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LIST OF PRISONS IN REGION II

<u>PRISON</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Avigliano	Centro di Rieducazione	Avigliano
Bari	Giudiziario	Bari
Brindisi	Giudiziario	Brindisi
Gallipoli	Giudiziario	Gallipoli
Lagonegro	Giudiziario	Lagonegro
Lecce	Giudiziario	Lecce
Lecce	Casa Penale	Lecce
Matera	Giudiziario	Matera
Melfi	Giudiziario	Melfi
Potenza	Giudiziario	Potenza
Taranto	Giudiziario	Taranto
Trani	Giudiziario	Trani
Trani	Casa Penale	Trani
Turi	Casa per Minorati	Turi

2. It was the custom to use Mandamentali prisons for short sentences only, and although some are unfit to be used as prisons, they are useful as lock - ups and for short sentences up to 30 days.

3. A general program consisting of repairing and redecoration, delousing and disinfecting initiated in all prisons during the latter part of 1943 has shown excellent results. Medicines, disinfectants, vaccines, and insect powder have been available through the Medico Provinciale. New kitchens were built in Matera and Potenza prisons while latrines are under construction in others. With the exception of the Penal Institutions (Lecce Trani & Turi) there is no system of labour or workshops of any notice. Food, although insufficient, is well prepared.

4. A constant check during the past month was made on the following and it was found that were on the whole properly kept.

- Prisoners Registry
- Personal History Cards
- Property book
- Visitors book
- Accounts & Stores.
- Money book

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5. The following is the number of prisoners, by categories, in Region II

	Men	W.	M.	
A.	807	171	93	Civil Prisoners convicted.
B.	29	---	2	" " by AMG. & AGC.
C.	1441	102	139	" " awaiting trial

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	Men	W.	M.	
A.	907	171	95	Civil Prisoners convicted.
B.	28	---	2	Civil " " by AMG. & ACC.
C.	1441	192	139	Civil " " awaiting trial
D.	63	8	1	Civil " " by AMG. & ACC.
E.	761	---	---	Italian Military Prisoners
F.	365	35	90	Civil prisoners arrested by It. Military.

Total 3565 406 335

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF 21 JULY 1944

PRISON	POPULATION				CAPACITY		REMARKS
	M.	W.	M.	W.	M.		
BARI ✓	1397	105	174	85	670	50	
BRINDISI ✓	115	6	8	50	200		Requisitioned. Inmates in improvised Prison & Agr. Colonies
GALLIPOLI ✓	28	6	-	4	36	8	
LAGONEGRO ✓	78	13	2	20	100	-	
LECCE ✓	568	65	55	50	350	10	
LECCE (Penal) ✓	305	-	-	-	200	-	
MATERA ✓	83	5	1	12	56	8	
MELFI ✓	101	8	4	12	122	5	
POTENZA ✓	121	20	6	14	160	10	
TARANTO ✓	214	40	19	-	180	-	1/3 Requisitioned.
TRANI ✓	302	32	6	25	247	11	
TRANI (Women) ✓	-	106	-	140	-		
TURI ✓	253	-	-	-	295		Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec. Med.

REFORMATORIES

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Requisitioned

GALLIOPOLI ✓

LAGONEGRO ✓

LECCE ✓

LECCE (Penal) ✓

MATERA ✓

MELFI ✓

POTENZA ✓

TARANTO ✓

TRANI ✓

TRANI (women) ✓

TURI ✓

1/3 Requisitioned.

Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec.
Med.

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Requisitioned
Inmates housed in
local orphanage

AVIGLIANO

TOTAL

Legend:

	M. Men.	W. Women.	M. Minors.
	406	335	
TOTAL	3565		

— Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.
Figures are for Judicial Prisons only.

HEADQUARTERS
CORRECTIONAL COMMISSION
REGION II

DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION

21 July 1944 Date

Avigliano (Ref)			Bari			Brindisi			Brindisi Agr. Col.			
K.	W.	M.	K.	W.	M.	K.	W.	M.	K.	W.	M.	
Requisitioned			60	47	16	12	57	3	8	76 of total are in Brindisi agric. Colonies.		
Inmates housed in local orphanage				4 462 60 459 365	-- 46 8 -- 35	2 61 1 -- 98	-- 58 -- -- --	-- 3 -- -- --	-- -- -- -- --			
Total			60	1397	105	174	115	6	8			
Gallipoli				Lagonegro			Lecce			Lecce (Penal)		
A	19	2	--	7	2	--	66	21	11	254		
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12		
C	9	4	--	70	11	2	217	44	44	29		
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
E	--	--	--	1	--	--	285	--	--	10		
F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Total			28	78	13	2	568	65	55	305		
Matera				Nelfi			Potenza			Taranto		
A	25	1	1	29	4	--	39	4	1	41	7	
B	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	
C	53	4	--	68	4	4	81	16	5	172	33	
D	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
E	2	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	
F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total			83	101	8	4	121	20	6	214	40	
Trani				Trani (Women)			Turi			Grand Total		
A	71	5	2	106			252	907			171	
B	7	--	--				--	28			--	
C	221	27	4				1	1441			192	
D	--	--	--				--	63			8	
E	3	--	--				--	761			--	
F	--	--	--				--	365			35	
Total			302	32	106		253	3565			406	
			6								335	

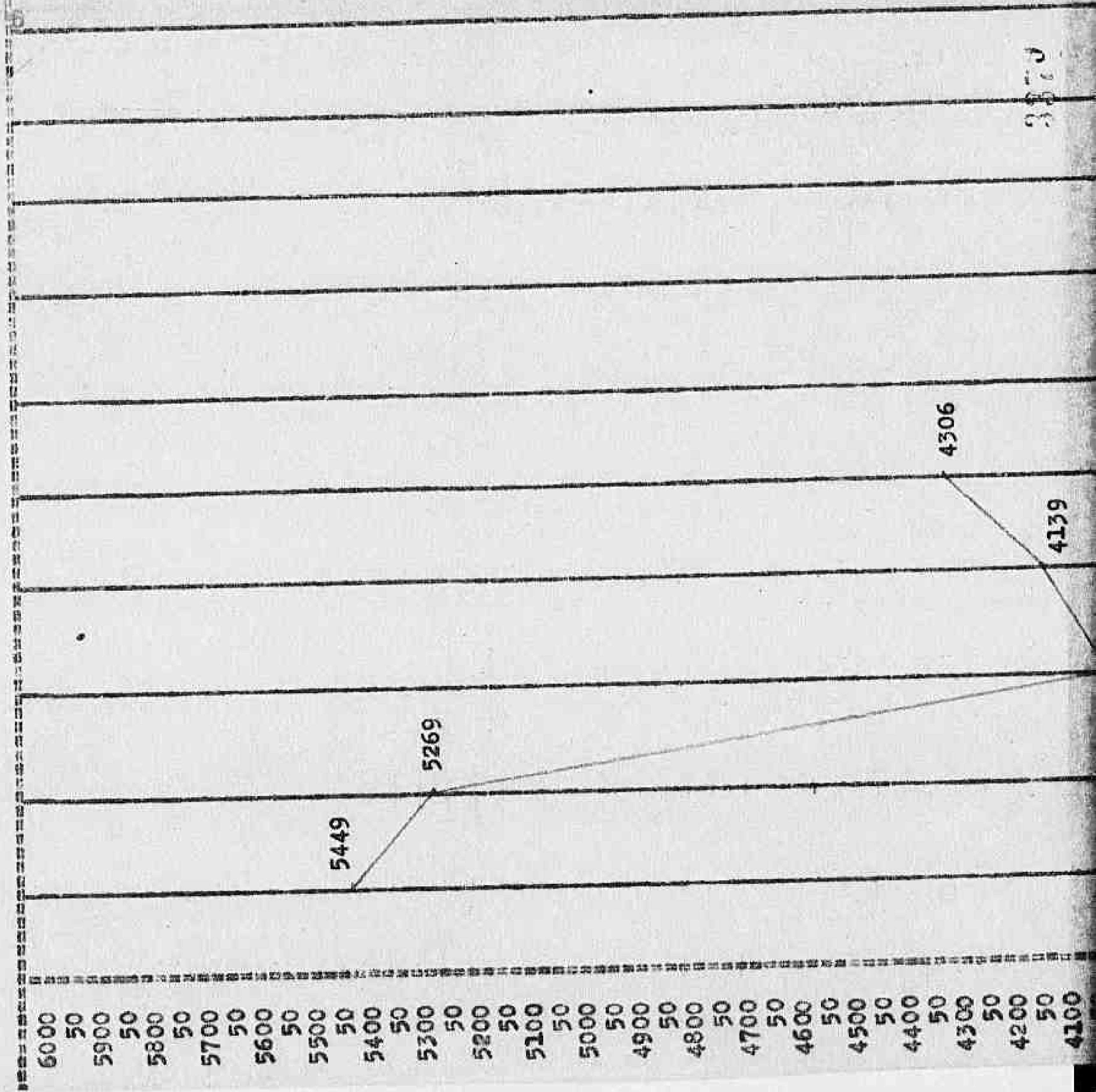
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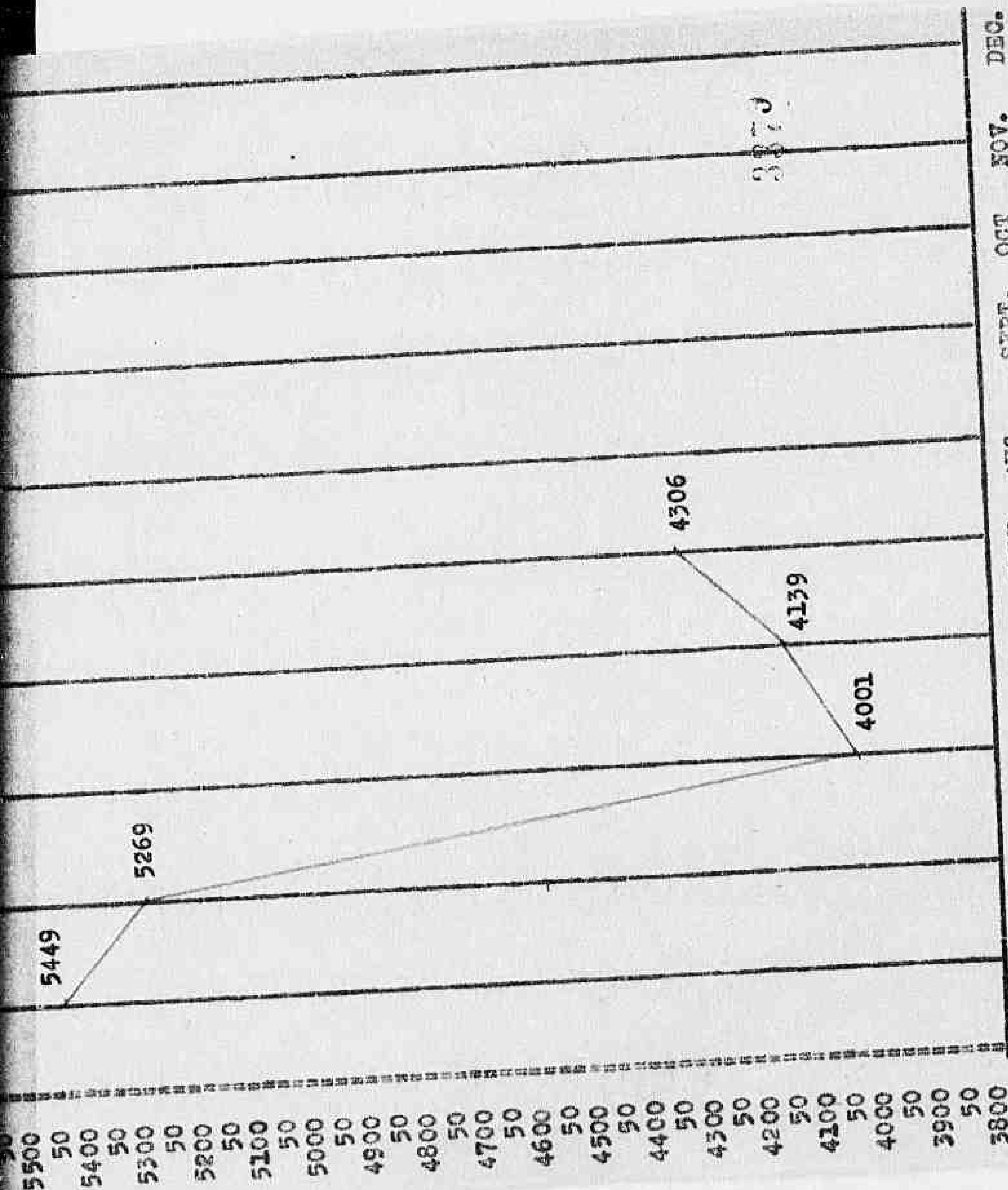
Legend:	L.	W.	M.	
	Men	Women	Minors	
A =	Civil Prisoners	Convicted		
B =	Civil Prisoners	Convicted by AMG & ACC		
C =	Civil Prisoners	Awaiting Trial		
D =	Civil Prisoners	Awaiting Trial by AMG & ACC		
E =	Italian Military	Prisoners		
F =	Civil Prisoners	arrested by It. Military.		

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PRISON POPULATION

REGION II





NOTE:- March and April include Calabria (now Region VII).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF 21 JULY 1944

PRISON	M.	W.	M.	W.	M.	W.	POPULATION	CAPACITY	REMARKS
BARI	1397	105	174	85	620	50	1397	50	Requisitioned. Inmates in improvised Prison & Agr. Colonies
BRINDISI	115	6	8	50	200		115		
GALLIPOLI	28	6	-	4	36	8	28	8	
LAGONEGRO	78	13	2	20	100	-	78	-	
LECCE	568	65	55	50	350	10	568	10	
LECCE (Fenal)	305	--	--	--	200	--	305	--	
MATERA	83	5	1	12	56	8	83	8	
MELFI	101	8	4	12	122	5	101	5	
POTENZA	121	20	6	14	160	10	121	10	
TARANTO	214	40	19	--	180	--	214	--	1/3 Requisitioned.
TRANI	302	32	6	25	247	11	302	11	
TRANI (Women)	--	106	-	140			--		
TURI	253	-	-		295		253		Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec. Med.
REFORMATORIES									Requisitioned Inmates housed in local orphanage
AVIGLIANO			60						

GALLIPOLI	28	6	-	36	4	8	
LAGONEGRO	78	13	2	100	20	-	
LECCE	568	65	55	350	50	10	
LECCE (Fenal)	305	--	--	200	--	--	
MATERA	83	5	1	56	12	8	
MELFI	101	8	4	122	12	5	
POTENZA	121	20	6	160	14	10	
TARANTO	214	40	19	180	--	--	1/3 Requisitioned.
TRANI	302	32	6	247	25	11	
TRANI (women)	--	106	-	140			
TURI	253	-	-	295			Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec. Med.
REFORMATORIES							Requisitioned Inmates housed in local orphanage
AVIGLIANO			60				
TOTAL	3565	1406	335	4121	102		

Legend:

M.
Men.W.
Women.M.
Minors.

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Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.

Figures are for Judicial Prisons only.

406
 335
 4306
 3130
 7176
 767 million

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION 21 July 1944 Date

Avigliano (Ref)		Bari		Brindisi		Brindisi Agr. Col.	
M.	W.	M.	W.	M.	W.	M.	W.
Requisitioned 60		47	16	12	3	8	
Inmates housed		4	--	2	--	--	
in local orphanage		462	46	61	3	--	
		60	8	1	--	--	
		459	--	--	--	--	
		365	35	98	--	--	
60		1397	105	174	115	6	8
Total							
Gallipoli		Lagonegro		Lecce		Lecce (Penal)	
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--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
9	4	70	11	217	44	44	29
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	1	--	285	--	--	10
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
28		78	13	2	568	65	305
Total							
Matera		Melfi		Potenza		Taranto	
25	1	29	4	39	4	41	7
3	--	--	--	1	--	1	--
53	4	68	4	81	16	172	33
--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--
2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
83		101	8	121	20	214	40
Total							
Trani		Trani (Women)		Turi		Grand Total	
71	5	2	106	252		907	171
7	--	--	--	--	--	28	--
221	27	4	--	1	--	1441	192
--	--	--	--	--	--	63	8
3	--	--	--	--	--	761	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	365	35
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Total							335

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A	19	2	66	21	11		
B	9	7	2	44	29		
C	9	70	217	44	29		
D	9	1	285	44	10		
E	9	1	285	44	10		
F	9	1	285	44	10		
Total	88	78	13	2	568	65	55
	Waters	Melfi	Potenza	Taranto			
A	25	1	39	41	7		
B	3	1	1	1	1		
C	53	68	81	172	33		19
D	2	3	1	1	1		19
E	2	1	1	1	1		19
F	2	1	1	1	1		19
Total	83	101	8	4	121	20	6
	Trani	Trani (Women)	Turi	Grand Total			
A	71	106	252	907	171	95	
B	7	1	1	28	1	2	
C	221	1	1	1441	192	139	
D	3	1	1	63	8	1	
E	3	1	1	761	35	98	
F	3	1	1	365	35	98	
Total	302	32	6	253	406	335	

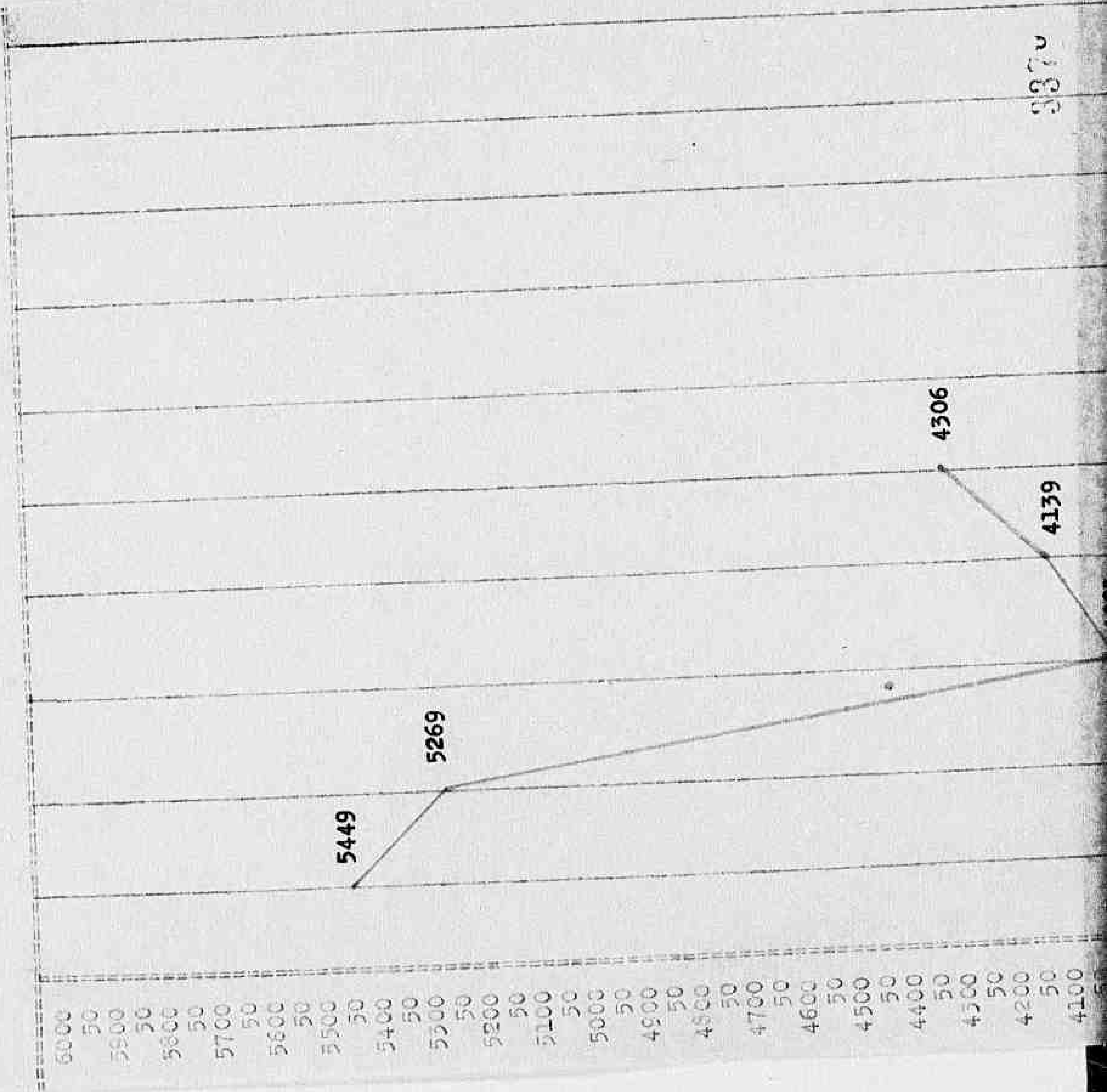
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PRISON POPULATION

REGION VI



5449

5269

4306

4139

4001

3870

FEB. MAR. APR. MAY JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. OCT NOV. DEC.

NOTE:- March and April include Calabria (now Region VII).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II
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Report on Prison Aspect of Region II.

GENERAL

- (1) On D. day-Sept. 3, 1943, A.M.G. representatives attached to tactical units landed at Reggio and by the end of the month the whole of Region II, at that time comprising the Provinces of Reggio, Cosenza, Catanzaro, Potenza and Matera, were occupied by Allied Forces.

Prison particulars of this territory were as follows:

<u>Province</u>	<u>Prison</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>No of dependent. Mand. Prisons</u>
Matera	Matera	Carceri Giudiziarie	8
Potenza	Potenza	"	11
	Lagonegro	"	10
	Melfi	"	4
	Avigliano	Casa di Rieducazione	
Cosenza	Cosenza	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	13
	Castrovillari	"	7
	Rossano	"	5
Catanzaro	Catanzaro	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	14
	Catanzaro	Centro di Rieducazione	
	Nicastro	Carceri Giudiziarie	7
	Vibo Valentia	"	7
	Vibo Valentia	Casa di Rieducazione	
Reggio	Reggio	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	4
	Palmi	"	5
	Locri	"	7
	Taurianova	"	0
	Cinquesfrondi	"	0

Total 15 Judicial Prisons, 3 Reformatories and 102 Mandamentali prisons and an approximate area of 10,000 sq. miles.

- (2) On Dec. 6, 1943 the Province of Salerno was added to Region II.

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Matera	Matera	Carceri Giudiziarie	8
Potenza	Potenza	"	11
	Iagonegro	"	10
	Melfi	"	4
	Avigliano	Casa di Rieducazione	
Cosenza	Cosenza	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	13
	Castrovillari	"	7
	Rossano	"	5
Catanzaro	Catanzaro	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	14
	Catanzaro	Centro di Rieducazione	
	Nicastro	Carceri Giudiziarie	7
	Vibo Valentia	"	7
	Vibo Valentia	Casa di Rieducazione	
Reggio	Reggio	Carceri Giudiziarie Centrale	4
	Palmi	"	5
	Locri	"	7
	Taurianova	"	0
	Cinquedondi	"	0

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- (2) On Dec. 6, 1943 the Province of Salerno was added to ~~Region~~ ^{Region} II, (Prison particulars of which are: 2 Judicial Prisons, 1 Reformatory and 24 Mandamentali prisons, and an approximate area of 1,500 sq. miles) so that the total number of prisons was 17 Judicial Prisons, 4 Reformatories and 106 Mandamentali Prisons and an approximate area of 11,500 sq. miles.

- (3) Capt. H.W. Alden was posted to Region II HQ as Inspector of Prisons, reporting for duty on 11 Dec. 1943.

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- (4) On 11 Feb. 1944 Region II was restored to the Italian Government and Apulia comprising the Province of Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, and Taranto was incorporated in Region II.

Prison particulars of the additional territory are as follows:

Province	Prison	Type	No of Mand. Prisons.
Bari	Bari	Carceri Giudiziarie	19
	Trani	Carceri Giudiziarie	
	Trani	Casa Penale per Donne	
	Turi	Casa Penale	
Brindisi	Brindisi	Carceri Giudiziarie	5
	Lecce	Carceri Giudiziarie	
	Lecce	Casa Penale per Uomini	
	Gallipoli	Carceri Giudiziarie	
Taranto	Taranto	Carceri Giudiziarie	5

A total of 6 Judicial Prison 3 Penal Institutions 38 Mandamentali prisons and an approximate area of 4,500 sq. miles.

- (5) On 1 March 1944, the Province of Salerno was transferred to Region III so that the number of prisons in Region II consisted of 21 Judicial Prisons, 3 Penal Institutions, 3 Reformatories and 140 Mandamentali Prisons and an approximate area of 14,500 sq. miles.

- (6) On 23 April 44, Calabria (consisting of the Provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio, a total of 11 Judicial Prisons, 69 Mandamentali and 2 Reformatories) was formed into a Region of its own, as a result Region II consisted and now consists of six Provinces with a total of 10 Judicial Prisons, 1 Reformatory, 3 Penal Institutions 61 Mandamentali and an area of about 8,500 sq. miles.

- (7) On 8 June 1944 Capt. H.W. Alden officer in charge of Prisons Region II was transferred to Region 3.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

25 June 1944

Ref. :- A/PS/164

Subject:- Prisons, Region II

To :- Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC. Rear. APO 394
(Thru Regional Commissioner)

BARI PRISON

This prison definitely cannot accommodate more prisoners. Prisoners are sleeping on the floor almost naked, dirty and without shoes. There is an extreme shortage of blankets and Matresses. All possible steps to reduce overcrowding have been taken. The convicted prisoners are transferred to other prisons as soon as convicted, but the number is so small that it does not relieve the situation to any appreciable extent. An examination of the figures reveals the deplorable state of the prison.

The capacity is:

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MINORS</u>
	670	85	50
Its population is:			
+ Italian Military Prisoners	488	69	49
+ Civilians held by Military	495	--	--
	470	27	106
	<u>1453</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>155</u>

The situation is acute and requires prompt action.

The rebuilding and repair of the reformatory in rear of the prison, which now has first priority, will greatly relieve the overcrowded condition.

BRINDISI PRISON

The requisitioning of the prison of Brindisi has left the City of Brindisi, population 41,700, virtually without a prison. The alternative accommodation, Scuola Elementare delle Nottonelle, is under construction and will require at least 3 more weeks to complete. In the meantime, tried and untried prisoners are in the Agricultural Colonies, new arrivals, after interrogation, are sent to Lecce.

LECCE PRISON

The requisitioning of Lecce Judicial Prison is due to:

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LECCE PRISON

The overcrowding of Lecce Judicial Prison is due to:

- (a) Italian Military and Naval Prisoners
- (b) prisoners from Brindisi.

Its capacity is

MEM	WOMEN	MINORS
350	50	30

343	55	50
310		

Its population is
Italian Military and Naval Prisoners

652	55	50
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Three months ago the Italian Deputy Minister for War, Col. Fiore Bernazza at Lecce and the Admiral commanding at Brindisi were approached by Capt. H. W. Alden, Prison Officer, concerning the removal of these Military and Naval prisoners, which would relieve the congestion considerably. No action has been taken to date.

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TARANTO PRISON

Three fourths of this prison is requisitioned by British Military. This office was informed that the prison would be restored to the Italian Civil Authorities the first week of June. This was extended to the 19th June and further extended to the 30th of June. The overcrowded condition at this prison will be corrected upon the return of the requisitioned portion to the Civil Authorities. The civil part of the prison is overcrowded.

Its capacity is:

Its population is:

MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
130	---	---
192	30	3

POTENZA PRISON

No information has been received indicating what action, if any, was taken by the Italian Ministry concerning the prison escape at Potenza on the 25th April 1944.

TRANI WOMEN'S PENAL AND LECCE PENAL (Men)

Are clean and well run prisons.

It can be summed up in one phrase:- EXCELLENT WORKSHOPS, NO MATERIALS.

GENERALPRISONS DAMAGED OR WORK SUSPENDED

A list has been forwarded of prisons answering the above description.

PRISON STAFFS

The increased ration, authorized effective 1 July 1944, should improve the efficiency and morale of these poorly paid and overworked public servants.

PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF PRISON GUARDS

The present shortage of Prison guards makes it necessary to make greater use of those already in the service. A system whereby prison guards from prisons which have a population below normal capacity could be transferred (temporarily at least) to overcrowded prisons where they are urgently needed would be helpful. (20 guards are required at Bari).

STATIONARY

Prisons are in urgent need of books, Registers, paper, etc. in order to carry on the administration work.

Letters arrive at this office written on scraps of paper or the back of old letters and inclosed in old inverted envelopes or home made envelopes. This indicates an extreme lack of stationary. The Minister of Grace and Justice has been informed of this fact by Capt. H.W. Alden, former Prison officer Region II, thru Public Safety

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It can be summed up in one phrase:- EXCELLENT WORKSHOPS, NO MATERIALS.

GENERAL

PRISONS DAMAGED OR WORK SUSPENDED

A list has been forwarded of prisons answering the above description.

PRISON STAFFS

The increased ration, authorized effective 1 July 1944, should improve the efficiency and morale of these poorly paid and overworked public servants.

PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF PRISON GUARDS

The present shortage of Prison guards makes it necessary to make greater use of those already in the service. A system whereby prison guards from prisons which have a population below normal capacity could be transferred (temporarily at least) to overcrowded prisons where they are urgently needed would be helpful. (20 guards are required at Bari).

STATIONARY

Prisons are in urgent need of books, Registers, paper, etc. in order to carry on the administration work.
Letters arrive at this office written on scraps of paper or the back of old letters and inclosed in old inverted envelopes or home made envelopes. This indicates an extreme lack of stationary. The Minister of Grace and Justice has been informed of this fact by Capt. H.W. Alden, former Prison officer Region II, thru Public Safety Sub-Commission.

SCHOOLS

A number of a schools in the prisons of Region II are not functioning due to one or more of the following:

- (a) overcrowding
- (b) no supplies - books, papers, pencil etc..
- (c) instructors

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ITALIAN MILITARY IN CIVIL PRISONS

The removal of the Italian Military prisoners at Bari and Lecce will go far in solving the problem of overcrowding in Region II.

SANITATION AND HEALTH

A supply of insect powder, disinfectants, medicines and vaccines have been made available to some, but not all prisons through the Medici Provinciali. There is an extreme shortage of Blankets, Mattresses, and "Crine Vegetale" for stuffing in all prisons. On the whole, there is some improvement in cleanliness and sanitation but sanitary conditions can not be maintained at a satisfactory level where prisons are badly overcrowded.

Lloyd E. Kelly
LLOYD E. KELLY.,
Lt. Col. Inf.,

Regional Public Safety Officer

Inclosures:-

Prison Population for month of June
Detail of Prison population for month of June
Statistical chart.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

21 JUNE 1944

PRISON POPULATION MONTH OF

CAPACITY

POPULATION

PRISON	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	M.	REMARKS
BARI	1453	96	155	670	85	50	
BRINDISI	107	6	4	200	50		Requisitioned. Prison being improvised Agric. Colonies.
GALLIPOLI	24	3	—	36	4	8	
LAGONEGRO	63	9	2	100	20	—	
LECCE	653	55	50	350	50	10	
LECCE (Penal)	239	—	—	200	—	—	
MATERA	86	5	2	56	12	8	
MELFI	81	11	2	122	12	5	
POTENZA	105	19	—	160	14	10	
TARANTO	192	30	3	130	—	—	3/4 Requisitioned.
TRANI	214	30	5	247	25	11	
TRANI (Women)	—	105	—	140	—	—	

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TURI	270	—	—	295	—	Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec. Med.
REFORMATORIES						
AVIGLIANO			60			Requisitioned Inmates housed in local orphanage
TOTAL	3487	369	283			

Legend:

M/ Men. W. Women. M. Minors.

Red line indicates prisons are overcrowded.
 Figures are for Judicial Prisons only.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION

21 June 1944 Date

Avigliano (Ref)		Bari		Brindisi		Brindisi Agr. Col.	
M.	W.	M.	W.	M.	W.	M.	W.
Requisitioned 60		72	18	6		51	3
Inmates housed		7	2	4			4
in local		347	47	35		56	
orphanage		62	2	4		3	
		495					
		470	27	106			
Total		60	1453	96	155	107	6
Gallipoli							4
14							
10							
Total		24	3				
Matera							
25							
3							
52							
6							
Total		86	5	2			
Trani							
61							
3							
148							
1							
1							
Total		214	30	5			
Lecce							
11							
52							
Total		63	9	2			
Potenza							
13							
92							
Total		105	19				
Turi							
269							
1							
Total		270					
Taranto							
30							
162							
Total		192	30				
Grand Total							
816							
22							
1299							
67							
813							
470							
Total		3487	160				

orphanage		495	470	27	106			107	6	4
Total		60	1453	96	155			196		
Gallipoli				Lecce				Lecce (Penal)		
A	14		11	1		71	24	9		
B										
C	10	3		8	2	272	31	41		
D										
E						310				
F										
Total		24	3			653	55	50		239
Matera				Bella		Potenza		Taranto		
A	25	1		3	2	13	4			1
B	3									
C	52	4		73	9	92	15			2
D				4						
E	6			1						
F										
Total		86	5	2	81	11	19			3
Turi				Turi (Women)		Turi		Grand Total		
A	61		3		105	269				816
B	3									165
C	148	29	2			1				22
D	1	1								1299
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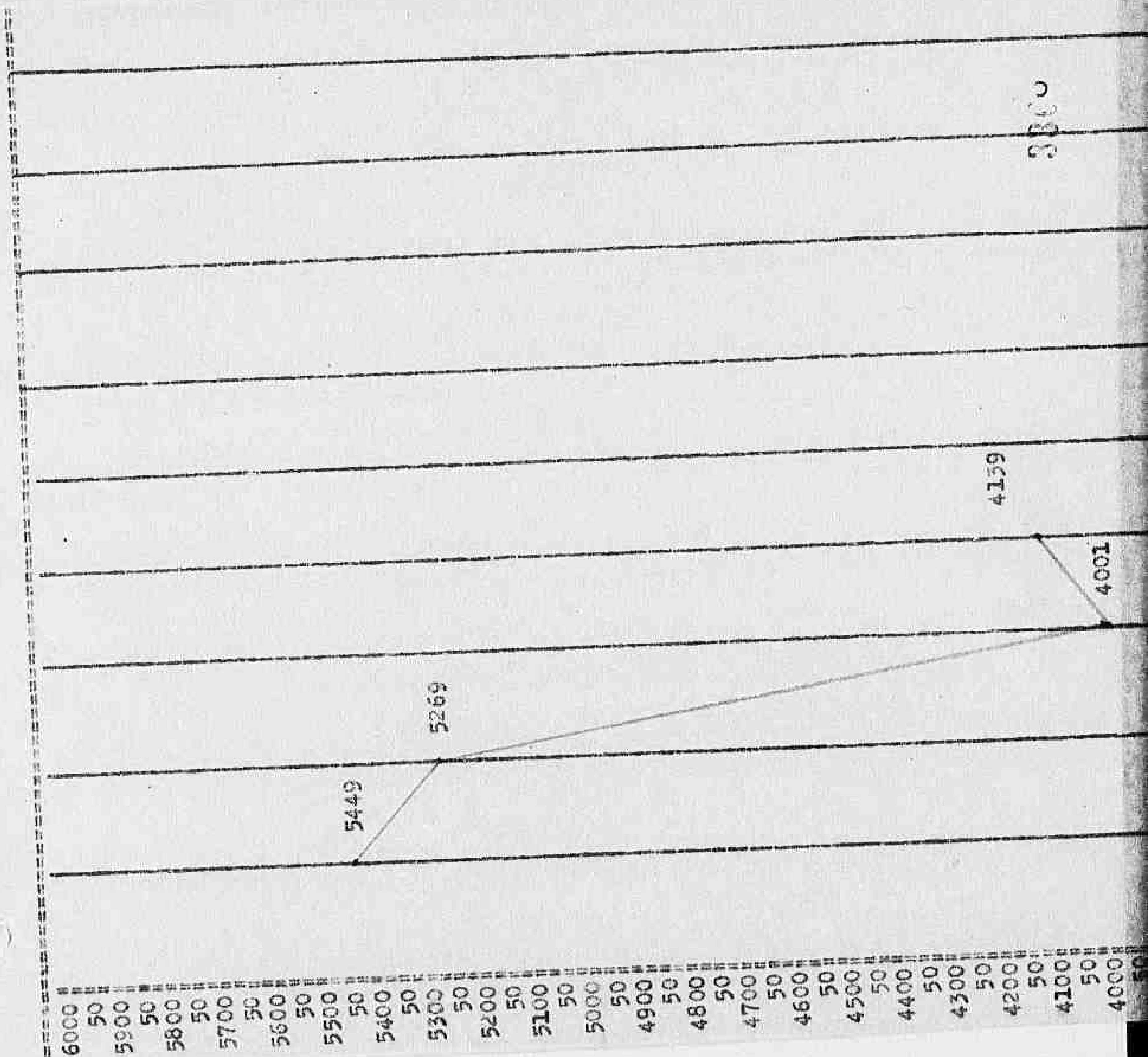
M.	W.	M.
Men	Women	Minors
A =	Civil Prisoners Convicted	
B =	Civil Prisoners Convicted by AMG & ACC	
C =	Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial	
D =	Civil Prisoners Awaiting Trial by AMG & ACC	
E =	Italian Military Prisoners	
F =	Civil Prisoners arrested by It. Military.	

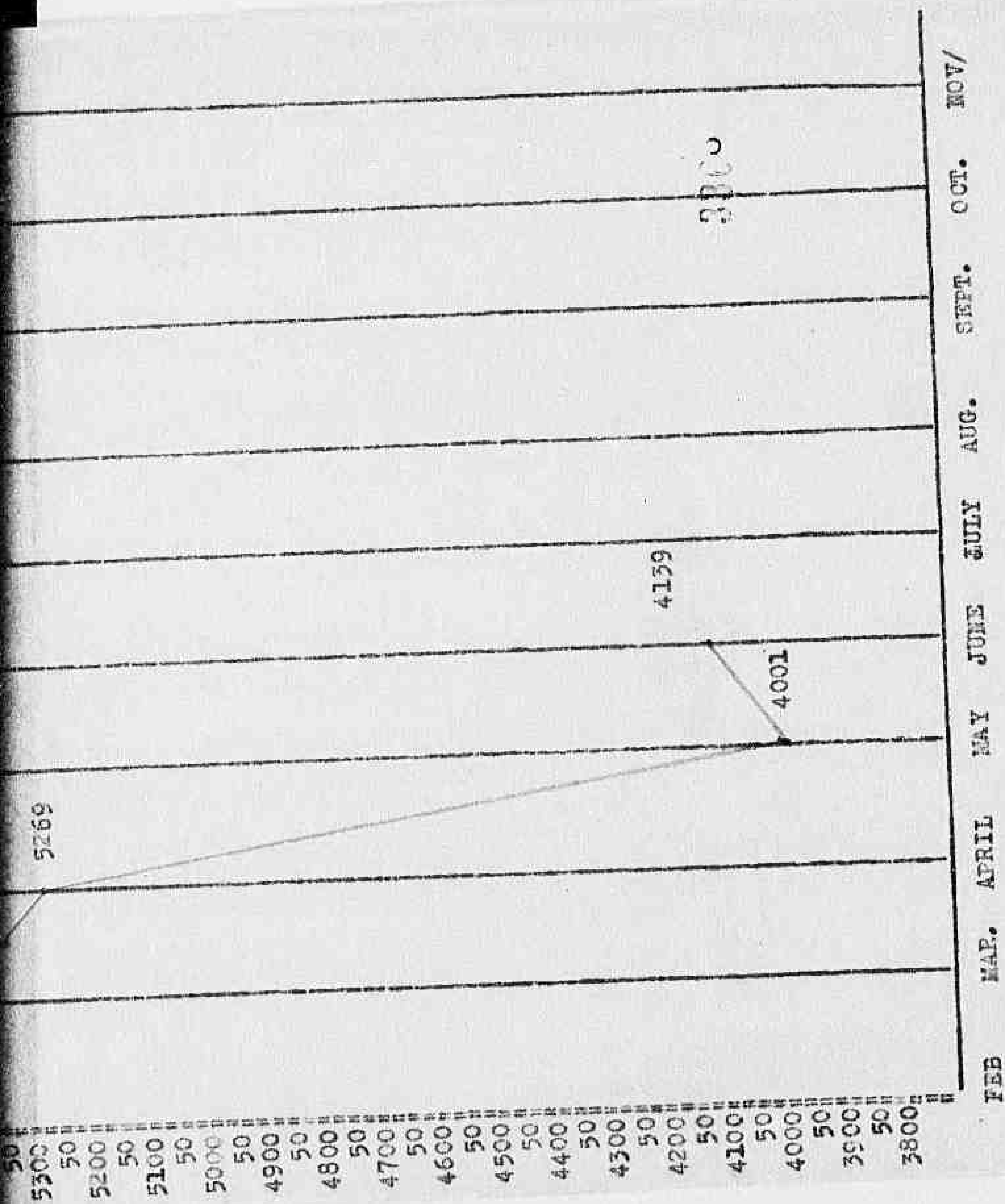
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PRISON POPULATION

REGION II





NOTES

March and April include Calabria (now Region VII).

May and June include the present Region II.

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PRISONSMAY 1944

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Special Reports submitted to HQ on 21st May and 27th May 1944, dealing with position to which I beg reference. Prisons in the Region continue to be overcrowded. Efforts to ease the crowded conditions have been nullified by letter AQ/B of 23 May from Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. to General Orlando and the letter AQ/2/7 of 30th May 1944 to the Minister for War which apparently make Italian armed Forces personnel in prison for more than thirty days a civil liability, negotiations are proceeding.

The main hopes for relief lay in the removal of these prisoners to camps to be established by Italian Forces.

The prison at Taranto is to be derequisitioned on the 19th June 1944. Work is proceeding on the prison (improvised) at Brindisi. Prison populations at Bari and Taranto have been vaccinated.

It is requested that the Italian Government be urged to complete the reformatory at Bari for use as a prison figures showing populations and capacities in Region 2 and 7 have been submitted to Prisons section A.C.C. HQ. made up to 21st May 1944.

Italian Provincial Medical officers have been urged to undertake delousing and sanitary measures in Prisons.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
TYPHUS CONTROL BRANCH
APO 394

Mr.
16 Mar. 1944.

SUBJECT: Delousing of Prisoners.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission. HQ (Rear), ASC, APO 394.
(Reference your ASC/14202/HQ).

The suggestion of the Regional Superintendent of Prisons is somewhat belated insofar as it pertains to typhus control at present time. Energetic steps should be taken at all times to keep the louse population at an absolute minimum in all prisons, particularly prior to and during the "typhus season" which is the winter and spring months.

This Branch can furnish a medical officer to assist your staff in formulation of delousing program if you wish. In view of pending operations suggest this be done at earliest possible time if this consultant service desired.

William C. Williams
WILSON C. WILLIAMS, Lt. Col. M. C.
Director, Typhus Control Branch
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 324

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May 14, 1944

ACC/14202/1/PS

SUBJECT : Typhus Control.

TO : Typhus Commission.

1. The Regional Superintendent of Prisons, in his report for April suggest:-

"Now that warm weather is imminent a vigorous campaign in all establishments to delouse should be commenced. If orders can be given to Directors, I will gain the co-operation of medical officers".

2. By letter, copy attached, it is suggested that the Typhus Commission be consulted.

3. Twenty-two institutions of varying size are involved, with total population of about 6000

4. Can you assist?

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

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Extract from REGION II - Monthly Report for April 1944 ref. P.S./II dated 4th May 44.
(AMG/I4011/I/PS).

PRISONS

APRIL 1944

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On 25th April 1944 at 0340 hrs at the Potenza Jail, 30 prisoners escaped. Whilst three of the guards were making night rounds they entered a cell where there was detained nine prisoners held for serious crime. The guards were overpowered in the cell gagged and tied up.

The cell was then locked after the keys had been taken away from the guards. The prisoners released other persons detained, locked the door of the CAPO of the guard and then walked out of the prison.

The guard outside endeavoured to stop them from escaping and shot one of the prisoners, who subsequently died in hospital.

To date 6 prisoners have been re-arrested. CC.RR. and Questore are working on the case and are endeavouring to recapture the remaining 23 prisoners. Report on Prison Situation by Regional Prisons Officers, attached IA.

Extract from Region II - Prisons APULIA - ref. A/PS/109. - dated 5 May 1944.

PRISONS APULIA

APRIL 1944

I have to report that there has been no effective action on part of the Italian Government to deal with overcrowding in the prisons of Apulia. I am informed that the number in Bari prison is now 1596 against the capacity of 705.

Statement showing population and capacities on the 21st of March and the 21st April have been submitted.

May the conclusions of the committees set up by Executive Officer Rear HQ be communicated please?

BRINDISI PRISON

When this prison was requisitioned by the Military it was agreed that apart of the prison should remain at the disposal of the Civil Authorities, for housing untired prisoners. This was afterwards altered to complete evacuation. Requests were made in early March to the local Italian Authorities to find alternative accommodation. The whole matter was handled by the Commander & 71 Sub Area. The Italian Authorities finally chose a school known as SCUOLA ELEMENTARI DELLE MOTTONELE. Work of transforming this establishment is in the hands of C.R.E. BRINDISI.

It is estimated that the work will be completed by June 1st. In the meantime there is no alternative accommodation for the Civil prisoners who must be housed in Brindisi to await trial.

My report of 24th March 1944 refers.

H. W. AJDEN, Capt.
Prisons Section
Region II.

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Extract from REGION II Prisons Calabria - ref. A/PS/100 - dated 29 April 1944

PRISONS CALABRIA

APRIL 1944

I made a round to these prisons returning on 27th of this month. The purpose was mainly directed to the ration problems.

Only in one prison (Nicastro) did I find that part of the new ration scale was in issue. Supplies had not reached others. I have addressed a letter to the Provincial Supply Officer on the matter, asking amongst other things for a months supply to be delivered. It is doubtful if they will agree to this owing to the difficulty of accounting for fluctuating populations. In any event I think the Ministry should address a letter to the agents for Italian supplies (local purchases) demanding a certain supply to prisons for I found that some prisons found it difficult to buy locally and one (CASTROVILLARI) had no supply for next issue owing to this difficulty.

The new ration scale demands consideration.

- (1) Insuring that proper quantities are issued to prisoners.
- (2) That proper accounting is maintained for food received.

My suggestions are:-

- a. All bread issues must be weighed before issue and made up to or subtracted from the official amount.
- b. A standard measure for soup issue (New Scale).
- " " " " vegetable issue; (New Scale).
- c. Surprise visits from Local Officials to test the weight and consistency of food.
- d. A monthly certificate from Directors that the correct amount has been issued.
- e. The display of ration cards in cells and rooms occupied by prisoners but I do not recommend this at present as supplies are uncertain and a good deal of unrest might be aroused accordingly.

I suggest that a letter be addressed to Food Sub-Commission, asking for permission:-

1. To issue other food in lieu of sugar for it is a matter of concern to Directors as to how to issue it in food.
2. To issue Dried Peas in lieu of dried vegetables - the bulk of the peas having much advantage over the vegetables.
3. It is intended to put up special for the sick.
4. It is intended to put up special diets for Minors.

GUARDS

The shortage should be made up at once. In some prisons the guards take advantage of the fact that they cannot be replaced and discipline is lax accordingly. LOCRI is a case in point where the director is very concerned. He has exhausted all the disciplinary measures open to him and asks for the transference of several notable:-

SINACOS NATALE
CERAVOLO SALVATORE
CHIRICO ANGELO

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The discipline of guards must receive attention. Suggestions:-

1. That disciplinary courts should have the power to remove all those giving unsatisfactory service but this can only be done if there are replacements available.
2. That if increase in pay are due or about to be introduced, these should not be issued to unsatisfactory men.

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It was found at Reggio that shoes purchased through the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale by prison guards were priced at 350 lire, as inst, 140 lire charged to other Public Servants.

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The bread ration of guards was raised by the Regional Commissioner Region II on Jan 12th to 300 grammes only recently has this been available. It would seem that "interested parties" have been holding it back.

TRANSFERS

Many guards and directors are asking for transfers. This indicates to me symptoms of discontent. It would be well if questionnaires be sent to such prison so worked that the real reasons could be revealed.

PROMOTIONS

I suggest that, those of the prison staffs who have qualified by length of service and efficiency should have their promotion.

OVERCROWDING

The attached list shows in Red ink those prisons requiring attention. At Reggio a small prison formerly used in a Judicial Prison, located in the village of GALLINA could very quickly and easily be repaired. The damage is practically confined to the floor and ceilings. It would hold 100 prisoners and could be under supervision of the Director of Reggio Prison. I recommend that work be started on this at once. In my opinion the director of Reggio Prison Doc. Magarrini should be given increased authority in this Region. I consider that he is able and energetic and that his influence would increase the efficiency of all prisons in the district.

PAIMI PRISON is a very unsatisfactory establishment and should in my opinion be closed. The difficulty of finding another establishment is the only excuse for its existence. I believe it was proposed to build a new one. My suggestion is that this be put in hand forthwith.

REDECORATION

VICO VALENTIA, NICASTRO, LAGONEGRO and COSENZA Prisons should be redecorated and the plan for extra room at COSENZA be proceeded with.

DELOUSING OF BLANKETS AND BEDDING

Now that warm weather is imminent a vigorous campaign in all establishments to delouse should be commenced. If orders can be given to Directors, I will gain the cooperation of Medical Officers. Reports should be submitted by Directors when this has been carried out.

BABIES

In many women's sections there are babies of the women prisoners. Attention is directed to this. Have the ministry any plans in this regard.

H.W. ALDEN, Capt.
Prisons Section
A.C.C., Matera.

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PRISON POPULATION REGION II

POPULATION CAPACITY

PRISON	M.	W.	M.	M.	W.	REMARKS
REGGIO	281	45	18	200	45	13 Giudiziare
CINQUEERONDI	35	6	3	52	6	-- "
TAURIANOVA	22	--	8	60	--	-- "
PAIMI	75	3	2	60	8	7 "
LOCRI	135	23	3	144	15	-- "
CATANZARO	389	23	1	310	30	-- "
VIBO VALENTIA	67	4	4	180	20	-- "
NICASTRO	154	9	6	150	20	20 "
COSENZA	120	20	5	220	50	15 "
CASTROVILLARI	73	9	4	80	14	-- "
ROSSANO	24	1	--	40	5	-- "
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MELFI	41	5	3	122	12	5 "
BARI	1307	62	125	570	85	50 "
TRANI (Jud.)	200	20	7	247	25	11 "
TRANI (Women) Penal	--	120	--	--	140	--
TURI	292	--	--	295	--	-- Hab. Crim. T.B. Spec.
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LECCE (Penal)	172	--	--	200	--	--
TARANTO	159	22	25	150	--	--
BRINDISI	225	19	13	100	--	--
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						Agrie. Colonies.
						Some of total 225

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	4540	466	263				
Reformatories							
+ Avigliano Catanzaro			120		200	do	Requisitioned Re-education
+ Vibo Valentia						do	
M: W. M. Men Women Minors							
+Returns not yet received. Will forwarded.							H.W. Alden, Capt Prisons Sec. Region 2

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

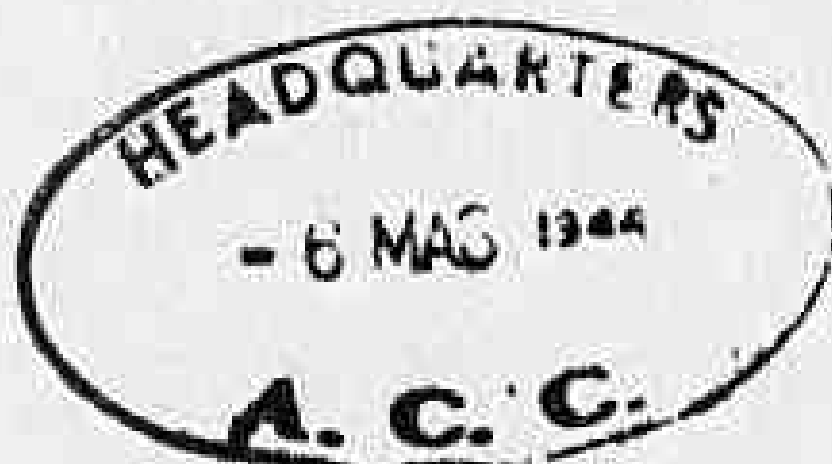
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SUBJECT: - Prisons, CALABRIA

TO : - Vice President
R.C. & M.G. Section ✓

I enclose herewith a copy of a report on the above subject by the Regional Prisons Officer.

For the Regional Commissioner.



E. G. Fricker
E. G. Fricker, Major
Executive Officer
Region 2

Ref. SC 9816

4-5-1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECTION II

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SC

Ref: 4/28/100

29 April 1944

Subject: Prisons: Calabria
 To: Regional Commissioner
 From: Chief Public Safety, Rear Hq., A.C.C.
 (For the information of Prison officer Rear Hq., A.C.C.)

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- (3) To issue...

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CHURCH

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SILVIO BATTIST
CARLOLO BATTIST
CARICO BATTIST

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OVERCROWDING

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REDEcoration

Vito Valentia, Nicastro, Lamezia and Oudella Prisons should be redecorated and the plan for extra room at Oudella be proceeded with.

DELOUSING OF PRISONS AND BUILDING

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CONCLUSION

The attached list shows in Red ink those prisons requiring attention.

At Reggio a small prison formerly used in a Judicial Prison, located in the village of Villanova could very easily and easily be repaired. The damage is practically confined to the roof and ceilings. It would hold 100 prisoners and could be under the supervision of the Director of Reggio Prison. I recommend that work be started on this at once. In my opinion the Director of Reggio Prison, Dec. Magarini should be given increased authority in this Region. I consider that as is able and energetic and that his influence would increase the efficiency of all prisons in the district.

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RECOMMENDATION

VILLA VARELLA, MOMBRO, LARSEN and GUSMILLA Prisons should be redecorated and the plan for extra room at GUSMILLA be proceeded with.

DELIVERING OF PRISONERS AND BUILDING

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Prisons Section
A.C.C., Matera

Enclosures Return Details Prison Population
" " " v. Capacity
" Prison Guards
" Prisons Requisitioned Damaged.

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PRISON GUARDS

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<u>Prison</u>	<u>Capo Guardia</u>	<u>Sotto Capo Guardia</u>	<u>Guardia</u>	<u>Guardiane</u>	<u>Totale</u>
BARI	2	6	85	2	95
BRIANCONI	WILL BE FORWARDED				
CASTROVILLARI	1		12	1	14
CATANZARO	1	7	41	2	51
CIMUSCONI	1	1	10	1	13
COSENZA	1	4	29	2	36
LACOMIGNO	1		11	1	13
LECCE (Jud.)	1	3	32	2	38
LECCE (Fenal)	1	5	32		38
LOCRI	1		25	2	28
MATERA	1	1	16	1	19
MELFI	1	1	13	1	16
NI CASTRO	1		20	2	23
PALMI	1	2	17	1	21
POTENZA	1	1	14	1	17
REGGIO	2	4	50	2 + 4 sisters	62
ROSARNO	1	1	6	1	9
TARANTO	1	3	24	1	29
TAURIANOVA	1		7		8
TRANI (Jud.)	1	4	28	2	35
TRANI (Women)	WILL BE FORWARDED				
TURI	1	3	39		43
VIBO VALENTIA	1	2	22	2	27
					3350

GIARDUFRONDI	1	7	41	2	51
OGGERSA	1	1	10	1	13
LAGOMORO	1	4	29	2	36
LEONE (Jud.)	1		11	1	13
LEONE (Feral)	1	3	32	2	38
LOCRI	1	5	32		38
MATERA	1	1	25	2	28
MELNI	1	1	16	1	19
MICASTRO	1		13	1	16
PALMI	1		20	2	23
POTENZA	1	2	17	1	21
REGGIO	1	1	14	1	17
ROSSANO	2	4	50	2 + 4 sisters	62
TARANTO	1	1	6	1	9
TAVRIANOVA	1	3	24	1	29
TRANI (Jud.)	1	4	7		8
TRANI (women)	1		28	2	35
TURI	1	3	39		3350
VIBO VALENZIA	1	2	22	2	43
					27
Reformatories					
AVIGLIANO	1	1	29		30
ONTARANO	1		31		32
VIBO VALENZIA	1				
+ 2 teachers and 4 trade instructors					
++ 4 " " 5 "					

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PRISON POPULATION REGION II

POPULATION CAPACITY

PRISON	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	REMARKS
REGGIO	281	45	18	200	45	13			Guiding
CIRQUESPONDI	35	6	3	52	6	-			
TAURIANOVA	22	-	8	60	-	-			
PALMI	75	3	2	50	8	7			Damaged by Bombs Very unsatisfactory
LOCRI	135	23	3	144	15	-			
CATANZARO	389	23	1	310	30	-			
VINO VALINOTIA	67	4	4	180	20	-			
NICASTRO	154	9	6	150	20	20			
COSENZA	120	20	5	220	50	15			
CASTROVILLARI	73	9	4	80	14	-			
ROSSANO	24	1	-	40	5	-			
BATERA	51	6	2	56	12	8			
POTENZA	68	7	3	160	14	10			
LACONNIGRO	52	4	-	100	20	-			
MELFI	41	5	3	122	12	5			
BARI	1307	62	125	570	85	50			
TRANI (Jud.)	200	20	7	247	25	11			
TRANI (Women.)	-	120	-		140				
TURI	292	-	-	295	-	-			Heb. Crim. E.B. Spec. Med
LECCE (Jud.)	604	38	31	350	50	10			
LECCE (Penal)	172	-	-	200	-	-			
TARANTO	159	22	25	130	-	-			3/4 Requisitioned.
BRINDISI	225	19	13	100	-	-			Requisitioned.

Agrio, Colonias, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

VIBO VALENTIA	67	4	4	180	20	-
NIGASTRO	154	9	6	150	20	20
COSANZA	120	20	5	220	50	15
CASTROVILLANI	73	9	4	80	14	-
ROSSANO	24	1	-	40	5	-
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	4540	466	263			

Med. Crim. R. B. Spec. Med

 $\frac{3}{4}$ Requisitioned.

Requisitioned.

 Agric. Colonies 3,300
 Some of total 225
 are in Agric. Colonies

Reformatories	Requisitioned	Re-education	Extensive Man do Damage	do
+ Avigliano			200	
+ Catanzaro				
+ Vibo Valentia				

 M. W. M.
 = Men Women Minors

 + Returns not yet received.
 Will forwarded.

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 H.W. Alden, Capt
 Prisons Sec.
 Region 2

DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION

Bari		Lecce		Lecce (Pena)		Trani		Trani (Women)	
M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.	
A	49-10-2		47-30-5		148--		54-6-2		120
B	1-2-3								
C	410-27-73		216-29-24		24--		143-12-5		
D	38-4-2		214-9-2				3-2--		
E	476--		327--						
Total	333-19-45		604-58-31		172--		200-20-7		- 120 -
Taranto		Brindisi		Agric. Col		Melfi		Potenza	
A	30-3-1		80-9-13				2--		14-1--
B							--		--
C							34-5-3		49-6-3
D	129-19-24		145-10--				5--		5--
E									--
Total	159-22-25		225-19-13				41-5-3		68-7-3
Reggio		Cinquefrondi		Taurenova		Palmi		Locri	
A	59-11-1		14-3--		6--		15-2-0		51-12--
B	28--		1--				--		9--
C	190-34-17		19-3-3		16--		58-1-2		75-11-3
D	2--						--		--
E	2--		1		--		2--		--
Total	281-45-18		35-6-3		22--		75-3-2		135-23-3
Catanzaro		Vibo Val.		Nicastro		Cosenza		Castrovilla	
A	122-6--		20-1--		36--		44-13--		10-2--
B	21--		--		3--		1--		--
C	185-17-1		46-3-4		77-9-6		53-7-5		58-7-4
D	1--		--		--		--		--
E	60--		1--		38--		16--		5--
Total	389-23-1		67-4-4		154-9-6		114-20-5		73-9-4
Rossano		Matera		Lagonegro		Turi		Grand. Total	
A	18--		4--		2-2--		291--		1116-221-24
B	--		4--		--		--		68-2-3
C	4-1--		35--		50-2--		1--		2033-212-187
D	--		2-6-2		--		--		46-12-4
E	2--		4--		--		--		944--
Total	24-1--		51-6-2		52-4--		292--		333-19-45

A=CHVH Prisoners Committed

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B	129-19-24	145-10-			34- 5- 3-	49- 6- 3
C					5- - -	5- - -
D					41- 5- 3	68- 7- 3
E						
Total	159-22-25	225-19-13				
	Reggio	Cinquefrondi	Tauranova	Palmi	Locri	
A	59-11-1	14- 3-	6- - -	15- 2- 0	51-12- -	
B	28- - -	1- - -	16- - 8	58- 1- 2	9- - -	
C	190-34-17	19- 3- 3			75-11- 3	
D	2- - -	1		2- - -		
E	2- - -					
Total	281-45-18	35- 6- 3	22- - 8	75- 3- 2	135-23- 3	
	Catanzaro	Vibo Val.	Nicastro	Cosenza	Castrovilla	
A	122- 6- -	20- 1- -	36- - -	44-13- -	10- 2- -	
B	21- - -	- - -	3- - -	1- - -	58- 7- 4	
C	185-17-1	46- 3- 4	77- 9- 6	53- 7- 5		
D	1- - -	- - -	- - -	16- - -	5- - -	
E	60- - -	1-	38- - -			
Total	389- 23- 1	67- 4- 4	154- 9- 6	114-20- 5	73- 9- 4	
	Rossano	Matera	Lagonegro	Turi	Grand Total	
A	18- - -	4- - -	2- 2- -	291- - -	1116-221-24	
B	4- 1- -	4- - -	50- 2- -	1- - -	68- 2- 3	
C	- - -	35- - -			2033-212-187	
D	2- - -	2- 6- 2			46- 12- 4	
E		4- - -			944- - -	
Total	24- 1- -	51- 6- 2	52- 4- -	292- - -	333-19-45	
					4540-45613634	

A=Civil Prisoners Convicted

B= " " " by A.C.C.+A.M.G.

C= " " awaiting trial.

D= " " " by A.C.C.+A.M.G.

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F=Civil Prisoners held by Italian Military Authorities

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Prison Sec.

Region II

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M. W. M
Men Women Minors

PRISONS REQUISITIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION 2 + Reg. 7.

INSTITUTION	TYPE	REMARKS
AVIGLIANO	RIFORMATORIO GIUDIZIARIO	REQUISITIONED
CATANZARO	CENTRO DI RIEDUCAZIONE	Extensively damaged by bombs. Being reconditioned.
GALLINA (REGGIO)	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Rendered uninhabitable by bombs, etc. (Not used since Allied Occupation) Could be repaired at slight cost. <u>Could not be repaired.</u>
TARANTO	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED
BRINDISI	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	REQUISITIONED
PALMI	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top never rebuilt. Damaged by bombs in M Occupation Sept. '43. Considerable damage. Unsuitable for prison. New one should be built. But must remain until rebuilt another prison built.

ITIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION 2 + Reg 7.

	REMARKS	AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIANS		
		MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
UDIZIARIO	REQUISITIONED	-	-	-
MAZIONE	Extensively damaged by bombs. Being reconditioned.	-	-	20
ZIARIE	Rendered uninhabitable by bombs, etc. (Not used since Allied Occupation) Can be repaired at slight cost. <u>Could house 100 if repaired.</u>	100	-	-
ZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED	100	30	-
ZIARIE	REQUISITIONED	-	-	-
ZIARIE	Damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top story never rebuilt. Damaged by bombs in Military Occupation Sept. '43. Considerable damage. Unsuitable for prison. New one should be built. But must remain until rebuilt or a another prison built.	60	8	7

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Prison Sec.
Reg. 11

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A/PS/106

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12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Delousing in Prisons.

TO : Chief, Public Security Sub-Commission,
Rear Headquarters, A.C.C. APO 394

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With reference to my A/PS/100 penultimate
para, page 2 it is recommended that you get in
touch with:

Lt Col W.C. Williams.
Typhus Commission.
Naples.

for supply of D.D.T. powder
and "Dusters" (Syringes to spray the Powder.)

For the Regional Commissioner.

W. W. Adams

Capt.
Prisons Sec. A.C.C.
No 2 Region.

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scale was in issue. Supplies had not reached other things for to the Provincial Supply Officers on the matter, asking amongst others things for a month's supply to be delivered. It is doubtful if they will agree to this owing to the difficulty of accounting for fluctuating populations. In any event I think the Ministry should address a letter to the Agents for Italian supplies (local purchases) demanding a certain supply to prisons for I found that some prisons found it difficult to buy locally and one (CANTONMILANO) had no supply for next is due owing to this difficulty.

The new ration scale demands consideration.

- (1) Insuring that proper quantities are issued to prisoners.
- (2) That proper accounting is maintained for food received.

Special travelling

My suggestions are:-

- (a) All bread issues must be weighed before issue and made up to or subtracted, from the official amount.
- (b) A standard measure for soup issue (New Scale)
- (c) " " " vegetable is as (New Scale)
- (d) Surprise visits from Local Officials to test the weight and consistency of food.
- (e) A monthly certificate from Directors that the correct amount has been issued.
- (f) The display of ration cards in cells and rooms occupied by prisoners but I do not recommend this at present as supplies are uncertain and a good deal of unrest might be aroused accordingly.

I suggest that a letter be addressed to Food Sub-Commission, asking for permission:-

- (1) To issue other food in lieu of sugar for it is a matter of concern to Directors as to how to issue it in food.
- (2) To issue Dried Peas in lieu of Dried Vegetables - the bulk of the Peas having much advantage over the Vegetables.
- (3) It is intended to put up Special Diets for the sick?
- (4) It is intended to put up Special Diets for Minors?

GUARDS

The shortage should be made up at once. In some prisons the guards take advantage of the fact that they cannot be replaced and discipline is lax accordingly. It is a case in point where the Director is very concerned. He has exhausted all the disciplinary measures open to him and asks for the transference of several, notably:-

SILVANO BALDI
CARAVINO BALDI
CARICO BALDI

Through Ministry

The discipline of guards must receive attention. Suggestions:-

- (1) That disciplinary courts should have power to remove all those giving unsatisfactory service: but this can only be done if there are replacements available.
- (2) That if increases in pay are due or about to be introduced, these increases should not be issued to unsatisfactory men.

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It was found Regio that these purchased the the Consulate Agario, three months of prison guards were paid to 500 lire, an amount, 100 lire charged to other public service.

I recommend that in official be accepted by the Ministry to watch and improve the interests of Prison guards.

The broad ration of guards was ruled by the Regional Government Region. In on Jan. 12th to 300 guards only, revealing that this been available. It would seem that "intermittent parties" have been holding it back.

CHALLENGES

Many Guards and Directors are waiting for transfers. This indicated to me symptoms of discontent. It would be well if actionaries be sent to such prison as worked that the real reasons could be revealed.

PROPOSALS

I suggest that, those of the Prison staffs who have qualified by length of service and efficiency should have their promotion.

OVERCOMING

Entered on rebuilding list to Public Utilities etc.

The attached list shows in red ink those prisons requiring attention.

At Reggio a small prison formerly used in a Judicial Prison, located in the village of Valle, could very quickly and easily be repaired. The damage is practically confined to the roof and ceilings. It would hold 40 prisoners and could be under the supervision of the Director of Reggio Prison. I recommend that work be started on this at once. In my opinion the Director of Reggio Prison Dec. Magarini should be given increased authority in this Region. I consider that he is able and energetic and that his influence would increase the efficiency of all prisons in the district.

Reggio Prison is a very satisfactory establishment and should in my opinion be closed. The difficulty of finding another establishment in the only excuse for its existence. I believe it was proposed to build a new one. My suggestion is that this be put in hand forthwith.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Via. VARELLA, REGGIO, LOMBARDY and Emilia Prisons should be re-constructed and the plan for extra room at Emilia be proceeded with.

REMARKS OF MEMBERS AND PUBLIC

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7A and 8. Minister is dealing with this special steps as

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Public Utilities etc.

The attached list shows listed in those prisons requiring attention.

At Reggio a small prison formerly used in a judicial prison, located in the village of ~~Modena~~ could very quickly and easily be repaired. The damage is practically confined to the roof and ceilings. It would hold 100 prisoners and could be under the supervision of the Director of Reggio Prison. I recommend that work be started on this at once. In my opinion the Director of Reggio Prison Dec. Magarini should be given increased authority in this Region. I consider that he is able and energetic and that his influence would increase the efficiency of all prisons in the district.

Carli Celli is a very unsatisfactory establishment and should in my opinion be closed. The difficulty of finding another establishment is the only excuse for its existence. I believe it can be closed to build a new one. My suggestion is that this be put in hand forthwith.

RECOMMENDATIONS

VICO VALLINIA, REGGIO, L. S. and Modena and Modena Prisons should be redeveloped and the plan for extra room at Modena be proceeded with.

REMARKS ON THE REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Now that war weather is imminent a vigorous campaign in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~prisons~~ ^{prisons} to delouse should be commenced. If orders can be given to Directors, I will gain the cooperation of Medical Officers. Reports should be submitted by Directors when this has been carried out.

REMARKS

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Prisons Section
A.C.C., Milan

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DETAIL OF PRISON POPULATION

Bari		Lecce		Lecce (Pena)		Trani		Trani (Women)	
M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.		M. W. M.	
A	49-10-2	47-30-5	148	-	54	6	2	120	
B	1 2 3	216 29 24	24		143	12	5		
C	410 27 73	214 9 2			3	2			
D	38 4 2	327							
E	476								
Total	333 19 45	604 53 34	172		200	20	7	120	
Total		604 53 34		Agric. Col		Melfi		Potenza	
Total		604 53 34		Brindisi		2		14 1	
A	30 3 1	80 9 13			34	5	3	49	6 3
B	129 19 24	145 10							
C									
D									
E									
Total	159 22 25	225 19 13			41	5	3	68	7 3
Total		225 19 13		Cinquefrondi		Palmi		Locri	
A	59 11 1	14 3	6	-	15	2	0	51	12 -
B	28	1	16	-	58	1	2	9	
C	190 34 17	19 3 3						75	11 3
D	2 - -	1 - -			2	-	-		
E	2								
Total	281 45 18	35 6 3	22	-	75	3	2	135	23 3
Total		35 6 3		Nicastro		Cosenza		Castroville	
A	122 6 -	20 1 -	36	-	44	13	-	10	2 -
B	21 - -	- - -	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
C	185 17 1	46 3 4	77	9 6	53	7	5	58	7 4
D	1 - -	1 - -	38	-	16	-	-	5	-
E	60	1 - -							
Total	389 23 1	67 4 4	154	9 6	114	20	5	73	9 4
Total		67 4 4		Matera		Turi		Grand. Total	
A	18 - -	4 - -	2	2 -	291	-	-	1116	221-24
B	4 1 -	4 - -	50	2 -	1	-	-	68	2 3
C		35 - -						2033	212-187
D		2 6 2						46	12 4
E	2	4						444	
Total	24 1	51 6 2	52	4 -	292	-	-	333	19-45
Total		51 6 2						4540-466-293	

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 D= Italian Military + Naval Prisoners.
 E= Italian Military held by Italian Military Authorities.
 F= Civil Prisoners held by *W. W. Alden*
 H.W. ALDEN Capt.
 Prison Sec.
 Region II
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Region II
A.C.C.

PRISON POPULATION REGION II

POPULATION CAPACITY

PRISON	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	REMARKS
REGGIO	281	45	18	200	45	13	See 2/3/50
CINQUEPORTI	35	6	3	52	6	-	
TAURIANOVA	22	-	8	60	-	-	
PALMI	75	3	2	50	8	7	
LOCRI	135	23	3	144	15	-	
CATANZARO	389	23	1	310	30	-	
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MATARA	51	6	2	56	12	8	
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ROSSANO	24	1	-	40	5	-	-	-
NATARA	51	6	2	56	12	8		
POTANZA	68	7	3	160	14	10		
LACONERO	52	4	-	100	20	-		
SELVI	41	5	3	122	12	5		
BARI	1307	62	125	570	85	50		
FRANI (Jud.)	200	20	7	247	25	11		
FRANI (Comm.)	-	120	-		140	-		
TURI	292	-	-	295	-	-		
LECCE (Jud.)	604	36	31	350	50	10		
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Men

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 Re-education

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Prisons Sec.

Region 2

PRISONS REQUISITIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION 2 & *Region 7.*

INSTITUTION	TYPE	REMARKS
AVIGLIANO	RIFORMATORIO GIUDIZIARIO	REQUISITIONED
CATANZARO	CENTRO DI RIEDUCAZIONE	Extensively damaged by bombs. Being reconditioned.
GALLINA (REGGIO)	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Rendered uninhabitable by bombs, etc. (Not used since Allied Occupation) Can be repaired at slight cost. Could house 100 if repaired.
TARANTO	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED
BRINDISI	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	REQUISITIONED
PALERMO	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top story never rebuilt. Damaged by bombs in Allied Occupation Sept. '43. Considerable damage. Unsuited for prison. New one should be built but must remain until rebuilt or another prison built.

REQUISITIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION 2 + Region 7.

NAME	REMARKS	AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIANS		
		MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
GIUDIZIARIO	REQUISITIONED	-	-	-
EDUCAZIONE	Extensively damaged by bombs. Being reconditioned.	-	-	200
UDIZIARIE	Rendered uninhabitable by bombs, etc. (Not used since Allied Occupation) Can be repaired at slight cost. Could house 100 if repaired.	-	-	-
UDIZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED	100	30	-
UDIZIARIE	REQUISITIONED	-	-	-
UDIZIARIE	Damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top story never rebuilt. Damaged by bombs in Military Occupation Sept. '43. Considerable damage. Unsuitable for prison. New one should be built but must remain until rebuilt or a another prison built.	60	8	7

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PRISON GUARDS

SIV. *[Signature]*

<u>PRISON</u>	Capo Guardia	Sotto Capo Guardia	Quartels	Guardians	Totale
BARI	2	6	85	2	95
BRIANZI	WILL BE FORWARDED				
CASEROVILLARI	1		12	1	14
CASA NANO	1	7	41	2	51
CI MONTAFRONE	1	1	10	1	13
COSENZA	1	4	29	2	36
LACQUIGRO	1		11	1	13
LEONE (Jud.)	1	3	32	2	38
LEONE (PANEL)	1	5	32		38
LOORI	1		25	2	28
MATERA	1	1	16	1	19
MILFI	1	1	13	1	16
MECASTRO	1		20	2	23
PALMI	1	2	17	1	21
POTENZA	1	1	14	1	17
REGGIO	2	4	50	2 + 4 sisters	62
ROSARIO	1	1	6	1	9
TARANNO	1	3	24	1	29
TAURILLOVA	1		7		8
TRAMI (Jud.)	1	4	28	2	35
TRAMI (WOMEN)	WILL BE FORWARDED				
TURI	1	3	39		43
VERO VALMONTA	1	2	22	2	27

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COSENTIA	1	4	29	2	30
LACQUINARO	1		11	1	13
LEONE (Jud.)	1	3	32	2	38
LEONE (Pomel)	1	5	32		38
LEONE (Pomel)	1		25	2	28
LEONE	1		16	1	19
MATERA	1	1	13	1	16
MELFI	1	1	20	2	23
NICASTRO	1		17	1	21
PALMI	1	2	14	1	17
POTENZA	1	1	50	2 + 4 sisters	62
REGGIO	2	4	6	1	9
ROSSANO	1	1	24	1	29
TARANTO	1	3	7		8
TAURIANOVA	1		28	2	35
TRANI (Jud.)	1	4			33
TRANI (Pomel)	1	WILL BE FORWARDED	39		43
TURI	1	1 comandante	22	2	27
VICO VALENZIA	1	2			
Reformations					
+ AVIGLIANO	1	1	29		30
++ CATAPAZZO	1	-	31		32
VICO VALENZIA	1	WILL BE FORWARDED			
+ 2 teachers and 4 trade instructors					
++ 4 " " 5 "					

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report for March 1944 ref. P.S. II dated 3 April 44.
(AMG/14011/1/PS).

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PRISONS

MARCH 1944

Apulian

The overcrowded conditions of the persons in Apulia has been the subject of special reports dated 6th and 24th March.

It is requested that letter A/PS/65 of 25th March 44, asking for the appointment of an Italian official for be acted upon as early as possible a considerable time has elapsed since the Prison Officer has been able to visit the Provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio, and he has not been able to pay but scant attention to the provincial gaols.

Prison Rations

It would be appreciated if a Ration Scale be issued and authority to substitute where certain commodities are not available. Without this the danger is twofold.

- 1 Infringing present scale.
- 2 Undernourishment.

The present prison population in Region 2 is :

<u>Males</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Minors</u>
5.222	450	187.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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25 March 1944

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Ref: A/PS/65

Subject: Direzione Generale per gli Istituti di
Prevenzione e Pena

To : Chief, Public Security ✓
Sub-Commission, Rear HQ.

My impression is that this body is not effective.

The state of communications and transport is such that much time elapses between problems and solutions - which in actual fact are dealt with by ACC Prisons Officer. The result is that the Italian body is out of touch with the situation. This I consider bad drill, for the time may come when there is no ACC to rely on. It is requested that a representative of Direzione Generale be sent to the Puglia Province to deal with the numerous problems that arise in that overcrowded district.

The Prison Section Officer is for the time virtually tied to Puglia and cannot spare time for other inspections.

For the Regional Commissioner:

H. W. Alden

H. W. ALDEN, Capt.
Prison Section,
A.C.C., Region II.
MATERA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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26 Feb 44

Ref. A/PS/36

Subj. Inspection of Prisons.

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

1. There is forwarded for your information a copy of a report of the Regional Prisons Officer, written on 11 Feb before news of the transfer of authority to the Italian Government had been received. The transfer obviously would modify some of the statements in the report.

2. With respect to Captain Alden's recommendation in paragraph 9, I am pleased to inform you that the Regional Public Health Officer has established the following priority for medical supplies, including disinfectants:-

1. Hospitals; 2. Public institutions, such as orphanages, concentration camps, jails, etc., where need is greatest.

G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

CHM/pjh

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSION
REGION II

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To : Regional Commissioner, Region 2.

11 Feb 44

Subject : Inspection of Prisons.

1. I left Rome on the 24th Jan 44 and returned on the 10th Feb. The object was to inspect the Judicial Prisons, and to arrange through them the collation of information.
2. Generally, I found that some improvement had been made in cleanliness and sanitation.
3. With one exception the Judicial prisons of this region are small and out of date. Any real advance in Prison Reform demands new buildings.
4. The women sections in some prisons, notably COSENZA and ORANZANO are very badly in need of reform. The women are crowded in rooms of about 30 or 40, and little account is taken of their wretched condition. The women guards are never more than two, and unhelpful. I suggest that the same plan be followed in practice at SALERNO and REGGIO, where the women sections are supervised by members of a women's Religious Order. They are not wardresses but their influence is very apparent in the general upkeep and sanitation. Ventilation and lighting should be put on a par with the other things put into operation.
5. There is a large number of Roman galleys. I have not yet been able to see any of them, but I have seen, and heard, so much to think that they are a fair sample. The Directors of the galleys are the prefects of the towns and villages in which they are situated. These officials take very little interest in the galleys. It will take a long time to visit them. I suggest that the Carabinieri be given authority to supervise the general upkeep of these galleys with power to report in bad cases. I consider this very important, and Police officers are generally in agreement.
6. There is overcrowding in Reggio Prison and I have given instructions to relieve the congestion. I think that greater use should be made of *Liberta Provvisoria* for Italian law is also in execution.
7. There is a serious shortage of Prison Guards. I ask for authority to recruit on a regular basis. I suggest this might be done through the medium of the Italian Army, ex-soldiers or volunteers. A school could be formed and a short training given. Failing this recruitment must be on a temporary basis.
8. The food provided in prisons is very small and although the unit allowance has been increased by 70%, it is still deemed insufficient.
9. Disinfectants are few and the shortage of Disinfectants is serious. I ask for a degree of priority in the matter.

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Captain,
Superintendent Prisons Sections.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report for January 1944 ref. PS/I/4 dated 2 Feb. 44
(AMG/I4011/I/PS).

PRISONS

JANUARY 1944

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There are 17 Judicial prisons, 126 Dependent prisons and 4 Reformatories in this Region with a total capacity for approximately 2800 people. There are at present approximately 2000 persons detained in this Region.

Capt. Alden, Prisons Officer is endeavouring to get some sort of system into the Italian Prison Department, but I can see that his task is one of such magnitude that it will take a very long time to accomplish if he is to be left on his own to complete it.

Comparison is often odious but I feel that I must draw attention to the fact that the personnel allocated to Region 2 has always been much under that which was allocated to Region 1. I believe that I am correct in stating that the Prisons Dept. in that Region had in the first stages of Prison administration at least 1 Major and 2 captains. I therefore recommend that Capt. Alden be granted for 2 months the service of two officers to enable him to get the machine running.

After the system has been set up the control could be reasonably left to one officer.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report for December 1943, ref. CI/PI/83, dated 31st January 1944. (AMG/I4011/I/PS).

PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943

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Extract from Region II Monthly Report of Province of REGGIO CALABRIA for month of January 1944, dated 27/1/44.

PRISONS

JANUARY 1944.

The location and conditions pertaining to prisons remains as previously reported. The increase of ration during the month (now 300 grammes) has given great satisfaction. Approximately 300 prisoners are imprisoned. Of these there are:-

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- c. Prisoners awaiting trial 60.

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These include principally under (b) and (c) those dealt with by Italian Courts. Progress is continuing in disposing of pending cases the Courts sitting regularly for this purpose.

No staff changes have taken place in Prison Directorate.

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Extract from REGION II Catanzaro Province for month of January 1944, dated 30 Jan. 44

PRISONS

JANUARY 1944

No prisons were closed during the month. Inspections disclosed that conditions improved considerably since last month.

There are approximately 432 prisoners awaiting trial.

37 prisoners awaiting final disposition.

116 prisoners convicted.

No staff change in Prison Directorate.

Extract from REGION II Cosenza Province for month of January 1944, dated 31st Jan. 44.

PRISONS

JANUARY 1944

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I would suggest that all small local prisons be placed under the direct control of the Carabinieri, which would ensure their being kept clean and habitable and the prisoners properly treated and fed.

The question of closing the smaller gaols is a debatable one facilities for transporting prisoners being almost non-existent.

Because of the suspected maladministration of the prison at Cosenza. I conducted an investigation, as the direct result of which the Procurator della Legge was transferred on the 28th Jan. 1944 to Nicastro for irregularities and neglect to exercise proper supervision. During the interrogation of witnesses, and allegation was made that the Directorate of the prison had received a bribe of 5000 lire to show favour to one of the prisoners. The papers are now in the possession of Major Franklin for decision as to proceeding being taken against him.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report for January 1944 Matera Province, dated 30th Jan. 44.

PRISONS

JANUARY 1944

a. No. of persons in prison, Matera Province and undergoing sentence:-14

b. No. of persons awaiting trial 42

c. No. of persons liberated from prison during January 1944 18

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PRISONS

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Four persons were concerned in the incident, 3 males and one female, Yugoslavs, and believed resident in the Yugoslav camp at Gravina, Bari Province.

Prompt action was taken by the C.A.P.O. The liberated prisoner being re-arrested the same day. Enquiry proceeds to arrest the jail breakers.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Potenza Province for January 1944,
dated 31st January 1944.

JANUARY 1944.

PRISONS

Approximate number of:

- a. Convicted prisoners - 6.
 - b. Prisoners tried but awaiting final disposition - 13.
 - c. Prisoners awaiting trial - 84.
- Many of these people awaiting trial are not being held in prison.
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Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Potenza Province for December 1943.
 dated 31st Dec. 1943.

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PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943.

Approximate number of :

- a. Convicted prisoners -- 13.
- b. Prisoner tried but awaiting final disposition -- 2
- c. Prisoners awaiting trial -- 127. Many of these people ~~held in prison~~ included in this figure are not being held in prison.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Matera Province for December 1943.
 dated 4th January 1943.

PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943.

The Legal Officer has given consideration to all persons awaiting trial and 15 persons were released from prison and 5 being granted Provincial Liberty.

- a. Number of persons in prison in Matera Province and undergoing sentences are 41.
- b. Number of persons awaiting trial are 11.
- c. Number of persons liberated from prison during December 1943 was 66.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Catanzaro Province for December 1943,
 dated 30th December 1943.

PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943

There are 30 prisons in this Province of which three are judiciary type and 27 smaller of the Mandatory type, which are located in the following towns:

Judiciary at Catanzaro, Nicastro and Vico Valentia.

Mandatory at Arena, Badolato, Boiaccia, Chiaravalle, Ciro, Cropani, Crotone, Davoli, Filadelfia, Gasperina, Maida, Martirano, Mileto, Nicotera, Nocera, Tirinese, Petilia Policastro, Pizzo Calabro, Soveria Mannelli, Squillace, Strongoli, Taverna and Tropea.

So far no prisons have been closed but it is taken under considerable consideration. The general condition of the prisons administration is quite good and efficient.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Reggio Calabria Province for December 43 dated 29/12/43.

PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943.

There are five prisons in the Province. The main prison is situated in Reggio. The others are at Locri - Cinquefrondi - Taurianova - Palmi. In addition the prison situated at Gallina is not now in use owing to damage by bombardments.

There are also fifteen smaller jails in which minor offenders are detained for periods not over 3 months.

All records are kept in good order. The prison at Reggio has been visited by myself on various occasions in connection with duties and I have found same well kept, clean, well staffed and disciplined.

Progress in disposing of pending cases has speeded up since the arrival of Capt. Guthrie L.O. (assigned to Reggio Province) who has in accordance with directions taken over all cases reported. No staff changes in Prison Directorate have taken place.

Request is made by the Directorate of Prisons that consideration be given by the A.M.G. for the promotion of staff as already in force at Palermo, Sicily and for the continued increases of salary to the guards for each 3 years of service.

Application is also made for assistance for uniforming, boots and increased ration of food.

Extract from Region II Monthly Report of Catanzaro Province for December 43 dated 24/12/43.

PRISONS

DECEMBER 1943.

Administration: Appears efficient and very willing to cooperate.
 Staff : Consists of 50 guards, 1 doctor, 1 chaplain and 2 matrons.
 Prison Labour : There are 41 inmates doing all the domestic services of the prison. There is no other prison labor.
 Food : List attached marked No.2.
 Sanitation and Health : The prison infirmary is in good condition, although the medicines are scarce. Notice of this fact was brought to the attention of Major Thompson, medical officer. The doctor visits the prison each morning. Showers are obligatory once a week, no soap, no disinfectant of any kind. There are portable latrines in each large cell.
 Records : Excellent condition. Complete list of number and types of prisoners attached, marked No.3.
 Miscellaneous : Many military prisoners have been charged with desertion, having deserted long before the armistice. Some prisoners are awaiting trial for as long as 22 months. De Rito Rodolfo, in jail at the disposition of the Carabinieri, from Vico Valentia, claims he was arrested merely for carrying out the orders of Lt. Malatesta. Claims he has documents proving that he was authorised to do what he did drive an Italian Military truck.

Extract from REGION II H.Q. Matera, dated 7th December 43. Public Safety Report No.6.

PRISONS

NOVEMBER 1943.

We have over 100 prisons in Region 2, many small, dirty and in filthy condition. Although we have not a Superintendent of Prisons either I myself or a C.A.P.O. have visited each prison and inspected the buildings, staff and prisoners.

Action taken or in hand:-

- a. Prisons being cleaned from top to bottom.
- b. Smaller prisons little used being closed altogether.
- c. Staffs being vetted and where necessary reduced, and
- d. Prisoners receiving two meals a day instead of one.

Although C.A.P.O.'s are doing their best in the field, they are overworked on essential police matters and I urge that the special services of a Superintendent of Prisons, with specialised knowledge, be supplied to Region 2 as early as possible.

Extract from REGION II H.Q. Matera dated 4 November 1943, Public Safety Report No.5.

PRISONS

OCTOBER 1943

I have submitted separate reports on various prisons - many old, dilapidated and inefficient, dirty scruffy staffs. Here and there, I have found persons languishing in gaol for long periods without any trial - some for 18 months and one alleged abortionist since December 1941. Trying to get down to the cause, I was told that they were expecting her victim to die, that there were other complaints to investigate, the Pretore had been ill, and important witnesses were missing. Another case, an alleged 'swindler' locked up without trial for 15 months. Seeking the reason, informed that the person who lodged the complaint had since joined the Army and was probably a POW. Another instance; woman and two young daughters (aged 15 and 16) arrested months ago and never been tried. They were mixed up in a family brawl. I released them, and in the case of the girls they had certainly been moral danger and at the mercy of the prison staff. The whole prison administration wants careful supervision.

In conjunction with Legal Section, I am trying to accelerate the trial of accused persons detained in prisons.

Extract from REGION II Monthly Report of Matera Province for November 43, dated 12 December 1943. ref. PS/I/4.

PRISONS

NOVEMBER 1943

There are 109 prisons in Region 2. Many of these are small buildings, housing from five to ten prisoners, and are situated in the smaller communes of the provinces. Since 3rd September 1943, more than ten of these buildings have been closed down and the prisoners transferred to larger gaols in the towns. This measure was taken (a) to reduce unnessessary prison staffs, and (b) to earmark suitable buildings for emergency housing of refugees coming down from enemy occupied territory.

On 15th September 1943, in company with Major Thompson, Medical Officer for AMG, Reggio, I visited Reggio prison. This is a large building accomodating 90 prisoners, and divided into three sections, Male, Female and Political. This was one of the first prisons on the mainland to receive the attention of AMG., officers, and was particularly well run. All the prison guards were clean and smart; the doubtful personnel had been weeded out and a new director appointed by Major Pollock. At that time, Military Police, Port Security and F.S.S., were arresting about 20 persons daily and all were temporarily incarcerated in this prison, before disposal.

The building was clean and in good state of repair. The kitchens were large and the sanitary syatem was inspected by Major Thompson, who was agreeably surprised with the efficiency of the staff and he recorded a note in the Prison Register to this effect.

At this time I was dealing with the Political prisoners under the direction of Major Pollock (now Lieut-Colonel), and when I left the town there were no prisoners of this category remaining in the building.

At Cinquefronde Prison, I prevented chaos by obtaining a quantity of beans from Catanzaro (unfortunately in contravention of C.A.O.'s orders) as there was no food in the building and the flour had not arrived owing to the ship being delayed. This temporary difficulty was overcome by using the improperly obtained horse beans and fruit until the normal rations were forthcoming. (It is pointed out that prisoners have only one meal per diem).

I was alone in the province at the time and was obliged to make a very cursory visit at the smaller prisons, but I was in constant contact with the prison Governor for the Province and obtained for him transport so that he could supervise his staffs. No unusual incidents were reported to me during my period of office here. (Normal Police work at this period was 14-16 hours daily, including Summary Military Courts on Tuesday and Friday afternoons).

I have visited the prisons at Potenza and Matera and am quite satisfied with the position. When I became settled at my new assignment here, I caused the printing of forms for the data required by AMG., HQ., Palermo; this stationery was delivered to my office on 13th December 1943, and in the meantime, Captain Alden arrived to take up his assignment as Superintendent of Prisons, Region 2. The forms were then turned over to him. This officer is now out on a tour of inspection and it will be appreciated that in view of the magnitude of the task involved, it will be of some little time before the collated information is to hand for submission.

It can be said at this juncture, however, that although many of the prisons in this Region have only received a quick inspection by C.A.P.O.'s concerned, there are no untoward incidents or conditions prevailing, and further reports will be submitted in due course by Supt. of Prisons.

Extract from REGION II Reggio Province Report dated 9 October 1943

PRISONS

SEPTEMBER 1943

23 in the Province, apart from Reggio Prison with some 87 persons in custody very few prisoners elsewhere. There are 55 civilians detained on security grounds. Each of these cases has been individually vetted by Major Pollock and special reports submitted to GSI(b). More than half of these are detained because of their former Fascist sympathies. In many instances their release has been recommended subject to certain conditions, e.g. taking no part in politics or public office, leaving the area, under police supervision, etc.

Extract from REGION II Reggio Province Report No.4. between 3/9/43 & 15/9/43.

PRISONS

SEPTEMBER 1943.

21 prisons in the province. A few are fairly modern but many are small, old, dirty and insanitary. Reports are not complete from the four CAPOs who have been exceptionally busy on other pressing matters but I will refer to a few if only to give a hurried picture of the situation.

Reggio Prison Modern, now clean, and with accommodation for 300 prisoners - 57 on the staff. When heavy bombing commenced all the 80 prisoners were dispersed to other prisons.

At present 72 persons are in custody (other have been bailed out on suitable cases pending their appearance at Court) of whom 21 are prostitutes in temporary confinement (see para below). A great number of the prisoners were arrested for being in unlawful possession of a variety of goods and clothing (of stealthy derivation) and others for simple larceny. As will be explained later, the Procuratore della Legge and other legal officers have been seen and are commencing to open the civil courts forthwith.

Gallina Prison - badly damaged by air attack some weeks ago - some prisoners killed - 42 escaped.

Locri Prison - accommodation for 200 but prisoners distributed some weeks ago owing to danger of bombing.

Gioia Prison - 27 inmates including a man who killed the local Podesta. other violent criminals.

Stillo Prison - 15 men and 3 women prisoners, small place, not yet visited.

Ardore, Coulonia and Siduno Prisons - small empty.

SEMINARA - I visited on 11/9/43 with C.A.P.O. and F.S.S. rep. I have submitted a separate and detailed report. Filt hy place 150 years old and resembles old farmyard outhouses. The O.C. was given 24 hours to clean up the place from top to bottom or probably find himself inside, himself. 16 prisoners were confined and I dealt with them as follows, (action approved by our legal officer who is sick). - 4 political released to Reggio for examination and vetting - 3 Italian deserters sent to P.O.W. camp, one elderly man drunk in the street and sentenced to 6 months ~~without any trial~~ imprisonment 15/4/43 - released. 6 have been there for months without any trial:-

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Man struck his fiancée in the face with his fist and put in prison May 1943 - no trial - released. German threw a man in 3/8/43 - he had some argument with them - released. Mother and two daughters (ages 15 & 16) arrested and put in the gaol 16th April 1943 for brawling together in the street. NO TRIAL - released forthwith (the humorous part is that they refused to leave because they had no home and were destitute) Another woman (prostitute) arrested 21 January of this year and simply left in jail without trial. I am having her medically examined and if free - allowed to go on condition she does not go near troops (no danger of this - she also wants to stay put).

Cinque Fronda Prison I visited the place with CAO and local Pretore, and vetted each prisoner confined. Six serving long sentences for serious crime - they must remain. Five others have served more than half their long sentences for lesser offences (e.g. (a) family fighting 18 months November 1942 (b) row in nephew's house 15 months 15/7/42 (c) woman ill with cancer) altering name in a ration card - 2 yrs on 14/4/42 etc. and were released, subject to recall if necessary. 13 others have been confined without trial (or at least sentence) for long periods one as far back as 1941. All for crime and I have asked our legal officer (who has been sick) to expedite their trial at earliest possible moment. Three others custody without trial are as follows:-

1. DENARO woman age 30 with young baby in arms: imprisoned in December for assault and battery - Nine months in jail - immediate release suggested.
2. MICHEA man age 35 - alleged swindling - gaoled since Jan. 1942 without trial presumably because the prosecutor or complainant is away in the army - immediate release suggested.
3. SINECROPE woman age 19 arrested in May 1942 for assault and battery. The facts briefly are that whilst her husband was away in the army (he is now a prisoner) a man tried to interfere with her. She frankly admitted that she slashed him with a knife. Been in prison well over a year without trial and in the circumstances she was released. Legal officer has formally approved the action.

It has not been possible to get around the other prisons, but I am afraid we will find a similar state of affairs elsewhere, which is, to say the least, really shocking. It is evident that during the last 18 months the whole legal and prison system not only deteriorated but fell to pieces, people being arrested and thrown into prison without any charge. Greater latitude should be given to C.A.O.s and C.A.F.O.s to exercise their discretion in the release of such prisoners.

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