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FROM APR 45

TO JUNE 45

CATALOGUE

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Minute Sheet

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V.P. C.A.S.

Reference 2A. In my opinion the proposal is sound and we will issue instructions to PC's affected if

you agree.
11 Apr 40

Shapman
Col - H. H. H.

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C.A.S.

Folio No 5^a for signatureW. Doherty
L. Col

P.S.

23 Apr 45

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23 April

W. Doherty - L. Col

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23 April

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P.A.S.

Ref conf. with V.P. of even date.
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P.S. S/C

26 Apr 45

W. Doherty
L. Col

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William Langford - 1961

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C.A.S. Ref conf. with V.P. of even date.
 May the attached orders be received?

W. Doherty
 Sec

A.S. S/C
 26 April 1961

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Public Safety.

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Principle approved. See my comment about Major Heath on March 2. I do not know you were about relative ability and suitability of Heath and Fielder, but I know my A.C. Lombardia and the demand for Heath is certain.

13 April

H. D. Lombardiano L. 6/1
CSO to CHS

21st April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Security - Northern Italy.
Establishment to March.
TO : V.P. C.I. Section.

1. In planning for Northern Italy it has become evident that security control from an A.C. viewpoint will be of the utmost importance.
2. It is considered that exclusive of the Public Safety Officers assigned to the Regions of Emilia, Lombardia, Liguria, Piemonte and Venezia, an additional P.S. Officer specially trained in security duties should be assigned for that specialized work in each Region.
3. The reason is that the port control in Liguria and the frontier situation in the other four Regions, coupled with the known factional trouble that may be expected, will call for full time work for such an officer and be of incalculable value to the Regional Commissioner.
4. It is requested that representations be made to the ~~Establishment~~ Section to increase the ceiling of Public Safety Officers in each of the Regions of Emilia, Lombardia, Piemonte and Venezia by one officer in order that a Security Officer can be designated for each Region.
5. These additional officers could be found in Public Safety Officers.

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SUBJECT : Security - Northern Italy.
Excluded from the book.

TO : V.I. C.I. Section.

1. In planning for Northern Italy it has become evident that security control from an I.S.C. viewpoint will be of the utmost importance.
2. It is considered that exclusive of the Public Safety Officers assigned to the Regions of Emilia, Lombardia, Liguria, Piemonte and Venezia, an additional P.S. Officer specially trained in security duties should be assigned for that specialized work in each Region.
3. The reason is that the worst control in Liguria and the frontier situation in the other four Regions, coupled with the known factional trouble that may be expected, will call for full time work for such an officer and be of inestimable value to the Regional Commissioner.
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5. These additional officers could be found from the Public Safety Officers assigned to the five Northern Regions and in their stead the surplus Public Safety Officers presently assigned as SAOs could be utilized in their proper sphere as CAPOs.

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

Done
-JW

*Approved by the Regional Commissioner
 in accordance with the
 instructions of the Director
 by V.I.*

To G.D.O. for V.P.

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Security Division realize that when the north falls they will be unable to do all the security work at the end and feel that the P.D.O.'s should do this work in the field. Information would of course be collated at H.Q.

The officers of security branch are assigned as follows:-

Venezia Maj Hare.
Lombardia Maj Fielders *
Piemonte Maj. Ronnie
Liguria Capt. Hayes..

They wish to retain Capt. Hayes at this H.Q. and suggest Capt. Gale in his place. (or Capt. Beach) Maj Fielders is with No. 1 Special Force. and Capt. Edwards, Army 5 Army could deputise.

Suggested assignments.

Venezia Maj Hare.
Lombardia Temporarily Capt. Edwards
Army 5 Army. (Maj Fielders
to remain with No. 1 Special Force)
Piemonte Maj Ronnie.
Liguria Capt. Gale (or Capt. Beach)

To be retained at H.Q.
Capt. Hayes.

It seems the most appropriate thing to do.
It is a matter for P.D. to decide as it is one of internal reorganisation.
Do you agree.

Phelan Maj

12 April.

Note:
Maj Hare has
been posted back
here. Lombardia are
sent to ask for him
as he has done much
preparatory work.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref : SD/645.12
AC/14174/PS

29 June 1945

Subject : Security Officer

To : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region
(Attention Lt. Col. Briggs, R.P.S.O.)

1. Capt. S.J. Mason, 256376, Int. Corps (B) who has recently reported to this Headquarters from S.O.M. has been posted to Piemonte Region as Public Safety and Security Officer.
2. Captain Mason has had no public safety or Security experience with AMG in this country but has worked with the partisans in E.O.T.
3. Since the above posting IV Corps have been persuaded to release Major Ronnie (B) to take up his assignment to Piemonte Region as Security Officer immediately.
4. It may be considered advantageous to allow Capt. Mason to work under Major Ronnie so as to utilise his knowledge of partisans and at the same time he will absorb some knowledge of Public Safety duties.
5. Major Harvey of Security Division, this Headquarters, will be visiting Northern Regions on early in July and will be able to discuss the matter further.

Region as Public Safety and Security

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref : SD/645.12
AC/14174/PS

29 June 1945

Subject : Security Officer

To : Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
(Attention Major Hefford, R.P.S.O.)

1. It has been decided to attach Capt. A.H. Ellis (B) from this Headquarters to Liguria Region for temporary duty for a period of six weeks to assist and advise the Regional Commissioner on Security matters.

2. You will recall the letter of 26th April 1945 from this Headquarters under the above reference wherein Capt. Geach was posted to you for this purpose, but owing to shortage of officers he had to perform other duties. Capt. Ellis has much more experience in Security matters and will be more suitable.

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/125

26 June 1945

SUBJECT : Capt. A.C.C. BARCROFT, 52916, Int. Corps

TO : G-1 (B)

1. Capt. A.C.C. BARCROFT is at the moment assisting Security Division, this Headquarters by mutual arrangement with G-2, AFHQ. He was previously attached to G-2 (IOSS) but this unit has closed down.

2. I understand Capt. BARCROFT has spoken to Col. RITCHIE re. the possibility of being transferred to Allied Commission.

3. If this can be arranged I would be grateful if the Selection Board dealing with internal postings in this Commission would agree to Capt. BARCROFT being assigned to Security Division this Headquarters where he can do the work for which, he has been trained, and at the same time release a Public Safety Officer for the position of Regional Security Officer, Liguria.

J.W.C.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN, 550
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref: AC/14174/PS

25th May, 1945.

Subject: Regional Officers for the North

To : Regional Commissioner Venezia Region.
(Att'n Regional Security Officer)

1. The request of Major Hare for the services of Pfc Tornincasa from this Headquarters to Venezia Region has been considered but owing to the reduction of personnel at this Headquarters to staff northern Regions, it is impossible to comply.

2. Should conditions be more favourable at a later date the matter will be reconsidered.

SNH/tfo


JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
COLONEL, J.A.C.D.,
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, U.S. Army

CBI.339.450/2.

14 May, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Assistance by Officers of Security Division.

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

1. Reference to your AG/14174/PS dated 26 April, 1945. The acute shortage of officers in the Allied Commission is fully appreciated. As stated in our letter of 19 April, the services of Captain Geach at "A" Civilian Internee Camp were of great value.

2. The work of officers of the Allied Commission in preparing cases for trial is also much appreciated and it is learned with regret that it will be impossible to provide such assistance in the future. The investigations made by Captain Gale into the activities of John SPERDI and his family, which are believed to be now completed, have been of particular value to this office.

3. The offer of assistance contained in paragraph 5 of your above quoted letter is appreciated. Arrangements have been made, however, which should make it unnecessary for Major Harvey or Captain Ellis to visit "A" Civilian Internee Camp at regular intervals but it would be appreciated if they would continue their weekly visits to "R" Civilian Internee Camp.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

P. E. Russell, Lt. Col.

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† S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, C.S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ON

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Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: APRIL 30/0945B

Message Centre No: D/9241

Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 1/0830B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: A CIVILIAN INTERNEE CAMP

TO : SECURITY DIVISION HQ AC INFO: AG OF S G-2 (C1) AFHQ

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CAPT GEACH will arrive ROME 1800 hours Tuesday 1 May

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INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*Security Div
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Originator's Reference: FX 57109

Message Centre No: D/8980

Date/Time of Origin: APR 28 13413

Date Time Rec'd: APR 28 15453

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGBI

TO : A CIVILIAN INTERNEE CAMP INFO ALCOM

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ALCOM insist that release of Captain GEACH imperative. Instruct him to report to ROME soonest.

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- Info - A/President
- Chief Commissioner
- CA Sec
- C-1 B
- File 2
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18 APR 1945
A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : AG/14174/PS

27 April 1945

SUBJECT : INSURANCE EXECUTIVES

TO : Finance Sub Commission

1. With reference to your 13174/F of 6th April 1945 respecting the above.

2. It has been decided that a Regional Security Officer will be appointed to each of the Northern Regions of Venezia, Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria to advise Regional Commissioners on Security matters.

3. It is therefore suggested that your Regional Finance Officers contact the Regional Security Officers for Security clearance. Owing to the amount of work involved their advice will be restricted to the security angle, and the general life history of the individuals concerned will be a matter for the Regional Finance Officers to ascertain from sources which are available to them.

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

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"A" Civilian Internee Camp, C.M.F.
24 Apr 45.

To. Major S.J. Harvey, Security Division, Public Safety-SubCommission,
Headquarters Allied Commission, C.M.F.

Sir,

Many thanks for forwarding the copy of your letter to G-2 (CI) AFHQ. I need not tell you how pleased I am to hear of your decision, and I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you shortly in Rome.

The Commandant is in my opinion quite capable of Reviewing cases under the present system, especially as practically all cases have now to be referred to G-2 for authority for release.

I am now eagerly awaiting further news about this matter and intend to lose no time in reporting to headquarters.

Thanking you for the interest you have always shown in my welfare,

Yours sincerely,

M. G. Yeach Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : AG/14174/PS

26 April 1945

SUBJECT : Regional Security Officers
TO : Distribution, see below

1. It has been agreed that Security work in the Northern Regions will be of increasing importance, and in order that adequate advice and assistance is available it has been decided that one of the Public Safety Officers of the Region will perform Security duties.

2. The officers concerned have had experience of this type of work with the Security Division of this Headquarters, and their duties are set out on the form appended hereto. Any further instructions will be disseminated from Public Safety Sub Commission through Regional Commissioners.

3. Arrangements have been made for who is already assigned to you, to perform the duties of Regional Security Officer.

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

DISTRIBUTION

R. Cs. Venezia - MAJOR HARE
Lombardia - MAJOR ~~REEDERS~~
Piemonte - MAJOR RONNIE
Liguria - CAPT. GEARH
SCAO 5 Army CAPT. GEARH 13/5
2 Corps
4 Corps
Officer concerned.
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DUTIES OF REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER

1. The object of appointing a Regional Security Officer is to provide the Regional Commissioner with a carefully selected officer, trained and experienced in investigation, to cover the field of security within the Region.
2. He will not usurp the functions of other Military Security Agencies, in the general sphere, but will undertake the equivalent duties of CIG/PSS within the organization of AC/AMB I.O. the investigation of matters with a view to preventing or neutralizing the efforts of the enemy or subversive factions to penetrate our organization.
3. He will be responsible for the Regional Commissioner through the Regional Public Safety Officer, but will be utilized for matters other than Security except in special circumstances.
4. He will establish close Liaison with all Military and Civil Security agencies within his region.
5. He will be responsible for "screening" or "vetting" local officials and key civilian employees of A.M.G., making full use of local military security facilities for this purpose.
6. He will advise on the internal security of AMG installations and documents.
7. He will advise on matters relating to civilian internees, as regards their arrest when consulted by the arresting agencies, and to forward appeals for release to this Headquarters.
8. He will investigate internal complaints of espionage, sabotage and subversive activities.
9. He will keep himself informed on political organizations of a Security interest and subversive movements within the Region.
10. He will establish liaison between the Patriot officer and intelligence agencies.
11. He will maintain liaison with Frontier Control Units where necessary.
12. He will observe civilian morale, tententious rumours, and local political and economic conditions.

5. He will be responsible for maintaining as working order all key civilian employees of A.M.C. making full use of local military security facilities for this purpose.
6. He will advise on the internal security of AMT installations and documents.
7. He will advise on matters relating to civilian internees, as regards their arrest when consulted by the arresting agencies, and to forward appeals for release to this Headquarters.
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12. He will observe civilian morale, tendentious rumors, and local political and economic conditions.
13. He will NOT investigate Black Market allegations unless of a degree likely to affect military security.
14. He will NOT investigate allegations of crime against Allied Military personnel.
15. A separate directive will be issued in connection with screening of officials selected by partisans.

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16. In order that this Headquarters may be kept fully informed of the Security position throughout Northern Italy, it is requested that on 1st day of each month a report be furnished to this Headquarters of matters dealt with by him, and on the following points :-

- a) General survey
- b) Security prisoners arrested at the instigation of AME
- c) Important suspects
- d) Subversive movements and personalities
- e) State of civilian morale
- f) Relations between civilians and military personnel
- g) Civilian disturbances
- h) Other matters of a security interest.

Much of this information will be useful to the Regional Public Safety Officer in a condensed form in his monthly report, but full details are required in the one outlined in this paragraph.

h) Other matters of interest to the Regional Public Safety Officer in a condensed form in his monthly report, but full details are required in the one outlined in this paragraph.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : AC/14174/PS

26 April 1945

SUBJECT : Captain F.G. Geach, "A" Civilian Internee
Camp.

TO : A.C. of S. G-2, AFHQ.

1. With further reference to our letter of 16th. April 45 on this subject and your GB 1 389. 450/2 of 19 April 45, in reply thereto.

2. The shortage of officers in this Commission is so acute, and the advance of the armies so rapid that it is essential that Captain Geach reports immediately to this Headquarters. The position at the camp is fully appreciated and it is with great regret that agreement cannot be given for Captain Geach to remain even a short time longer. His travel orders have been sent to him, and a copy is attached hereto.

3. The liberation of the North has also raised additional problems for our Security Division, who have provided assistance to AFHQ and AAI in regard to British Renegades, preparing cases of enemy agents for trial etc, and it is regretted that these functions, although capable of being performed by the investigators in Allied Commission, will have to be referred in the future to other military formations, to enable the officers to concentrate solely on Allied Commission duties.

4. This is viewed with regret, but in view of the ceiling of officers placed upon the Commission,

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there seems to be no alternative.

5. If it will be of assistance it could be arranged for Major Harvey or Captain Ellis to visit the camp for one week each month to help with urgent reviews.

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

Copy to: SD/125

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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GBI.389.450/2.

19 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Attachment of Captain F.G. Geach to
"A" Civilian Internee Camp.

TO : Security Division,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. Would you refer to your AC/14174/PS dated 16 April, 1945.
2. Your co-operation in agreeing to the attachment of Captain Geach to the staff of "A" Civilian Internee Camp at PADULA for the past year is greatly appreciated.
3. During that period he has performed most valuable work. His previous experience as a police officer in England, and his knowledge of Public Safety work in Sicily fitted him, as you say, for the task of reviewing the cases of internees and he has carried out that work to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.
4. In spite of the fact that he has had several weeks of experience in working with Captain Geach, it would be difficult for the intelligence officer at the camp - who does not have such previous experience - to carry out the work with equal confidence.
5. As you are no doubt aware, a proposal has been put forward to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the handing over to Italian custody all civilian internees in Allied custody in this country. Assuming that approval is given by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, when these proposals are implemented it should be possible to hand over the vast majority of internees at PADULA to the Italian Authorities and enable Captain Geach to

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be released without causing a gap which would be difficult to fill.

6. It would therefore be much appreciated if you could see your way to agreeing that he should remain at the camp until it is handed over to the Italian Authorities. It is recognised that the need for officers with such qualifications as Captain Geach's for Public Safety work in Northern Italy is great, but it is hoped that he will be permitted to remain at PADULA a few weeks longer in view of the above mentioned expected developments.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

S.S. Hill-Dillon.

S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G.S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394.

AG/14174/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 580.

23rd April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Security - Northern Italy.

TO : Establishment Branch.

1. In planning for Northern Italy it has become evident that security control from an A.E.G. viewpoint will be of the utmost importance.
2. It is requested that the ceiling of Public Safety Officers be increased in each of the Regions of Emilia, Lombardia, Liguria, Piemonte and Venezia by one officer in order that a Security Officer can be designated for each Region.
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G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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3. He will be responsible for the Regional Commissioner through the Regional Public Safety Officer, but will not be utilized for matters other than Security except in special circumstances.
4. He will establish close liaison with all Military and Civil Security agencies within his region.
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- e) Relations State of civilian morale.
- f) Relations between civilians and military personnel.
- g) Civilian disturbances;
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref: AG/14174/PS

16th April, 1945

Subject: Captain F.G. Geach, "A" Civilian Internee Camp, C.M.F.

TO : G.2 (CI) A.F.H.Q.

1. For the past twelve months Captain F.G. Geach of this Commission has been lent to "A" Civilian Internee Camp to assist in the reviewing of the cases of internees.

2. At the time it was felt that his previous experience as a British Police officer and his knowledge of special Public Safety Duties in Sicily, had fitted him for such specialized duties, and it was in agreement with Lt. Col. Gibson CSI (b) 15 Army Group, that his services were placed at the disposal of the authority responsible for internees.

3. The call for Public Safety officers for Northern regions has now become so great, that it is felt that Captain Geach can no longer be spared. It was hoped that it would have been possible for him to continue a little longer, but the renewed advances of Armies has raised an immediate problem which can only be solved by his physical presence in a forward area.

4. In anticipation of this, it was arranged some months ago for the documentation of internees at the camp to be done by an Intelligence officer and for the Commandant to be present with Captain Geach during the interviews and decisions recommending release. It is therefore anticipated that the reviewing and recommendations can now be continued without any loss of efficiency, in the absence of Captain Geach.

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6. Would you please therefore, signify your approval to releasing Captain Geach from his duties at "A" Civilian Internee Camp. It will be appreciated if this can be done immediately.

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SECURITY DIVISION.

10th. April; 1945.

Ref: S.D. 115.

SUBJECT: Security work in Northern Italy.

To: Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. A request has been made by Finance Sub Commission for a series of screenings on Insurance Executives in Northern Italy, on the lines of reports submitted until the present moment by this Division. It is estimated that there will be needed investigations and reports on some 300 individuals.
2. Other Sub Commissions will no doubt raise similar matters, in accordance with the work we have done for them in the past. It has been comparatively easy in Palermo, Naples and Rome to run the Security Division from Headquarters, with Field trips as necessary to keep in touch with what is happening in the Regions.
3. As it is not proposed to establish a forward Headquarters in the North, I cannot help feeling that the Security Division stationed in Rome will be too remote to be of any use in the Northern Regions. The requests for screening officials will have to be done on the spot, and I think the time has come when we must consider whether a more useful purpose could not be served by having one Security officer attached to each of the Northern Regions to work under the Regional Public Safety Officer, and to advise and assist the Regional Commissioner and his staff officers on matters of Security.
4. The screening of employees, internal cases of bribery etc by civilian personnel, subversive activities, liaison with Army Security agencies and with Italian Police, political enquiries etc. can all be performed by an officer on the spot much more speedily and accurately than from so far away as Rome. There will of necessity be a great deal of work connected with movement of civilians and frontier control, and the Security officer could be responsible for this.

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5. At the moment the following officers who have been assigned to Security Division are now assigned as shown:-

- VENEZIE - Major HARE.
- LOMBARDIA - Major FELDERS
- PIEMONTE - Major RONNIE
- LIGURIA - Captain Hayes.

Captain Hayes is attached to this Headquarters, where he is responsible for conducting correspondence with AFHQ and with Italian Government Departments concerning the reviews and releases of civilian internees, and their appearances as witnesses or defendants in epuration proceedings. He has such a grasp on this work, and on the other hand has had no practical experience of outside security work, that I would suggest that he be assigned to this Headquarters to carry on the work

ne is doing (which will increase rather than diminish) and that Captain GALE, who is concluding the espionage cases in the Rome Area, or Captain GEACH, who is reviewing the cases of internees at Radua, be assigned to Liguria Region.

7. Major RILBERS is on duty with No. 1 Special Force at the moment, and in his absence Capt. P.A. EDWARDS, who is assigned to Lombardia (temporary duty 5 Army) could adequately deputise, as he has the necessary training and experience for the work.

8. I feel that in this way much greater use will be made of the experience which has so far been gained, and a great weight will be taken from the shoulders of the Regional Public Safety Officer, who would in any case have to make the necessary enquiries in his area, as it would be impracticable to send an officer from this Headquarters. At the moment, the alternatives are:-

- a) to refer all security matters to the RPSO in conjunction with his other work, or
- b) to ask the appropriate sub commissions to do their own enquiries.

Neither of these courses seems satisfactory.

9. It will still be necessary to retain a Security Division at Headquarters to collate the information from Regions, to be answerable to the Chief Commissioner for the Security of the Allied Commission, to assist AFHQ and 15 Army Group in matters of Security, to maintain the contact between the above and the Italian Government, to assist in the reviews of civilian internees etc.

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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓

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