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Minute 1.

C.A. Folio 3A for signature

Walter Doherty
Col

P.S.
18 June 1945.

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C.A. Section.
Signed submitted for approval and signature
28 June 1945.

Stephens
Col - D.P.S.

Office of Ex Commissioner
for Australia

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Folio No. 15a/b for info of Ex Comm.

W. Doherty
Col

P.S.
28 June 1945

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Public Safety S/C

15a seen by EC. - Please note letter
have been

W. Doherty
Col

P.S.
28 June 1945

WW 29/6

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Public Safety S/C

15a seen by E.C. – Please note letter to R.C. Venezian Region opposite. Copies have been withdrawn for CC of E.C. files

J. 30/6.

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C.A.

Folio 50A for info. Copy sent to G5 A.F. HQ.

W. Doherty
Col

P.S.
19 July 1945

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Public Security In

North Italy.

Ex b. 20/7/45.
PS 21/7/45

CAS. 20/9/45.
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PS 2 Nov.

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To. C.A Section.

For signature please re 134.A.

24-9-45

J.M. Hawkins Major
for John W. Chapman Colonel S.A.D.

12.

Establishment Section.

With reference to folio 134 B. as this is a personnel matter and one which affects American personnel I feel it should possibly be handled by your section. I am prepared to sign the proposed letter at 134 A if this is in order - but I consider that in any case there should be a record on the files of your Section

25/9/45

M Cam Brig.
V.P. C.A.S.

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Civil affairs Section

Copies of letters have been extracted for our files. Suggest the letter 132/A be signed & forwarded.

27/9/45.

C.M. Park
A/VP LS & Sec

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Ex. Commissioner

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Folio 50 B for information
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20 July

A D Buchanan Capt
CAS L 61

20/7 Noted. J.

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CA Sec (PS)

50 B noted. Will you kindly send for info any subsequent reports.

Office of EC
21/7/45

E Thornden Maj

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CAS Folio 58A for signature Sgd 24/7 GRL

T.O. Doherty Col

P.S.
23 July 1945

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To Liaison Officer. Re - 82A.

All steps were taken with the Italian authorities re that area - No reports of any success have been received. There were hundreds of unsolved murders in each Region in the North. The terrorist reign seems now to be stopped.

19-8-45

T.T. Thornden Major
for John W. Clapman Colonel JAGD

VP. CA Section 101 A & B
25 Aug 45

10. 27 Sept - for your information.

E Chapman
Col - D.P.A.

1300

Subject : Law and Order in BOLOGNA Region.

SECRET URGENT

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R C M E.
G.92

14 December, 1945.

To : The Minister of War.

SITUATION :

1. (a) I have received disturbing reports of the situation in BOLOGNA Region from G.O.C. 2 District and my L.O. with General CERICA (Commander BOLOGNA Territorial Region), who also, I know, is very concerned about the state of affairs.

(b) Lawlessness, in the form of banditry, gaol storming and murder is rife. For example, on a recent occasion 50 armed men raided a village and committed robbery, murder and abduction. Unless checked sternly, such lawlessness will tend to increase. BOLOGNA may thus be considered a test case. If order can be restored there, that will deter similar activity elsewhere - an aspect which will become even more important in the event of the Northern Territories being handed back to the Italian Government. While appreciating that lawlessness after the past war is a world wide symptom, I feel that every effort should be made and every assistance given to the forces responsible for maintaining law and order.

FORCES AND MATERIAL AVAILABLE.

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The Independent Army Regiments
The Infantry Divisions.

In war time the needs of the army were paramount. But in view of the above order of responsibility, the needs of the CC.RR should now have first priority.
You will agree that it is inadvisable to use the Army Regiments and Divisions except in case of need. The CC.RR are the first line of defence.

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(b) The distribution, strength, armament and equipment of No. 3 Brigade CC.RR is, according to our latest information, as per Appendix 'A'. From this it can be seen that the strength and armament are adequate, but there is a very serious shortage in M.T.
As regards M.T., the Italian Army repair workshops are only just keeping their heads above water repairing and maintaining the M.T. of existing units. The Ministry of Transport however owes the Ministry of War the equivalent tonnage of 1666 army vehicles, reconditioned and in running order. Delivery of these was promised at the rate of 500 per month commencing 1 Nov., but NONE have been delivered yet. I suggest that you exert the strongest pressure on the Minister of Transport to implement his bond under and arrangement generously made by A.C. to assist the public economy and to avoid political repercussions by withdrawing Italian Army transport illegally in possession of civilian firms or persons. I am asking H.Q. A.C. to exert similar strong pressure. I may say that the Minister of Transport has had 14500 vehicles handed over to him by the Allies.

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..... /(c)

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2. (c) The clothing situation, I understand, is improving. This now is, of course, your responsibility, and with the large handover to you recently of cloth and uniforms out of "captured enemy material", together with the release to you of the COMO clothing factory the problem is one of distribution rather than supply.

(d) The P.C.L. question is most unsatisfactory. The prefect allots P.C.L. to the CC.RR as he think fit. In BOLOGNA (and I understand also in GENOVA), region the amount allotted is only barely sufficient for the CC.RR to maintain and feed themselves, with none available for the CC.RR normal units or mobile columns to perform their necessary functions.
My staff have already taken this up with you (see our letter ST/1604/9 dated 28 Nov 45 and Gen. LIUZZI's reply in agreement 6C/3083/SERV. G/2 dated 6 Dec 45) in connection with the mobile columns.
I now feel that you should go further and that all P.C.L. requirements for the CC.RR should be indented for on C.I.P. and distributed through the Ministry of War. A reserve should also be built up in each centre or region as soon as possible.

(e) At present intercommunication for CC.RR is by land-line only. Obviously wireless links between the various H.Q's and internally in the Mobile Columns is essential as well, particularly in the event of serious disorder when land-lines would be cut. My signal officer is at this moment investigating the whole question of the wireless needs of and provision of suitable equipment for the CC.RR. I will inform you further when he has completed his investigation in a week or so.

REORGANIZATION OF CC.RR.

3. The BOLOGNA question raises the whole problem of the organization of the CC.RR. From a short survey it appears that points which must be considered are the possibility, inter alia, of organizing the CC.RR territorially with the same boundaries as the Army Regions; of organization of communal distribution of CC.RR; and of reorganizing the mobile columns themselves with a view to increasing flexibility and effectiveness.
I am taking this matter up with General BRUNETTI and Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

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CONCLUSION.

4. (a) The above presents my general view of the problem, as I see it.

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(b) The immediate problem for you appears to be :-

(i) to ensure first priority of issue of material (clothing, M.T. etc.) to the CC.RR - particularly in BOLOGNA Region.

(ii) to press the Minister of Transport to honour his bond as regards M.T. owed by him to the War Ministry.

(iii) to take over the demand for and distribution of P.O.L. for the whole CC.RR.

(c) I have not mentioned the political aspect in respect of subversive action on the part of Italian officials outside the CC.RR. That will be dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

/As regards

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4. (c) contd.

As regards such elements inside the CC.RR I feel sure you are taking the strongest action to purge such ruthlessly, in order to create a non-party, national CC.RR police force.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : H.Q. A.C. (for Chief Commissioner) - 2 copies
Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.
Transportation Sub Commission, A.C.
General BRUNETTI, Comd. CC.RR.
H.Q. 2 District.

Internal :

List "A" (less 10,17 and 19.)

TO	INIT.	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EJB	17/12
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE	RdS	17/12
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
BRIEF CLERK		

Appendix "A" to HMIA
letter G/92 dated
14 December 1945

No 3 Bde. CC.RR

1. H.Q. BOLOGNA

2. Consists of :-

(a) Bde H.Q.

(b) Four legions, one each at BOLOGNA (7 Groups)
ANCONA (5 Groups)
FLORENCE (5 Groups)
LEGHORN (5 Groups)

(c) H.Q. Mobile Bn. Gp. at BOLOGNA

(d) Two Mob. Bns., one each at BOLOGNA
FLORENCE

3. Strength(BOLOGNA Area only)

	Actual		W.E.	
	Offrs	O.Rs.	Offrs	O.Rs.
(a) Bde. H.Q.	?	?	4	10
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	67	3425	58	3252
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.	2	40	7	40
(d) BOLOGNA Mob. Bn.	7	338	30	548
T O T A L S	76+	3803+	99	3850

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4. Vehicles.

	M.C. Selc		M.C. Combination		Cars		Lt. Load carrying vehs		Hy. Load carrying vehs		Tech
	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.
(a) Bde. H.Q.	1				2						
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	874	75	9	3	60	38	73	3	9	14	9
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.					2		1				1
(d) BOLOGNA Mob. Bn.	95	NIL			3	NIL	26	NIL	20	2	
T O T A L S	970	75	9	3	67	38	100	3	29	16	10

5. Arms.

	Pistols Mod 34		Automatic Rifles		Carbines Mod 91		L M G Breda	
	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held
(a) Bde. H.Q.	14		2		8		2	
(b) BOLOGNA Legion	3310	1253	649	467	2603	3251	123	61
(c) H.Q. Mob. Bn. Gp.	47				40		4	
(d) BOLOGNA Mob. Bn.	578	86	187	46	361	537	21	6
T O T A L S	3949	1339	838	513	3012	3788	150	67

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Appendix "A" to MMLA
letter G/92 dated
14. December 1945

Sheet No. 2.

Cars		Lt. Load carrying vehs		Hy. Load carrying vehs		Tech. vehs		Armd vehs		REMARKS
E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	
2										
60	38	73	3	9	14	9	NIL			
						1				
2		1						12	12	
3	NIL	26	NIL	20	2					
67	38	100	3	29	16	10	NIL	12	12	

matic Rifles		Carbines Mod 91		L M G Breda		REMARKS
	Held	W.E.	Held	W.E.	Held	
		8		2		
	467	2603	3251	123	61	
		40		4		
	46	361	537	21	6	
7						
8	513	3012	3708	150	67	

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

IN OCCUPIED AREAS IN ITALY

GENERAL ORDER No. 1

ALLIED ARMS AND CAPTURED ENEMY ARMS

1943

Whereas, during the campaigns to liberate Italy against the German and Neo-Fascist Republican Armed Forces, the Allied Forces supplied the Italian patriots Allied arms, ammunition and other weapons, and

Whereas, those patriots also acquired arms, ammunition and other weapons from the enemy, and

Whereas, after the surrender of the enemy forces it was operationally necessary to permit many of the patriots to retain such arms in aid of the Allied Forces and to assist as police, and

Whereas, such necessity no longer exists,

Now, therefore, I ELLERY WHEELER STONE, Rear Admiral, United States Naval Reserve, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, for and on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I.

1. — That all Allied arms and weapons of every type and description and all unexpended ammunition and explosives of every type and description which were supplied under Allied authority to partisans prior to the surrender of the enemy forces

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

NELLE ZONE OCCUPATE D'ITALIA

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ORDINANZA GENERALE N. 1

ARMI APPARTENENTI ALLE FORZE ARMATE ALLEATE CATTURATE AL NEMICO

Dato che durante le campagne per la liberazione dell'Italia dalle Forze Armate tedesche e neo-fasciste repubblicane, le Forze Alleate hanno fornito ai patrioti italiani armi, munizioni ed altro materiale bellico alleato, e

Dato che detti patrioti si sono impossessati di armi, munizioni ed altro materiale bellico del nemico, e

Dato che si rese necessario permettere, ai fini delle operazioni militari che un considerevole numero di patrioti conservasse dette armi per cooperare con le Forze Alleate e per fungere da polizia ausiliaria, e

Dato che detta necessità più non sussiste,

IO, ELLERY WHEELER STONE, Contrammiraglio della Riserva della Marina degli Stati Uniti, Ufficiale Capo per gli Affari Civili, in nome e per conto del Comandante Supremo e Governatore Militare Alleato, con la presente ordino quanto segue:

ARTICOLO I.

I. — Tutte le armi e il materiale bellico Alleato di ogni forma e tipo e tutte le munizioni ed esplosivi di qualsiasi forma e tipo precedentemente forniti da parte delle Autorità Alleate ai partigiani anteriormente alla resa delle Forze nemiche in Italia se

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ARTICLE I.

1. — That all Allied arms and weapons of every type and description and all unexpended ammunition and explosives of every type and description which were supplied under Allied authority to partisans prior to the surrender of the enemy forces in Italy remain the property of the Allied Forces in Italy.

2. — That all captured enemy arms and weapons of every type and description and all captured enemy ammunition and explosives of every type and description are the property of the Allied Forces in Italy.

ARTICLE II.

1. — That all orders issued by any Allied Military Authority which authorized or purported to authorize, the retention of any of the arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives mentioned in Article I hereof by any person, group or organization for any purpose whatsoever, except as hereinafter otherwise provided, are hereby cancelled and no longer of effect.

2. — Paragraph 1 of Article II of this Order shall not affect any order issued by competent Allied Military Authority authorising the issues of such arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives to, and used by:

(*a*) Members and Units of the Italian Army, including the Carabinieri.

(*b*) Members of the Corps of Agents of Public Security who are regularly enlisted therein and who have completed the course of training prescribed by the Ministry of the Interior.

(*c*) Members of the Guardia di Finanza who are regularly enlisted therein.

ARTICLE III.

1. — That within 30 days after the publication of this Order, every person, group or organization, including guards, auxiliary police or special police of whatsoever designation but not including those mentioned in paragraph 2 of Article II hereof, shall deliver to the nearest Carabinieri Caserma any and all arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives as described in Article I, which may be in their possession or under their control.

2. — The officer or non-commissioned officer of Carabinieri in charge of any Caserma at which is delivered any of the said arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives shall, from time to time during the said 30 days and again at the end of the said 30 days, report to the nearest Allied Military Authority the quantity held at the Caserma and the said Military Authority will make arrangements for the immediate collection and delivery thereof to proper Allied Military stores.

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ARTICOLO I.

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2. — Tutte le armi e il materiale bellico di ogni forma e tipo catturato al nemico e tutte le munizioni e gli esplosivi di ogni forma e tipo catturati al nemico sono di proprietà delle Forze Alleate in Italia.

ARTICOLO II.

1. — Sono abrogate tutte le disposizioni emanate da qualsiasi Autorità Militare Alleata che hanno autorizzato esplicitamente o implicitamente la detenzione di qualsiasi arma, materiale bellico, munizioni o esplosivi menzionati nell'articolo 1 da parte di qualsiasi persona, gruppo od organizzazione per qualsiasi scopo, salvo quanto diversamente stabilito negli articoli seguenti.

2. — Quanto previsto nel comma precedente non pregiudica le disposizioni diramate dalle competenti Autorità Militari Alleate autorizzanti la consegna di armi, materiale bellico, munizioni ed esplosivi a, od il loro uso da parte di:

a) Unità dell'Esercito Italiano ed appartenenti alle medesime, ivi compresi gli appartenenti ai Reparti dell'Arma dei Reali Carabinieri.

b) Agenti del Corpo di Pubblica Sicurezza regolarmente arruolati e che abbiano completato il corso di addestramento prescritto dal Ministero dell'Interno.

c) Appartenenti ad Unità della Regia Guardia di Finanza regolarmente arruolati.

ARTICOLO III.

1. — Entro 30 giorni dalla pubblicazione della presente Ordinanza, ogni persona, gruppo od organizzazione, comprese le guardie, agenti speciali od ausiliari di qualsiasi formazione di polizia non compresi nelle categorie di cui al comma 2 dell'articolo II della presente Ordinanza, dovranno consegnare alla più prossima Stazione dei Carabinieri tutte le armi, materiale bellico, munizioni od esplosivi menzionati all'articolo I di cui abbiano il possesso, la detenzione o il controllo.

2. — Gli ufficiali, sottufficiali o graduati dell'Arma dei Reali Carabinieri di stanza in qualsiasi Stazione dove venga effettuata la consegna di dette armi, materiale bellico e munizioni od esplosivi, comunicheranno a mano a mano, durante i 30 giorni e nuovamente allo spirare dei medesimi, alla più vicina Autorità Alleata il quantitativo depositato nella propria Stazione e detta Autorità Militare Alleata provvederà per l'immediata raccolta e consegna agli appositi magazzini militari alleati.

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2. — The officer or non-commissioned officer of Carabinieri in charge of any Caserma at which is delivered any of the said arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives shall, from time to time during the said 30 days and again at the end of the said 30 days, report to the nearest Allied Military Authority the quantity held at the Caserma and the said Military Authority will make arrangements for the immediate collection and delivery thereof to proper Allied Military stores.

ARTICLE IV.

From and after 30 days after the publication of this Order:

(1) Any persons, other than persons who are in one of the categories listed in paragraph 2, Article II hereof, who shall have in his possession, or under his control, any Allied arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives, or any captured enemy arms, weapons, ammunition or explosives shall upon conviction by an Allied Military Court, be liable to punishment by death, or by imprisonment or fine or both, as the court may determine.

(2) Any persons, other than persons who are in one of the categories listed in paragraph 2, Article II hereof, who shall sell, give to any person other than to the authority designated in Article III, hereof, conceal or otherwise dispose of any arms weapons, ammunition or explosives as described in Article I hereof, shall, upon conviction by an Allied Military Court, be liable to punishment by imprisonment or fine or both as the Court may determine.

For the Supreme Allied Commander
and Military Governor

ELLERY WHEELER STONE

Rear Admiral
United States Naval Reserve
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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ARTICOLO IV.

Successivamente allo scadere del termine di cui al comma 1 del precedente articolo della presente Ordinanza:

1°) Qualsiasi persona, non compresa in una delle categorie elencate nel comma 2 dell'articolo II della presente Ordinanza che avrà in possesso, detenzione o controllo alcuna delle armi, materiale bellico, munizioni o esplosivi alleati, oppure alcuna delle armi, materiale bellico, munizioni od esplosivi catturati al nemico, sarà passibile, se riconosciuto colpevole da parte di un Tribunale Militare Alleato, della pena di morte, ergastolo, reclusione o multa applicate anche congiuntamente a seconda della decisione del Tribunale.

2°) Qualsiasi persona, non compresa in una delle categorie elencate nel comma 2, dell'articolo II della presente Ordinanza, che alieni a qualsiasi titolo ad altra persona che non sia l'autorità designata nell'articolo III, occulti o altrimenti disponga di qualsiasi arma, materiale bellico, munizioni od esplosivi di cui alla presente Ordinanza, sarà passibile, se riconosciuto colpevole da parte di un Tribunale Militare Alleato, della pena della reclusione o multa applicata anche congiuntamente a seconda della decisione del Tribunale.

Per il Comandante Supremo Alleato
e Governatore Militare

ELLERY WHEELER STONE

Contrammiraglio della Riserva
della Marina degli Stati Uniti
Ufficiale capo per gli affari civili

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AG/1491/25.

29 December 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On 19 November 1945 your predecessor wrote letter No.47316, desiring to know whether it would be possible to entrust immediately to the Italian Government the responsibility for public order and civilian administration within the Northern Provinces. Considering that authority has now been received to return the Northern Provinces (less Udine and Venezia Giulia) to the Italian Government as of 2359 hours on 31 December 1945, I am sure that you will agree that we should consider this request as withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

- 4 DIC. 1945

Ref: 3636/203/EC

3 December 1945

SUBJECT: Public Safety - Northern Italy

TO : CA Section

1. Reference Memo from the Minister of the Interior, No. 47316 dated 19 November 1945, the Chief Commissioner has made the following comment:

"E.C. Think you should get into this. EWS, CC".

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

47316

Rome, 19 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

considering that the relations between the provinces administered by my Government and the provinces of Northern Italy are getting more intense, the delicate situation of public order makes it every day more urgent to have both parts of the national territory more closely linked together, because of the arising of important matters and problems, which can only be coped with and solved by singleness of purpose and simultaneousness of action.

The Interior Department lately had the opportunity of contacting the public Safety Sub-Commission in relation with the messages we received from various parts regarding movements for the reorganization of fascist forces; it pointed out the necessity for all news on such matters reaching the Questure and other police organisms of the Northern provinces to be timely coordinated by this P.S. General Direction, to enable it to sift them in relation with the other elements in their possession, and have a complete vision of the movements which may often have their origin in other centres, or be linked with other incidents which took place in Central and Southern Italy.

A centralized information service on such a matter is urgently necessary; it is also essential that a uniform treatment be given to the elements considered to be responsible for such anti-national movements, by enforcing adequate police regulations.

This matter may be the most obvious, but certainly not the only important one at the present moment, which (as for instance the electoral service) require a unified command.

On the other hand, if we want to remain in the field of public order, the mutual dependence between the various provinces of all the relative information, repression and administration services, and even the position of the P.S. personnel, for the necessary rotation and displacement, make it very necessary for my Government to be able to extend its jurisdiction on such a matter to all provinces.

However, as it isn't yet possible to say when the powers on the provinces administered by the Allied Military Government will be handed over to the Italian Government, and considering that such a matter is an urgent one, I want to ask you, my dear Admiral, to see whether it would be possible to entrust right now to the Italian Government, by a regulation of a permanent and general character, the responsibility for public order and civilian administration for what concerns the Northern provinces, beyond the Morgan line.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
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The Italian Government would exercise powers depending from the General Direction of General Affairs, Public Safety and Civilian Administration of the Interior Department in Rome, which could draft beforehand, with the corresponding Public Safety and Local Government Sub-Commissions, or in any other way suggested by the Allied Authorities, the regulations with a general or particular character regarding the above mentioned provinces, to assurenot only the necessary collaboration, but also the indispensable unity of purpose with the regulations of the Allied Government. The latter would always be able to exercise its control through the channel of its local organisms with whom the local representatives of this Ministry would go on keeping close contact.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you let me know your opinion on this important matter which I just brought to your attention.

sincerely yours,

s. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

Roma, 19 novembre 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

la delicata situazione dell'ordine pubblico, man mano che si vanno intensificando le relazioni fra le provincie amministrate dal Governo da me presieduto e le provincie dell'Italia Settentrionale, conferisce ogni giorno più carattere di particolar urgenza alla necessità di un più intenso collegamento fra le due parti del territorio nazionale, in vista del determinarsi di questioni e di problemi di notevole importanza, che non possono affrontarsi e risolversi se non con unicità di indirizzo e contemporaneità di provvedimenti.

Il Ministero dell'Interno ha avuto in questi giorni l'occasione di interessare la Sottocommissione Alleata per la Pubblica Sicurezza in merito alle segnalazioni da più parti pervenute circa movimenti intesi alla riorganizzazione di forze fasciste; ed ha fatto rilevare la necessità che le notizie in proposito risultanti alle Questure ed agli altri organi di polizia delle provincie del Nord vengano opportunamente coordinate presso questa Direzione Generale di P.S., per dare ad essa il modo di vagliarle in relazione agli altri elementi in suo possesso, e di seguire con visione complessiva i movimenti, che possono spesso ripetere la loro origine da altri centri o, comunque, risultare concatenati ad altri episodi verificatisi nell'Italia centro-meridionale.

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Tale questione non è, in questo momento, che forse la più appariscente ma non certamente la sola fra le più importanti, (come ad esempio il servizio elettorale), che richiedono una necessaria unificazione di direzione.

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D'altra parte,anche a voler restare solo nel campo dell'ordine pubblico,l'interdipendenza fra le diverse provincie di tutti i relativi servizi informativi,repressivi e amministrati

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Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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IL PRESIDENTE
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e la stessa situazione del personale di p.s.,anche ai fini dei necessari movimenti di avvicendamento e di spostamento,reclamano urgentemente la possibilità,da parte del mio Governo, di estendere la propria competenza in materia a tutte le provincie.

Ma poichè non è ancora possibile stabilire quando passeranno al Governo Italiano i poteri sulle provincie amministrate dal Governo Militare Alleato, io vorrei pregarLa, Signor Ammiraglio, stante il carattere indilazionabile delle questioni cennate, di esaminare se non sia possibile di affidare senz'altro al Governo Italiano,con una determinazione di carattere permanente e generale,la responsabilità dell'ordine pubblico e dell'amministrazione civile relativamente alle provincie del Nord, al di qua della linea Morgan.

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Translation

To the Editor of 'UOMO QUALUNQUE'

Sir,

Why is it that numerous groups of houses in the Borgate of Santa Maria al Bagno and Santa Caterina, Commune of Nardo', Prov. of Lecce, go on being burnt and destroyed by Yugoslavs, Croats, Slovenians and Greeks who don't want to leave for they are living without working, while our refugees have no accomodation.

H.Ex. the Prefect, the Communal Authorities, the various C.L.Ns. have been contacted, but they are only concerned with preparing the Costituente of Menni, and don't bother about defeguarding the interests of the citizens, which proves that we have no real Government.

Are they waiting for the Municipio to be attacked to take action; or do they refuse to take action because they are afraid of spoiling the communist-fascist friendship of Marshal Tito (Marshal of the Empire as Mussolini was).

I write in the name of a group of unfortunate people, victims of such mismanagement.

Giovanni Pero

Piazza S. Domenico

Nardo' (Lecce)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PS 39
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 240900A

Message Centre No: F/8838
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 241445A
Precedence: ROUTINE

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TO : ALCOM FOR P SAFETY SC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1007
Date / Time of Origin: SEPT 24/1500A

Message Centre No: F/8895
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 25/0845A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

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Originator's Reference: 1936
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 201600A

Message Centre No: F/8409
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 202120A
Precedence: ROUTINE

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TO : ALCOM ROME ACPSR

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Ref your AC/1491/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 16 September: A 2. B 1. C nil. D nil. E 18. 24 armed robberies one bomb throwing incident.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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15 September 1945

SUBJECT: Press Publication regarding Public Safety Condition in Milan.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

1. With reference to the report in the "Stars and Stripes" that eight British soldiers had been killed in Milan recently as a result of incidents with local Italians and that the Public Safety conditions prevailing had necessitated a postponement of General Clarke's visit, attached hereto are:

(a) Report by Captain Willis
(b) Statement by Mr. O'Brien
(c) " " PFC Reynolds
(d) Copies of telegrams sent by Mr. O'Brien.

2. The references made by PFC Reynolds in his statement regarding the Provincial Commissioner, Milan, are, of course, absurd. Lt. Col. Herschenson has always accepted and efficiently discharged all of his responsibilities to the full and it has not been deemed necessary further to deal with these references in this report.

3. It is apparent from the statements and from personal interviews that we have had that:

(a) Mr. O'Brien accepted and forwarded for publication news of an important nature without taking reasonable steps to ensure their accuracy.

(b) PFC Reynolds apparently expresses all of his rather rambling thoughts without giving too much consideration as to what he is saying or to whom he is speaking.

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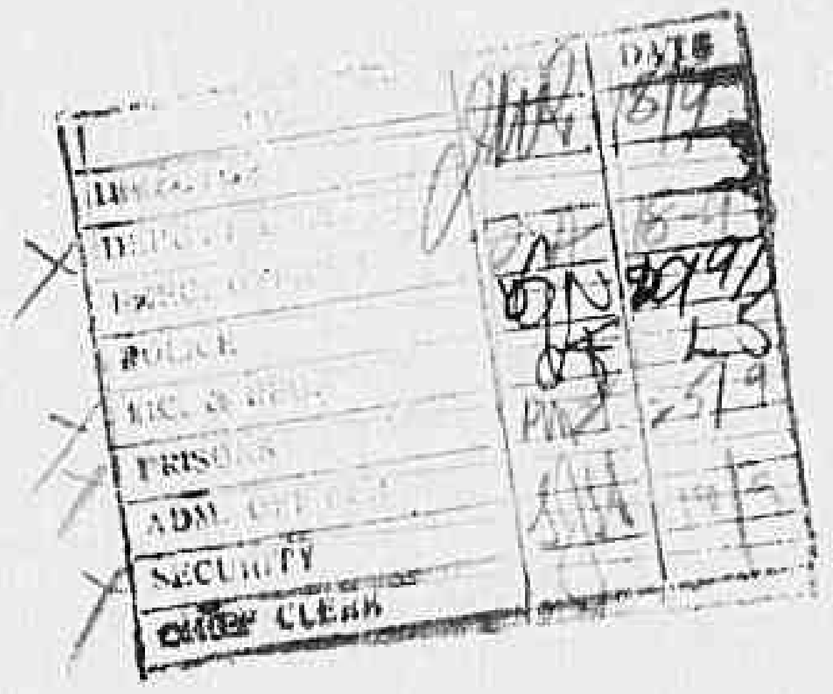
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4. I suggest that no further action is necessary on our part other than to ask that the respective heads of the two men concerned ensure that there is no repetition of such irresponsible acts.

N.W.F. FOWLER
Major
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Copy to:- HQ AC, Public Safety Sub-Commission
HQ, 59 Area
GSO1 (I), 2 District
Provincial Commissioner, Milan City
Lt. Pollard, Public Relations Officer.



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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

14 September 45

SUBJECT: Enquiry re Press Publication

TO : R.P.S.O. Lombardia Region

Reference press publication re killing of eight British Soldiers I have to report having interwiewed Mr.Frank O'Brien, U.S. War Correspondent, Associated Press, responsible for the publication, and also Pfc.Nº 39130077 Robert Reynolds Public Relations Office - Allied Commission, both of whom made statements, which are attached.

Mr.O'Brien in his statement says that the information, as published, was given to him by Pfc Reynolds, who, he states, told him that the information had been obtained from an intelligence report.

When I interwèewed Mr.O'Brien he produced his note book containig notes of the killing of the British soldiers, and told me that they were the notes that he made at the time of his reception of the information from Pfc Reynolds.

Pfc Reynolds, in his statement, denies that he told Mr. O'Brien that eight soldiers had been killed and that he had obtained the information from an intelligence report.

He told me that he was unaware of the existence of such a report. I have reason to doubt the latter as I have ascertained that the Intelligence Report 2 District is passed to heads of offices at Alllied Commission, including Public Relations Office, However there is no information therein regarding eight British soldiers being killed.

Since there is no third person, who would prove or disprove the accuracy of the statements made by Mr.O'Brien and Pfc Reynolds, it is difficult to attach blame to either one of them.

Mr.O'Brien I feel is somewhat to blame, inas much as he published information which he says that he received from Pfc Reynolds, whom he knew was not in a position to give official information, he being merely an assistant to Lt. Pollard P.R.O., through whom the information should have been verified.

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Pfc Reynolds told me that he has been with the Public Relations Office since June this year, previous to which he was editor of a paper for 15 'Air Corps'. He has made enquiries of Mr.O'Brien and other U.S. press correspondent with a view to obtain employment with their respective agencies and that he has been able to obtain certain information on previous occasions for Mr.O'Brien.

I am convinced that Mr.O'Brien, a correspondent of considerable experience, would not have publisned the information, unless he felt that his source of information was reliable, which brings me to the conclusion that there might have been a magnification of the actual facts on the part of Pfc Reynolds when relating his story to Mr. O'Brien. In the absence of proof of guilt of either party I suggest that blame should be attributed to both of them.

W.K.W.Willis Capt

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September 13, 1945

COPY OF STATEMENT BY FRANK O'BRIEN -

Following is the supplemental material for which you asked in connection with my account of the circumstances under which I received information from Pfc Robert Reynolds Saturday last:

I encountered Reynolds at the Aosta Hotel, having gone there to ask him to arrange for the issuance of my PX card. (We had lunched together earlier but had separated when, Reynolds told me, he was called away urgently by Colonel Fisk). Reynolds offered to arrange the card that afternoon for me, when I asked him about it, after having gone up-stairs from the window at which enlisted men were drawing their PX rations. Why he went up-stairs I do not know, but when he came back he said he would arrange the card that afternoon and that I would draw with officers on Monday.

I enquired whether he had transport back and he said no. As I had my car there I offered to take him back to his office, as he was fairly near the head of the line and not too much waiting was involved. I then waited about twenty minutes. Reynolds finally came out into the lobby of the hotel where I was waiting and said he was ready to go. He did not have the box of PX rations & I enquired if he had drawn his rations. He said he had done so. What he had done with them I do not know. We got into the car and drove from the Aosta Hotel to Foro Bonaparte to the AC building.

As we were nearing his office, approximately three in the afternoon I think, Reynolds enquired whether I had heard that eight British soldiers had been 'shot' in Milan in the past week. I said that I had not, and asked if he meant shot or killed. He said he meant killed. We arrived at the building and went up to his office, Room 112 1st floor.

Two US enlisted men accosted Reynolds as we entered the building and went along to his office. He asked them to wait outside. We then continued talking about his report of 8 soldiers being killed. I had asked before how he knew and he said that he had read it that morning in an intelligence report. I now asked for details and he supplied them, as related in my report to my Bureau Chief Guptill in Rome. I enquired what intelligence report. He said one which came out every other day, or thrice weekly. I asked when the next one would come out - Sunday or Monday. He said Monday. He then said

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that the greater part of information with which he had been supplying me in the past weeks, and which I had never been able to confirm of disprove, had come from these reports and that I should keep in close touch with him and he would keep me informed of their contents.

I said I would do that. Meanwhile, I had gone back and forth over his circumstantial descriptions of seven out of the eight alleged killings and had repeatedly told him I meant to file it for publication.

Earlier in the day Reynolds had told me that General Clark would come to Milan Monday to decorate partisans and Premier Parri.

During the conversation just described he told me Clark's visit had been temporarily at least called off on orders from General Mac Narny, 'for reasons of public security'. I asked what those reasons were and he replied that there was fear that such a large gathering of partisans might set off a demonstration of some kind.

I asked what kind of demonstration and he told me that there was considerable popular unrest because of the proposed abolition of the unemployment dole Oct.1 and supplied me with figures on unemployment, the amount of the dole, and two public works programs which he said the Italian government had proposed and AC approved to take the place of the dole. They were he said two 800,000,000 lire programs.

As I was leaving Reynolds again said that he had been supplying me information, chiefly about Donegani's whereabouts from these intelligence reports, and said that I was going to be sorry that I had never used the information. He then said that I should get to Col. Hershenson, who he said always knew everything that happened in Milan immediately, and added that on the previous day when the report had come in that two more British soldiers had been killed Col. Hershenson had hurriedly left town and gone to his mountain villa to escape being troubled with the affair.

I then left and returned to my hotel to write the story? Our conversation had lasted approximately forty-five minutes, perhaps longer, and Reynolds had broken it off once to take care of the two enlisted men who want a plane ride to Rome as I recall, and once when he said he would go get the intelligence report he was quoting. On that occasion he had got to the door of his office and then turned back saying it was risky.

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I said it was risky not to bother, as he was speaking for publication and on the record.

I wrote the story and finished about five in the afternoon. I filed it to Rome and London. I then went to my office, and awaited word from Rome as to whether we should publish locally.

After getting a go ahead, I returned to my hotel and at about eight o'clock called Reynolds at his hotel, and told him that I was going to publish locally as well as abroad. He said that I should in that case be especially careful not to reveal my source as it would cause him great trouble if it was known he had talked from an intelligence report. I said I would be careful , and said that no-one would know if there was no-one listening in to that conversation.

I then enquired about transport to Como to a press party.

He said the transport he had planned had failed because Col, Hornbrenner had gone on earlier and he had planned that me go with him.

I said I would not attempt to go, in that case? He was anxious he said to have me go to meet news contacts at the party.

I have failed to mention earlier that some weeks before Reynolds had solicited me for a job with the AP, and that he repeated the solliciting during our various meetings Saturday.

I told him I would write our Rome office but advised him I thought he only stood a chance of getting a job by going after it in New York.

On Monday morning Reynolds telephoned me at my office to complain that I had linked the story of the alleged killings with the post-ponement of Clark's visit. He later telephoned the same morning with an NO hand-out that Clark would eventually come to Milan.

He was then unavailable until approximately noon the next day, Tuesday, reported out of town with Colonel Fink.

I telephoned him Tuesday morning and left word for him to call me when he came in.

He did so, approximately 1:45 or perhaps one o'clock.

I said that because of the denials being issued that any British soldiers had been killed under the circumstances that he said were related in the intelligence report I would have to see the report. He said,' I can't get it again'. I asked why, he had got it once.He repeated, ' I can't get it again'.

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I again asked why and said it was of the greatest importance that he get it. He replied, 'It's gone from here, I can't get it again'. I told him he would have to produce it, because the situation was becoming serious and the story was causing serious repercussions in many directions and I had to have support for it.

I promised him again that if the supported his I would support and protect him and take whatever blame attached. He said, 'I don't know what intelligence report you are talking about'.

I warned him of the consequences of taking such an attitude, and repeated my promise to protect him. He again replied that he did not know what I was talking about. He was telephoning from his office.

I closed the conversation but immediately called him back and asked if he now inferred that he never gave me such information.

He replied that he did of course and that I might use his name if I wanted but that he was speaking only from hearsay and what he had read in the local press.

That is the last conversation I have had with him.

This is an accurate account, and as complete as I can make it from memory.

Frank O'Brien

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COPY OF STATEMENT BY ROBERT REYNOLDS Pfc 39130077

An account of my meeting and conversation w. a Frank O' Brien of the Associated Press on Saturday, September 8.

Frank O' Brien called me last Saturday shortly before lunch to ask about getting him a photograph of Churchill's visit to Como, and any data I may have on Coal and Industrial activities in Milan for a series of economic articles that he was planning to write for the Associated Press.

I told O' Brien during this phone conversation that I had some material on coal and industry which I will give him, and as for the photograph, I saw a picture of Churchill published in the Italian press a few days ago and that I would try to get this picture from the paper that published it. He suggested that I come down to have lunch with him this day at the Plaza Hotel mess and to bring the photo with me if I got it.

At twelve-thirty I met O' Brien at the Plaza mess, after a few minutes I invited him to come to my mess at the Aosta Hotel where I would treat him to a real GI lunch. He agreed and we both left the Plaza for the Aosta Hotel.

Just as I arrived at the Aosta, the mess sergeant told me to telephone the office as soon as possible. I did so, and was informed by Sergeant Day that Colonel Fiske had just returned from Austria and would I come down as soon as possible to see him. Upon concluding this telephone conversation I returned to the table where O' Brien had sat and told him that I could not have lunch with him after all, since I must return to the office but that I would see him some other time. He asked me to send the taxi back for him. I agreed and left for the office.

After my conference with Colonel Fiske, I returned to the Aosta mess, finished my luncheon and went to the Aosta Hotel to get my PX rations. While waiting in line, O' Brien came to me and said that the taxi had not returned and could he ride downtown

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with me. I said, if he'd wait for a few minutes, I would take him down to my office with me.

During the trip down to the office, I said to O' Brien that I had just been informed that General Clark will not come to Milan on September 15 as planned. He asked me if I knew the reasons for the postponment of the trip. I told him it wasn't a postponement, but merely a change of dates, at least, I said, that I have been told to hold up any further publicity until an official announcement is received from Clark's headquarters. I did add, however, that very probably the temporary cancellation is due to some political advice given to Clark to put off his trip to Milan for the time being. And, that due to the widespread political rife now prevailing in lieu of the coming elections, it might be a better idea to leave the Italians to themselves.

O' Brien agreed to this and said it may possibly be the reasons for the postponement of the ceremonies.

It was about this time that we arrived at the office. I asked him to come up and I would check for the pictures that he wanted. As soon as we got in to the office, I called several of the Italian newspapers but was unable to find anyone with whom I could speak on this matter, so I left a message with Dr.Poch of the Corriere d'Informazione to call me as soon as he arrived. During this wait, O' Brien and I discussed the coming party which was to be held in Como this day for the Allied Press. He agreed that he would go if I could arrange for transportation. I told him that I was depending on a ride withCol.Herschenson, but that I would try to get him to take O'Brien along.

It was also during this conversation that O'Brien mentioned that heard of a planned demonstration which will take place on Octobre 1st, and asked me had I heard anything about it.

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I told him that I had heard nothing about a demonstration on Oct.1 but that I did read in the Italian press andin the TIME Magazine that a demonstration will take place on Oct.17. He said that this demonstration was to take place in protest against the Italian government's repeal of the unemployment dole on September 30.

I told O' Brien that I spoke to Sig.Amendola, under secretary to President Parri, and he said that the unemployment dole would be repealed on September 30, but that an 800,000,000 liar public works program was being initiated to replace this dole. He wanted to know more on this subject to which I referred him to the Public Works Division of the AMG, saying that the officer there could probably give him all the material for a story if he wanted to write one.

On this same subject, of a possible demonstration on Oct.1, that very probably that could be the reason for Clark's delay in coming to Milan. And I added, that I think it would be a sound idea if the Allies left Italy and let these Italians to themselves to figure their own problems, they certainly are making it evident that our welcome here is running out. I then mentioned of an incident that I read in the papers this morning (Saturday) where two English soldiers had been shot by the Italian police when the soldiers failed to stop at a road block stop. And I mentioned to O' Brien of another incident that occurred the other evening when six or seven English soldiers were in an argument with a group of Italian civilians and after a few minutes the Italian civilians started to throw brick after the English soldiers. O' Brien said that he had also heard of trouble between Italian civilians and English soldiers. This conversation was interrupted by a telephone call from Dr.Pook of the Corriere d'Informazione with whom I spoke of getting pictures of Churchill's visit

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to Como for O' Brien.

After this conversation with pock, I excused myself from O' Brien to talk to two American Soldiers who have been waiting in hall to ask me about passage to Rome on the Air Currier. When I returned, O' Brien said he had to go and would call me later on the regard to the vehicle to the party in Como.

Around seven o' clock in the evening, O' Brien called me at the Hotel to ask if I had gotten any transportation to Como. I told him that Col. Hershenson had left earlier in the day and that I had no luck in getting any other means to get to Como. O' Brien said, it was just as well since it was already so late. He added, that he would see me some time during the week. This was the last time I spoke to O' Brien on Saturday.

On Monday's morning when I arrived at the office, my interpreter who translates the news items of the Milan Newspapers, showed me a translated version of the story that appeared in two of the morning paper, IL POPOLO and the LIBERA in which eight British soldiers had been killed during the past week in Milan and for which reasons General Clark was not coming to Milan. I called O' Brien immediately and asked him about the story. He said that he gave the story to the Italian presse and that he was quoting my interview of last Saturday. I asked him what was the reason of quoting an official report in the story. He said that he assumed that I was quoting from an official report when I mentioned the killings of two English soldiers. I told him, that I very plainly said that the killings of the two English soldiers appeared in the mornings paper and that the incidents that occurred on the streets where seen by me personally, and at no time did I quote any kind of an official report. He said that he was a newspaper man and he was speaking to me 12.

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as a reporter to a public official and that the information that I gave him, he supposed was coming from an official source. I told him that I think he is crazy and hung up.

About an hour later he called me again and said " could I get him my files". I asked him what in the hell kind of a file is he talking about. He said, certainly there must be a file in this office where reports of any occurrences are kept, such as 2 District intelligence reports. I told him if he had any knowledge of any kind of intelligence reports he should by all means see Major Cunliffe on that score. I also added, that I have no knowledge of any kind of intelligence reports ever having been published by 2 District, nor have I ever seen any such reports. He said, very well I must now let out the source of my information on the story printed in the Italian papers. I said "you can go ahead and let out any source that you wished, if you write a story on such meager hearsay as we had in my office and build that into a mountanious story. I am sure that I can prove anything I said against anything that you said and wrote. He replied "Okay" and hung up.

I firmly deny having mentioned to Frank O'brion during any part of our conversation last Saturday or any time previous to this conversation that eight English soldiers had been killed. I also firmly deny having quoted anything in our conversation from any official or "Intelligence reports". Until two days ago when Capt. Willis showed me what a 2 District report looked like, I had never seen one before this time.

sgd. Robert Reynolds
Pfc 39130077

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COPY

VIA 299 TO ROME

September 11, 1945/

OBRIENS FOR GUPTILL ASSOCIATED PRESS ROME OBRIENS 11207 MILAN
11/9 THE SOURCE FOR AYE DISPATCH FROM THIS CORRESPONDENT FILED
FROM MILAN SATURDAY SEPTEMBER NINTH TO THE EFFECT THAT AN OFFICIAL
ALLIED REPORT HAD REVEALED THAT EIGHT BRITISH SOLDIERS HAD BEEN
SLAIN IN MILAN BY ARMED ITALIAN CIVILIANS DURING THE PAST WEEK
WAS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT REYNOLDS WHO IS IN ACTIVE CHARGE
OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE IN MILAN
PARAGRAPH.

REYNOLDS VOLUNTEERED THIS INFORMATION TO ME STOP HE STATED
THAT HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION WAS THE LATEST INTELLIGENCE
REPORT ON MILAN AND THAT THERE COULD THEREFORE BE NO REPEAT NO
QUESTION OF ITS ACCURACY STOP HE PROCEEDED TO GIVE ME CIRCUM-
STANTIAL DESCRIPTIONS OF SEVEN OUT OF THE EIGHT KILLINGS WHICH
EYE DID NOT REPEAT NOT USE IN MY DISPATCH BECAUSE OF THE
POSSIBLE BAD REFLECTION ON BOTH ALLIED SOLDIERY AND ITALIAN
CIVILIANS AT LARGE PARAGRAPH.

REYNOLDS ASSERTED THAT THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT SAID TWO
WERE KILLED BY PARTISANS WHEN THEY FAILED TO HALT WHEN ORDERED
WHILE DRIVING AYE TRUCK STOP THE OTHERS HE SAID ACCORDING TO THE
INTELLIGENCE REPORT WERE KILLED AFTER ALTERCATIONS WHICH AROSE
IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS AND GAVE ME THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE
PLACES PARAGRAPH.

EYE QUESTIONED HIM PERSISTENTLY ON ALL POINTS OF THE STORY
AND TOLD HIM REPEATEDLY THAT EYE INTENDED TO FILE IT FOR
PUBLICATION STOP HE WAS ACTING AS THE FILE IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS AYE PRO-REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CONVERSATION TOOK
PLACE IN HIS OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

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September 11, 45

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EY 299 TO ROME

FOR GUPTILL ASSOCIATED PRESS ROME obriene 21207 REYNOLDS IS IN ACTIVE CHARGE OF THIS OFFICE UNDER AN AMERICAN LIEUTENANT WHOSE DUTIES REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE ELSEWHERE STOP AND REYNOLDS CONDUCTS ALL BUSINESS AT THE OFFICE STOP WHEN EYE FIRST ENCOUNTERED HIM ON ARRIVING IN MILAN HE TOLD ME OFFICIALLY THAT HE WAS PRO TOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION PARAGRAPH.

FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INFORMATIONS HE HAD GIVEN ME EYE TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF TELEPHONING REYNOLDS SOME HOURS LATER TO TELL HIM AGAIN THAT EYE WAS FILING THE STORY FOR PUBLICATION ABROAD AND THAT THE STORY WOULD LIKEWISE BE PRINTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS STOP HE AGAIN ASSERTED THE FACTUAL NATURE OF THE STORY BUT AGAIN ASKED ME TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO REVEAL MY SOURCE AS IT WOULD CAUSE HIM TROUBLE IF IT WERE KNOWN THAT HE HAD GIVEN OUT INFORMATION FROM AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT PARAGRAPH.

WE HAVE AGAIN CONTACTED REYNOLDS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS BY ALLIED OFFICIALS THAT THEY HAD NO REPEAT NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH KILLINGS AND ONE BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DENYING THE TRUTH OF THE STORY PARAGRAPH.

REYNOLDS ADMITTED HE HAD GIVEN ME SUCH INFORMATION BUT NOW SAYS HE QUOTE CANNOT REMEMBER UNQUOTE QUOTING AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND WAS SPEAKING ONLY FROM HEARSAY STOP HE DID AT THE TIME QUOTE AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND KNEW HE WAS SPEAKING TO ME IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AND FOR PRINT PARAGRAPH.

GUPTILL AWAITING YOUR ADVICE.

OBRIEN.

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September 11, 45

BY 299 TO ROME

FOR GUPTILL ASSOCIATEDPRESS ROME RECEIVED YOURS ASKING FULL DETAILS BY 1630 HERE CONSEQUENTLY FULLER DETAILS ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL ACCOUNT GIVEN BY REYNOLDS PARAGRAPH.

REYNOLDS SAID OF EIGHT BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED TWO WERE SHOT BY PARTISANS ON OUTSKIRTS TOWN WHEN IGNORED ORDER HALT ONE THEM KILLED OUTRIGHT THE OTHER AT FIRST BELIEVEDLY KILLED BY TRUCKS CRASH BUT THAT INTELLIGENCE REPORT STATED SLUG WAS FOUND IN SECOND DURING AUTOPSY PARAGRAPH.

ANOTHER THREE WERE KILLED REYNOLDS SAID INTELLIGENCE REPORT REVEALED WHEN GOT INTO FIGHT WITH ITALIAN CIVILIANS OUTSIDE RESTAURANT NEAR FORO BONAPARTE IN MILAN PARAGRAPH.

ANOTHER TWO WERE KILLED WHEN AFTER ALTERCATION IN RESTAURANT BEHIND DIANA HOTEL THE TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS INVITED ITALIANS QUOTE COME OUTSIDE AND FIGHT IT OUT UNQUOTE WHEREUPON THEY WERE REYNOLDS SAID REPORT STATED SET UPON BY FRIENDS OF THE ITALIANS IN CONSIDERABLE NUMBER AND FINALLY KILLED PARAGRAPH.

HE SAID COULD NOT REMEMBER CIRCUMSTANCES DEATH EIGTH BUT SAID REPORT STATED THAT ALL BUT THOSE IN TRUCK WERE KILLED WITH NUMBER NINE BERETTA AND TOOK HIS OWN BERETTA FROM HIS DESK TO SHOW ME JUST WHAT TYPE OF GUN WAS USED.

OBRIEN.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14191/PS 22 Sept., 45

SUBJECT : Commendations

TO : Provost Marshal General H.Q. P.B.S.

1348

1. Attached copies of commendatory letter regarding two officers of your command are forwarded for such action as deemed indicated.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

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8 SEP. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

19 SET. 1945 Annexxx

18 SET. 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission. 15 Sept. 45
Attn: ~~Executive Commissioner~~ (3 Copies)

SUBJECT: Commendation.

FILE No: RXII/000.5(CAD)

14191

At the conclusion of the Schio trial I wish to bring to your notice the excellent work performed by the two agents Theron A. Snyder and John Valentino, both formerly of C.I.D. Fifth Army and now of the office of the Provost Marshal General, Hq. P.B.S.

These two men worked doggedly and untiredly making enquiries in face of determined opposition of a non-cooperative nature. It is largely due to their efforts that the complicated chain of evidence was eventually built up.

I hope that you find it possible to convey to their Headquarters some official recognition of the good work performed by these two agents.

/s/ Robert W. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

24 SET. 1948

20th Sept. 1945

Ref. AC=LG/PS/5.24

Subject: MURDER OF FARM OWNERS IN EMILIA.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A . C . I . Q .

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I. Reference letter AC/I4191/PS dated 17 September '45.

2. From a personal knowledge of the situation in Emilia Region since the date of occupation of Bologna, 21 April '45, this officer does not consider the figure of 213 farm owners or their representatives, murdered, to be an exaggeration.

3. If anything, this figure may be regarded as a minimum.

4. It is regretted that accurate figures are not obtainable from Police sources, as from local enquiries in Bologna at the Questura and CC.RR., it appears that no special classification of persons who have been the victims of this type of crime, has been made. This is presumably also true for the remaining seven provinces of the Region.

5. The provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Ravenna, Modena and Reggio are the worst affected, and cases are still being reported and are likely to continue until some firm agreement is made between landlords and tenants.

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ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
Public Safety Officer

AGPW/ls

Parte integrante di foto-tito.

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20 SEP. 1945 ANNEXIN

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RX11/PS/7.1
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 191145A

Message Centre No: F/8283
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 200900A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : RESC AMG VENEZIE REGION
TO : PS SC AICOM

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference your AC/14191/PS of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending 16 September. (A) 4 (B) nil (C) nil (D) 1 (E) nil.

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ACTION: F.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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20 SEP 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FS 38
Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 18/1700A
Message Centre No: F/8156
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 19/0900A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : HQ PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

20 SET. 1945

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UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in II ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14191/PS

21 Sept., 45

SUBJECT : Illegal deaths report

TO : RCs, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte, Venezia (Atten. RPSOs).

REF. : AC/14191/PS

1. Reports previously requested in our AC/14191/PS of 26 June concerning illegal deaths and other overt acts are no longer required.

2. We will however appreciate reports on unusual conditions or crime increases at earliest possible time.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P Safety

Originator's Reference: 957
Date / Time of Origin: SEP 181450A

Message Centre No: F/8113
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 181920A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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AC/14091/PS dated 26 June refers.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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11 September 1945

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 1945 which forwarded a memorandum concerning the murder of farmers in Emilia Province over a five-month period.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

C.C. : Ex Comm

CA Sect (P. SAFETY S/C) ✓

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17 SET. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1894
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 130930B

Message Centre No: F/7758
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 151430B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY O FOR POLETTI SIGNED POWER

TO : AICOM ROME PUBLIC SAFETY

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Reference your AC/~~14091~~/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 9 September:

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(B) 4.

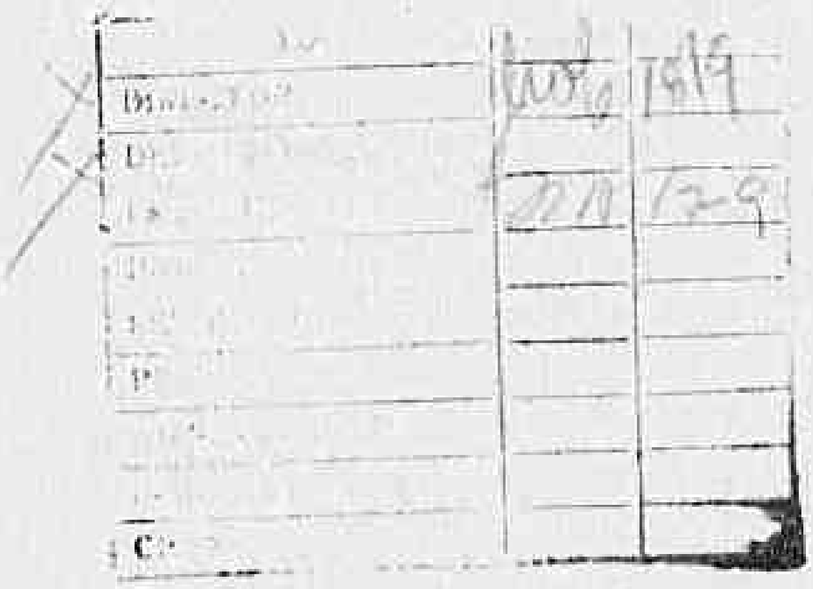
(C) Nil.

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(D) Nil.

(E) 19. 39 armed robberies. 2 bomb throwing incidents.

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17 SEP 1945
A. C.



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ACTION: P.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

17 September 1945

AC/14191/PS

SUBJECT : Murder of Farm Owners in Emilia.

TO : Liaison Officer, Bologna (att: P.S.O.)

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1. The attached copy letter dated 14 September 45 and enclosure have been received by the Chief Commissioner.

2. Can it be stated please if this report of the death of 213 persons during 5 months is substantially true ?

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

FJW/G

Copy to Chief Commissioner
Exec. Comm. (Your 3636/EC refers)
Economic Section.

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FS pls investigate
14 SEP/1945

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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for

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, September 10, 1945.

14 SEP ...

My dear Admiral,

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum submitted by a member of the Agricultural Section of the Embassy concerning the murder of a substantial number of farmers in Emilia Province over a five-month period. If this information has not come to your attention from another source it will be of interest to the appropriate authorities of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

TO		
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DEPUTY		
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X POL.		15-9
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Exc List - 13 Sep 45
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(Public Safety Sec)
INFO: Exec Sec 1265
Econ Sec

cc-Ex Com
C.A. for Pub S ~~S~~/C

Acknowledged by CC.

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COPY

September 6, 1945

TO : Ambassador Kirk
Mr. Livengood
Mr. Kifer

FROM : James Parker Wilson

SUBJECT : Murder of Farm Owners in the Province of Emilia.

I regret to report that during the five-month period ending August 31, 1945, a total of 213 farm owners were murdered in the Province of Emilia according to information supplied to this officer on the occasion of a recent visit to the headquarters of the Farmers' Association of Emilia located at Bologna.

As I have pointed out in conversations with you since my return, this is a most deplorable situation, and is believed largely to be of a terroristic nature designed to force farm owners to comply with certain political and social aims allegedly for the benefit of farm workers.

Before presenting this statement I have consulted with Captain Koeller, A.C. Agricultural Officer assigned to Bologna, presently on duty at headquarters in Rome, and he states the information is substantially the same as that which he has been receiving.

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I went to visit an Italian Captain named CAMINO, who was the Interpreter at No. 49 Prison Camp. This Captain is at the moment connected with I.S. 9 and is also connected with the local commune of CALUSO. He tries to arrange importation of food etc.

The following is a record of the experience I had with him while he was accompanying me on my trip South to FONTANELLATO for the purpose of revisiting people who helped me escape and also for the purpose of arranging the purchase of food from that locality to CALUSO. I travelled to MILAN with him in his civilian car. There I got Public Relations transport - he led the way and I followed behind. Every 20 or 30 kms Captain CAMINO was stopped and in some cases he was asked to produce money or hand over his baggage. We did a certain amount of travelling at night, trying to cross the PO on our way back, and owing to the flooded condition of the river between PIACENZA and ALESSANDRIA we went through a lot of back roads and on many occasions CAMINO was stopped by so-called partisan police, who on, more than one occasion tried to extort money out of him or asked him to deliver up his baggage. This was only averted by my presence in uniform.

In PIACENZA I managed to recover 50.000 lire for Captain CAMINO which was taken away from a lorry belonging to his concern the previous week. At CALUSO I managed to recover his car from an armed bandit who boasted he had killed 230 people. This said bandit required the car presumably for illegal purposes.

At FONTANELLATO itself (between PARMA and PIACENZA) I found the small farming community had produced 350 suits of plain clothed within twenty four hours for the British officers who escaped from the camp. They had been through an anxious time owing to the fact that some of them had been taken out of their houses and shot because they had Germans forcibly billetted on them after they had helped up.

I got the distinct impression that all the small communes in that part of ITALY were independent of each other and were run on a kind of gangster basis.

(Sgd) J. KEMBLE CAPTAIN

11 August 1945.

For further information on this subject apply to Captain CAMINO, who is employed by I.S.9. His address is:

Villa Camino.

CALUSO, Piemonte

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CALUSO, Piemonte

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: 10491

FILE No.

TO :

194

Quadrone Ferrara wounded NOT Killed
His Son was Killed.
They were returning home in a car and were shot by an alleged member of a partisan band. A Number of the band had been arrested and their release had been requested by the band through threatening letters addressed to Prefect. Quadrone, CCRR, Procuratore
No arrest - public order normal.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.C.T.
Bologna

13 SET. 1945

12th Sept.'45

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.2

Subject: ALLEGED LAWLESSNESS IN EMILIA REGION

To: PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
A . C . H . Q .

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II. Forwarded for information.

Andrew G. P. Way

ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
Public Safety Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P Safety

Originator's Reference: 1894

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 130930B

Message Centre No: F/7527

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 132130B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG LOMBARDIA REG P SAFETY for POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO: HQ ALCOM P SAFETY

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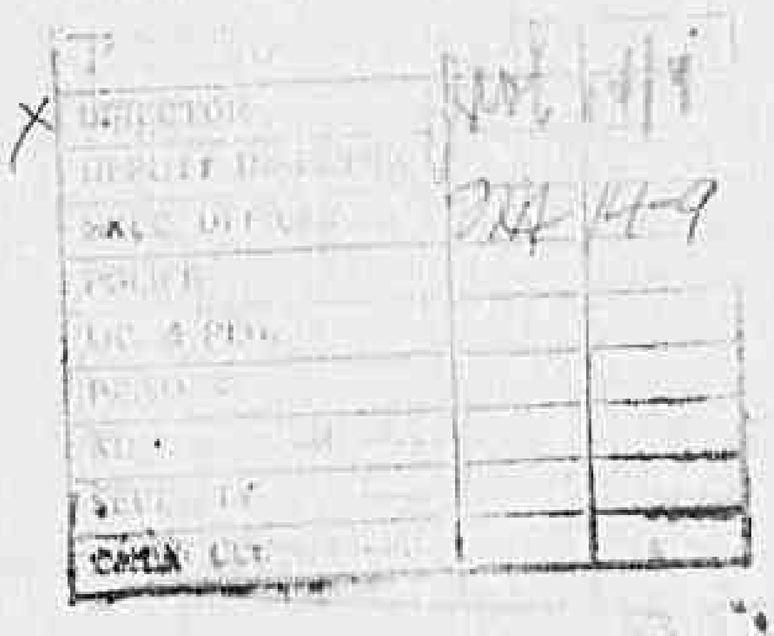
Ref your AC/~~14091~~/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 9 September:

A 1.
B 4
C nil
D nil
E 19.

ACTION

39 armed robberies. 2 bomb throwing incidents.

HEADQUARTERS
14 SEP 1945
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Action - P Safety SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PS 37

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT

Message Centre No: F/7333

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 12/0900B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM REGIONAL PUB SAFETY OFFICER PIEMONTE

TO : AICOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SC

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ACTION

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in N ITALY.

1. Nil report in ABCD and E



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ACTION:PUBLIC SAFETY

INFO :CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P Safety

Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/7.1
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 121035

Message Centre No: F/M 25
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 122030B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM RPSO AMG VENEZIE REGION
TO PS SC ALCOM

25A 14191

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Reference your AC/~~1409~~ 14191 1/PS of 26 June 45. Return for week ending 9 September (A) 4 (B) 2 (C) nil (D) nil (E) nil.

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13 SEP 1945
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/37

10 September 1945

SUBJECT: Public Safety - Milan City.

TO : HQ AC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. In view of the incorrect and undesirable publicity given to the public safety position in the City of Milan it would appear to be necessary to reiterate that the position gives no cause for alarm and that the City can be classified as safe and peaceful as any large City in Italy.

2. The conduct of Allied troops is excellent and incidents have been few in number. The DAPM, Public Safety, Questura and Carabinieri have no knowledge of the incidents reported in tne paper alleging the deaths of eight British soldiers.

It is much regretted that Associated Press should be connected with such reports. The Italian press has already done its share in misrepresentation.

3. The following facts in connection with the "Information Room" and "Flying Squad" system which has been in force in the Questura for the last seven days may be of interest:

(a) Calls on Milan "777" 91
(b) Arrests 29 as follows
(i) 22 for theft
(ii) 2 for armed robbery
(iii) 1 criminal Fascist
(iv) 2 for illegal possession of arms
(v) 2 for illegal possession of false "Civil Police" identity cards.

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4. Following such a worthy effort by the Agents it is hoped that constructive criticism may replace the destructive variety.

For the Regional Commissioner.

N.W.F. FOWLER
Major
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Copy to: Regional Commissioner
Deputy Regional Commissioner.
Regional Press Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PUBLIC SAFETY 116A

Originator's Reference: 896
Date / Time of Origin: SEPT 11/1640B

Message Centre No: F/7290
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 12/1830
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM : AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HEFFORD

TO : IMG ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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AC/14091/PS dated 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths week ending 9 September. GENOA. Two bodies found. SAVONA and IMPERIA nil return. LA SPEZIA(B) manslaughter 2. GENOA (E) 7 September. Railway collission at ISOLA DEL CANTONE 3 civilians and 1 British soldier killed 13 wounded. 11 September at SANTIERDARENA shooting affray between Italian and Indian troops. 1 Indian soldier killed. 1 arrest

ACTION

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

File No: 30/8
Subject: Lawlesoness in Northern Provinces
To: HQ A.C. APO 394 (Attn.Director Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. Reference your letter AC/14191/PS dated 20 August 1945, the following is a copy of a report on the matter by P.P.S.O., Aosta Province.

1. In reply to your letter PR/PS/30/6, 22nd August 1945, I interviewed Captain Camino at Caluso. He stated that he had been stopped several times or a trip he was making for the intelligence service by members of the Popular Police in the Province of Parma and Piacenza, but he admits this condition has improved now.

2. He is distressed about 50.000 lire taken from a driver of a truck that was working for him by one of these Partisan Police at Fidenza, and he has made efforts to collect this but has failed to receive any cooperation. He states that the receipt for this money is in the possession of the Maresciallo of the CC.RR. station collect this money.

3. He admits that he does not work for the I.S. service at this time, and is trying to get back to England.

4. My impression is that this is a man who has cooperated with the Allies and has an English outlook and is disgusted with the Italian people and whose only regret is that he is not back in England. I have met his wife and daughter and I was ipressed by their disgust for the people and the present Government of Italy and their desire to return to England at the earliest opportunity.

(Sgd) Edward W.Hanbury,Maj.
P.P.S.O.,Aosta"

For theRegional Commissioner.

H.MIGHALL
Major
Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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1 Await Lombardia and P.P.S. Bologna.

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AC/1419/PS 70e

RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 2 SEPTEMBER 45 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. I

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	O
Veneto	5	0	0	0	
Liguria	2	0	0	0	
Lombardia	1	0	0	0	
Piemonte	0	0			

6 September 45

NOTE : 7 decomposed bodies found at Genoa, death occurred about 2 months previously.

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ENDED 2 SEPTEMBER 45 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

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Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
0	0	0	0	5
0	0	0	0	2
0	0	0	6	7
0	0	0	0	0

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FS 35
Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 3/1700B

Message Centre No: F/6499
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 5/0900B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : ANG PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Subject illegal deaths and other overt acts in N ITALY.

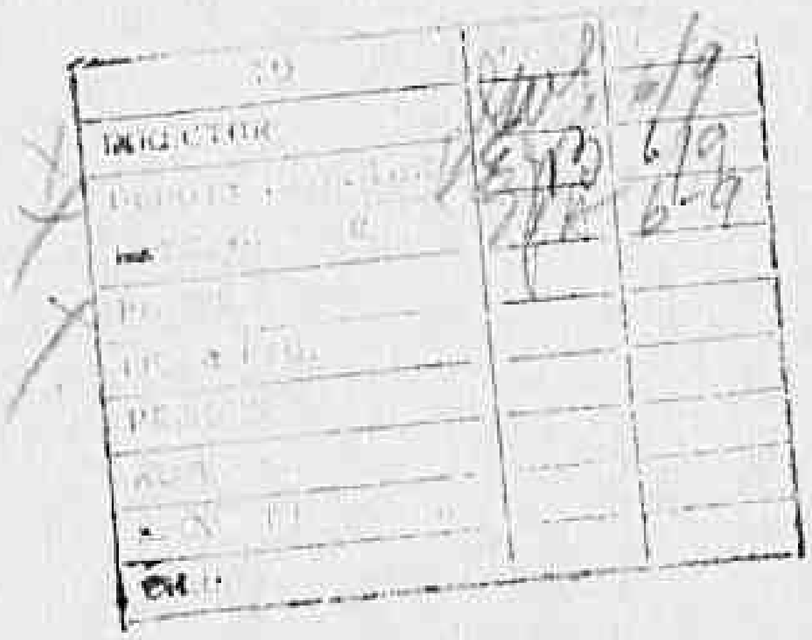
1. Nil report in A B V D and E.

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIGNER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/15/7.1

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 050930B

Message Centre No: F/6562

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 051400B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM RFSC ANG VENEZIA REGION

TO : ALCOM RS *SC

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference your AC/~~14091~~/RS of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending 2 September (A) 5 (E) nil (C) nil (D) nil.

DIST

ACTION: P.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
File 2
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TO	INIT	D
DIRECTOR		
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EXEC. OFFICER		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1860

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 051120

Message Centre No: F/6554

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 051300

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : AICOM ROME PUBLIC SAFETY

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14191

Reference your AC/~~14091~~/ PS of 26 June, return for week ending 2 September:

(A)1

(B) nil

(C) nil

(D) nil

(E) 6. 20 armed robberies.

ACTION

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ACTION P SAFETY SC
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
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TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
PERSONNEL		
LEGAL		
PUBLIC INFORMATION		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 840
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 041100B

Message Centre No: F/6426
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 041420B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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PS
AC/14091/dated 26 June refers.

Subject is illegal deaths week ending 2 September. GENOA (A) 7 bodies found, all decomposed deaths occurred about 2 months previously. SAVONA (A) 2. LA SPEZIA and IMPERIA nil return. Signed HEFFORD.

HEADQUARTERS
4 SEP 1945
Allied Commission

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
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PRISONS		
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SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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P Safety

Originator's Reference: PS/34

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 311700B

Message Centre No: F/6055

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 312140B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM RPSO PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ADCOM P SAFETY SC

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Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in N ITALY.

1. Week ending 19 August 45 in A B C D and E nil.
2. Weekending 26 August 1945 A 3 BCD and E nil.

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Action - P Safety
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sect
File 2
Float

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DIRECTOR	seen	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	seen	
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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 26 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITAL

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other dents ving li
Venezia	-	-	2	-	
Liguria	5	-	-	-	
Lombardia	1	-	-	-	
Piemonte	(Report received - Corps expecting this morning 3	0	0	0	

30 August 45

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D 26 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	Total
-	-	-	2	2
-	2	-	-	2
-	-	-	14	19
-	-	-	16	17
0	0	0	3	3

t received - Genie expediting this report soon as poss.

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

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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 19 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incide involving lo of life
Venezia	-	1	-	1	-
Ligaria	2	-	-	-	-
Lombardia	3	-	-	-	9
Piemonte	0 (no report received)		0	0	

30 August 45

JOHN W. [illegible]
Colonel, J.
Director,

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...E ENDED 15 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. IT...

...Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	Total
1	–	4	–	5
–	–	–	–	2
–	–	–	9	12
–	–	–	–	0
0	0	0	0	0

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/7.1

Date / Time of Origin: AUG 291115B

Message Centre No: F/5792

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 292010B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM RPSO AMG VENEZIE REGION

TO : NIS SC ALCOM

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Reference your AC/14691/PS of 26 June 45. Return for week ending 26 August (A) nil (B) nil (C) 2 (D) nil (E) nil.

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ACTION: P.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1824

Date / Time of Origin: AUG 281630B

Message Centre No: F/5666

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 282050B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : ALCOM ROME FOR PUB SAFETY S/C

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Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 26 August:

(A) 1 (B) nil (C) nil (D) nil 16. 44 armed robberies.

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ACTION: P.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 779

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 271710B

Message Centre No: F/5492

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 271810B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM AMG LIGURIA REG SIGNED HETFORD

TO : HQ AFHQ CITE ACPST

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AC/14691/TS dated 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths week ending 26 August.

GENOA (A) 3. La SPEZIA (A) 1. IMPERIA (A) 1. An explosion occurred in lignite factory near LA SPEZIA on 19 August. 14 deaths reported.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sect
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/4.10 25 August 1945

SUBJECT : Lawlessness in Northern Provinces

TO : Public Safety S/C
HQ. Allied Commission

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1. Ref. your AC/14191/PS of the 20 Aug.45, it would appear that most of the places referred to by Capt.Bendem are in Emilia Region which has now been handed over to the Italian Authorities, or Piemonte.

2. Although cases are reported from time to time, the report does not, in my view, reflect the general conditions prevailing. There is not so much crime as the report suggests and the Captain has an erroneous impression.

3. It would appear to be desirable to know if the car used had a proper circulation permit and if any check was made that the persons stopping the car were police or not, i.e. by asking for production of their warrant cards.

4. It would seem that no reports of these incidents were made to the local police in order that investigation could be made as soon as possible.

5. No officers of this Region, who sometimes travel at night in civilian type cars, have reported similar experiences.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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N.W.F. FOWLER, Major
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1806
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 25/1025B

Message Centre No: F/5256
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 25/1430B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

TO : ALCOM ROME PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 19 August:

A 3. B nil. C nil. D nil. E 9. 38 armed robberies. 1 attempted gaol break. 5 grenade throwing

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

20 August 1945

REFERENCE : PR/ESO/111.1

SUBJECT : Political Situation, Novara Province.

TO : As Under

1. Herewith copy of communication PR/NO/58 dated 18 August '45, received by the Regional Commissioner from the Provincial Commissioner, Novara Province.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MARSHALL

A. W. MICKLERIGHT
Capt. R. A.
Exec. S. O. (B)

TO : G. S. I., H. Q., 2 District
Exec. Commissioner, H. Q., A. C.
Public Safety Div., H. Q., A. C.
R. P. S. O. Piemonte

TO	Sent 25/8
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY	
Exec. O.	22+25-8
POLICE	
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FINANCE	
AGRICULTURE	
RESIDENT	
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HEADQUARTERS
NOVARA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVT.
PIEDMONTE REGION
APO 394

REFERENCE: PR/NG/58

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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN NOVARA.

TO : HQ AMG PIEDMONTE REGION
(Attention Region Commissioner)

1. The published early withdrawal of AMG has been hailed with delight for some weeks past by the would be hammer and sickle imitators in Novara. Threats have been made to individuals based always on the assumption that AMG would pull out on the 31st August 45. This in itself is perhaps no more than a minor menace, and falls into line with the personal vengeance mentality of these people AMG are trying to help and control.

2. What is much more grave is the certainty that some form of revolution will occur, which, if not rapidly suppressed may lead to civil war. It will not be one of those bloodless victories, in that the Monarchist - cum - Reactionary people are also arming themselves for the coming conflict. The Provincial Commissioner has been personally approached by a local individual of standing for permission to form depots of arms and ammunition. In this instance the intention was to disclose the full facts to AMG. Nevertheless it automatically follows that if one group is in a position to request permission; others must have similar facilities. The potential menace of the whole set-up admits of no contradiction. The whole of this paragraph refers to the resistance which will be offered to the Communists.

3. The intentions of the Communists are at best half-veiled. Moscatelli is a known quantity who under considerable charms of manner cloaks murderous intentions. The hidden arms run into colossal figures. All of this has been reported on, and military co-operation has already resulted in the unearthing of some of the arms referred to. Nevertheless many of the raids have been abortive. Moscatelli is much too well informed. It is reliably stated that when one of the Partisan groups was marching on Novara shortly before the day of liberation it was surprised by Moscatelli's outfit who confiscated as the result 44 armoured vehicles. These are all stated to be hidden in small farms on the outskirts of the town of Novara. The informer in this instance is the Colonel on [illegible] who is in charge of this District.

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AMG. Nevertheless it [illegible] is in a position to request permission: others must have similar facilities. The potential menace of the whole set-up admits of no contradiction. The whole of this paragraph refers to the resistance which will be offered to the Communists.

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4. It is the considered opinion of the writer that the retention of Allied troops, unless concentrated in the district, will not act as a deterrent. It will be necessary to retain Allied troops on the spot. 1225

5. The withdrawal of AMG will precipitate a crisis, and this fact is now placed on record. AMG on the spot may appear to accomplish little in a military sense, but its moral effect on the civilian population is enormous.

6. If the above opinions carry any weight at all, it is strongly urged that the following methods be applied/-

(a) That AMG should remain until the bulk of the known and hidden arms have been collected. Military co-operation should

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continue to be made available to this end. ... should withdrew when the figures show that a parade of organized armed force will be impossible.

(b) Moscatelli, Sindaco of Novara, in his capacity as such, should be called upon to use the medium of the press to urge his satellites to hand in their arms and renounce all ideas of military prowess. This would call for the re-institution of military censorship. Moscatelli's own paper -"La Stella Alpina" - should be put back into circulation with this end in view.

(c) When this has been done Moscatelli should be transferred to one of those Hostelries for which Italy is so justly famous. Finding the occasion for doing so should be a simple matter.

7. Whilst it is known that the other Northern Provinces have each their peculiar problems it is firmly believed here that Novara will initiate revolution unless provision is made on the lines indicated above.

8. The above report is submitted with a view to onward transmission. It is essentially not an effort to prolong a life of luxury and ease.

/s/ C.E. MURCHIE
/t/ C.E. MURCHIE
Major
Provincial Commissioner
Novara Province.

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/t/ C.P. KIRCHER
Major
Provincial Commissioner
Novara Province.

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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 12 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITAL

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incid involving l of life
Lombardia	2	-	-	-	4
Piemonte	1	-	-	-	-
Liguria	3	-	-	-	-
Venezia	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	-	-	4

20 August 1945

for JOHN [illegible]
Colonel,
Director.

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tha other an shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	Total
—	—	—	4	6
—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	4	12

for John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/7.1
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 220945B

Message Centre No: F/4821
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 221435B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM RPSC VENEZIE REGION
TO PS SC AICOM

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Refer your AC/14091/PS of 26 June 45. Return for week ending 19 August (A) nil (B) one (C) nil (D) 4 (E) nil.

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Action - Pub Safety
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Section
File 2
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DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
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PUBLIC SAFETY		
ZONE OFFICERS		
SECURITY		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 753
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 21/1050B

Message Centre No: F/4690
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 21/1430B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM : AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED TOUGH FOR HEFFORD

TO : ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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AC/~~14091~~ 14191/PS dated 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths week ending 19 August. GENOA nil. SAVONA (A) 1 LA SPEZIA (A) 1 IMPERIA nil

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ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14191/23 20 August 1945

SUBJECT : Lawlessness in Northern Provinces.

TO : Regional Commissioner Piemonte Region
" " Lombardia "
(attention RSOs)
AC Liaison Officer, Bologna.

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1. Attached is copy of letter from a Capt. Bendem, of experiences during a journey through Northern Regions.

2. Forwarded for enquiry and report as to conditions alleged.

J. Hodson Chapman
JOHN H. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Office of the Regional Public Safety Officer

14 August 1945

REF : PR/PS/Prisons PR/PS/28/3

SUBJECT: Situation Report = Strikes =

TO : HQ A.C. APO 394 (Attn.Director Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. State and comunal employees in Turin struck yesterday to force a settlment of the wage and salary scale. Employees of the Questura also ceased work for a brief period in the morning. The Questore addressed them briefly and forcefully, emphasising the essential quality of police services, and at the same time promising his fullest support towards obtaining the desired ad= justments of salaries. This strike, which had only lasted half an hour, broke up, and the personnel resumed work.

For the Regional Commissioner.

H.MIGHALL
Major
Regional Public Safety Officer

18 AGO. 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1758
Date / Time of Origin: AUG 181640B

Message Centre No: F/4374
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 181900B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : ALCOM ROME ACPSF

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Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June. 14191 CA return for week ending 12 August:

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(A) 2.

(B) nil.

(C) nil.

(D) nil.

(E) 4.

11 Armed robberies. 2 bomb incidents. Strike by state employees 10/11 August no disorder.

HEADQUARTERS 12 AUG 1946

DIST

ACTION: P.Safety SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File 2
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

16 AGO. 1945

Ref. : Lig/Saf/506

11 August 45

Subject: La Spezia Report

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Hqs. Allied Commission, APO 394

1. I forward a copy of a special report received from the Provincial Public Safety Officer in La Spezia for your information.

2. The information in par 4 has already been the subject of signals to your H.Q.

For the Regional Commissioner:

B.J. Hefford

B.J. HEFFORD,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
LA SPEZIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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REF : Spz./PS/R.2.18 August 8th 1945

SUBJECT : Special Public Safety Report

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

1. Events of the past few days, involving the capture of highway bandits, agents passing large sums of false money and a strike involving agents of the Questura, make a special report at this time necessary.

2. The round-up of two gangs numbering together 10 bandits, started August 4th when the CC.RR. of Deiva, acting under orders issued by their officer of La Spezia, given after receiving a tip from two ex-patriots, closed in on four men about to board a south bound train at Deiva, two of the men were carrying Sten guns concealed in suitcases.

Immediate investigations and interrogations brought good results and the number of arrests now rests at ten with more in the making.

Confessions have been received from all that are being held at the present time. Over 10.000 lires have been recovered along with much loot, composed of watches, rings, etc. Several have been positively identified. It is believed that when the complete gangs are rounded up, no highway robberies within this Province will remain unsolved and some of the homicide cases may also be cracked. Five highway robberies and one house robbery have been solved to date.

Amongst the group arrested are six ex-patriots, three of whom were released from duty with the patriots police branch of the Questura about a month ago.

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Boccaccio admitted the bills were false and that he had passed more than a million of the same in the Region of Tuscany during the past few months.

An attempt was made on the 3rd and 4th to contact Genoa but telephone communications were out. As an alternative, the C.I.D. of Livorno were reached and Agent Amos G.Linger C.I.D. P.B.S. was finally sent as a special investigator. He has been working on counterfeit rackets for several months. Prisoners and money are now in his hands and he will forward copies of all reports..

On August 4th several CC.RR. under a Lt. PREZIOSO of Pisa Province arrived in hot persuit of other agents passing counterfeit bills. In cooperation with local CC.RR., four arrests were made and false notes in five hundred and thousand lire denominations to the amount of about

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4.000.000 L. were picked up. Persons arrested : CACCIOTTE OSVALDO fu Giovanni, age 39 - Rome; COLEINE EMILIO di Augusto, age 47 - Rome ; PESCE' RUGGERO fu Angelo, age 48, - La Spezia ; MASTROCOLA ADELFO fu Giovanni, age 54 -Rome.

As neither C.I.D. nor Carbs could be immediately contacted and it was felt that best results would be accomplished by giving the CC.RR. a free rein, Lt. Prezioso was allowed to take 3 prisoners and the false money to Rome were it appears the press is located. He will report all activities to this office. The money is supposed to have been smuggled from the south inside an automobile tire.

4. At the present time there is a strike involving clerks and office workers of the Communal and Provincial Offices. Nearly all agents of the P.S. are also participating in the walkout.

The demands are :

(A) Increase in wages to be retroactive as of May 1st.

(B) Application in La Spezia Province of a Temporary Indemnity according to that issued by the Prefect of Aquenia.

(C) Premium of "Congiuntura" L. 2000.

The Commission representing the strikes, state that they will not return to work until their demands are met. They feel that A.M.G. is responsible for their not being paid as per their demands.

The Prefect and the President of the C.L.N. met with the Provincional Commissioner this morning and discussed the matter. They were informed that strikes are of no avail and that the Finance Officer acts only on order issued from higher Headquarters. These orders were also explained. The strike is quiet and no incidents have occured. Have requested a list of all P.S. Agents involved and the Questore has informed me that it is praticelly 100 %.

It is beleived that some adjustments may be made for the betterment of pay of Pubblica Sicurezza agents and this is being attempted at the present time.

For the Provincial Commissioner :

C.B. ZITTEL

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For the Provincial Commissioner :

G.B. PIETTEL
Capt. CMP.
P.P.S.O.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

16/8/1945 939

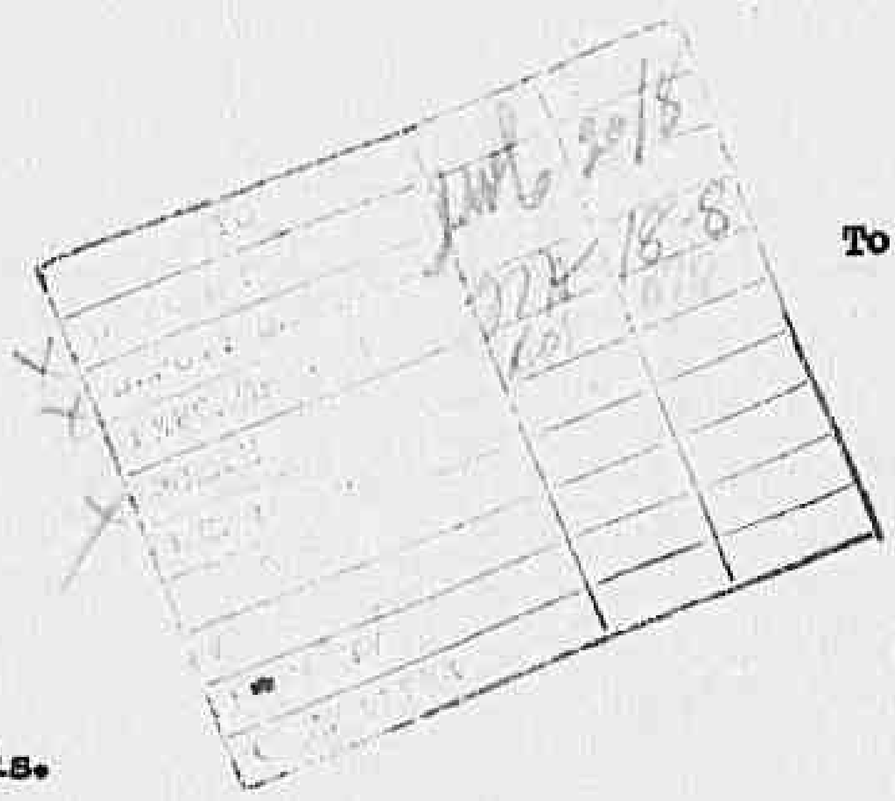
Ref: 3604/198/EC. 14 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Lawlessness in Northern Provinces. 14191 cr

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
(For Public Safety Sub-Commission). 938

1. Attached please find copies of a report made by a Captain Bendem of his experiences during a visit last week to Northern Italy.

2. The Executive Commissioner wishes you to ask the Regional Commissioners concerned to investigate the alleged conditions and to report any information obtained.



for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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In the course of revisiting people who helped me to escape from ITALY to SWITZERLAND after the Italian Armistice in September 1943, I came across the following situation in PIEMONTE and the country around PARMA, PIACENZA and ALESSANDRIA.

I went to visit an Italian Captain named CAMINO, who was the interpreter at No. 49 Prison Camp. This captain is at the moment connected with I.S.9 and is also connected with the local commune of CALUSO. He tries to arrange importation of food etc.

The following is a record of the experiences I had with him while he was accompanying me on my trip South to FONTANELLATO for the purpose of revisiting people who helped me escape and also for the purpose of arranging the purchase of food from that locality to CALUSO. I travelled to MILAN with him in his civilian car. There I got Public Relations transport - he led the way and I followed behind. Every 20 or 30 kms. Captain CAMINO was stopped and in some cases he was asked to produce money or hand over his baggage. We did a certain amount of travelling at night, trying to cross the PO on our way back, and owing to the flooded condition of the river between PIACENZA and ALESSANDRIA we went through a lot of back roads and on many occasions CAMINO was stopped by so-called armed partisan police, who on more than one occasion tried to extort money out of him or asked him to deliver up his baggage. This was only averted by my presence in uniform.

In FIDENZA I managed to recover 50,000 lire for Captain CAMINO which was taken away from a lorry belonging to his concern the previous week. At CALUSO I managed to recover his car from an armed bandit who boasted he had killed 230 people. This said bandit required the car presumably for illegal purposes.

At FONTANELLATO itself (between PARMA and PIACENZA) I found the small farming community had produced 350 suits of plain clothes within twenty-four hours for the British officers who escaped from the camp. They had been through an anxious time owing to the fact that some of them had been taken out of their houses and shot because they had had Germans forcibly billeted on them after they had helped us.

I got the distinct impression that all the small communes in that part of ITALY were independent of each other and were run on a kind of gangster basis.

11 August 45.

John Bencon
Capt

For further information on this subject apply to Captain CAMINO, 121 who is employed by I.S.9. His address is

Villa Camino,
CALUSO, Piemonte.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 725

Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 14/1450B

Message Centre No: F/3985

Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 15/1600B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HEFFORD

TO : HQ AILCOM CITE ACPSF

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AC/14091/PS dated 26 june refers. Subject is illegal deaths week ending 12 August. GENOA 3. LA SPEZIA SAVONA and IMPERIA nil returns

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: HXII/PS/7.1
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 15/1630B

Message Centre No: F/4012
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 16/0930B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : RPSO VENEZIE REGION

TO : PS S C ALCOM

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Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June 1945. Return for week ending 13 August. (A) 2 (B) nil (C) nil (D) nil (C) nil

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PS33
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 121200B

Message Centre No: F/3681
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 122000B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

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FROM: RPSO PIEMONTE REGION
TO : AICOM FOR P SAFETY SC

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Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in N.W. ITALY.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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ATO LIGHT; BOSTON TWOMEN ALERT/ALERT

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Strike of state and para state employees at LA SPEZIA threatening to spread all over north ITALY. LABOR - decision Se(for) Finance not to make decree 116 retroactive to May 1st. Decree is actually in force as of 1st August. Please advise.

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Action - Labor FO
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm ?
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Finance FO
CA Sect
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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDIED 5 AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shootings	Kidnapped	Missing	Other i involvi of life
Lombardia	3	-	-	-	8
Piemonte	1	-	-	-	-
Liguria	12	-	-	-	-
Venezie	1	1	-	9	2
Total	17	1	-	9	10

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AUGUST 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

r nces	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	Total
	-	-	8	11
-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	12
-	-	9	2	13
-	-	9	10	37

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1689

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 081530B

Message Centre No: F/3282

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 100930B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AMG LOMBARDIA REG PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : ACTION ALCOM ROME ACPSF

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Ref your AC/1491/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 29 July:

A. 1.

B. Nil

C. Nil

D. Nil

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Five armed robberies.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 691

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 0916003

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Message Centre No: F/ 3243

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 091930Z

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO HQ ALCOM CITE PUBLIC SAFETY SC INFO 60 SUB AREA

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1. A state of disquiet exists in the Province of LA SPEZIA over the question of wages and a quasi general strike is in force by state and parastatal workers. It is alleged that the Italian minister of Labor, Signor BARBARESCHI, on a recent visit stated that all decrees including number 116 would be antidated to May 1st.

2. This information was made known publicly by the Prefect. Notices have been displayed in LA SPEZIA that the strike will continue until this decree is implemented with effect from 1st may not 1st August as authorised by AMG.

3. Much inconvenience is being caused but no actual disorder has occurred. End signed JORDAN for CARR.

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HQ ALCCS

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1. When the Italian Minister of Labor, Signor BARBARESCHI, was at LA SPEZIA about a fortnight ago he told the Prefect that the new decree relative to pay would be antidated to 1st May. This included decree number 116 which we have authority to pay only from 1st August. This declaration which the Prefect has made public has caused strikes and a lot of dissatisfaction amongst the people in LA SPEZIA who blame AMG for the non payment of the back money.

2. If in fact the Minister did say this and referred to decree 116 it is considered most reprehensible and dangerous, and steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence.

3. It is also recommended that the whole question of pay be taken up urgently with Finance HQ in order to secure a solution to the present unsatisfactory situation. End signed JORDAN for CARR.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1694

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 091200

Message Centre No: F/3313

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 101035

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AMG 10REGIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : AICC RCME ACPSF

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Reference your AC/14091/. of 26 June, return for week ending 5 August:

(a) 3.

(b) nil.

(c) nil.

(d) nil.

(e) 8.

19 armed robberies. Bomb incident at CCHR Caserma MANTOVA.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

STATION UDINE 51
RECORD No.
TTA 10731-45

From:
Cap. Carabinieri MANCINI

To:
Tenente Carabinieri-PALMANOVA

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Date of communication or post-mark if letter is un-dated	Type mail	Reg No.	Language	Previously censored by	Enclosures
28 July 1945	Telephone		Italian		

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COMMENT

ALLEGED MURDER BY AUXILIARY POLICE PATRIOT.

Caller : Hello, is that Lieut PALMANOVA speaking?
Callee : Yes Sir.
Caller : Listen! The Police or Prefecture authorities are arranging for the removal of that car....
Callee : I will give that car up to no one!
Caller : You are quite right.
Callee : There is a mystery underneath it which I am still making enquiries into. I have already found the owner. They are trying to take the car from me, as there is something very suspicious in this affair; five days ago the patriots carried off the owner and I feel that he has undoubtidly been murdered. I have already had letters from MONTEGLIANO and to-morrow, the proprietors mistress comes to tell us who was with him and if the car was his. It seems that he was killed by a patriot of the Auxiliary Police. So now they are trying to hide everything, but I will not give up the

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Caller : Yes, because they are now trying to turn to the Justice of Peace etc.
Callee : Rest assured, sir that I will give the car to no one.

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TO	INITIAL	DATE
DIRECTOR	[illegible]	11/8
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	[illegible]	11/8
EXEC. OFFICER	[illegible]	10-4
POLICE		
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REVIEWER		

EXAMINER Italien Censor EXAMINATION DATE 28 July 1943

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Murder of 3 Priests - Imola 14/9/45 FILE No. 397/EC(L)

TO : Civil Affairs Section 7 August 1945
Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Further to our 14 June letter 397/EC(L), and enclosure.

2. Inquiry has been received from Mr. Harold H. Tittmann regarding status of subject case.

3. May it be inquired if a reply can now be given to 14 June letter?

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Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

per Miranda
P.T.O.

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Please L.O

This was also
received from Mac
Gaffney and
a reply sent to him
through VP CIA
Capt Hawkins has
taken action
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RMII/PS/7.1 14191/25

Date/Time & Origin: AUG 081100

Message Centre No: M/3128

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 090900

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO VENEZIE REGION

TO : PS SC ACCOM

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Refce your AC/14091/25 of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending 5 August (A) one (B) one (C) nil (D) 9 (E)

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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 29 JULY 1945
OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN NORTHERN ITALY

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shooting	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incid involving of lif
Lombardia	1	–	–	–	12
Piemonte	–	–	–	–	–
Emilia	7	–	–	–	–
Liguria	–	–	–	–	8
Venezia	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL	8	–	–	–	20

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/s JOHN W.
Colonel,
Director

8 August 1945

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EEK ENDED 29 JULY 1945
ILLINGS IN NORTHERN ITALY

	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
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	–	–	–	
	–	–	–	7
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/s JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Dated 19 A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's reference: 670

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 071200B

Message Centre No: F/2997

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 072000B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO : ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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AC/14091/PS dated 26 June refers.

Subject is illegal deaths and overt acts NW ITALY week ending 5 August. GENOA (A) 8 civilians 3 Carabinieri. SAVONA and IMPERIA nil return. LA SPEZIA (A) 1. See special reports regarding murdered Carabinieri and heavy case of forgery. End signed HEFFORD.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PS/30

Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 5/1000B

Message Centre No: F/2836

Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 6/1300B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : RPSO PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Subject: Illegal killings and other overt acts in North ITALY.

1. One A nil report in B. C. D. E.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: F/2861

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 060600B

Date Time Rec'd. AUG 062000B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

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FROM AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO :HQ ALCOM CITE P SAFETY SC

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On 1st August 1945 3 Carabinieri were detailed to proceed on duty to FIORINO a fraction of GENOA. They left FIORINO on foot about 9 PM to return to their station at PECLI. They were not seen alive after that time. Search parties were sent out and on 5th August their bodies were found partly buried in a hole in the mountains some 4 kilometers from the point where they were last seen. They had sustained many bullet wounds. Investigations commenced and 21 persons are being held for questioning enquiries continuing. Report will be submitted later. End signed HEFFORD.

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1. Your number 2906 of 1 August refers.

2. There have been no lynchings or similar acts of violence in TENDA BIBA area or elsewhere in PIEDMONT Region. A very few minor haircutting incidents have occurred. These cannot in any way be construed as reprisals nor connected with French evacuation.

3. In the event of any incident of sufficient importance prompt report will be made to your Hq.

4. Para 3 our P 126 applies and is repeated.

5. Believe all such reports arriving your Hq are either pure fabrication or gross magnification. Request strong measures be taken immediately to allocate responsibility and prevent recurrence.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROMAGNA REGION
APO 394

1 AUG 1945

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28 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission

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1. The attached memorandum regarding the Romagna zone is forwarded for information and whatever action you deem necessary.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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ltr. Vanso, Com. Min. Africa-Italiana

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PRO=MEMORIA SULLA SITUAZIONE DI ALCUNE ZONE DELLA ROMAGNA E FINITIME

Dope due mesi e mezzo dalla liberazione, l'ordine pubblico in alcune zone della Romagna e finitime, specialmente nella provincia di Ravenna, lascia ancora troppo a desiderare.

Là, in molti comunelli e sopratutto in molte frazioni di comune si è addirittura costituito un governo autonomo, provvisorio, specie di "giunta popolare", che non rispetta autorità centrali o meno periferiche che siano e con pieni poteri, autoproclamati ed esercitati in fatto senza alcun diritto, terrorizza le piccole zone. Tre o quattro persone, spesso le più violente ma le meno oneste del luogo, tengono in mano non soltanto i beni e la tranquillità degli abitanti, ma la loro vita. Naturalmente, quest'anarchia viene mascherata sotto il nome di "comunismo", mentre non vi ha nulla a che vedere. E altrettanto naturalmente l'aggressione principale viene largamente esercitata contro la proprietà rurale, non tanto contro i grandi proprietari, che vivono quasi tutti ben lontani e attendono al sicuro, ma sopratutto contro i piccoli proprietari, che hanno vissuto e vivono nonostante tutto sempre al loro posto, sulla terra, lavorando continuamente coi loro mezzadri. Questi sono terrorizzati e assai spesso debbono vivere asserragliati in casa, con grave ansia, mentre ogni cosa loro è abbandonata in mano ai mezzadri con ogni vessazione.

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Trionfano soprattutto le soddisfazioni cruente degli odi personali e si esercitano impunemente le vendette individuali: il tutto viene nella migliore delle ipotesi mascherato con motivi politici, inesistenti.

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Si trovano ad esempio fra i molti posti in queste condizioni le frazioni del comune di Lugo, di Conselice, di Argenta, i dintorni di Faenza, ecc. In larghe zone come queste si trovano talora alcuni carabinieri: così si sapeva che fino a poco fa nella frazione di S. Biagio di Argenta esistevano tre carabinieri con vasta giurisdizione, sì che essi non potevano di meglio che star sempre chiusi in caserma. Nessuna forza di polizia e soprattutto nessuna forza armata allerta in tutta o quasi la zona. Le popolazioni romagnole di questa, conosciute per il loro spirito caldo, abbandonate a se stesse e quindi ai più facinorosi.

Sembra che da poco, tuttavia, siano state create forze di polizia immettendovi partigiani; come altrove e sarebbe ottima cosa. Senonchè, come era da attendersi, questi partigiani o sono tutto fuorchè partigiani autentici oppure sono comunque stati immessi gli elementi più facinorosi e indisciplinati. D'altra parte, l'ignoranza di buona parte della popolazione giunge a limitare la sola zona ove abita, come fosse una repubblica senz'altro già indipendente, senza darsi nemmeno la pena di spingere lo sguardo un po' oltre i propri confini, almeno fino al capoluogo della provincia.

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Infine, si osserva che - pur isolandosi come sopra detto - sono ormai organizzati al punto che i facinorosi di una zona vanno a commettere delitti nella zona finitima o poco lontana su mandato degli abitanti ... migliori di questa e costoro ricambiano il servizio andando a commettere simili delitti nella zona dei primi. Così i delitti sono sempre commessi ad opera di ... ignoti o almeno di forestieri.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE SITUATION OF SOME REGIONS OF ROMAGNA AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS

Two and a half months after liberation, in certain zones of Romagna and expecially in the province of Ravenna, public safety is far from being as it should be.

There, in many little communes and in mainly in many frections of commune, little authonomous temporary governments, a sort of "giunta popolare", with full powers have been formed without any authorization. They are usually three or four people, often the most violent but the less honest, who under the name of communism dispose not only the properties of the people but also of their lives. Of course, though they call that communism it has nothing to do with it. Aggression is mainly carried out againstpeasants and growers, laid proprietors in general, but not against big proprietors who, of course are for away and safe awaiting for the situation to turn calm again. In many cases the situation has turned upside down for small land proprietors; they are simply bossed by their own peasants.

Many people have been killed, and whole families too with the object of avoiding that any survivor should recange his murdered parents or relatives. Every now and then somebody disappears and only after a certain time the corps is found somewhere else.

Personal vengeance is usually the reason for the continual crimes, which on the contrery are said to be committed for political reasons, really inexisting.

Lugo, Conselice, Argenta, the suburbs of Faenza are some of the places where terror is actually dominating. There is no Allied police or armed force in nearly all the zone; therefore the people of the place, well known for their quick temper have created the most terrifying situation.

It appears that a short time ago some police forces have been formed with partisan elements. But the "partisans" are either anything but partisans or are however the most troublesome of them; therefore this is no improvement.

Besides the ignorance of the people has made of their houses and lands a little republic of their own, and nobody bothers about the existance of the chief-place of the Province. Yet those peasants there are really rich; they have perfect houses with all conforts anf their labourers are paid L.400 a day, like a high public official will never have.

The population has gone as far as exchanging murders in one another's territories. Worse than absolute anarchy.

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Director, Public Safety.

A determined effort is being made to track down the men responsible for the Schio massacre.

I have a copy of this attached in my file. 1/8/45.

S J Hamer
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Allied Military Government
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30 July 45.

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

SUBJECT : Massacre at Schio.

FILE No. : RXII/PS/11.4

1. With further reference to my report of 20 July 45 respecting subject.

2. Every possible enquiry has been made in an effort to apprehend the murderers but to date our efforts have not met with much success.

3. On the 29th July 45 a mass raid was made on Schio and the surrounding villages by American military with the result that 66 suspects were arrested and are now incarcerated in one of the jails in Vicenza.

4. Enquiries that have been made in this matter, have definitely established the identity of two of the murderers, butthey have completely disappeared from the district. I feel that they appreciate that they are the only two who appeared un-masked at the jail and, realising the probability of having beenidentified, are now hiding in the mountains.

5. It was hoped that the raid on the 29th would have caught one or both of these men in the net, but such was not the case.

6. Our efforts will now be concentrated on interrogating the 66 prisoners and it is hoped that the effect of these mass arrests will be that people, who have been hitherto afraid to speak, will now come forward with information that will help in the enquiry.

7. The arrangements for the American troops to assist in this matter were made by Lieut. Col. Lollar, P.C. Vicenza, through 5th Army. The troops were under the command of Lieut. Col. Castile and the whole operation was conducted without incident.

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8. The military used 17 trucks, each under the command of a junior officer or a senior N.C.O. and the instructions to each truck were to arrest an average of four people. In some cases the name and address of the wanted person was supplied: in other cases, only the name. In fact, the information supplied to the Americans was in a number of cases very scanty. The success of the operation is due, in no small measure, to the initiative and enterprise shown by the American Officers, N.C.Os and men who composed the crews of the trucks.

9. A further report will be submitted when the interrogation of the 66 prisoners is completed.

W.R. HARE, Major,
Regional Security Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

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Ref: 397/EC(L) 31 July 1945

SUBJECT: Abuses of Authority Committed Against Priests and Nuns of the Acqui Diocese.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

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1. With 27 July letter Mr. Harold H. Tittmann, Assistant to the Personal Representative of the U.S. President to the Vatican, forwards Vatican Note No. 4564/45 of 26 July. Copies of both are enclosed.

2. May this office please be advised what reply may be made in regard to the incidents outlined in enclosures.

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

2 Enclosures:

1 - Copy of Mr. Tittmann's ltr of 27 Jul 45

2 - Copy of Vatican Note No. 4564/45 of 26 Jul 45, w/atchment.

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

2, Via Boncompagni, Rome

July 27, 1945

Dear Captain Neuburg:

I enclose herewith a copy of Note No. 4564/45 dated July 26, 1945 which I have received from the Holy See enclosing a copy of a memorandum from His Excellency the Bishop of Acqui relating various serious incidents involving priests and religious of that diocese. The Secretariat of State of His Holiness is anxious to bring these incidents to the attention of the Allied authorities, trusting that such action may be taken as the gravity of the situation in the diocese of Acqui would appear to call for.

In the facts set forth in the attached memorandum prove to be true it would appear to be a situation that would need attention. I should greatly appreciate it if you would take the matter up with the appropriate Allied authorities and let me know the nature of the reply which may be made to the Holy See.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Harold H. Titmann
Assistant to the Hon. Myron C. Taylor

Enclosures:
Copy of Note
Copy of enclosure thereto

Captain W.B. Neuburg,
Liaison Division
Headquarters Allied Commiss on,
Rome

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TRANSLATION

SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITA'

No. 4565/45

The Bishop of Acqui, in date 1 July, sent to the Holy See a report, a copy of which is attached hereto, regarding abuses of authority committed against Priests and Nuns of this diocese.

Due to the seriousness of the facts denounced by the above mentioned Bishop, the Secretary of State of His Holiness, feels obliged to inform Mr. Harold H. Tittmann of them, and trusts that the Allied Authorities will take the necessary actions.

The Secretary of State takes the opportunity to express to Mr. Harold H. Tittmann the sentiments of its highest consideration.

FROM THE VATICAN, 26 July 1945

(Seal of the Secretariat of State
of His Holiness)

Mr. Harold H. Tittmann
Assistant to H.E. Myron C. Taylor
2, Via Bancompagni
Rome

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TRANSLATION

Bishopry of Acqui

At midnight, between the 9th and the 10th of May of this year, two persons knocked at the Canonical House of Tagliolo di Ovada (Alessandria) and asked the Parson to go with them to give religious conforts to a republican-fascist who had been sentenced to death.

The Parson, father Francesco Pellizzari, went down right away bringing with him the purse of the Holy Oils. About a half hour later a volley of machine pistol was heard in the vicinity and until today, 29 June, it has been impossible to have any news regarding his disappearance or find any trace of his body.

All the possible Authorities have been intrusted, but without results. The Parrish is still without its parson: every Sunday a priest is sent there to celebrate the Mass.

A short while after another grave incident occurred . On 22 May I received the following letter:-

"Brigate 413 - Comando
Base 21/5/45

Most Reverend Excellency,
In consideration of the merits acquired by the Clergy of the Diocese of Acqui during the struggle for our liberation, his Command feels obliged to inform your Excellency that very serious measures which we would like avoid, also to prevent a spiritually dangerous scandal, are about to be taken against the Parson of Masone, Father Franco Buffa.
But it is absolutely indispensable that Father Buffa the man who has extolled fascism in a thousand ways; who has publicly and unrestrainedly applauded the declaration of war; who has always praised and admired the German beasts without ever having the courage of condemning the most ferocious crimes committed in this country; who has always ignored the partisans who suffered and died on the nearly mountains, BE IMMEDIATELY SENT AWAY FROM THE TOWN.

The Brigate Commandant
/s/ Mirko"

Naturally I immediately called to Acqui the Parson of Masone (Genova) and advised him to go away for a while. In the meantime the Secretary of the Commune was killed, and after that there was a series of minatory letters to the Bishop and to the Parson.

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Shortly after this letter, there was an order of estrangement of Nuns as follows:-

" Comando di Brigata

Most Rev. Mother Superior,
Pardon us if ~~I~~ we must address ourselves to you, for whom we have the highest esteem.

With the estrangement of Rabellino the only one who defend the cause of Priests and Nuns, a radical epuration is possible. Sister Valentine and Sister Antonia must be sent away from Masone immediately if they don't want to incur into serious measures. You are requested not to mention this to anyone in town.

The unworthy sisters will be granted their lives in view of your merits.

From Headquarters.

/s/ Mirko"

Naturally for the sake of precaution the two sisters were sent away.

The Bishop made a detailed investigation, even substituting the Vice-Parson with another priest.

Results of the investigation:-

1) false the accusations against Father Buffa and against the Sisters;

2) Commander Mirko denies the authenticity of the signatures on the minatory letters. He says he wants to find the author of these falsifications;

3) the population is almost unanimous in favor of the Parson.

In the meantime another minatory letter was received by Father Agostino Pastorino, also of Masone, who had to run away, and his whereabouts are still unknown.

When one considers that in this Diocese two persons have been killed and others threatened, none would doubt how perplexed and grieved the Bishop is.

He has many documents in is possession which should be given only for a severe investigation to a designated person, competent and from outside of the Diocese, supported by Authorities with strong powers, in order to put an end to this state of affairs which makes it impossible to carry out religious activities in this much afflicted Diocese.

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Acqui 1 July 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3604/6/EC.

Fol: 478201

31 July 1945.

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SUBJECT: Persecution of Clergy in the Diocese of ACQUI.

TO : Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.
(Attn: Regional Public Safety Officer)

1. Attached is the translation of a report sent to the Vatican by the Bishop of ACQUI.

2. Would you please have the complaints investigated and report, as soon as possible, any action taken.

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E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
(for Public Safety S/O)

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Translation

Bishopric of Aqui

During the night of the 9th to the 10th of May, at 24 hours, two individuals rung the bell at the Canon House of Tagliolo di Ovada (Alessandria) and asked for the Priest to come with them, for a republican who was a prisoner had been condemned to death, and asked for the Priest.

The Priest, don Palizzari Francesco came down immediately, taking with him the Holy Oil. About half an hour later, the rattle of a submachine-gun was heard in the neighbourhood. The priest never came back, and up to now, (June 29th) it has been impossible to find out anything about his disappearance nor has the body been found.

Every possible Authorities have been contacted but with an entirely negative result. The Parish is still without its Priest; every Sunday, a Priest is sent there to celebrate Mass.

A short time after that, another serious incident took place. On May 22nd, I received the following letter.

'Brigade 413 Command.
Base 21/5/45.

Your Excellency,

considering all that the Clergy of the Diocese of Acqui did for the fight for liberation, this Command wants to inform your Excellency directly that very severe orders are going to be issued against the Priest of Masone, Don Franco Buffa; we should like to avoid this, also to avoid a scandal which is spiritually harmful. It is nevertheless indispensible that Don Buffa, the man who praised fascism in a thousand ways, who publicly and enthusiastically applauded the declaration of war; who always praised and admired the Germans without ever finding the courage to condemn the worse crimes they commited in this village; who always ignored the partisans, who were suffering and dying in the neighbouring mountains, BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE VILLAGE.'

'The Brigade Commander; s. Mirko'

Of course, I immediately summoned the Priest of Masone (Genoa) to Aqui and I advised him to go away temporarily. Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Commune was killed in Masone, and a series of threatening letters went on being sent to the Bishop and Priest; woe to the latter if he came back!

A short time after this letter, there was an order for the removal of nuns, the content of which I transcribe.

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'Brigade Command

Reverend Mother Superior,

Will you forgive our writing to you for whom we have the greatest consideration. As Rabellino, the only man who supported the cause of the priests and nuns, has been removed, a radical epuration is now possible. Sister Valentina and Sister Antonia must be at once removed from Masone otherwise, strong action will be taken against them.

Please do not mention this letter to anybody in the village. We shall spare the life of the two unworthy sisters out of consideration for your merits.

From the Seat of the Command

S. Mirko'

For prudence's sake, the two sisters were of course removed.

The Bishop investigated personnally and by means of a delegate, going into every detail, and even replacing the Deputy of the Priest by another priest.

Results of the investig ation:

1) false charges against the priest Don Franco Buffa, Parish Priest, and against the Sisters.

2) Commander Mirko whose signature is on the documents denies the authenticity of the signature on the threatening letters. He says he wants to find out the author of this forgery.

3) The population is almost unanimously in favour of the Priest.

Meanwhile, another letter was sent, threatening another Priest, also of Masone, Don Agostino Pastorino, who had to leave; at present, we do not know where he is.

When we remember that two priests have already been murdered in this diocese, in this way, and others seriously threatened, we can have no doubt about the anxiety and sorrow of the Bishop.

Many documents are in his hands; but it is necessary to appoint and entrust with a detailed and strict inquiry an able person, that does not belong to this Diocese, and that would be supported by powerful Authorities, to put an end to this state of things which makes it impossible for the priets to carry on their ministry in this Diocese which is in such a state of unrest.

Aqui, July 1st, 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: F/2287
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 021430
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FROM : ALG EMILIA REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACISF

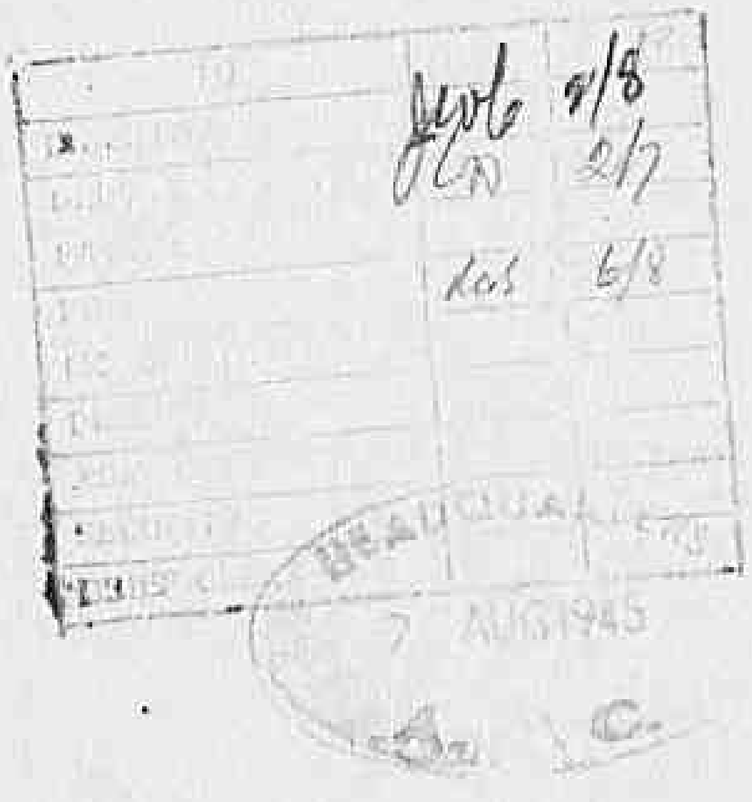
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Reference your letter AC/14091/PS dated 26 June.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

20 July 45.

TO : Regional Commissioner, A.M.G., Region XVII.
(Thru R.P.S.O.)

SUBJECT : Massacre at Schio Jail.

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/11.4

1. At approximately midnight during the night of the 6/7th July, 1945, a number of armed masked men, actual number not known but believed about 15, entered the mandamentale prison at Schio in the Province of Vicenza, and killed and wounded a number of political prisoners by automatic weapon fire. The deaths to date are 53, and the wounded are 13. There were one or two slightly wounded who are included in the remaining 25 political prisoners, some of whom were uninjured.

2. In addition to the 91 political prisoners in the jail there were eight communal prisoners in custody for various civil offences. All of these were deliberately saved from the massacre by the murderers.

3. Since the 12th July 1945, this enquiry has been conducted by CID Agent VALENTINO, CID Agent SNYDER, both of Fifth Army, and myself, assisted by Captain BAKER, P.P.S.O. Vicenza.

4. Local Carabinieri and Questure are assisting but they do not appear to be able to co-operate among themselves, and to-date, as a result of either their inefficiency or the fact that they are afraid of being associated with the case, four important suspects have disappeared.

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The deaths to date are 53, and the wounded are 13. There were one or two slightly wounded who are included in the remaining 25 political prisoners, some of whom were uninjured.

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6. From enquiries that have been made there is no doubt that the Commune of Schio is a hot-bed of Communism of which there are two types. There is the Italian Communist Party and the International Communist Party. Pamphlets issued by the latter have been widely distributed in the district. Copies of as many of these pamphlets as have come to hand are attached.

7. There has been great hatred openly displayed against the political prisoners in Schio ever since the liberation of the Commune by the Allies and it has been with some difficulty that acts of violence have been prevented from being taken against them.

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8. The situation appears to have reached its climax on the 28th June 1945, when PERDICCHI William returned to Schio from forced labour in Germany.

9. PERDICCHI was one of 11 men who were deported from Schio to Mauthausen, Germany, on the 8th January 1945, and he was the only one to return alive, the remainder having died as a result of their ill-treatment by the Germans. A list of the prisoners and their particulars is attached.

10. This news so incensed the population than an immediate strike was called and a crowd of people, variuosly estimated as between 3,000 and 5,000, demonstrated in the main square of the town demanding justice and death to the fascist prisoners.

11. This demonstration passed without any incident of violence and the people dispersed after the C.A.O., Captain CHAMBERS, had spoken to them.

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15. It was approximately 2215 hours when the party arrived at the prison. They found the door open as the wife of the chief jailer had become anxious about her husband's prolonged absence, and had sent her brother-in-law to look for him. The brother-in-law had at the moment returned to the prison and the wife of the chief jailer had just opened the prison gate. They had barely spoken to each other when the chief jailer and the three masked men arrived and took them all inside the prison, locking the gate after them.

16. Enquiries up to the moment throw grave suspicion on the story as told by the chief jailer and his wife. The former is at present in custody, but despite repeated interrogations, insists on basically the same story.

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17. When the party arrived inside the prison there is a divergence of evidence as to what happened then. The chief jailer and his wife always telling substantially the same story which is to the effect that they are unable to identify any of the three men because they were wearing masks the whole time.

18. The brother-in-law who was standing at the prison gate says that when the chief jailer and the three men arrived they were not wearing masks, but handkerchiefs tied around their necks which they pulled up over the lower part of their faces a few seconds after entering the prison.

19. Just inside the prison gate were two female political prisoners who had been employed cleaning the stairs of the jailors quarters. They state that the first man to enter the jail was not wearing a mask and they have identified him by name. Every effort is being made to effect the arrest of this man, but to date without success.

20. The three intruders then took the chief jailer and the remainder of the prison staff; the brother-in-law of the chief jailer and the two female political prisoners into the private quarters of the second jailer, whom they found in bed. This party was locked in this apartment and one of the intruders was left there to guard them.

21. After about half an hour the chief jailer was called out to unlock the cells, but he refused. He did, however, show the intruders where the keys were and they tore a list of the inmates of the prison from a wall in the jailer's office.

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The men, both political and communal, were distributed in the remaining cells. The raiding party appears to have dividedinto three parties. One party dealt with the women, the second party dealt with the men, and the third appears to have remained in the court-yard and also assisted in re-loading the weapons.

24. All the communal prisoners, 6 men and 2 women, were taken to a small cell that forms part of No.2 cell. In addition to the 8 communal prisoners the raiders singled out 4 of the male political prisoners to be saved from the massacre and put them in the same cell with the 8 communal prisoners.

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25. By this time the masked raiders had separated the prisoners into 3 groups, the 12 mentioned in the last paragraph; 56 men in the large cell of cell No.2; 23 women and 6 men in cell No.4. About 5 or 6 of the masked raiders, all armed with automatic weapons, were in each of the cells Nos. 2 and 4, and commenced firing at their helpless victims almost simultaneously.

26. The two large cells in which the executions took place are about 18 ft. by 25 ft. by 8 ft. high, and are lined with wood approximately six inches thick.

27. As far as can be ascertained the massacre commenced at 0015 hours on July 7th 1945. The murderers stood their victims at one end of each of the cells, about 3 or 4 deep, and then fired their automatic weapons at them. The length of time the firing continued is not definitely known, but times given vary from 5 to 10 minutes.

28. When the assassins decided their work had been done, they left the prison, but fortunately some of their would-be victims had not been wounded and after some minutes they managed to call help. The jailer and his party were released by the prisoners from their quarters, and using the telephone at the wine-shop opposite the prison, the CC.RR., hospital authorities, and an Italian military unit stationed locally; were soon informed and on the spot.

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31. To date only one person has been definitely identified as wanted, as mentioned in paragraph 19. One person is in custody alleged to have been identified by voice, but there is no further evidence against him at the moment.

32. A further report will be submitted when something more definite is known as to the prospects of a prosecution or otherwise.

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THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTS OF THE PROLETARY STRUGGLE

LABOURERS! COMPANIONS!

Seeing the convulsive agitation of the political struggle in Italy, seeing the continual talk that is done throughout the world of perpetual peace, seeing the economical crisis, which surpassed the first illusions of the end of the war, will fall to the lot of the working class and on all those who work, our Party confirms:-

(1) Fascism, which the working class wants definitely destroyed, so as not to recommence the horrors of these 22 years of nightmare, can only be destructed if the economical and political regimes of the middle class also be destroyed: epuration can only sweep off the face of the earth a few individuals, but cannot sweep away definitely a system which is rooted in the interests of conservation of the middle class. This last task, the only effective one, can only be realised by a proletary revolution.

(2) Real Peacecannot have birth on the green table of diplomacy of middle class countries: it would always be a false peace founded on the exploitation of one people by part of another one, that is to say of proletariat by part of capitalism. Peace can only be the result of the international victory of the Communist revolution.

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(4) Reconstruction accomplished under capitalisms flag and under the national solidarity is a good profitable for the national and international middle class, not for you: to reconstruct one must first destroy a monstrous state and economical apparatus that is fed ch the blood and fatigues of the labourer. In the same way the crisis can be momentarily resolved by capitalism, but its sceptre will continue to weigh on proletariat as long as the economical system which has for object the realisation and consolidation of profits will abide. Just like the war, so the crisis will be won only by the proletariat revolution.

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How will you labourers prepare yourselves for this revolutionary result? How will you prepare the conditions for a definite assault and not an illusory one of the government.

You will prepare then; first of all, fighting for the defence of your vital interests against the ruling class, whenever these interests are in danger, and in all the organisms which traditionally defend them. You will defend them in the Sindacates, fighting for them so that they will be the military expression of your class and the free expression of all the political currents, averting that they become one of the many stepping-stones of the middle class, demanding in them entire freedom of expression and speech. You will defend them in the internal factory commissions, assuring yourselves that the same have not been elected by superior powers, but by you yourselves, so as not to become instruments of collaboration of the ruling class, and when these organs will result to your understanding unable to defend truly your immediate and future interests and will be unable to unite in an only lot your class you will defend them in new organs, exquisitely classistic, genuine expression of your will and aspirations; instruments of your struggle revolutionary against the exploiters - the Factory Counsels:

You will prepare them carrying out thoroughly on your working place and out of it the fight of class against capitalism, exploitation against oppression of holders of capital and against these who live on your daily fatigues, against war profiteers, and the destruction and reconstruction for the bettering of your living conditions.

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You will prepare them finally expressing in facts your concrete and active solidarity with your brothers of other countries who fight against the same enemy for the same cause, refusing to support new politics, uniting your revolutionary struggle to that of the proletariat all over the world.

This is your main route, Labourers, under this sign you will win!

The International Communist Party.

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POINTS OF REFERMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COM UNIST PARTY

War and Peace:

Proletariat which had done the war against its will must avert that peace, with the economical crisis which projects itself on the spirit of the large crowds, become the tool of international capitalism, and represent the beginning of a new period of middle class life that no economical and idealogical speech can historically justify.

Real peace, lasting peace, is only possible by the elimination of the war regimen - Capitalism! which will disappear on the only condition that proletariat gives it good-will, ideas and strength to sweep it away from the face of the earth, on which it has dominated tyrannical and exploiter for over a century.

Real peace, lasting peace, is solidly tied to the victorious outcome of the proletariat struggle. The Federation of the Communist countries of Europe is the first step towards the new order in the world: the "International" is the guarantee against any return of the barbarities of imperial capitalism.

We and the internal situations.

Nowit is evident that the elimination of nazi-fascism, glorious and heroic page of our working people, has not signified in no way modifications of social, political and economical conditions that make proletariat the eternal force subject from which the middle class can and will attain boundless riches to aliment a life of idleness and of dissipation, and from which it will recruit means and fighters for its new adventures and wars.

The International Communists that have been against the war and have fought against the responsible political forces, have now a clear conscience rehording the way to follow.

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were in the hands of the most progressive of the democratic forces.

We are not by far tender towards the reign of Savoia, as for
no other monarchy and we attend its elimination from the national
complex with the same passionate urgency and interest that we
would have for the extirpation of a cancer from the body of a
beloved one, but we denounce the effort to make this the basis
of a fundamental problem so as to lull in the crowds the real and
fundamental objects of its struggle.

The Progressive Democracy is in theory the greatest
mistification done to the proletariat after fascism: in politics
it is the most recent and subtle tactics device of middle class
to oblige proletariat to pay by cash the tributes of peace, after
having paid with its blood those of the war.

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We and insurection:

Insurection done by proletariat for ends not proletariat, has created a very strange situation. Certain political parties with vague aspirations revolutionary cleverly masked with progressivism think, or rather they illude themselves to be the arbiters of the new situation, to have power in their hands, and they don't see that they have their hands and feet tied together, and to be briefly at the mercy of the capitalist boss. The awakening will be sad. Will the sacrifice of the proletariat fighters in Greece serve for nothing?

Also many labourers are victims of this illusion. They have believed that the factory was to be controlled directly by them, that tenics and employees would obey them, that the employers had been sent away from the factories, as by a miracle by the patriotic insurection.

Afterwards, stark reality followed under the dress of good sense of responsibility, of the civism of the new social centre bosses, who have made clear to the insubordinates that labourers must be labourers and that the bosses are to be definitely always the bosses. Hurrah!

We and the tasks of Proletariat:

It's up to you, Labourer, to not fall in new negative experiences: you can avert them only if you will not abandon the class plan of your struggle.

Fascism is not dea, not only because the class which has given it birth is still alive, but because, by a successful camouflage, too many fascist elements have slipped themselves in political military organs of the new regimen. Labourer, this is one of the good reasons for you to be vigilant so that the new movement continues on the plan of class, and above all to urge the preparation of the political categories of a party that has for object not the conservation of the middle class society, but the proletariat revolution. No "epuration" is worth anything if that which is rotten is not pulled out by the roots.

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Reconstruct your sindacates, but remember that the increase in salaries is transient and against class if you lose sight of the historical problem of your complete economical and political emancipation.

You have experiemnted for more than twenty years the stupid and tyrannical dictatorship of the fascist sindacates; avoid creating another one under the leadership of the three parties of democracy. The Sindacate must be a free camp of interests, of ideas and of methods, otherwise it will transform itself in a fortress against the revolution.

This is the hour for the factory counsels. Only through adviceyou, labourer, can guarantee the duration of your struggle if the sindacate will become, as it will become, monopoly of the non-revolutionary parties, only through advice you will become politically and technically worthy tomorrow to conduct the factory in which you work.

Let the factory counsel be the banner of your near battle, the premise of your revolutionary attack against power.

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PROLETARIES!

The governing of certain classes imposed by the middle class regimen menaces to charge you with all the consequences of war, and therefore to pile more miserics, more mournings and sufferings on the back of the labcurers, who were all against the war itself.

As you yourself can see the prices keep on going up, the arrogance of the employers is always the same, work does not stir up, and the spontaneous voice of the crowds has not as yet found the way to make itself heard. Nothing better could be expected and no improvements can be had until Society will not undergo that transformation which production systems impell, transformation which if not done will prolong indefinitely this state of disorder and bad conditions. It is evident that the capitalist regimen finds itself today in front of economical and social problems of such vast interest that it doesn't know to what means to recur to superate the crisis. Only the revolution and the uniting of all producing means will allow to climb again with success the abyss in which we were thrown by the ferocious egoism of caste by world capitalism.

Capitalism is today powerless before the interrogations set before him, and it doesn't see any other way of getting away except through compromises to superate overcome this moment and be able afterwards to proceed violently for the liquidation of proletary vindications. Your duty is therefore to refuse any support to governments who maintain inaltered social reports, even if the same will be masked by a hypocrital dress of progression, since no progress is possible for proletariat until proletariat itself will not be set at the head of the government. That which capitalism will concede you today by force of circumstances, it will take away from you tomorrow with force if it still will have in its hands the governing power, moreover by itself capitalism cannot proceed to post-war construction. Therefore no support to middle class governments, support which cannot be justified by the vulgar abuse of the word. Futhermore

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The proletary crowds cannot resign themselves to see their own destinys decided from above, and without their intervention; but they insist to enter also into the political field, and ask for this purpose special organisms which can guarantee them against any treachery or degenerations. The proletary crowds have been tried by the fire of war in such a way that they can by now pretend the right to judge, control and guide by themselves society. Enough with educators and Conductors! Hurrah! for the proletary independence and for the Communist revolution!

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COMUNE OF SCHIO

List of Schio citizens deported to Nauthausen on the 8th Jan. 45.

ZANON Andrea, son of late Andrea and late Sanionà Teresa, born at Schio August 5th 1891. Address 10 Via del Castello, Schio. Died at Gusen on 14 March 45 of dysenery and blows.

BOZZO Andrea, son of late Giuseppe and of Bolcato Candida, born at Schio June 23rd 1886, married. Address 26 Via Baratto, Schio. Died at Gusen on 1 April 45 of dysentory and nephritis.

VIDALE Giuseppe, son of late G. Batta and of Nighezzolo Celestine, born at Schio 12 Dec. 1901, married. Address 157 Via Pasubio, Schio. Died at Nauthausen 10 February 1945.

THIELLA Anselmo, son of late Giovanni and of Munaretto Cesira, born at San Paolo (Brazil) Feb.13th 1907, married. Address 19 Via Pasubio, Schio. Died at Gusen 12 April 45 of blows.

GALVAN Italo, son of late Giuseppe and late Rossi Irene, born at Schio Feb. 19th 1905, bachelor. Address 126 Via Pasubio Schio. Died at Gusen in April 45 of dysentery.

BORTOLOSO Giovanni, son of Pietro and Dalla Guarda Maria, born at Schio 29 May 1912, married. Address 31 Viale Fronto-Trieste, Schio. Killed by gas on 15 April 45.

GRACCO Livio, son of late Giovanni and of Zaltron Iona, born at Schio 14 Nov.1911, bachelor. Address 2 Via Pilastro, Schio. Died at Nauthausen of dysentery.

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POZZER Pier Franco, son of Giuseppe and Bonomi Regina, born at Schio 16 Jan.1925, bachelor. Address 83 Via Pasini, Schio. Was left at Mauthausen Hospital with plourisy 5 Feb. 45.

The news was brought to Schio by an ex-interned young man returned on 27 June 45, from Mauthausen, Willian PERDIOCCHI, living at Schio, Via Porta di Sotto, and communicated to the Arch-priest of Schio. The latter informed the Municipio on 28 June 45.

Signed. The Sindaco
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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 22 JULY 1945 OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN NORTH ITALY

REGION	SHOT	Deaths other than shooting	KIDNAPPED	MISSING	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
Lombardia	1	-	-	-	15	16
Piemonte	2	1	-	1	-	4
Emilia	1	-	2	5	-	8
Liguria	1	-	-	-	-	1
Venezia	4	1	-	-	-	8
TOTALS	9	2	2	6	15	37

30 July 1945

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PLU/PS/7.1

Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 1/1020Z

Message Centre No: M/2245

Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 2/0645Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MRSC VENEZIA REGION

TO : MRS-C ALCOM

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Reference your AG/1/1/91/FS of 26 June 1945. Week ending 29 July nil report.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 642

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 011220

Message Centre No: F/2237

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 020900

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM : AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO : HQ AICOM CITE ACSF

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AC/14091/PS dated 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths and overt acts NW ITALY weekending 29 July. GENOA (A) 8 bodies found, demonstrations 2, 1 concerning salaries, 1 respecting British election result. No incidents. LA SPEZIA 1 death by accidental explosion. 30 armd men raided Italian artillery depot teking 10 automatic weapons and ammunition. 3 armed robberies. IMPERIA (A) 1 body found. SAVONA nil return. Signed HEREFORD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478427-580

AC/14191/PS 19 June 1945

SUBJECT : Points from the Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

GEB 11A.B

1. Reference 4/35 B/CA. dated 19 June 1945.

2. Appendix "A" gives a resume of the situation as gleaned from the reports of APSO's in the northern provinces.

These reports cover the period to the end of May 1945 and in the interval with the surrender of arms, the zero date for which in IV Corps territory was 7th June, the situation has considerably abated. Killings have dropped very considerably and in some areas have ceased.

3. It is nevertheless the considered opinion that a vast quantity of serviceable arms have been withheld to no good purpose and the situation cannot be considered stable.

4. The press reports of this date in Bolzano and Spezia have not been confirmed by A.M.G. and it seems strange that the officers in the area have no knowledge so far of the incidents. The Imola incidents as known are related under "Emilia" Province report.

5. The dearth of Public Safety Officers is to be deprecated, despite the fact that a greater number were assigned in the north than in other southern regions.

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The latest deflection of released officers from Toscana to Giulia whereas they were intended to reinforce evenly the northern compartimenti is regretted. The offer of S.O.M. officers to supplement Public Safety Officers is welcomed. Their experience would not warrant their employment as professional police officers. They could however act as liaison security officers under the Regional Public Safety Officers and possibly in the course of a short experience embrace some of the duties of a P.S.O.

The following numbers could be absorbed:

Emilia Province	2
Liguria Province	2
Lombardia Province	2
Piemonte Province	2.

Walter Doherty
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for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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PIEMONTE

This province presents the rosiest picture of all. On entering the territory reports were received that anything from 1500 to 5000 persons had been executed by the partisans and the smaller figure is considered to be the more credible. Since the arrival of the allied troops and military Government there have only been nine persons reported killed and it is difficult to determine whether they were political or private shootings.

LOMBARDIA

This province appeared to have been the storm centre so far as the magnitude of death roll is concerned.

From 25 April to 5 May 1945 782 dead

Thereafter reports disclose the following

Milan City	5 to 29 May	145
Milan Province	1 to 25 May	152
Bergamo	1 to 25 May	87
Sondrio	1 to 25 May	75

The shootings generally took place after dark and invariably the persons were shot in the back of the head and the, all identification removed. Not all of the victims were fascists and it is considered a large proportion of the cases were sheer thuggery to obtain money and to satisfy their last for blood.

Happily when military patrols were established coupled with a strict curfew killings gradually decreased and eventually only remote cases were recorded.

LIGURIA

A large number (not specified) took place during the first 21 days the average being assessed at 20 per night. One bad case was where a carabiniere was murdered and another wounded. Apprehensions were made in this case.

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VENEZIA

130 killings have been reported, chiefly in Padova area. This number is not supported by bodies found. 78 are alleged to have occurred in the vicinity of Codevigo between 29 April to 16 May. On 9 May, 7 political prisoners were taken out of Solesino prison and 6 bodies were found on the following day 15 Km south of Padova.

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At Chioggia, Venezia Province, 2 members of the "Cremona" Division entered the prison and shot two members of the Brigata Nera.

At Verona on 28 May twenty persons from Imola came in quest of refugees from Imola. They collected 20 and after interrogation took away three girls and three men and shot them.

Many arrests have been made in the above cases.

Three British Soldiers were shot, two fatally, and arrests have been made in two cases.

In this province banditry has been responsible for the shootings.

On 16 June at the Court of Assize in Padova, spectators in the court siezed and lynched a prisoner actually under trial. The police had to rescue other 5 persons awaiting trial and under cover of darkness had them removed to a place of safety.

According to an Italian press report of 19 June, two Italian soldiers were killed in Bolzano, the inference being by Germans. No official report has been received on this.

EMILIA

In Bologna Province for the week ended 23 May, 58 bodies were found, 11 in the city and 47 in the province. Other 32 persons were kidnapped and it is presumed later executed.

On 9 May 7 prisoners escorted by partisan police to Modena prison were executed en route on the pretext that a prisoner attempted to disarm on of the guard.

On 26 May, 16 persons detained at Verona were taken to Imola under the orders of a Commissario of P.S. without AMG authority. A large crowd evidently pre-warned of the arrival beat twelve of the prisoners to death. Several arrests have been made including the commissario.

It is estimated that 2000 persons are "missing" in this area before and after the allied occupation and it cannot be proven that all were fascists.

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A report just received from the Episcopal Curia of Imola, per Liaison Division, advises of the murder of three priests in the diocese within the past two months, one in Imola - Bologna Prov. and two in Ravenna Prov. No information has been received of these killings from AMG. 1165

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PS 27
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 291000

Message Centre No: F/1842
Date Time Recd: JULY 301115
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ PIEMONTE REGION
TO : AICOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM

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Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in north ITALY. Nil report in A B C D E.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Public Safety

Originator's Reference: 1600

Message Centre No: F/1697

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 280930

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 281900

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY FOR POLETTI SIGNED POWLER

TO : ALCOM ROME ACHSF

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Reference your AC/14191/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 22 July:

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3 road accidents, 1 suicide, 11 armed robberies, 2 bomb throwing incidents.

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1. In view of the focus of attention which is being pointed at Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA it is necessary that APHQ be more fully informed on security and public order conditions than would ordinarily be the case. Anti-Allied agitation by JUGOSLAV agents infiltration of trouble makers across the MORGAN line the behaviour of JUGOSLAV civil administrators and stay-behind JUGOSLAV organizations in VENEZIA GIULIA hostile activities of ex-members of the Guardia Del Popolo and infiltration of JUGOSLAV agents into the GARIBALDI Division are the type of questions on which APHQ desires to be kept informed. A brief summary of events in connection with the arrest of 3 in TRIESTE on 9 July is requested as soon as practicable.

2. While no periodic reports are required it is desired that any events of special interest will be reported separately without undue delay and that less important items be furnished from time to time as the situation indicates.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: E/529
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 261625B

Message Centre No: F/1416
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 261915B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ALG EMILIA REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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Ref your letter AC/14491/PS dated 26 June.

(A) PARMA 1. (B) nil. (C) BOLOGNA 2. (D) RAVENNA 5. (E) nil.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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SECRETARY		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: HXII/PS/7
Date/Time of Origin: JUL 251100B

Message Centre No: F/1193
Date Time Rec'd: JUL 251605B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RISC VENEZIA REGION
TO : PSOC ALCOM

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Reference your AC/14(P)1/IC of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending July 22nd (A) 4 (B) (C) (D) (E) nil.

TO	Staff Sec'y	26/7
DIRECTOR	(A)	26/7
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	POLAD	26/7
CHIEF OF STAFF	POLAD	27/7
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 569
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 241530B

Message Centre No: F/1126
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 250830B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPSF

AC/14091/PS

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Your AC/74091/PS of 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths and overt acts NW ITALY.

Week ending 22 July. GENOA (A) 1. LA SPEZIA (E) mines and explosions 14 suicide 1. SAVONA and IMPERIA nil. APUANIA (E) forest fire July 21 at SARZANA causing explosion of abandoned German ammunition dump nine dead 35 wounded. LUCCA (E) explosion in mine depot see report W 20 July. End signed EFFCHD.

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Action - P Safety SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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25 JUL 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427-580

AC/14191/PS

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : SCHIO Prison Massacre.

TO : G - 5 AFHQ

1. As requested by telephone enclosed is copy of the shooting of political prisoners at SCHIO.

2. Further developments will be reported.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AG/14192/ir. 24 July 45

SUBJECT : Murder of Priests at Herenna & Bologna

TO : The Ministry of the Interior
Italian Government
ROME .

I am in receipt of your letter 23509 dated 25 June 1945.

Inquiry made in the area by the Public Safety Officer has elicited the following information :-

Giovanni Ferrucci, head priest, was shot prior to the arrival of the Allies and there is no evidence as to the culprit.

Two other cases have been reported in Bologna Province :-

(a) On 9 May 1945 at Spazzate Sassatelli, Commune of Imola, two unknown men took Father Don Pivo Gallotti from his home and shot him.

(b) On 14 May 1945 at Poggio Commune of S.Giovanni in Persiceto, the local priest Enrico Donati was found shot.

Enquiries made so far have failed to trace those responsible but the murders are presumed to have been occasioned by political motives.

G.R. [illegible]
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
APO 394

17 July 1945

FILE: R.IX/PS/60/40

SUBJECT: Murder of Priests at Ravenna and Bologna.

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

1. Re your AC/14191/PS dated 5 July 1945.

2. The death of the priest Giovanni Ferruzzi took place several weeks prior to Allied occupation and no evidence is available as to the manner in which he met his death.

3. Two cases have been reported in Bologna province since the date of occupation, where priests have been shot.

4. (a) On the 9th May 45 at Spazzate Sassatelli, in the Commune of Imola, two unidentified armed men took the local priest Don Tiso Galletti from his home and shot him.

(b) On 14th May 45 at Poggio in the Commune of S.Giovanni in Persiceto, the local priest of Lerenza= tico, Enrico Donati, was found shot.

5. Both murders are attributed to political motives.

6. Enquiries have been made to trace the persons concerned but so far without good result.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

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H.S. GOULD, Major,
A/Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Pub Safety

Originator's Reference: PS 27

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 221100

Message Centre No: F/777

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 221217

FROM: RFSO PIEMONTE REGION

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO : AIGOR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM

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Subject is shootings and other event acts in N ITALY.

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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 15 JULY 45
OF ILLEGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shooting	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life
Lombardia	3	-	2	-	19
Piemonte	4	1	2	-	-
Emilia	8	-	3	1	-
Liguria	11	1	-	-	4
Venezia	4	3	-	-	-
	30	5	7	1	23

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for JOHN W. CHAPIN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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...EGAL KILLINGS IN N. ITALY

...apped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
2	-	19	24
2	-	-	7
3	1	-	12
-	-	4	16
-	-	-	7
7	1	23	66

for JOHN T. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
A.F.H.Q. 394, U.S.ARMY

File 55 A

20 July, 1945

AC/41491/13

Subject: Arrests in Trieste.

To: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. I have just returned from my trip of inspection through North Italy and am informed that you have not had a report on the arrests which were made in Trieste and which have been the basis for news stories in the past couple of days. I was present in Trieste at the time the arrests were madeand assisted in rounding up the individuals who were arrested. The facts are as follows;

2. The F.S.S. detachment in the Territory had received information that an armed strike would take place sometime within the first two weeks of July. Acting on this information, the detachment immediately began searching for further information concerning possible leaders and agitators with the result that by 7 July, 72 persons had been identified as being active in the resistance movement or as dangerous to military security.

3. On Sunday, 8 July, the Captain commanding the F.S.S. detachment met in conference with the Provost Marshal for Trieste and the S.C.A.P.O. for AMG and plans were made for raids to be made the following morning for the purpose of apprehending the persons designated by F.S.S. The plans called for ten raiding parties to each of which was assigned a certain area of the city and the names of the wanted persons who resided in the area. The raids were to begin at 0600 hours, 9 July, in order to avoid any possible gathering of crowds. The persons listed were partly Italian and partly Slovene. There was no indication that their political ideas had anything to do with their being on the list.

4. The arrests were made before 1100 hours, 9 July, of all persons named in the lists who could be found in Trieste. There were no incidents during or after the raids. F.S.S. advised that they had prepared the necessary press releases and that neither the Provost nor Public Safety Officer should concern themselves with the publicity. My information is that XIII Corps deals directly with AFHQ which should have the official report on the action taken.

John W. Chapman
Colonel, Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/II.4
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 181715

Message Centre No: F/457
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 200830B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO VENEZIE REGION
TO : ALCOM

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Your 1959 of 17 July 45 received. Report follows as soon as possible.

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

AWR/fj

9 July 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezie Region.
P.S. S-C., A.C.H.Q., C.M.F.

SUBJECT : Terrorism and Banditry in Venezie Region.

FILE NO : RXII/PS/11.4

Up to the end of June, in spite of the number of killings reported in my monthly report, it was considered that there was a tendency for this to decrease and a return to normality in the not too distant future envisaged.

Happenings and information received during the early days of the present month do not however lend support to this opinion.

The situation in general may be considered under the following headings :

I Killings, Threats, Etc.

II Rehabilitation of Police Agencies.

III Problem of over crowded jails and slowness of process of investigation of political prisoners.

In regard to 1

(a) Although complete details of killings during the first week of July are not available, there have been certain developments which tend to show that the hope that post war violence was decreasing is not being fulfilled.

For example on the night of the 6th inst, the worst massacre of unarmed political prisoners that has so far occurred, took place at the Mandamentale Prison at Schio, Prov of Vicenza.

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Briefly, an unknown number of masked men, all armed with automatic firearms, gained an entrance to the jail after locking up the small jail guard, obtained from the jailers office the list of political prisoners incarcerated therein. They then proceeded to segregate the political prisoners from the criminal prisoners, by placing them in separate rooms, viz, females in one and males in another, totalling 68 males and 25 females.

When this was done automatic fire was opened up on these defenceless persons simultaneously, which resulted in the deaths of 53 persons and the wounding of the remainder.

This slaughter is believed to be the work of certain members of the 'Coremi' Division of Patrioti, who in fact had all been 'officially' disarmed.

(b) Further, in the Tagliamento area, centering around Portogruaro, it is reported that 300 ex-patrioti have become bandits, and are now terrorising the countryside by shootings,

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murders and extortions.

(c) Further reliable information has been received from C.I.C. VERONA, that the lives of certain Allied Officers are threatened, which include Major Stevenson, Provincial Officer and Captain Bean, P.P.S.O.

These latter threats are said to emanate from an unknown band of terrorists which C.I.C. have recently uncovered.

In regard to II

It will be appreciated that Public Safety Division in this Region is and has been doing all that is humanly possible to re-habilitate on a sound basis all the civil police agencies, particularly the CC.RR.

Against much opposition in many cases, CC.RR have been introduced into Communes with tact and patience and every effort made on the part of individual P.S.Os to restore their morale and support them in regaining confidence and the exercise of their duties.

This opposition, although subdued for the time being, still exists, mainly on the part of the patrioti and there is no question of doubt whatsoever, the fear oftime expressed by CC.RR senior officers as to what is to happen when we pull out, is amply justified.

Support is lent to this by the dread frequently expressed by the upper and business classes, of the situation which is likely to arise when communism raises its head in reality after the territory is handed back to the Italians.

There is no doubt in my mind that there is every justification for this fear.

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Consequently they are very much on guard as to their present actions. 115

Other points which influence them are the facts that many of them have been dragged away from their homes, badly fed and clothed, indiferently armed and under and inefficiently officered in many cases.

The fact that rations etc, are frequently not available in accordance with the scale laid down, in some cases badly housed, all has a bad affect on their morale in spite of the promises and encouragement given.

It must be appreciated that the rottenness and corruption engendered in all public services under Fascism is a trait which will take a long time to erradicate.

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The temperament of the Italian is too well known to need re-iteration.

All these factors have to be borne in mind when judging the value of these men in regard to the maintenance of law and order.

A case in point which indicates how the wind blows is in regard to the Mobile Battalion recently despatched North from Senigallia for duty in Venezie.

They arrived badly and indiferently clothed from the South. Less than half the promised vehicles arrived and even some of these don't function.

They have too few officers and N.C.Os. All the armoured vehicles have drivers only and no other trained personnel such as W/T operators or gunners. No ammunition or instructions and apparently little idea of what is expected of them.

They are forced to live under bad conditions, which it is hoped soon to remedy, and are no doubt demoralised.

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This situation will of course be remedied, but is indicative of the morale prevailing in what was hoped would be a really useful body of men under the present turbulent conditions.

Enquiry is in hand to deter the ringleaders and punish them.

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The above facts must not be lost sight of despite the dictates of higher policy.

In regard to III

Overcrowding of prisons, resulting from the many arrests effected by C.L.N. - who incidentally are still effecting arrests in spite of orders to the contrary - is causing considerable anxiety, particularly when coupled with the tardiness of the Italian Courts and investigation commissions in dealing with political prisoners.

It is worthy of note that all the individuals shot at Schio, were persons in regard to whom no investigation had been made or charges framed.

It is reasonable to suppose that a number of these persons had little real evidence against them.

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It is the frustration felt by these hot headed patrioti, caused by the seeming procrastination in dealing with political prisoners, that brings about such incidents as accurred at Schio.

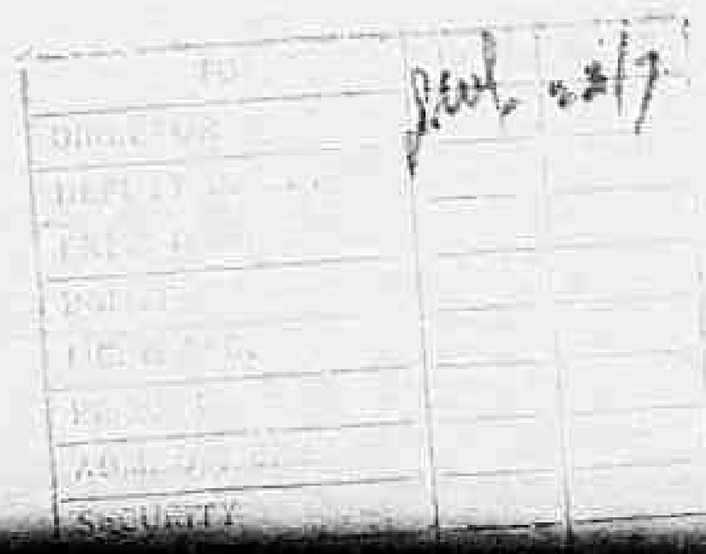
The delay in confirming the carrying into effect death sentences awarded by Special Courts of Assize is another factor which contributes to the same feeling ~~and~~ amongst these erratic and hot blooded elements.

SUMMARY

It is felt that whatever may be the dictates of higher policy and the grounds such were based on, the announcement that the Allies were proposing to turn back to the Italians much of the Northern territory, was most inoportune and premature and has cut right across the work that is being done to restore confidence in the minds of the public and morale amongst the peace enforcing agencies.

Finally, that although "stand down" parades have been held all over the Region for patrioti and "official" disarming taken place, it is noteworthy that each of the masked men concerned in the masacre at Schio was in possession of an automatic firearm. This confirms the opinion oftime expressed by P.S.Os, that only a tithe of the weapons at large have so far been handed in, I say nothing of the stacks of loose explosives, bombs, dynamite, which are ~~is~~ laying about the countryside, at which so far little has been done by the Military Authorities to collect and place in safe custody.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PADOVA
-Ufficio Servizio-

N° 232/2 Prot. Padova 2 July 1945

SUBJECT : Present situation within the jurisdiction of the territory of Portogruaro, after the murder of "Comm. IVANCICH Carlo".

TO : Regional Public Safety Office, AMG, Venezie Region, APO 394

The zone of the lower Tagliamento, where this crime has been committed , is infested by a group of criminals, about 300, who already belonged to the dissolved partisan units. These persons, gathered in armed gangs, are committing all sort of crimes, particularly rapings, murders for the purpose of robbing, extortions, violences, etc.

The perpetrators of the murder of IVANCICH, which produced a deep impression and a great fright among the people of that zone, are to be searched in the members of the above said gangs. The commander of the territory of Portogruaro, due to diligent investigations of this crime, already knows the main elements of the plotters. Such investigations, although carried out with a great reservedness and moderation, awakened the attention of the members of the above said gangs, particularly of those who are directly suspected as the perpetrators of the murder (mandators and mandataries).

Of course their activity aims to interfere and paralyze our present investigations, in order to prevent the police investigations which should take us to the identification and arrest of the directly or indirectly responsible persons of this serious crime.

The obstacles interposed by them, are continuos verbal threats to the carabinieri personnel carrying out the investigations, who are unable to intervene efficaciously, due to their exiguous number in comparison with the preponderant forces of the gangs of the zone, which help one another. Lately they have

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In order to avoid that the Carabinieri may be put in danger of a useless bloodsheed due to the steady decision of those gangs to resist to the utmost with their numerous individual and collective automatic arms, it would be necessary to intervene opportunely by a quick and powerful action, so that we can capture all these bandits, included several dangerous Slav elements who work with the same gangs.

After their capture, many crimes, which now are hidden by victims for fear of more ferocious reprisals, would come out.

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The zones more vexed by these bandits are : S.Michele al Tagliamento, Morsano, Malafesta, S.Giorgio al Tagliamento, Lugugnana and the zone of the mouth of Tagliamento; East Tagliamento: Latisana, Ronchis, S.Vito al Tagliamento.

On the night between the 22nd and 23rd of June inst., at Lugugnana people heard six shots and on the morning of the 23rd they found a bill fixed on the entrance gate of the estate of count DAL TORSO at Lugugnana, on which it was written in print-like characters and by a red pencil:

"WE ARE PATRIOTS AND DECLARE TO KILL FIVE OF YOUR CLASS FOR THE DEATH OF ONE GARIBALDINO CONDEMNED BY YOUR CLASS".

In order to search in a continuous and firm manner the said zones until the complete success, there would be need of at least 200 men, all in uniform, armed also with "mitra" and machine guns. These men, divided in 4 groups, transported by vehicles and with 40 men each one, united one another by couples of military motocyclists, should carry out house to house searches to discover arms, to arrest their holders and to capture the components of the above mentioned gangs.

A fifth unit, formed by 40 men transported by vehicles, should be put at the disposal of the directing officer on duty, in order to be able to send them where needed.

Only through an action of this strength the Carabinieri would succeed in commanding respect and confirming their ancient reputation among people who now live under a continuous terror due to the spresding of this ferocious delinquency after the demobilization of the partisan groups in which infiltered very dangerous Italian and Slav criminals.

If the Allied Command approves this operation, they should put at the disposal of the Group of Venice 200 soldiers of the Batallion, at least 6 motorcycles and a necessary number of motor-lorries.

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

14191

16 July, 1945

17 LUG 1945

TO : Allied Commission
(Att'n: Civil Affairs Section)

SUBJECT : Jail Massacre at Schio

FILE NO : RXII/000.5 (RVD)

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I send you herewith, in duplicate, a report produced by the Provincial Officer at Schio. Further developments will be reported to you as they occur.

Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT (SCHIO)

P.S. /37/

Subjects: 1. Sequence of events of the massacre at the Carcere di Schio on the night of 6/7th July 1945, gathered from information given by witnesses.

2. Action taken by C.A.O. upon arrival and subsequently.

Copies to PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER (3) VICENZA
Capt. BAKER - P.P.S.O. - (1) VICENZA
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1. At about 20.00 hrs of the 6.th July the Chief Custodian of the prison left to take a glass of wine, apparently this was customary. Upon his return he found two men loitering outside the gates of the prison; these made some casual remark about the prisoners detained. When these men got close enoughtthey thrust a pistol(under the cover of a raincoat) into the side of the Custodian and led him some distance away from the prison. The prison is on the outskirts of the town.

At about 22.30 these two men and the Custodian were joined by three other men who were masked and armed. These sent away the first two and took the Custodian back to the prison. The Custodian swears he did not recognise the first two men, and said they were not from SCHIO - this is to be believed for what it is worth.

Upon arrival at the prison they found the gate open and the wife of the Custodian standing there waiting for her husband. The three masked men thrust the Custodian through the gate, following, and closing it behind them. With threats they insisted upon silence, gathered together the families of the two Custodians and locked them in their private apartment.

At an unfixed time between 2230 and midnight another ten (approx) masked men arrived. They brought out the two custodians from their apartment and with threats and menaces got from them the keys to the cells and tore from the wall a list of the prisoners, detained for political reasons. They then locked the two custodians into their apartment again. 11/0

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When the masked men had taken the list they went to the cells at about 00.10 and called out, and put to one side all the Comunal prisoners (i.e. thieves, etc.) and also four or five of the political prisoners. Until then the prisoners in the cells were entirely unaware that these masked men had entered the prison. The comunal prisoners, the two women and the political prisoners read from the list were at first put aside together in the courtyard and then were all shut into a cell with the door unlocked.

The party then split into two parts, one part went to the cell on the first floor, the other to the cell on the ground floor. The leader spoke to the prisoners, and one of the masked men said to one of the prisoners "TONY, you are saved". It has since been established that this "Tony" is identified as ANTONIAZZI ANTONIO. Suggest that this man be questioned closely, as also the prisoners whose names were called out by the masked men.

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From the interrogation of the survivors, the time of the shooting took place between 00.15 and 00.25 hrs. It has since been established as having commenced at 00.20 and lasting five minutes. The masked men left immediately after this.

The prisoners who had been set aside in the "unlocked" cell were afraid to come out for about an hour. Eventually one, MARON BRUNO, one of the political prisoners who had been called aside, came out of the cell and went to the office of the custodian to telephone the Carabinieri but he found the wires had been cut. Between them, these prisoners unlocked the cells where the shooting had taken place, went on foot to inform the CC.RR, the hospital and the Arch Priest, and helped transfer the wounded to hospital. The door of the private apartment of the custodians was found to be unlocked when MARON went to it. The CC.RR. arrived at the prison at approx. 0200 7 July. A messenger was sent to the H/Q. of the Italian Company commanded by Capitano MUGELLI DOMENICO, the telephone being out of order. He came to the house in which I am billeted but could get no reply, so returned to his H.Q. and telephoned me at about 0315.

2. At 0335 approx. I met Capt. MUGELLI at his H/Q., I was accompanied by Lt. BRINE and RFN. KNIGHT. At about 0345 we arrived at the hospital to interrogate the wounded. None of them would volunteer any statement regarding what had occurred.

We then went to the prison where the information from the Custodians and various prisoners was obtained as stated in Part I of this report.

In the meantime orders were given for the roads leading to the prison, the hospital and the wards where the wounded were detained to be guarded. This was done by the men put at my disposal by Capt. MUGELLI and the local CC.RR. Transport was obtained and the bodies of those killed in prison were loaded by the Vigile del Fuoco, who did some fine work. The bodies were taken directly tothe mortuaries at the cemetery.

One of the prisoners said he recognised the voice and the stature of one of these masked men. Action has since been taken regarding this. This man has since been arrested by RFN KNIGHT assisted by the American Military Police. They were known to each other from the days when KNIGHT worked with the Patriots. It has come to my knowledge to-day that threats have been made against the life of KNIGHT on this account.

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In the house of the arrested man were found the following explosives:

9 German flat-shaped mines - type 34 -
1 Italian anti-tank mine - type 34 - (prolonged)
1 round-shaped blasting charge of 3 kilos
1 rectangular-shaped blasting charge of 1 Kilo
2 " " blasting charges of 1 Kilo each
160 explosive gelatine tubes (Nobel) of 100 grammes each
135 " " " " of 200 " "
20 " " " " of 1 Kilo each (808)
550 Ammunition for machine-gun "Breda" cal. 8 mm.
36 " for Rifle cal. 6,5
22 Capsules for explisive mines
About 50 meters of slow combustion fuse.

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These were found when the C.M.P. and KNIGHT went to the house on Sat. 7.th in the afternoon. KNIGHT reported to me on the morning of Sunday 8.th that these explosives were still at the house. I immediately went there to see for myself and gave orders to the CC.RR, to collect them. The explosives are now at the H/Q. of the Italian Company at the Scuole Marconi awaiting disposal.

In view of the preceeding paragraph it is urgently recommended that sufficient men be sent into these areas of SCHIO, THIENE and VALDAGNO so that a search may be made for explosives and ammunition which I am certain are still hidden in the houses of the Patriots.

The following is a list of the dead or wounded as of Sunday 8.th at 2000 hrs:

30 men 13 women	died in prison	43
7 men 1 Woman	died in hospital	8
7 men 4 women	detained	11
8 men	treated and discharged	8
16 men 5 women	unharmed	21
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/s/ S.W. Chambers
/t/ S.W. CHAMBERS Capt. R.A.
C.A.O. Schio (Vicenza)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Pub Safety

Originator's Reference: E/497

Date/Time of Origin: JUL 20

Message Centre No: F/572

Date Time Rec'd: JUL 210845B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ACC EMILIA REGION

TO : HQ AICOM CITE ACRSF

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Reference your letter AC/14091/IS dated 26 June.

(A) BOLOGNA 2, RAVENNA 3, MODENA 1, PARMA 2.

(B) Nil.

(C) BOLOGNA 1, RAVENNA 2.

(D) REGGIO EMILIA 1.

(E) nil.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: 1506

Date/Time of Origin: JUL 200910B

Message Centre No: F/597

Date Time Rec'd: JUL 210850B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY FOR POLETTI SIGNED FOWLER

TO : ALCON ROME ACPSF

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Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 15 July.

(A) 3 (B) nil (C) 2 (D) nil (E) 19 3 road accidents, 2 suicides, 22 armed robberies, 1 bomb throwing incident.

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ACTION: P.Safety
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RCCI/PS/7
Date/Time of Origin: JUL 180945B

Message Centre No: F/259
Date Time Rec'd: JUL 190830B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PUBSO VENEZIE REGION
TO : PSSC ALCOM

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1. Reference your AC/14091 of 26 June. Return for week ending July 15 (A) 4 (B) 3 (C) nil (D) nil (E) nil.

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EXEC OFFICER		
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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AMG Pub. Safety

Originator's Reference: 551

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 17/1130B

Message Centre No: F/83

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 17/2115B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AAG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HEADFORD

TO : ALCON CITE ACMSF

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Your AC/14191/PS of 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths and overt acts IN ITALY. Week ending 15 July LUCCA (A) 2. APUANIA (A) 1 (E) 3 deaths by mines. LA SPEZIA (A) 4. (E) 2 accidental deaths. GENOA (A) 4 (B) 1 (E) 1. SAVONA Nil IMPERIA Nil



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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety 24A

Originator's Reference: 23PS

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 151200

Message Centre No: E/9850

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 160815

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PIEDMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in N ITALY.

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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 8 July 1945

of ILLEGAL SHOOTING IN NORTH ITALY

Region	Shot	Deaths other than shooting	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life
Lombardia	-	1	-	-	19
Piemonte	1	1	-	-	-
Emilia	3	-	-	-	-
Liguria	6	-	-	-	3
Venezia	7	5	-	-	-
	17	7	-	-	22

W. D.

P.S. 14 July 1945

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AFHQ
APO 512

PICTURE FOR WEEK ENDED 8 July 1945

of ILLEGAL SHOOTING IN NORTH ITALY

Deaths other than shooting	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
1	-	-	19	20
1	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	3	9
5	-	-	-	12
7	-	-	22	46

W. Doherty
Lt Col

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM LT. COL. ROWLERSON

RPSO VENEZIA TO PUBLIC SAFETY S/C AT 11,30 AM

7 JULY 1945

At 12,30 am 7/7, at ~~SHIO~~ SCHIO Vicenza Province, 15 members of CAEREMA Division, Patriots, all officially disarmed, forced entry into MANDEMENTALI Prison after cutting telephone wires, and shot with automatic firearms 69 political prisoners. 49 killed 20 in hospital. Youngest of those killed was a girl age 16, oldest,a woman aged 70. All were political prisoners held by Italian authorities. No clue to identity of persons responsible except possibly one. Steps being taken to clear small outlying prisons of political prisoners and concentrate them in Vicenza city.
Full reports follow.

FJW/pl

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/15. 4/CH

Recd 07/1230 hrs 7 Jul 45 0935 hrs. ac

SUBJECT: Public Safety.

TO: A/Executive Commissioner. Scn WD

1 Brig. Dunlop has just rung up to say that in the early hours of this morning 15 men armed with machine guns broke into the jail at SCHIO in the Province of Vicenza and killed 49 prisoners.

2 A full investigation is being made and the R.C. will keep us informed. He is removing the remaining prisoners in the jail in question and sending them to Vicenza.

G.R. UPJOHN. Brig.
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLAD		
ECA & C.S.		
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MEDICAL		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JUL 12NFT

Message Centre No: E/9299

Date Time Rec'd: JUL 122035B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG EMILIA REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACPSF

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Reference your letter AC/14091/PS dated 26 June. 2514

(A) FERRARA 2, REGGIO-EMILIA 1. Other categories nil for all Provinces.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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TO		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Public Safety

Originator's Reference: 1453

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 121000B 14/91/PS

Message Centre No: Z/9337

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 121440

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LIAISON DIA REG PUBLIC SAFETY FOR POLETTI SIGNED FRANCIS

TO : ALCOM ROME ACI SF

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 8 July. (A) 4 (B) 1 (C) nil (D) nil (E) 19 (12 road accidents, 4 explosions). 22 armed robberies. 5 other serious crimes. Widespread demonstrations and strikes on 5 July. BUFFARINI executed.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427 - 580

11 July 1945

AC/14191/PS

SUBJECT : Disturbance at Padova.

TO : R.C. Venezia Region.

-16 B

1. Reference is made to AC/14191/PS dated 29 June 1945.

2. The Executive Commissioner has asked this Sub-Commission what action has been taken in regard to para 2 and 3, and it is requested that a report on this matter be made in order to comply with his request.

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

WD/G

Copy to Ex. Comm.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/7.1
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 101655

Message Centre No: E/9136
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 111120
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO VENEZIE REGION 14191/PS
TO : PS SC ALCOM

EN CLEAR. 25 A

Reference your AC/14091/PS of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending 8 July (A) 54 (B) 5 (C) nil (D) nil (E) nil.

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ACTION - PUB SAFETY
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: 496

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 101245

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO : HQ AICOM: CITE ACPSF

Message Centre No: E/9073

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 110830

Precedence: IMPORTANT

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Your AC/14091/PS of 26 June refers. Subject is illegal deaths and overt acts NW ITALY. Week ending 8 July. LUCCA and APUANIA nil. LA SPEZIA (A) 1. GENOA (A) 4. 3 (E) 4 prisoners legally released from Questore. SAVONA carabinieri shot and slightly wounded. IMPERIA (A) 1.

Signed HEFFORD

TO	INIT	DATE
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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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11 JUL 1945
A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427-580

AC/14191/PS

10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Incidents at Schio Prison, Vicenza.

TO : Chief of Police, Ministry of Interior, Italian Government.

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1. I attach hereto copy of cable in regard to the execution of 47 prisoners in Schio prison for the information of the Minister, Prof. Parri.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

WD/ae

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427-580

AC/14191/PS

10 July 1945

SUBJECT : Incidents in Northern Italy.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. Reference telephone talk Col. Jackman - Col. Doherty today.

2. Copy of cables from Venezia and Liguria Region are forwarded herewith as requested.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

WD/ae

2 Encl.

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Exec Comm'r's Office
(11 July 45) 1130

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JUL 072040B
IMMEDIATE

VENEZIE REGION
ALCOM INFO GS 5TH ARMY

IN CLEAR.

Confirming my verbal message this morning DUNLOP UPJOHN.

Send first report on mass murders at prison SCHIO VICENZA PROVINCE. Approximately 15 armed men carrying automatics obtained admission to prison about midnight Friday Saturday by threats to gaoler. They segregated 73 political prisoners both men and women into 2 rooms and opened fire with automatics. 30 men and 13 women killed outright. 4 more died in hospital 26 wounded in hospital. Among killed women of 70 and girl of 17. Provincial Commissioner deputy Regional Commissioner and team experts with US Military Police have proceeded SCHIO and I await their full reports. In meantime have arranged publication local PWB papers of factual statement as above. For you confidential information some evidence as to identity criminals already hopeful. Will decide further action as to Allied Court of Inquiry at SCHIO or immediate trial of criminals if apprehended after receipt of report from Provincial Commissioner and in consultation with 5TH ARMY. Have ordered withdrawal political prisoners from small local gaols even at risk of overcrowding.

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ACTION: CA Sec
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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Copy TAKEN BY Ex C's OFFICE (11 JULY 45)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 5/2545B

Message Centre No: [illegible]

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 7/0934B

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: [illegible] LIGURIA REGION SIG 5 LEGFORD

TO : HQ ALCOA CITE ACCOE

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Information received that on 4 July 4 Spartisans incustody for murder of 11 prisoners and awaiting trial by AMG Court were illegally released from the QUESTURA at GENOA. Circumstances are that order was sent to detention room for the 4 prisoners to be brought up for interrogation. The order was presented by a partisan policeman and the prisoners handed over. Since this time prisoners and guard have not been seen. Investigations proceeding and report follows.

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ACTION : PUB SAFETY SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 30 JUNE 1945
OF ILLEGAL SHOOTING ETC IN NORTH ITALY

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Region	Shot	Death other than shooting	Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life
Lombardia	6	1	-	-	13
Piemonte	-	-	-	-	-
Emilia	3	-	-	-	-
Liguria	N o R e t u r n				
Venezia	3) + 47)	-	-	-	-

+ (SCHIO Prison incident)

N.B. Auto Arms Dump found in crypt of cemetary in Udine/ 8 July 1945.

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JOHN T.
Colonel,
Director

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OR WEEK ENDED 30 JUNE 1945
HOOTING ETC IN NORTH ITALY

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Kidnapped	Missing	Other incidents involving loss of life	TOTAL
-	-	13	20
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	3
N o	R e t u r n		
-	-	-	50

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crypt of cemetary in Udine/ 8 July 1945.

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

10 SET. 1945

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS
REGION XII

July 20th, 1945

To : Regional Commissioner (thro' R.P.S.O.).

Subject : Massacre at Schio Jail.

1. At approximately midnight during the night of the 6/7th July, 1945, a number of armed masked men, actual number not known but believed about 15, entered the mandamentale prison at Schio in the province of Vicenza, and killed and wounded a number of political prisoners by automatic weapon fire. The deaths to date are 53, and the wounded are 13. There were one or two slightly wounded who are included in the remaining 25 political prisoners, some of whom were uninjured.

2. In addition to the 91 political prisoners in the jail there were eight communal prisoners in custody for various civil offences. All of these were deliberately saved from the massacre by the murderers.

3. Since the 12th July 1945, this enquiry has been conducted by C.I.D. Agent Valentino, C.I.D. Agent Snyder both of 5 Army, and myself, assisted by Captain Baker, FPSO Vicenza.

4. Local carabinieri and Questura are assisting but they do not appear to be able to co-operate among themselves, and to-date, as a result of either their inefficiency or the fact that they are afraid of being associated with the case, four important suspects have disappeared.

5. Bearing in mind that this case is primarily an Italian government matter, the C.C.R.R. and Questore are being kept in the picture making routine enquiries.

6. From enquiries that have been made there is no doubt that the commune of Schio is a hot-bed of Communism of which there are two types. There is the Italian Communist Party, and the International Communist Party. Pamphlets issued by the latter have been widely distributed in the district. Copies of as many of these pamphlets as have come to hand are attached.

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2. In addition to the 94 political [illegible] communal prisoners in custody for various civil offences. All of these were deliberately saved from the massacre by the murderers.

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7. There has been great hatred openly displayed against the political prisoners in Schio ever since the liberation of the commune by the Allies and it has been with some difficulty that acts of violence have been prevented from being taken against them.

8. The situation appears to have reached its climax on the 20th June, 1945, when Perdicchi William returned to Schio from forced labour in Germany.

9. Perdicchi was one of 11 men who were deported from Schio to Mauthausen, Germany, on the 8th January, 1945, and he was the only one to return alive, the remainder having died as a result of their illtreatment by the Germans. A list of the prisoners and their particulars is attached.

10. This news so incensed the population that an immediate strike was called and a crowd of people variously estimated as between 3,000 and 5,000 demonstrated in the main square of the town demanding justice and death to the fascist prisoners.

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11. This demonstration passed without any incident of violence and the people dispersed after the C.A.O., Captain Chambers, had spoken to them.

12. As far as can be ascertained there were no further outward sign that there was to be another demonstration or any acts of violence until the evening of the 6th July 1945.

13. At approximately 2015 hours on the 6th July 1945, the chief jailer at the mandamentale prison, Schio, left the premises and visited a wine shop immediately opposite. He remained in the wine-shop a few moments and then left with the intention of returning to the mandamentale. As he crossed the road he was approached by two civilians who asked questions about the political prisoners incarcerated in the mandamentale. Having answered the questions, the chief jailer was about to leave the two men when one of them pointed a revolver at him and told him to walk along with them.

14. The two men took the chief jailer to an open space known as Valletta dei Fratti some half a mile away on the outskirts of the town. There they detained him until it was dark; when they were joined by three men wearing masks. The two unmasked men left the party, and shortly afterwards the three masked men and the chief jailer went to the mandamentale.

15. It was approximately 2245 hours when the party arrived at the prison. They found the door open as the wife of the chief jailer had become anxious about her husband's prolonged absence, and had sent her brother-in-law to look for him. The brother-in-law had at the moment returned to the prison and the wife of the chief jailer had just opened the prison gate. They had barely spoken to each other when the chief jailer and the three masked men arrived and took them all inside the prison, locking the gate after them.

16. Enquiries up to the moment throw grave suspicion on the story as told by the chief jailer and his wife. The former is at present in custody, but despite repeated interrogations, insists on basically the same story.

17. When the party arrived inside the prison there is a divergence of evidence as to what happened then. The chief jailer and his wife always telling substantially the same story which is to the effect that they are unable to identify any of the three men because they were wearing masks the whole time.

18. The brother-in-law who was standing at the prison gate says that when the chief jailer and the three men arrived they were not wearing masks, but handkerchiefs tied around their necks which they pulled up over the lower

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15. It was approximately 2215 hours when the party arrived at the prison. They found the door open as the wife of the chief jailer had become anxious about her husband's prolonged absence, and had sent her brother-in-law to look for him. The brother-in-law had at the moment returned to the prison and the wife of the chief jailer had just opened the prison gate. They had barely spoken to each other when the chief jailer and the three masked men arrived and took them all inside the prison, locking the gate after them.

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18. The brother-in-law who was standing at the prison gate says that when the chief jailer and the three men arrived they were not wearing masks, but handkerchiefs tied around their necks which they pulled up over the lower part of their faces a few seconds after entering the prison.

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19. Just inside the prison gate were two female political prisoners who had been employed cleaning the stairs of the jailers quarters. They state that the first man to enter the jail was not wearing a mask and they have identified him by name. Every effort is being made to effect the arrest of this man, but to date without success.

20. The three intruders then took the chief jailer and the remainder of the prison staff, the brother-in-law of the chief jailer and the two female political prisoners into the private quarters of the second jailer, whom they found in bed. This party was locked in this apartment and one of the intruders was left there to guard them.

21. After about half an hour the chief jailer was called out to unlock the cells, but he refused. He did, however, show the intruders where the keys were and they tore a list of the inmates of the prison from a wall in the jailer's office.

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22. About half an hour later another effort was made by the intruders to get the chief jailer and the second jailer to open the cells but again with no success.

23. The cells in the jail are numbered 1 to 4 inclusive. No. 1 is a single cell on the ground floor. No. 2 is an apartment of cells consisting of one large and two smaller cells, also on the ground floor. No. 3 cell is an apartment cell consisting of two small cells on the first floor, and No. 4 cell is a single large cell on the second floor. All the women prisoners, both political and communal, were in cell No. 4. The men, both political and communal, were distributed in the remaining cells. The raiding party appears to have divided into three parties. One party dealt with the women, the second party dealt with the men, and the third appears to have remained in the courtyard and also assisted in re-loading the weapons.

24. All the communal prisoners, 6 men and 2 women, were taken to a small cell that forms part of No. 2 cell. In addition to the 8 communal prisoners the raiders singled out 4 of the male political prisoners to be saved from the massacre and put them in the same cell with the 8 communal prisoners.

25. By this time the masked raiders had separated the prisoners into 3 groups, the 12 mentioned in the last paragraph; 56 men in the large cell of cell No. 2; 23 women and 6 men in cell No. 4. About 5 or 6 of the masked raiders all armed with automatic weapons were in each of the cells Nos. 2 and 4, and commenced firing at their helpless victims almost simultaneously.

26. The two large cells in which the executions took place are about 18 ft. by 25 ft. by 8 ft. high, and are lined with wood approximately six inches thick.

27. As far as can be ascertained the massacre commenced at 0015 hours on July 7th 1945. The murderers stood their victims at one end of each of the cells, about 3 or 4 deep, and then fired their automatic weapons at them. The length of time the firing continued is not definitely known, but times given vary from 5 to 10 minutes.

28. When the assassins decided their work had been done, they left the prison, but fortunately some of their would-be victims had not been wounded and after some minutes they managed to call help. The jailer and his party were released by the prisoners from their quarters, and using the telephone at the wine-shop opposite the prison, the CC.KK., hospital authorities.

29. The wounded were taken to Schio hospital, and the dead to the local cemetery. The deceased were buried in the Schio cemetery on the 8th July without incident, and no further demonstration have been made.

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prisoners.

25. By this time the masked raiders had separated the prisoners into 3 groups, the 42 mentioned in the last paragraph; 36 men in the large cell of cell No. 2; 23 women and 6 men in cell No. 4. About 5 or 6 of the masked raiders all armed with automatic weapons were in each of the cells Nos. 2 and 4, and commenced firing at their helpless victims almost simultaneously.

26. The two large cells in which the executions took place are about 18 ft. by 25 ft. by 8 ft. high, and are lined with wood approximately six inches thick.

27. As far as can be ascertained the massacre commenced at 0045 hours on July 7th 1945. The murderers stood their victims at one end of each of the cells, about 3 or 4 deep, and then fired their automatic weapons at them. The length of time the firing continued is not definitely known, but times given vary from 5 to 10 minutes.

28. When the assassins decided their work had been done, they left the prison, but fortunately some of their would-be victims had not been wounded and after some minutes they managed to call help. The jailer and his party were released by the prisoners from their quarters, and using the telephone at the wine-shop opposite the prison, the CC.RR., hospital authorities. 112.

29. The wounded were taken to Schio hospital, and the dead to the local cemetery. The deceased were buried in the Schio cemetery on the 8th July without incident, and no further demonstration have been made.

30. This case presents many difficulties, and not least of these is the lack of co-operation of the inhabitants of this district. One gets the impression that half of them are pleased with what happened and the other half are afraid to speak.

31. To date only one person has been definitely identified as wanted, as mentioned in paragraph 19. One person is in custody alleged to have been identified by voice, but there is no further evidence against him at the moment.

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32. A further report will be submitted when something more definite is known as to the prospects of a prosecution or otherwise.

W.R. HARE,
Major,
Regional Security Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FSI

Date/Time of Origin: JUL 082010B

Message Centre No: E/8808

Date Time Rec'd: JUL 091000B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is illegal deaths or other overt acts in N ITALY.

Para 1 is 1 A and 1 B nil report in C D and E for week ending 7 July at 24 hrs.

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ACTION: P. Safety S/C
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: RXII/PS/7.1

Date/Time of Origin: JUL 061645B

Message Centre No: E/8628

Date Time Rec'd: JUL 072040B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO VENEZIE REGION

TO : PSSC ALCOM

IN CLEAR.

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Reference your letter AC/14091/PS of 26 June 45.

Return for week ending 1 July. (A) 3 (B) (C) (D)(E) nil. Secret store of automatic arms located in crypt of cemetery at GORGO LATISANA PROVINCE of UDINE, enquiries proceeding. Reference our signal of 22 June. Ex German soldier confesses to murder of family of 7 at BOLZANO.

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ACTION: Pub Safety S/C
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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8 JUL 1945
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1413

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 071130

Message Centre No: E/8601

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 071830

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION PUB SAFETY FOR POLITI SIGNED FRANCIS

TO : AICOM ROME ACISE

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EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
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SECURITY		
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Reference your AE/14091/PS of 26 June, return for week ending 1 July:

(a) 6

(b) 1

(c) nil

(d) nil

(e) 13

and eight armed robberies.

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ACTION PUB SAFETY SC
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F/361

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 061030B

Message Centre No: F/8396

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 061[illegible]0B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ANC MILLA REGION

TO : HQ ALSOM CITE ACRSE

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Ref your letter AC/14091/PS dated 26 June.

A) RAVENNA 2, PARMA 1.

B) , C), D), D), E): nil for all provinces

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14191/PS

Tel: 489081-257

5 July 1945

SUBJECT : Murder of Priests in the province of Ravenna and Bologna.

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

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The attached translation of a report from the Ministry of the Interior is forwarded for any report you may have on the matter and action taken to secure arrest of the guilty person.

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

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MINISTERY OF THE INTERIOR.

Rome 25th June 1945

SUBJECT: Murder of priest in the province of Ravenna and Bologna.

For opportune intelligence we make the following signalation concerning two provinces under your administration:-

The Italian Embassy amidist the Santa Sede has communicated on the 2 instant:-

" " On date 2 instant month the Bishop court of Imola has signaled to the Secretary's office of his Holiness State as follows:-

""" In this Diocesi, in two month time, three priests have been murdered. The murderer has not been found, and it seems that not accurate investigation has been made about that.

The priest Giovanni Ferruzzi parson at Campanile (Luogo Province of Ravenna has been found murdered in a ditch, on the 3 April 45. The other two have been killed recently since the Allied Military Government came here.

a) Sac. Tiso Gilletti parson at Spazzate Sassatelli (Commune of Imola Province of Bologna) killed by two unknown persons blindfolded and later on he has been found killed near a ditch on the 31 May 1945 The murderer has not yet been found nor punished.

People are terrorized. All parsons, particularly in the zone of the Low Romagna where the awful crimes have taken place, are fearing for themselves.

The information from the Diocesi of Cecena (Province of Forli) reports the attempt against a parish priest named Primo Scarpellini, very much extimed from his Bishop, he was parson of S. Vittore, and saved himself quitting away from his Diocesi.

The Santa Sede relays upon your help for avoiding these distressing facts. We pray this ministery to send ward to the Embassy of Italy admidst the Santa Sede, and to adopt the necessary measure against the guilty of the justice.

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Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

Roma 25 Giugno 1945

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

ROMA

Divisione *Sez.*
Prot. N. 23509 fol *Allegati*

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.*

OGGETTO Uccisione di Sacerdoti nelle provincie di Ravenna e Bologna.

Per opportuna intelligenza, si trascrive la seguente segnalazione del Ministero degli Affari Esteri riguardante due provincie soggette all'amministrazione di codesta Commissione:

"L'Ambasciata d'Italia presso la Sansa Sede ha comunicato in data II corrente quanto segue:

""In data 2 corrente mese la Curia Vescovile di Imola ha segnalato alla Segreteria di Stato di Sua Santità quanto qppresso:

""" In questa Diocesi, nel breve spazio di due mesi, si sono verificate ben tre uccisioni di Sacerdoti, senza che sia mai apparso il colpevole e che serie indagini - a quanto ci consta - siano state condotte in merito.

Il primo Sac.GIOVANNI FERRUZZI parroco di Campanile (Comune di Luogo-Provincia di Ravenna), il 3 aprile I945 fu trovato trucidato in un fosso.

Gli altri due sono stati assassinati recentemente, da quando vige qui il Governo Militare Alleato. Essi sono i seguenti: 111

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a) Sac.TISO GALLETTI, parroco di Spazzate Sassatelli (Comune di
Imola Provincia di Bologna), ucciso da due sconosciuti davanti a ca-
sa sua il 9 maggio I945;

b) Sac. GIUSEPPE GALASSI, arciprete zelantissimo di S.Lorenzo di
Lugo (Provincia di Ravenna) prelevato da un individuo bendato e tro-
vato poi ucciso lungo un fossato il 3I maggio I945.

Gli uccisori non sono stati nè trovati, nè puniti. Le popolazioni,

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Gai/

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in preda al terrore, non hanno avuto il coraggio di partecipare al funerale dei loro parroci, ai quali fino a ieri erano affezionatissime.

I Parroci, particolarmente nella Bassa Romagna, dove sono avvenuti tali crimini temono essi pure per la loro incolumità.

Non meno gravi sono le informazioni pervenute dalla diocesi di Cesena (Provincia di Forlì) ove, fra l'altro, si attentò alla vita di un sacerdote che gode la piena stima del suo Vescovo, il Rev/mo PRIMO SCARPELLINI, arciprete parroco di S.Vittore in quella città, il quale dovette porsi in salvo fuori della propria diocesi.

Tali notizie sono state apprese con profondo dolore, destando altresì, vive preoccupazioni.

La Santa Sede esprime la sua ferma fiducia che già saranno state adottate le misure necessarie per assicurare il corso della giustizia e per impedire il ripetersi di simili funesti episodi""".

"" Si prega codesto Ministero di voler fornire elementi di risposta all'Ambasciata predetta e si raccomanda di voler adottare opportune misure per assicurare i colpevoli della giustizia"".

IL MINISTRO

Fernando Piccioni

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: 2514

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 021710B

Message Centre No: F/1912

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 030830B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ SC PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ACCOM FOR P SAFETY SC

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Subject is illegal deaths or other Ovrt acts in T IDAIT.

For week ending 30 June nil report on A B C D and E.

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3 JUL 1945
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/H.10.

29 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Death by shooting

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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission
S.C.A.P.O. Fifth Army AMG.
Reg. Commr. Lombardia.

1. At 03.30 hours on 24th June '45, in the Railway Yard near the Martesana Canal, Milan, ZAGLIANI Luigi fu Domenico, age 31, a labourer, from Trezzano sul Naviglio, was shot dead by Railway Police.

2. It appears that Zagliani, who was trespassing on railway property, had escaped from a civil hospital and was suffering with delirium tremens and a high temperature and was apparently seeking refuge in the Railway Yard.

3. Further enquiries in hand.

For the Regional Commissioner,

C.T. FRANCIS
Lt.Colonel
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION.



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RETURN FOR WEEK ENDED 24 JUNE 1945
OF ILLEGAL SHOOTINGS etc: IN N. ITALY

	Shot	Robbed & shot	Thrown mortar	Attempt	Total
LOMBARDIA	4	2			6
LIGURIA	7		2		9
EMILIA	9			1	10
PIEMONTE	6				6
VENEZIA	7				7
	33	2	2	1	38

ANALYSIS BY PROVINCES

Lombardia	Milan	6	6
Liguria	Genoa	2	
	La Spezia	5	
	Savona	2	9
Emilia	Modena	1	
	Ravenna	1	
	Ferrara	7	
	Piacenza	1	10
Piemonte	Torino	3	
	Aosta	3	6
Venezia	Padova	3	
	Venezia	2	
	Verona	2	7

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478427-580

26 June 1945

AC/14091/PS

SUBJECT : Illegal deaths or other overt acts in N. Italy.

TO : R.P.S.O.'s Emilia, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte and Venezia.

1. A cable will be sent each week to Public Safety S/C for the period ending each Sunday giving the number of deaths, kidnappings or missing persons in each province due to illegal acts.

2. The following code will be used in the cable to economise in space

(a) Shootings
(b) Deaths other than by shooting
(c) Kidnappings
(d) Missing
(e) Other incidents involving loss of life

3. Other incidents of a special nature should be cabled as they happen and will be included in the weekly cable.

Walter Dorn Lt Col
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

Copy to C.A. Section.

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AMI PIEMONTE REGION ATTENTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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PAREN TO AMI PIEMONTE REGION ATTENTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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NICHOLAS PIEMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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PERIOD 1 - 19 JUNE 1945

	Kidnapped and shot	Kidnapped presumed killed	Shot	Shot by Germans	Killed by stabbing	Ign
VENEZIA	7	2	8	9	1	
LIGURIA			17			
LOMBARDIA			5			
EMILIA						
PIEMONTE			No reports			

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PERIOD 1 – 19 JUNE 1945

Kidnapped presumed killed	Shot	Shot by Germans	Killed by stabbing	Lynched	TOTAL
2	8	9	1	1	28
	17				17
	5				5
				30	30

No report

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PERIOD FROM OCCUPATION TO 31 MAY 1945

	Kidnapped and shot	Kidnapped presumed killed	Shot	Shot by Germans	British soldiers shot	I
VENEZIA	13		80	2	2	
LIGURIA			+ 280			
LOMBARDIA			1251			
EMILIA	-	32	65	-	-	
PIEMONTE			+ 1500			

+ Approximate figures.

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...ROM OCCUPATION TO 31 MAY 1945

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			2		97
	80	2			280
+ 280					1251
1251				12	109
32	65	-	-		1500
+ 1500					

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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PS/4.10

26 June 1945

SUBJECT : Murder

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.
Regional Commissioner, Lombardia
S.C.A.P.O., AMG. Fifth Army

1. On 22nd June, 45, the dead body of a man, age about 23, was found by Royal Carabinieri in the garden of a damaged building located at 2, Via Lanzone Milano. He had been shot through the head. The corpse, so far unidentified, was removed to the mortuary.

2. Investigations are being made by Carabinieri of Castello.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. FRANCIS
Lt Colonel
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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PS/4.10 25 June 1945

SUBJECT : Murder

TO : Public Safety S/C., HQ. A.C.
S.C.A.P.O., AMG. Fifth Army
Regional Commissioner, Lombardia

1. On 23 June, 45, CITTERIO Ambrogio fu Felice, age 43, was murdered.

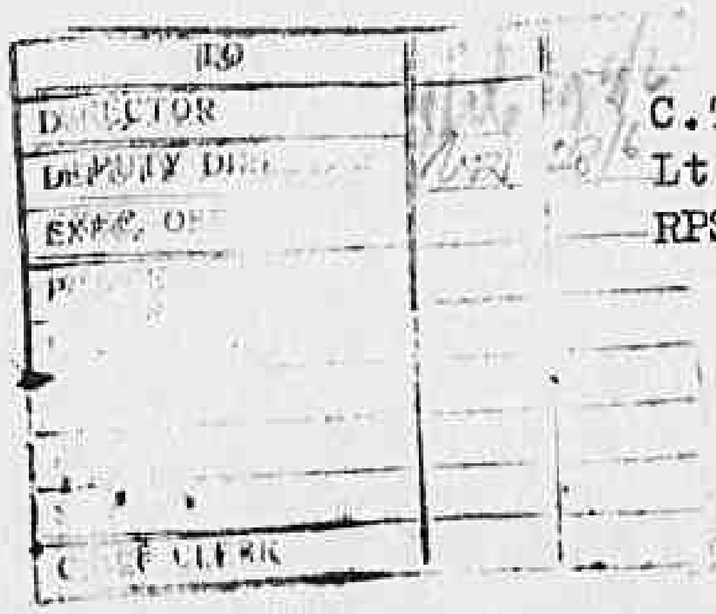
2. Enquiries reveal that Citterio was driving his motor car and picked up a man, at present unknown, to give him a lift. On reaching Viale Michele Bianchi, Milan, Citterio was shot with a pistol, fired by this unknown person, and severely wounded. He was robbed of 800.000 lire. The victim was taken to hospital and died a few hours later.

3. Royal Carabinieri are making further investigations.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. FRANCIS
Lt Colonel
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/4.10 24 June 1945

SUBJECT: Murder.

TO : HQ AC, Public Safety Sub-Commission
SCAPO, AMG Fifth Army
Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.

1. On 13 June 1945, Royal Carabinieri of Crescenzago ((Milano) found, at Frazione San Giuseppe, the dead body of PAGANELLI Delio fu Caffiero, age 38, residing at 30 Viale Regina Elena, Milan, Political Commissario of the Settore Venezia "Brigata Tesi", and another dead body which was afterwards identified as FRADA Enrico di Vittorio. Both had been shot.

2. On 17 June 1945, after considerable enquiries, the Royal Carabinieri arrested LINI Termo di Giuseppe, age 21, COLOMBO Andrea di Egidio, age 25 and LOVATI Achille di Canzio, age 22, all of Milan; who are believed responsible for the murders.

3. The object of the crime was undoubtedly robbery and property and money taken from the victims have been recovered.

4. In addition a number of firearms and a quantity of ammunition was found in the premises occupied by the accused.

5. Enquiries are continuing in the endeavour to arrest a fourth man concerned, viz FORTI Emilio.

For the Regional Commissioner.

C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

28 GIU. 1945

Originator's Reference: PS8

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 271730B

Message Centre No: E/7075

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 280830

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: RPSO PIEMONTE REGION

TO: ALCOM FOR ACCAS pe

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1. Ref your signals QQRW and 5709 illegal shootings. Present situation calm, week ending 24 June 3 men and 3 women killed by shooting.

2. Ref your signal 597 deaths regarding present situation for week ending 24 June for Provinces of PIEMONTE, TORINO, 2 men and 1 woman, AOSTA family of 3 father mother and daughter.

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AMG FIRENZE REICH ATTENTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

570 25 JUNE 1945 PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS SHOOTINGS PD

PAREN TO AMG FIRENZE REICH ATTENTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

FROM ALCOA CITE ACPUP PAREN

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EXPEDITE REPLY TO CABLE ORS FOUR TWO DATED ORS NINE JUNE PD

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NICHOLAS PICARDINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

W. TROTTER, Col.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Pub Safety

Message Centre No: E/6416

Originator's Reference: 1309

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 231705B

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 23NFT

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION FROM POLETTI SIGNED FRANCIS

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME FOR ACPSF

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1. Reference AC/14602/PS dated 20 June 1945. 17 May 1945 8 men taken from factory at GAZZANIGA, BERGAMO, alleged by ex-patriots. 6 of the men subsequently found murdered. Investigations continuing and results expected shortly.

2. Satisfactory remainder of regions.

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HEADQUARTERS
23 JUN 1945
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Ref: 3604/134/EC.

26 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Crime in N. ITALY.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. On June 17th I instructed, in your absence, your Chief Staff Officer and the Deputy Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, to produce for me a memorandum showing the trend of crime in Northern Italy with special reference to killings, murders, etc. The Deputy Director produced a memorandum the next day which merely brought the picture up to about May 25th. I explained that this was not what I wanted and asked him to do something better.

2. I still have no information. I find that telegram No.142 of 19 June from Public Safety Sub-Commission has extracted an extremely good reply from Venezia Region, vide their telegram RXII/PS/7.1 of 22 June.

3. Will you instruct the Public Safety Sub-Commission to obtain immediately from the Regional Commissioners the same kind of information as is given in this telegram and to submit a short but comprehensive note on the situation before June 27th when I wish to discuss it with Regional Commissioners and yourself.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: AC/14191/Pt.

29 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbance at KUKVA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
[illegible] Region.

1. I have read your report of June 19th on the murder of a prisoner in KUKVA who was taken from a Court of Assizes in AMG territory.

2. I notice no comment in the report as to whether the murderer or murderers have been apprehended. I should like to be assured that the most energetic steps are being taken to do this.

3. I notice that the Syndico of the town took action with the public and while leaving any further action to your discretion, I would suggest that an affront such as this to AMG should be followed by strong action in order to show the people that crimes of this kind will not be tolerated in AMG territory.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Office of Ex.Com.

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Ref: AG/11421/PS. 29 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbance at PADOVA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
VENEZIE REGION.

1. I have read your report of June 19th on the murder of a prisoner in PADOVA who was taken from a Court of Assizes in AMG territory.

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For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

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Office of Ex.Com.

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Ref: AG/14191/31. 29 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbances at PADOVA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
VENEZIA REGION.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

TO : HQ. A.C. 19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Disturbance at Padova. 26 GIU. 1945

FILE No: RXII/CCO.5(R&D)

1. I send you herewith attached a report received from Major Heassler, Provincial Commissioner Padova on the occurrence in Padova on Saturday evening.

2. The following additional information can be given. The prisoner who was shot was executed by the crowd on the exact spot where he himself had previously shot one of his victims. He was forced to his knees and shot in the back of the head with a revolver. The remaining five were taken into the Piazza Insurrezione 28 Aprile (recently so renamed) where they were lined up against the wall. There was a certain amount of rough dignity about the proceedings in that a Priest was allowed to go and administer to the victims. The crowd was obviously ignorant of the fact that the wall they had chosen for the scene of execution, a wall which had in Fascist days been so used, was now immediately below a British military headquarters. While the Priest was still with the five accused, a small party of British Military Police quietly walked out and hustled them into the building. The crowd, nonplused by the sudden action, was then dispersed without great difficulty.

3. The Sindaco of the town, a leading Communist, has written an excellent letter to the press which has been reproduced in poster form all over the town. We have received many expressions of disapproval from all parties and I am inclined to think that there will not be a recrudescence of trouble. I should like to report that both Major Heassler and Major Stewart, Provincial Legal Officer, showed personal courage and devotion to duty throughout this difficult time.

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Regional Commissioner

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
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PADOVA PROVINCE

VENEZIA REGION

Allied Military Government

APO 394

TO : The REGIONAL COMMISSIONER - VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - APO 394

SUBJECT : PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AND DISTURBANCE

FILE N° : RXII/PAD/H/K

17 June 1945

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The tension finally broke and the crowd became out of control as the father of Prof. Tedesco approached the prisoners cage to identify the assailents.

3. The prisoners were immediately taken out the cage into the cells in the basements, but the mob was out of control, fought their way to the cells and took the prisoners out. However we were successfull in getting them back in again, but when the writer left to telephone the Military

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Police, the prisoners were again taken from the police to the Piazza Spalato. At no time were there any arms visable in the hands of the spectators.

The only criticism of the CCRR was their lack of organization, but in general they did their best under very adverse circumstances.

4. I am of the opinion that although there is a possibility that this might happen again, it is not likely. Certain preventure measures however will have to be taken if we are to continue these trials.

First: It is itended to reduce materially the number of the spectators allowed in the court room and building.

Second: A substantial top railing will be built over the prisoner's cage.

Third: The police are to be more afficiently organized and strategically placed.

Fourth: It is proposed to move the loud-speakers a considerable distance from the vicinity of the tribunale. This, it is felt, will draw the crowds away from the immediat vicinity of the building. To cease the broadcasting entirel is not thought advisable since it might lead to heavy pressu re from the surrounding crowds to gain entrance to the building in order to hear the evidence.

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5. The five prisoners rescued from the Military Police at the Piazza Spalato were later that evening taken to Rovigo for safekeeping. Although the structural changes in the building will not be completed in time, it is intend to continue the trial on Tuesday 19 June 1945 since advise from Rovigo this morning states that the accused will be able to testify.

EARL A. HEASSLER
Maj. CMP
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

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Reference your cable number 597 dated 26 June. Number of shootings and other deaths for week ending 24 June are BOLOGNA, REGGIO-EMILIA, PARMA, and FORLI nil. MODENA 1, RAVENNA 1, FERRARA 7, PIACENZA 1 attempt.

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

22 June 45.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

SUBJECT : Killings in Venezie Region (not Venezia Giulia).

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/7.1 14191 pe

1. Reference your Signal N.R. 142 of 191924 B.

2. During the present month the number of suspected political killings, etc, have shown a tendency to decrease. Brief details are as follows :-

Province of Treviso - No killings but some persons have disappeared.

" " Udine - One case of man taken from house and shot.
One case of two civilians killed by S.S troops still at large.
One case of two Germans shot and killed.
Some disappearances.

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" " Trento - One case of man taken from house and shot.
One case of disappearance.
S.S. troops at large suspected of shootings.

" " Bolzano - One case of a family of seven shot in house.
Germans suspected.

" " Rovigo - Three cases of taking persons from house and shooting to death.

" " Padova - One case where Court of Assize was raided by mob. One man killed and six beaten up.

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3. In the majority of cases the reason can only be surmised to be political.

4. Submitted in confirmation of Signal dated 22 June 45.

A.W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel,
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Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: A/35 B/CA. 19 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Points from the Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1 The following points were raised at the Executive Commissioner's meeting:

(a) I was instructed to have, by tomorrow morning, a brief report on the incidence of mob law taking charge in the North since the date of our occupation. Would you kindly arrange for me to have this by 0930 hrs tomorrow morning (Wednesday, 20 June) together with any comments you may wish to make.

Incidents specifically mentioned were:
The IMOLA murders, of which I believe there were two sets;
The murder of 2 Italian soldiers in BOLZANO;
The murder of the Marchese,
some of which were listed in today's Italian press. *Rearguard Liberazione*

(b) Would you examine the possibility of taking over S.C.M. officers as Public Safety, to work ~~under~~ with trained police officers.

The Executive Commissioner is agreeable to using this possibility to enable not more than 6 trained police officers to be released for service in Venezia Giulia, but that does not necessarily limit the use of S.C.M. Officers to that number.

A.D. Bonham-Carter

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col.,
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: RXII/000.5(WC)

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 171110B

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Message Centre No: E/5453

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 171255B

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: VENEZIA REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM

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Disturbance at Special Court of ASSIZE PADOVA yesterday afternoon 16 June resulted crowd in Court lynching 1 accused. 6 others saved by military police and AMG offker. These taken out of town last night. Situation quieted quickly. Am inclined to think outbreak spontaneous due to mass indignation at revelations in Court evidence. Precautions being taken in future cases. Fuller report follows. DUNLOP.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Murder of 3 Priests of the Episcopal Curia of Imola

FILE No. 397/EC(L)

14 June 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section
attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission

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1. With June 12 letter, Mr. Harold H. Tittmann forwards translation of memorandum from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness, no. 3527/45. Copies of both enclosed.

2. This memorandum concerns itself with a report received by the Secretariat of State from the Episcopal Curia of Imola relative to the murder of 3 priests in that Diocese.

3. Kindly advise what reply may be made to this communication.

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

2, Via Boncompagni - Rome

June 12, 1945

Dear Captain Arnoldy,

I enclose her with a transbation of a Memorandum No. 3527/45 dated June 11, 1945 which has been received from the Holy See concerning a report received by the Secretariat of State of His Holiness from the Episcopal Curia of Imola, relative to the murder of three priests in that Diocese. It is also stated that no less serious reports are being received from the Diocese of Cesena. The Holy See express its confidence that the necessary measures will have been taken to ensue the course of justice and to prevent the repetition of such episodes.

Your courtesy in taking this matter up with the appropriate Allied Authorities and letting me know the nature of the reply which may be made to the Holy See will ne much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Harold Tittmann
Assistant to the Hon. Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure Copy of Note

Captain A.B. Arnoldy
Liaison Division
Headquarters Allied Co mission
Rome

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE
OF HIS HOLINESS

No. 3527/45

M E M O R A N D U M

On June 2 the Episcopal Curia of Imola informed the Secretariat of State of His Holiness of the following:

" In the short space of two months three murders of priests have taken place in this Diocese without the guilty person having found and without serious enquiries - according to information reaching us- having been made in the matter.

The first Reverend Giovanni Ferruzzi, parish priest of Campanile (Commune of Lugo-Province of Ravenna), was found dead in a ditch on April 3, 1945.

The other two were assassinated recently, since the establishment of the Allied Military Government. They are the following:

a. Reverend Tiso Galletti, parish priest of Spazzate Sassatelli (Commune of Imola-Prince of Bologna), killed by two unknown persons in front of his house on May 9, 1945;

b. Reverend Giuseppe Galassi, a very zealous arch-priest of S. Lorenzo di Lugo (Province of Ravenna), who was kidnapped by a masked individual and found later killed in a ditch, on May 31 1945.

The murderers have neither been found nor punished. The populations tettorized, did not have the courage to take part in the funeral of their parish priests, who up to that time had been greatly beloved.

The parish priests particularly in lower Romagna, where these crimes took place, are also fearing for their own safety."

No less serious are the reports which are coming in from the Diocese of Cesena (Province Forli) where among other things, an attempt was made on the life of a priests who enjoyed the full confidence and esteem of his Bishop, the Reverend Primo Scarpellini, parish archpriest of the Church of S. Vittore in That city, who was obliged to seek safety outside his own Diocese.

These reports have been received with deep sorrow, creating as they do keep anxiety.

The Holy See expresses its firm confidence that the necessary measures will have already been taken in order to ensure the course of justice and to prevent the repetition of unfortunate episodes.

FROM THE VATICAN June 11 1945

Translation

TWO ITALIAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN BOLZANO

The Constitution of an italo-austrian Committee to resolve the problems of the North Tyrol.

New York, 18

Since some time the American correspondents in Italy are signaling news from various centres of North Italy on symptoms and facts which put on the table a " questione alto atesina ". A preocupying symptom as it was the right to think that after the defeat of the Third Reich and the anti-annexationist declarations, by responsible austrian elements, it should have been started peacefully on a gradual retouch of the legislative accesses and the revocation of a certain queer rules which had been introduced by fascism, in other words the "Alto Adige" seems to have given way towards a certain autonomy in the circle of national unity, and the german minority would have reaquired certain right of power which had been thoroughly abolished by fasesism, for example the abolition of the german language.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel: 478427-580

AC/14191/PS

19 June 1945

SUBJECT : Points from the Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference 4/35 B/CA. dated 19 June 1945.

2. Appendix "A" gives a resume of the situation as cleaned from the reports of APSO's in the northern provinces.

These reports cover the period to the end of May 1945 and in the interval with the surrender of arms, the zero date for which in IV Corps territory was 7th June, the situation has considerably abated. Killings have dropped very considerably and in some areas have ceased.

3. It is nevertheless the considered opinion that a vast quantity of serviceable arms have been withheld to no good purpose and the situation cannot be considered stable.

4. The press reports of this date in Bolzano and Spezia have not been confirmed by A.M.G. and it seems strange that the officers in the area have no knowledge so far of the incidents. The Imola incidents as known are related under "Emilia" Province report.

5. The dearth of Public Safety Officers is to be deprecated, despite the fact that a greater number were assigned in the north than in other southern regions.

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The latest deflection of released officers from Toscana to Giulia whereas they were intended to reinforce evenly the northern compartimenti is regretted. The offer of S.O.M. officers to supplement Public Safety Officers is welcomed. Their experience would not warrant their employment as professional police officers. They could however act as liaison security officers under the Regional Public Safety Officers and possibly in the course of a short experience embrace some of the duties of a P.S.O.

The following numbers could be absorbed:

Emilia Province	2
Liguria Province	2
Lombardia Province	2
Piemonte Province	2.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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APPENDIX "A"

PIEMONTE

This province presents the rosiest picture of all. On entering the territory reports were received that anything from 1500 to 5000 persons had been executed by the partisans and the smaller figure is considered to be the more credible. Since the arrival of the allied troops and military Government there have only been nine persons reported killed and it is difficult to determine whether they were political or private shootings.

LOMBARDIA

This province appeared to have been the storm centre so far as the magnitude of death roll is concerned.

From 25 April to 5 May 1945 782 dead

Thereafter reports disclose the following

Milan City	5 to 29 May	145
Milan Province	1 to 25 May	162
Bergamo	1 to 26 May	87
Sondrio	1 to 25 May	75

The shootings generally took place after dark and invariably the persons were shot in the back of the head and then all identification removed. Not all of the victims were fascists and it is considered a large proportion of the cases were sheer thuggery to obtain money and to satisfy their lust for blood.

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According to the Italian press dated 19 June, Marchesa Pacsano Schoepe, daughter of a German mother, was taken from her villa in Spezia and shot inn the street 10 days offence she committed was to act as interpreter to the German commander. There is no confirmation of this from ANC sources.

VENEZIA

130 killings have been reported, chiefly in Padova area. This number is not supported by bodies found. 78 are alleged to have occurred in the vicinity of Codevigo between 29 April to 15 May. On 9 May. 7 political prisoners were taken out of Solesino prison and 6 bodies were found on the following day 15 Km south of Padova.

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At Chioggia, Venezia Province, 2 members of the "Cremona" Division entered the prison and shot two members of the Brigata Nera.

At Verona on 28 May twenty persons from Imola came in quest of refugees from Imola. They collected 20 and after interrogation took away three girls and three men and shot them.

Many arrests have been made in the above cases.

Three British Soldiers were shot, two fatally, and arrests have been made in two cases.

In this province banditry has been responsible for the shootings.

On 16 June at the Court of Assize in Padova, spectators in the court siezed and lynched a prisoner actually under trial. The police had to rescue other 6 persons awaiting trial and under cover of darkness had them removed to a place of safety.

According to an Italian press report of 19 June, two Italian soldiers were killed in Bolzano, the inference being by Germans. No official report has been received on this.

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

Situation report on illegal acts
in Northern A.M.G. Regions up to
22nd June, 1945

EMILIA	1 to 15 June, 30 persons killed in prisons at Ferrara and Modena by mob forcing entrance into jails. A few cases of killings and disappearance of others continue in isolated parts of Bologna and Modena. No serious incident has occurred since 15 June 1945.
LOMBARDIA	Illegal shootings greatly reduced, only 5 cases in period 7 to 21 June 1945.
LIGURIA	Situation improving. Week ended 31 May 64 deaths reduced to 17 deaths in week ended 21 June 1945.
VENEZIA	Tendency shows reduction. Period 1 to 23 June, 1945 25 shootings, 1 stabbing, and several missing. A few bodies were washed up on Venice Lido. German S.S. suspected in one case.
PIEMONTE	No report. "Expedite" cable despatched.

John W. Chapman

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

WD/G.

26 June, 1945.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: 353
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 230930B

Message Centre No: E/6356
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 231035B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

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FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO : AJCOM

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Ref msg 142 of 19 June. Situation regarding illegal shootings improving. Considerable decrease in June compared with May, total reported week ending to 1 May was 64, week ending 21 June 17. End signed REEFCRD.

ACTION

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Action - P Safety SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
File 2
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HEADQUARTERS
23 JUN 1945
A. C.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFF		
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RAII/PS/7.1

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 221635B

Message Centre No: E/6375

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 231310B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO VENEZIE REGION

TO : PSSC ALCOM

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
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IN CLEAR.

Reference your signal nr 142 of 191924B.

During present month the number of suspected killings etc, have shown a tendency to decrease. Brief details are as follows.

TREVISO. No killings but some persons disappeared.

UDINE. Man taken from house and shot. 2 civilians killed by SS troops still at large. 2 Germans shot and killed. Some disappearances.

VENEZIE. Man taken from house and shot. Case of stabbing by 4 men. Number of dead bodies washed up on Lido.

BELIUNO. 4 cases of men shot and bodies left later in street.

VICENZA. Man shot and killed. 1 disappearance.

VERONA. Questura agent shot and killed. Man taken from house and killed.

TRENTO. Man taken from house and killed. 1 case of disappearance. SS troops at large suspected of shootings.

BOLZANO. Family of 7 shot in house. Germans suspected.

ROVIGO. 3 cases of persons taken from house and shot to death.

PADOVA. Fourt of ASSIZE raided by mob. 1 man killed and 6 beaten up. In majority of cases reason can only be surmised to be political.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec File 2
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Pub Safety 7A

Originator's Reference: E/278

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 20

Message Centre No: E/5893

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 201600

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG EMILIA REGION FROM RPSO

TO : HQ ALCOM

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2 jail breaks present month 30 political prisoners killed FERRARA and MEDENA. No serious incident since 15 June. Few cases killing and disappearance continue isolated parts BOLOGNA and MODENA. Some arrests made. Present situation quiet. Reference your cable 142 dated 19 June.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: 1273 — Message Centre No: E/6037

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 210900B — Date Time Rec'd: JUN 211110B

Precedence: ROUTINE

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FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED FRANCIS

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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1. Illegal shootings in LOMBARDIA REGION dropped to negligible proportions - only 5 cases in MILAN CITY during past fortnight.

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ACTION: P.Safety S/C
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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HEADQUARTERS
21 JUN 1945
A. C.

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POLICE	[illegible]	22
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ADM. OFFICER	[illegible]	
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AMG PIEMONTE, LIGURIA, LOMBARDIA, VENEZIE, EMILIA REGIONS

142 19 June 45 PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS ILLEGAL SHOOTINGS PD

PAREN TO AMG PIEMONTE REG CMA LIGURIA REG CMA LOMBARDIA REG CMA VENEZIE REG CMA EMILIA REG CMA FOR RPSOS

CABLE URGENTLY PRESENT SITUATION IN YOUR REGIONS PD

Public Safety Sub-Com

/s/ W. Doherty

Nicholas Piombino
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

Ref: G-5/S/57

15 June 1945

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia Proposed Security Measures.

TO: HQ Allied Commission,
Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Attached for your information a copy of the following documents received by this Section from G-2, 15th Army Group.

4B a. Note for A. C. of S., G-2, 15th Army Gp reference BGS(I)117 of 9 June 1945.
b. ~~Proposed~~ Policy Proposal reference BGS(I)/117 of 9 June 1945. 4C
c. Copy of signal to AFHQ. 4D

for ROBERT A. PERSELL
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Actg. A. C. of S., G-5

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Note for A.C. of S, G-2, 15 Army Gp

Copy for A.C. of S, G-2, A.F.H.Q.

GSI
Main HQ, Eighth Army,
C. M. F.

BGS(I)/117

9 June 1945

1. The imminence of an agreement with TITO regarding VENEZIA GIULIA demands that we should be ready with a security plan for this area and that a provisional policy should be prepared for immediate implementation pending a confirmatory or final command directive from 15 Army Group or A.F.H.Q.

2. I attach a policy proposal which, after discussion with G.O.C. 13 Corps, has been submitted to Chief of Staff 8 Army for consideration. In view of the fact that time is short and that the matter will probably be raised during the visit of Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q., to HQ 13 Corps next week, I am sending you a copy of the proposal at once and also to A.C. of S, G-2, AFHQ. Any modification to the proposal required by Chief of Staff 8 Army will be passed to you with the least possible delay.

H. B. HITCHENS,
BGS I

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SUBJECT: Proposal for Allied Security Policy in VENEZIA GIULIA following agreement with TITO

GSI,
Main HQ, Eighth Army,
C. M. F.

BGS(I)/117

9 June 1945

NOTE for Chief of Staff.

Assumption

1. It will be the policy of the Allied authorities to establish only such measures of military and civil control as are necessary to ensure the security of the forces of occupation and the maintenance of public order.

Tasks of Allied Security Organisation

2. The main tasks of Ib/CI will therefore be:

(a) to ensure the security of Allied troops, installations and communications;

(b) to assist AMG in the maintenance of public order by the provision of any relevant intelligence obtained in the course of normal security duties.

Methods

3. In order to carry out the task defined in 2a above, the Allied Security Orgaisation will:

(i) Supervise the maintenance of normal military security precautions taken by or within the Allied forces;
(ii) advise on the establishment of such civil security controls as are necessary for the achievement of para 2(a) and supervise their proper enforcement. In accordance with the general principle assumed in Para 1, these will be as few and as moderate as possible;

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4. In order to carry out the task defined in Para 2(b), the Allied Security Organisation will collect, collate and evaluate information likely to be of assistance to AMG in devising measures necessary for securing of public order and justice.

5. A uniform system of movement control must be applied to both the Eastern and Western confines of the disputed area occupied by the Allies, namely the Morgan Line and probably the ISONZO River.

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6. There will be no restriction on the entry or exit of individual civilians.

7. The passage of arms and Military personnel across the Morgan Line will be strictly controlled. It will normally be limited to such movement necessary for the maintenance of Jugoslav troops West of the Line as may be agreed between the Allied and Jugoslav military authorities.

8. Similar controls and administrative limitations will be enforced on the ISONZO or other line in respect of the passage of Italian arms and military personnel.

Arrest, Internment and Extradition

9. In general the power of arrest will be exercised with maximum caution. It will be essential to ensure that soldid grounds for arrest exist before action is taken.

10. All persons committing security offences will be subject to arrest. They will be tried before AMG courts.

11. Persons not chargeable with security offences but who are considered to constitute a potential danger to Allied Security or Public Order on the grounds of their background, record, sentiments or personality will be dealt with as follows:

(a) Jugoslav nationals will be expelled from the area and handed over to the Jugoslav authorities;

(b) Italian nationals, whether of Italian or Slovene origin, will be evacuated to the Allied internment camp at TERNI;

(c) Other nationals will be treated in the same way as Italian nationals.

12. Temporary detention pending investigation will be permissible as in ITALY.

Espionage Agents

13. Any espionage agent employed by the Jugoslavs to secure information concerning the Allies who may be discovered in the area will be arrested, expelled from the area and handed over to the Jugoslav authorities together with a full statement of the case.

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FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

TO: AFHQ

INFO: EIGHTH ARMY

NO: I-465

SECRET. FOR G-2. REF MEMO DATED NINE JUNE FROM BRIG HITCHENS RE SECURITY POLICY VENEZIA GIULIA.

A. UNDERSTAND SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN HARDING LAID DOWN OR APPROVED POLICY SET OUT IN PARAS ONE SIX AND SEVEN OF HITCHENS MEMO AND THESE PRINCIPLES THEREFORE REGARDED AS FUNDAMENTAL. SUBJECT TO THIS WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH MEMO PROPOSALS. CONSIDER HOWEVER THAT LACK OF RESTRICTION OR PROPER CONTROL OF ENTRY CIVILIANS INTO DISPUTED AREA MAY POSSIBLY PREJUDICE ALLIED SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER TO SUCH EXTENT THAT APPLICATION OF CONTROL AND PASS SYSTEM MAY LATER PROVE NECESSARY.

B. PRESUME ABSENCE OF RESTRICTION ON CIVILIAN MOVEMENT ACROSS MORGAN LINE APPLIES ONLY TO CIVILIANS RESIDENT IN VENEZIA GIULIA WHETHER SLOVENE OR ITALIAN ORIGIN AND NOT APPLICABLE TO JUG NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN JUGOSLAVIA. CONSIDER THIS DISTINCTION NECESSARY BOTH IN FAIRNESS TO ITALY AND TO PRECLUDE UNLIMITED MOVEMENT JUGOSLAVS BETWEEN BG BELGRADE AND ROME. JUG NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT JUGOSLAVIA SHOULD REQUIRE SOME FORM OF PERMIT TO ENTER AREA.

C. PRESUME ROAD CHECK POSTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT MAIN CROSSINGS OF BOTH MORGAN AND ISONZO LINES WITH FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS. ONE. PREVENT ENTRY OF ARMS AND UNAUTHORISED JUG OR ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. TWO. CHECK IDENTITY TO CONTROL ENTRY OF BLACK LIST PERSONNEL AND JUG NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT JUGOSLAVIA AND DISGUISED MILITARY PERSONNEL. THESE TWO IMPLY POWER TO SEARCH VEHICLES AND BAGGAGE AND TO QUESTION INDIVIDUALS. THREE. PROVIDE STATISTICS ON APPROX NUMBERS AND TYPES ENTERING AND LEAVING AREA. CONSIDER THIS DEGREE CONTROL NECESSARY.

D. SUGGEST ITALIAN AND SLOVENE MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH HOMES IN AREA SHOULD BE PERMITTED ENTER AREA ON LEAVE. OTHERWISE NO ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE PERMITTED ENTER UNLESS SPECIALLY AUTHORISED BY THIRTEEN CORPS OR HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AND NO JUG MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCEPT AS AGREED BETWEEN THIRTEEN CORPS AND JUG MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

E. PRESENT SECURITY CONTROL LINE ALONG RIVER PIAVE SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

F. PRESUME BASIC POLICY PRECLUDE IMPOSITION CENSORSHIP CIVIL COMMS SINCE NOT STRICTLY ESSENTIAL ALTHOUGH OF DISTINCT VALUE FROM VIEWPOINT BOTH OF SECURITY AND OF ASSESSMENT TEMPER AND SENTIMENTS OF POPULATION.

G. REQUEST YOU EITHER CONFIRM HITCHENS MEMO POLICY AS AMPLIFIED ABOVE OR COMMENT OR ISSUE DIRECTIVE ON SUBJECT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 469081-365

AC/14191/PS

/8 June. 1945.

SUBJECT : Public Security in N. Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference 3626/EC dated 14 January 1945.

2. (a) The primary responsibility for clothing and equipping CC.RR is one for MMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission) and Public Safety Sub Commission is in constant touch with them on it. The present directive is not satisfactory. MMIA's responsibility has, naturally, been primarily to the combat units and Public Safety Sub-Commission has not got the powers, organisation on personnel to look after their supplies. A letter on this is now approved and going forward to AFHQ over the Chief Commissioner's signature. The following items have been allotted to northern Regions during the past few weeks

2500	Boots
700	Tunics
200	Pairs Trousers
400	Caps
700	Ties
700	Puttees

In addition the Ministry of War is manufacturing 4000 pairs of trousers for issue to CC.RR. Further clothing will be manufactured as more cloth becomes available.

(b) It is agreed that equipment supplied to CC.RR. generally has been of inferior quality. The grey green type of uniform being made of shoddy soon wears out, and in many cases second hand repaired clothing has been the supply resulting in a very poor turn out of the men. Until cloth of a proper type is obtained and made up it would appear that the unsatisfactory dress will continue. Some good uniforms have been uncovered in the north and a supply of cloth has also been located near Como. It is expected this will soon be unblocked by MMIA.

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The shoes issued are 2nd hand repaired goods and as such require changing at frequent intervals.

Firearms have been in short supply and in many cases rifles have been issued instead of muskets. The procedure is to secure a supply of muskets from dumps of surrendered arms in the north. This however is unsatisfactory as evidence goes to show that inferior arms are being turned in; the assumption being that the good ones are being concealed for nefarious use at a later stage.

3. Reference Para 1(b). CC.RR. in the initial stages, as was expected from information received before the occupation, had a bad time as the C.L.N. would not recognise them. The situation is gradually changing for the better. The law abiding public are now weary of the banditry of so-called partisans and look to the CC.RR. to right matters. P.S. Officers are gradually getting the police accepted in their proper role and with increasing apprehensions of law breakers it is hoped that the interior rural districts will be on a par with the towns.

This can only be tackled by the P.P.S.O. and it is a slow but steady business.

4. Questore for the most part have been appointees of C.L.N. Happily the demand for career officials is now increasing and a blend has been made of career assistants to guide the better of the C.L.N. Questoras. The transient stage has been sticky and the uncertain political situation has militated against successful local government, but improvement is now apparent.

5. Transport has been a difficult matter. To date 48 3 ton trucks and 48 armoured cars have been allotted by AFHQ for CC.RR. mobile battalions (12 trucks and 12 armoured vehicles to each of the 4 Northern regions). 40 armoured cars proceeded to the North at the beginning of this week and are now in situation. These will be available to go to troubled spots. A further eight are undergoing repair. The 48 trucks were all Class 5 vehicles. 4 only were runners and these have been sent north. The other 44 are undergoing repair and will be sent north in small convoys as they are completed.

6. On 17 February the Executive Commissioner suggested to V.P. C.A. Sec. that extra vehicles for CC.RR. should be allotted from the 1700 vehicles being made available for the carrying of supplies. CC.RR. needs were made known to the Executive Commissioner on March 45, but it was then stated that the allotment of a number of trucks from the 1700 available would be wrong in principle.

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A request for additional transport for carabinieri was then made to MMIA on 21 March 1945. A complete statement of the vehicle position throughout the entire force was supplied and on 26 April 1945 MMIA replied that no additional vehicles could be allotted.

The matter was then referred to AFHQ by G-4 (B) who were preparing a consolidated statement of the needs of all A.C. transport requirements. The bid was made for 50 trucks on 14 May 1945 AFHQ replied that the general shortage of load carrying vehicles in this theatre made it impossible to release additional vehicles to CC.RR.

7. 50 Italian Army Fiocce cars have been released to Carabinieri by MMIA. These carry 2 men each and at the present time Carabinieri are being taught to drive this rather unusual vehicle in the Italian Army driving school. These vehicles are only of use for short patrol in towns to show the flag and cannot be considered as any real assistance from a transportation point of view.

8. CC.RR. General Taddei has been in the north reorganising the force and his return and report should soon be available. In the light of his investigations coupled with the reports of R.P.S.O's much improvement should be effected.

9. Finally it must be reiterated that a general programme of refitting CC.RR. - a force of 65,000 - plus the acquisition of more transport must be faced by Higher Authority.

G.N. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

14 GIU. 1945

See 3A

Ref: 3626/EC. 14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Public Security in N.ITALY.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

1. Public security in Northern Italy is being affected adversely by the following facts.

(a) The CC.RR are not properly equipped. Uniforms and shoes are lacking and in one instance I heard of an absence of firearms.

(b) The CC.RR are performing their duties comparatively satisfactorily in the towns but when faced with a strong partisan feeling in rural districts are diffident and ineffectual.

(c) The Questore, particularly those of Communist leanings, are very apt to obey the orders of the CLN and partisans and to effect the most illegal arrests. This has been reported both from GENOA VERCELLI.

2. May I know what is being done about this and whether you are satisfied that the CC.RR and other police agencies have sufficient transport to make them mobile.

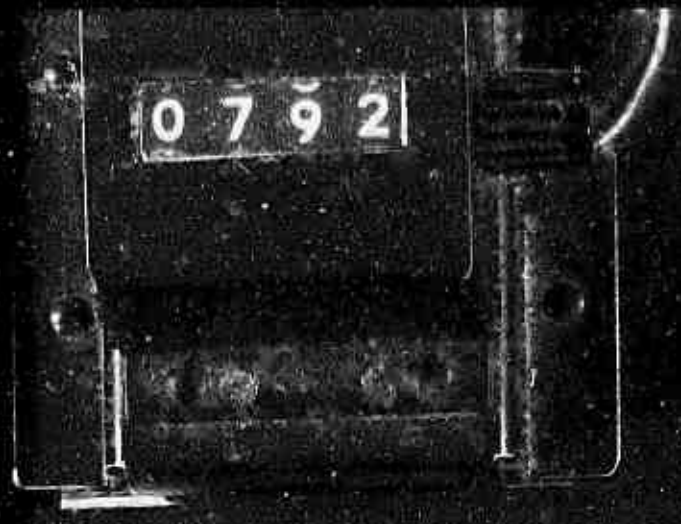
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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