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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

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Tel : 478709

24 May, 1945

AC/14202/10/PS

SUBJECT : Sentenced Prisoners in Lombardia  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region  
For R.P.S.O.

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Reference your PS/9.7 dated 20 May, 1945.

1. The Ministry of Grace and Justice is being advised of the necessity of providing accommodations for sentenced prisoners from the Northern Regions. The following is however submitted for your information and guidance.

a) Congestion of all classes of prisons is the rule in all territory under Italian Government control. Transport available to the Ministry of Grace and Justice for transfer or effective distribution of prisoners is extremely scarce, and commonly non-existent.

b) The responsibility of the Italian Government to receive prisoners for custody in territory under its control does not extend to entering AMG territory for the escort and transport of prisoners. Theoretically this implies that the Italian Government is obligated to accept prisoners at any given point on the Southern border of AMG territory. Practically speaking this is not true because of transport difficulties alone; and any attempt to insist on such a role by the Ministry of Grace and Justice will only result in impossible delays in getting the job done. It appears, then, that transport of prisoners from AMG areas into Italian Government territory must be continued to the closest prison capable of providing at least temporary housing.

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C. Accommodations in Penal prisons in Toscana, Liguria, Piemonte, Emilia and Venezia Regions totalled some 6000, according to pre-war reports which were evidently based on liberal standards. Information is lacking on the extent to which these accommodations have been impaired due to war damages, but it is believed that, if convicted prisoners are distributed effectively among the penal prisons of these regions, such facilities would fulfill the requirements for an extended period. It is suggested that continuous liaison between the R.P.SO.'s of all Northern Regions be maintained to effect this solution to a problem which leaves few alternatives.

2. This Sub-Commission requests that it be informed periodically as to population figures for prisons in your Region and as to progress made along the lines of the suggestions made herewith.

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/9.7

14702/10  
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20 May 45

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation

TO : HQ Allied Commission,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. As from the 23rd instant, large numbers of prisoners will be brought to trial throughout Lombardia Region on serious charges, and it can be assumed that many hundreds will receive long sentences of penal servitude.

2. Lombardia Region has no penal establishments and, therefore, will be unable to cope with long term prisoners.

3. May the Ministry of Grace and Justice be advised of the position now, so that plans may be made to evacuate our long term prisoners.

For the Regional Commissioner,

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C.T. FRANCIS,  
Lt-Colonel,  
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478703

6 October, 1944.

ACC/14203/10/PS

SUBJECT : Information on Prisons.

TO : Prison Officer, Lombardia Region  
(through R.F.S.O.).

1. In reply to your letter of 30 September 1944 reference above subject the following are the answers to your questions -

a) The present ration for prisoners is

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 300 Grams | Bread        |
| 100 "     | D. Vegetable |
| 8.3 "     | Sugar        |
| 1         | Bouillon Cub |

unlimited soup

normal Civilian Ration of Olive Oil.

b) Soap 3 oz monthly per person (when available)  
plus 1/3 for sanitary use

c) There is no supply just now of uniforms or shoes  
if they become available proper distribution will  
be made

d) the rate of pay is the Italian rate plus the per-  
centage as laid down in financial regulations to take  
effect on entry

e) See attached copy of form that will have to be made  
by your office

f) The Italian Authorities have been notified to furnish  
you with the forms you requested.

2. All supplies are obtained from the alimentation  
office with the help of the Regional supply officer.

3. Trust this answers your questions and any other  
information you wish please communicate with this office.

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

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APPENDIX - OF. E

M. MALE

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|       | M                          | F | m | TOTAL | REMARKS |
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| B     | :                          | : | : | :     | :       |
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| D     | :                          | : | : | :     | :       |
| E     | :                          | : | : | :     | :       |
| TOTAL | :                          | : | : | :     | :       |
| A     | Convicted by Italian Court |   |   |       |         |
| B     | " " AMG/ACC "              |   |   |       |         |
| C     | Awaiting trial Italian "   |   |   |       |         |
| D     | " " AMG/ACC "              |   |   |       |         |
| E     | Italian Military Prisoners |   |   |       |         |

One for each. Judicial &amp; Penal Institution.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
APO 394

30 September 1944.

TO : C. P. S. (through HPSO, Lombardy Region)

SUBJECT : Information on Prisons.

14203/10

1. The last information had by the prison officer, Lombardy Region, with regard to rations for prisoners through Italy was to the effect that prisoners were to receive a ration of 300 gr. of bread, 100 gr. dried soup, civil rations of oil and sugar, 100gr. of dried vegetables, such as peas, and a bouillon cube, daily. Inquiry is made as to whether this ration still holds, as to whether it applies to prisoners in mandamentali as well as to those in giudiziaria, and as to whether these supplies should be obtained through the Regional Supply Officer.

2. Last information with regard to supply of soap for prisons indicated that there was an allocation of 3 oz. monthly per prisoner, with an additional allocation of one-third of this amount for keeping the prison clean. Does this allocation still hold, and should it be obtained through the Regional Supply Officer? Does the allocation apply to mandamentali as well as giudiziaria?

3. Has a supply of uniforms for guards, including shoes, been provided for, and what amount has been allocated to Lombardy Region?

4. What are the current rates of pay of prison employees, and from what date should any increase be made effective?

5. Has P.S. sub-commission any standard form for reporting on prison population with regard to total numbers, those awaiting trial and those convicted, those held for Allied Courts, and those held for Italian Courts? If so, may a supply please be furnished, and if not may that information be given so that arrangements may be made for preparing them.

6. The prison section of the Ministry of Justice prepared forms for prison authorities to report on articles of casermaggio, which are very useful in determining needs for blankets, beds, mattresses, clothing for prisoners, etc. Will arrangements please be made for furnishing at least 50 of these forms to Regional Prison Officer, Lombardy Region.

Henry Young Jr. Capt AUS.  
Prison Officer, Lombardy Region

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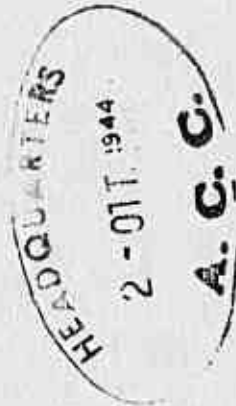
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From: R.P.S.O. Lombardia Region

To: H.Q., U.C., Public Safety Sub. Commission

1st October, 1944.

Can the above requested information be supplied please?



L. H. Francis. Det. Col.

R.P.S.O.

Lombardy Region.

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