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C.S.O.

Sir, Reference Ex. Com's Minute 6 - C4 Section have received a further letter on this subject and are asking for the return of this correspondence. It may contain the information Ex. Com is asking for.

C.A.S.

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Please let us know any further info you may have. H.S. 18/11

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Ex. Com

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Ref your 1.6. See further report received at 4.2A. The position situation seems to have undergone a great change. H.S. 18/11

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C.A.S.

File returned with thanks

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Capt
Off Ex Comm

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT:

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FILE No.

TO

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

19 Jan 1946

The attached is passed to you for information and you may wish to show to CC.

Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission has been instructed to keep a special watch on developments.

I noticed from the December Monthly Report of the Liaison Office, Pari, para 27, that the Commander 54 Area had "instructed" the Prefect to enforce adult curfew from 2400 hrs to 0600 hrs and for juveniles from 1930 hrs to 0600 hrs. I doubt the right of the Commander of the Area to "instruct" the Prefect to impose a curfew but presumably he has arranged for the curfew with the Prefect who is co-operating. Even under AMG it was almost impossible to enforce a curfew and I am very doubtful about the advisability of trying to do so in this particular case. However, this would appear to be purely a military matter.

MB

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M. GARR, Brig.,
VF CA Section.

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C50 Ref. mem 3 above & attached. Is anything known about this - e.g. the referred letters? Would you like it cleared? I can't altogether agree with Brig. Carr that it was impossible to enforce curfew - at least,

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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Chief Commissioner

mm 3 - 10/10/1A

Approval
Attached is submitted for your signature information

JAN 23 REC'D 17:00

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C.S.O. - Dr should know by now what an the developments. 26/1

OAS. 1^B and 2^B for your information Showing the good results obtained by strong action in BARI. *Wanda Wilson*

30 Jan.
S. 15365.

P.D.P.C.

noted. file returned. V.P. has seen.
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La. Section.

30 Jan.

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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REF : LB/3

21 January 1946

SUBJECT : Robbery and Violence
Italian CiviliansTO : HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

Further to our letter LB/3 dated 14
January 1946.

The attached copy of a letter GSI 181
dated 19 Jan 46 from Commander 54 Area, is
forwarded to you for information.

GMR/cb



G.M. Reveley
G.M. REVELEY, Major
Acting Chief Liaison
Officer
AC BARI

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SUBJECT : - Robbery and violence - Italian Civilians RESTRICTED

181 GSI

3 District

Further to my letter 181 GSI dated 12 Jan 46.

1. The prompt and vigorous action which I deemed it necessary to take, in order to make abundantly clear the immediate reaction of the British authorities to deliberate shooting at their soldiers has, I believe, had a profound and salutary effect throughout BARI.

2. Never, I am assured by my APM, has the Night Life of BARI been so subdued, on the streets so completely deserted during curfew hours as they are now. The presence of well disciplined patrols from 4 Dorsets (including carrier patrols working through the labyrinth of the Old City) during the hours of curfew has summarily corrected any impression which might be prevalent that the British authorities, through lack of man power, are no longer able to exercise the influence which they did in the past.

3. My information is that the very presence of these patrols on the streets has immeasurably raised the morale of the CO. RR, and that they have taken advantage of the present state of comparative discipline in the city to do quite a lot of "cleaning up" of undesirable elements.

4. In connection with the shooting of Lt. Knight, no fewer than thirty arrests have been made - all known criminals and marauders. I hope that, even if unconnected with these shootings, it will be possible to frame suitable charges against many of them and so keep them off the streets of BARI for some time to come. The conviction is held that amongst these thirty is at least one of the actual assailants. It will be a long time yet before the officer will be able to attend any identification parade. The report on him to-day is that the balance of probability is now

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5. Three arrests have been made in connection with the shooting of Spr. Rollings : the three include the actual assailant, who has confessed.

6. I wish to place on record my appreciation of the undoubted co-operation which has been extended to me by the Prefect of BARI, by the Questore and by the CC.RR - and the resolute and efficient action which they have taken during the past week.

7. I have no doubt, too, that the measures which have been taken have given the greatest satisfaction to the solid mass of the law abiding citizens of BARI, who deplore the activities of these nightly marauders, which tend to give a bad name to their city.

8. I might have been apprehensive of untoward incidents in putting patrols on the streets, had I not had at my disposal

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troops of a well disciplined Bn-4th Bn, The Dorsetshire Regt. There have been no untoward incidents.

These patrols have, during the week, apart from instilling some discipline into the night life of BAKI :-

- (a) Recovered a lorry load of stolen flour and arrested four Italians, one of whom was armed and prepared to use his revolver.
- (b) Circumvented a robbery of WD premises and made and arrest.
- (c) made three arrests of Italians in improper possession of British WD material.

In every case the GURR were present when these arrests were made.

8. I believe that the criminal elements in BAKI have received a salutary lesson: the situation is now so quiet that I propose to reduce the extent of the patrolling and, if the situation remains unaltered, to discontinue it very shortly. I am anxious to do this as I am as short as ever of man power.

CME
19 Jan 46
CPC/ADP

Signed : /s/
C. CLARK
Brigadier,
Commander, 54 Area.

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LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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Italian Civilians
TO : HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

14 January 1946 17A

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dated 12 January 1946 from Commander 54 Area is
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GMR/CF

G.M. Reveley
G.M. REVELEY, Major
Acting Liaison Officer
AC BARI

COPY TO : Public Safety Sub Commission.

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SUBJECT : Robbery and violence - Italian Civilians

RESTRICTED

181 GSI

3 District

Further to my letter 181 GSI dated 10 Jan 46, and signal 181 GSI of today's date.

1. The name of the British Officer who was shot on the night of 9/10 Jan. is Lieut. R.M. Knight, 566 Army Tps Coy, RE. He was shot through the stomach and liver. Although he is still hovering between life and death, the operation to remove the bullet was successful, and I am now informed that he has a chance of survival.

2. The second outrage referred to happened on the following night, when two soldiers of 5 Port Operating Group were returning to their billet, along a main thoroughfare. They were accosted by a gang of Italians who demanded cigarettes. When these were refused, one of the soldiers was deliberately, and in cold blood, shot and wounded by one of the gang. He was wounded in the side and in the hand.

3. As requested in my above mentioned signal, I ask that action on para 6 of my 181 GSI of 10 Jan should, for the time being be suspended. As a result of my representations to them, the Prefect CC.RR., and Questura have indeed shown quite commendable and unwonted energy in their attempts to clean up the situation. 13 arrests have been made in connection with the shooting of Lieut. Knight and a further 5 known criminals have been "pulled in" for questioning.

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4. There is no doubt now that the Civil Authorities are making every attempt to enforce the curfew, which has never been withdrawn from BARI. Unless and until this is satisfactorily achieved, the present spate of lawlessness and hooliganism throughout BARI during the hours of darkness will continue.

5. The situation is such that I do now deem it necessary, as reported in my signal, to put British patrols on the street of BARI during curfew hours, with the sole object of protecting British life and property.

6. Each British patrol will be accompanied by CCRR and CMP. Italian civilians who are infringing the Curfew Order, or otherwise committing an offence unconnected with British interests, will be dealt with, by arrest or otherwise at their discretion, by the CCRR from whom all initiative must come. If, however, the Carabinieri find themselves in extreme difficulties and call upon British personnel for assistance, then and then only, will British personnel render assistance, using the minimum force necessary to restore the situation for the Carabinieri.

Any arrest of an Italian civilian, other than for an offence against British life and/or property, will be made by the Carabinieri. All Italian civilians so arrested will remain throughout in the custody of personnel of the Carabinieri, including their transport, if necessary, in British vehicles.

7. I will keep you informed of the situation, which, at present I view with the gravest concern.

CWF

12 Jan 46

GPC/ADP

Signed : /s/
G.P. CLARK, Brigadier
Commander, 54 Area

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Prefect of BARI

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