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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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14 September 1945

SUBJECT: AC/AMG Review

TO : All concerned

1. The Public Relations Branch is willing to mail, on behalf of key officers of the Commission, copies of the AC/AMG Review to any persons you believe would like to have it.

2. Please send the names and addresses to this Branch, Room 25, 4th Floor.

TO	DATE	INITIALS
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G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 September 45

AC/14171/PS

SUBJECT : Public Safety in Northern Regions

TO : Public Relation Officer A.C.

75 AMG Public Safety Officers in the Northern Regions handled a most unusual and difficult problem in a most creditable manner, covering about one third of all Italy in one operation, reducing chaotic frenzy to a fair semblance of order in less than two months and maintaining that standard with limited equipment and too few trained and equipped Italian police.

As the Northern Regions prepare to turn over to Italian control, Public Safety officers are preparing the Italian Police units for the transition. Order has been established from disorganized disorder in a few short months. Whether that orderly condition will remain after we leave is a question. Experienced Public Safety Officers are inclined to report that the situation is under control. The Italian Government agencies however have not up to now shown ability to supply proper equipment, transport and uniforms for police units. Without these essentials furnished in sufficient quantities to offset the possible activities of well armed fanatics, hoodlums or criminals, the situation may be, to say the least, insecure.

Public acceptance of the work of police units has been attained by a gradual recognition of their difficult role and a growth of disgust has been noted against the forces of disorder, previously considered as frenzied heroes.

In the Venezia Giulia zone, an entirely new police force is being carefully selected and trained to replace the several bands of politically inclined enthusiasts found there on our arrival.

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AMG Public Safety officers, assisted by Military Police from Army units in the area, took over completely and functioned as Police themselves. A well organized Police school is now ready to place their first graduated class into the field. The weary AMG Public Safety officers will welcome the possibility of rest now, as they have walked beats, led raids and handled courts cases for long hours, day and night for these several months to keep a rather volatile situation under control.

12 Mobile Battalions are being formed and trained for service throughout Italy in tanks, armored cars and trucks, armed with modern automatic guns and pistols. Some are now in the field and others still lack equipment. When equipped and deployed they will add materially to the security of Italy. Heretofore with only some 42,000 effective Carabinieri divided into approximately 5,000 stations, the outlying small stations with only 2 or 3 Carabinieri could not cope with demonstrations or uprisings.

Liaison parties left in the North will have more Public Safety officers than has been the rule, in order to assist the Italian Police in maintaining the ground already gained.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427-686

28 March 1945

AC/14171/PS

SUBJECT : Pictures for AC/AMG Activities
TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. It is suggested that the following activities might warrant pictures:

- a) Carabinieri training at Cadet School, Rome -
- b) Road block operation on any main highway in AMG territory -
- c) Carabinieri school at Florence.

2. Pictures could be taken at the schools any morning. Road block pictures could be taken at any time.

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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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24 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Pictures for AC/AMG Activities.

TO: All Sub-Commissions, CA Section.

1. The attached letter from Public Relations Branch is forwarded for your information. It is requested that you forward to this Section the recommendations and the information requested in paragraph 4 thereof.

2. Returns are to be made by 1800 hours, 28 March 1945.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

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22 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Pictures for AC/AMG Activities

TO: Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal & IPOW Sub-Commission

1. The Public Relations Branch is anxious to get pictures of AC/AMG activities to send to various publications in Great Britain and the United States and to accompany stories which will be prepared by this branch for newspapers or magazines, including technical and professional publications.
2. Each Sub-Commission is invited to suggest picture possibilities as regards activities with which it is concerned. This may be an activity which was put out of operation by war damage but which will be rehabilitated in the near future. Or, it may be of work being done on some activity which has just gone into operation.
3. One of the things we are looking for is "before and after" pictures. A picture taken now of work in progress coupled with another picture taken three or five months hence of the same activity in operation makes possible an interesting story which might well warrant attention.
4. To this end it is suggested that each Sub-Commission compile a list of activities which are believed to warrant pictures. The list should indicate the nature of the operation, its current status, its location, and when would be the best time to photograph it.
5. Your cooperation will be appreciated and will greatly facilitate our job of representing AC/AMG activities accurately. We may have some difficulty in arranging to take pictures of all the subjects suggested, but will do our best.

(Signed) G. STEWART BROWN, Director.
Public Relations Branch.

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