switzerland

Sender writes to addressee among other things: 31 March 1944

A. German occupation of estate:

"The second floor and the ground floor of the castle were first occupied by the Staff of a German Armored Division then by a Field Marshal then by the staff of a regiment of Combat Engineers (guastatori) and by a hospital, also German.

B. Financial statements:

"Still with all this increase in expenses and in spite of so many other difficulties which I cannot specify, I have succeeded in liquidation the only debt which the administration owed the Banco di Napoli, our cash balance there amounts to Lire 316,535.

"As regards the reserve fund I am of the opinion that half of it should be put in a private safe deposit box of the Banco di Napoli in Taranto. The other half I want to keep with me. Let me know what you think of this suggestion, because this is a very delicate subject".

Examiner's Comment: It might be presumed, due to visitor's reluctance to put the reserve fund in an open bank account, that the fund may be made up of foreign exchange and/or gold, or other types of property. In any case, if the fund is put in a private safe deposit box it will effectually be outside of any control the Government might enforce on open accounts.

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Salerno 8 March 1944.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

No. 1998/Tes.

To: Intendenza di Finanza and Bank of Italy, Salerno, Lucania, Calabria, and Sicily.

Subject: Safe-box Service with Banks.

This Ministry instructed Bank Institutions through Bank of Italy, inhibiting the reopening of safe-boxes, let on lease to private clients, except with the intervention of a representative of the finance administration.

The aforesaid intervention is required in order to accomplish a verification of the contents of the box, which should not contrast with the provisions of law listed in the attached statement, and it has no further fiscal purpose.

The Intendenza is therefore directed to delegate on of the functionaries of a grade not inferior to the 7th, who will have to be present at the first opening of each safe-box, fixing the hours and the turn for each Bank, to which the functionary delegated will have to betake himself. For this purpose it is suggested to take agreements with the local Bank of Italy.

Whenever the functionary delegated makes sure that there are taken into custody foreign currency, metal, cheques in foreign currency and other values, included in the provisions enacted by the abovementioned decrees, save the exceptions (preseen by R.D.L. 5/9/41 No. 832 and R.D.L. 8/9/1941 No. 1360, he will have to draw up a special minutes in three copies indicating the remarks and the justification (contraaddittorio) of the box-owner; the subject contested will be handed over into custody with the Bank which let on lease the safe-box, pending orders of this Ministry.

The three copies of the minutes will be signed by the box-owner, the representative of the Bank and the functionary, one copy being left with the Bank, one filed with this Ministry and the third will be retained in the files of the Intendenza.

It is required to insure urgently the exact execution, bearing in mind, that the aforesaid provision is one of the clauses stimulated for the turning over of the administration of the freed territories from Allied Government to Royal Government.

The Minister: Jung.

## LIST OF THE DECREES

## RULING THE SALE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AND THE TRADE AND EXPORT OF PRECIOUS METALS.

1. R.D.L. 11/9/1919 No. 1674  
Prohibition of Financial Participation abroad
2. D.M. 26/5/1934 No. 124  
Prohibition of purchasing securities and values on foreign markets; prohibition to export Bank-notes and cheques,  
Obligation for companies to sell to Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero all their foreign credits their foreign securities and shares
3. R.D.L. 8/12/1934 No. 1492  
Obligation to sell to Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero all means of payment, emanating from export.
4. D.M. 8/12/1934 No. 288  
Prohibition to export silver.
5. D.M. 7/5/1935 No. 112  
Obligation for Italian citizens living in the Kingdom to sell to Istituto Naz. per i Cambi con l'Estero their foreign credits and their foreign securities and shares
6. R.D.L. 28/8/1935 No. 1614  
Monopoly of the gold import trade.
7. R.D.L. 14/11/1935 No. 1935  
Prohibition of the export and of the reimportation of State- and Bank-notes
8. D. Intern. 25/5/1936 No. 129  
Integrent provisions for the sale of credits
9. R.D.L. 7/5/1936 No. 1631  
Prohibition of the sale and export of Platinum, gold, silver, pearls and precious stones,
10. R.D.L. 3/9/1941 No. 882.  
Integrent provisions to R.D.L. 3/9/1941 No. 1360
11. R.D. 17/10/1941 No. 1360

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

Salerno, il 8 marzo 1944

N. 1998 / tes.

ALLE INTENDENZE DI FINANZA  
 ED ALLE SEDI E FILIALI DELLA BANCA D'ITALIA DI  
SALERNO e della LUCANIA - CALABRIA E SICILIA

Oggetto: Servizio della cassetta di sicurezza presso le Banche.

Per disposizione data da questo Ministero agli Istituti Bancari, a mezzo la Banca d'Italia, è stata inibita la riapertura delle cassette di sicurezza, concesse in uso ai privati, senza l'intervento di un rappresentante dell'Amministrazione finanziaria.

Si richiede l'intervento predetto per eseguire la verifica al contenuto delle cassette, che non sia in contrasto con le disposizioni legislative elencate nell'alligato, e senza altro fine fiscale.

Si prega pertanto codesta Intendenza di destinare un suo funzionario di grado non inferiore al settimo, perchè assista alla prima apertura di ciascuna cassetta di sicurezza, fissando l'orario ed un turno per ogni Banca, presso la quale il funzionario destinato dovrà recarsi. - A tal uopo sarà bene prendere intese con la locale Banca d'Italia.

Nel caso che il funzionario incaricato riscontri esservi custodito valute, metallo, assegni in valuta estera ed altro contemplato nei divieti sanciti dai decreti suindicati salvo le eccezioni previste col R.D.L. 3/9/1941, N. 832 e R.D.L. 3/9/1941, N. 1360 dovrà redigere un particolare verbale in triplice copia, in contraddittorio del titolare della cassetta di sicurezza; e l'oggetto del rilievo dovrà darsi un deposito all'Istituto Bancario, che ha ceduto in uso la cassetta di sicurezza, in attesa di ordini di questo Ministero.

Le tre copie del verbale dovranno essere firmate dall'intestatario della cassetta, dal rappresentante della Banca e dal funzionario, e di esse una copia sarà lasciata all'Istituto Bancario, una sarà inviata a questo Ministero e l'altra verrà conservata negli atti dell'Intendenza.

Si prega di dare con urgenza l'assicurazione di esatto adempimento, tenendo bene presente che quanto sopra costituisce una delle clausole per il passaggio dell'Amministrazione delle terre liberate dagli Alleati al R. Governo.

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Ritirata copia  
Il Direttore del Banco di Napoli  
firma: illeggibile.

Il MINISTRO  
Jung.

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## DECRETI REGOLANTI LA CESSIONE DI VALUTA ESTERA E LO SCAMBIO ED

ESPORTAZIONE DEI METALLI PREZIOSI

- 1)- R.D. 11/9/1919, n.1674  
Divieto di partecipazione finanziaria fuori del Regno.
- 2)- D.M. 26/5/1934, N.124  
Divieto di acquisto di titoli e valori sui mercati esteri; divieto dell'esportazione dei biglietti di banca e di assegni.
- 3)- R.D.L. 8/12/1934, n.1492  
Obbligo, per le persone giuridiche, di cedere all'Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero tutti i loro crediti verso l'estero, e i loro titoli esteri.
- 4)- D.M. 8/12/1934, n.288  
Obbligatorietà della cessione all'Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero di tutti i mezzi di pagamento derivanti da esportazione.
- 5)- D.M. 7/5/1935, n.112  
Divieto di esportazione dell'argento
- 6)- R.D.L. 28/8/1935, n.1614  
Obbligo per i cittadini Italiani residenti nel Regno di cedere all'Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'estero i loro crediti verso l'estero e i loro titoli esteri.
- 7)- R.D.L. 14/11/1935, N.1935  
Monopolio del commercio d'importazione dell'oro.
- 8) D. Interm. 25/5/1936, n.129  
Divieto dell'esportazione della reintroduzione di biglietti di Stato e di banca.
- 9)- R.D.L. 7/3/1936, n.1631  
Disposizioni integrative per la cessione dei crediti.
- 10)- R.D.L. 3/9/1941, n.882  
Divieto dell'alienazione e della esportazione del platino, oro, argento, perle e pietre preziose.
- 11)- R.D. 17/10/1941, N.1360  
Norme integrative del R.D.L. 3/9/1941. <sup>333</sup>

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Puffed by return card letter  
return cards - 50%

are steel Mary's troops ~~at~~ out of it?  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Reg.  
of ~~the~~ ~~troops~~?

Industrial center - all need cards  
workers

12/3  
12081  
11300  
10800  
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INFORMATION DIVISION

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SUBJECT: Extract Civil Censorship Report  
TO : Public Safety

2154/INFO  
21 June 1944

1. The attached information was extracted from reports sent to the Information Division, A.C.C., by Civil Censorship Section.

*Sent also to Reg. Div  
Public Safety*

*John V. Hinkel*  
JOHN V. HINKEL  
Major, M.I.  
Director,  
Information Division  
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M/T.

Tozza, Capitano  
Castrovillari

DEST.

Carabinieri Brigata  
Napoli

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12-6-44

## translation:

On 12 June 1944 in Castrovillari, Cosenza, Commissioner Silvi Saraceni, with a military truck from the motor pool and aided by some Communists, arbitrarily requisitioned the textile establishment of Robles Antonio and la Morce Michele, loading merchandise on the truck and inciting the people to hatred of authority, provincial and local Police intervened quickly, dispersed the crowd and sequestered the goods. Did not arrest the Commissioner for reasons of opportunity and public order. The case, together with similar offenses of the same Commissioner, will be referred to the competent judicial authority. End of message. Minister of Interior informed.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

25MP  
Relio for action/information

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

Ex. Officer..... *[Signature]*

Police..... *[Signature]*

Prisons.....

Fire & C.J.....

Recn. & Licensing.....

~~Inv. Officer~~..... *[Signature]*

Remarks.....

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394.

9510  
12064 5807  
25A  
27th May, 1944.

FILE - N°. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT : Enquiry re Composition of Social Clubs in  
Aliminusa.

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

1. Forwarded for your information no further action  
appears necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner.

*R. A. Snook*  
Major  
Russell A. SNOOK,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Palermo Province

EJB/sf.  
25B

Prefettura, May 24th 1944.

SUBJECT : Enquiry re Composition of Social Clubs in  
Aliminusa.

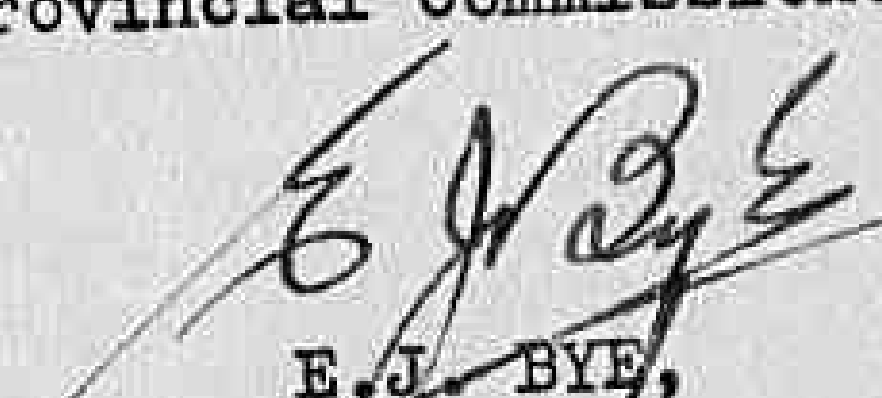
TO : Lt.Col. Russel A. Snook,  
Regional Public Safety Officer,  
REGION 1.

1. Enquiry into the allegations made in  
the attached letter has been made by the CC.RR.  
with the result shown on the report of Major  
RINALDI.

2. It would seem that the allegations  
are the result of a clash between rival factions  
in the Commune. Such denouncements are common  
between Sicilians and rarely have any justification.

3. The local Commander of the Carabinieri  
has been instructed to remain impartial in this  
dispute and to take necessary action should any  
breach of the law be observed.

For the Provincial Commissioner.

  
E. J. BYE,  
Major,  
Prov. Pub. Safety Officer.

~~CIRCULATION~~ SLIP *25 April*  
(Please pass quickly) Date.....

From: - Information Division, ACC

TO: : Seen &  
: Initialed  
: by

- : Chief Commissioner
- : Deputy Chief Commissioner
- : V. Pres. Admin. Section
- : V. Pres. Economic Section
- : Executive Commissioner
- : Deputy Executive Commissioner
- : Directors Political Section
- : Security Branch
- : Public Relations Officer
- : Sub Commission
- : *Region I*
- : *P.C. Palermo*

SEE:

FOR: - ~~and Return~~  
Appropriate action

REMARKS

MAS. RYE  
TO: S.E. IL PREFETTO DI PALERMO  
Messina, Sicily. 25C

From: MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO  
IL MINISTRO  
Salerno, Italy.  
(Letter signed by several)

: Ordinary  
: Surface

: Italian

27 March 1944

: C.C.S. Allocation  
: Cen Br. INC.  
: ACC.  
: PWB INC  
: G-2 PBS  
: Spec. Act. CCS.  
: Imp Gen. Long  
: G-2 Wash D.C.  
: Files.

COMMENT

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We vainly tried to convince the local brigadiere of the Carabinieri, of the good faith of our Club, but this simple minded man couldn't see things clear, also because under the ill influence of the town's mayor and of the Democrat Separatista. Now that Sicily is governed by you, I am asking for some help".

Follow several signatures.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Aliminusa (Prov. Palermo) 1,600 inhab.

83% agriculture

FERRIS ITAL LEGION OF CARAMELLERI (MAFI) OF PALERMO

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May 21, 1944

SUBJECT: Setting up of Clubs at Aliminusa

The Anti-Fascist Italian Club of Aliminusa has been elected on January 11th, 1944 by disposition No. 17 of the C.M.A. which authorized the opening of Clubs, and any kind of political meetings with the exception of the Fascist one.

Organizer of said club has been Roppolo Vincenzo of Pietro, from Poggio Reale, residing in Aliminusa, post-master.

Roppolo is notorious known and is classified in the records of the prejudiced and suspected people as a seditious element, fit to send black-mail, capable of any kind of actions against authorities. Among all he is ambitious, hypocrite, wicked and so much much presumptuous in insisting to gain up again his post as the chief of the Commune of Aliminusa, from which post he was omitted on 1937 for incompatibility and for his not being loyal.

To reach said intent, Roppolo has tried to incite, advantage himself of the creation of the Anti-Fascist club, inciting against the actual Mayor, Doct. Giuseppe Tripi, all the adherents and the peaceful peasants of the place.

For such task he was and is assisted by other unfaithful and seditious elements, among which excels the chief of said club: Diana Arcangelo of Unknown, who now takes up the expression of a victim of the fascism while he is no more than an old prejudiced, author of many thefts and robbery, an old member of "Maffia" and who has any unimpeachable political precedents that could justify his victim attitude of the now disappeared Party.

The political kind of the club is undecided. The various adherents call themselves "Unitary" but in fact they meet themselves in the club to criticize, calumniate and exasperate the adversary people (that is the Members of the Democratic Club), and to play games. We beg to state that the Commune of Aliminusa have about 1700 inhabitants, most of them farmers who work their own land and not preoccupying themselves of any political facts.

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 Promoter of this other organization has been the actual Mayor Doct. Tripi Giuseppe who, as to what results from ascertainment made, has never been President of the Fascist ~~stipulating~~ commission discipline.

Tripi was registered to the P.N.F. as all the other were registered as University students and has never had any political charges on said Party.  
 The foresaid, created the "Democratic" Club of Aliminusa, not in opposition to the Antifascist club, but in opposition to some few elements of this last one who assailed and still assail him to constrain him to remove himself from being a Mayor.  
 Tripi is young (about 27 years old) he's graduated in Pharmacy in 1942 and has been absent from Aliminusa for reasons of his studies since until March 1943.

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His actual activity is that to administrate the Commune's interest, which duty he accomplishes with evident attachment.

The political activity of the man Tripi and of the Democratic club ( which is not a separatist association and is not even registered at the Provincial section of the Democratic party), is the same of that of the opposite club.

Is to remember that the inhabitants of Alimusa are being divided, for about 24 years in two factions which now have decided to fix themselves into two separate clubs. Those two foresaid political party have tried, during time, to obtain the powers on the Commune. If one faction succumbed, they tried to make up again, and in this way they went on among triumph and defeat.

The Brigadier Ascheo Paolo, as all the Station Commanders do, has intervened in the dispute between the two political parties (now between the two clubs) only to try to put a stop, swiftly, even temporarily, on both side and to attempt a possible agreement between them, leaving aside personnel hate and rancour, working on both side in peace for the welfare of the Country.

The Major Commander  
Mario Rinaldi.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

*Sub 24A*

30 May 1944.

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Censorship Intercepts.

TO : PPSO Salerno Province.

*sub*  
The attached Censorship intercepts <sup>is</sup> are passed to you for information and any action deemed desirable.

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

Mao/t

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## CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

5 May 1944. *248*

From: Carlo ( ) TTA, Scario (Salerno)

To : Capt. of CCRH, Vallo della Cusania (Salerno)

CommentDenunciation against the Mayor of Scario

As our denunciation forwarded to the Prefettura and to the Alimentazione at Salerno have proved to be useless, we are addressing you with the certainty of obtaining justice and the rations which have been supplied for us. When retained goods arrive at the station of Policastro Busentino, the Mayor deposits them at his "compare" (friend) and client Luigi Cangiani's house with the purpose of allotting them as he pleases, and only three days afterwards the goods are transported to S. Giovanni a Piro and given to the dealers for distribution. It is ascertained that Cangiani opens the sacks of flour, the paste packages, etc..... and peas and paste have been capriciously distributed, by means of vouchers issued by Caputo or Mattia Amedeo, brother-in-law to the mayor, to the fishermen of this shore because the latter have been presented him, the mayor and the maresciallo CCRH with some fish.....The appuntato (non-com) of CCRH whom you called for, delayed in coming because he went before to Cangiani Luigi and the partner Morano Alfredo, DI Angelo Antonio and D'Angelo Minerva as well, to advise them of your presence at Cario so that the goods to sell at black market might be hidden.

If an investigation is made soon, you will ascertain also a black market of benzine, biscuits, bleached flour, bottles of liqueurs and cloth. All these things are kept by above-named. Cangiani Luigi and Alfredo Marano unloaded clandestinely said things from an English vessel who landed here some days ago.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action/information

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

Ex. Officer.....

Police.....

X Prisons *Rec'd*.....

Fire & C.D.....

Regn. & Licensing.....

Adm. Officer.....

REMARKS.....

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*21D } maybe  
21E } done  
Type Copy 21E & pass to  
P.P.S. Salerno with  
Endorsement approved  
for information!*

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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AGG/~~AGG~~/PS.

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Censorship Comment Sheets.  
TO : Allied Censor Control Office.

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With reference to your Memo on enclosed Comment Sheets, this information is often useful to Public Safety and, where deemed advisable, this HQ passes copy of Comment Sheets to the Public Safety Offices concerned.

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

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

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FROM: PECCARISI Ottavio  
Ministero Interno  
Dir. Gen. P.S.  
Salerno.

TO: MAZZA Francesco  
Agente di Polizia  
R. Commissario di P.S.  
di Palermo.  
RESUTTANA COLLI

Date: 16/4/44. Type Mail: Surface Language: Italian

Previously censored by: None Enclosures: None

TRANSLATION

COMMENT

"Lazy Intentions"

....."I want to leave this job. I hope to be transferred to the direct service of Main Headquarters of the Armed Forces of Police, so that I can do as I please, keep out of the office all day long and whenever I please....."

1st Ind.

From: P.S. Sub-Com., ACC Salerno

26 May 1944.

To : PPSO Salerno

Forwarded ~~for~~ information which may be useful.

*[Signature]*  
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,  
Deputy Chief, Public  
Safety Sub-Commission.

BRE/t

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ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICE  
SALERNO

14064 21A  
Translate att  
J.S.

Information extracted from examination of Italian Mail.

The enclosed Comment Sheets based on information extracted from examination of Italian mail are passed to you in the belief that they may be of interest.

Where letters are attached, will you kindly return to me when you no longer require them, addressing them to me care of Civil Censorship Group, ACC Rear HQ.

I would appreciate your informing me whether this type of material is of use to you.

Where you consider that the information is of interest to other sections or to the Provincial officer concerned, would you kindly pass it on unless the Comment Sheet already bears a note to the effect that the officer concerned has been informed direct.

Lt. W. H. Morris  
Allied Censor Control Officer.

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Translation

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Complaints of people on the kindness shown by  
female to the Allied troops -

..... Listen to this, Teresina, do you remember that  
girl who came to Ottati together with Cervina? She has  
her hair cut down, do you know why? Guards & boys  
are obliged to cut the hair of all girls who allow  
themselves to be accompanied by English or American  
soldiers ..... So.... if you were to see what a show  
of handkerchiefs of various colours, which are tied around  
the heads to protect themselves! - If you saw what  
fun is for us, college girls, when going out we see  
along the sea side, or along Mercanti street some  
couple... we do nothing but whisper "Oh with the  
scissors" - The other day just in Via Mercanti  
in our presence, a boy one of those street boys,  
after having run after a girl for a long time, cut  
all her ~~hair~~ <sup>curls</sup> off .... what a laughter! ..... "

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STATION RECORD No. 10000000

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

From: <b>LEVA ANGELO NI</b>		To: <b>TERESA DEATRICE</b>		STATION RECORD No. <u>10000000</u>	
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Italian censorship	Origin		C. C. S. Allocation		
Re-examination unit	+				

COMMENT

Bisiamo popolare sulla cortesia femminile verso gli Alleati.

"...Senti, senti Teresa ti ricordi quella che venne ad Etisti insieme a Cervina ha capelli rasati indovona perché? Guardie e qualsiasi ragazzi sino hanno l'obbligo di tagliare i capelli atutte le ragazze che si la sciano condurre dagli Inglesi Americani... Quindi se tu vedessi quante sfogio di varlo pianti fazzoletti che legano in testa per nascondersi. Se vedessi che spasso quando usciamo noi corvittrici e vediamo per via Lungomare, oper via dei Mercanti qualche coppietta non facciamo altro che mormorare "forbici alla mano". L'altro giorno proprio in via dei Mercanti in nostra presenza, un ragazzino, uno di quello di strada, dopo aver rincorso per lungo tempo una ragazza letaglò tutti i riccioli. Le risatol."

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EXAMINATION DATE 11/5/44

REVIEW CCO/AL/ETAO

ALLAMINE RM-examiner

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Translation

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Thieves activities

..... meanwhile, here in this town, every night they rob all sorts of things, animals, foods etc, & yesterday in a house (in the courtyard of Vincenza) which had been for some time unoccupied, mattresses sewing machine & even the mirrors of the wardrobe have been taken away from it.....

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STATION RECORD No. 236



ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

From: VIRGINIA LANZARA  
SAL ENG  
MOCERA SUPERIORE

To: CLEMENSINA CECI LANZARA  
PIAZZA V. MANUELLE N.3  
ANDRIA  
BARI

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated 1/5/44	Type mail surface	Reg. No. 20	Language italian	Previously censored by none	Enclosures none
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COMMENT

ATTIVITA' DEI PADRI  
"....Intanto cui in paese, ogni notte rubano che è un piacere, animali, viveri ecc. ed ieri in una casa (nel cortile di Vincenzo Mattia) vi è pasta per qualche disabitata, hanno provati portati via, materassi macchina da cucire, e perfino specchi tolti dagli armadi....."

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Previous relevant records none	Station allocation <i>Acc / Public info</i>	Italian none	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender
Italian censorship +	C. C. S. Allocation	none	
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COMMENT

ATTIVITA' DEI LADRI  
 "...Intento cui in paese, ogni notte rubano che è un piacere, animali, viveri ecc. ed ieri in una casa (nel cortile di Vincenzo Mattia) rimasta per qualche disabitata, hanno trovati portati via, materassi macchinina da cucire, e perfino specchi tolti dagli armadi....."

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EXAMINATO GIOVANNI  
 RIVEDUTO SALVINO  
 EXAMINATION DATE 10/5/14

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Public Administration

I have found a person of influence who has promised me that when vacancies occur in the prisons of Salerno, they will be filled in by you and Peppiniello; this person belongs to our own Ministry and I am sure that after your transfer we shall talk about the sum to be given to this friend ---

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

STATION RECORD No. 135

From:		To:	
AGENTE GRASSO SILVIO CARCERE GIUDIZIARIO SALERNO		AGENTE DEI MASTRI SIGGISMONDO MARRONE NUORO	
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Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated	Type mail	Reg. No.	Language
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Italian censorship	Origin	Previously censored by	Enclosures
Re-examination unit	+	None	None

**.COMMENT**

PUBBLICA AMMINISTRAZIONE

....ho trovato una chiave e mi ha promesso che i primi die posti da rimpiazzare al carcere di salerno sarei proprio tu e Perriniello, questa chiave che ho trovato sta proprio al ministero nostro e sono sicuro, però quando tu verrai a Salerno trasferito, parliamo di ciò che devi poi regalare a quell'amico.....



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Lazy intentions

I want to leave this job. I hope to be transferred to the next service of the Cape Division of Police Armed Forces. So that I can do what I like, keep out of office all day long and whenever I please....

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STATION RECORD No. 134

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From FLOCCARISI OTTAVIO

To MAZZA FRANCESCO

agente di pubblica sicurezza

agente di polizia

Ministero Interno Dir. Gen. P.S.

N. Commissariato di P.S. di

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KALORIO RESUTTANA COLLI

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Origin Italian censorship					
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**COMMENT**

PROPOSITI DI LAVATIVISMO

".....voglio lasciarlo questo mestiere, spero di passare alle dirette dipendenze del Capo Divisione delle Forze Armate di polizia, così posso fare i miei comodi, stermene fuori dalla mattina alle sera e quando voglio....."



if letter is un-dated <b>16-4-44</b>	<b>Surface</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Italian</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
Previous relevant records <b>None</b>  Origin Italian censorship Re-examination unit <b>+</b>	Station allocation <i>Acc / Public Affairs</i> <i>Propaganda</i>		C. G. S. Allocation	Disposal of original communication Held <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed Excised <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confined Photographed <input type="checkbox"/> Return Sent with comment to sender <input type="checkbox"/>	

**COMMENT**

PROPOSITI DI LAVATIVISMO

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LLIED RE-examiner  
EXAMINER

REVIEWER ACCO SALERNO

EXAMINATION DATE 19-4-44

SPECIAL NOTICE. — The attached information was taken from private communications, and its extremely confidential character must be preserved. The information must be confined only to those officials whose knowledge of it is necessary to prosecution of the war. In no case should it be widely distributed, or copies made, or the information used in legal proceedings or in any other public way without express consent of the Civil Censorship Officer, A.F.H.Q.

CONFIDENTIAL

14064/ Anti- Allied sentiment and rumours.

Mrs. Del Re tells a friend that an American told her that the Allied Armies are at Gaeta and Formia and that Rome is going to fall within a few days because strong contingents of troops are means exercise a pressure on the enemy. She has ~~also~~ added that her usual playmates don't agree with the Allies' policy and regret the times of the Nazi-fascist oppression.

U. S. Military Censorship  
Telephone

3365

UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP  
TELEPHONE

AMEDEO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

(Station)

MAIL/31

(Serial number)

210

14064  
SR

From: Telephone 14037 Del Re Avv Ottavio Piazza Amedeo 3.		To: <i>Translate</i>	
Number of previous comment sheets:	Disposition:	Language: Italian	Observation started 03.28
Caller	Passed <i>Yes</i>	Recording No.	Total time: 00 mins
Callee	Refused		Date 17th May
	Caller warned		
	Callee warned		
	Call cut off		

COMMENT

ANTI-ALLIED SENTIMENT AND RUMOURS

La signora Del Re dice ad una amica che ha saputo da un americano che gli eserciti Alleati sono a Tezze e a Torricella e che Bozza cadrà fra pochi giorni e che tutti i contingenti di Polini e di Mezzana fanno pressione per uscire. La signora aggiunge che i suoi amici compagni di gioco non usano la politica degli Alleati e rimpiangono i tempi dell'occupazione anti-Fascista.

Copy To:  
312 325  
CIC 3364  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.  
HQ 100

COPY TO	DATE
<del>MEY</del>	
<del>ONE</del>	

Comment by—  
Monitor No 3

Reviewed by— *M. Fisher*

0722

14064

U.S. Military Censorship  
Telephone

Public Morale

A lady tells a friend that the Allies  
have requisitioned her house and possibly  
the whole Margherita Park will be  
requisitioned.

The lady has added that her morale  
is very low.

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**UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP  
TELEPHONE**

(Serial number)

214  
112064  
JH translate

From: Telephone 10932  
Mastice Dott G.  
Via della Mercia 1.

To:

Number of previous  
comment sheets:

Caller \_\_\_\_\_  
Callee \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition:

Passed   
Refused \_\_\_\_\_  
Caller warned \_\_\_\_\_  
Callee warned \_\_\_\_\_  
Call cut off \_\_\_\_\_

Language: Italian

Recording No.

Observation started

Total time: 1:13.  
Date 16th May 1948

**COMMENT**

Public Safety.

Una signora riferisce all'ufficio che gli alleati lo hanno  
requiesto in casa a via delle Merce tutto il parco dell'artigianato  
dovrebbe una zona rurale.  
La signora ha detto che è molto decentralizzata.

3364

Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Comment by—

Monitor 15.

Reviewed by—

M. Fisher

COPY TO—	DATE
MID	
ONI	

**RISERVATA**

UFFICIO DI CENSURA

LUOGO <sup>Naples Branch</sup>  
N. di prot. <sup>14064</sup>

DEST. GIUSEPPINA DOMINOSI  
SAN DOMENICO 25  
NAPOLI

MITT. ANNA LOBBARDO  
VIA MILITOCORA, ANGO ARBISIO  
NAPOLI

Indicare il luogo di timbro postale quando manca l'indirizzo.

DATA DI COMUNICAZIONE O DEL  
TIMBRO POSTALE SE LA LETTERA  
E' SENZA DATA

10-5-44

ALLEGATO

LINGUA

Italian

TIPO POSTA

Telegram Illegible

NUMERO DELLA  
RACCOMANDATA

PERVENUTA  
CENSURATA DA:

Naples

ANNOTAZIONI PRECEDENTI

ORIGINE

Censura Italiana  
Censura Afficata

SEGNALAZIONI LOCALI

Public Safety  
Sub-commission,  
FSS of GAF, CIO,  
GID

SEGNALAZIONI DEL C. C. S.

PROVVEDIMENTO ADOTTATO

TRATTENUTA

RECISA  
FOTOGRAFATA  
INVIATA CON  
COMMENTI A

INOLTRATA

TOLTA DAL  
CORSO  
AL MITTENTE

OSSERVAZIONI

Message (Italian)

Momentaneamente non posso partire. Sorvegliate. Baci.

ANNA LOBBARDO

Translation:

For the moment cannot leave. Being watched. Kisses.

ANNA LOBBARDO

3361

PA. *Anna Lobbarbo*

*10-5-44*

TIMBRO POSTALE SE LA LETTERA E SENZA DATA	RACCOMANDATA	Italian Naples	CENSURATA DA
ANNOTAZIONI PRECEDENTI  ORIGINE Censura Italiana Censura Affeata	SEGNALAZIONI LOCALI Public Safety Sub-commission, FSS of C&F, CIC, CID	SEGNALAZIONI DEL C. C. S.	PROVVEDIMENTO ADOTTATO TRATTENUTA RECISA FOTOGRAFATA INVIATA CON COMMENTI A: INOLTRATA TOLTA DAL CORSO AL MITTENTE

OSSERVAZIONI

Message (Italian)  
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ANALISI LINGUISTICA

Translation:  
 For the moment cannot leave. Being watched. Kisses.

ANALISI LINGUISTICA

3361

*PA. Anderson*  
*Mexico*

*10/10/1944*

CENSORE  
 REVISORE Lt. Stone  
 Data d' esame

Avviso speciale  
**RISERVATA**

NAPL/T/11

(Serial number)

**UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP  
TELEPHONE**

AMEDEO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE  
(Station)

1480  
19A

<b>From:</b> (Key 28, Set No. 2) Ft. 12027 Del RE Avv Ottavio Piazza Amadeo 8.		<b>To:</b>	
Number of previous comment sheets: Caller ..... Callee .....	Disposition: Passed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Language: Italian	Observation started 1714
	Refused .....	Recording No.	Total time: 25 min. Date 8 May 1944
	Caller warned .....		
	Callee warned ..... Call cut off .....		

**COMMENT**

POSSIBLE CORRUPTION IN STATE  
ADMINISTRATION

De Leonardi talks to the lawyer about a case, and he tells him that material (not specified) has been given to the Commissario. The certain lawyer speaks of presenting a report to the Tribunal on his cases and also speaks of a person who has a case and is being defended by the Committee of Liberation. The other person says that it requires paying off and that all the persons who are working for the State Administration are always the same even though some have been replaced, always corrupt and never willing to do anything without being paid for it. Just like those who were there before.

*No action*

*P.A. [Signature]*

*11 May 1944*

**COPY TO; 3364  
Public Safety Sub-Chief  
Informant Div HQ ACC.  
R.C. and I.C. Section ACC**

Gaetano Matarese di  
 Comment by—  
 Reviewed by—

COPY TO—	DATE
MID	
ONI	



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. Section  
APO 394

PS 14064  
18A

Ref/388/1/CA.

25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Relations with Italians.

TO : R.C. Region I.

18B

Attached hereto is a copy of censor report  
of letter sent from Sicily to Sardinia for your  
information and any action you consider necessary.

*HMS*  
HOBMAN H. FISKE  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

Copy to: P.S. Sub-Commission. (Admin Section)

No action. PA.

*RHW Cox*

26th April 1944.

Major 3350

18B

PAUL MALEI, Sebastiano  
UDA, Prov. Cagliari  
Gardinia

MACIORI, Orlando  
Via Vitt. Emanuele N. 72  
Messina, Sicilia

Date of communication or postmark  
if letter is un-dated

21 March  
1944

CONTENT

ITALIAN SOLDIER FIRMS AT BRITISH IN BRAWL

AND FEELING BETWEEN MESSINA MEMBERS AND BRITISH

"We, too, had a demonstration against the British lately. We don't get along well with them like we used to. For instance, a few days ago a companion of mine was in a cafe alone and fifteen British soldiers beat him up and gave him a swollen face.

As soon as I heard what had happened I ran home and got my gun right away. My companions saw me and asked me: "What are you doing, Paul?" I said nothing, and they, too, followed me with loaded gun (or guns) and we began to fire at them and drew them out of the cafe. The owner of the cafe ran off, scared as he heard the shots. We wounded two (British soldiers) and the rest all escaped wriggling on their bellies and now when they see us coming from a distance they change their route.

I'm writing you this letter, dear parents, by airmail post (indication that writer is a soldier) so that you may get it sooner. I write every day. The address on the envelope is that of my father-in-law, a Sergeant Major of the Police and a good fellow."

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Reviewer's note: During reviewer's stay at Messina as ACCO, there was shooting between Canadian troops and Carabinieri (a brawl with actualities). The Carabinieri, on this occasion, did not provoke the incident.

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED CONTROL SERVICE  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

CONFIDENTIAL

*File 17A*

22 April 1944

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Censorship Intercepts.  
TO : HCSO, Region I, II, III.

1. Attached extract from a letter intercepted by the censor is passed to you for information and any action deemed desirable.

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

2257

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

Reg. AB  
RST

Comment

Alleged counterfeiting of AMG Money and Names of accused.

Writer advises Questore or Chief of Police at Messina that certain SANO brothers, Giovanni and Pietro, are counterfeiting or rather falsifying Allied Military Gov. bills by adding zeros and so raising 50 to 500 etc. She requests their home, Via Palermo, Scala-Ritiro No 750 be searched.

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Extracts from Civil Censorship Section

17c  
Reg. III

From: Banco di Napoli Naples  
TO : Ex-Federati one Fasci di Combattiment  
Presso Dott. Soma Intendenza di Finanza, Naples

31 March 1944

Comment

Funds Belonging to former Fascist Organization

Bank of Naples, Naples branch mails to Dr. SOMA of the Intendenza di Finanza (Finance Quartermaster) statement of account pertaining to the former Fascist organization. Document shows credit of 1,588,572.35 lire. Presumably, Dr. Soma is the legal liquidator appointed by the Italian Government.

From 17 February to 21 March 1944 total payments amounted to 480,000.00 lire approximately. Statement of account does not bear "FROZEN ACCOUNT" stamp.

Extracts from Civil censorship section

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

24 March 1944

Comment

DOUBLE TALK: Falsified AMG Billa Circulated in Siracusa PR.

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

"As regards the rubrics more are being sold than used, and, every once in a while someone goes to jail, like the Cianci brothers, for example, and their grandmother who have been arrested for circulating false bills. At Rosolini (Siracusa Pr) it is said that they had 36,000 Lt. in their possession and had circulated half of that amount, all bills of 50 and 500 to which a zero had been added (FANG money)"

GALANTINO, Angelo Via Acclavio 37 Taranto, Italy  
 TO: Marchese MARYADA VALVA, Giuseppe Palace Hotel Lausanne, Switzerland

Comment

Administrator of large agricultural estate in southern Italy gives Administrative report to Proprietor living in Switzerland

Sender writes to addressee among other things: 31 March 1944

## A. German occupation of estate:

"The second floor and the ground floor of the castle were first occupied by the Staff of a German Armored Division then by a Field Marshal then by the staff of a regiment of Combat Engineers (gunstatori) and by a hospital, also German.

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Examiner's Comment: It might be presumed, due to visitor's reluctance to put the reserve fund in an open bank account, that the fund may be made up of foreign exchange and/or gold, or other types of property. In any case, if the fund is put in a private safe deposit box it will effectually be outside of any control the Government might enforce on open accounts.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio *16<sup>a</sup>* for action/information:

- G.P.S. *PSK* .....
- D.C.P.S. *AR* .....
- Police .....
- Prisons *PH* .....
- Fire & C.D. .....
- Regn. & Licensing .....
- Adm. Officer *PH* .....

• Remarks:

*Gamboni is the  
fellow to take action.  
has been heard already  
heard of the 3354*



*P Safety Division*

*146017-14064*

*JK* **20A**

Naples  
N. de Prot. 108

*16A*

RISERVATA

UFFICIO DI CENSURA

*DIST:*  
*1 - Food Sub Comm.*  
*1 - P Safety Sub Comm*  
*1 - Community Relations*  
*1 - Office (Salerno)*

Mitt. Esposito, Pietro  
Olevano sul Tusciano  
Salerno (Italy)

Dest. *→* Onle. Tito Zanaboni  
Comissario Generale  
per la Epurazione Fascista  
Salerno (Italy)

DATA 23/3/44 Tipo di Posta Ordinary Surface  
Lingua Italian

Origine: Censura Italiana  
Inviata con commenti a ACC Salerno

OSSERVAZIONI  
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Alfredo Gaeta, doctor and official of M.U.S.N. and secretary of the 3rd Fascist Region of Salerno, still retains his position.

Landolfi, Michele, was given permission for his truck to serve Di Gaeta.

Major Cicatelli employed by the Baratta Co. favors his company in charging exorbitant prices which the people are forced to pay.

Giuseppe Barano, Secretary of the community of Olevano Sul Tusciano Lt. of M.U.S.N. still holding his position.

Paolo Giovanni a voluntary Fascist helper of Gaeta in his political Secretaryship is now a necessary accomplice of Verderano, also a member of M.U.S.N.

Censore 3019

Revisore A.C.C. 0

Data d'esame 30/3/44

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION *15A*  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

13 March 1944

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Breach of Censorship Regulation -  
Capt. GODDARD.

TO : SCAO, AMG 5th Army *15B/F*

1. The enclosed papers relative above  
are forwarded to you, the Officer Concerned  
being under your jurisdiction.

2. Attention is invited to minute 4  
in which writer asks to be advised as to  
final disposal of matter.

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

PGK/ugd

Headquarters  
Allied Central Mediterranean Force  
CONFIDENTIAL -US CONFIDENTIAL  
ACMF, 468/4/c(Ib) Mar 44  
SUBJECT: Breach of Censorship Regulations

TO: Public Safety A/C.C.

*-ISC/F*  
The attached correspondence received from the Chief Base Censor is forwarded for action as necessary.

Brigadier,  
B.G.S.(I),  
A.C.M.F.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CI/B.3014/43.

15C  
3 Mar 44.

(2)

SUBJECT: Censorship - Capt. C.E.COBOLD

Headquarters,  
A.C.M.F.

The attached copy letter from Chief Base  
Censor CBC/R.33 dated 24 Feb. 44 is for-  
warded for such action as may be considered  
appropriate.

Major General.  
D.A.G.  
G.1(B)

Copy to Chief Base Censor  
(Ref as above.)

WT

EVIDENCE & POWERS OF ATTORNEY ACT, 1940

Section 2 (1) (a).

157 (3)

CERTIFICATE OF A COMPETENT OFFICER:

I, the undersigned RICHARD JAMES WOODCOCK  
HEAD CENSOR hereby certify that the document  
annexed hereto constituted or formed part  
of a postal which on the 16th day of Feb.  
1944 was examined by an authorised examiner  
within the meaning of the Evidence and Powers  
of Attorney Act, 1940, Section 2.(1) (a).

Dated at Naples this 19th day of February 1944

signature  
Rank Captain.

The officer giving the Certificate must be  
engaged in Censorship duties and must not be  
below the acting rank of Captain.

Letter written by Capt. C.E. Godbold.  
Addressed to: AMG Region I, H.Q. Palermo, Sicily  
Dated: 9 Feb. 1944.

Subject: Censorship Regulations. 15 F

Cl (E)  
HQ AFMT,  
ENAF.

CBC/R/33

- 15 F
1. The enclosed letter and enclosure thereto, written by Capt. C.E. Godbold, AMG 5 Army HQ, addressed to Pvt. Dominic A. Pium, AMG, Region 1, HQ Palermo, is passed to you as the writer discloses his location and endeavours to make use of civilian postal facilities contrary to CRO 99/44, Paras 6 and 11 (b) (1).
  2. The matter is therefore referred to you for such action as you may consider necessary.
  3. Certificate of Evidence & Powers of Attorney Act, 1940, Section 2 (1) (a) is enclosed together with Letter Referred Slip Serial No. R/33.
  4. For the purpose of record please advise what action is taken.

Major,  
for L.B. Goodyer,  
Major,  
Chief Base Censor.

CMT  
24 Feb. 44.  
MLB.

LETTER REFERRED SLIP 15F

Subject. Location/Proposed use of Civilian  
Postal Date Read 16 Feb. 1944

Letter Dated 9 Feb. 44 Facilities Ordinary

Addressee Pvt. Dominic A. Riun, AMG Reg. I, HQ  
Palermo, Sicily.

Writer: C.E. Godbold Rank Capt.

Extract from page 1 line 1-8

"I am writing this in the hope that you are still at Palermo and if you are I ask you to put a 1/2 lire stamp on the enclosed letter to Iolanda and post it in the Italian letter box for me.

I am at 5th Army HQ Caserta at the moment....."

Page 2 lines 1 - 9

"I travelled all round southern Italy by plane before I reached here and this place is a god-forsaken-hole, in spite of the fact that we are billeted in one of the Italian King's Palaces, but as Naples is only 25 km away we often go there to pass the time away."

Note

Unit address given as AMG 5 Army HQ, Caserta in (a) letter and (b) enclosure.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 13A for action/~~information~~

C.P.S. ....

D.C.P.S. ....

Police .....

Prisons .....

Fire & C.D. ....

Regn. & Licensing .....

Adm. Officer .....

Remarks:

..... Col Young I would  
..... appreciate your thoughts  
..... on 13A herewith  
..... PBR

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

14 March 1944.

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Information secured through Civil Censorship.

TO : HQ, ACNF, Admin. Echelon (Office of Civil Censorship).

1. This Sub-Commission is interested in receiving information as may be obtained through Censorship channels dealing with the following subjects:

- (a) Trends of any special public opinion or morale.
- (b) Reference to any serious crimes or disorders.
- (c) Reference to any matters which indicate subversive activities.
- (d) Political opinion.

2. Unless the item is of a serious character, no detail is required.

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

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OFFICE OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP  
 HQ. ACIF. Admin. Ech.

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Information Secured through Civil Censorship.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Section, Allied Control Commission.

1. One of the primary functions of Civil Communications Censorship is the furnishing of information secured through censorship to various Allied Intelligence and Governmental agencies.

2. At present, Censorship is concerning itself primarily with postal censorship because of the lack of telephone and telegraph service to the public. However, plans have been made to censor all types of civil communications.

3. In order to secure a logical and most useful allocation of the information, it is necessary for this office to have a statement of the particular types of information desired by your unit together with the maintenance of detail required or desired.

*Umberto F. Morochi*

UMBERTO F. MOROCHI  
 1st. Lt. F.A.

Allied Censor Control Officer.

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CONFIDENTIAL 12A  
File

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

2 March 1944.

ACC/14064/PS

SUBJECT: Censorship Intercepts.

TO : RPSO, Region I. 11, 111

1. Attached extract from a letter intercepted by the censor is passed to you for information and any action deemed desirable.

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

5-6-44

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12B

CONFIDENTIAL  
CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: SPIZZICATO, Demetrio To: FCS  
Is. 495 Messina, Sicily  
Date: 29 Jan. 44.  
Messina, Sicily

COMMENT

FASCIST OFFICE IN OFFICE IS DENOUNCED

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"...Supposed/cut off the war in Abyssinia....."

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"....England does not fight; she lets the others fight".  
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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Subcommittee

27 February 1944.

ACC/11064/PS

SUBJECT: Civil Matters - Censorship.

TO : R.P.S.C. Region I.

1. Herewith further information from letters of the civil population which have been opened in transit by censors.
2. Lists of extracts will be treated as confidential.

PAUL G. KERR,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Subcommittee.

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Civil Censorship Section.

From: On Modesto Cittadino To: Questore of Messina  
(A Modest Citizen)  
(Signature of letter)

Date: 25 Jan. 44.

COMMENT

FASCISTS ENJOYING THEIR PAST ILLEGAL GAINS

The writer complains that in his village (an unidentified place in Messina Province) there still is a fascist party lead by the same people who lead it before, namely, Professor Paolo D'ARRIGO, the fiduciary Santi VILLARI, the political secretary Letterio SALA, the former municipal delegate Pietro GIRALDO, the former Mayor MINELLA, his aide Giuseppe CUCINOTTA, and the horse-wagon driver BALLO enriched themselves through the black market, particularly CUCINOTTA and BALLO who were penniless before and now are wholesalers. The former Mayor used to keep the ration cards of the dead and of the soldiers. He gave the population less than their due share while he and his accomplices ate plentifully.

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From: NOT GIVEN To: NOT GIVEN Date: NOT GIVEN

COMMENT

BAD CONDITION OF GARIBARDI DIVISION IN MONTENEGRO

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From: ARCIDIACONO, Nino To: Com. AVV.  
Via Spampinato ALFISIO, Salvatore  
Sienneville Gela  
Catania, Sicilia Caltanissetta, Sicilia

8 Feb. 44. 334

COMMENT



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Via Spampinato  
Ziencavilla  
Catania, Sicilia

To: Ca. Avv.  
ALDISIO, Salvatore  
Gela  
Caltanissetta, Sicilia

8 Feb. 44.

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COMMENT

GENERAL LAWLESSNESS IN MANCANILLA, CATANIA

"...It is essential that public order become seriously assured, because on the other side there are vagabonds, members of the mafia and the underworld. Another thing which keeps the citizenry seriously preoccupied is public security. A theft every night in the town, and it is dangerous to walk in the country. Our Royal Carabinieri station has been without a chief for several months and is currently commanded by a Vice-Brigadier. We have indicated the necessity of having a nucleus of agents of I.S. and they have promised us ten of them. Many promises continue from the Chief of Police and the Prefect, but words, always words.... and the underworld continues to rob....."

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

21 February 1944.

ASC/14064/FS

SUBJECT: Civil Matters - Censorship.

TO : R.F.S.C.'s, Regions I, II, & VI.

1. Herewith further information from letters of the civil population which have been opened in transit by censors.
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*Paul C. Kirk*  
 PAUL C. KIRK,  
 Colonel, Infantry,  
 Chief, Public Safety  
 Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

21 February 1944.

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SUBJECT: Civil Matters, Censorship.

TO : A.P.S.O. Region III.

1. Herewith information obtained from letters of the civil population which have been opened in transit by censors.
2. Extracts which *are* considered of interest to you will be forwarded from time to time, for such action as may seem desirable.
3. This Sub-Commission will summarize the general situation monthly on information disclosed by extracts and any action taken by you.
4. Lists of extracts will be treated as confidential.

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

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Please take this in hand.  
We shall be getting plenty  
of these.

1. Note Adm. Directorate  
Instructions.
2. No record made  
but not copy of all  
extracts. Refer those  
requiring investigation  
to P.S. Offices in  
Region concerned.
3. Be prepared to  
summarize extracts  
for inclusion in your  
monthly report, as  
directed in para 4.
4. Bring to C.D. notice  
through any extracts  
of importance.
5. Keep card index  
of all persons named  
for political activities  
(see Capt Corwell).

Pickering  
12 Feb.

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Region I

7 Jan 44

FROM : C. Greziella  
Via Roma 24  
Mascalucia, Catania Province.

TO : CUCE Pietro  
App. R.G. Finanza  
Brigata di Sparta

COMMENT

- 1. MORE BREAD ALLOTTED TO ROYAL CARABINIERI THAN TO GG.FF.
- 2. PROFITEERING BY ROYAL CARABINIERI

I. "The Royal Carabinieri receive 500 grams of bread ration. Why is your ration only 100 grams? Why the discrimination?"

II. "Then the Carabinieri make a deal at the mill, let everybody have his grain ground, but charge a percentage of all the flour which is milled. They are well supplied. Here we call them, not any longer Carabinieri, but unscrupulous thieves. The volume of wheat sold underhand is great, while no wheat is found at the just price. At sixty lire per kilo one can buy as much as he wants. Many are those who have become rich with this illegal trade."

FROM : FINOCCHIARO, Aprile C. TO : BRIENZA, Francesco (Prof) 3-9 Jan 44  
Palermo Via dello Statuto, 7  
Bitonte, Bari

COMMENT

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN PALERMO

".....I can't tell you how high the cost of living is here. Bread is at sixty lire per kilo, pasta products at 100 lire per kilo, olive oil at 150 lire per litre, coal at fourteen lire per kilo, meat at 130 lire per kilo, an egg costs 16 lire, 500 lire a day is not enough. Then I will not tell you what a shirt, a pair of shoes, or a suit costs. What can we do?/....."

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Region II

FROM : SANTARANO, Anna,  
Via S. Sebastiano,  
Grarina.  
TO : Sol.  
CRISTALLO, Giuseppe,  
F.M. 72  
15 Jan 44

COMMENT

GRAVINA AUTHORITIES CHEAT POPULACE ON FLOUR RECEIVED

".....We really need a revolution here in Gravina, because the authorities receive good wheat and in turn give us flour which like themselves is worthless and black."

FROM : VIGOFIANO, Lucia  
2A, Reggio Calabria  
TO : CONTI, Annina,  
S. Lucido Marina,  
Cosenza  
16 Jan 44

COMMENT

ALLEGED LACK OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT REGGIO

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FROM : PASQUALE, Romeo,  
Rione S. Giorgio,  
Reggio Calabria.  
TO : Comandante la Stazione,  
del CC.RR.  
Sharre Central  
Reggio Cal.  
11 Jan 44

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET OPERATED BY GANGSTERS

"Most distinguished Marshal:

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Because of your well known activity and gallantry in the execution of your delicate task, I feel it my duty to communicate to you in the greatest secrecy, that here in Rione S. Giorgio and precisely 200 metres before reaching the madhouse lives MARINO CRISTOFARO, a very well known gangster. His home is the meeting place of robbers. He is the leader of the gang responsible for whatever happens in the way of ransacking and

the robbery of a Black Market enemy, and carries on the slaughter

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FROM : GIOVANNI, Bruno TO : Soldato 9 - 15 Jan 44  
 Acquaviva Ponti LECNGRANDE, Giuseppe  
 (No address given)

COMMENT

RIOT IN ACQUAVIVA PONTI - GRANARY RECORDS BURNED

".....a riot followed..... The Tax Office was set afire... the office where all the grain records are kept.

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Region II

FROM : NANNI, Maria (Sgra) TO : NANNI (Sgr) 2 - 8 Jan 44  
Bari. (Address not given)

COMMENT

STRIKE AND RIOT AGAINST CIVIL AUTHORITIES  
OF CUPELLO

"Yesterday a strike occurred.....They shouted, 'Down with all Civil Authorities of Cupello!....A riot took place."

FROM : LILLA, Concetta TO : LILLA, Alessandro Date Unknown  
Via Risorgimento No. 85 Via dei Condellai  
Crottaglia (Taranto) 16 Siracusa

COMMENT

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FROM : LO MANACO, Raffalina TO : MONTANARI, Arnoldo 11 Jan 44  
Praia a Mare Care : VINCELLI, Maggiore-Nice  
Cosenza Via du Catignani, 25,  
Brindisi.

COMMENT

SECURITY VIOLATION

"Every day American auto columns pass here, and at night, sometimes more than one hundred vehicles stop here at Praia, where there is a convoy bivouac for the Allied troops."

FROM : GUBITOSI, Luigi (Dr) TO : GUBITOSI, Giuseppe 8 Jan 44  
Via Giostra Vecchio Bonifato  
Presso Bosco, Cosenza Cosenza

COMMENT

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FROM : DE BENEDETTIS TO : FIORE, Giuseppe 7 Jan 44  
Piazza Savoia, 13 Rosmini 27  
Corato Canosa

COMMENT

LACK OF FOOD AND HOUSING IN CORATO

".....we have been without bread for three days now because there is no flour, and living in fear of the thought of dying of hunger. Another 800 persons, who are practically naked because their homes were destroyed cannot find means to support themselves. The authorities are not trying to find a way to help us or them. One kilo of bread sold at 45 lire week, and now it sells at 52....."

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Region VI

FROM : AVI.  
 SEGNI, Antonio  
 Prof. Ord. nella R. Univ.  
 di Sassari

TO : Capitano Dott.  
 SEGNI, Carlo  
 Radio Sardegna,  
 P.M. 50

13 Jan 44

COMMENT

SHORTAGE OF FLOUR IN SASSARI RESULTS IN INCIDENTS

".....but first they must quell the grave anxiety that has grown in our province over the lack of flour; grave incidents have happened at Ozieri, and grave incidents might happen here. By the 16th, without miracles, we will be without flour in the province....."

FROM : SIMULA, Elena  
 Via Trento No. 16  
 Ozieri

TO : Signa  
 D'ASCANIO, Adele  
 Via Pietro Micca C. Bis  
 Sassari

12 Jan 44

COMMENT.

MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO SASSARI TO QUELL COMMUNISTS

".....For three days we have not been able to go out of the house on account of the commotions that have happened in town. Yesterday morning there were some wounded and some dead....This morning 5 truckloads of soldiers have arrived as reinforcements. They have set up many machine guns. The commotions were done by members of the Communist Party."

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Region VI

FROM : PINNA, Marie Antonia,  
Salaris - Santulussurgiu,  
Cagliari.

TO : Sig. PINNA, Luigi,  
Via Roma 35 P.2.  
Sassari.

DATE : 11 Jan 44

COMMENT

SOLDIERS STEAL IN SALARIS - SANTULUSSURGIU (CAGLIARI)

".....in our town it is disastrous. All of us have to stay with closed doors, because the soldiers go to the homes and ask for every-thing and they continually steal, but we must resign ourselves, but even they, poor souls, are right.....  
Mariantonia"

FROM : ? ROSARIA  
S. Teresa di Gallura

TO : SIGNA  
PALUMPO, Iolanda  
Via D'Aguiro 74  
Taranto

5 Jan 44

COMMENT

NO PASTA, RICE, OR OIL IN SASSARI FOR 5 MONTHS

Dear Sister,

".....It is five months since they have given us pasta, rice, or etc., imagine, we are pushing life along eating nuts at 18 lire a kilo. I spend 50 lire a day and at night we are hungrier than before."

Rosaria

FROM : Sergente  
DE MARYER, Francesco  
Carceri Giudizierie  
Sassari

TO : Signa  
LEONI, Maria  
Via Municipio 5  
Sassari, Thiesi

14 Jan 44

COMMENT

HUNGER IN SASSARI CAUSES DEMONSTRATIONS

".....here in Sassari we can not go ahead because of hunger. They do not give us any more pasta, no flour, no oil. We are eating bread and cabbage. Today women and children went around Sassari yelling for food....."

FROM : CROBU, Francesca

TO : Ten

14 Jan 44

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FROM : Sergente TO : Signa 14 Jan 44  
DE MARYER, Francesco LEONI, Maria  
Carceri Giudizierie Via Municipio 5  
Sassari, Thiesi

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FROM : CROBU, Francesca TO : Ten 14 Jan 44  
Via Cacliair 8 POGGO, Peppino  
Sassari Comand Dicat di Fertilia

COMMENT

"PRELUDE TO REVOLUTION" OVER FOOD IN SASSARI

".....Yesterday at Sassari there was a sort of commotion, we could call a prelude to revolution and today it continues more furiously. The population revolts. They would like to go the prefect who has completely disinterested himself in furnishing food to the hungry people....."

"All roads are blocked.....The red flag is waving at the head of the people...., every once in a while, punches, kicks, some wounded and more than one (policeman) beat up plenty."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

Address to  
Questore di Genova  
Genova

FROM:

MARINO, Maria  
(No address given)

Date:

23 Dec. 43

COMMENT

BLACK MARKETERS

Mr. Police Chief, I write to with hope of ending the Black Market. With new Italy there have also come robberies. At Via Rivocelli No. 19 lives Alberti Vincenzo, friend of Antonio Ciardullo, these two sell spools and skeins of thread and other things at amazing prices, such as 100, 120, 130, and even 150 lire for each spool. A friend of these two is also Antonio Riccio who before the bombardments lived at the first door of the palazzo del Vico Mortilla; I don't if he is still living there. Furthermare via Rivocati is the Black Market cove. Eccessile, Luigi Ferri, Amadio D'Elia, and the widow Imbro, no sell bread at 20, 25, and 30 lire a kilo. D'Elia and Eccessilli, together sell stockings from 20 to 100 and 150 lire a pair.

Then is this going to stop? The authorities have not as yet awaked or else they are in accord since they profit with them.

I hope that this ends soon and a good lesson given to these people who are not satisfied with the thousands they have already profited and the many thousands they have already made.

In their homes one eats very well, every day white macaroni and different meats.

To the mouth of the wolf. (Italian meaning "I place this in your hands.")

Regarde Marino, Maria

NOTE: This letter was opened at the request of the AM police as the Carabinieri and the Questore are suspected of harboring Black Marketeers and Fascist Party members.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From:

Siga.

DONALDO. Rosina Priamo  
Grassano  
Italy

Date:

11 Jan 44

## Comment

BLACK MARKET PRICES IN GRASSANO

The sender writes that in their town grain sells at 5,000 lire the quintal and even 10,000. The Neapolitans especially come to Grassano and pay 80 lire for a kilo of flour and even 100, 40 and 50 lire for chick-peas, 100 lira a litter of oil and firewood at 120 lire the quintal. The woman says she has been saved by a miracle having suffered much from the German rascals, and that now they are under-going a bad time because of the black market which has risen to prohibitive prices.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: Archbishop  
PALAZZO SAN GIOVANNINO  
Matera

Date: 10-15 January 44

Comment

COMMUNISTI ATTIVITA' IN MATERA

In the weekly comments from the Province of Matera, it is reported that in a letter written by the Archbishop (name not mentioned) of the Comune of Palazzo San Gervasio, to the Monsignor of Matera, he has tendered his resignation as parish priest on account of the Communist activities of his parish members. He states that they have abandoned the Church and Church funerals are no longer conducted. Although he has absented his parishioners, they have promised to destroy the Churches as soon as the War is over. He points out that the same Communist demonstration have occurred at Ravello, Province of Matera.

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CIVIL MEMBERSHIP SECTION

From: DI PINO Enzo

c/o CAV. GAGLIANI

Via Principe Umberto

Messina (letter heading;

Bagnara, Reggio Cal.)

Date:

26 Dec. 1943.

COMMENT

I. LABOR UNION HEAD OF REGGIO FILED FOR ROBE WITH UNION FUNDS PRIOR TO ALLIED OCCUPATION

II. BADOLICIO GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED SPECIFIC

III. FOOD RIOTS AND LOOTING AT GAGNERA IN CALABRIA  
LEAD TO LACK OF BREAD DISTRIBUTION, FOOD SHORT-  
AGE, BLACK MARKET AND COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES.

I. Dr. IALASCHI, Secretary of the dissolved Union of Reggio, as soon as he heard of an Allied landing on the peninsula... and having with-  
drawn from the Bank the Confederation's funds and various accounts, made  
off for Rome". Writer adds that the provincial authorities are not yet  
able to appoint a commissary as liquidator and that the Labor Offices set  
up by the British are not working, being "without head or tail".

II. "If I succeed in shaking off this lethargy into which the new Badoglio  
Government has plunged us" etc..

III. "A few times 150 grams of bread were distributed here (Bagnara), then  
irregularly 100 grams and for the last ten days none at all. All Calabria  
is in the same plight. This morning the population, no longer able to  
bear it, rioted and thousands ran through the streets breaking into many  
shops of black marketeers and requisitioning (six) grain, beans and  
chickpeas...The authorities are communist or socialist. All the citizens  
feel insecure and from dusk to dawn armed masked gangs halt and rob.

No the black market here is some data:

Vegetables I 50-60	pkg.	Bread I 150
Potatoes I 25		Meat I 50
Wheat I 90-100		Red Flour I 100
White Flour I 150-160		Flour I 35-37
Pasta I 150		Dry Chestnuts I 35
		Cheese I 150-160

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From:

"MATERA Giuseppe"  
Comune di Banze  
(Prov. di Matera)

Date:

22 Nov. 1943

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET OPERATIONS & PRO-FASCIST ACTIVITIESOF CARABINIERI IN BANZE, MATERA

This letter is signed "Matera Giuseppe," although no name appears on the envelope.

The writer reveals to the Prefect of Matera and to the Lieutenant of the Carabinieri that in the Comune of Banzi (Prov. of Matera) the brigadier, Taronno and the appuntato, MASQUALINO, are carrying on as smugglers (or Black Market operations). The fourth of November the wife of the appuntato with the daughter of a certain Rosina DI GIULIO went to Corato, the home town of the appuntato to sell a sack of flour; furthermore that they have stores of flour in their house by agreement with the millers, and they also have lard, oil, etc. He adds that the brigadier had had appointed as Commissar of the Comune of Banzi a certain DI COSTINO for having always been a fascist and ahierarch. He also speaks of a certain Vituccio LASAJA a favorite of the same brigadier.

The letter closes with an invitation to the authorities to act; otherwise the strike began at Banzi the 2nd of November for subsidies would be more intense and everything would be burned.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: VARIOMES  
Reggio Calabria

Date: 16 Jan. 44

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET AND HIGH PRICES  
OF FOODSTUFFS IN REGGIO CALABRIA CAUSE CRIME WAVE

Five letters complain about severe hunger at Reggio and say the few accessories that exist are extremely expensive, C.L.

- Sugar, L 200 a kg.
- Greens, L 20
- Flour, L 120 and 130
- pork L 120 and 130 (poor quality and nearly non-existent).
- Veal, L 100
- Chickens, L 200 up
- Chicory, L 6
- Broccoli L 14
- Chickpeas L 60
- Beans L 45
- Kidney Beans L 90
- Maiz L 50
- Chestnut Flour L 45
- Beef L 80
- Oil (olive) L 65 a litre
- Vino L 12-20 a litre

writers blame crime wave at Reggio (robberies and thefts on these conditions and on insufficient bread ration 150 grams.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: BRINDISINI, Vittorio  
Sava (Taranto)

Date: 21 Dec. 43

COMMENT

FASCISTS STILL IN AUTHORITY AT SAVA, TARANTO

"This is our Italy, the Italy of Mezzini, the Italy which Caribaldi made; this is our country, the dream of all the poets; today it is only a gang of thieves, cowards and fake 'cavaliers'. We fight against the Fascists, but all of them are Fascists, all safe, all the well-to-do people, and all the important people (Fascists) are still in position of authority. We are not free, and we never shall be free unless we poison the germs of the old party, which were always pernicious... It is of the first importance to make the people participate in political life; after a period of twenty years during which the orders, always imposed by the high command with the most absolute irrevocability, had the sole effect of buying out everyone, and creating political disunity. We shall suffer the effects of this for a long time. The only end most agreeable service these officials of the old party could do is to go away; and the only duty of the present Government so far as domestic politics is concerned is to get rid of them."

"...The POST OFFICER OF SAVA is a great Fascist and I will get him..."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

Date: 8 Jan. 44

FROM: MASSARINI, Franco  
A.G.I.P. (Az. Generale Ital.  
Petrolio)  
Porto Torres (Sassari Pr. Sardinia)

COMMENT

FOILED FASCIST PLOT AT SASSARI

"....The authorities, particularly the civil ones, always leave much to be desired, beginning with the PREFETTO (presumably of SASSARI who, I believe, is trying to string along at the same time with our government and the pseudogovernment of the phantasm Mussolini.... We had some Fascist elements who lost their seats; they were attempting some kind of coup d'etat or other, but they were caught and we hope they will be shot soon...."

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CIVIL MEMBERSHIP SECTION

FROM:

COZZO, Giuseppe  
Ippolito  
Cosenza - Italy

DATE:

11 Jan. 44

## COMMENT

FASCIST FLIGHTS IN IAPPANO, COSENZA

"I pray that you will see to it that a band of local fascists be eliminated. Almost every night in the home of Mr. Scarpelli they get together and organize fascist propaganda, they are the following.

1. CIPPARONE, Emilio, nephew of the Communal Secretary. Squadrista and Federal Inspector previously employed by the Bank of Italy. He is now at Iappano.
2. COZZOLINI, Pietro, Political Fascist Secretary for 14 years, for 5 years pensioned and still he is employed as secretary to the Communal Secretary.
3. CAVAVITTA, Michele, Fascist authority and was Fodeste for 12 years.
4. SCARPELLI Emanuel, retired doctor, although he continued his practice until the fall of Fascism.
5. BOCCHELLI, Luigi, son of the Commercial Secretary, employed by the Caltabro Lucane Railroad. Vice Political Secretary until the fall of Fascism.

It is necessary for agents of Public Security to break up this band of dangerous and damaging persons for the good of the population of this present government.

NOTE: This letter was opened at the request of AMG police as the Carabini and the Gestapo are suspected of harboring Black Marketeers and Party members.

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Region III

FROM : BRUNO, Corrado  
Via Francesco Tedesco, 171  
Avellino, Avellino Prov.

TO : UCCCI, Domenico  
Via Terzo Savanola, 19  
Gioia del Colle, Bari

3-9 Jan 44

COMMENT

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
No. 376

16 February 1944

100/14564/20

SUBJECT: Civil matters, Censorship.

To : H.C.A.C.'s Regs. I, II, & VI.

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2. Extracts which it is considered of interest to you will be forwarded from time to time, for such action as may seem desirable.
3. This sub-commission will summarize the general situation monthly on information disclosed by extracts and any action taken by you.
4. Lists of extracts will be treated as confidential.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES COMMISSION  
 WFO 594

Administrative Section

ACC/011.2/ES

SUBJECT: Civil Matters, Censorship

TO : Legal Sub Commission  
 Education Sub-Commission  
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Commission.  
 Public Health Sub-Commission  
 Public Safety Sub-Commission  
 Interior Sub-Commission  
 Property Control Sub-Commission

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FROM: (Art.)  
GIOC I, Elio  
Second Batt.  
Cisternino, Brindisi

TO: (Art.)  
VIGNOLA, Mario  
203 Batt.  
P.M. 135

DATE: Jan. 3-9, 1944.

## COMMENT

PILLAGING BY ITALIAN CO-BELLIGERENT TROOPS AT  
CISTERMINO (BRINDISI PR.)

One artilleryman writes to another at P.M.-APO 138- that the number of soldiers who devastate and rob the Cisternina countryside, is incredible.

"They rob hens, lambs, kids in a big way and therefore the population is not well disposed toward them."

FROM: VIGOTIANO, Lucia  
2A Reggio Calabria

TO: CONTI, Annina  
S. Lucide Marina  
Cosenza

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FROM: MANARA, Giuseppe  
Regg. Motoriz. Comando  
P.M. 135, Brindisi

TO: CELLA, Franco and Walter  
R. Rimorchiatore Folgore  
1st Gruppo N.V.L.  
Taranto

DATE: Jan. 3-9, 44.

COMMENT

ALLIED TREATMENT DISPROVES GERMAN PROPAGANDA

"Our people certainly will not suffer at Milano, a fact which the Allies have demonstrated by their conduct beyond the shadow of a doubt. All that stuff they tried to make us believe about the Americans is not so. Now I recognize they are just the opposite to what our leaders pictured them and I'm sure they'll continue to be so throughout Italy".

Examiner's Note Apparently he means that the Italians will not suffer at Milan when the Allies take that city.

FROM: PETRUZZELLI, Giuseppe  
Via Cappellotti, 25  
Matera

TO: MINISTER OF INTERIOR  
Brindisi

DATE: Dec. 24, 43.

COMMENT

DENUNCIATION OF A FASCIST

Mr. Petruzzelli states that Dr. D. GALLITELLI was the founder of Fascism and first Fascist Mayor at Bernalda, in the Province of Matera. He helped to organize and convince people of the Commune to become Fascists and has remained with Fascist ideas ever since.

FROM: MISCICA, Concettina  
(Vedova, Nee Re)  
Via 2 Luglio, 35  
Caltagirone, Catania Pr.

TO: FARUGGIO, Dora (Nee Re)  
Presso FARUGGIO, Biagio  
San Giuseppe Iato

DATE: Jan. 4, 44.

COMMENT

ROME RADIO'S CALUMNY OF ALLIED DEPORTATION OF SICILIAN CHILDREN BOOMERANGS

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Saluria - Santulussurgiu  
Cagliari

TO: Sig. RINNA, Luigi  
Via Roma 35 P. 2  
Sassari

DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

COMMENT

SOLDIERS STEAL IN SALARIS - SANTULUSSURGIU (CAGLIARI)

".....in our town it is disastrous. All of us have to stay with closed doors, because the soldiers go to the homes and ask for everything and they continually steal, but we must resign ourselves, but even they, poor souls, are right....."  
Mariantona

FROM: FINOCCHIARO, Aprile C.  
Palermo.

TO: BRIENZA, Francesco (Prof)  
Via dello Statuto, 7  
Bitonto, Bari

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HIGH COST OF LIVING IN PALERMO

"I can't tell you how high the cost of living is here. Bread is at sixty lire per kilo, pasta products at 100 lire per kilo, olive oil at 150 lire per litre, coal at fourteen lire per kilo, meat at 130 lire per kilo; an egg costs 16 lire; 500 lire a day is not enough. Then I will not tell you what a shirt, a pair of shoes, or a suit costs. What can we do?"

FROM: CUCE, Graziella  
Via Roma 2,  
Mascalucia, Catania Province

TO: CUCE, Pietro  
App. R. G. ...anze  
Brigata di Sparta  
Messina

DATE: Jan. 7, 44.

COMMENT

- 1. MORE BREAD ALLOTTED TO ROYAL CARABINIERI THAN TO ROYAL GUARDIE DI FINANZA
- 2. PROFITTEERING BY ROYAL CARABINIERI

I. "The Royal Carabinieri receive 500 grams of bread ration. Why is your ration only 100 grams? Why the discrimination?"

II. "Then the Carabinieri make a deal at the mill, let everybody have his grain ground, but charge a percentage of all the flour which is milled. They are well supplied. Here we call them, not any longer Carabinieri, but unscrupulous thieves. The volume of wheat sold underhand is great, while no wheat is found at the just price. At sixty lire per kilo one can buy as much as he wants. Many are those who have become rich with this illegal trade."

FROM: SINULA, Elena  
Via Trento No. 16  
Ozieri

TO: Signa. D'ASCANIO, Adele  
Via Pietro Nicca C. Bis  
Sassari

DATE: Jan. 12, 44.

COMMENT

MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO SASSARI TO QUELL COMMUNISTS

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FROM: GUBITOSI, Luigi (Dr)  
Via Giostra Vecchio  
Presso Bosco, Cosenza

TO: GUBITOSI, Giuseppe  
Bonifate  
Cosenza

DATE: Jan. 8, 44.

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FROM: SEGNI, Antonio \*Avv.  
Prof. Ord. nella R. Univ.  
di Sassari

TO: Capt. Dott. SEGNI, Carlo  
Radio Sardegna

COMMENT

SHORTAGE OF FLOUR IN SASSARI RESULTS IN INCIDENTS

".....but first they must quell the grave anxiety that has grown in our province over the lack of flour; grave incidents have happened at Ozieri, and grave incidents might happen here. By the 16th., without miracles, we will be without flour in the province....."

FROM: SERGENTE Francesco  
Via Jacillari 8  
Sassari

TO: FOCCHI Peppino  
Comand Dist di Fertilia

Date: 14 January 1944

COMMENT

"REVOLTS TO REVOLUTION" OVER FOOD IN SASSARI

"...Yesterday at Sassari there was a sort of commotion, we could call a prelude to revolution and today it continues more furiously. The population revolts. They would like to go the prefect who has completely disinterested himself in furnishing food to the hungry people...

"All the roads are blocked... The red flag is waving at the head of the people... every once in awhile, punches, kicks, some wounded and more than one (policeman) beat up plenty."

FROM: LILLA Concetta  
Via Risorgimento N. 85  
Grottaglia (Taranto)

TO: LILLA, Alessandro  
Via dei Candela  
16 Siracusa.

Date:

COMMENT

PEOPLE OF GROTTAGLIA REBEL OVER FOOD SITUATION

"Today the population of Grottaglia rebelled because of the matter of food... Young and old have cried that they want to eat, that since the month of August no pasta has been given them --only bread and oil, and then everything must be bought in the black market."

FROM: Sergente  
DE MARTIS, Francesco  
Carcari, Giudizarie  
Sassari

TO: Signa,  
LEONI, Maria  
Via Municipio 5  
Sassari, Thiesi

Date: 14 January 1944

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COMMENT

HUNGER IN SASSARI CAUSES DEMONSTRATIONS

....here in Sassari we can not go ahead because of hunger. They do not give us anymore pasta, no flour, no oil. We are eating bread and cabbage. Today women and children went around Sassari yelling for food....

FROM: MURRAY, Merit

TO:

Date: 26/12/43-1/1/44



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FROM

COMISO, Anna  
 Modugno  
 Bari

TO

PERRICOLI, Maria  
 (Address not given)

Date

26/12/49-1/1/44

COMMENT

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC AT MODUGNO

"...a typhus epidemic is going around (at Modugno) which has already  
 cut off several young lives and many others are in serious danger."

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FROM: BACCARO, Dante  
2nd Platoon, 5 Via Montesano  
Lecce  
TO: COLELLA, Dante  
Corso La Settembre  
Locorotondo, Bari  
DATE: Dec. 17, 1943.

COMMENT

DESERTIONS IN THE ITALIAN COERCIBLE ARMY

"I am just as good as at home because there is no discipline here. Once one has escaped there is nothing they can do about it because the denunciation is not forwarded for action. Of all us companions who escaped together I was the only one stupid enough to return. The others said they would do it and made good. Who knows how many there are who run away and never return. They desert and there is nothing to be done about it."

FROM: Soldier MENOZZI, Adorato  
Military Hospital  
Palo del Colle  
Bari  
TO: Soldier SCOCCHETTI, Luigi  
Alpine Battalion  
Mardo  
Lecce  
DATE: Dec. 20, 44.

COMMENT

INADEQUATE MEDICINE FOR SICK SOLDIER

"I cannot get well because of the scarcity of medicine, therefore I am always in the same position. One tightens his belt to the limits imagine ....."

FROM: Artilleryman POLI, Paolo  
47th Artillery  
Lecce  
TO: POLI, Vito  
27th Ricasoli St.,  
Malfetta, Bari

COMMENT

SHORT RATIONS FOR ARTILLERYMAN IN LECCE

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".....the loaf of bread was ever so small, has been reduced, and my appetite is never satisfied.....the other day they distributed one ration can for every three persons, maybe in the future they will give one....for the whole regiment."

FROM: DE BENEDETTUS  
Piazza Savoia, 13  
Corato  
TO: FIORÉ, Giuseppe  
Rosmini 27  
Canosa

COMMENT

LACK OF FOOD AND HOUSING IN CORATO

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"I cannot get well because of the scarcity of medicine, therefore I am always in the same position. One tightens his belt to the limits imagine ....."

FROM: Artilleryman POLI, Paolo  
47th Artillery  
Lecce

TO: POLI, Vito  
27th Ricasoli St.,  
Malfetta, Bari

## COMMENT

SHORT RATIONS FOR ARTILLERYMAN IN LECCE

"....the loaf of bread was ever so small, has been reduced, and my appetite is never satisfied.....the other day they distributed one ration can for every three persons, maybe in the future they will give one....for the whole regiment."

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FROM: DE BENEDICTUS  
Piazza Savoia, 13  
Corato

TO: FIORE, Giuseppe  
Rosmini 27  
Canosa

## COMMENT

LACK OF FOOD AND HOUSING IN CORATO

".....we have been without bread for three days now because that there is no flour, and living in fear of the thought of dying of hunger. Another 800 persons, who are practically naked because their homes were destroyed, cannot find means to support themselves. The authorities are not trying to find a way to help us or them. One kilo of bread sold at 45 lire last week, and now it sells for 52....."

FROM: GIOVANNI, Bruno  
Acquaviva, Fonti

TO: Soldato LEONCRANDE, Giuseppe  
(No address given)

## COMMENT

RIOT IN ACQUAVIVA FONTI. GRANARY RECORDS BURNED

"..... a riot followed....the tax office was set afire.... the office where all the grain records are kept."

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FROM: ROBERT, Marie (Sister)  
Bari  
TO: MARIE (Sister)  
(address not given)  
Date: 2/1/44-9/1/44

COMMENT

STRIKE AND RIOT AGAINST CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF CUPELLO

Yesterday's strike occurred... They shouted 'Down with all Civil Authorities of Cupello! ... A riot took place.'

FROM: ROBERT  
S. Teresa di Gallura  
TO: SPIONA  
PALONTO, Islands  
Via D'Aguiro 74  
Taranto  
Date: 5 January 1944

COMMENT

NO PAST, RIOT, OR WAR IN SASSARI FOR 5 MONTHS

Dear Sister,  
It is five months since they have given us pasta, rice, or etc. imagine, we are pushing life along eating nuts at 13 lire a kilo. I spend 50 lire a day and at night we are hungrier than before.  
Rosaria

FROM: PASQUALE, Romeo  
Rione S. Giorgio  
Reggio Calabria  
TO: Comandante La Stazione dei CCRR.  
Sherre Central  
Reggio Cal.  
DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET OPERATED BY GANGSTER

Most distinguished Marshal:

Because of your well known activity and gallantry in the execution of your delicate task, I feel it my duty to communicate to you in the greatest secrecy, that here in Rione S. Giorgio and precisely 200 metres before reaching the madhouse lives MARINO CRISTOFARO, a very well-known gangster. His home is the meeting place of robbers. He is the leader of the gang responsible for whatever happens in the way of ransacking and rapes. He conducts a Black Market openly, and carries on the slaughter of the stolen animals, selling the meat under cover.

FROM: Comandante di Finanza  
TO: Comandante di Finanza  
DATE: Dec. 15, 43.

TO  
ROSARIA,  
S. Teresa di Gallura

5 January 1944

SPINA  
PALERMO, Islanda  
Via D'Alagno 74  
Taranto

COMMENT

LA PAGNA, SIDA, CR. DI MARSA DI FUR. A. MONTI

Dear Sister,

It is five months since they have given us pasta, rice, oil etc. Imagine, we are pushing life along eating nuts at 10 lire a kilo. I spend 50 lire a day and at night we are hungrier than before.

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FROM: MASELLI, Francesco  
Via Calatafimi, 93  
Trani, Bari

TO: CR. Guardia di Finanza  
SOURRIMARO, Nicola  
Via Francesco Crispi  
Case Popolari, Scuole Roselli  
Bari

DATE:

Dec. 15, 43.

COMMENT

HIGH PRICES • MATCHES

"See if you can find me wax matches, in fact matches of any kind. Here the speculators are asking from 13 - 15 lire a box for wax matches. Yesterday I had to spend 15 lire for a box of wax matches."

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FROM: COLLI, Col  
(NO address given)  
TO: FRANCI, Capt.  
(NO address given)  
DATE: Jan. 2-8, 44.

COMMENT

COLONEL'S FAITH IN ARMY AS STABILIZING FACTOR

"//.....nothing remains but to have faith and to work for reconstruction. Only if the Army remains intact can we be assured that there will be a return to normalcy; otherwise chaos will break forth."

FROM: S. Ten. VINCENZO, Gaetano Carlo  
30 Regg. 12 Btg. Autieri  
Tricassi, Lecce  
TO: MIRAGLIA, Tita  
Via Tanzi, 33  
Bari  
DATE: Dec. 15, 43.

COMMENT

1. POLITICAL DISORDER IN CALABRIA

2. ITALIAN PARACHUTISTS ATTACK COMMUNISTS

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2. "At Catanzaro, parachutists of the "Folgore" (Lightning) Division struck blows at the communists. In a word, amongst so much chaos one gets a laugh from time to time."

FROM: MARTIRADONNA, Gino  
Trevisanni 164  
Bari  
TO: ROTIGLIA, Margherita  
Gallipolli  
Lecce

COMMENT

RAPE, ROBBERY, AND MURDER OF ITALIANS BY GERMANS

"I have seen homes destroyed. I have seen necessary foods stolen. I have seen houses blown up by mines for the simple amusement of the Germans. I have seen girls torn from their mothers and used to satisfy the sexual pleasures. I have seen relatives and parents of these girls who rebelled against these atrocities killed. I have seen youngsters killed who refused to render aid on their fortifications."

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"....I worked.....three days in the very first line working and bringing their rations to the Germans in the trenches. The reward for these days of labor was complete starvation and beatings, the marks of which are still on my back."

FROM: VITULO, Bruno  
Via Generale Giardina  
Portopalo, Syracuse

TO: FRANCO, Santore  
Fondo Sterio  
Messina

COMMENT

EFFICIENCY OF ITALIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP

"EE more cautious expounding your ideas and comments on paper now because the Postal Censorship works very well and attentive, much better than it has ever worked before."

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FROM: RODINO, RO  
Via Mazzini 55  
Porto Nuova,  
Torino

TO: Employees of R.R. Station  
GIOISA IONICA MARINA  
Reggio,  
Calabria

DATE: July 27, 43.

ANTI-FASCIST

Date lining letter "2nd day of the New Government, sender wrates:

"Do you know that infamous pig, Mussolini, that fakir in Caesar's garb? Yes, the same who on the night of July 25, 1943, together with his notorious co-laborators told His Majesty the King and the Pepple: "I came, I saw, I lost" and who ruined the Italian people and the whole world, but I had told him: ~~SHANE~~ Tece! Fares" (???)

(Down with) Fascism, Traitor of Italy

(Up with) Liberty, Justice, Equality, Fraternity and country.

I am the convicted ex-Anti-Fascist, the ex-adm-nished anti-Fascist RODINO, Rocco fu Salvatore.

FROM: COMPAGNIA NAZIONALE  
Esportatori Importatori  
Prodotti Ortofrutticoli.

TO: MARCIANO, Francesco & Co.  
Piazza Garibaldi,  
Reggio, Calabria.

DATE: July 12, 43.

COMMENTFIRMS ON FASCIST BLACK AND UNSATISFACTORY CONSIGNED LISTSBlack List

"We inform you that the Company referred to on the attached slip wishes to do business with Italian corporations or persons in Spain. Since it is ascertained that the Company in question has in it Anglophile elements, your firm is invited to abstain from business dealing with it. This invitation is motivated also by the purpose of keeping our commercial operations from being divulged to the enemy."

NB: Attached slip reads:

B. A. DUPOGA, Importacion y esportacion, Plaza de las Cortes 6, Madrid.

Unsatisfactory Consignee

"For due information of the interested exporter firms of fruits and vegetables it is communicated that competent organs point out the inadvisability of any business relations who so ever with the Rumanian importers noted on the attached slip, who have proved themselves unethical and petty. This communication is absolutely confidential."

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SQUIRE Kfiru (Squire & Son)



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Both communications signed: E. Morelli,  
Chief, Commercial Sect.

FROM: GARGANO, Maria TO: FERRANTE, Vito Michele DATE: Dec. 16, 43.  
Via Pozzo Monopoli 139 Regg. Fanteria, Ila  
Acquaviva, Bari Comp.. 3 Elg., P.M. 72

COMMENT

L. REMOTING IN ACQUAVIVA (BARI PR.) 2. HIGH PROCESSING FEE FOR OLIVE OIL.

After stating that the olive pressers take L.50 a quintale for pressing olives, writer adds that a terrible dispute ensued and that the other day people revolted and burned the Customs House, the Proprietors Hq. Bldg. and the sumasso. "We don't know what's going to happen next. Let's hope things become better regulated than they are."

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FROM: MATERA, V. Antonino  
Laterza  
Ionio

TO: MATERA, Michele  
25 Fant. 5a Comp.  
Beri.

DATE: 16 Dec. 43.

## COMMENT

RIOT IN LATERZA (IONIO PROV)

"Last Sunday our city had a disorderly demonstration. They broke (sic) the Mayor's head, the Archbishop's head, burned the Mayor's office, the Customs House and the Ammasso (Public Grain Deposit) Office as well as a room in the Municipal Bldg."

Examiner's Note: From other information (see comment sheets 30 & 31) riots caused by food shortage. Additional information on aforementioned riot occurs in unsigned letter of an Italian Policemen on duty at Laterza Prefecture. He says he couldn't have a tougher assignment, mentioning that on December 13, 1943, the people stormed the Municipal Bldg. and the Customs House and adding that the Mayor, who was hurt about the head, had asked to resign.

FROM: ANASTASIO, Francesco  
Parghelia

TO: 1 Questore-Catanzaro  
2 Comandante Stazione RROC  
3 Sindaco-Pergalia  
4 Fed. Prov. Le Socialiste- Catanzaro

DATE:

Dec. 26, 43.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALIST PARTY IN PARGHELLA

"In compliance with Public Safety Law I inform you that in this inhabited locality there is in process of organization a section of the Italian Socialist Party. Its headquarters has been established in Stana Orsola House, Citta' di Fiume St."

FROM: COBUCCI, Francesco  
Bosco  
Salerno

DATE:

TO: COBUCCI, Giuseppe  
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Jan. 11, 44.

## COMMENT

AT The home of one of my friends at Castellammare we are dying of hunger. We have only our small gardens and from time to time we get 253313 50, or 100 grams of bread each. We eat grass like the animals.

DELETION reported passage.

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FROM: DIREZIONE DI SANITA' MILITARE  
delle FF. Aa., Campania, Napoli  
Ufficio Segreteria, P. M. 120

TO: DIREZIONE ASSEMBLEE MILITARI  
Casali, Prov. di Salerno

DATE: Jan. 3, 44.

## COMMENT

- 1 ITALIAN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES CLASSIFIED ITALIAN ARMY DOCUMENT
- 2 COMMUNISM IN ITALIAN CO-BELLIGERENT ARMY

Sender, Italian Medical Corps Administration, is forwarding to Adm. Military Hospital, Pagani copy of letter sent out by Hq., Armed Forces of Campania, Personnel Office, dated Naples, 3 January, 1944, ref. no. 134/Pers., subject is observance of secrecy of classified material and communication is addressed to all units directly dependent on aforesaid Hq.

This communication reads:

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The General Commanding the Army Corps  
(Signed) Antonio BASSO

FROM: Various     TO: Various     DATE: Various

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5	Natale Mazza	Regusa	C. " 168 "	3 " "
6	Grimaldi Maria	Enna	Fiduciaria F.F.	" " "
7	Negreni Arnaldo	P.M. 164	Console C. la 17 C.N.	5 " "
8	Guglielmo Marelli	P.M. 164	C. il Battaglione	" " "
9	Salvatore Gatto	Palermo	S. Federale	" " "
10	Ferruccio Colariet	"	V. S. "	" " "
11	Sealzp Michele	Sammato	C.P. M.N.S.N	8 " "
12	Gaetano Messina	Caltanissetta	S. Federale	5 " "
13	Marion Colesanti	Roma	C.N. Pres. O.N.D.	1 " "
14	Igazio Revelle	Caltanissetta	V.S. Federale	8 " "
15	Enzo Galbiati	Roma	C. Generale M.V.S.N.	1 " "
16	Elena Monsco	Caltanissetta	Fiduciaria P.	1 " "
17	Sergie Pinetti	Mantova	S. Federale	1 " "
18	Salvatore Searantina	Caltanissetta	"	3 " "
19	Fable Pasterini	Firenze	Console C. la leg. C.N.	" " "
20	Calceere Benavia	Caltanissetta	Direttore Gior. F.	29 June 43

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NAMES OF FASCISTS IN SICILY AND POSITIONS HELD BY THEM (Cont'd)

No.	NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE OF LETTER
21	Zerbi Nicola	Caltanissetta	C. la 173 C.N.	5 July 1943.
22	Di Pasquale Italo	P.M. 22	C. la Miliz. 6th A	25 June
23	Salvatore Virgilio	Campofranco	Delegato INT. Cent.F.	8 July
24	Umberto Rizzeli	P.M. 165	Console C. la 171 Leg.	20 June
25	Innovente Brancati	P.M. 165	Aiutante in I	8 July
26	Maria Colasanti	Roma	S. Federale	5 July
27	Egorde Faducelle ACCO,	Livorno	C. la 19th Leg.C.N.	3
28	Saldaini Carlo	"	Seniere	3
29	Curatele Umberto	"	Centurione	3
30	Becchini Alberto	"	"	3
31	Zasseri Gastone	"	"	3
32	De Gasseri Ernesto	"	"	3
33	Zingani Danilo	"	"	3
34	Sestilio Cipolla	"	"	3
35	Salvatore Sessa	"	"	3
36	Bene Poletti	"	"	3
37	Calogere V.Orlan	Firenze	Com. Leg C.N.	6
38	Camillo Pellizzi	Caltanissetta	P.dell'I Cult F.	3
39	Enrico Branisci	Roma	"	3
40	Francesco Vitalit.	P.M. 164	C. la 170 leg. C.N.	6
41	Armando Gius	P.M. 5	Console Generale	3
42	Umberto Tarantin.	P.M. 5	"	3
43	Giovanni Cerchiar	P.M. 164	C. la 170 leg. C. N.	6
44	Giovanni Mela	Gela	C. la 17th Leg. C.N.	5
45	Cureiullo Sev.	P.M. 165	Begretario Fascie	6
46	Ettore Tuozzi	P.M. 164	Capo Rep. del 838 GMV	20 June
47	David Fossa	P.M. 5	C. la leg. 151	4 July
48	Alfredo Gucco	Roma	Isp. PNF Sicily	5 July 1943
49	Iudica	Enna	V. Secret. PNF	1
50	Gemillo Giannantoni	Enna	Isp. Federale	7
51	Antonio Scelfe	P.M. 5	C.Naz. e Federale	5
52	Placide Sideti	Enna	Pres. Unione Fasc.	8
53	Giovanni Vinci	"	Com. Legione 17	7
54	Grimaldi Geracelle	Cosenza	Federale	?
55	Ugo Bartoli	Enna	Fiduciari a Femmine	6 July 1943
56	Gius. Saltalmacchia	P.M. 5	Isp. Gil, Sicily	8
57	Mirani Argneni	Enna	Federale	5
58	Teresa Rosse	Roma	Isp. P.N.F.	7
59	De Palma Rinaldi	P.M. 5	Isp. P.N.F.	7
60	Melfa Biagio	Pisa	Com. Mil, Maritt.	2
61	Giuseppe Cannizzo	Enna	Sec. Admin. ANSA	6
62	Pasinetti Pierino	"	V. Com. Federale	31
		"	Cent. Co. Mil.Forest.	17

Examiners Note: Above information from Fascist Pre-Invasion Mail.

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From M. RANCO, Matile  
Via Francesco Crispi 235  
Catania (Sicily)

22 January 1944.

COMMENT

COMPLAINT ABOUT RESURGENCE OF "MAFIA"  
UNDER ALLIED GOVERNMENT

"They say that stolen goods are sold at the market in Palermo. Some fine things happened here at the fair! The people passing by would recognize their things and, to get them back, they had to buy them at a high price. If there were any law, they should get them back without buying them. We are like prisoners, without the protection of the laws. Those who wanted the English to come have to take it and like it. There were even people who went to meet them with flowers! One cannot bear the brazenness of the MAFIA which no longer existed. We are not even free to walk at our leisure."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: ANONYMOUS (niece of addressee?)

To: (Brig)  
FURNO, Antonio  
Staz CC.RR. di  
Pallavicino (Palermo, Sicily)

19 January 1944.

COMMENT

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF GERMAN TRANSMITTER

BY ITALIAN POLICEMAN

"The English police searched my house on the 18th of January (1944). They saw your boxes and insisted on bursting them open. Where the sewing machine was, they found a civilian receiving set which had not been reported; then they saw a German two-way radio set and they took it away. Therefore, dear uncle, please come."

Note: Also mentioned in letter are: a brother-in-law Matteo (first name), and little nephews Ciccino, Concettino, and Salvatore.

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From: MIE ALBA, Angelina  
Via Crescinone 6 Disc. S. Agata  
Caltagirone (Catania, Sicily)

Jan. 25th, 1944.

COMMENT

BREAD RIOTS AT CALTAGIRONE (SICILY)

"Among other troubles this morning they cut down the bread ration (to 150 gr.). The people rebelled and stormed City Hall. They threw all of the more interesting registers and even the furniture out the window then, they set fire to everything. The Americans opened fire with machine guns and threw hand grenades."

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From: ANONYMOUS  
Militello, Sicily  
(mailed at)

To: PALERMO, Giovanni  
Via Silvio Pellico 19  
Militello (Catanica, Sicily)

25 January 1944.

COMMENT

BLACKMAIL BY "MANO NERA" - (BLACK HAND)

The addressee is ordered to pay L. 30,000 in a carefully specified way or his son Giovannino will be killed. If the addressee does not pay the sum on the specified date, he will have to pay L. 50,000 the next day.

Letter is signed "Mano Nera" meaning "Black Hand"

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From: DE CARO, Catrula  
Ved. Russino Via Cesiv.  
166 Scicli (Ragusa, Sicily)

16 January 1944.

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET PRICES AT SCICLI (RAGUSA)

The writer states that it is impossible to buy anything anymore, because everything is so costly.

"The black market is flourishing. There are families that are starving especially those with many children. It is impossible to get clothes and shoes. Shoes sell for from 500 to 1000 lire and up. Meat sells for 100 lire a kg. with bones. Fish sells for 35 lire a kg., milk for 16 lire a litre, eggs 8 lire each, the soda for the soap between 450-500 lire a kg. Wheat sells for 1000 lire a tunolo."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: PARTITO D'AZIONE  
Via L. Amedeo  
Bari

Date: 27 January 1944.

COMMENT

PARTITO D'AZIONE PREPARES TO SEND DELEGATES  
TO G.F. OF L. CONVENTION AT BARI 29/1/44

"The Organizing Committee for the General Federation of Labor, a committee on which the representatives of our party take part has set a syndical convention for the 29th of this month to take place in Bari, in the Teatro del Popolavoro Ferroviario (Theater of Railroad Workers' Recreation), Via Reggio Calabria. The order of the day has as first point the constitution of the General Confederation of labor with a tentative program and the nomination of a provisional Central Committee. It is opportune that the syndicate organizations who are members of our party and the most capable workers whom we have prepared for, and in accordance with the directives of the party, participate in the convention to which naturally our most experienced syndical representatives will also come, so that the voice of our party will come out effectively sustained. We are including herewith a number of invitation cards on which you will inscribe the name of ~~the~~ whichever comrade you will send to the convention."

The Secretary

Reviewer's Note: The Partito D'Azione is one of the left wing anti-Royalist parties.

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From: (Ragioniere-Accountant)  
FRANZA, Antonio  
Via Indipendenza, 76  
Salerno (Italy)

17 January 1944.

COMMENT

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SALERNO

Writer says he doesn't leave his house on account of weakness from malnutrition brought on by the fact that since his return to Salerno he has had to live exclusively on greens.

Examiner's Note: The Italian Censorship Station at Salerno notes that about 40% of the mail examined outgoing from Salerno Provinces contains food shortage and hunger complaints.

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## CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: VARIOUS

Date: 10 - 25 January 1944.

COMMENT

HIGH COST OF LIVING - SALERNO

The writers of various letters complain in general concerning the high cost of food, particularly bread and pasta. The rations of 150 grams a day of bread is insufficient according to the letters of the complaints. The following is a list of prices mentioned in letters from the Province of Salerno:

Bread	80 to 90 lire per kilo
Pasta	120 to 140 " " "
Vegetables	50 " " "
Potatoes	50 " " "
Horse-beans	22 to 33 " " "
Chickpeas	50 " " "
Sugar	300 " " "
Soap	50 " " "
Eggs	25 lire each
Oil	180 " per litre.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: CASISSI, Concetto  
Piedimonte Etrusco  
Via Borgo, 25, Catania (Sicily)

26 December 1943.

## COMMENT

1. FASCISTS ALLEGED IN CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT AT CATANIA
2. VIOLENCE AND "BLACKHANDS" UNCHECKED BY LOCAL POLICE

1. "I would like to tell you much that I can't. The Fascists still rule here. My father doesn't receive the subsidy because we're not liked. I who am doing my duty (seemingly writer is a soldier although he gives a civilian address) am nearly looked down upon because the others are all at home; about the only ones in service are those few on the peninsula.

2. The Carabinieri don't give a damn. So true is this that the Blackhand is here robbing and killing... Very soon we won't be able to go out even in the daytime."

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## CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

12 January 1944.

From:

(Carabiniere)  
TORRICELLI, Giuseppe  
Presso (c/o) la Stazione CC.FF.  
Decollatura, Catanzaro (Italy)

COMMENT

RIOTING AT DECOLLATURA AND S. BERNARDO IN CATANZARO PR.

LAID TO FLOUR MILLS DISPUTE

The sender, an Italian Carabinieri, writes: "Two days after we had left Decollatura on leave, there occurred a large scale popular demonstration involving more than 1,000 rioters who assaulted the City Hall. Armed with sticks, clubs, hand bombs etc., they wanted to burn to death the Mayor, the Secretary and others because they said they wanted to close down the flour mills. The Secretary escaped through the opposite window. The Mayor, they carried off but later released.

They burnt the Customs Office at S. Bernardo. The intervention of the local carabinieri was utterly ineffective. After about an hour a reinforcement of some 30 carabinieri who, armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades, managed to disperse the demonstrators.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: ANONYMOUSTo: TRIBUNALE MILITARE DI GUERRA  
Catanzaro, (Italy)

30 December 1944.

## COMMENT

ITALIAN AIRFORCE PERSONNEL A.W.O.I. AT SERSALE IN  
CATANZARO PROV. AFTER FLEEING SICILY IN JULY

The following air personnel, it is charged in a letter addressed to Military Court at Catanzaro, failed to report to their Command after fleeing from Sicily over five months from date of present denunciation. It is also asserted that they are being covered up by the local authorities who are their countrymen and especially by a certain Carabinieri Maresciallo, SPINELLI, Gerardo, whom they bring food to. They are said to be still receiving their monthly pay. The names and addresses of these airmen are:

LUBIA, Ercole di Tommaso,	Class 1922, Via	Indipendenza, Sersale	"
BORELLI, Pietro di Salvatore,	"	"	Alighieri,
BORELLI, Vito di Michele,	"	"	S. Anna,
SCHIBONI, Tommaso di Serafino,	"	"	Roma,
NAPOLI, Giuseppe fu Rocco,	"	"	"
FUNARO, Domenico di Teresa,	"	"	Deseta,
MANCUSO, Luigi di Francesco,	"	"	"



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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: FRIGNO, Anna  
Santa Maria al Bagno  
(Lecce, Italy)

15 January 1944.

COMMENT

VANDALISM BY 5,000 YUGOSLAV REFUGEESAT SANTA MARIA (LECCE, ITALY)

"Santa Maria has been invaded by over 5,000 refugees from Yugoslavis, Croatia, Ruman rebels and Chinese (sic). I live in constant panic because they call us fascists and they want to cut off our heads. We are compelled to keep the door always locked, but we have to stay outside, at the gate, because they burn open any doors they see closed. They destroyed Nina's house and, then, all the others without distinction. Just imagine! When they feel cold they set brand new furniture afire. In the morning, as soon as they get up, they start taking the wood to the public kitchens. All the cabins of the bathing casino here and at San Marino have been burned. They also burnt the benches and the chairs of the open air theatre and the furniture of the Club."

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
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16 February 1944

ASO/14064/48

SUBJECT: Civil matters, Conscription.

TO : R.C.A.F.C's Regs. I, II, & VI.

1. Herewith information obtained from letters of the civil population which have been opened in transit by sensors.
2. Extracts which it is considered of interest to you will be forwarded from time to time, for such action as may seem desirable.
3. This sub-commission will summarize the general situation monthly on information disclosed by extracts and any action taken by you.
4. Lists of extracts will be treated as confidential.

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

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DEAF HEAR BARTERS  
ALLIED COMM. COMMUNIC

4/11/74

Administrative Section

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SUBJECT: Civil Matters, Conspiracy

TO : Local Sub-Commission  
Suburban Sub-Commission  
Newark, New York & New Jersey Sub-Commission,  
Public Works Sub-Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
Interior Sub-Commission  
Property Control Sub-Commission

1. Information obtained from letters of the Civil population which have been opened in transit by persons from a reliable source of keeping a finger on the pulse of public feeling and any live & first class to important events or to a disturbance of conditions which may require attention.
2. This Section is not receiving from the Civil Conspiracy Section extracts from such letters and it is intended to circulate to sub-commissions those extracts which it is considered may be of interest to them.
3. Such extracts may disclose matters which may require investigation or other action, in which case sub-commissions will take such action as may be desirable.
4. Sub-commission will, in their monthly reports, summarize the general situation as disclosed by the extracts and refer to any important facts uncovered. Conditions disclosed and any action taken taken. For this purpose sub-commissions may make copies of, or extracts, from the reports but must not delay circulation as only one copy of each report is received in the Adm. and it has also to be circulated to other sections and their divisions.
5. An extract or copy made will be treated as a confidential document.
6. Sub-commissions may circulate any extract or copy made by them to any other sub-commission which has not been included in the distribution as noted on the original report.
7. The sub-commission last named for circulation will return its original to this office for onward transmission.

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R. R. GAYNES,  
Lt. Colonel,  
for the Vice President, Administrative Section.

Headquarters  
Allied Control Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 4A-T-----  
5A-D for information

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S..... Rushy

Civil Police.....

Special Police..... [Signature]

~~Prisons.....~~

~~Fire & CD.....~~

~~Regn & Licensing.....~~

Adm. Officer.....

Remarks.....

PA  
[Signature]  
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FROM: (Art.)  
GUGLI, Elia  
Second Batt.  
Cistercino, Swindisi  
DATE: Jan. 3-9, 1944.  
VICOLA, Mario  
203 Batt.  
P.M. 135

COMMENT

PILLAGING BY ITALIAN CO-BELLICIFEROUS TROOPS AT  
CISTERCINO (SICILY)

One artilleryman writes to another at P.S.-MAG 138 that the number of soldiers who devastate and rob the Cistercino countryside is incredible. They rob hens, lambs, kids in a big way and therefore the population is not well disposed toward them.

FROM: VIGORIANO, Lucia  
2a Regio Calabria  
TO: GIBILI, Annina  
S. Iacido Maria  
Cosenza  
DATE: 16 Jan. 1944

COMMENT

ALLEGED LACK OF FAMILY SAFETY AT REGGIO

Writer states that at 1700 one must be in the house in account of armed robbers who circulate around the city. Friend whom she visited told her these Calabrese bandits kidnaped an eight-year old girl, sending her parents a note that unless the parents sent them 1,000,000 they would not return their daughter to them. Writer attributes the appearance of "Cangeters" in Calabria to American influences.

FROM: BRUNO, Corrado  
Via Francesco Tedesco, 171  
Avellino, Avellino Pr.  
TO: GIACCI, Domenico  
Via Terzo Sevencia, 19  
Ciocia del Colle, Bari  
DATE: Jan. 3-9, 44

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET AND HIGH FOOD PRICES IN AVELLINO

The writer states that at Avellino public services are not functioning, the shops are closed and life in general is very difficult. Base commodity prices are as follows:

- Olive oil at 200 lire per litre
  - Pasta products at 50 lire per kilo
  - Flour at 60 lire per kilo
  - Sugar at 120 lire per kilo.
- Meat, eggs, etc., he says, are sky high.

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FROM: VIGORIANO, Lucia  
26 Reggio Calabria  
TO: CONIA, Luina  
S. Ivoldo Marina  
Cosenza  
DATE: 16 Jan. 1944

ALLIED LACK OF MILITARY SAFETY AT REGGIO

Writer states that at 1700 one must be in the house on account of armed robbers who circulate around the city. Friend whom she visited told her these Calabrese bands kidnapped an English year old girl, sending her parents a note that unless the parents sent them 1. 2,000,000 they would not return their daughter to them. Writer attributes the appearance of "Gangsters" in Calabria to American influences.

FROM: FRUSO, Corvado  
Via Francesco Tedesco, 171  
Avellino, Avellino Pr.  
TO: GIACCI, Domenico  
Via Terzo Biennale, 19  
Gioia del Colle, Bari  
DATE: Jan. 29, 44

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET AND HIGH FOOD PRICES IN AVELLINO

The writer states that at Avellino public services are not functioning, the shops are closed and life in general is very difficult. Some commodity prices are as follows:

- Olive oil at 200 lire per litre
- Festa products at 60 lire per kilo
- Flour at 60 lire per kilo
- Sugar at 120 lire per kilo.
- Meat, eggs, etc., he says, are sky high.

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FROM: MARINO, Giuseppe  
Reg. P. Motoriz. Casando  
P.N. 135, Brindisi  
TO: CELLA, Franco and Walter  
R. Rimorchiatore Volgere  
1st Gruppo N.F.I.  
Taranto  
DATE: Jan. 29, 44

COMMENT

ALLIED TREATMENT OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS IN SICILY

"Our people certainly will not suffer at Milano, a fact which the Allies have demonstrated by their conduct beyond the shadow of a doubt. All that staff they tried to make us believe about the Americans is not so. Now I recognize they are just the opposite to what our leaders pictured them and I'm sure they'll continue to be so throughout Italy".

Writer's Note Apparently he means that the Italians will not suffer at Milan when the Allies take that city.

FROM: PETRUZZELLI, Giuseppe  
Via Cap. Nuti, 25  
Matera

TO: MINISTER OF INTERIOR  
Brindisi

DATE: Dec. 24, 44.

COMMENT

EXPLANATION OF A PARAGRAPH

Mr. Petruzzelli states that Dr. D. Callitelli was the founder of Fascism and first Fascist Mayor of Marone, in the Province of Matera. He helped to organize and convince people of the Comune to become Fascists and has remained with Fascist ideas ever since.

FROM: MARONE, Concettina  
(Wife of, see No)  
Via 2 luglio, 35  
Caltagirone, Catania Pr.

TO: FRANCESCO, Gura (see No)  
Presso FRANCESCO, Biagio  
San Giuseppe Iato

DATE: Jan. 4, 44.

COMMENT

THE RADIO'S CALLING OF ALLIED REPROBATION OF SICILIAN CHILDREN'S DISOBEDIENCE

Don't worry about the children. They'll never be deported anywhere. These are absurd, baseless reports circulated by the ridiculous propaganda of that nefarious regime which has plunged poor Italians into the depths of shame and which, we hope, will very soon be wiped from the face of this earth. Nevertheless, the "refreshing" Roma Radio (i.e. German Radio) broadcast that two ships of children sailed from Catania and Syracuse. Nothing is more false. The truth is that the children of Catania were treated to a splendid Mass Dinner. We only wish all the children of Italy had a Mass as peaceful as did our Sicilian youngsters.

FROM: FRANCA, Maria Antonia  
Seluris - Santulussurgiu  
Cagliari

DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

COMMENT

SOLDIER'S ETHAL IN SALERNO - SANDUCCIO (SALERNO)

".....in our town it is disastrous. All of us have to stay with closed doors, because the soldiers go to the houses and ask for everything and they continually steal, but we must resign ourselves, but even they, poor souls, are right....."

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FROM: FRANCESCO, Aprile G.  
Palermo.

TO: FRANCESCO, Francesco (Prof)  
Via Cello Statuto, 7  
Bitonto, Bari

DATE: Jan 3-9, 44.

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FROM: MUSCIGIA, Consettina  
(Telova, Nec No)  
Via 2 luglio, 35  
Caltagirone, Catania Pr.  
DATE: Jan. 4, 44.  
TO: YANUCCIO, Dora (Nec No)  
Fresco Tanculo, Sicula  
San Giuseppe into  
COMMENTS

22X RADIO'S CALUMNY OF ALLIED BOMBING OF SICILIAN AIRFIELD DOCUMENT

Don't worry about the children. They'll never be deported anywhere. These are absurd, baseless reports circulated by the ridiculous propaganda of that nefarious regime which has plunged poor Italians into the depths of shame and which, we hope, will very soon be wiped from the face of the earth. Nevertheless, the "refreshing" Rose Radio (i.e. German Radio) broadcast that two ships of children sailed from Catania and Syracuse. Nothing is more false. The truth is that the children of Catania were treated to a splendid James Di-ner. We only wish all the children of Italy had a Mass as precious as did our Sicilian youngsters."

FROM: Luigi, Maria Antonia  
Caluria - Santulussurgiu  
Cagliari  
DATE: Jan. 11, 44.  
TO: Sig. Bruno, Luigi  
Via Poza 35 P. 2  
Sassari  
COMMENTS

SOLDIERS STAY IN CALURIA - SANTULUSSURGIU (MILITARY)

".....in our town it is disastrous. All of us have to stay with closed doors, because the soldiers go to the houses and ask for everything and they continually steal, but we must resign ourselves, but even they, poor souls, are right....."

Verifications

FROM: FISCONIARO, Aprile C.  
Palermo.  
DATE: Jan 9-9, 44.  
TO: MILIBIA, Francesco (Prof)  
Via Bello Statuto, 7  
Eitanto, Bari  
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COMMENTS

HIGH COST OF LIVING IN PALERMO

"I can't tell you how high the cost of living is here. Bread is at sixty lire per kilo, pasta products at 100 lire per kilo, olive oil at 150 lire per litre, coal at fourteen lire per kilo, meat at 150 lire per kilo; an egg costs 16 lire; 500 lire a day is not enough. When I will not tell you what a shirt, a pair of shoes, or a suit costs. What can we do?"



DATE: Jan. 7, 44.

TO: GUSE, Pietro  
Sgt. N. C. Lione  
Brigade di Operie  
Messina

FROM: GUSE, Orsola  
Via Roma 4  
Messina, Catania Province

COMMENT

1. WAGE BREAD ALLOTTED TO ROYAL CARABINIERI THAN TO ROYAL GUARDIA
2. PROFITING BY ROYAL CARABINIERI

I. The Royal Carabinieri receive 500 grams of bread ration. Why is your ration only 100 grams? Why the discrimination?

II. When the Carabinieri make a deal at the mill, let everybody have his grain ground, but charge a percentage of all the flour which is milled. They are well supplied. Here we call them, not any longer Carabinieri, but unscrupulous thieves. The volume of wheat sold underhand is great, while no wheat is found at the just price. At sixty lire per kilo one can buy as much as he wants. Many are those who have become rich with this illegal trade.

DATE: Jan. 17, 44.

TO: SIGNS, DIACONIO, Adele  
Via Pietro Niccò C. 110  
Cassero

FROM: SIMOLA, Elena  
Via Trento No. 16  
Cassero

COMMENT

MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO CASSARO TO KILL COMMUNISTS

All.... For three days we have not been able to go out of the house on account of the commotions that have happened in town. Yesterday morning there were some wounded and some dead.... This morning 5 truckloads of soldiers have arrived as reinforcements. They have set up many machine guns. The commotions were done by members of the Communist Party.

DATE: Jan. 6, 44.

TO: GUSTICCI, Giuseppe  
Bonifate  
Cassero

FROM: GUSTICCI, Luigi (Dr)  
Via Cisterna Vecchio  
Arrese Roseto, Cassero

COMMENT

POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

Inform me of your health and of local political activity.... **buff 0v**  
 believe they cannot do anything now about that thing since the dissolution of the Italian labor office. However, I have prepared the ground work with Uncle Frank.

1. "The scythi Garabiniari receive 500 Liras of bread ration only 100 grams? Why the discrimination?"

11. "When the Garabiniari make a deal at the mill, let everybody have his grain ground, but charge a percentage of all the flour which is milled. They are well supplied. Here we call them, not any longer Garabiniari, but unscrupulous thieves. The volume of wheat sold underground is great, while at least is found at the just price. At sixty lire per kilo one can buy as much as he wants. They are those who have become rich with this illegal trade."

FROM: SINDIA, Elena  
Via Trento No. 16  
Caserta

TO: Signa, D'ACCARDIO, Adele  
Via Pietro Nicco C. Via  
Caserta

DATE:

Jan. 17, 44.

COMMENT

MILITARY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO SASSARI TO SUPPLY COMMUNISTS

"11.....For three days we have not been able to go out of the house on account of the commotions that have happened in town. Yesterday morning there were some wounded and some dead.....This morning 5 truckloads of soldiers have arrived as reinforcements. They have set up many machine guns. The commotions were done by members of the Communist Party."

FROM: GRILLI, Luigi (Dr)  
Via Giostra Vecchio  
Frasco Bosco, Casenza

TO: QUINTI, Giuseppe  
Sanifate  
Casenza

DATE:

Jan. 5, 44.

COMMENT

POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

"Inform me of your health and of local political activity.....but I believe they cannot do anything now about that think since the dissolution of the Italian labor office. However, I have prepared the around work with Uncle Frank."

FROM: SECHI, Antonio ARR.  
Prof. Ord. della P. Univ.  
di Sassari

TO: Capp. Toti, SECHI, Carlo  
Radio Sardegna

COMMENT

EXCESS OF FLOUR IN SASSARI RESULTS IN INCIDENTS

".....but first they must quell the grave anxiety that has grown in our provinces over the lack of flour; grave incidents have happened at Cagliari and grave incidents might happen here. By the 16th, without wirelets, we will be without flour in the province....."

FROM: ESGAR, Sante  
2nd Platoon, 5 Via Monteseo  
Iscro  
TO: COLEY, Dante  
Corso di Settembre  
Iscro, Italy

DATE: Dec. 17, 1943.

COMMENT

DESERTIERS IN THE ITALIAN CORPUS

"I am just so good as at home because there is no discipline here. One who has escaped there is nothing they can do about it because the denunciation is not forwarded for action. Of all us companions who escaped together I was the only one stupid enough to return. The others said they would do it and made good. Who knows how many there are who run away and never return. They desert and there is nothing to be done about it."

FROM: Soldier MARCHETTI, Adorato  
Military Hospital  
Palo del Colle  
Bari  
TO: Soldier SCOCORONCHI, Luigi  
Alpine Battalion  
Nardo  
Lecce  
DATE: Dec. 20, 44.

COMMENT

IMMEDIATE MEDICINE FOR SICK SOLDIER

"I cannot get well because of the scarcity of medicine, therefore I am always in the same position. One tightens his belt to the last bit imagine ....."

FROM: Artilleryman TULLI, Paolo  
47th Artillery  
Lecce  
TO: ROLL, Vito  
27th Piossoli St.  
Malfetta, Bari

COMMENT

SCANT RATIONS FOR ARTILLERYMAN IN LEUCE

"....the loaf of bread was ever so small, has been reduced, and my appetite is never satisfied.....the other day they distributed one ration can for every three persons, maybe in the future they will give one....for the whole regiment."

FROM: DE PASQUALE  
Fisura Savoie, 13  
Corato  
TO: FIGURE, Giuseppe  
Mozzini 27  
Canosa

COMMENT

LOSS OF FORCE AND HOUSING IN CORATO

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desert and there is nothing to be done about it.

FROM: Soldier AMORATI, Adornato  
Military Hospital  
Palo del Colle  
Bari

TO: Soldier SCOCCHETTI, Luigi  
Alpine Battalion  
Merdo  
Lecce

DATE: Dec. 28, 44.

COMMENT

INADEQUATE MEDICINE FOR SICK SOLDIERS

"I cannot eat well because of the scarcity of medicine, therefore I am always in the same position. The fighters who belt to the limits imagine .....

FROM: Artilleryman PAOLI, Paolo  
47th Artillery  
Lecce

TO: PAOLI, Vito  
27th Miasoli Co.,  
Melfetta, Bari

COMMENT

SHORT RATIONS FOR ARTILLERYMEN IN LECCE

"...the loaf of bread was ever so small, has been reduced, and my appetite is never satisfied.....the other day they distributed one ration can for every three persons, maybe in the future they will give one....for the whole regiment."

FROM: DE FERRI, Felice  
Piazza Savoia, 13  
Corato

TO: FRONE, Giuseppe  
Rocchini 27  
Canosa

COMMENT

LACK OF FOOD AND HOUSING IN CORATO

".....we have been without bread for three days now because that there is no flour, and living in fear of the thought of dying of hunger. Another 500 persons, who are practically naked because their homes were destroyed, cannot find means to support themselves. The authorities are not trying to find a way to help us or them. One kilo of bread sold at 45 lire last week, and now it sells for 52....."

FROM: GIOVANNI, Bruno  
Acquariva, Fonti

TO: Soldato LIQUORANTE, Giuseppe  
(No address given)

COMMENT

RIFUGIUM IN ACQUARIVA FONTI. COMRADE RICCARDO BURNIERI

".... a riot followed....the tax office was set afire.... the office where all the grain records are kept."

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TO  
NARVI (Sgt.)  
(Corruco Gob. Avon)

FROM  
NARVI, Maria (Sgt.)  
Dori

COMMENT

STRIKE AND RIOT AGAINST CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF CORRUCCI

"Yesterday a strike occurred... They shouted 'Down with all civil authorities of Corrucci! ... riot took place."

DATE  
5 January 1944

TO  
STIGMA  
Palermo, Iolanda  
Via D'Agostino 71  
Torreoro

FROM  
ASANIA  
S. Teresa di Gallura

COMMENT

NO PASTA, RICE, OR OIL IN CORRUCCI FOR 5 MONTHS

Dear Sister,  
"It is five months since they have given us pasta, rice, oil etc. I imagine, we are pushing life along eating nuts or 18 lire a kilo. I spend 50 lire a day and at night we are hungry; then before."

Corrucci

TO:  
Comandante la Stazione  
Bel GOM.  
Stazione Central  
Reggio Cal.  
DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

FROM:  
PASQUALI, Romeo  
Rione S. Giorgio  
Reggio Calabria

COMMENT

BLACK MARKET OPERATED BY C. PASQUALI

\*Most distinguished Marshal:

Because of your well known activity and gallantry in the execution of your Galliste task, I feel it my duty to communicate to you in the greatest secrecy, that here in Rione S. Giorgio and precisely 200 metres before reaching the warehouse lives MARINO CRESPIGANO, a very well-known gangster. His home is the meeting place of robbers. He is the leader of the gang responsible for whatever happens in the way of ransacking and robbing. He conducts a Black Market openly, and carries on the slaughter of the stolen animals, selling the meat under cover."

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FROM: ASABRIA  
 Terence St. Collins  
 25100  
 Tallahassee, Florida  
 Via St. Lucia 74  
 Tallahassee

Date  
 5 January 1947

RE: PASTA, RICE, OR OIL IN CASABRIA FOR 5 MONTHS

Dear Sister,  
 It is five months since they have given us pants, rice, or etc. Imagine, we are pushing life along eating nuts at 10 lire a kilo. I spend 50 lire a day now at night we are hungrier than before.

Romaria

FROM: ASABRIA, Romeo  
 Pione S. Giorgio  
 Reggio Calabria

TO: Comandante la Stazione  
 del COSE.  
 Sharte Central  
 Reggio Cal.

DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

SECRET

BLACK MARKET OPERATED BY CASABRIA

\*Most distinguished Marshal:

Because of your well known activity and gallantry in the execution of your delicate task, I feel it my duty to communicate to you in the greatest secrecy, that here in Pione S. Giorgio and precisely 200 metres before reaching the redhouse lives SPINO CRISTOFARO, a very well-known gangster. His home is the meeting place of robbers. He is the leader of the gang responsible for whatever happens in the way of ransacking and rapes. He conducts a Black Market openly, and carries on the slaughter of the stolen animals, selling the meat under cover.

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FROM: MARILLI, Francesco  
 Via Celatofini, 93  
 Trani, Bari

TO: Ch. Guardia di Finanza  
SQUERINARO, Nicola  
 Via Francesco Crispi  
 Case Popolari, Scuole Roselli  
 Bari

DATE: Dec. 15, 43.

COMMENT

HIGH PRICES - MATCHES

\* Does if you can find no wax matches, in fact matches of any kind. Here the speculators are asking from 13 - 15 lire a box for wax matches. Yesterday I had to spend 15 lire for a box of wax matches.

TO: FRANCI, Capt.  
(No address given)

DATE: Jan. 2-5, 43.

COMMENT:

COLOSSEI'S TACTIC IN ARMY AS STABILIZING FACTOR

//.....nothing remains but to have faith and to work for reconstruction. Only if the Army remains intact can we be assured that there will be a return to normalcy; otherwise chaos will break forth."

FROM: Col. VINCENZO, Gaetano Carlo  
50 Reg. 12 Btg. Antieri  
Triesani, Lecce

DATE: Dec. 25, 43.

TO: ROTTOLIA, Titta  
Via Tanzi, 30  
Bari

COMMENT

1. POLITICAL DISORDER IN CALABRIA

25 ITALIAN PARACHUTERS ATTACK COMMUNISTS

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2. "At Catanzaro, parachutists of the 'Polgara' (Lightning) Division struck blows at the communists. In a war, amongst so much chaos one gets a laugh from time to time."

FROM: MARILEADONNA, Ciso  
Trevicani 164  
Bari

TO: ROTTOLIA, Margherita  
Gallipelli  
Lecce

COMMENT

RAPE, ROBBERY, AND MURDER OF ITALIANS BY GERMANS

"I have seen houses destroyed. I have seen necessary foods stolen. I have seen houses blown up by mines for the simple enjoyment of the Germans. I have seen girls torn from their mothers and used to satisfy the sexual pleasures. I have seen relatives and parents of these girls who rebelled against these atrocities killed. I have seen youngsters killed who refused to render aid on their fortifications."

.....I worked.....three days in the very first line working and bringing the reward for these days of

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FROM: Giuseppe VINCIGUERRA, Gaetano Carlo MIRAGLIA, Tito  
30 Reg. 12 Stg. Artieri Via Tanzi, 30  
Tricassi, Lecce Bari  
DATE: Dec. 15, 43.

COMMENT

- 1. POLITICAL DISORDER IN CALABRIA
- 2. ITALIAN MACHUEN'S ATTACK ADMINISTRATION

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2. "At Catanzaro, parachutists of the 'Volgare' (lightning) Division struck blows at the communists. In a word, amongst so much chaos one gets a laugh from time to time."

FROM: MARTINACCHIA, Ciso ROTTOLA, Margherita  
Trevissani 164 Gallipoli  
Bari Lecce

COMMENT

RAVE, ROBBERY, AND MURDER OF ITALIANS BY GERMANS

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"....I worked....three days in the very first line working and bringing their rations to the Germans in the trenches. The reward for these days of labor was complete starvation and beating, the marks of which are still on my back."

FROM: VIGNIO, Bruno FRANCO, Scatore  
Via Generale Cimardine Fondo Sterio  
Portofino, Syracuse Assina  
COMMENT

"The more cautious expanding your ideas and comments on paper now because the Postal Censorship works very well and attentive, such better than it has ever worked before."



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FROM: ROCCO, S. deo  
Via Mazzini 55  
Porto Muro, S.  
Reggio Calabria

TO: Employees of B.A. Station  
C/O A. LINDA SANDA  
Reggio Calabria

DATE: July 27, 43.

ANTI-FASCIST

Date lining letter "2nd day of the New Government, sender writes:  
 "Do you know that infamous pig, Mussolini, that feck in Caesar's  
 garb? Yes, the same who on the night of July 25, 1943, together with his  
 notorious co-laborers told His Majesty the King and the people: "I  
 care, I care, I care" and who ruined the Italian people and the whole world,  
 but I had told him: MAH! facel Fares" (777)

(Down with) Fascism, Traitor of Italy  
 (Up with) Liberty, Justice, Equality, Fraternity and country.  
 I am the convicted ex-Fascist, the ex-acknowledged  
 anti-Fascist ROCCO, S. deo in Salvatore.

FROM: SCURIA S. deo  
Esportatori Esportatori  
Prodotti Ortofrutticoli.

TO: SCURIA, Francesco & Co.  
Via S. Geribaldi,  
Reggio Calabria.

DATE: July 12, 43.

SECRET

FIRMS ON FASCIST BLACK AND UNSATISFACTORY COMPLAINT LIST

Black List

"We inform you that the Company referred to on the attached slip  
 wishes to do business with Italian corporations or persons in Spain.  
 Since it is ascertained that the Company in question has in it Anglophile  
 elements, your firm is invited to abstain from business dealing with it.  
 This invitation is motivated also by the purpose of keeping our com-  
 mercial operations from being divulged to the enemy."

NB: Attached slip reads:

S. A. DURCA, Importacion y exportacion, Plaza de las Cortes 6, Madrid.

Unsatisfactory Complaints

"For due information of the interested exporter firms of fruits and  
 vegetables it is communicated that competent organs point out the inad-  
 equity of any business relations who so ever with the Spanish importers noted on  
 the attached slip, who have proved themselves unethical and petty. This com-  
 munication is absolutely confidential."

NB: Attached slip reads:

SCURIA S. deo (Scura & Son)

both communications signed: S. Morelli,

(Open with) Fascism, Traitor of Italy  
(Up with) Liberty, Justice, Equality, Fraternity and country.  
I am the convicted ex-Anti-Fascist, the ex-renowned  
anti-Fascist PELLINO, Socco in Salvatore.

FROM: GAETANO MARINELLI  
Esportatori Importatori  
Prodotti Agrifruttili.  
TO: MARCELLO Francesco & Co.  
Piazza Garibaldi,  
Reggio Calabria.  
DATE: July 17, 43.

SECRET  
FIRMS IN FASCIST BLACK AND UNWORTHY LIST

Black List

We inform you that the Company referred to on the attached slip wishes to do business with Italian corporations or persons in Spain. Since it is ascertained that the Company in question has in it Anapolite elements, your firm is invited to obtain free business dealing with it. This invitation is motivated also by the purpose of keeping our commercial operations from being divulged to the enemy."  
RE: Attached slip reads:  
E. A. BULLA, Importation y exportacion, Plaza de las Cortes 6, Madrid.

Unsatisfactory Consignees

"For the information of the interested exporter firms of fruits and vegetables it is communicated that competent organs point out the insolvency of any business relations who so ever with the Spanish importers noted on the attached slip, who have proved themselves unethical and petty. This communication is absolutely confidential."  
RE: Attached slip reads:

SCUDR MFAE (Scuro & Son)  
Both communications signed: S. Verelli,  
Chief, Commercial Dept.

FROM: CAROLLO, Maria  
Via Pozzo Arcepelli  
Acquaviva, Bari  
TO: MARINELLI, Vito Michele  
137 Reg. Yantaric, 116  
Comp., 3 Via., P.M. 72  
DATE: Dec. 16, 43.

SECRET

1. MEETING IN ACQUAVIVA (BARI) N. 2. HIGH PRICING THE FOR OLIVE OIL.

After stating that the olive pressers take 1.50 a quintale for pressing olive, writer adds that a terrible dispute ensued and that the other day people revolted and burned the Customs House, the proprietors Mg. MGG. and the GRASSANO. We don't know what's going to happen next. Let's hope things become better regulated than they are."

FROM: MASTRO, Antonino  
Lettere  
Iorio

TO: MARTELLA, Aldo  
225 West. 36 Comp.  
Berl.

DATE: 16 Dec. 43.

COMMENT

RIOT IN LATERIA (IONIC PROV)

Visit Sunday our city had a disorderly demonstration. They broke (sic) the Mayor's head, the Archbishop's head, burned the Mayor's office, the Customs House and the Anonimo (Public Grain Deposit) office as well as a room in the municipal Bldg.  
Kramer's note: From other information (see comment sheets 30 & 31) riots caused by food shortage. Additional information on aforementioned riot occurs in unsigned letter of an Italian policeman on duty at Lateria refuturo. He says he couldn't have a tougher assignment, mentioning that on December 13, 1943, the people stormed the municipal Bldg. and the Customs House and adding that the Mayor, who was hurt about the head, had asked to resign.

FROM: MASTRO, Francesco  
Lettere

DATE: Dec. 26, 43.

TO: 1. Quattoro-Catanzaro  
2. Comandante Stazione RWCC  
3. Sindaco-Perigli  
4. Fed. Prov. Le Socialista-Catanzaro

ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALIST PARTY IN PARONCHIA

In compliance with Public Safety Law I inform you that in this inhabited locality there is in process of organization a section of the Italian Socialist Party. Its headquarters has been established in Stena Greola House, Citta' di Fiume St.

FROM: CONDOCI, Francesco  
Fosco  
Calvatone

DATE: Jan. 11, 44.

TO: CONDOCI, Giuseppe  
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COMMENT

At the home of one of my friends at Castellanzara we are dying of hunger. We have only our small garden and from time to time we eat 25, 50, or 100 grams of bread each. We eat grass like the animals. **3295**

DELIVERY reported success.

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FROM: DIREZIONE DI SANITA' MILITARE  
 della FF. LL., Caserma, Napoli  
 5 Ufficio Segreteria, P. N. 120

TO: DIREZIONE OSPEDALE MILITARE  
 Pagani, Prov. di Salerno

DATE: 22. 5. 44.

COMMENT

- 1 ITALIAN COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA BELIEVES CLASSIFIED ITALIAN ARMY DOCUMENTS
- 2 COMMISSION IN ITALIAN CO-INTELLECT UNIT

Sender, Italian Medical Corps Administration, is forwarding to add. Military Hospital, Pagani copy of letter sent out by HQ., Armed Forces of Campania, Personnel Office, dated Naples, 2 January, 1944, ref. no. 194/9822. Subject is observance of secrecy of classified material and communication is addressed to all units directly dependent on aforesaid HQ.

This communication reads:

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The Communist Newspaper 'L'Unita' of Bari has written up and published in an unfavorable light by circular 563 of December 5, 1943, entitled 'Ersquadristi and Ex-Fascisti Officers.' I do not so much disturbed about that, but I wish to call the attention of the Commands in the distribution of the present to the fact in order to deconstruct and confine to them all the necessity of thorough and careful scrutiny of our personnel since it is evident that within our own commands there lurk untrustworthy elements whom it is very opportune to eliminate. I note that the circular concerned the C/CA in question, being directive of their personal attitude and as such should not have been widely circulated; amongst the few who had knowledge of this circular there must be someone of our own circle who is indulging in complicity with communists, a practice which it would be deplorable to allow to continue with impunity. Even sapiently to tolerate this type of person and to fail to combat this tendency would constitute a grave defect in whatever the present line is charged with responsibility of command in the Italian Army in progress of reconstruction.

The General Commanding the Army Corps  
 (Signed) Antonio BASSO

FROM: Various TO: Various DATE: Various

NAME OF FASCISTS IN SICILY AND POSITIONS HELD BY THEM

No.	NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE OF INTERVIEW
1	Carrazzo, Giuseppe	Rama	V.C. Federale	6 July 43
2	Saltalamacchia G.	"	S. Federale	7 July 43
3	Barbera F.	Caltanissetta	V.C. Federale	5 July 43
4	Mioti Flavio	Rama	C. della 172 leg.	5 July 43
			C. " 166 "	5 July 43

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The General Commanding the Army Corps  
(Signed) Antonio XXXX

FROM: Various TO: Various DATE: Various

LIST OF NAMES OF FASCISTS IN SICILY AND POSITIONS HELD BY THEM

No.	NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	DATE OF LEAVING
1	Cannizzo, Giuseppe	Rama	V.C. Federale	6 July 43
2	Caltanemuccia G.	"	S. Federale	6 July 43
3	Barbieri F.	Caltanissetta	V.C. Federale	7 July 43
4	Cidotti Florido	Musa	C. della 172 leg.	5 " 43
5	Natalia Maria	Reggio	G. " 168 "	" "
6	Orinaldi Maria	Sana	Fiduciarie F.F.	" "
7	Segreni Arnaldo	P.M. 164	Consolo C. la 17 C.M.	5 "
8	Cuglielmo Marelli	P.M. 164	C. di Rettigliese	" "
9	Salvatore Gatto	Palermo	S. Federale	" "
10	Ferruccio Colariet	"	V. S.	" "
11	Medio Nibele	Cerastino	C.P. M.S.S.M.	" "
12	Costanzo Messina	Caltanissetta	S. Federale	5 "
13	Mario Colesanti	Musa	C.S. Pres. C.M.D.	1 "
14	Ignazio Revelle	Caltanissetta	V.C. Federale	5 "
15	Enzo Calbiati	Musa	C. Generale M.V.S.M.	1 "
16	Vlenc Monaco	Caltanissetta	Fiduciarie P.	1 "
17	Bergio Pinetti	Mistova	S. Federale	1 "
18	Salvatore Scerantino	Caltanissetta	"	3 "
19	Fabio Pasterni	Firenze	Consolo C. la leg. C.M.	" "
20	Calogero Iberia	Caltanissetta	Direttore Cior. V.	29 June 43

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NAME OF EXAMINER AND POSITION (Govt's)

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	POST	DATE OF ENTRY
21	Carbi piccola			
22	Di Pasquale Yvelio	Caltanissetta	C. la 177 C.N.	5 July 1943
23	Salvatore Virgilio	P.A. 22	C. la 1112. 6th A	25 June "
24	Ambrico Pinnelli	Campofranco	Delegato M. Cent. P.	8 July "
25	Imbrocanti Prancosti	P.A. 165	Comand. C. la 171 leg. 20 June	" "
26	Merio Cozzanati	P.A. 165	Aiutante la I	4 July "
27	Edoardo Paduella	Roma	S. Federale	5 July "
28	Seldini Gario	Livorno	C. la 19th leg. C.N.	" "
29	Caratele Umberto	"	Scaliero	" "
30	Bechini Alberto	"	Centurione	" "
31	Casseri Gastone	"	"	" "
32	De Casseri Ernesto	"	"	" "
33	Pinzani Danilo	"	"	" "
34	Mestilio Cipolla	"	"	" "
35	Salvatore Beere	"	"	" "
36	Rosa Peletti	Caltanissetta	Piretti. P. S. Polit.	7 "
37	Salicere V. Orlan	"	V. S. Federale	" "
38	Coallo Peilizia	Virenze	Com. leg. C.N.	6 "
39	Zarico Trevisani	Caltanissetta	P. dell' Cult. F.	" "
40	Francesco Vitellit.	Roma	"	" "
41	Armando Gius	P.A. 144 5	C. la 170 leg. C.N.	6 "
42	Umberto Tarantio.	P.A. 164	Consolo Generale	" "
43	Giovanni Gerchiar	P.A. 164	"	" "
44	Giovanni Nela	Cala	"	" "
45	Gerolamo Sav.	P.A. 165	C. la 170 leg. C. N.	" "
46	Ettore Trozzi	P.A. 164	C. la 17th leg. C.N.	" "
47	David Fosse	P.A. 5	Regretario Fascia	6 "
48	Alfredo Gucco	Roma	Vapo Rep. del 250 Cav 20 June	" "
49	Madica	Roma	C. la leg. 151	4 July "
50	Genilio Giannantoni	Roma	Ispr. VNF Sicily	5 July 1943
51	Antonio Coelfe	P.A. 5	V. Secres. VNF	1 "
52	Alcide Sicotti	Roma	Ispr. Federale	7 "
53	Giovanni Vinci	P.A. 5	C. Leg. e Federale	" "
54	Cristaldi Geracelle	Roma	Creo. Unione Fasc.	" "
55	Dio Bertoli	P.A. 5	Com. legione 17	7 "
56	Cino. Galinajesechin	Comenza	Federale	" "
57	Maruni Argonni	Roma	Fiduciari e Peninale	6 July 1943
58	Teresa Rosse	P.A. 5	Ispr. Cili. Sicily	" "
59	De Palma Finvidi	Roma	Federale	5 "
60	Nelva Eligio	P.A. 5	Ispr. P.M.F.	7 "
61	Giuseppe Ceonino	P.A. 5	Com. Cili. Polit.	" "
62	Basinetti Pierino	Roma	Sec. Amm. ANSA	6 "
		"	V. Com. Federale	7 "
		"	Cent. Co. Mil. Forest.	" "

Examiners Note: Above information from Fascist Pre-Invasion Mail. 329d

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Information and Censorship Section  
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APO 550, U. S. Army

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9 February 1944

**Subject:** January mail of Italian Division with  
Jugoslav Partisan Army.

**To :** Chief, Censorship Branch, INC,  
AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Attached are comment sheets Nos.: 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 122, 0123-44, 0124-44, 0125-44, 0136-44, 137-44, 0138-44, 0139-44, 0140-44, 0142-44, based on 1200 letters written by members of the "Garibaldi" Division fighting as part of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisan Army, and examined by Italian Censorship and the Allied Censor Control Officer at Brindisi. The letters were flown to the mainland by Italian planes which carry provisions to the troops and bring back sick and wounded; most of them are dated during the second week in January. The Garibaldi Division is made up, fundamentally, of the former "Venezia" Division, reported out of action by the Germans, with units of "Alpina Taurinense" Divisions, some soldiers of the "Ferrara" Division, and some Yugoslav partisans.

2. 98% of the letters show high morale, satisfaction with living conditions and a continuing desire to crush the "common enemy." All the men are proud of their division and many take the trouble to point out that it still exists although under a different name. Almost all of them feel that they are fighting for Italy, although in a foreign army, and that they are fighting their way back to Italy.

3. Representative excerpts follow:

a. A Maresciallo explains the change of name:  
"You have not heard the Venezia Division named on the radio, not because it doesn't exist any more as the Germans have broadcast, but because we have changed our name to that of the Garibaldi Division."

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He also explains some of their success: "...our strategy is known to many, but not by the enemy, which forces him to spread many troops out, even wasting them on sectors where there aren't any of us." He sums up the morale of the Division: "...we are all inspired by the greatest and most iron determination to resist and to hold high the name of the Fatherland even on foreign soil." (Ref., comment sheet 112).

b. The switch over to the Yugoslav partisan army and the feeling of the men about it is voiced by an artilleryman: "...the Venezia Division (thanks to our Divisional Commander, who has know how to play his cards well) finds itself free and allied with our brother partisans, the Yugoslavs, fighting to crush our common enemy, the Teuton." (Ref., comment sheet 0137+44).

c. A non-ex-Veneziano infantryman reports: "...first I was with the Ferrara Division and now I am with the Garibaldi Division and to tell you the truth I am very happy." (Ref., comment sheet 0142-44).

d. The matter of arms and provisions is explained by a Lieutenant of the Royal Carabinieri: "We have been furnished from Italy with arms, money and clothing. ...we have always had enough to eat, and often more than enough, drawing on local resources." (Ref., comment sheet 113).

e. A further reason for the high morale of these troops is simply stated by a Lieutenant: "...we are in a zone where we are respected." (Ref., comment sheet 116).

f. Excellent relation with their Yugoslav comrades-in-arms are frequently mentioned, as in a note of an artilleryman: "I have been living with a family as if I were at home."

g. The units at Berane do not enjoy the same good living conditions but their morale is just as high, as indicated in a letter of a Corporal Major: "For five long months unfortunately I have been attacking the Teutons at a great sacrifice. Snow and cold are not lacking, I have no shoes left, and my clothes are tatters. Our hunger is great and we lack everything.....I am well and fight for the glory and liberty of Italy." (Ref., comment sheet 0125-44).

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h. Pride in their refusal of the Germans' invitation to join them is expressed by many, including a Corporal who writes: "We have not given in to the various invitations from the Teutons to give up our arms and present ourselves to them." (Ref., comment sheet 122).

i. Occasionally there is a reference to loyalty to the King: "My regiment, as well as the whole Division...has remained intact and loyal to our King." (Ref. comment sheet 114).

j. The anti-Fascism of the Division when it returns home is foreshadowed by a member of an Engineer unit fighting Italian Fascists: "...there are also Fascists fighting against us, Italians against Italians, but we hope to be able to find these Fascists when we return to our homes." (Ref. comment sheet 0136-44).

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

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STATION  
RECORD No. 0125-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (INC)

To: via Giuseppe  
Via Orscole Cortile Russo  
N. 30  
Reggio  
Prov. Salerno (Italia)

From: Vt.  
Salvatore  
Auto Appello Risto  
Divisione Venezia Carabinieri  
F. S. 99 Montenegro

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <b>15 January 1944</b>	Type mail <b>Air Mail</b>	Reg. No. ---	Language <b>Italian</b>	Previously censored by ---	Enclosures ---
	Station allocation <b>338 (Ital.)</b>	C. C. S. Allocation <b>Gen. St. 104 A.C. 015. 0-2 Wash. A.C. 015. 0-2 AFHQ 3381, AGNS 3381 I.C., Lon. File</b>	Disposal of original communication <b>Passed ✓ Condemned Return to sender</b>		
Previous relevant records ---	Origin <b>X</b>	Italian censorship	Re-examination unit		

**COMMENT**

CAPIBARDI DIVISION WITH TIRE TREAD PAID

FOR MONTH AND A HALF

"Dear Mother,

I am getting along well, our return is a long way off, but we will return and that will be the day that Germany will fall, therefore for us that will be the day we come away from here. My dear ones do not believe that we all eat well, he who has money eats along well, he who hasn't tightens his belt. We hope that when the airplanes come they will carry a little money; it's been a month and a half since I have seen mail.

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COMMENT

GARIBOLDI DIVISION WITH TITO NOW JAIL  
FOR MORIN AND A JAIL

"Dear Mother,

I am getting along well, our return is a long way off, but we will return and that will be the day that Germany will fall, therefore for us that will be the day we come away from here. My dear once do not believe that we all eat well, we who has money gets along well, we who hasn't tighten his belt. No hope that when the airplanes come they will carry a little money; it's been a month and a half since I have been jail."

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Top, Angiulli, No. 34  
Ital. Gen. Printing

H.L.S.

27 January 1944

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EXAMINATION DATE

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STATION 0125-44  
RECORD No.

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: GRD, Mares, 1st  
Division, 1st  
T. Division, Alpina 40 20th,  
Divisione Carabinieri Italiana  
P.S. 200

To: Sig. TB  
GHERARDI, Maria  
Via XX Luglio 78  
Milano  
Prov. Bergamo

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BBI, 1057  
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COMMENT

ITALIAN DIVISION UNIT FROM THE MARCH 20 1944

REPLY WITH A LACK OF 2002.5. 1944

Dear Uncle, Auntie and Grandparents,

For five long months I have, unfortunately, been attacking the Neutrons attacking with enormous sacrifices. They and cold are not lacking, I have no more clothes, and the clothes are tatters. Hunger is great and we lack everything. Let us hope that soon Germany will fall to pieces and everything will be finished. Thus I shall be able to return home. I should like to have some news from you and mother unfortunately I have to remain in the dark about all of you. I hope as soon as time will be liberated to let mother know that I am well and fight for the greatness and liberty of Italy.

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Note: The address of this Geribaldi Division B.C.C. who complains about the shortage of food and clothing is different from that of those at P.S. 99 who express satisfaction.

Previous relevant records	Station allocation	C. C. S. Allocation	Disposal of original communication
Origin Italian censorship Re-examination unit	RM (Ital.)	Gen. Sp. Inv AEC A.C. Off. 1-2 Wash A.C. Off. 3-2 AFH Sobol, Wash PWS I.S. Lab. File	Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender

COMMENT

MAXIMIAN DIVISION UNIT WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
URGENT 215 1 21 44

"Dear Uncle, Santa and Grandparents,

For five long months I have, unfortunately, been attacking the Teutons attacking with enormous sacrifices, guns and acid are not lacking, I have no more money, and the clothes are tatters. Hunger is great and we lack everything. Let us hope that soon Germany will fall to pieces and everything will be finished. Thus I shall be able to return home. I should like to have some news from you and mother; unfortunately I have to remain in the dark about all of you. I hope as soon as news will be liberated to let mother know that I am still and fight for the freedom and liberty of Italy."

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NOTE: The address of this Carabinieri Division N.C.O. who complains about the shortage of food and clothing is different from that of those at V.M. 29 who express satisfaction.

Gen. Maglioli, No. 34  
Ital. Gen. Division  
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27 January 1944

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STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 122

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From: <u>Cap. Le</u> <u>CRISTALLO, Giovanni</u> <u>DIVISIONE CARABALDI</u> <u>P.F. 96</u>	To: <u>Fascista</u> <u>CRISTALLO, Giuseppe</u> <u>Area Piazza</u> <u>Municipio di Matera</u> <u>(Lucania, Italia)</u>				
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**COMMENT**

CRISTALLO (ex- "VIRIDELLI" DIVISIONE SPANISH GERMAN)

Dear Mother,

My division was united immediately after the Armistice with the Army of Liberation of Tito. We have not given in to the various invitations from the Germans, to give up our arms and to present ourselves to them. In an altogether exceptional way I am also sending you this time good news. I am in good health. We never lack enough to eat. We spend our time pleasantly. Do not worry, soon as we will be repatriated so that I can embrace you and take up my old occupation or perhaps better activities.

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11 January 1944 air mail	Station allocation SIA (Italian)	C.C.S. Allocation Gen. Dr. 126 ASU A.C.O.F.S. 1-2 A.L.O.F.S. 3-3 S.S.I., ASU DVE I.C., Lem. File	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender
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COMMENT

PARAPASSI (M) - VERBALE DIVISIONE SERRAVALLE

Dear Mother,

My division was invited immediately after the Armistice with the Army of Liberation of Tito. We have not given in to the various invitations from the Germans, to give up our arms and to present ourselves to them. In an altogether exceptional way I am also sending you this fine good news. I am in good health. We never lack enough to eat. We spend our time pleasantly. Do not worry, soon as we will be repatriated so that I can arrange you and take up my old occupation or perhaps better activities.

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Gen. Angiulli, No. 34  
Ital. Gen. Brindisi

27 January 1944

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RECORD No. 115

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From:		To:	
Gen. CC. M. ARCAVACCI, Calosero Comando I Brigata Alpina Mauriziana Divisione Italiana Garibaldi Give place of Postmark where there is no address P.M. 99		ARCAVACCI, Domenico Via Vincenzo Venetia N. 9 Sciaces Prov. Agrigento, Sicilia	
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26 September 1943	Alp. Mail		Italian
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## COMMENT

"GARIBOLDI DIVISIONE IN PIU' ABBY BAYS VERY WELL"

From Italy they have been furnished with arms, money and clothing. We are not forgotten and we await no longer Allied Commission which will come to the headquarters of the army of Tito on whose side we are fighting our common battle against the Germans.

And now I wish to tell you about the life that we lead since we became lords of the forest. The forests have become our nests and the mountains the atmosphere where we breathe the air of liberty and enjoy a rest after the long marches across this land which we have traversed in every sense. Often our steps have carried us to places where we have been before in other times, and seeing them again is as pleasing to us as coming to familiar places.

We have recognized aspects of the life of the peasants of the mountains and that very romantic life of our people, the patriots of Yugoslavia, which we did not know before.

We have visited some very beautiful places and others desolate, harsh, dry, without a blade of grass or a drop of water, but stones without end.

In communication we have always had enough to get and often



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**COMMENT**

MEMORANDUM DIVISION IS THIS'S ANDY BASS VERT FIELD

When Italy they have been furnished with arms, money and clothing. We are not forgotten and we await an inter-Allied Commission which will come to the headquarters of the army of Italy on whose side we are fighting our common battle against the Germans.

And now I wish to tell you about the life that we lead since we became birds of the forest. The forests have become our nests and the mountains the atmosphere where we breathe the air of liberty and enjoy a rest after the long marches, across this land which we have traversed in every sense. Often our steps have carried us to places where we have been before in other times, and seeing them again is so pleasing to us as coming to familiar places.

We have recognized aspects of the life of the peasants of the mountains and that very romantic life of our people, the patriots of Yugoslavia, which we did not know before.

We have visited some very beautiful places and others desolate, harsh, dry, without a blade of grass or a drop of water, but strokes without end.

In compensation we have always had enough to eat and often more than enough; drinking upon local resources, honey, milk, cheese, potatoes and wheat. Every one of us has eaten in the midst of these things as much as a family of ten people would eat in normal times.

Unfortunately, local resources are not inexhaustible and this land is poor enough even in normal times, but the land is great and in one way or another we will solve the problem and perhaps the easiest way.

EXAMINER: Gen. Angell: H.34 H.C.S.J. EXAMINATION DATE: 27 January 1944  
Itsl. Gen. Brindeweger

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STATION RECORD No. 114

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From:

Division, Fiesco (Fosco)  
IV Brigade Comp. A, A.  
Division Garibaldi  
P. M. 80

To:

Division, Donnicco  
Via Salita Bastione N. 3  
Assenore  
Prov. Matera, Italy

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COMMENT

VENEZIA DIVISION LITACE

Dearest Mother

"In all this period I have always been in the best of health and at all times and so I hope that I shall continue. My regiment, as well as the whole Division (formerly the Venezia) has realised interest and loyalty to our King while awaiting the collapse of Germany which will be soon. After which we shall all be able to return to our own country."

NOTE: The former "Venezia" Division in Marshal Tito's Army is now called the "Garibaldi Division".

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COMMENT

VENEZIA DIVISION INTACT

Dearest Mother:

"In all this period I have always been in the best of health and at all times and so I hope that I shall continue, by regiment, as well as the whole Division (formerly the Venezia) has remained intact and loyal to our King while awaiting the collapse of Germany which will be soon. After which we shall all be able to return to our own country."

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27 January 1946

Gen. Arnaldo M. 34  
 Atal. Gen. Briviera  
 H.L.J.

EXAMINATION DATE

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STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 115

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: SARLO, Corrado (S. Ten.) Divisione Garibaldi 4 Bripte Montenegro		To: SARLO, Frenlesco Francia Prov. Di Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy	
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**COMMENT**

ITALIAN SOLDIER IN GARIBALDI DIVISION OF TIPO'S ARMY  
DECORATED FOR VALOR; FIGHTS FOR ITALY

"I am always very well, with deeper than ever in my heart the certainty of returning to you, for you."

Today I was decorated with a bronze medal for military valor. Be content with the thought that always, in every moment and under whatever conditions I give to my country all I can all I have."

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## COMMENT

ITALIAN SOLDIER IN GARIBALDI DIVISION OF TITO'S ARMY  
DECORATED FOR VALOR; FIGHTS FOR ITALY

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Today I was decorated with a bronze medal for military valor. Be content with the thought that always, in every moment and under whatever conditions I give to my country all I can all I have."

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Ten. Angiulli N. 34  
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EXAMINATION DATE 27 January 1944

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RECORD No. 11bALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)  
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From:		To:	
LETO, Giuseppe (Ten) 4 Brigatta Partigiana Italiana Garibaldi P. M. 99		LETO, Vito (Sig.) Via Dante Balestrate Prov. Palermo Sicilia	
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## COMMENT

GARIBALDI DIVISION RESPECTED AND LACKS NOTHING

"I can imagine your preoccupation about me, but be calm because I am very well. I await nothing here but the opportunity to return to Italy. For the present we have to be here because there is something to do, but do not worry about that because we are in a zone where we are respected and lack nothing....As you know, our Division is that which did not wish to surrender itself to the Germans and on the contrary, we are now fighting against the Germans together with the Partisans.."

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ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

STATION  
RECORD No. 51  
Brindisi  
5134-44

From: MILIBANI, Umberto Platoon  
Comando IV Brigata  
Garibaldi Divisione  
Montenegro

To: MILIBANI, Giuseppe  
Via Corrado N. 18  
Castellero (Italia)

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COMMENT

GARIBOLDI (K. "VENETIA") DIVISIONE SIN FILE MILIBANI

IN FORO OF TERAZIAVIA TO ITALY

Scene of Operations  
13/1/1944

Dear Parents,

"We are in touch with Italia by means of airplanes. I will take advantage therefore and prepare to write these few lines. I assure you that I am very well, that I am in circumstances that are not at all bad, or better said, tolerably well off. I let you know that I am part of the Garibaldi Division because the Venezia Division has changed its name and now belongs to the 4th Brigade. I am armed with several soldiers are disarmed but I will not let go of my rifle until I come home. Here we fight the Germans who slowly go away from the Balkans; as soon as they go away we will leave for reeducation. Along with this letter 2 Generals and several wounded and sick are leaving for Italy. I have been well thru today, thanks to God. I have fought, and I shall fight on until the hateful enemy will be defeated."

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COMMENT

GARIBOLDI (M. - "VENEZIA") DIVISION WITH 4TH BRIGADE ON  
IN HOME OF VENEZIA IN ITALY

Zone of operations  
 13/1/1944

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STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 0156-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

From: Geniere  
GALANTE, Paolo  
76 Comp. Genio  
Divisione Venezia  
P.M. 99

To:

Sig.  
GALANTE, Salvatore  
Via 16 Ottobre  
Galatina  
Lecce (Italia)

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COMMENT

GERMANS SHOOT ITALIANS OF GARBIBALDI DIVISION

WHO FIGHT AGAINST THEM

"Dear Mother,  
Do not worry because through today I have been in perfect health. They give us little to eat, we have no clothing, not even a barracks to sleep in for the Teutons have burned it. The situation in which we find ourselves only God knows, for there are days when we fly from right to left in order not to fall in to the hands of the Teutons, for they shoot as many Italians as they take. With the Italians there are also Fascists who fight against us, Italians against Italians but we hope to return to our homes to be able to find these Fascists."

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EXAMINER  
Ten. Angiulli, NO 34  
Ital. Gen. Brindisi

H.L.J.

EXAMINATION DATE

27 January 1944

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STATION BRITISH  
RECORD No. 3137-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: <b>Art.</b> <b>GRANARVA, Luciana</b> <b>IV Battaglione 3 Comp. Lavoratori</b> <b>Divisione Garibaldi</b>		To: <b>Famiglia</b> <b>GRANARVA</b> <b>Via D'Amico 95</b> <b>Avogone</b> <b>Prov. Agrigento</b>			
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**COMMENT**

GRANARVA DIVISIONE 3 COMP. LAVORATORI  
CH. ITALIANE 4 SUBALF. PARTISANE

"To speak the truth, the situation is difficult and our sacrifices are great but my one thought is that there will be a tomorrow when an Angel sent by the Lord will appear among us to make the road that leads to my dear land, all my thoughts will fly away, all my sorrows will pass and my sacrifices will not be so heavy because they will not have been in vain."

"Many soldiers separated in the Salento have remained under the Teutons, but the Granarva Divisione (thanks to our Divisional Commander who has known how to play his cards well) risks its self eyes and allied with our brother partisans, the Sigolova, fighting to crush our common enemy, that is the Teuton."

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COMMENT

COMBATTI DIVISION FIGHTER COMPANY BERRY  
DE ITALIA A JUBILEE AIRFIELD

"To speak the truth, the situation is difficult and our sacrifices are great but my one thought is that there will be a tomorrow when an Angel sent by the Lord will appear above us to make the road that leads to my dear land, all my thoughts will fly away, all my sorrows will pass and my sacrifices will not be so heavy because they will not have been in vain."

"Many soldiers separated in the Balkans have resealed under the Teutons, but the Venezia Divisione (thanks to our Divisional Commander who has known how to play his cards well) finds it self free and allied with our brother partisans, the Jugoslavs, fighting to crush our common enemy, that is the Teuton."

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Italian Group  
Reviews  
EXAMINATION DATE 27 JANUARY 1944

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STATION RECORD No. 100-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From:		To:	
8004, 8101 258 Sezione CC. BA. Divisione Carabinieri P.M. 99		11.001 2001, 2002 Torresvretta Prov. Messina (Sicily)	
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Re-examination unit			

**COMMENT**

CAKIMALI DIVISION SOLDIER BARE THE REASON WILL PAY FOR THEIR OFFENSE

"Dear Sister,  
 I long to read at least one of your letters but since that is not possible, we can only take advantage of the rare arrival of an airplane to bring you and now only to carry away a few of the wounded and sick. Be calm and courageous, all our suffering will be paid for at a high price by the Messengers the Fascists on our return. The aviators calm me by telling me that it is not bad in Sicily."

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13 January 1944	Air Mail	Italian	Station allocation	C. C. S. Allocation	Disposal of original communication
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COMMENT

CHARLADY DIVISION HOLDING SAID THE FACSIMILE WILL BE

FOR THEIR BUREAU

"Dear Sister,  
 I love to read at least on of your letters but since that is not possible; we can only take advantage of the rare arrival of an airplane to bring it and now only to carry away a few of the wounded and sick. Be calm and courageous. All our suffering will be paid for at a high price by the Messieurs the Fascists on our return. The exultors calm me by telling me that it is not bad in Sicily."

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 Ten. Agnelli, No. 24

EXAMINATION DATE

27 January 1944

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION **Brindisi**  
RECORD No. **0139-44**

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: <b>Aschiere</b> <b>BRINDISI, Filippo</b> <b>Montenegro</b>		To: <b>BRINDISI, Francesco</b> <b>PORENZO VITTORESIO</b> <b>Prov. Messina</b> <b>(Sicilia)</b>	
Give place of Postmark where there is no address		Language: <b>Italian</b>	Enclosures: <b>---</b>
Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <b>11 January 1944</b>	Type mail: <b>Air Mail</b>	Previously censored by: <b>---</b>	Disposal of original communication: Held <input type="checkbox"/> Excised <input type="checkbox"/> Photographed <input type="checkbox"/> Returned to sender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Origin: <b>X</b>	Italian censorship: <b>X</b>	COMMENT	
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION FOR LANDING OF AIRMAIL

Dear Mother,  
I am safe from the Germans, I am back at the base since after having crossed the mountains in order not to be taken by the Germans, the whole Division is waiting for a landing by the English because this suffering has become too much for us. I have been living until today with a family as if I were here. Be calm since I am well.

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Italian censorship				
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COMMENT

LANZAROTTI DIVISION REPORT THE LANDING OF ENGLISH

"Dear Mother,  
I am safe from the Germans, I am back at the same place after having crossed the mountains in order not to be taken by the Germans. The whole Division is waiting for a landing by the English because this suffering has become too much for us. I have been living until today with a family so if I were here. We call since I am well."

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Gen. Agostulli, No. 3A  
Ital. Gen. Brindley

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION *Printed*  
RECORD No. *0140-44*

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: *SALIDA, Umberto*  
*Montenegro*

To:

*SALIDA, Luigi*  
*Via Capuccini No. 14*  
*Vizzini*  
*Prov. Catania (Sicily)*

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**COMMENT**

SALID LIFE OF THE PARTISAN DIVISION

"I would not know what'd tell you, the only thing is to let you imagine how we live the life of Partises among the cold mountains and valleys where everything is lacking, and often we find ourselves separated from all contact, and have to live from day to day on whatever fortune may send."

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Italian censorship			
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WANT LIVE UP FOR ITALIAN DIVISION

"I would not know what to tell you, the only thing is to let you imagine how we live the life of myrtle among the cold mountains and valleys where everything is lacking, and often we find ourselves separated from all contact and have to live from day to day on whatever fortune may send."

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27 January 1944

Gen. Ammirali, No. 34  
Brindisi

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STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 0142-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: <u>Fante</u> <u>PAPAIA, Ostellano</u> <u>8 Strada Lavoratori</u> <u>Divisione Carabinieri</u> <u>P.N. 99</u>		To: <u>Sig.</u> <u>VARAZZA, Giuseppe</u> <u>Via Stella # 12</u> <u>Spissasole</u> <u>Prov. Veri (Italia)</u>	
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Re-examination unit			

**COMMENT**

FORWARD "VARAZZA" DIVISION TRANSMISSION MARK  
WITH "VARAZZA" DIVISION

"I am able to assure you that I am very well through to-  
day. I am still in the same place I was, except that I have  
changed Divisions; first I was with "FUSIGNA" Division and now  
I am with the "CARIBALDI" Division and to tell you the truth  
I am very happy; if God will perhaps to return home I shall  
tell you everything."

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12 January 1944	Mail	Station allocation S.I.S. (Ital.)	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Dr. INC 700 A.C. OFF. 3-2 S.C. OFF. 0-2 BSEI, AAMP PMB I.C.C. Lon. FILE	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender
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## COMMENT

POWER "VERBALE" DIVISION ITALIAN NAVAL

WITH "MURRAY" DIVISION

"I am able to assure you that I am very well through today. I am still in the same place I was, except that I have changed Divisions; first I was with "Laribaldi" Division and now I am with the "Garibaldi" Division and to tell you the truth I am very happy; if God will permit me to return home I shall tell you everything."

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REVIEWER H. J. J.

EXAMINATION DATE 27 January 1944

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STATION  
 RECORD No. 112  
 BRINDISI

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ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.)

From: <u>Mar. LLO</u> <u>DI MAGGIO, Alfredo</u> <u>Comando Divisione Italiane</u> <u>Partigiana</u> Give place of postmark where there is no address <u>Montenegro</u>		To: <u>1. ATELLA, Pietro</u> <u>2. DI MAGGIO, Pietro</u> <u>Spinazzola</u> <u>Prov. Bari (Italia)</u>	
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**COMMENT**

"VENETIA" DIVISION FIGHTS ON AS "GARIBOLDI DIVISION"

IN TITO'S ARMY

(Montenegro)

Kolasin  
 5 January 1944

"... My dear ones, the vicissitudes of these recent times have become hard and most dangerous for us, but thanks to the dear Lord this time too everything has turned out for the best for me perhaps because the prayers of my dear mama and of you have been carefully listened to by the Lord. The life we follow is always nomadic, the guerrilla warfare that we fight together with the Yugoslav partisans of the People's Army of Liberation commanded by Marshal Tito occasions great losses on the enemy on the hated and barbarous enemy; and they at all costs seek with powerful forces seek our destruction but they will never be able to succeed because the war which we fight is not a true and proper war, but guerrilla warfare, as a result we are much lighter (in movement) than they, quicker in their armed care are not able to reach us over the cliffs. Finally my dear ones our work is known to many, but not by the enemy, forcing the enemy out, even westing them on other

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**COMMENT**

Hence the Division, the glorious VENEZIA DIVISION always exists as intact as at first, we are all inspired by the greatest and most iron determination to resist and to hold high the name of the Fatherland even on foreign soil and to make the traditions of our army shine again. Christmas and the other holidays, we spent on the march, unfortunately on those very days we had abundant snowstorms that again rendered our task harder and more difficult, but all succeeded in accomplishing it with super-human forces.

"... We are anxious over the opening of the second front which appears at least imminent, your imagination will never arrive succeede in understanding our anxiety over this new front, for us it means life insofar as our enemies will be constrained to abandon the Balkans., and so shorten the period of our stay which has already been for five years. My desire to embrace you soon again soon is great and if the good Lord still protects me it will be a great honor for me to have rendered myself useful to our beloved country and to have carried out to the end of my duty as a soldier and an Italian

Address: Comando Divisione Italiana "Partigiana Garibaldi"  
Montenegro



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EXAMINER: ANGIULLI M. 3 REVIEWER  
Ital. Gov. Brindisi N.L.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: **MARANO, Matilde**  
Via Francesco Crispi 235  
Catania (Sicily)

To: **BUCCIERI, Pina**  
Via Catena Villagrazia 256  
Palermo (Sicily)

STATION Catania  
RECORD No. 0145-44

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**COMMENT**COMPLAINT ABOUT RESURGENCE OF "MAFIA"UNDER ALLIED GOVERNMENT

"They say that stolen goods are sold at the market in Palermo. Some fine things happened here at the fair! The people passing by would recognize their things and, to get them back, they had to buy them at a high price. If there were any law, they should get them back without buying them. We are like prisoners, without the protection of the laws. Those who wanted the English to come have to take it and like it. There were even people who went to meet them with flowers! One cannot bear the brazenness of the MAFIA which no longer existed. We are not even free to walk at our leisure."

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EXAMINATION DATE 25 January 1944

REVIEWER A.V.

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STATION Catania  
RECORD No. 0144-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: <u>ANTONIO</u> (niece of addresser?)		To: (Orig) <u>ANTONIO</u> <u>Star G.S. RU. di</u> <u>Callavino (Palermo, Sicily)</u>	
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**COMMENT**

INTERNAL POSSESSION OF GERMAN TRANSMITTER

BY ITALIAN POLICE

The English police searched my house on the 18th of January (1944). They saw your boxes and insisted on bursting them open. There the sewing machine was, they found a civilian receiving set which had not been reported; then they saw a German two-way radio set and they took it away. Therefore, dear uncle, please come."

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Note: Also mentioned in letter are: a brother-in-law Matteo (first name), and little nephews Ciccino, Concettino, and Salvatore.

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**COMMENT**

ILLLEGAL POSSESSION OF GERMAN TRANSMITTER

BY ITALIAN POLICEMAN

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Catania  
25 January 1944

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STATION  
RECORD No. 4C  
Catania  
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ALLIED FOR HQ., (I.N.C.)

From:	VARIOUS Catania (Sicily)		To:	VARIOUS Catania (Sicily)	
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**COMMENT**

HIGH PRICES AND LOW WAGES IN CATANIA

The following is a mosaic of actual statements found in three letters from Catania.

"In Catania one can find any kind of food, but it is all very dear."  
 "The only type of employment available is with the English at 50 lire a day."  
 "One can only get work from the English and they pay only 50 lire a day, barely enough for a cup of coffee in the morning and the 150 gr. of rationed bread. No subsidies are given to workers with families."  
 "They ask 1500 lire for a suit, and L 3000 for a pair of shoes."  
 "It is useless for the authorities to threaten harsh punishment, the dealers do what they please. Here the legal maximum for meat is L 90, but we have to pay L 110 or we don't eat anything; a few days ago it was L 200."

Some of the prices for commodities mentioned in the letters are as follows:

L 100 per litre

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- \*Oil (olive) L 100 per litre
- Fish L 70 per kg
- Beans L 70 per kg
- Dough products L 80 per kg
- Leguminous Dough products L 58 per kg
- Meat L 100 per kg
- Cottage Cheese L 80 per kg
- Cheese L 150 per kg
- Eels for Christmas L 500 per kg
- Bread (300 gr.) L 50
- Sardines (spolite) L 150 per kg

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Catania

27 January 1944

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Catania  
RECORD No. 015544

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: <u>Alba, Guglielmo</u> <u>Via Umanichina 6 Usc. S. Agata</u> <u>Calcagirone (Catania, Sicily)</u>	To: <u>Alba, Guglielmo</u> <u>Via Sava, 1787, Genova</u> <u>Cascino No. 32</u> <u>Palermo (Sicily)</u>	Type mail <u>Ordinary</u> <u>Surface</u>	Reg. No. <u>-</u>	Language <u>Italian</u>	Previously censored by <u>--</u>	Enclosures <u>--</u>
Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <u>25 January 1944</u>	Station allocation <u>--</u>	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condensed Return to sender.	Previous relevant records <u>--</u>	C.C. S. Allocation <u>ADD 57.</u> <u>PSB</u> <u>A.C. off. 0-2 AST</u> <u>3007, 1009</u> <u>802, 6002</u> <u>ADD REG. 1</u> <u>FILE</u>		
Origin <u>X</u>						
Italian censorship						
Re-examination unit						

COMMENT

READ NOTE AT CALCAGIRONE (SICILY)

"Among other troubles this morning they cut down the bread ration (to 150 gr.). The people rebelled and stormed City Hall. They threw all of the more interesting registers and even the furniture out the window then, they set fire to everything. The Americans opened fire with machine guns and three had injuries."

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COMMENT

BURAP BLOTS AT CALTAGIRONE (SICILY)

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Catania  
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Catania  
RECORD No. 013-1144

ALLIED FORCE HQ. (LNC)

From: Miltello, Gially  
(called 85)

To: Giovanni  
Via Silvio Pellico 19  
Miltello (Catania, Sicily)

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated 10/15/44	Type mail Military surface	Reg. No. ---	Language Italian	Previously censored by ---	Enclosures ---
Previous relevant records ---	Station allocation C. C. S. Allocation Gen. ST. 304		Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Returned to sender comment to: <i>CAPO</i>		
Italian censorship Re-examination unit					

COMMENT

~~REDACTED BY "SANDY" - RE: [unclear]~~

The addressee is ordered to pay L. 3,000 in a specified way or his son Giovanni will be killed. If the addressee does not pay the sum on the specified date, he will have to pay L. 5,000 the next day.

Letter is signed "Sandy" reading "Black Head"

Previous relevant records - - -	Station allocation C.S.S.	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. AF. Ind. C.S. ACC. STD 304 Spec. Act. C.O.S. A.S. Ind. (C.I.) A.S. Ind. (C.I.) A.S. Ind. (C.I.) A.S. Ind. (C.I.) A.S. Ind. (C.I.)	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: <i>CAPO</i>
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Re-examination unit			

COMMENT

RECEIVED BY "MARE" UNIT - BLACKHAWK

The addressee is ordered to pay L. 2,000 in a carefully specified way or his non-compliance will be killed. If the addressee does not pay the sum on the specified date, he will have to pay L. 50,000 the next day.

Letter is signed "Mare Mare" possibly "Black Hawk"

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 of letter  
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 to  
 CAPO*

Italian Censor  
Colonel

EXAMINER  
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION RECORD No. Ragusa 0146-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: DE CARO, Carmela  
Ved. Russino Via Gesiv.  
168 Scicli (Ragusa, Sicily)

To: (Capo Ufficiale)  
RUSSINO, Enzo  
Minier a la Duchessa  
Domusnovas  
Cagliari (Sardinia)

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated  16 January 1944	Type mail <b>Ordinary Surface</b>	Reg. No. -----	Language <b>Italian</b>	Previously censored by -----	Enclosures -----
	Station allocation <b>CAPO</b>	C. C. S. Allocation <b>Gen. Br. INC</b> <b>ACC Hq.</b> <b>ACC RES. 1</b> <b>NAEB</b> <b>FEA</b> <b>PVB</b> <b>A.C.ofS. G-2 Wash.</b> <b>I.C., Lon. File</b>	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender		
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**COMMENT**

BLACK MARKET PRICES AT SCIOLI (RAGUSA)

The writer states that it is impossible to buy anything any more, because everything is so costly.

"The black market is flourishing. There are families that are starving especially those with many children. It is impossible to get clothes and shoes. Shoes sell for from 500 to 1000 lire and up. Meat sells for 100 lire a kg. with bones. Fish sells for 35 lire a kg, Milk for 16 lire a letro, eggs 8 lire each, the soda for the soap between 450-500 lire a kg. wheat 1000 lire a tumolo."

10 January 1944

Previous relevant records -----	Station allocation <b>CAPO</b>	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Br. INC ACC Hq. ACC RES. 1 NAEB FEA PWB A.C.ofS. G-2 Wash. I.C., Lon. File	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender
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**Zavagno**REVIEWER **S.A.G.**

EXAMINATION DATE

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION **Bari**  
RECORD No. **0145-44**

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.)

From: <u>PARTITO D'AZIONE</u> Via D. Amedeo Bari		To: <u>Dott. MARIANO Giuseppe</u> <u>Bitetto</u>	
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**COMMENT**

PARTITO D'AZIONE PREPARES TO SEND DELEGATES TO G.F.F. OF I. CONVENTION AT BARI 29/1/44

"The Organizing Committee for the General Federation of Labor, a committee on which the representatives of our party take part has set a syndical convention for the 29th of this month to take place in Bari, in the Teatro del Popolavoro Ferroviario (Theater of Railroad workers' Recreation), Via Reggio Calabria. The order of the day has as first point the constitution of the General Confederation of Labor with a tentative program and the nomination of a provisional Central Committee. It is opportune that the syndicate organizations who are members of our party and the most capable workers whom we have prepared for, and in accordance with the directives of the party, participate in the convention to which naturally our most experienced syndical representatives will also come, so that the voice of our party will come out effectively sustained. We are including herewith a number of invitation cards on which you will inscribe the name of whichever comrades you will send to the convention."

The Secretary

27 January 1944	Ordinary Surface	Italian	---
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Reviewer's Note: The Partito D'Azione is one of the Left Wing anti-royalist parties.

EXAMINER **Bari** Italian Censor **REVIEWER H.L.J.** EXAMINATION DATE **27 January 1944**

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Salerno  
RECORD No. C125-44

From:		To:	
(Regioniere-Accountant) BRIENZA, Antonio Via Indipendenza, 76 Salerno (Italy)		(Brigadiere) MILANESE, Vincenzo Vello Lucania	
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17 January 1944	Ordinary Surface	--	Italian
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Origin	Disposal of original communication		
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**COMMENT**

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SALERNO

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Examiner's Note: The Italian Censorship Station at Salerno notes that about 40% of the mail examined outgoing from Salerno Province contains food shortages and hunger complaints. **3260**



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Salerno

STATION  
RECORD No. 0141-44

ALLIED FORC HQ., (LNC)

From: <u>VARIOUS</u>		To: <u>VARIOUS</u>	
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- Pasta - 120 " 140 "
- Vegetables - 50 "
- Potatoes - 50 "
- Horse-beans - 32-33 "
- Chickpeas - 50 "
- Sugar - 300 "
- Soap - 50 "

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Sugar - 300 " "  
Soap - 50 " "  
Eggs - 15 lire each  
Oil - 180 lire per litre

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EXAMINER It. Cens. REVIEWER

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EXAMINATION DATE

Salerno - 29 Jan 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HQ. (I.N.C.) CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 0131-44

From: (Art.) SOLITO, Vincenzo  
155 Regs. Art. D.F., 2 Gruppo,  
6 Batt., Sava (Taranto, Italy)

To: (Sig.) GIORGIO, Luigi  
Via Messina, 12  
Nardo, Lecce (Italy)

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**COMMENT**

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2. "The situation here grows worse daily. We are completely nude (sic!) and many escape, even the northern Italians whose goal is not sure. If this keeps up I think I'll do the same."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Brindisi  
RECORD No. 0129-44

From: CASSISI, Concetto  
Piedimonte Etruo  
Via Borgo, 25, Catania (Sicily)

To: (Art.)  
SULTO, Abram USO  
813 Batt., 511 Gruppo C.A.  
P.M. 167

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Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated 26 December 1943	Type mail Ordinary Surface	Reg. No. -	Language Italian	Previously censored by -	Enclosures --
Previous relevant records -	Station allocation		C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Br. INC ACC C.G. ACC-APO 394 A.C.ofS. G-2 Wash. I.C., Lon. A.C.ofS. G-2 AFHQ. S-2 I.B.S. (C.I.C.) File Spec. Act. CCS	Disposal of original communication Passed Condensed Return to sender	
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Re-examination unit					

**COMMENT**

1. FASCISTS ALLEGED IN CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT AT CATANIA
2. VIOLENCE AND "BLACKHAND" UNCHECKED BY LOCAL POLICE

1. "I would like to tell you much that I can't. The Fascists still ~~wile~~ here. My father doesn't receive the subsidy because we're not liked. I who am doing my duty (seemingly writer is a soldier although he gives a civilian address) am nearly look-ed down upon because the others are all at home; about the only ones in service are those few on the peninsula.

2. The Carabinieri don't giva a damn. So true is this that the Blackhand is here robbing and killing... Very soon we won't be able to go out even in the daytime."

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EXAMINER  
H.F.S.  
REVIEWER  
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From:

IMFONE, GENO  
7287B, Costiero Dis, 3Comp.  
P.M. 157

To: **SIS.**  
PARRUCIA, Rosaria  
Via Cocola, Ugento  
Iacca (Italy)

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Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <b>Jan. 14, 1944</b>	Type mail <b>Ordinary Surface</b>	Reg. No. -	Language <b>Italian</b>	Previously censored by -	Enclosures -
Previous relevant records -	Station allocation -	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Pp. PHQ ACC Med. Sec., AFHQ BOSI-ACME G-2, HD, Wash I. C. London G-2, AFHQ File			
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**COMMENT**

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC AT UGENTO IN 1900S IR.

Soldier writes he can not come to Ugento on leave since there is an order barring that town on account of a typhus epidemic that has broken out there.

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STATION  
RECORD No. **4M**

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION  
DIRETTA, Giuseppe

ALLIED AIR HQ, (171)  
(441)

From: DIRETTA, Cirio  
155 Reg. Art. D.E., 2 Gruppo, 4 Batt.  
P.M. 16

To: c/o Feniglia Parascion, Masimo  
Villeggio Armeno  
Via Capurso, 154, Bari (Italy)

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Date of communication or postmark if letter is originated by <u>1942</u>	Ordinary type mail <u>SALFACO</u>	Reg. No.	Language <u>ITALIAN</u>	Previously censored by	Enclosures
Previous relevant records	Station allocation		Co C.C.S. Allocation <u>File</u> <u>ACC</u> <u>AMG-ACBP</u> <u>PWB</u> <u>BUSI-ACIF</u> <u>G-2, AFHQ</u> <u>I.C. London</u> <u>ACof S, G-2, Wash.</u>		
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					Disposal of original communication X Held Excised Photographed Returned to sender comment to:

**COMMENT**

ITALIAN COBELLIGERENT PROPOSES RESERVATION

The writer, who gives both his APO number and his location-a practice not uncommon in Italian cobelligerent mail-further states:

1. Now there is some slight chance we're going into combat. Let me know if you have that circular or at least know about it. I hope we don't go. but if we are to go, I'll go back home and I'll not return. It's possible they're set the quota of 2000 volunteers and that falling short of that number they'll take us by force. Well, they've made a mistake. We'll do like the others did; they went home and didn't come back.
2. Today I'm on police duty at the Letiano City Hall to put down any violent demonstration that may occur.

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## COMMENT

ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL PROPOSES CENSORSHIP

The writer, who gives both his AFU number and his location-a practice not uncommon in Italian cobelligerent mail-further states:

1. "Now there is some slight chance we're going into combat. Let me know if you have that circular or at least know about it. I hope we don't go. But if we are to go, I'll go back home and I'll not return. It's possible they're set the quota of 2000 volunteers and that falling short of that number they'll take us by force. Well, they've made a mistake. We'll do like the others did; they went home and didn't come back.
2. Today I'm on police duty at the Lettano City Hall to put down any violent demonstration that may occur.

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It. Cons., Brindisi HPS

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**CONFIDENTIAL**STATION **Catanzaro**  
RECORD No. **120**ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)  
CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: (Carabiniere) <b>TORICOLLO, Giuseppe</b> presso (c/o) La Stazione CC. RR. Di Decollatura, Catanzaro (Italy)	To: Sig. <b>PISANI, Elena</b> Corso Michele Bianchi, 61 Castrovillari, Cosenza (Italy)	Language <b>Italian</b>	Previously censored by <b>-</b>	Enclosures <b>- - -</b>
Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <b>12 January 1944</b>	Type mail <b>Ordinary Surface.</b>	Reg. No. <b>--</b>	Station allocation <b>A.M.G. (P.S.O.)</b>	Disposal of original communication Passed Condenned <b>x</b> Return to sender
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They burnt the Customs Office at L. Bernardo. The intervention of the local carabinieri was utterly ineffective. After about an hour a reinforcement arrived of some 30 carabinieri who were armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades, managed to disperse the demonstrators.

12 January 1944 if letter is un-dated	Ordinary Surface.	Italian	Disposal of original communication
Previous relevant records ---	Station allocation A.M.G. (P.S.O.)	C.C.S. Allocation Cen. Br. INC ACC P.NB A.M.G. ACMF NAEE FEA A.C.ofS. G-2 Wash I.C., Lon File	Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to:
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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

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STATION Catanzaro  
RECORD No. 0128-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: ANONYMOUS

To: TRIBUNALE MILITARE DI GUERRA  
CATANZARO (Italy)

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated  30Dec. 1943	Type mail Ordinary Surface	Reg. No. -	Language Italian	Previously censored by -	Enclosures -
Previous relevant records	Station allocation XXXX Army Corps (Ital.)		C.C.S. Allocation Gen. Br., AFHQ ACC G-2, AFHQ Spec. Act. CCS BGSI-ACMF I.C. London AC of S, G-2, Wash. File		Disposal of original communication Passed Condensed Return to sender
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**COMMENT**

ITALIAN AIRFORCE PERSONNEL A.W.O.L. AT SERSALE IN CATANZARO PROV. AFTER FLEEING SICILY IN JULY

The following air personnel, it is charged in a letter addressed to Military Court at Catanzaro, failed to report to their Command after fleeing from Sicily over five months from date of present denunciation. It is also asserted that they are being covered up by the local authorities who are their countrymen and especially by a certain Carabinieri Maresciallo, SPINELLI, Gerardo, whom they bring food to. They are said to be still receiving their monthly pay. The names and addresses of these airmen are:

LUPIA, Ercole di Tommaso, class	"22, Via	Indipendenza, Sersala	325
BORELLI, Pietro di Salvatore, "	" "	Alighieri, "	"
BORELLI, Vito di Michele, "	" "	S. Anna, "	"
SCHIPONI, Tommaso di Serafino "	" "	Roma, "	"
NAPOLI, Giuseppe fu Rocco "	" "	" "	"
FUNARO, Domenico di Teresa "	" "	Deseta, "	"
MANCUSO, Luigi di Francesco "	" "	" "	"

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated <b>30 Dec. 1943</b>	Type mail <b>Ordinary Surface</b>	Reg. No. <b>-</b>	Language <b>Italian</b>	censored by <b>-</b>	Disposal of original communication Held Excised Photographed Sent with comment to: <b>Passed Condensed Return to sender</b>
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Chief, It. Mil. Censor

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STATION RECORD No. Censor ZARO 121

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

From: (Bombardiere)  
 Name not given  
 107 Comp. T.R.T.  
 Div. Motorizzata "Manbova"

To: (Bombardiere)  
 FRANGO (no other name given)  
 Nucleo Armata  
 Gasparretta A. Arsonala  
 Teramo

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated 30 Dec. 1944	Type mail Ordinary Surface	Reg. No.	Language Italian	Previously censored by	Enclosures
Previous relevant records	Station allocation	C.C.S. Allocation	Disposal of original communication		
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Re-examination unit					

COMMENT

ALLEGED INSUFFICIENT FOOD AND PAY IN "MANBOVA" DIVISION

- "The only thing that abounds here is hunger and all we have to alleviate its itchings with are lice steaks. We eat only once a day; broth, a few root vegetables and a microscopic roll. Our pay is miserable and lasts two days; then we have to put our uniform in lock."
- "Think-hundreds of my companions are in the same condition. Add to top it all off look at the brazen dishonesty of these who have ruined us and sold us out and who continue to suck us dry clinging all over like insatiable leeches."

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Examiner's note; Analogous dissatisfaction is expressed by FABIANO, Gaetano, 23Btr. Bis Costiero, 4 Colfariindisi who says that are being treated like dock porters but can do nothing about it but only wait until these swindlers are glutted with us all."



Ordinary Surface	Italian	Censored by	-
30 Dec. 1944	Italian	Censored by	-
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ALLEGED INSUFFICIENT FOOD AND PAY IN "MARMIVA" DIVISION

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EXAMINER Lt. Col. G. S. Cathey, HPS

EXAMINATION DATE

Jan. 15, 1944

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STATION RECORD No.

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From: (Cpt. Mass. or Ranking Corporal) **VERDISCI, Franco**  
 17 Bats. Distruzione, 3 Comp.  
 Torre S. Susanna, Brindisi (Italy)

To: (Ing. or Engineer)  
**DESCARINI, Pietro**  
 Via Caprazzi  
 Altamura, Bari (Italy)

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Previous relevant records	Station allocation		C. C. S. Allocation		Disposal of original communication
Origin			Gen. Br. INC ACC DBBI, ACME A.C.O.F.S. G-2 A.C.O.F.S. G-2 L.V., Lon. PMB P11c		Passed Excised Photographed Return to sender
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Re-examination unit					

COMMENT

1. REPRESSION OF LOW ITALIAN MILITARY MORALE
2. IMPLIED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ALLIES

1. An Italian M.C.O. of a Demolition Co. states "a person couldn't feel well or be happy after all the disappointments and displeasures we have gone thru. We are mortified and our morale is low."

2. "Let's hope our Country's fate doesn't keep on sinking lower and lower on its downward trend. Naples has been devastated and is still being devastated from all sides, I repeat, from all sides. Each is doing his destroying work."

5 January 1944	Ordinary Surface	Italian	
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M.P.E.

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 STATION Lecce  
 RECORD No. 117

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 CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

From: (Soldato) COLONNA, Angelo Reparto Autoromo Comando Tappa Principale No 20 Lecce, Italy Give place of Postmark where there is no address		To: LA TROFA, Nicola Via Oberdan NOICATTARO (Bari, Italy)	
Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated 17 January 1944	Type mail Ordinary Surface	Reg. No. ---	Language Italian
Previous relevant records ---	Station allocation ---	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Br. INC AGC EGSI, ACMF A.C. of S. G-2 WASH A.C. of S. G-2 AFHQ I.C., Lon. 8th Army File	Previously censored by ---
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**COMMENT**

CO-BELLIGERENT "PERUGIA" DIVISION ROUTED AND DRIVEN INTO ALBANIAN HILLS BY GERMANS

"I am writing this letter to tell you that today (15 January 1944) 20 men have arrived from Port Edda (Albania) in a boat they themselves had built. They belong to the "PERUGIA" DIVISION and they stated the following facts:

"The Division had been ordered to go down from Port Edda to Port Palermo (Albania) to embark. On the way to Port Palermo they met the Germans, who were coming toward Port Edda. There was an encounter. They were routed, fired upon by German artillery, and machine-gunned by German planes. A good portion of the Division managed to flee to the hills where they met up with the Partisans who were totally lacking reserves\*. The majority of the Division, nevertheless, sacrificed their lives. While the 20 men who remained at Port Edda to construct the boat escaped on time on the dawn of the 11 (sic, either 11th or 2nd) January (1944) and, within 48 hours of sailing, they reached Santa Foca (unidentified, presumably in Italy, near Lecce).

I enquired about your son Vituccio and I described his appearance, but they could not tell me anything. They assured me that at full strength prior to their

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I enquired about your son Vituccio and I described his appearance, but they could not tell me anything. They assured me that the entire "Perugia" Division was at full strength prior to their routing, which took place between 29 December 1943 and II (sic) January 1944. There 20 soldiers have been transferred to 9 Sanita (Medical Corps), Bari (Italy). One of them is named Gralti, Piero and is from Padova (Italy), in case you want to talk to him personally."

\* The grammar of the writer is sufficiently uncertain as not to exclude the possibility that he really wanted to say that the Division rather than the Partisan, were without any reserves.

Note: The writer of the letter presumably belongs to the cadre of a staging area (see address).

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STATION Lecce  
RECORD No. 0133-44

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ALLIED FORCE HQ, (I.N.C.)

From: VARIOUS, MILITARY, ITALIAN  
To: (Direzione del) GIORNALE "LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE"  
Lecce (Italy)

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**COMMENT**

ITALIAN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES PROTEST ABOUT DELAY  
IN DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

The letter, signed "A group of employees called back to the colors" and addressed to the newspaper "La Provincia di Lecce", protests against the red tape in putting into effect the circular of October 31, 1943 of the Co-Beiligerent Supreme Command, which releases all Civil Service employees from active army service.

"May the leaders of the army understand that we are dead weight to their army, because we are tired, without confidence, demoralized. We hope that they will not give us the old, fascist tales about the Fatherland, the danger in which it is, or anything else, because their only Fatherland is their pay. Perhaps they dread to see reduced the number of imbeciles on whom they can inflict their men's for ordering people around."

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COMMENT

ITALIAN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITNESS ARMY DELAY  
IN DISMANTLING FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

The letter, signed "A group of employees called back to the colors" and addressed to the newspaper "Le Provincia di Lecce" protests against the red tape in putting into effect the circular of October 21, 1943 of the Co-Salient Supremacy Command, which releases all Civil Service employees from active army service.

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EXAMINER Lecco REVIEWER A.V. EXAMINATION DATE 15 January 1944

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Lecce  
RECORD No. 0134-44

ALLIED FORCE HQ, (I.N.C.)

From: <u>FRIGINO, Anna</u> <u>Santa Maria Al Bagno</u> <u>(Lecce, Italy)</u>		To: <u>FRIGINO, Ada</u> <u>Aprile (Fricase, Lecce, Italy)</u>	
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**COMMENT**

VANDALISM BY 5,000 YUGOSLAV REFUGEES  
AT SANTA MARIA (LECCE, ITALY)

"Santa Maria has been invaded by over 5,000 refugees from Yugoslavia, Croatia, Russian rebels and Chinese (sic). I live in constant panic because they sail us fascists and they want to cut off our heads. We are compelled to keep the door always locked, but we have to stay outside, at the gate, because they burn even any doors they see closed. They destroyed Nina's house and, then, all the others without distinction. Just imagine! When they feel cold they set brand new furniture on fire. In the morning, as soon as they get up, they start taking the wood to the public kitchens. All the cabins of the bathing casino here and at San Marino have been burned. They also burnt the benches and the chairs of the open air theater and the furniture of the Club."

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Previous relevant records --	Station allocation --	C. C. S. Allocation Gen. Br. IIC ACC HQ. DSSI, ACHP A.C.OFS. 3-2 AFHQ PWR MGS AFHQ	Disposal of original communication Passed Condensed Return to sender
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15 January 1944

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Headquarters  
Allied Control Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 3A-E -----  
for action/information

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D.C.F.S. .... *PLK*

Civil Police. .... *PLK*

Special Police .... *PLK*

Prisons. .... *PLK*

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D.C. of Staff for (O&SI)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
Industrial Plan	
Mil. Sec.	
Pol. Sec.	
Econ & Admin Sec.	
Communications Sec.	
Economic Director	
Administrative Dir.	
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Publications	
Miscellaneous	
Supply Officer	
Billeting Officer	
Transportation Off.	
Hq Commandant	
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Serial No. IPW 2287

FROM:		TO:	
COLIU, Mario Presso Garan Suelli Sardegna.		COLIU, Vincenzo Caporale PW Camp 100.	
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 MI-12, London

## COMMENT

POVERTY AND HARDSHIP IN SARDINIA

Mother writes son, Italian PW:

"We cannot wait to get home because it is impossible to stay here. One reason is because of food, the other for lodgings. At night it is so cold you would think that there was snow in the room.

"What a village! Coal cannot be found neither can milk for the children. Nothing can be found. We have to live on dry bread. Food must be given to us.

"Then we are practically naked, not having clothing or sweaters to keep us warm. How long was I forced to go barefooted lacking the funds to buy clogs! I tell you this is like a fairy story.

Cagliari is full of Americans but to date they have not given us a thing. Even for bread a ration card is needed and who ever goes in without an order gets none."

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Serial No. IPW 2295

<b>FROM:</b> BUCCIERI, Licitra Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 245 Ragusa Sicilia.		<b>TO:</b> BUCCIERI, Salvatore 81-1-46115 PW Camp 151
<b>DATE/</b> <del>RECEIVED</del> <b> of Letter</b> 7 December 1943	<b>TYPE OF MAIL</b> Incoming	<b>ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION</b>  Passed (P) (P) Condemned (C) Returned (R) Held (H) Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment to:
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**COMMENT**

NO MEDICINES IN RAGUSA

Sicilian writes to Italian PW:

"...I have been going around to different drug stores. One cannot find medicines at all. Let us hope to Heaven that we don't get sick, because the medicine situation is a serious worry..."

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Serial No. IPW-2309

<b>FROM:</b> SANFILIPPO, Carmela Patti Marina (Messina) Sicilia		<b>TO:</b> SANFILIPPO, Domenico Pioneer Company, Workshop No. 1 Delhi, Calcutta
<b>DATE/</b> of Letter 25 December 1943	<b>TYPE OF MAIL</b> Incoming	<b>ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION</b>  Passed (P) Condemned (C) Returned (R) P Held (H) D Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment to:
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<b>Examiner</b> Cara	<b>D.A.G.</b> HJP	

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**COMMENT**

CHARGES PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES IN PALERMO WITH GRAFTING

Mother in Sicily writes to PW son:-

"You tell me to present myself to A.M.G., but you are far away and don't know the truth. In Palermo assistance can be had because it is a city, but in this town (Patti Marina) we are in the Province and are bad off. The provincial delegates are the only ones eating; these Italian employees are leaving us to die. Do you know what they gave us for Christmas? 80 grams of flour per person and 100 grams of bread."

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Serial No. IPW 314

<b>FROM:</b> MARTINO No further address. Envelope bears Red Cross Stamp - Catania.		<b>TO:</b> CARASCI, Pietruzza Via Gibuti 16 Belpassa (Catania) Sicilia.
<b>DATE/POSTMARK of Letter</b> 1 December 1943	<b>TYPE OF MAIL</b> Outgoing	<b>ACTION TAKEN -- ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION</b>  Passed (P) (P) Condemned (C) Returned (R) Held (H) Deleted (D) Photo (Ph) Or forwarded with Comment to:
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<b>Examiner</b> Florio	<b>D.A.C.</b> C.P.E.	

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**COMMENT**

POLITICAL INTERNEE CLAIMS FASCIST OFFICIALS FREED

Italian PW writes to wife:

"Since Thursday of last week about 150 civilian prisoners, many of whom are from the province of Catania, have been liberated...Among this group were several outstanding exponents of Fascism -- two Federals, political secretaries. These men came to this camp after I did and with many charges weighing on their heads. I believe that even under the circumstances one needs the help of influential people who are in the good graces of the English authorities.

I often wonder whether my petition has been lost or whether it is not in the right hands."

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22 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Comment Sheet.

TO : HQ AMO Comd.

1. Transmitted herewith for your information, copy of Comment Sheet No. GFW 1180 on German Prisoner of War Mail.
2. You may be interested in investigation the Sicilian family mentioned, if you are not already informed of its activities.

D. S. JACKLING,  
Lt. Colonel.

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*30 Jan 44*

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

TO : Chief, Public Safety, Region I.

Forwarded for investigation and report to this HQ.

*to*

PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
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Serial No. GPW 1190

## FROM:

SCHWELIER  
Melegro B  
Athens, Greece  
c/o Minister Spiridis

## TO:

SCHWELIER, Jessica  
Schulze  
Cran  
(formerly Hospital #114)

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## COMMENT

POSSIBLE ENCOUNTERS IN PALERMO

Sister writes to already repatriated German PW:

"In the event that you pass through Sicily, it's highly possible that you will visit Signora Barone, Cicilia, Palermo. Attilia has already mentioned you at home, and you need only mention that we are friends, and that Maria Giuzini is a friend of yours. Whatever anyone can do for you will be done, provided they are still alive. Attilia is fighting on the German side."

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## FROM:

SCHWELIEN  
Meleagru 9  
Athens, Greece  
c/o Minister Spiridis

## TO:

SCHWELIEN, Joachim  
Schutze  
Oran  
(formerly Hospital Elida)

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