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PRISON ACCOMODATION & OVERCROWDING
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MINUTE SHEET

TPS

1. Please do not write letters in duplicate - but use the minute sheet
2. The Secretariat has been forwarded. It is only relevant for letters from RC's and RPSO's on matters within your technical brief to submit their views. A third party emphasises the importance of the third party and reduces your role. The more important the matter the more important your is. Whether the letter will be issued under our DA file or unilateral of under yours, and replies which do not concern RCMP will be routed thereby RCMP causing unnecessary delay.

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Brian

1. We not always available
2. W is a matter for individual interior as to which channel is now effective.

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Adm Lee.

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Herewith latest figures as to overcrowding for information of D/N.P.

11 July 44.

Jno. Wilson Maj.
for C.P.S.

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Public Safety See file 103F.

① A.V.P. raised this with Acting C.C. today.

② Acting CC has asked that a conference of the interested parties take place at the request of Major Gen Browning & the N.P.

③ A conference will be called by this Section. Await further instructions thereon.

13 July 44

R. R. Phipps Cpl.

Legal S/C

1

The Chief Commissioner has ruled that Italian soldiers serving sentences over 30 days, are civilians. Accordingly they must be confined in civil jails and become a civil responsibility.
No reference was made to Rear H/Q, or to the Ministry of Grace and Justice before this new ruling was made.
Will you please see 69[A-F], 70[A], 71[A], 81[A], 82[A] on attached file and let us have your opinion.

Maj. Wilson NAS.
for PAUL G. KIBBE Col.
P/Safety S/C.

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The A/JP proposes to raise this at the next meeting of CC. He would like to be armed with the latest figures as to surrendering with you Please let him have these

for CSO.

Admin
-6 JUL 1944

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13 July 1944

TO: Captain Stone

1038 & C

Re attached ACC/14215/PS, 4 July.

This is the matter you told Col. Upjohn to bring up at meeting (to be held) with General Browning.

General MacFarlane at General Browning's request issued the "over 30 day order".

General Browning has in mind that military prisoners "over 30 days" are not effective strength and can not be furnished rations.

He (General Browning) has in mind to suggest that such prisoners, except bad actors, be given suspended sentences. and be required to report to Carabinieri, etc. As far as General Browning is concerned, they are out of the Italian Army as he does not feel they are effective.

L.D.D.

Ask Col. Upjohn to discuss with Genl Browning if they could agree to take up with me

Jay

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Sec 92A

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4 July 44

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons, overcrowding (Italian Military).

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1 Reference previous report on this subject addressed to the Executive Commissioner, dated 8 Jun 44, enclosure "A".

2 The decision that "Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days are a civil responsibility, and must be confined in civil jails", continues to cause extreme difficulty in prison administration. 103D.

3 When the above policy is fully understood by the Italian Military authorities, it will result in the transfer from Military Prisons to Civil Prisons, of all soldiers serving sentences of over 30 days. This point is raised in MMIA letter ref. G/11/1 dated 28 Jun 44, addressed to the Italian Army General Staff. (Encl;"B"). At the present time, no spare accommodation exists in civil jails. In fact, the latest figures show that the jails are overcrowded by 2,463; of this number 1,784 are Italian military prisoners.

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"A soldierdoes NOT cease to be a soldier merely because he is serving a sentence in excess of 30 days.
The Ministry of War may have issued some ministerial decree which effects their position, but this Sub-Commission has no knowledge of such.
A soldier serving a sentence even in excess of 30 days should do so in a Military establishment, see Art 26 Military Penal Code of Peace."

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7 It is thought that the policy came into being by a misunderstanding. It arose as a result of the necessity of reducing the quantity of food being imported for Italian Military rations. To accomplish this, MMIA are cutting down the number of ineffectives carried on the ration strength. Accordingly, military prisoners (if over 30 days) were made non-effective and thus fed on the civilian scale. This ration reduction was discussed by the interested parties, but the point at issue was the supply of food. The policy as at present stated and understood by MMIA, changes the actual status of the soldier and makes him a civilian. This is bad in law.

8 Arrangements were in hand by the Minister of War to form, two Labor Battalions of Italian Army Prisoners. On 1 Jun 44, HQ/AAI gave assent to the establishment of an Italian Military Prison in the LIPARI Islands. These arrangements have been cancelled, by the present policy regarding Military prisoners.

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9 It is strongly urged that the decision that Italian Military prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days be rescinded and that these prisoners remain a Military responsibility.

10. I propose to raise this matter at the next V.P.'s meeting.

G.R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN, Colonel,
Acting Head, Administrative Section.

Encls: "A" ACC/14215/PS dated 8 Jun 44.
"B" G/11/1 dated 28 Jun 44.
"C" N/43/23 dated 22 Jun 44 (Cable).

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC.

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1030 "A"

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

ACC/14215/PS

8 June 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military).

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. A serious overcrowding problem has arisen at BARI PRISON. The capacity of the prison is 705: present population 1710, of whom 487 are Italian Military Prisoners.

2. Arrangements were being made to move these military prisoners to Tuturano Camp, where accomodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Findlay of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It then became known that an instruction had been issued by Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ (MMIA), LEQUILE, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons and become a civil responsibility. As a result, any military prisoner serving a term of more than 30 days could not be removed from BARI Prison and placed in Tuturano Camp. All the prisoners concerned are in the "over 30 days" category. It was also stated that TUTURANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army in exchange for TAPPA, Brindisi.

3. This new policy arose from a letter Ref. AQ/B dated 23 May 44 from Main HQ (MMIA) to the Minister of War, (Copy attached). Particulars of this letter were obtained, and as the subject matter appeared to be concerned with the feeding of Italian Military Prisoners, it was thought by this Sub-Commission that a misunderstanding had arisen. It was agreed that after 30 days imprisonment, Italian Military Prisoners would be fed on the civilian scale, but this in itself did not make military prisoners a civil responsibility.

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tive. Further, that Penal Battalions are not being, or to be formed.

7. This new statement of policy regarding Italian Military Prison-
ers is absolutely contrary to the views expressed by all authorities
concerned in the amelioration of the present Civil Jail overcrowding
problem. The presence of over 2000 Italian Military prisoners in
the civil jails of Italy, raises an extremely urgent problem. The
coming summer weather will make conditions in these prisons unbear-
able. It is known that sanitation is not up to Allied standards, and
in addition, there is no bedding. Prisoners are lying on straw in
passages and corridors.

8. I consider it absolutely essential that all Italian Military
prisoners be moved from Civil prisons. The occupation of Italian
prisons by British military must be expected in cases of operational
necessity. There is no excuse for Italian military prisoners being
kept in civil prisons, when they could be housed in stockade camps,

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or moved to an island settlement.

9. I ask that this question of the civil responsibility for all Italian Military Prisoners serving sentenes of over 30 days, be taken up with the Chief Commissioner.

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

FJW/t

Enclosures:

Copy letter Army Sub-Com., to Minister of War.
" Cable ACC Rear to MMIA on 2/6/44.
" Reply MMIA ACC Rear.
" Cable ACC Rear MMIA 4/6/44.
" Reply MMIA ACC Rear 6/6/44

Endorsement I

June 9,1944

TO: Executive Commissioner

1. The above is forwarded in the absence on a duty of V.P. Adm Sec. in order that there should be no delay.

2. I feel it is a matter that, in consultation with you, the V.P. could raise with CC.

3. You will see there is a very wide difference of opinion on how these Military Prisoners should be handled.

4. On return, later in the day, of V.P. I will show him copies of this correspondence.

R.R. CRIPPS
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Lt.Col.

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1030 "B"

SUBJECT: Italian Army Strenght and Ration State.

Army Sub-Commission, ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/11/1
28th June 1944.

S.M.R.E.

1. A new methed of rendering the strength state of the Italian Army has become necessary and with effect from 25 July it will be rendered in revised form.

2. A new proforma, speciman at Appendix "A" will be used which will incorporate both the strength state and the ration state.

3. The state will be forwarded to this HQ on the 5th, 15th, 25th of each month showing the position as at the preceding 25th, 15th, 5th.

4. The following points are noted for emphasis and clarification:

a) Every Italian officer and man of the Italian Army must be assigned to a formed unit.

b) Personnel in process of being assigned to a formed unit will be carried under the heading "Unassigned attached" in the depot or transit camp in which they are situated. Strengths of Depot and Camp staffs must not include these "Unassigned attached" which will be shown on a separate line immediately below the entry showing the strength of the Depot or transit camp.

c) The columns for vehicles and animals shown on the old state, are no longer required.

d) The order of units and the subdivision into 5 parts, will be the same as in the old state.

e) The total of the Italian Army is obtained from Columns 1 and 2.

f) The total of Columns 3 to 14 inclusive will equal the total of columns 1 and 2.

g) Personnel sick in hospital will not be included in the strength of the hospital staff but shown on a separate line, headed "Patiente" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the hospital staff and entered only in Columns 15 and 16. The total should agree with Columns 3 and 4. (Refer to our AQ/2 of 23 June).

h) Personnel temporarily in Transit camps and authorized rations will not be included in the strength of the Transit camp staff or in the strength of the "unassigned attached" since they are already accounted for under the unit to which they are assigned. These personnel will be show on a separate line, headed "Attached for rations" below the entry"unassigned attached" and only in columns 15 and 16. Personnel on leave are not entitled to rations until they rejoin their assigned unit and will therefore only appear in the state under the heading of their own unit. They will not be included in any transit camp figures.

i) Personnel absent without leave for more than 30 days are struck off the strength 21 of the Army. They will not be shown as entitled to rations during such absence.

j) Personnel in military prisons, either serving a sentence, or awaiting trial, for more tham 30 days, are struck off the strength and will NOT appear in any column. Such personnel will be transferred to civil prisons and draw civil rations. (Ref. our AQ/8 of 23 May and 27 May)

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k) Personnel in military prisons less than 30 days will not be included in the strength of the prison staff but shown on a separate line under heading,"prisoners" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the prison staff and only entered in Columns 15 and 16.

l) Part 5 of the State will only contain units which are available to the Allies for the Allied programme,including those formed and awaiting movement, and those in course of formation including those units in SARDINIA alerted for shipment to the Mainland.

m) Columns 13 and 15 and 14 and 16 will contain the same figures,except in the case of patients in hospital, prisoners and "attched for rations" in transit camp and where personnel are granted a money allowance in lieu of rations, as in the case with the CCRR and GGFF and others.

5. If any further points in the new proforma require clarification, it is requested that the Stato Maggiore brings this to the notice of this HQ at the earliest moment.

Major General,
Army Sub-Comm, A.C.C.

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June 22/1600 IMPORTANT

FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. Any former member of the Italian Army picked up as result of the advance of the Allied armies will not be considered a member of the active Italian Army until he has been screened by Italian Army Screening. Agency, and found fully qualified for and returned to duty with an active unit of the Italian Army.

2. Any individual not returned to full duty is not, RPT, not to be considered as a member of the active Italian Army and will not, RPT not be picked up on Italian Army strength returns for any purpose EMA and therefore remains in same status as civilian.

3. If any of individuals mentioned in second are to be confined for trial for any crime committed they must be confined in Civil Prisons.

4. Italian Army stockades are for confinement of members of active Army only.

5. No Italian Army Stockades will be established in Rome Area except by Commanders of Italian troops under Allied Command and then only for confinement of Soldiers who are assigned members of such units.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

See 95A

11th July, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - overcrowding.

TO : Acting Head Adm. Sec.

1. The following figures give a broad picture of the overcrowding problem:

	ACC	AMG	TOTALS
Maximum Accommodation	14,804	8,835	23,639
Present Population	15,967	10,135	26,102
Extent of Overcrowding	1,163	1,300	2,463
Italian Military Prisoners (Included above)	1,720	104	1,824

2. The overcrowding is very largely due to Italian Military Prisoners. It has been ascertained from Army Sub-Commission that there are about 3000 Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences over 30 days.

3. The balance of 1,176 are presumably in military prisons at the moment, and the new policy will cause these prisoners to be transferred to the already over-crowded civil prisons.

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4. ACC TERRITORY

The most important overcrowded prisons are BARI and LECCE. The figures are as follows:-

BARI	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
Capacity	670	84	50
Civilian Prisoners	488	69	49
Italian Military Prisoners	495	-	-
Civilians held by Military	470	27	106
TOTALS.	1,453	96	155
Overcrowding.	783	12	105

Total Capacity	804
Total Population	1704
Total Overcrowding	900

Steps are being taken to complete the building of a reformatory at the rear of BARI prison. This will hold 400 prisoners. If, in addition, the 495 Italian Military prisoners were removed, the overcrowding problem would be solved.

LECCE.	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
Capacity	350	50	10
Civilian Prisoners	343	55	50
Italian Military	310	-	-
TOTAL	653	55	50
Overcrowding	303	5	40

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Total Capacity	410
Total Population	758
Total Overcrowding	348

The overcrowding at this prison is due almost entirely to Italian Military Prisoners.

5. AMG TERRITORY

The overcrowding is general throughout the prisons, and transfers are made in order to keep the overcrowding as level as possible. Steps have been taken particularly in Region 3 to keep Italian Military Prisoners out of the prisons, as is evidenced by the low figure of 104.

6. If it can be arranged that the present policy is reversed and Military Prisoners removed from Civil Jails, then they could be accommodated in any one of the following 3 ways:-

(a) Tuturano Camp would hold 1000, and the balance of 824 in civil prisons could be held at Montesarchio Italian Military Prison. One building is used as a prison for Indian troops, but the main building would be suitable for the Italian prisoners.
(b) The Lipari Islands could be used as a camp.
(c) Two Labour Battalions could be formed as originally arranged by the Italian War Minister.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

PJW/hgd

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSIC
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

29 July 44

Ref: 317/180/CA

Subject: Prisons

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region II

See 101A.

102B 102C

1. Attached are copies of AAI 5063/4/A(PS) of 17 July and 317/179/ of 29 July for information of yourself and your RPSO.

2. I do not know if the incident is correctly reported but if so you will no doubt consider it desirable to point out to the officer concerned the inadvisability of tendering advice on a matter before higher authority or which affects matters outside his own territory. The extra accomodation is of course badly needed to relieve overcrowding elsewhere.

Norman E. Fiske
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to P.S. Sub-Commission.

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COPY

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
AAI/5063/4/A(PS)
17 July 44

Subject: - Taranto Prison

HQ. Allied Control Commission,
RC & PW Section
APO 394

Same as 1018.

1. HQ. No.2 District state that the local ACC and Italian Authorities have informed 52 Area that they are satisfied with 75% of the accomodation at Taranto prison. This is stated to have been handed over and that they are content that the Polish SUB numbering 50-60 should continue to occupy the balance of the accomodation.

2. In view of our previous correspondence on release of civilianprisons, it is felt that you may not be in agreement with this representation.

3. Will you therefore please state whether the above is correct or not. If it is not steps will be taken to implement our promise to clear the prison.

Brigadier,
D.A.G.

HD/IKM

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102C.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 317/179/CA

29 July 44

Subject: Prisons

To: HQ. AAI.

102B

Reference your AAI 5063/4/A(FS) of 17 July.

1. I regret that the ACC. officer who stated that a 75% evacuation of Taranto prison was sufficient, was wrong, and I would appreciate it if you will clear the whole prison, as arranged.

2. I am most grateful to you for drawing attention to this error.

M.S. Lush
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to F.B. Lt-Commission

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

20th July, 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - Requisitioning.

See 102A

TO : R.P.S.O. Region II
(through R.C.)

1. Steps were taken by this H.Q. some time ago, to secure the de-requisitioning of all civil prisons occupied by the Military. Many prisons have now been promised for return to the civil authorities. As you are aware, Taranto prison is one of these, and its early evacuation was anticipated.

101B

2. On 20th July, 1944, a letter was received from H.Q. A.A.I. (copy attached) stating that local A.C.C. and Italian authorities were satisfied with 75 % of the accommodation at Taranto.

It is known by A.A.I. that this is not in accordance with views expressed by this H.Q., and accordingly our opinion was asked for.

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3. The correct position was explained in a minute to R.C. and M.C. Section (copy attached). No doubt, this will result in the prison being completely evacuated as promised.

4. Forwarded for your information. It ould appear that local officers gave a decision in this case without reference to you, and without any knowledge of the serious overcrowding problem in Puglie.

PAUL C. KIRK
Col. Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT : TARANTO PRISON

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
AAI/5063/4/A(PS)

17th July, 1944.

H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
RC & MG Section
APO 394

1. H.Q. No.2 District state that the local A.C.C. and Italian Authorities have informed 52 Area that they are satisfied with 75% of the accommodation at TARANTO prison. This is stated to have been handed over and they they are content that the Polish SUS numbering 50-60 should continue to occupy the balance of the accommodation.

2. In view of our previous correspondence on release of civilian prisons, it is felt that you may not be in agreement with this representation.

3. Will you therefore please state whether the above is correct or not. If it is not steps will be taken to implement our promise to clear the prison.

Brigadier,
D.A.C.

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Copy to - 'Q' - Your 2038/2/Q2
of 14th July 1944 refers.

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1. It is essential that Taranto Prison be returned to the Italian Authorities. If, in fact, local A.C.C. did state that they were satisfied with 75% of the accommodation, then this was done without the knowledge of R.P.S.O. Reg.2 who is well aware of the overcrowding problem in his area.

2. The following are June figures for Region 2 Prisons

Total Population	4.139
Total Capacity	3.080
Overcrowding	1.059

3. As a result of the Requisitioning of Brindisi prison, all prisoners are sent to Lecce which has given rise to the following position :

Lecce Population	997
Lecce Capacity	610
Overcrowding	387

with increased facilities at Taranto, some of the Lecce prisoners could be transferred.

4. At Bari the position is as follows :

Population	1.704
Capacity	805
Overcrowding	899

5. Colonel D'Ambrosio, the Procuratore del Rei at Taranto is well aware of the overcrowding difficulty in Puglie, and on 18th June 1944 he visited Rear H.Q., A.C.C. with a view to getting Taranto prison derequisitioned and thus alleviating the position at Lecce.

20th July, 1944

FRANK J. WILSON Maj.
For PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

18th July, 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons Requisitioning.

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TO : R.P.S.O. Region XI (through R.C.)

1. As a result of correspondence with H.Q. A.A.I., it has now been agreed to release AVIGLIANO Reformatory to the civil authorities.

2. 2 District have been ordered by A.A.I. to arrange direct, will you please take any necessary local action.

3. The Ministry of Grace and Justice have been informed, with a view to the Reformatory being staffed and used at the earliest opportunity. It is understood that at present 60 inmates are housed in a local orphanage.

PAUL G KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18th July, 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons

TO : H.E. Minister of Grace and Justice.

93C refers 96A.

1) AVIGLIANO Reformatory in Potenza Province which, until recently, was requisitioned by the Military authorities, has now been evacuated and restored to the Italian Administration.

2) At the present time the 60 persons from the reformatory are housed in a local orphanage.

3) Forwarded for your information as you will no doubt wish to re-staff the reformatory and bring it into use again.

PAUL O. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

16th July, 1944

ACC/1421**5**/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons Accommodation.

TO : R.T.S.O. Region V.

1. Reference R.S. and M.S. Section letter to you of 31 May 1944 Ref. 117/117/CA.

2. Brig. EATON D.A.G. HQ. AAI took up the case of San Severo Prison with F.B.S. The matter was discussed at some length, but it has been decided that this jail cannot be given up as it is the only prison available to A.A.F.C.C.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
lic Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

16th July, 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 3.

1. Reference your PS/9.30 dated 2nd July, 1944.

2. The following reply from H.Q., A.A.I. was received as a result of a request to evacuate MONTESARCHIO Prison :-

"One out of two buildings forming the old Italian Military Prison at Montesarchio is used as an Indian Military Prison. This building was dilepidated when taken over, and much work has been carried out to make it fit for its purpose. It is regretted that it is not possible to give up this building.

The second building can be relinquished. Please arrange direct with 3 District.

It is understood that this question has already been taken up with 3 District by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission."

3. At the present time it is not possible to proceed with your suggestion that the prison be used by the Italian Army. A recent decision that soldiers must be kept in civil jails if serving a sentence over 30 days will result in a transfer of military prisoners to civil jails.

4. However, this question of the status of Italian Military prisoners has been taken up with the Chief Commissioner and a meeting of the interested parties is taking place in the near future. You will be informed as to the result.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Chief Public Safety (3).
Sub-Commission.

FJW/G.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

16th July, 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - accommodation.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region 3.

1. Reference your PS/9.1 dated 30 April 1944 and our reply A.C.C./14215/P.S. dated 24th May 1944.

2. The present position as to prison requisitioning is detailed below with H.Q., A.A.I. comments :

(a) S. Maria Capua Vetere Prison. This can now be given up with the exception of one cell block which is required by P.B.S. for civilians. Please deal direct with P.B.S. over this.

(b) Benevento Prison. This has been evacuated.

(c) Poggioreale Prison. This is used for holding soldiers awaiting trial and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.

(d) San Efrano. This is being used as a detention barracks etc. and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.

(e) Portici Prison. It is understood that this was not a civil prison. It is now being used as a military prison and much work has been carried out to make it secure. There is no prospect of this being given up.

(f) Nisida Reformatory. This is being used as a military prison and there is no prospect of it being given up.

3. Regarding 2 (c) Portici Prison, the fact that this prison was originally used as a prison guard school, and the present difficulty in training prison staff was brought to the notice of H.Q., A.A.I.

4. Regarding 2 (a) S. Maria Capua Vetere. Please deal direct with P.B.S. who have been advised of the position by H.Q., A.A.I. Corres. A.A.I./5065/A (PS) dated 29th June, 1944.

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PAUL O. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

2 July 1944

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PS/9.30

SUBJECT: Montesarchio Prison.

TO : ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission
(Attention: Major F.J. Wilson).

1. Reference telephone conversation of the 1st Inst relative to the prison at Montesarchio.

2. I visited the Montesarchio Prison. It is situated on top of the hill behind the town of Montesarchio and consists of two buildings, both of which were formerly used as an Italian Military Prison.

3. The main building, the 'Castello' is now being used as a prison for Indian troops. The other, 'Torre Medioevale' is an old castle detached from the main building, and which until recently was used as a prison by Canadian troops. It would appear that it is the latter building which 57th Area are now willing to release.

4. I inspected 'Torre Medioevale', which has a capacity of a hundred, and although it is clean and in a fair state of general repair, it is not secure, almost all doors being deficient of locks. There is no heating and no water laid on, all water having to be brought from the town which by road is nearly a mile away. The Canadians were able to operate as they used field kitchens and water tankers.

5. I was unable to see much of the 'Castello' as the O.C. of the Indian Unit was not present and the NCO i/c, observing normal prison regulations naturally refused my entry. However, I was informed by a Maresciallo of the Italian Military Prison Service, who, prior to occupation by the Indian Unit was in charge of the Prison, with minor repairs it would be capable of holding 1000 inmates. Here, too, the water has to be obtained from the town.

6. Would it not be possible for the Indian Unit to use 'Torre Medioevale', which would accommodate their present number, and obtain release of the 'Castello' for use by the Italian Army?

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C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, GLL.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/163/CA

3 July 1944

See 96+

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

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1. There is forwarded to you for information and action copy letter from AAI (AAI/5065/1/A(PS) of 26 June 44.

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2. Copy letter from AAI of 8 June 44 is also forwarded for your information and for filing.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT : Accomodation - Civil Prisons.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
A.F.O. Box 394.

Executive Commissioners, AAI/5065/1/A(PS)
Allied Control Commission
20 Jun 44.

Reference your 317/108/CA dated 27 May 44, and further to this H.Q. letters of even number dated 14 May and 8 Jun 44, respectively.

1. S.MARIA CAPUA VETERE. This can now be given up with the exception of one cell block which is required by P.B.S. for civilians. Please deal direct with P.B.S. over this.

2. SAN SEVERO. This prison cannot be given up as it is the only prison available to A.A. F.S.C.

3. TARANTO. Instructions have been issued to No 2 District to evacuate this prison. This is expected to be done by mid July.

Brigadier,
D.A.G.

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Copy to: P.B.S.
No 2 District.
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SUBJECT : Accomodation - Civil Prisons/

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5065/1/A (PS)

8 Jun 44.

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Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your 317/108/CA dated 27 May 44, and further to this HQ letter of even number dated 14 May 44.

1. The following is the present situation at the civil prisons specified:-

(a) AVIGLIANO. This is being given up at once. 2 District have been ordered to arrange direct.

(b) POGGIOREALE. This is used for holding soldiers awaiting trial and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.

(c) SAN EFRAMO. This is being used as a Detention Barracks etc and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.

(d) S. MARIA CAPUA VETERE. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.

(e) PORTICI. It is understood that this was not a civil prison. It is now being used as a military prison and much work has been carried out to make it secure. There is no prospect of this being given up.

(f) NISIDA. This is being used as a military prison and there is no prospect of it being given up.

(g) SAN SEVERO. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.

2. BENENENTO Prison has already been evacuated. It is hoped that TARANTO Prsion will have been completely evacuated in about a month.

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Brigadier,
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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25 June 1944.

Ref/317/160/CA

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation. See 30A 67A 73A 104A

TO : Economic Section. 30B 67B

1. Ref. your E3/15 of 13 May and E3/15 of 30 May there is sent herewith copy letter from Admin. Section with list and location of prisons attached in priority as requested.

2. There is also forwarded letter from Region III Public Safety Officer dated 27 May for your information.

NORMAN E. FIKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Copy to:
Admin. Sect. (Your ACC/14215/E5 of 20 June refers.)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Administrative Section.
APO 394

ACC/14215/ES 28th June, 1944

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference your 317/159/GA dated 25th June, 1944.

2. The Ministry of Greec and Justice, and Regional Commissioners Regs. I,II,III,VII have been informed of the procedure for provision of finance in accordance with Economic Section letter of 13 May, 1944.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

28th June, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - rebuilding.

TO : Regional Commission Reg. VII.

1. Reference 317/31/CA dated 20th May, 44 issued by Executive Commissioner to all Regional Commissioners, and in particular to para 6.

2. As a result of your RVII/PS/408 dated 31 May, 1944, arrangements have been made to secure priority of labor and materials for the rebuilding and repair of the following prison.

GALLINA - Judicial. Reg. VII

Rendered uninhabitable by enemy action. Damage confined to roof and ceilings. Can be repaired quickly and cheaply. Accommodation for 100.

3. Economic Section have stated "as regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I,II, VI and VII". The Ministry of Grace and Justice has been so informed.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

26th June, 1944.

SUBJECT : Prisons - rebuilding.

TO : Regional Commissioner Reg. II.

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1. Reference 317/61/3A dated 20th May, 44 issued by Executive Commissioner to all Regional Commissioners, and in particular to para 6.

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2. As a result of your A/PS/143 dated 26th May, 44 arrangements have been made to secure 1st priority of labor and materials for the rebuilding and repair of :

BARI - Reformatory. Region 2.
Uncompleted reformatory at rear of Bari prison. Building stopped at outbreak of war. Unfinished floors, doors and windows. Civil engineers at Bari know the position. Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 600.

3. It is known that certain Italian military stores are kept in the building. The Italian War Minister has been approached by the Minister of Grace and Justice with a view to the removal of the stores.

4. Economic Section have stated "as regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I, II, VI and VII". The Ministry of Grace and Justice has become informed.

PAUL G. STRAM,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

28th June, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons - rebuilding.

TO : Regional Commissioner Reg. I.

1. Reference 317/81/CA dated 20th May, 1944, issued by Executive Commissioner to all Regional Commissioners, and in particular to Para 6.

2. As a result of your RPS/383.6 dated 2nd June and 7th June 1944, arrangements have been made to secure priority of labor and materials for the rebuilding and repair of the following prisons.

1st Priority:- FAVIGNANA - Penal. Region I.
Closed on 26/8/43 because of poor hygenic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available, work can be done in two stages.
a) Undamaged premises renovated using labor of convicted masons. This can be done in 1 month and provide accommodation for 400.
b) Repair work on Sections 4 and 8. This can be done in 3 months and provide accommodation for 150.

2nd Priority:- AUGUSTA - Penal - Region I.
Has been requisitioned until recently. Requires
a) Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs.
b) General inspection of roofing.
d) Repair of locks and gates.
Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 500.

3rd Priority:- CALTANISSETTA. Judicial. Region I.
Repair 44 cells and 15 Dormitories. Time to be taken 3 months. Accommodation for 102.

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The completion of this building and repair program will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

4. Economic Section have stated "as regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I,II, VI and VII". The Ministry of Grace and Justice has been so informed.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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RMAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS 28th June, 1944

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SUBJECT : Prisons - rebuilding.

TO : H.E. Minister of Grace and Justice.

1. Arrangements have been made to secure priority of labour and materials for the rebuilding and repair of the following prisons:-

1st Priority:- BARI - Reformatory. Region 2.
Uncompleted Reformatory at rear of Bari prison. Building stopped at outbreak of war. Unfinished floors, doors and windows. Civil engineers at Bari know the position. Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 600.

RAVIGNANA - Penal. Region I.
Closed on 26/8/43 because of poor hygenic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available, work can be done in two stages.
a) Undamaged premises renovated using labor of convicted masons. This can be done in 1 month and provide accommodation for 400.
b) Repair work on Sections 4 and 8. This can be done in 3 months and provide accommodation for 150.

2nd Priority. AUGUSTA - Penal - Region 1.
Has been requisitioned until recently. Requires
a) Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs.
b) General inspection of roofing.
c) Repair of locks and gates.
Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 500.

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GALLINA - Judicial. Region 7.

Rendered uninhabitable by enemy action. Damage confined to roof and ceilings. Can be repaired quickly and cheaply. Accommodation for 100.

3rd Priority.- CALTANISSETTA. Judicial Region I.
Repair 44 cells and 15 Dormitories. Time to be taken 3 months. Accommodation for 102.

2. The completion of this building and repair program will provide accommodation for a further 1852 prisoners;

3. As regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I, II and VII. The Regional Commissioners concerned have been informed.

4. For your information it is mentioned that the following prisons in AMG territory are being repaired.

a) Roccioreala Judicial. Accommodation for 1200.
b) Aversa Mandamentali. Accommodation for 80.
c) Avellino Judicial. Accommodation for 600.

This will provide accommodation for a further 1880 prisoners in Region 3.

PAUL C. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS 27th June, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons - rebuilding.

TO : Regional Commissioner Reg. 3.

1. Reference 317/81/OA dated 20th May, 1944 issued by Executive Commissioner, to all Regional Commissioners, and in particular to Para 6.

2. As a result of your PS/9.1 dated 27th May 44, arrangements have been made to secure priority of labour and materials for the rebuilding and repair of the following prisons:

1st Priority — For Forced Judicial Prison, NAPLES. Partial rebuilding of 5 wings. Major repairs to kitchens, glazing and plumbing Accommodation for 200.

2nd Priority. — Aversa Mandamentali Prison. General repairs for security. Accommodation for 80.

3rd Priority — Avellino Judicial Prison. Major rebuilding and completion of repairs to hospital and kitchen. Accommodation for 600.

3. Economic Section have stated the cost of the above repairs should be included in the appropriate budget. Such expenditures will be approved by Regional Finance officers.

Frank D. Wilson. Lt Col.
PAUL T. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/159/CA

25 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Admin. Section. (Ac Public Safety Sub (Commission)

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Ref. this Hq. letter 317/74/CA of 14 May 44 and your 14215/PS of 20 June 44 it is presumed that the provision of finance for repair of the prisons has been made in accordance with Economic Section letter of 13 May 44 forwarded to you.

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Howard Baker Brig.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. Any former member of the Italian Army picked up as result of the advance of the Allied armies will not be considered a member of the Active Italian Army until he has been screened by Italian Army Screening Agency, and found fully qualified for and returned to duty with an active unit of the Italian Army.

2. Any individual not returned to full duty is not, RPT, not to be considered as a member of the active Italian Army and will not, RPT not be picked up on Italian Army strength returns for any purpose AMA and therefore remains in same status as civilian.

3. If any of individuals mentioned in (2) second are to be confined for trial for any crime committed they must be confined in Civil Prisons.

4. Italian Army stockades are for confinement of members of active Army only.

5. No Italian Army Stockades will be established in Rome Area except by Commanders of Italian troops under Allied Command and then only for confinement of Soldiers who are assigned members of such units.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/155/CA

24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military)

TO : Admin. Section (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

by the Chief Commissioner 1/70/11A refer

Reference your ACC/14215/PS of 8 June 44 it has been decided that soldiers who are detained for more than 30 days are a civilian responsibility. The reason for this is because after 30 days in a civilian prison the soldier ceases to be a soldier and is considered as no longer in the army.

For Lt Col

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Cancelled by request of Maj Robles
RCMP on 8/6/44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commissio
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

June 14th, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons, overcrowding.

TO : Chief, Public Safety

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1. The prison population in Italy is in excess of the prison capacity. Overcrowding is principally due to four factors:-

a) The requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
b) The detention of Italian military prisoners in civil jails.
c) Disrepair of prisons and war damage.
d) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.

2. A broad view of the problem is given by the following figures:

a PRISONS	ACC Territory,	AMG Territory.	Totals.
Number of prisons (Penal and judicial)	60	15	75
Maximum accomodation	14,804	2,666	17,470
Present population	15,840	4,093	19,933
Extent of overcrowding	1,036	1,427	2,463
Italian Military prisoners (Included above)	1,720	64	1,784

b PRISONS REQUISITIONED

In ACC Territory

REGION	LOCATION	CAPACITY	REMARKS
I	AUGUSTO	400	Occupied by R.N (needs repair)
I	ACIREALE	125	Occupied by British Army
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In AMG Territory

Requisitioned

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b) The detention of Italian military prisoners in civil jails.
c) Disrepair of prisons and war damage.
d) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.

2. A broad view of the problem is given by the following figures:

a PRISONS	ACC Territory,	AMG Territory.	Totals.
Number of prisons (Penal and judicial)	60	15	75
Maximum accomodation	14,804	2,666	17,470
Present population	15,840	4,093	19,933
Extent of overcrowding	1,036	1,427	2,463
Italian Military prisoners (Included above)	1,720	64	1,784

b PRISONS REQUISITIONED

In ACC Territory

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In AMG Territory

REGION 3,	BENEVENTO	50	Requisitioned
	POGGIOREALE	400	Court Martial & Holding Center
	S. EFRANO	200	FPC
	S.MARIA A CAPUA VETERE	50	American M.P.
	PORTICI	100	British Detention Camp
	NISIDA	350	British
	S.SEVERO	100	~~Unknown~~ U.S. ARMY
		1,250	

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TOTAL ACC & AMG TERRITORY 1,360

c DAMAGED AND CLOSED PRISONS

REGION	LOCATION	POSSIBLE CAPACITY
I	CALTANISSETTA	126
VII	PALMI	115
I	TAVIGNA	150
	(closed as unsanitary · 150 places damaged)	
III	NAPLES	300
	COLOMBIA	700
	(Repairs in progress	
		1,891

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b) The only prison known to be used entirely by the United States Army, is at San Severo, Foggia, and this only holds about 50 persons. MPSC Reg. V tried to get this prison released without success. American M.P.'s have 50 places at S.Maria Capua Vetere, a prison holding 535. On 6th June 1944 HQ AAI communicated with Peninsular Base Section asking for the early evacuation of troops from these two prisons.

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4. REMOVAL OF ITALIAN MILITARY FROM CIVIL PRISONS

On 10th May 1944 information was received from Ministry of War that Italian Military prisoners would be formed into special companies and later organized into two special Battalions, and used for labour. It was pointed out by the Minister that this was contrary to the Italian Military Penal Code. Accordingly a Royal decree has been drawn up, conferring on Military Judges the power to assign to labour battalions those soldiers sentenced to serve a term of less than 3 years. The Minister has also caused the Lipari islands to be surveyed with a view to their use as a concentration camp.

An overcrowding problem has arisen at Bari prison. Capacity of prison 405, present population 1,700, of whom 404 are Italian Military prisoners. Arrangements were been made to move the Military prisoners to Tuturano Camp (near Brindisi) where accomodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Pindlay of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

It then became known that an instruction had been issued by HQ AMMA, dated 23rd May, 1944, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons, and become a civil responsibility.

Ben.Browning, HQ AMMA was communicated with, and a reply received, stating that the new policy had been approved by the Chief Commissioner. Further, that penal battalions would not be formed.

This new statement of policy, regarding Italian Military prisoners, is contrary to the views expressed by all authorities concerned in the amelioration of the present civil jail overcrowding problem. Accordingly, on 9th June, 1944, Major Wilson of this Sub-Commission, saw the Executive Commissioner at HQ ACC and discussed with him the question of prison overcrowding caused by Italian Military prisoners. The main issue was the new policy regarding these prisoners as outlined by HQ AMMA. The Executive Commissioner did not agree with the new policy and suggested that the matter be discussed with Col.Ridsley AMMA who was present at HQ ACC.

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On the question of providing guards for these prisoners if placed in stockade camps (such as TUTURANO), it was stated that any personnel guarding non-effectives would itself become non-effective. For that reason, no military guard could be supplied.

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It was pointed out to Col. Pilsley that no information concerning the new policy had been forwarded to Rear HQ ASC, and that the Ministry of Grace and Justice were quite unaware of it. Brigadier Lush (Executive Commissioner) was then seen, and he supported the view of this Sub-Commission. He stated that the new policy appeared to have come into being by a misunderstanding, and that the whole question would be reopened and discussed by him in the next few days.

Lord Stanegate (V.P. Adm. Section) spoke to the Executive Commissioner on 12th June, 1944, and established that Brigadier Lush will secure a ruling from the Chief Commissioner on the policy regarding the removal of Italian Military prisoners from civil jails.

6. Clearance of Prisons used for other purposes.

Information has been received through 1 District that the civil prison at Augusta has now been evacuated. Steps are being taken with Region 1, to make use of additional accommodation as soon as possible.

7. Repair of Damaged Prisons.

Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission is willing to assist in the repair of prisons by making special provision for the supply of building material. Lists and locations of prisons for repair and reconstruction are being prepared and priorities (in order 1, 2 and 3) will be shown.

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8. Hastening of Trials.

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9. Forming of Labor Battalions.

Lt.Col. POLETTI Regional Commissioner Reg. 3, was seen on 10th May 1944, and the suggestion made to him that prisoners serving short sentences be attached to Labor Battalions and housed in camps. Lt.Col.Poletti expressed himself willing to form a camp of 500 prisoners. A suitable site has now been found on the Naples-Capua road, 4 miles north of Aversa. Water is available

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and as the proposed site is in a farming area, employment can be found for the prisoners. Arrangements are in hand to obtain the necessary material to build the camp on the lines of a Disciplinary Training Stockade, or Field Punishment Camp.

10. Possibility of using MONTSARCHIO Prison.

On 6th June the assistance of HQ AAI., was sought in an endeavour to evacuate Indian Troops from this prison. At present it is being used by 57 Base Area as a Penal Establishment for Indian troops.

11. Italian Government.

Conferences have been held with the Minister of Grace and Justice. As a result, the Minister will appoint a prison Inspectorate, which it is hoped will provide him with a technical control of this problem. There is no doubt that the Minister is displaying a practical and energetic interest in his prisons.

Travelling prison inspectors are to be appointed. Suitable officials have been approached, and their replies are awaited. The number suggested is 4 disposed of as follows:-

1 Sicily
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2 Mainland.

12. The above indicates the progress made in dealing with the prison problem, in accordance with the proposals made on 5th May 1944.

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Frank J. Wilson.

FRANK J. WILSON, Major
Prisons Section.

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APPENDIX 'A'

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

A/6.1/AS. 6 May 44.

Action Points : Reference meeting on Prison Accomodation held at Near HQ ACC, APO 394 at 14.30 hrs 5 May 44.

Proposals for immediate improvement of prison accomodation situation.

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ACTION (by Adm Sec)
a Press AAI to remove their troops from prisons andhouse them instead in camps in so far as is possible - emphasing that short sentence personnel particularly should serve in camps.
b Contact should be made with U.S. Army to facilitate above.

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ACTION (by Army Sub Comsn)
a Take steps with Italian Government to remove Italian military prisoners from civilian jails and prisons and place them in camps. (prison or penal battalions).

3 Clearance of Prisons used for other purposes.
ACTION (by Adm Sec and PS Sub Commsn)
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4 Repair of Damaged Prisons.
ACTION (by PC & RG Section)
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5 Hastening of Trials.
ACTION (by Legal)
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7 Possibility of using SANT'ANCHILO Prison.

ACTION (by PS Sub Comsn)

Matter to be taken up with AAI with a view to using as a military prison.

8 General Conclusion.

ACTION

a Col Young must take from the meeting specific recommendations and contact proper Italian authorities.

b Future meeting will be held.

c A meeting with proper Italian authority will be held.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

20th, June, 1944

ACC/14213/PS

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation

TO : Executive Commissioner (through V.E.Adm.Sec.)

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1. Reference your 317/135/CA of 5th June 1944 and 317/74/CA of 14 May, 1944.

2. Attached are lists and locations of prisons to be given extended accommodation. Priorities and particulars of the additional number of prisoners to be provided for in each prison are shown.

3. Special mention is made of the unfinished Reformatory at Aversa. This is at the rear of the Judicial Prison, where 1700 prisoners are confined in buildings with normal capacity for 700. The Reformatory could be completed in two months and provide accommodation for 600 prisoners. Certain Italian military stores are kept in the building. The Italian War Minister has been approached by the Minister of Grace and Justice with a view to the removal of the stores.

4. The completion of this building and repair program would provide accommodation for a further 3,933 prisoners.

for PAUL G. WINE,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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1ST PRIORITY PRISONS

REGION	PRISON	LOCATION	CAPACITY	NEW CAPACITY	INCREASE	
2	Bari (Reformatory)	Bari	—	400	400	Unsanitary Bari [illegible] breakdown and [illegible] know the ultimate for 400 usage [illegible]
1	Favignana (Penal)	Island off Sicily near Trapani	—	550	550	Closed [illegible] and [illegible] able [illegible] 1. Unsanitary labor [illegible] be done places. 1 and 2
3	Pozzuoli (Judicial)	Naples	2000	4000	1200	Partial repairing. Prisoners priority employ

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	—	400	400
	—	550	550
	2200	4000	1200

Uncompleted reformatory at rear of Fort prison. Building stopped at outbreak of war. Unfinished floors, doors and windows. Civil engineers at Fort near the position. Time 2 months although scheduled as a reformatory for 400, if completed it would be used for adults and probably house 600. Closed 26/6/43 poor hygienic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available work could be done in two stages 1. Underground premises renovated using labor of convicted persons. This could be done in 1 month and provide 400 places. 2. Repair work on Sections 4 and 8. Time 3 months. 150 places. Partial rebuilding of 5 wings. Major repairs to kitchens glazing and plumbing. This is in hand by Region 3 prisons officer but as there is no priority, a small number of prisoners employed, and progress very slow.

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	REGION	PRISON	LOCATION	CAPACITY	NEW CAPACITY	INCREASE	
	I	Augusta (Penal)	Sicily near Syracuse	—	500	500	Has been co... Requires l... of collapsed... tion of roo... gates. Lin... Has been use... as prison. ... make it acc... rendered u... Damage cou... could be re...
3		Averga (Mandamental)	Naples	—	50	50	
7		Gallina (Judicial)	Reggio	—	100	100	

2ND PRIORITY PRISON.

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BID CAPACITY	NEW CAPACITY	INCREASE	REMARKS
---	500	500	Had been requisitioned until recently. Requires 1. Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs. 2. General inspection of roofing. 3. Repair of locks and gates. Time 2 months.
---	80	80	Has been used as a barrack, now available as prison. Needs general repairs to make it secure.
---	100	100	Rendered uninhabitable by enemy action. Damage confined to roof and ceilings. Could be repaired quickly and cheaply.

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DEL PRIORITY PHASE.

REGION	NAME OF	LOCATION	CAPACITY	NEW CAPACITY	INCREASE	
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I	Caltanissetta (Initial)	Sicily In center of Island	354	456	102	Repair 44 Take 3 mon
3	Avellino (Initial)	Naples area	490	1090	600	Military civil sect section. pletion 62 within.

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3rd PRIORITY PROJECTS.

	CAPACITY	NEW CAPACITY	INCREASE	REMARKS
	354	456	102	Repair 44 cells. 15 Dormitories. Take 3 months.
ber and	400	1000	600	Military section and one wing of civil section destroyed by enemy action. Major rebuilding and completion of repairs to hospital and kitchen.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/150/CA 18 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

The attached copy letter from AAI to this Headquarters dated 8 June 44 is forwarded for your information.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5065/1/A(PS)

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

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Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control, Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your 317/108/CA dated 27 May 44, and further to this Hq. letter of even number dated 14 May 44.

1. The following is the present situtation at the civil prisons specified:-

Yes (a) AVIGLIANO. This is being given up at once. 2 District have been ordered to arrange direct.

? (b) POGGIOREALE. This is used for holding soliders awaiting trial and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumstances change.

? (c) SAN EFRAMO. This is being used as a Detention Barracks etc. and cannot be given up at present. The situation will be reviewed when circumsntances change.

? (d) S.MARIA CAPUA VETERE. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.

ND (e) PORTICI. It is understood that this was not a civil prison. It is now being used as a military prison and much work has been carried out to make it secure. There is no prospect of this being given up.

NO (f) NISIDA. This is being used as a military prison and there is no prospect of it being given up.

? (g) SAN SEVERO. Occupied by U.S. Forces. A definite answer will be given shortly.

2. BENEVENTO Prison has already been evacuated. It is hoped that TARANTO Prison will have been completely evacuated in about a month.

/s/ Cor. ????
Brigadier
DAG 1C

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Pub-Safety 778
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FROM:- DTSTWO.

TO:- AAFSC FTO INFO XV AFSC FILPOT.

65th and 06th

ORIG NO: Q 63.
CITE H-26-F.

FIRST. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION DESIRE THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE CIVIL PRISONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER FOR MILITARY PURPOSES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES FOR IMPRISONMENT CIVIL OFFENDERS.

SECOND. HAS ASKED THIS HQ ON 25 APRIL TO CONSIDER DERequisition SAN SEVERO PRISON WHICH IS INSIDE ALLIED AIR FORCE ENCLAVE.

THIRD. THIS HQ ASKED XV AFSC WHETHER PRISON COULD BE HANDED BACK TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

FOURTH. MADAS FOGGIA REPLIED AS ALREADY INDICATED IN MY Q35.

FIFTH. AS AAFAC UNDER YOUR COMMAND REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION ON FILPOT Q 2384 AND REFER TO FILPOT IF FURTHER CLARIFICATION NECESSARY.

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HEADQUARTERS
FOLIO NO: 50424.

SIXTH. FOR XV AFSC AND FILPOT. THIS IS REPLY TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION MY Q38 OF WHICH COPY WAS SENT TO YOU

Q 3 ACTION.
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- Defence
- Pol Safety (Rear)
- File
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/147/CA

17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Prisons Overcrowding.

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. With reference to your ACC/14215/PS of 6 June 44 there is forwarded to you for information copy letter from AAI (Ref. AAI/5065/6/A(PS) of 15 June 1944.

2. From the above letter it would be seen that the second building can be released and this should be arranged with No. 3 District.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JSR/JR

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SUBJECT: Accomodation - Civil Prisons.

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITAL

AAI/5065/6/A(PS)
16 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Reference your 317/129/CA dated 8 Jun 44.

1. One out of two buildings forming the old Italian Military Prison at MONTEBARCHIO is used as an Indian Military Prison. This building was dilapidated when taken over, and much work has been carried out to make it fit for its purpose. It is regretted that it is not possible to give up this building.

2. The second building can be relinquished. Please arrange direct with 3 District.

3. It is understood that this question hasalready been taken up with 3 District by the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Brigadier,
DAG.

Copies to: "A" 3 District;

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

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ACC/14215/PS. 15th June 1944.

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. Minister of Greco and Justice.

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1. Ref. letter dated 25th May 1944 forwarded to you by Director, Bari Prisoh raising the question of the transfer of 42 Italian Military Prisoners from Campobasso Prison to Bari Prison on 25th May '44.

2. Enquiries have been made and it has been ascertained that the transfer was arranged by Italian Military and Carabinieri authorities. AMG furnished the transportation and covering instruction.

3. Steps have been taken to ensure that no further Italian Military Prisoners are transferred from Campobasso to Bari.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel Inf.,
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC.

FROM : R.P.S.O. Q. A.M.G. Region V.

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

REF : R5/514/13.

DATE : 12 June 1944.

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Reference your ACC/14215/PS 6th June 44.

1. At time of transfer of Italian Military prisoners to BARI, CAMPOBASSO was in 8th Army Area.

2. Since handing over CAMPOBASSO PROVINCE to control of this HQ. I have stopped a further batch of Italian prisoners being moved from CAMPOBASSO to BARI.

3. The matter has been taken up with Maj. REILLY P.P.S.O. CAMPOBASSO.

4. Copy of Major REILLY's report herewith, for your information please.

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For Regional Commissioner :

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF CAMPOBASSO

Lt. Col. H. K. PARSONS
Provincial Commissioner

Provincial Public Safety Offr

Date : 12 June 44.

SUBJECT: Campobasso Prison

TO : Reg. Commissioner, Region V A.M.G.

1. The following is quoted from a communication received from AMG Eighth Army, dated 7 June 44,- "Ref your letters of 25 and 31 May about use by Eighth Army of part of Campobasso prison as a Courts Martial (holding) Centre: the appropriate Army Branch is endeavoring to find alternative accomodation."

2. The space presently used as a Court Martial Holding Centre would normally provide accomodation for 110 civil prisoners but more in an emergency.

3. One wing of the prison is currently being used as a guard house for Polish troops. The normal capacity of this wing is 60, but more in an emergency.

4. The normal capacity of the Campobasso prison is 596. Men 494, Women and minors 102. The present population is 420. Of this number 29 are Italian Military Prisoners.

5. The transfer of Italian Military prisoners to Bari was in accordance with usual Italian procedure and was arranged by the Italian Military and Carabinieri authorities. A.M.G. merely furnished transportation when same could not be obtained elsewhere. However A.M.G. Eighth Army issued verbal orders to this H.Q. to take every means to provide space in the Campobasso prison for civilian prisoners expected to be sent down from newly occupied territory. These instructions included the transferring of Italian Military prisoners who did not belong to Campobasso Jurisdiction.

(Signed)

Harold V. Reilly Major AUS PPSC
for the Prov. Com. C/Basso Prov.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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14 June 1944

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ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation

14 JUN 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner (through VP. Adm. Sec.)

1. Reference your 317/125/CA of 5th June 1944 and 317/74/CA of 14 May 1944.

2. The lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accommodation, with priorities and particulars of the additional number of prisoners to be provided for each place, are in course of preparation. It is hoped that the complete lists will be ready within the next few days.

3. Information as to damaged and unfinished prisons was not available in the Ministry of Grace and Justice. Accordingly, the necessary particulars have had to be obtained through Regional Commissioners, and this accounts for the delay.

for PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Pub. Safety (Rear HQ)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
S Y REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394
(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

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FILE NO: RPS/383/6. *DATE* June 7th, 1944.

SUBJECT Re-activation of closed prisons - Caltanissetta.

TO: — ACC Rear HQ Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Further to my letter of 2nd June, 1944, dealing with the question of repairs and reconstruction necessary at certain prisons, I now forward a copy of a report received from the Regional Director of Prisons respecting the prison at Caltanissetta.

B.J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Asst' Public Safety Officer.

Encl. 1
1- copy of report.

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TRANSLATION

GENERAL DIRECTION
SICILY PRISONS

Palermo, June 2, 1944.

FILE No. 1372/3/8

TO - Allied Control Commission,
Major Hefford, Palermo.

SUBJECT- Prison of Caltanissetta.

The building is in the best condition; it is necessary the repair of 44 cells and 15 dormitories which cannot be used at present because prisoners damaged them during the mutiny of July last.

It is estimated an expense of 200,000 Lire for the repairs above stated.

Works could be over in 3 months and the present capacity from 354 could increase to 456 places.

The Regional Director.

F. COLUMBA.

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60th and 40th replacements

Note by UP

See 81st.

Italian Military Prisoners
in Civil Jails

Spoke to Exec Comm who will secure a ruling from the General as to Pres Board IC whether Italian army Cmdr into Custody of military prisoners (over 30 days) thru Provost Marshal Civil Jails

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for information

12 JUL 1944

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DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS
by
C.S.M. NIGHTINGALE H. K.S.L.I.
COMMANDING (DRIT DET) ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

In the Field. 10 June 194

685. ROUTINE.

Reveille	0700 hours.
Breakfast	0800 - 0830 hours.
Dinner	1230 - 1300 hours.
Supper	1800 - 1830 hours.
Tattoo Roll Call	2245 hours.
Lights Out	2300 hours.

686. CHURCH SERVICES.

PROTESTANT SERVICES.
0730 and 1115 hours.
1030 hours.
1830 hours.
1900 hours.

ST ALBANS CHURCH.
Holy Communion.
Morning Service.
Community Hymn Singing.
Evening Service.

CATHOLIC SERVICES.
1630 hours (Saturday)
0830 hours (Sunday)
0930 hours.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH Via Duomo.
Confessions.
Confessions.
Mass.

687. LOCATION - HQ REGION VIII.

With effect from 1000 hours, 7 June 1944, Region VIII Headquarter can be located at:

2nd Floor, Volturno Hotel,
Via Roma, Naples,
Telephone No. - To be announced later.

C.S.M.,
Commanding (Drit Det)
Rear Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

10th June 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military)

TO : D.C.A.S.

1. On the 9th of June '44 at HQ ACC I saw Brigadier H.S.Lash and discussed with him the question of prison overcrowding caused by Italian Military Prisoners. The position at BARI was instanced, where 1410 prisoners are confined in a Jail with a normal capacity of 405.

2. The main issue was the new policy regarding Italian Military Prisoners arising from a letter from HQ/B dated 23 May '44 from HQ (MMA) to the Minister of War. This policy is, that all such prisoners, awaiting sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days are a civil responsibility.

3. Brigadier Lash did not agree with the new policy, and suggested that the matter be discussed with Col. Pidsley MMA who was present at HQ ACC.

4. I saw Col. Pidsley, who pointed out that the new policy was approved by the Chief Commissioner. Further, that the letter of 23 May '44 was submitted to the Chief Commissioner before being forwarded to the Minister of War. He went on to say that the whole problem of feeding had arisen, as a result of the necessity of reducing the quantity of food being imported for Italian Military Rations. It had been agreed that the effective strength of the Italian Army, must be kept to a minimum, and only effective personnel would draw army rations. Italian Army Prisoners were non-effective and would now be fed on a civilian scale, and become a civilian responsibility. Col. Pidsley explained that for the period of imprisonment (if over 30 days) the soldiers became civilians, but that after imprisonment they would be soldiers again.

5. On the question of providing guards for these prisoners if placed in stockade camps(such as TURANO) it was stated that any personnel guarding non-effectives would itself become non-effective. For that reason, no military guard could be supplied.

6. Col. Pidsley did not oppose the moving of these prisoners 15 V from civil prisons. In accordance with the new policy, they were civilians, and could be dealt with in any way the civilian authorities wished.

7. I pointed out that no information concerning the new policy had been forwarded to this Sub-Commission and that the Ministry of Grace and Justice were quite unaware of it. In reply it was stated that 2 copies of the letter of 23rd May '44 had been sent to HQ ACC.

8. Col. Pidsley then saw Brigadier Lash who supported the view of this Sub-Commission. The Brigadier then stated that the new policy

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appeared to have come into being by a misunderstanding, and that the whole question was to be re-opened and discussed by him in the next few days.

9. The papers in the case were left with Maj. TALBOT, who is preparing the facts for discussion with Col. Pidsley.

FRANK J. WILSON
PRISONS SECTION
Public Security Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

8 June 1944.

AOC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military).

TO : Executive Commissioner.(Through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. A serious overcrowding problem has arisen at BARI PRISON. The capacity of the prison is 705: present population 1710, of whom 467 are Italian Military Prisoners.

2. Arrangements were being made to move these military prisoners to Tuturano Camp, where accommodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Findlay of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It then became known that an instruction had been issued by Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ (MMIA), LECUILE, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons and become a civil responsibility. As a result, any military prisoner serving a term of more than 30 days could not be removed from BARI Prison and placed in Tuturano Camp. All the prisoners concerned are in the "over 30 days" category. It was also stated that TUTURANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army in exchange for TAPPA, Brindisi.

3. This new policy arose from a letter Ref. AG/B dated 23 May 44 from Main HQ (MMIA) to the Minister of War. (Copy attached). Particulars of this letter were obtained, and as the subject matter appeared to be concerned with the feeding of Italian Military Prisoners, it was thought by this Sub-Commission that a misunderstanding had arisen. It was agreed that after 30 days imprisonment, Italian Military Prisoners would be fed on the civilian scale, but this in itself did not make military prisoners a civil responsibility.

4. Accordingly, on 2 June 44, a cable was sent to HQ MMIA (copy attached) explaining the position at BARI, asking for agreement to the transfer of the prisoners to TUTURANO, and the provision there of an Italian Army Guard. On 3 June 44 a reply was received (copy attached) pointing out that these prisoners were now a civil responsibility.

5. On 4 June 44, a further cable was sent to HQ MMIA (copy attached) in which it was stated that the new policy was contrary to the declared policy of the Commission, as agreed with the Italian War Minister. It was also mentioned that if the new policy was put into effect, it would prevent the removal of about 2000 military prisoners from civil prisons.

6. On 6 June a reply was received (copy attached) stating that the new policy had been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective. Further, that Penal Battalions are not being, or to be formed.

7. This new statement of policy regarding Italian Military Prisoners is absolutely contrary to the views expressed by all authorities concerned in the amelioration of the present Civil Jail overcrowding problem. The presence of

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over 2000 Italian Military prisoners in the civil jails of Italy, raises an extremely urgent problem. The coming summer weather will make conditions in these prisons unbearable. It is known that sanitation is not up to Allied standards, and in addition, there is no bedding. Prisoners are lying on straw in passages and corridors.

8. I consider it absolutely essential that all Italian Military prisoners be moved from Civil prisons. The occupation of Italian prisons by British military must be expected in cases of operational necessity. There is no excuse for Italian military prisoners being kept in civil prisons, when they could be housed in stockade camps, or moved to an island settlement.

9. I ask that this question of the civil responsibility for all Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, be taken up with the Chief Commissioner.

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

FJW/t

Enclosures:

Copy letter Army Sub-Com., to Minister of War.
" Cable ACC Rear to MMIA on 2/6/44.
" Reply MMIA ACC Rear.
" Cable ACC Rear MMIA 4/6/44.
" Reply MMIA ACC Rear 6/6/44

Endorsement I June 9,1944

To: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

1. The above is forwarded in the absence on a duty of V.P. Adm Sub, in order that there should be no delay.

2. I feel it is a matter that, in consultation with you, the V.P. could raise with CC

3. You will see there is a very wide difference of opinion on how these Military Prisoners should be handled.

4. On return, later in the day, of V.P. I will show him copies of this correspondence.

R.R.Cripps
C.S.O.
L. Sgt.

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces who serving sentences or awaiting trial in Jail

Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MEIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/B 23rd May 44.

TO: H.E. General ORLANDO,
Minister of War,

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NON-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.

2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strenght of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absences from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:-

either (A) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale, and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

4. (A) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.
(B) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you.

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5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

(A) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.
(B) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from Civil prisons.

Major General,
Army Sub Com. ACC

tvs. PJN.

Copy to HQ AAI (2)
HQ ACC (2)

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APPROXIMATELY FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY PRISONERS IN BARI JAILS CAUSING SUCH OVERCROWDING THAT AUTHORITIES FEAR ACOUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX PD COL FINDLAY DISFIB BARI HAS OFFERED ACCOMODATION AT TUTURANO CAMP WHERE ITALIAN ARMY GUARDS WILL BE NECESSARY PD IF YOU AGREE TRANSFER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER REGION TWO CAN CONTACT YOUR HQ AND GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE IN SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS FROM BARI JAILS TO TUTURANO PD TO MEIA FOR INFORMING FROM ACC NEAR FROM C MCBELL SIGNED MACFARLANE PD PLEASE SAY IF YOU AGREE PD PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE INSTRUCTED VISIT YOUR HQ IMMEDIATELY

AUTHENTICATED:

ROGER E BERRY
Capt, ACD
Adjutant.

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Your 2843 of 02 June Subject Prisoners in Civil Jails.
Our AQ/S of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of HQ ACC covers situation. Members of Italian Armed Forces absent from Army for 30 days on account of being in jail are struck off the rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility Army authorized to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed 30 days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region 2. Army guards on civil prisons not authorized.

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REF TWO EIGHT FOUR THREE OF TWO JUNE SUBJECT PRISONERS IN CIVIL CMA AND YOUR REPLY AQ ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO TO COL CALDWELL OF THREE JUNE PD TO EMIA FOR MAJOR GENERAL BROWNING PAREN PERSONAL PAREN FROM ACC REAR FROM PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM FROM YOUNG SIGNED MACFARLANE PD THE STATEMENT THAT MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ABSENT FROM ARMY AND THEREFORE BECOME A CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD PD THIS IS CONTRARY TO DECLARED POLICY OF THE COMMISSION AS AGREED WITH ITALIAN WAR MINISTER PD IN FACT CMA ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND BY WAR MINISTER TO FORM TWO PENAL BATTALIONS FROM ITALIAN MILITARY PRISONERS IN CIVIL JAILS PD IT IS AGREED THAT AFTER THREE ZERO DAYS CONFINEMENT THESE PRISONERS WILL BE FED ON THE CIVILIAN SCALE CMA BUT THIS DOES NOT MAKE MILITARY PRISONERS A CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY PD THE MOVEMENT OF THE FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY PRISONERS FROM BARI TO TUTURANO AND THE PROVISION OF AN ITALIAN MILITARY GUARD THERE IS MOST URGENT PD THIS EFFECT OF THE POLICY WHICH I UNDERSTAND YOUR SUBCOMMISSION TO REPRESENT WILL EFFECTIVELY PREVENT THE AMELIORATION OF THE PRESENT JAIL CONGESTION BY REMOVING THE ITALIAN MILITARY OFFENDERS WHO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO

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AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO USA
ASST ADJ.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /LRS

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SVC/RELAY NO. M/C NO :

CLASS : CONFIDENTIAL REF NO : AQ1290

PREC : PRIORITY FILED : JUNE 061230B

FROM : MMIA FROM BROWNING REC'D : JUNE 070845B

TO : ACC REAR TEN PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM

Your 2851 of 4 June.

1. You have been misinformed.

2. My AQ8 of 23 May has been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective.

3. Italian Army penal battalions are not being or to be formed.

4. Italian Army feeds and guards its own prisoners sentenced to 30 days or less but will neither feed or guard longer term.

5. War Ministry (with which MMIA is the recognized channel) understands this policy completely and is putting it into effect.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/129/CA. 8 June 1944.

See 76A
(Penultimate)

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

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1. Reference is made to your AAI/5065/1/A(PS) of 14 May 1944 and our letter 317/108/CA of 27 May 1944. (No copy)

2. Information has just been received that the Italian Military Prison at MONTESARCHIO, Benevento Province, is being used by 57th Base Area as a Penal Establishment for Indian Troops.

3. It is desired that consideration be given with a view to the release of the prison for use by Italian Military Prisoners.

J. Wood Peaker Maj

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

✓ Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Com. (Your 14215/PS of 6 June refers)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/125/CA. 5 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Com.

1. Further to my 317/74/CA of 14 May 1944. 30A

2. Attached is copy of letter dated 30 May 1944 from Economic Section. 67B

3. Will you please say if the information required can be supplied soon ?

HERMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

HE/RAC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/15

30 May 44

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch)

1. Reference your 317/70/CA dated 9 May and our reply under ref. ES/15 dated 13 May.

2. Can you please let us have a reply to para 2, of our letter which asks for lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accommodation, with priorities and particulars of the additional number of prisoners to be provided for each place.

/s/
/t/ N.W. Hind-Smith, Capt. R.A.
N.W. HIND-SMITH, Capt. R.A.
Staff Officer, Economic Sect.

Copy to: Public Work & Utilities S.C.
your ACC/119/PWG dated 30 May refers.

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8 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

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NOTE See 55

NOTE: Give Patton previous to like #1 Exercise

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(Still bears follow-up by 2821)

CHIEF COMMISSIONERS HAS ASKED CAO TO FREE CIVIL PRISONS IN OCCUPIED ITALY FOR THEIR NORMAL PURPOSE TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS TASK OF INSURING CIVIL ORDER. REQUEST APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO PRISONS AT CAPUA AND SAN SEVERO. GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL RECONSIDER EARLY EVACUATION OF TROOPS FROM THESE PRISONS

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

6 June 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

RRC. 7 JUN. 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner (through V.P. Admin. Section).

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1. Ref. AAI/5063/1/A (PS) dated 14 May 44, addressed to Executive Commissioner.

2. A reply giving a list of Civil Prisons occupied either wholly or in part by the Army was forwarded to you on ACC/14215/PS dated 24 May 44.

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3. Information has just been received from Region 3, that the Italian Military Prison at Montesarchio, Benevento Province, is now being used by 57th Base Area as a Penal Establishment for Indian troops.

4. May this information be forwarded to HQ AAI, with a view to the release of the prison for use by Italian Military Prisoners.

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

PJW/t

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

6 June 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

TO : RPSO Region V.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the Ministry of Grace & Justice by the Director of BARI Prison.

2. The Director points out that on 25th May 1944, 42 Italian Military Prisoners were sent to his jail from Campobasso by Major Reilly, P.P.S.O. The capacity of Bari Prison is 705. The population is 1631.

3. Special steps are being taken by the Ministry to deal with the overcrowding problem, and the unexpected arrival of 42 prisoners from AMG territory created serious difficulties.

4. May we have your observations on this matter?

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

EJW/t

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TRANSLATION

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Giudicial Prisons.

5277/3/8. Bari 25 May 1944

SUBJECT : Super overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice
Copy to : Eccellenza Procuratore Generale del Re Bari.

Notwistanding the transfers which have taken place for the purpose of getting the prisons free, the prison population wich had to day decreased to 1573 inmates, has increaded again to 1681 by midnight.

In the afternoon an american officer unexpectedly presented me a letter, which I am submitting, and 42 prisoners who have been immediately accepted.

"Provincial Public Safety Officer of Campobasso"

Having to take away from the judicial Prisons of Campobasso the Military prisoners, in power of the authorization wich has been bestowed upon me, I order the MilitaryPrisons of Bari to accept 42 Military prisoners, even if not accompanied by the prescribed documents wich will follow them, and send them to the respective places to wich they have been destined.

For no reason, the said prisoners shall be rejected or the escorting military personnel kept.

Campobasso 23 May 1944

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Signed by: Harold Reilly, Major AUS
P.P.SS. for Lt.Col.Harold
Parsons P.C. Campobasso
Province

I deem it useless to remind you that owing to the lack of straw matresses and linen and of suitable premises they will be compelled to use straw on the floor and one blanket only.

Will your Ministry send me, as soon as possible, the 15 additional agents requested, and the barrack equipment so that three room of a school may be occupied. They will be made secure by the installation of gates, and, as I already said, they will thus hold besides the 150 beggars, also aged people and prisoners charged with minor offenses.

As soon as the Allied engineers, who are concerned with my request and with that of Capt. Alden of A.A.C., repair the doors and floors of the quartus wich I have already had Whitewashed in the "Centro di Rieducazione", and wich quarters were restored to me by the Allied Port M.P.S., I will send the 147 present minors obtaining so 200 places for adults at the upper

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which I am submitting, and 42 prisoners who have been immediately accepted.

"Provincial Public Safety Officer of Campobasso"

Having to take away from the judicial Prisons of Campobasso the Military prisoners, in power of the authorization which has been bestowed upon me, I order the MilitaryPrisons of Bari to accept 42 Military prisoners, even if not accompanied by the prescribed documents wich will follow them, and Send them to the respective places to wich they have been destined.

For no reason/ the said prisoners shall be rejected or the escorting military personnel kept.

Campobasso 23 May 1944

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Signed by: Harold Reilly, Major AUS
P.P.S. for Lt.Col.Harold
Parsons P.C. Campobasso
Province

I deem it useless to remind you that owing to the lack of straw matresses and linen and of suitable premises they will be compelled to use straw on the floor and one blanket only.

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As soon as the Allied engineers, who are concerned with my request and with that of Capt. Alden of A.G.C., repair the doors and floors of the quartus wich I have already had Whitewashed in the "Centro di Rieducazione", and which quarters were restored to me by the Allied Port M.P.S., I will send the 137 present minors obtaining so 200 places for adults at the upper floor of the III Section.

Il direttore
(Ann Salvatore Gotti)

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

Salerno 29 May 1944.

12793/PP.

SUBJECT : Prison report by Directors to the Minister.

TO : Hqs., A.C.C., - Public Safety Sub-Commission.

In accordance with the verbal agreement between the P.S. Sub-Commission and Comm. De Villa, this Ministry has forwarded to all the Directors of the Prison Institutions under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, a telegraphed Circular dated 12/5/44, and at a later date, a circular, copies of which are attached herein.

As soon as this Ministry receives the data requested, shall be communicated to your Sub-Commission immediately.

COPY OF "TELEGRAPHED CIRCULAR" FORWARDED 12/5/44, TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PRISON INSTITUTIONS IN ITALY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

*** TELEGRAPH TO THIS MINISTRY ON THE 27th DAY OF EACH MONTH THE FOLLOWING DATA REGARDING YOUR INSTITUTION - TOTAL DETAINED - CLASSIFYING MALE FEMALE AND JUVENILES AND SOLDIERS - AND SPECIFYING FOR EACH CATEGORY THE NUMBER WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AND AWAITING TRIAL.

UNDERSECRETARI OF STATE
sgd LOMBARDI.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Office VI

Salerno 16 Maggio 1944.

CIRCULAR No.20

Prot. No.....

TO : DIRECTORY
OF.....

SUBJECT: Statistical Records.

Confirming that which has been requested by telegram dated 12/5/44, said information shall be telegraphed by you (Director) on the 27th day of each month, all the data contained therein, and in addition it is provided that a chart, diplicate copy shall be forwarded on the same day through ordinary mean of communications, on the condition of the people detained in the institution, for each day up to 25th day of the month, with the following data:

1. NUMBER OF SENTENCED DETENEES.....
   A) Number of detainees sentenced by Civil Tribunal — Classified into: men, women and juveniles.
   B) Number of detainees by AMG.
2. NUMBER OF DETAINEES NOT SENTENCED.....
   A) Number of detainees under the jurisdiction of Civil Tribunals — Classified into: men, women and juveniles.
   B) Number of detainees under AMG jurisdiction)
3. NUMBER OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS DETAINED.....) Classified into: sentenced and awaiting trial.

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

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EI/EA

Salerno, li 29 maggio 1944

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEGLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E PENA

Alla Commissione Alleata
di Controllo - Sottocommissio-
ne di P.S.
S A L E R N O

Ufficio VI°
Prot. N 12793/PP

Risposta al foglio del 18/5/44
Div. Sez. N. ACC./14202/1/
P.S.

OGGETTO: Rapporti carcerari di Direttori di Ministro.=

Si comunica che, a seguito degli accordi verbali intercorsi tra la Sottocommissione di P.S. ed il Sono. De Villa, questo Ministero ha diramato a tutte le direzioni degli stabilimenti carcerari situati nel territorio sottoposto al Governo Italiano, un telegramma circolare in data 12/5/1944, e, in data posteriore, una circolare, che si allegano in copia.=

Appena perverranno a questo Ministero i dati richiesti, saranno comunicati, con la massima sollecitudine, a codesta ON. Commissione.=

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
Vicente Lombardi

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COPIA

XI/NO

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

Direzio Generale per gli Istitut. di Prev.e Pena

Uff.VI°

CIRCOLARE N.20

Prot.N.....

Salerno, lì 16 Maggio 1944

ALLA DIREZIONE

di.....

OGGETTO: Prospetti statistici.=

Rimanendo fermo quanto è stato richiesto con telegramma in data 12/5/1944, per effetto del quale codesta Direzione invierà telegraficamente, il giorno 27 di ogni mese, tutti i dati in esso contenuti, si dispone, inoltre, che, nello stesso giorno, per via ordinaria, venga inviato a questo Ministero anche un prospetto, in duplice copia, sulla situazione della popolazione detenuta in codesto Stabilimento, aggiornandolo a tutto il giorno 26, con i seguenti dati:

I°)= NUMERO TOTALE DEI DETENUTI CONDANNATI.....

A)= Numero dei detenuti condannati da Tribunali Civili.

B)= Numero dei detenuti condannati dall'A.M.G.

} distinguendo in uomini; donne minorenni

II°)=NUMERO DEI DETENUTI NON GIUDICATI.....

C)= Numero dei detenuti a disposizione dei Tribunali Civili

D)= Numero dei detenuti a disposizione dell'A.M.G.

} distinguendo uomini, donne minorenni

3)=III°)=NUMERO DEI SOLDATI ITALIANI DETENUTI.....

} 135 distinguendo tra giudicati e condannati

Si attende assicurazione.=

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COPIA DEL TELEGRAMMA CIRCOLARE inviato in data 12/5/44 alle Direzioni degli Stabilimenti carcerari dell'Italia sottoposta al Governo Italiano:

INVIATE TELEGRAFICAMENTE QUESTO MINISTERO GIORNO VENTISETTE OGNI MESE DATI SEGUENTI RELATIVI CODESTO STABILIMENTO TOTALE DETENUTI PRESENTI DISTIGUENDO FRA MASCHI FEMMINE MINORENNI ET MILITARI ET PROCISANDO PER CIASCUNA CATEGORIA NUMERO CONDANNATI ET GIUDI= CABILI.

Sottosegretario Stato Lombardi

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HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2030/25/Q2.

2 Jun 44.

Subject:- Requisitioning of Prisons.

C.G., Fifth Army
H.Q., Fifth Army (Br. Increment)
Rear HQ Eighth Army
5 Corps
2 District
3 District
CG., PIS.

Further to this HQ letter 30/7/Q dated 28 Jan., 44.

HQ ACC have supplied details of Italian Civil Penal Institutions in enemy occupied territory, and these details are attached as Annexure to this letter.

As far as is possible these buildings will not be requisitioned or taken into military occupation.

for, Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- 1 District
HQ MAAF
ACC (2 copies)
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AG(US)
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Pro
Inspector of Penal Establishments.

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APPENDIX "A"

CENTRAL ITALY

List of Mandamentali Prisons.

PRISON	PROVINCE	PRISON	PROVINCE
Acquapendente	Viterbo	Empoli	Firenze
Agnone	Campobasso	Fabriano	Ancona
Alatri	Frosinone	Fano	Pesaro
Albano Laz.	Rome	Fara in Sabina	Rieti
Alvito	Frosinone	Ferentino	Frosinone
Amandola	Ascoli Piceno	Foligno	Perugia
Amatrice	Rieti	Fondi	Littoria
Amelia	Terni	Francavilla a Mare	Chieti
Arce	Frosinone	Frascati	Rome
Arciodoso	Grosseto	Gaeta	Littoria
Arsoli	Rome	Genzano di Rome	Rome
Asciano	Siena	Gioia dei Marsi	Aquila
Atessa	Chieti	Gissi	Chieti
Atina	Frosinone	Giulianova	Teramo
Atri	Teramo	Gualdo Tadino	Macerata
Barisciano	Aquila del Ab.	Gurdiagrele	Chieti
Bibbiena	Arezzo	Gubbio	Perugia
Bisenti	Teramo	Iesi	Ancona
Borbona	Rieti	Istonio	Chieti
Borgo	Rieti	Lama dei Perigni	Chieti
Bracciano	Rome	Leonessa	Rieti
Cagli	Pesaro Urbino	Loreto Apretino	Pescara
Campiglia Marit.	Livorno	Macerata Feltria	Urbino
Campli	Teramo	Massa Marittima	Grosseto
Campurgiano	Lucca	Mercatino Marecchia	Pesaro
Capestrano	Aquila del Ab.	Minturno	Littoria
Caramanico	Pescara	Monsummano	Pistoia
Carsoli	Aquila del Ab.	Montallo delle Marche	Ascoli Piceno
Casalbordino	Chieti	Montefalco	Perugia
Cascina	Pisa	Montenfiascone	Viterbo
Casoli	Chieti	Montegiorgio	Ascoli Piceno
Castel di Sangro	Aquila del Ab.	Montereale	Aquila
Castelfiorentino	Firenza	Montevarchi	Arezzo
Castelnuovo di P.	Rome	Montorio Al Vomano	Teramo
Castelvecchio Sub.	Aquila	Narni	Terni
Castiglione del L.	Perugia	Neroto	Teramo
Castiglione M.N.	Chieti	Norcia	Spoleto
Catignano	Pescara	Nebaresco	Teramo
Ceccano	Frosinone	[illegible]da	Ascoli Piceno
Cecina	Livorno	Arbortello	Grosseto
Celnza sul T.	Chieti	Orsogna	Chieti
Cingoli	Macerata	Orte	Viterbo

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Amelia	Terni	Francavilla a Mare	Chieti
Arce	Frosinone	Frascati	Rome
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Arsoli	Rome	Genzano di Rome	Rome
Asciano	Siena	Gioia dei Marsi	Aquila
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Atina	Frosinone	Giulianova	Teramo
Atri	Teramo	Gualdo Tadino	Macerata
Barisciano	Aquila del Ab.	Gurdiagrele	Chieti
Bibbiena	Arezzo	Gubbio	Perugia
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Borbona	Rieti	Istonio	Chieti
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Cascina	Pisa	Montenfiascone	Viterbo
Casoli	Chieti	Montegiorgio	Ascoli Piceno
Castel di Sangro	Aquila del Ab.	Montereale	Aquila
Castelfiorentino	Firenza	Montevarchi	Arezzo
Castelnuovo di P.	Rome	Montorio Al Vomano	Teramo
Castelvecchio Sub.	Aquila	Narni	Terni
Castiglione del L.	Perugia	Nereto	Teramo
Castiglione M.N.	Chieti	Norcia	Spoleto
Catignano	Pescara	Notaresco	Teramo
Coccano	Frosinone	Nulda	Ascoli Piceno
Cecina	Livorno	Arbugello	Grosseto
Celnza sul T..	Chieti	Orsogna	Chieti
Cingoli	Macerata	Orta	Viterbo
Citta della P.	Perugia	Orvieto	Chieti
Citta di Castello	Perugia	Osimo	Rieti
Cittaducale	Rieti	Palestina	Ancona
Citta S/Angelo	Pescara	Paliano	Rome
Civita Castellana	Viterbo	Palombara Sab.	Frosinone
Civitanova Marche	Macerata	Penne	Rome
Civitella del Tronto	Teramo	Pergola	Pescara
Civitella Roveto	Aquila del Ab.	Pescia	Pescaro
Cortona	Arezzo	Pianella	Pistoia
Pescina	Aquila Ab.	Pizzoli	Pescara
Pitigliano	Grosseto	Poggio Mirteto	Aquila
Peggibonsi	Siena	Pontecorvo	Rieti
Pontassieve	Firenze	Ponzo	Frosinone
Pontodera	Pisa	Prato	Littoria
Popoli	Pescara	Priverno	Firenze
Pratola Peligni	Aquila del Ab.	Recanati	Littoria
Radicofani	Siena	Roccasecca	Macerata
Ripatransone	Ascoli Piceno	Roccastrada	Frosinone
Roccasinibalda	Rieti	S.Enetrio ne Vestini	Grosseto
Ronciglione	Viterbo	Sansepolcro	Aquila del Ab.
S. Ginesio	Macerata	S.Valentino in A.C.	Arezzo
Sanseverino Marche	Macerata		Pescara

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APPENDIX "B"

CENTRAL ITALY:

List of Judicial Prisons.

PRISON	PROVINCE
Ancona	Ancona
Aquila Degli Abruzzi	Aquila Degli Abruzzi
Arezzo	Arezzo
Ascoli Pecino	Ascoli Piceno
Avezzano	Chieti
Camorino	Camerino
Cassimo	Frosinone
Chieti	Chieti
Forno	Forno
Firenze	Firenze
Frosinone	Frosinone
Grosseto	Grosseto
Lanciano	Chieti
Littoria	Littoria
Livorno	Livorno
Lucca	Lucca
Macerata	Macerata
Monte Puloiano	Monte Pulciano
Perugia	Perugia
Pesaro	Pesaro
Pescara	Pescara
Pisa	Pisa
Pistoia	Pistoia
Porto Ferraro	Elba (Island) Livorno
Ravenna	Ravenna
Rieti	Rieti
Roma	Roma
Siena	Siena
Soriano	Viterbo
Spoleto	Perugia
Sulmona	Chieti
Teramo	Teramo
Terni	Terni
Tivoli	Tivoli
Urbino	Pisaro
Velletri	Roma
Viterbo	Viterbo

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APPENDIX "C".

NORTH ITALY.

List of Judicial Prisons.

PRISON	PROVINCE
Alba	Same
Acqui	Alessandria
Alessandria	Same
Aosta	Torino
Apuania	Apuania
Asti	Asti
Belluno	Belluno
Bergamo	Bergamo
Biella	Biella
Bologna	Bologna
Bolzano	Bolzano
Brescia	Brescia
Busto Arsizio	Milan
Capo d'Istria	Pola
Casale Monferrato	[illegible]
Chiavari	Genova
Civitavecchia	Rome
Como	Como
Cremona	Cremona
Cuneo	Cuneo
Ferrara	Ferrara
Fiume	Fiume
Forli	Forli
Genova	Genova
Gorizia	Gorizia
Imperia	Imperia
Ivrea	Ivrea
La Spezia	La Spezia
Lecco	Milano
Lodi	Milano
Mantova	Mantova
Milano	Milan
Modena	Modena
Mondovi	Cuneo
Monza	Milan
Novara	Novara
Novi Ligure	Genova
Padova	Padova
Parma	Parma
Pavia	Pavia
Piacenza	Piacenza
Pola	Pola

PRISON	PROVINCE
Sondrio	Sondrio
Tolmezzo	Tolmezzo
Torino	Torino
Tortona	Tortona
Trento	Trento
Treviso	Treviso
Trieste	Trieste
Udine	Udine
Varese	Varese
Venezia	Milan
Verbania	Verbania
Vercelli	Vercelli
Verona	Verona
Vicenza	Vicenza
Vigevano	Milan
Zara	Zara

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Apuania	Apuania	Trento	Treviso
Asti	Asti	Treviso	Trieste
Belluno	Belluno	Trieste	Udine
Bergamo	Bergamo	Udine	Varese
Biella	Biella	Varese	Milan
Bologna	Bologna	Venezia	Verbania
Bolzano	Bolzano	Verbania	Vercelli
Brescia	Brescia	Vercelli	Verona
Busto Arsizio	Milan	Verona	Vicenza
Capo d'Istria	Pola	Vicenza	Milan
Casale Monferrato	Asti	Vigevano	Zara
Chiavari	Genova	Zara	
Civitavecchia	Rome		
Como	Como		
Cremona	Cremona		
Cuneo	Cuneo		
Ferrara	Ferrara		
Fiume	Fiume		
Forli	Forli		
Genova	Genova		
Gorizia	Gorizia		
Imperia	Imperia		
Ivrea	Ivrea		
La Spezia	La Spezia		
Lecco	Milano		
Lodi	Milano		
Mantova	Mantova		
Milano	Milan		
Modena	Modena		
Mondovi	Cuneo		
Monza	Milan		
Novara	Novara		
Novi Ligure	Genova		
Padova	Padova		
Parma	Parma		
Pavia	Pavia		
Piacenza	Piacenza		
Pola	Pola		
Pordenone	Udine		
Reggio nell'Emilia	Reggio nell'Emilia		
Rovereto	Rieti		
Rovigo	Rovigo		
Savona	Savona		
S. Remo	S. Remo		

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APPENDIX "D"

NORTH ITALY

List of Mandamentali Prisons

PRISON	PROVINCE
Agordo	Belluno
Albenga	Savona
Albona	Pola
Almennos S.Salv.	Bergamo
Ampezzo	Friuli
Apuania	Apuania
Arona	Novara
Arzignano	Vicenza
Asiago	Vicenza
Asola	Mantova
Asola	Treviso
Aulla	Apuania
Avigliana	Torino
Abbazia	Fiume
Abbiategrasso	Milano
Adria	Rovigo
Aidussina	Gorizia
Bagno di Romagna	Forli
Bardi	Parma
Bassano del Grap.	Vicenza
Belluno	Como
Bottola	Piacenza
Bobbio	Piacenza
Bordighera	Imperia
Borgo	Trento
Borgo a Mozzanc	Lucca
Borgomanero	Novara
Borgo [illegible] Val Tidone	Piacenza
Borgo S. Dalmazzo	Cuneo
Borgo Val di Taro	Parma
Bormio	Sondrio
Bozzolo	Mantova
Bra	Cuneo
Breno	Brescia
Brossanone	Bolzano
Brunico	Bolzano
Budrio	Bologna
Buie d'Istria	Istria
Cairo Montenotte	Savona
Caldaro	Bolzano
Camposampiero	Padova
Canale	Cuneo
Canale d'Isonzo	Gorizia
Caprino Veronese	Verona
Carpi	Modena

PRISON	PROVINCE
Casalmaggiore	Cremona
Cassano d'Adda	Milan
Castoggio	Pavia
Castel Franco Veneto	Treviso
Castell 'Arquato	Piacenza
Castelnuovo ne'Monti	R. Emilia
Castelnuovo di Garf.	Lucca
Castiglione dei Pep.	Bologna
Castiglione delle ST.	Mantova
Cavalese	Trento
Cavarzere	Venezia
Cavour	Torino
Cento	Ferrara
Cervignano del Friuli	Udine
Cesena	Forli
Cuneo	Cuneo
Chiavenna	Pola
Chiari	Sondrio
Chioggia	Torino
Chiusa	Venezia
Chiusano	Bolzano
Cividale	Torino
Cittadella	Torino
Cividale del Friuli	Padova
Cles	Udine
Clusone	Trento
Codigoro	Bergame
Codogno	Ferrara
Codroipo	Milano
Comacchio	Udine
Comano	Ferrara
Conegliano	Gorizia
Copparo	Treviso
Corinaldo	Ferrara
Correggio	Gorizia
Corteolona	Reggio Emilia
Cortina d'Ampezzo	Pavia
Crema	Belluno
Cuorgne	Cremona
Demonte	Aosta
Desio	Cuneo
Digrano d'Istria	Milan
Dolo	Pola
Domodossola	Venezia

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Asiago	Vicenza
Asola	Mantova
Asola	Treviso
Aulla	Apuania
Avigliana	Torino
Abbasia	Fiume
Abbiategrasso	Milano
Adria	Rovigo
Aidussina	Gorizia
Bagno di Romagna	Forli
Bardi	Parma
Bassano del Grap.	Vicenza
Bellano	Como
Bottola	Piacenza
Bobbio	Piacenza
Bordighera	Imperia
Borgo	Trento
Borgo a Mozzano	Lucca
Borgomanero	Novara
Borgo [illegible] Val Tidone	Piacenza
Borgo S. Dalmazzo	Cuneo
Borgo Val di Taro	Parma
Bormio	Sondrio
Bozzolo	Mantova
Bra	Cuneo
Breno	Brescia
Brossasmone	Bolzano
Brunico	Bolzano
Budrio	Bologna
Buie d'Istria	Istria
Cairo Montenotte	Savona
Caldaro	Bolzano
Camposampiero	Padova
Canale	Cuneo
Canale d'Isonzo	Gorizia
Caprino Veronese	Verona
Carpi	Modena
Carru	Cuneo
Canelli	Asti
Erba	Como
Este	Padova
Ficarolo	Rovigo
Fidenza	Parma
Finale nell'Emilia	Modena
Fondo	Trento
Fossano	Cuneo
Gallarate	Varese
Gavirate	Varese
Genova Pontedecimo	Genova
Genova Sestri Pon.	Genova
Gonzaga	Mantova
Grumello del Monte	Bergamo
Idria	Gorizia

Castiglione delle ST.	Mantova
Cavalese	Trento
Cavarzere	Venezia
Cavour	Torino
Cento	Ferrara
Cervignano del Friuli	Udine
Cesena	Forli
Cuneo	Cuneo
Cherso	Pola
Chiavenna	Sondrio
Chieri	Torino
Chioggia	Venezia
Chiusa	Bolzano
Chivasso	Torino
Cirie	Torino
Cittadella	Padova
Cividale del Friuli	Udine
Cles	Trento
Clusone	Bergamo
Codigoro	Ferrara
Colbuco	Milano
Colloredo	Udine
Comacchio	Ferrara
Comelico	Gorizia
Conegliano	Treviso
Copparo	Ferrara
Cormons	Gorizia
Correggio	Reggio Emilia
Corteolona	Pavia
Cortina d'Ampezzo	Belluno
Crema	Cremona
Gusago	Aosta
Demonte	Cuneo
Desio	Milan
Dignano d'Istria	Pola
Dolo	Venezia
Domodossola	Novara
Dona	
Dronero	Cuneo
Egna	Trento
Faenza	Ravenna
Fassano	Belluno
Finale Ligure	Savona
Fiorenzuola d'Arda	Piacenza
Fornovo di Taro	Parma
Galeata	Forli
Gardone Val Trom.	Brescia
Gemona del Friuli	Udine
Genova Sampierdar	Genova
Genova Voltri	Genova
Gradisca d'Isonzo	Gorizia
Guastalla	Reggio Emilia
Imola	Bologna

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PRISON	PROVINCE
Iseo	Brescia
Isola della Scala	Verona
Lagosta	Zara
Langhirano	Parma
Lanzo Torinese	Torino
Latisana	Udine
Legnago	Verona
Legnano	Milano
Lendinara	Rovigo
Loiano	Bologna
Lonato	Brescia
Lonigo	Vicenza
Loreo	Rovigo
Lovere	Bergamo
Lugo	Ravenna
Luino	Varese
Lusimpiccolo	Pola
Male	Trento
Maniago	Friuli
Made	Pavia
Menaggio	Como
Merano	Bolzano
Mezzo-Lombardo	Trento
Mirandola	Modena
Moncalieri	Torino
Moncalvo	Asti
Monfalcone	Trieste
Monguelfo	Bolzano
Monselice	Padova
Montagnana	Padova
Montecchio Emilia	R. Emilia
Montebelluna	Treviso
Montichiari	Brescia
Montona	Pola
Morbegno	Sondrio
Morbara	Pavia
Mizza Monferrato	Alessandria
Odorzo	Treviso
Onegna	Novara
Ovada	Alessandria
Palata	Parma
Palmanova	Udine
Pavullo nel Frignano	Modena
Pergine Valsugana	Trento
Pavesa Argentana	Torino
Pietrasanta	Lucca
Pieve di Teco	Imperia
Pievepelago	Modena

PRISON	PROVINCE
Rimini	Forli
Rivarolo Canavese	Torino
Riva	Trento
Rivergaro	Piacenza
Rocca S. Casciano	Forli
Rovato	Brescia
Rovigno D'Istria	Pola
Salo	Brescia
S.Damiano d'Asti	Asti
S.Daniele Friuli	Udine
S. Dona di Piave	Venezia
S.Giovanni in Per.	Bologna
Sambia	Vercelli
S. Stefano Bebbo	Cuneo
S. Vito al Tegliam	Friuli
Sarzana	La Spezia
Saronno	Varese
Sassuolo	Modena
Savigliano	Cuneo
Senonecchia	Trieste
Serravalle Libarna	Alessandria
Susana	Trieste
Sestri Levante	Genova
Schio	Vicenza
Silandro	Bolzano
Soave	Verona
Sogliano al Rubic	Forli
Soresina	Cremona
Spilimbergo	Udine
Stradella	Pavia
Strampino Romano	Aosta
Taggia	Imperia
Tarcento	Udine
Thiene	Vicenza
Tione di Trento	Trento
Tirano	Sondria
Torre	Reggio Emilia
Tolmino	Gorizia
Torriglia	Genova
Treganago	Verona
Trevigilio	Bergamo
Trino	Vercelli
Valdagno	Vicenza
Valenza	Alessandria
Varallo	Vercelli
Varazze	Savona
Varzi	Pavia
Venasca	Cuneo

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Lovere	Bergamo		
Lugo	Ravenna	S. Vito al Tegliam	Friuli
Luino	Varese	Sarzana	La Spezia
Lusimpiccolo	Pola	Saronno	Varese
Malo	Trento	Sassuolo	Modena
Maniago	Friuli	Savigliano	Cuneo
Mede	Pavia	Sanonecchia	Trieste
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Monfercelli	Asti	Silandro	Bolzano
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Morbegno	Sondrio	Tirano	Sondria
Mortara	Pavia	Torino	Reggio Emilia
Mizza Monferrato	Alessandria	Tolmino	Gorizia
Oderzo	Treviso	Torriglia	Genova
Omegna	Novara	Treviglio	Verona
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Pievepelago	Modena	Venezia Mestre	Venezia
Pinerolo	Torino	Verbania Intra	Novara
Pinguente	Pola	Vergato	Bologna
Pieve di Sacco	Padova	Verolanuova	Brescia
Pirano	Istria	Viareggio	Reggio Emilia
Pisino	Pola	Viadana	Mantova
Piazzo	Gorizia	Vignale	Alessandria
Pontebba	Udine	Vignola	Modena
Pontremoli	Apuania	Villa del Nevoso	Fiume
Porretta Terme	Bologna	Vipiteno	Bolzano
Portogruaro	Ferrara	Vittorio Veneto	Treviso
Portomaggiore	Ferrara	Zogno	Bergamo
Postumia Grotte	Trieste		
Primiero	Trento		
Parenzo	Pola		
Racconigi	Cuneo		
Rapallo	Genova		
Recco	Genova		
Rho	Milano		

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SIXTY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/383.6. *DATE* 2nd June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Re-activation of closed Prisons.

TO: ACC. Rear HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to Memoranda ACC/14215/P.S. dated 20th May, ACC/14215/P.S. dated 24th May, 1944, and ACC/14215/P.S. dated 14th May, 1944, attached is a copy of a report received from the Regional Director of Prisons regarding essential repairs to prisons in order to increase the accommodation therein.

2. I would point out that in addition to repairs to buildings the shortage of equipment and personnel is a problem of major importance and requires urgent consideration.

For the Regional Commissioner.

B. J. HEYFORD,
Major,
Ass't. Regional Public Safety Officer.

SUBJECT : Re-activation of closed Prisons.

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PENAL INSTITUTE FAVIGNANA.

This place closed 26/8/43 because of poor hygienic conditions and because of war damage.

In order to have most of the premises of this prison available, as soon as possible, the repair work could be divided into 2 groups.

First: premises undamaged could be re-activated, using labor of convicted masons at a cost of about 50,000 Lire.

This work, if started immediately, could be finished by July 1st and the premises so made available would furnish 400 places.

Later repair work on the fourth and eighth sections and premises intended for offices etc. could be begun.

The expense of this second portion it is believed would be around 150,000 Lire, and work could be finished in about 3 months.

With these premises the capacity would be increased by another 150 places.

Barracks equipmant.

The Institute lacks the necessary equipment. The objects listed in enclosure N°. 1 are necessary.

Administrative personnel.

For the moment the direction could be entrusted to accountant in Chief MOSTACI Giuseppe a functionary who is already there. As his assistant and for the work of Secretary etc. a Secretary or a clerk could be assigned later.

Custodial personnel.

The following are necessary for surveillance services, :

1 Chief guard,
6 Under-chiefs,
45 Agents.

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COLOMBAIA PRISON.

The first section (capacity 300) of this Institute is ready. The work of the re-activation of the second and third section requiring about 4 months would cost about 3 million Lire, the complete renovation of the roofs and attics and stairways etc. being necessary.

In these Sections 400 places would be available, so that the total capacity would be 700.

Custodian Personnel.

27 agents have already been sent for services at the Colombaia.

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(Colombaia continued).

When the entire prison is occupied it will be necessary to assign at least 12 more agents.

Water service.

Drinking water must be transported from Trapani by means of tank-boat, until use can be made of the reservoirs, which could be used in conjuction with a filtering process.

Barracks equipment. (See enclosed N°. 2)

AUGUSTA PENAL INSTITUTE.

The following works are necessary for the re-activation of this Institute,:

(a) furnishing for several new openings and small repairs to others;
(b) repair of several sections of collapsed roofs;
(c) general inspection of the roofing;
(d) reparation of locks and gates.

Works could be completed in two months with the total expense, it is believed, of 300,000 Lire.

Capacity. The Institute has 500 places available.

Barracks equipment.

As with Favignana (enclosure N°. 1)
There is some space available at the Penal Institute at Noto but not enough to fill the entire needs of the Institute.
Most of the barracks equipment could be bought on the market because of the lack of other possibilities.

Personnel.

A Director, Secretary, Accountant, a Chief Guard, 6 Under Chiefs, 48 agents are necessary.

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Capacity has been raised from 150 to 200.
The new prison, in the GAZZI section had been planned but the work never begun. Only the section destined for offices and lodging was finished.
Because new construction is involved it is believed that a period of 2 years is necessary in order to complete the buildings and at great expense.
Because of present conditions I do not think it opportune to begin such construction.

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USTICA PRISON

Capacity 30. Because of the small importance of the prison it is best to keep it closed.

ENCLOSURE N°. 1.

Barracks equipment needed for Favignana.

1) 300 fir wood boards 4 meters long for the construction of bases for beds.
2) 500 mattresses. (without fillings)
3) 1500 bed sheets.
4) 1000 blankets.
5) 1500 towels.
6) 750 cushions (without fillings)
7) 750 dish dryers.
8) 500 shirts.
9) 500 drawers.
10) 200 cloth blouses.
11) 200 cloth trousers.

ENCLOSURE N°. 2.

Barracks equipment needed for the Colombaia.

1) 700 mattresses (without fillings)
2) 1000 blankets.
3) 700 cots or boards and wooden horses for 700 places.
4) 2800 bed sheets.
5) 1000 towels.
6) 1000 dish dryers.
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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref: RV11/PS/408

Date: 31st May 1944

SUBJECT: Damage to and overcrowding of Prisons

TO: The Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear Headquarters, A. C. C.
(for the attention of the Prison Officer)

1. Reference to letter from Executive Commissioner 317/81/CA of 20th May 1944 and your letter ACC/14215/PS dated 24th May 1944 relative to the overcrowding of and damage to prisons.

2. In regard to this Region, the following prison premises are recorded as being in a damaged condition:-

Carceri Giudiziarie of GALLINA, Province of Reggio

Facts:- Rendered uninhabitable by bombs etc. Has not been used since Allied occupation. Damage reported to be confined to roof and ceilings. Would normally 'house' 100 prisoners.

Comment:- It is said by the Prison Officer of Region 2 who formerly had jurisdiction over the prisons in Calabria, that this prison could be repaired quickly, easily and cheaply and returned to service. I have conferred with Reg. Officer, Public Works and Utilities, this H.Q., and he is visiting the prison for the purpose of examination and assessment. His report will be forwarded to you immediately upon receipt.

Carceri Giudiziarie of PALMI, Province of Reggio

Facts:- Originally damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top storey never re-built. Extensively

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Carceri Giudiziarie of PALMI, Province of Reggio

Facts:- Originally damaged by earthquake in 1908. Top storey never re-built. Extensively damaged by bombs in Allied invasion in September 1943. Capacity of prison is 75. Number of persons detained there at present time is 75.

Comment:- Prison has been inspected by Prison Officer referred to above. He reports it is a very unsatisfactory establishment and should be closed permanently and a new one built. This recommendation appeared in that Officer's report to you dated 29th April 1944.

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3. The overcrowding of prisons in the Region is not considerable and the question of adjustment is being taken up with the appropriate prison directors locally. The progress of our efforts in this direction will be reported.

G. Richardson, Major,
Reg. Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

1 June 1944

Ref :- A/PS/153
Your Ref: ACC/14215/PS
Subject : Repair and Rebuilding of Prisons.
To : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Rear HQ. ACC. APO 394.

The Reformatory at Bari is of great importance - at least for the coming winter.

PRISON	REMARKS
Uncompleted Reformatory in rear of Bari Prison.	Requires to be completed, or part completed to house 400. Estimated Cost 500,000 lire. Building stopped at outbreak of war.
Brindisi.	Building stopped at outbreak of war. 2 Wings to be completed. Prison now requisitioned by British Military.

H.W. Alden

H.W. ALDEN, Capt.
Prison Section,
Region II
ACC. MATERA

Copy to R.C.
P.C. BARI
P.C. BRINDISI

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 317/122/CA.

3rd June 1944.

SUBJECT: Prisons - Requisitoning.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Regions IV & V.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.

50 MG/C refer

1. It is essential that prisons in areas at present occupied by the enemy be used for their proper purpose when the area is liberated.

2. Instructions have been issued to Army Commanders by HQ. AAI. directing them to avoid requisitioning civil prisons except when such action is of urgent operational necessity. A list of Penal and Mandamentali Prisons in North and Central Italy has already been supplied to them by this Headquarters and a similar list has been forwarded to you under separate cover.

3. Civil Affairs Officers and Provincial Officers will appreciate the importance of this matter and remember the difficulties which have arisen in other Regions owing to the requisitioning of civil jails by the military authorities.

4. The interpretation of the phrase "operational necessity" is wide and there will be cases where military authorities will wish to requisition. Civil Affairs Officers should do their utmost to prevent this and if requisitioning is carried out contrary to the principles laid down above, or unreasonably, the strongest protest should be made in the name of this Commission and the matter reported at once to this Headquarters. In all cases of requisitioning of prisons, details should be sent to Headquarters.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission (2)
Regional Commissioners, Regions VIII and IX (for info)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

31 May 1944.

Ref/317/116/CA

SUBJECT: Prisons.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference my 317/81/CA of 20 May 44 and your ACC/14215/PS of 15 May 44.

2. I attach copy of letter enclosing telegram received from Region I (RIS/014/1) dated 25 May 44 and correspondence from R.C. Region V regarding:

a) Foggia prison and materials required for work purposes therein (dated 23 May 44)

b) Further letter from Foggia Province re S. Severo prison (dated 17 May preceding your ACC/14215/PS of 27 May on the same subject.)

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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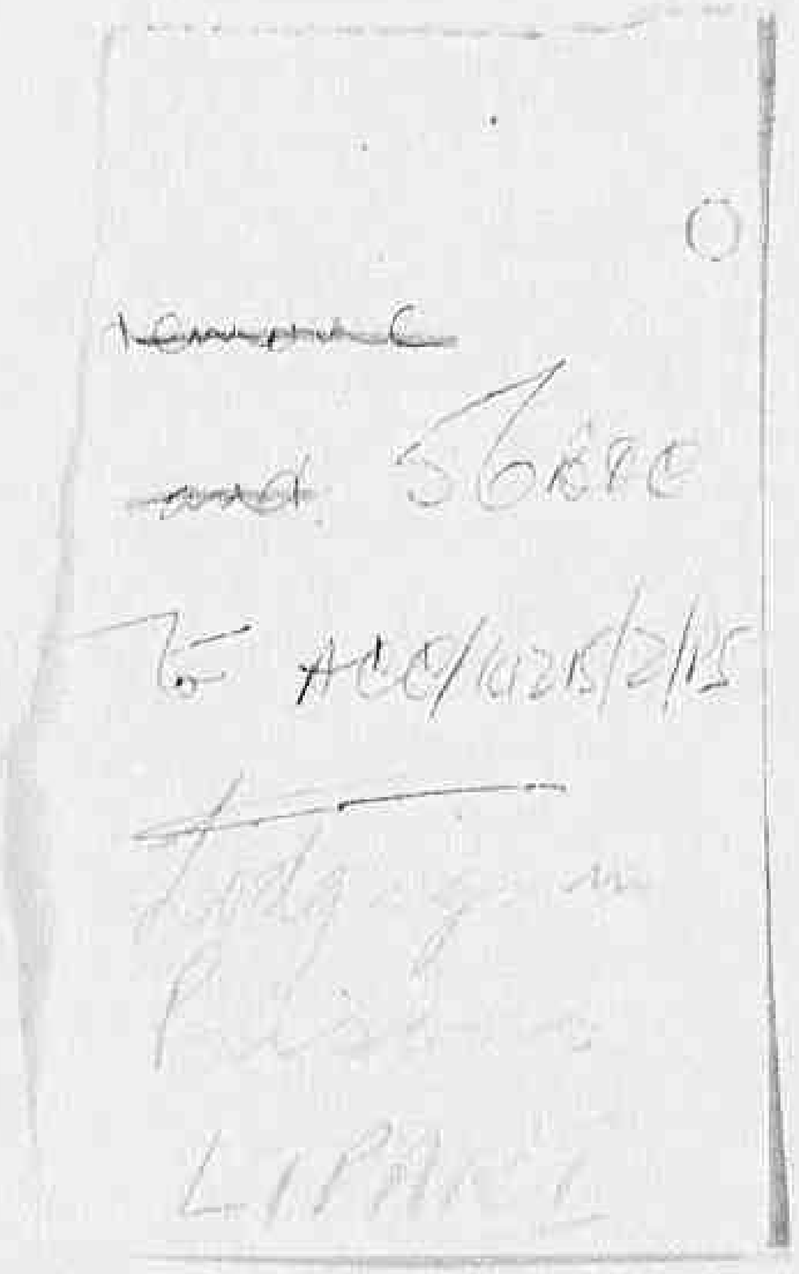

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HQ Foggia Provincia in Lucera 56D

SUBJECT : RPSO, Region 5, AMG. Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.
FROM : MAG, Foggia Province.
TO : HQ, Region 5, AMG. (Public Safety)
REF : R6/514.13.
DATE : 23 May, 1944.

1. Alterations and repairs are now being made to certain premises in Foggia so as to convert them into a prison to replace the prison totally destroyed. When this work has been completed, the capacity of the institution will be about 100 men and 20 women, It is expected that a part of the institution will be ready for occupancy in a week's time.

2. (a) A request has been made through Hq. Region 5 for 1000 meters of hemp cloth suiteble for clothing for prisoners. This material is now available and can be secured through the Hemp Control Office at Naples after the release of this material has been obtained from a Colonel Reiter with offices in the Provincia Building. We understand that the above material is not desired by the Army.

(b) An urgent request is being made for mg. (sc. Meters) 510, Mil. 30 thick, pine or chestnut; for 120 pieces of the same wood, 8 cent. sq., 4 meters long; and for 91 Kilograms of nails between 5 and 6 cent. long. The wood is available and can be secured through the Forestry Division in Provincial Bldg. The material is to be used for the making of cots. As far as can be ascertained, no cots are available in this vicinity or elsewhere in Italy.

3. The prisons and jails of this province have been inspected and all of the institutions have been completelyrenovated. They have also been classified as to their condition and as to the length of sentence to be served therein. A capacity for both men and women has been established for each institution.

4. The distribution of inmates between the different institutions is difficult due to lack of communication with jails located in isolated mountainous parts of the province and to the lack of equipment for transportation. At the present time the total estimated capacity of Lucera Prison and the 24 jails is 670 men and 159 women. The total population this date is 592 men and 49 women.

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Lt. Colonel
SPESOFoggia Province.

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17 May 44.

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SUBJECT : Prisons.

TO : HQ AMG REGION 5.

FROM : AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter R5/514/13 of 13 May 44, and copy of this HQ letter of even N° dated 28 Apr 44. attached hereto.

A.A.F.A.C. have now replied to this HQ a/m letter to the effect that a survey of the area has failed to locate another suitable site for a Military Prisn, with the result that the requisition of S. Severo Prison cannot be released at this time.

With the forthcoming Harvest drive, the lack of Prison accomodation is a most serious matter. May representation be made to Higher Authority for pressure to be brought to induce A.A.F.A.C. to return the Civil Prison to its proper use. | A

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Lt.Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/317/117/CA

31 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: S. Severo Prison.

TO : M.G. Region V.

1. Reference your 524/13 of 26 May 44 and previous correspondence regarding above named prison.

2. On 26 May 44 Major Wilson of Public Safety Sub-Commission saw Brig. Paton DMG at HQ. AAI concerning prisons generally. The question of San Severo prison was raised and the position in Foggia explained. Brig. Paton then stated he would take up this matter with the Army authorities concerned.

3. You will be notified of any development.

On 66 A and 77 A

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Public Safety Sub-Commission (Your ACC/14215/PS of 27 May refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

26 May 1944

REF : A/PS/I43

SUBJECT: Bari Prison, Congestion.

TO : The Regional Commissioner.

It is clear that the Italian Army Authorities are not co-operating and the removal of Military Prisoners from the prison is as far off as when the matter was first put forward.

I have the following plan to propose. At the rear of the prison is the shell of a building which I am informed was to be a reformatory when completed. It will require considerable work, but then so would any other building that could be requisitioned, and in my opinion the only plan to follow is the building of, or conversion of a building to, another prison.

In the meantime the prison is ins terrible state of congestion and must be relieved at once.

To bring this about, since the Italian Army, cannot or will not co-operate I propose that the 467 Military prisoners be located in the PRISON GARDEN which is big enough to contain them and which is walled. The guarding and conditioning of this space must be done by the Italian Army. It could be speedily done if ENFORCED.

The garden must be sacrificed temporarily.

The diagram below briefly explains this scheme.

Prison

Garden

Entrance

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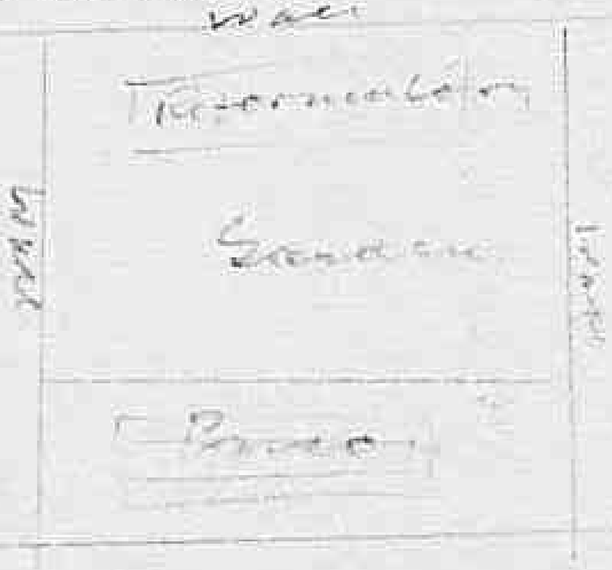

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The housing, hutting, or tentage latrining etc are matters for the Italian Army.

Copy to R.H.Q.

H.W. ALLEN.
Captain,
Prisons Section.

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HEADQUARTERS, PUBLIC SAFETY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI.

HQ/PR/23

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation of 500 prisoners from the Mainland.

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

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1. With reference to your cable NR 2765, 15/1540B concerning accommodation of 500 prisoners from the mainland, the Procuratore Generale del Re has been consulted and the Agricultural Colonies visited.

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2. There is plenty of accommodation available as is shown in the attached table comparing normal capacities with present number of prisoners.

3. The Procuratore Generale del Re considered that 300 could be accommodated immediately but it would be difficult to take more owing to the food problem and lack of guards. On the former objection, the food department of this Commission does not think any difficulty will arise and the food grown by the Colonies can be supplemented as required through civilian sources. The number of guards at each prison is quoted. The Procuratore Generale del Re stated that guards were apportioned on the basis of one guard for 20 prisoners and in this statement the guarding appears adequate. Further, escapes from prisons are extremely rare.

4. It is considered, therefore, that 500 prisoners as requested can easily be accommodated even bearing in mind that there are hundreds of prisoners awaiting trial in the Judiciary Prisons.

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250 prisoners sent
on 16 and 17 July by
Maj III

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J. E. HUGHES, Capt.,
Regional Public Safety Officer
A.C.C., Region VI.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING NORMAL CAPACITY AND PRESENT NUMBERS OF PRISONERS

PENAL AND DETENTION PRISONS

Prison	Normal Capacity	Present Number
CASTIADAS	1400	713
ALGHERO	433	496
TRAMARIGLIO	406	270
ASINARA	1400	666
MAMONE	550	349
SARDICANO	194	154
TOTALS	4383	2648

Excess of accomodations over present number of prisoners:

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ALLIED CONTROLL COMMISSION
REGION II

PRISONS REQUISTIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION 11

INSTITUTION	TYPE	REMARKS
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BARI	CENTRO DI RIEDUCAZIONE	Shell only and used as st Italian Army. Completion Arrangements for part com 400 prisoners in hand.
TARANTO	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED Expected to be returned t authorities Ist. week Jun
BRINDISI	CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Entirely requisitioned. Prisoners in local Agric. local gaols.

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REGION II

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PRISONS REQUISTIONED, DAMAGED, ETC. IN REGION II :-

TYPE	REMARKS
	REQUISTIONED
RIFORMATORIO GIUDIZIARIO	60 Inmates housed in local orphanage;.
CENTRO DI RIEDUCAZIONE	Shell only and used as storehouse for Italian Army. Completion demanded. Arrangements for part completion for 400 prisoners in hand.
CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	3/4 REQUISITIONED Expected to be returned to civil authorities Ist. week June.
CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE	Entirely requisitioned. Prisoners in local Agric. Colonies and local gaols.

Hqrs. Alden Cmn.

H. W. ALDEN Capt.
Prison Section
Region 2

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Prisons Sec.
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/9.1

27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. A list of damaged prisons, showing repairs completed to date and work still required to be completed or undertaken, is forwarded with reference to ACC letter Ref/317/81/CA. dated 20th instant.

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2. Poggioreale Judicial Prison, Naples.

Normal capacity 2800

(a) Damage

Five wings of main building extensively damaged. These include two wings which were nearing completion prior to bombing and which would have increased the capacity of the prison to nearly 4000. And all the remaining wings received damage of some kind resulting from bomb blast.

Hospital, kitchen, ablution rooms and the women's section were also badly damaged.

In all, the capacity was reduced from 2800 to 1300.

(b) Work completed or in hand.

Repairs to main buildings to date have increased the capacity by 700.

The hospital is almost completed and is functioning.

The Women's Section is functioning and normal capacity is expected to be available by mid June 1944.

The kitchens and ablution rooms have received attention and are functioning, but major repairs must be done before full efficiency is restored.

(c) Work still to be done.

Partial rebuilding of the five wings which when completed will increase capacity tp approximately 4000.

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Major repairs to kitchens. Glazing and plumbing to practically all the buildings.

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(d) Although repairs are being carried out the numbers of workmen employed is small and at the present rate of progress it will be some considerable time before capacity is further increased to any great extent.

3. Aversa Mandamentale Prison. Capacity 80.

This prison has for the past year been used as a barrack, first by the Germans and subsequently by the Allies, and although it is available now it is not being used as a prison owing to its bad state of repair which renders it insecure.

Use of this prison, which has a normal capacity of 80 is badly needed to relieve congestion in the Frattamaggiore area.

The Italian engineers have made a survey of the repairs required and promise to commence work on it as soon as possible.

4. Avellino Judicial Prison.

Capacity 1000 - Military 500, Civil 500.

(a) Damage.

The whole of the Military Section and one wing of the civil section have been completely destroyed, and the remaining wings received minor damage, which resulted in the capacity being reduced to 250.

The hospital and kitchen were also extensively damaged.

(b) Work completed or in hand.

Minor repairs to main buildings which has increased the capacity to 400.

The hospital and kitchen are in the process of being repaired but the progress is very slow.

(c) Work still to be done.

Rebuilding of the major part of the prison. No increase in capacity is possible until this is done.

Completion of repairs to hospital and kitchen.

5. The Genio Civile have the repairs to the above prisons in hand and are aware of the work required to be carried out, but progress is slow.

Therefore may the Genio Civile be urged to give priority to their work, and in the following order:

Poggioreale - Aversa - Avellino.

6. Every effort is being made locally to relieve congestion in the

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prisons.

In the Sessa Aurunca area, which is particulailty congested, a building is in the process of being converted into a prison for minor offences. It will have accommodation for approximately 100 inmates and it is hoped to be able to open it in the course of a week or two.

Infirmaries at Procida and Pozzuoli Prison which have fallen into disuse are being converted to hold prisoners.

School and recreation rooms in some prisons are being brought into use to accommodate prisoners.

7. The disposal of inmates awaiting trial of which in Naples Province there are some 2600, would considerably relieve congestion.

for C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

GRD/tp.

Copy to:
ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission
Attention Maj. F.J. Wilson.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGE/14215/25

May 29, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons,

TO : Executive Commissioner (Hon F...dm. Tec.)

1. On 26th May Lt Major Wilson of this Sub-Commission visited A.M.G.I. HQ., where he met Brigadier Paton U.A.C. The question of Prisons was fully discussed, and the Brigadier proved to be most understanding and appreciative of the difficulties experienced by AMG officers in the field.

It was agreed that the requisitioning of Civil Prisons by Army authorities in the past, had contributed in no small measure, to the present overcrowding problem.

2. Brigadier Paton stated that he was taking steps to ensure the de-requisitioning of those Prisons at present held by the Army. It was explained that at San Severo, the Army Commander had expressed himself unable to find alternative accommodation. The Brigadier then said he would deal with the matter through General Robertson.

3. Lists of Penal and Fundamental Prisons in North and Central Italy were supplied to the Brigadier. He promised to circulate the information to all Army Commanders, and impress it that the buildings mentioned were on no account to be requisitioned for Army purposes: the necessary proviso of "operational necessity" was understood. It was agreed that copies of the lists would be sent to A.G. Regions IV and V and to AMG's 5th and 8th Army. (These copies were forwarded on 27th May 1944)

4. It can be seen that Brigadier Paton is well aware of the prison situation, and quite prepared to take strong action to help us in this matter. I feel that a directive (duly altered) should be issued to AMG's and AMG's 5th and 8th Army, explaining the co-operation we have received from A.M.G.I. HQ., and calling on them to watch the position carefully and report immediately difficulty experienced with Army Commanders in the field.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
RG. & MG. SECTION
APO 394

SUBJECT : Prisons - Requisitioning

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV and V. ROAC's 5th and 8th Army.
R.C.'s Regions VIII and II for information.

1. It is essential that Prisons in areas at present occupied by the enemy be used for their proper purpose when the area is liberated. Lists of Penal and Rehabilitation Prisons in North and Central Italy have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

2. Instructions have been issued to Army Commanders by HQ. AAI., calling on them to avoid requisitioning Civil prisons except when such action is an operational necessity. Lists of these prisons have already been supplied to them through this HQ.

3. AMG officers must appreciate the importance of this matter, and keep in touch with the Army authorities in their areas, in order to prevent requisitioning which is not absolutely essential.

4. If, contrary to this principle, a Civil prison is requisitioned by the Army, the strongest protest should be made in the name of the Commission, and the matter reported at once to this Headquarters.

5. In future, whenever any prison is requisitioned for any purpose, the facts must be reported.

M. G. DASH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
HQ. A MG. SECTION
APO 394

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F. D. [illegible]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

22nd May 1944.
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SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

Reference your 317/81/CA of 20 May 1944.

1. In confirmation of reports on Prisons in Monthly Return to Public Safety Sub-Commission, SESSA AURUNCA and ROCCAMONFINA prisons most unsanitary despite cleansing and minor repairs.

2. TEANO Prison is damaged and CARINOLA destroyed.

3. It is recommended that a new prison be built to cater for above four communes.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F.
Chief of Staff,
AMG 5th Army.

Copy to:
R.P.S.O., A.C.C. Region 3,
(for information)

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WAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGC/14215/28

May 27, 1944

SUBJECT : Civil Prison Camp

TO : RSSO Region III

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1. Reference your PS/8.1 dated 25 May 44 concerning the establishment of a Civil Prison Camp for 500 persons.

2. The advantages of establishing a camp in King's Italy have been discussed with the Executive Commissioner, but it has been decided, as a matter of policy, to confine the camp in AMG territory.

3. Steps are being taken, to ensure for the supply of the materials and guards required for this project.

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Frank J. Wilson.
FRANK J. WILSON, Maj.
Prisons Section.

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[illegible] May 27, 1944

[illegible] : Informed - Reclassifying

TO : Executive Commissioner (Hon. T.S. Adelbee) for
[illegible]

1. The [illegible] Brigadier Ennis, DSO, was requested that Nato provide facilities of Naval and Consular Officer Corps at the present duty line.

2. It was agreed that steps would be taken by Executive Nation to ensure that [illegible] with this information; and [illegible] to avoid complaints of the Yugoslavia Government.

3. Duty Lists are attached for information of Nationals Naval Liaison Officers [illegible] and [illegible] duty and [illegible].

R. C
22. May 44

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[illegible], Colonel
[illegible] chief, [illegible]
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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/26 May 27, 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Executive Commissioner (Attn: V.P. Adm. Sec.)

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1. Reference your 317/101/GA of 22 May 1944. It has been noted that P.S. Foggia Province has been unable to secure the release of San Severo Prison.

2. On 26th May 1944 Major Wilson of this Sub-Commission visited AAI Br., and saw Brigadier Paton DAG concerning prisons generally. In the course of discussion the question of San Severo Prison was raised, this correspondence was referred to, and the position at Foggia explained. Brigadier Paton then stated he would take up this matter himself with the Army authorities concerned.

Frank Wilson MHJ.
for A. P. [illegible], Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/101/CA. 24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning and Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Comm.

1. Reference your ACC/14215/PS/1 of 19 May 1944 (and in particular to para.1 (b) thereof). 45B/CD

2. I attach copies of correspondence received from RPSO., Region V, through Regional Commissioner. Have you any comments please and is any further action possible?

NORMAN E. TISDALE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ref: EF/5170. 45B

17 May 44.

SUBJECT : - Prisons.

TO :- H.Q. AMG REGION 5.

FROM :- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter R5/514/13 of 13 May 44, and copy of this HQ letter of even Nº dated 26 April 44, attached hereto.

A.A.F.A.C. have now replied to this HQ a/m letter to the affect that a survey of the area has failed to locate another suitable site for a Military Prison, with the result that the requisition of S. SEVERO Prison cannot be released at this time.

With the forthcoming Harvest drive, the lack of Prison accomodation is a most serious matter. May representation be made to Higher Authority for pressure to be brought to induce A.A.F.A.C. to return the Civil Prison to its proper use.

(Signed)

Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND, APO 650, 14 May 1944.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. Foggia Province.

Survey of the area fails to locate another suitable site for the Military Prison with the result that the requisition on the San Severo prison can not be released at this time.

For the Area Commander :

(Signed)

DONALD D. DEWAR
1st Lt. AGD,
Adjutant General.

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C O P Y

Ref: - FP/5170

April 44. 45D

SUBJECT:- S. SEVERO
PRISON.

TO :- A.A.F.A.C.
BR. GN. COMDR.

FROM :- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

1. The Prison accomodation in this Province is becoming very congested. Increased Police activity against the Black Market will lead to more arrests and the trial of Black Market cases in AMG Courts to quicker sentences. The successful ammassing of the forthcoming Harvest depends upon getting a lot of dishonest people into Prison before the Harvest begins - as an example to the others.

2. Under these circumstances, it is essential that the Prison accomodation in the Province should be extended as soon as possible.

3. It is urgently requested that SAN SEVERO Prison should be turned back to civilian use. Will you please say whether this is possible?

(Signed)

LT. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26th May 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Prison accommodation

TO : HPSO Region III

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1. Reference your PS/9.1 dated 30th April 44.

2. Steps are being taken to deal with the Prison overcrowding problem by

a. The de-requisitioning of Civil Prisons

b. The formation of Penal Battalions for Italian Military Prisoners,

c. The re-building and repair of damaged prisons.

d. The proposal to grant provisional liberty to persons awaiting trial for minor offences.

e. Hastening of trials.

f. The formation of Labour Battalions for prisoners serving short sentences. This will be tried in Region 3, with a camp for 500.

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3. Agricultural colonies in Sardinia have been extended, and vacancies now exist for 300 prisoners from the mainland. The port facilities of Naples, and the overcrowding problem in Region III make it desirable that the 300 prisoners be drawn from your area.

4. Attached is a copy of a report, giving the necessary information as to the type of prisoners required.

5. Please make preliminary arrangements for the selection and transfer of these prisoners, pending a discussion of the proposal to return 150 time expired prisoners to the mainland.

Frank D Wilson MAJ.
for Colonel

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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25 May 1944.

AC3/14215/3/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding - SARDINIA.

TO : D.C.P.S.

1. On 23rd May 1944, at the Ministry of Grace and Justice, a meeting was held with the Procuratore Generale for Sardinia and the General Director of Penal Institutions, at which the prison overcrowding problem in Sardinia was discussed. The following information was obtained.

2. A new Penal Colony can usefully be established in LANUSEI territory, on the high land overlooking Quirra. An attempt to form a penal colony in the same region not far from the sea, was abandoned owing to the presence of malaria.

3. Military and Civilian prisoners from the judicial Prisons have been sent to penal colonies to carry out agricultural work, and this has reduced the overcrowding. A further 300 are required for this work, which includes harvesting. It is suggested that this number could be sent to Sardinia from the mainland. They should fulfill the following conditions:-

(a) Residents of the Mainland or Sicily;
(b) Skilled in agricultural work or trades such as carpentry or bricklaying.
(c) Have at least 2 years to serve.

100 prisoners could be dealt with at each of the following three places:- CASTIADAS, TRAMARIGLIO, and MAMONE.

4. If it is desired, at a later date, to transfer more prisoners to Sardinia for agricultural work, the Procuratore Generale might be able to assist.

5. About 100 prisoners have been concentrated at the Penal Colony at ASINARA. They have served their various terms, but cannot be released, as their homes are in enemy occupied territory. It was proposed to form these prisoners into a labour battalion but the plan was not carried out.

6. 150 of these time expired prisoners have been supplied with boots and clothing. It is suggested that these prisoners could be brought to the mainland on the return voyage of the ship taking the 300 prisoners to Agricultural colonies. It is appreciated that the return of these 150 persons to the mainland would raise certain problems, which should be discussed between the Italian Government and A.C.C. The most convenient port to be used would be CAGLIARI or PORTO TORRES; the latter is near the ASINARA colony. 9x

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6. 150 of these time expired prisoners have been supplied with boots and clothing. It is suggested that these prisoners could be brought to the mainland on the return voyage of the ship taking the 300 prisoners to Agricultural colonies. It is appreciated that the return of these 150 persons to the mainland would raise certain problems, which should be discussed between the Italian Government and A.C.C. The most convenient port to be used would be CAGLIARI or PORTO TORRES; the latter is near the ASINARA colony. 9 x

FRANK J. WILSON,
Major,
Prison Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/9.1 25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Prison Camp.

TO : HQ ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(Attention Major Wilson).

1. Your proposal that a Civil Prison Camp should be established in Region 3 to relieve congestion in the prisons has been examined and it is suggested that owing to the Allied Military requirements in this Region, it would be more practicable for the camp to be situated in King's Italy where the troop movement is not so great.

2. If you do not concur with this suggestion and it is decided to establish the camp here, the following points must be taken into consideration:-

a that owing to the requisitioning by the Army of prison equipment, and also the abnormal number of prisoners which this Region has to cater for, the prison authorities will only be able to contribute in some very small measure to establishing the camp.

b Administrative Staff can be supplied by the prison authorities, but guard duties, both for external camp security and working parties, will have to be supplied from other sources and it is suggested that a detachment of 50 Italian soldiers be made available for this.

c The following equipment, sufficient for 550 persons, will be required:- tentage, blankets, field kitchens, cooking utensils, mess kits, water pumping and purifying apparatus and security fencing, i.e. a complete British Field Punishment Camp or an American Disciplinary Training stockade.

C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

May 24, 1944

SUBJECT : Prisons - Overcrowding

TO : RPSO's Regions I;II,III,IV,V,VI and VII (thru' RCs)

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1. Reference letter from Executive Commissioner 317/81/CA dated 20th May 1944 addressed to all Regional Commissioners on the above subject.

2. The question of the rebuilding and repair of damaged prisons is one that has been promised priority by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. In order to get the scheme working quickly, the lists and locations of prisons for repair and reconstruction are urgently required.

3. Can this matter be expedited please?

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

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

May 24, 1944

ACC/14215/SD

SUBJECT : Indian Accommodation.

TO : OCMH, Room 1121

1. Reference your T-/9.1 dated 22 April 44, and in particular Para 2.

2. Representations have been made to H.Q. AAI through Executive Commissioner, pending for the evacuation of [illegible] and on [illegible] the [illegible] Central and Eastern Command for the [illegible] Internment Camp.

3. Particulars of the condition at-

(a) [illegible] Prison

(b) [illegible] Prison, and

(c) [illegible]

have also been supplied, and the early release to civil authorities urged.

4. The fact that [illegible] prison was virtually used as a Prison Guard School has been mentioned, and the problem of the training of prison guards brought to notice.

5. Your attention is called to 317/S1/GA issued by Executive Commissioner on 20th May 44 to all Regional Commissioners, on the subject of overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

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Jas Madhavan. NIAJ.
[illegible], Colonel
Deputy Chief, India
Safety Sub-Commission.

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24 May 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Prison Overcrowding.

TO : Executive Commissioner, (through V.P. Adm. Sec.).

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1. Reference your 317/30/CA dated 19 May 44, and also AAI/5065/1/A (PS) dated 14 May 44 addressed to Executive Commissioner. Para 4 of the latter has been noted.

2. The following is a list of Civil Prisons occupied either wholly or in part by the Army, which, if evacuated, would provide accommodation for 1,400 civil prisoners.

3. (a) AVIGLIANO PRISON, Potenza Province: wholly occupied by a British Army unit. Accommodation 300.

(b) POGGIOREALE PRISON, Naples: partly occupied by 20th Courts-Martial and Holding Centre. Accommodation 400.

(c) SAN ERAMO PRISON, Naples: partly used as a British Field Punishment Camp. Accommodation 150.

(d) S. MARIA CAPUA VETERE PRISON, Naples Province: partly occupied by American M.P. Accommodation 50.

(e) PORTICI PRISON, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 100.

(f) NISIDA REFORMATORY, Naples Province: wholly occupied by 57 Sub-Area. Accommodation 350.

(g) SAN SEVERO PRISON, Foggia Province: wholly occupied by U. S. Army. Accommodation 50.

4. PORTICI PRISON, ((e) above), was originally used as a Prison Guard-School. The training of new guards has become an urgent matter, and the early release of this prison would be of great assistance. 9.

5. It has been noted that orders have already been issued for the evacuation of TARANTO and BENEVENTO Prisons.

Major Wilson of this S/C will be visiting HQ AAI in the near future and will then discuss this matter. We will provide lists of prisons in areas at present occupied by the enemy.

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

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SUBJECT: Prisons.

HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.
OA/8/4

27 May 44.

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TO: Executive Commissioners Branch,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission. ✓

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1. Reference your 317/8X/CA of 20 May 44, there are not any prisons in Eighth Army AMG Area holding the maximum number of prisoners.

2. Two damaged prisons are under repair.

3. Two other damaged prisons are in the extreme forward area and it would be unwise to commence repairing them yet.

P.E. Beuka Tam

Major, R.A.,
G.S.O.II.,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH AREA.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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May 23, 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : BARI Prison - Overcrowding

TO : RSSO Region 2 (attention Capt.Allen) (through R.C.)

1. Reference Signal received from Prisons Region 2 on 22 May 1944 regarding overcrowding at BARI prison.

2. The position at BARI is known to the Italian Prison Directorate, and on 20th May 1944 Dott. PINI proceeded to BARI to deal with the matter. He is also making an enquiry at TURI.

3. It is expected that prisoners will be transferred to Matera, Cosenza, Potenza and Trani, and requests for transportation should be anticipated.

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

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Ministry of Grace and Justice
General Dg. Penal and Reform Institutions
Div. 4180/PP
Subject: Inspections to Bari and Turi.

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We are informing you that Dott.
Giuseppe Turi an official at this General
Dg Penal and Reformatory Institutions
is going to Bari in order to inspect
the local Judicial Prison where there is
an overcrowding of inmates. Afterwards
he will go to Turi in order to
investigate the causes which have
determined a mutiny at that
Penal House

The Undersecretary of State
(Martino)

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Translate

Direzione Generale Istituti di Prev.e Pena

Salerno 20 maggio 1944

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

UFFICIO SUPERIORE DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI

Alla Commissione Alleata
di Controllo Sott. P.S
SEDE

Ufficio
Prot. N. 41810/22

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Ispezione alla Carceri Giudiziarie di Bari-
e alla Casa Penale di Turi-

Si informa che il Dott. Giuseppe Turi, funzionario della Direzione Generale degli Istituti di Prevenzione e Pena presso questo Ministero si reca a Bari col compito di ispezionare quel Carcere Giudiziario, dove vi é una sovrapopolazione di detenuti e a Turi per accertare le cause che hanno determinato un ammutinamento in quella Casa Penale.

Per il M I N I S T R O

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Nicola Lombardi

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Ministry of the Interior

Prot. 2801/Cab.

1425 (37A)

Rome, 20/5/1944

To ACC Administrative Section

With reference to a verbal agreement with Lord Stansgate, chief of your Administrative Section, we are informing you that the Ministry of Pardon and Justice, contracted by us, has informed us that the overcrowding at the Penitentiary of Sardinia has been remedied by transferring a certain number of inmates to the agricultural colonies of the island. Some judges are being sent to Sardinia with the purpose of hastening the proceedings against the inmates.

The Minister

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Ministero dell'Interno

20 MAG. 1944 Salerno, 17 Maggio 1944

N. 2201/Gab.

Risposta alla lettera

N. ____ *del* ____

OGGETTO

Penuria carceri=

20 MAR 1944

On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA di CONTROLLO
Sezione Amministrativa
S A L E R N O

Con riferimento a quanto fu segnalato verbalmente dal Capo di codesta Sezione Amministrativa, Lord Stansgate, si comunica che, il Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia, interessato da questo Ministero, ha fatto conoscere di aver provveduto ad eliminare l'affollamento dei detenuti nelle carceri giudiziarie della Sardegna, trasferendone un congruo numero nelle colonie agricole ivi esistenti, e che è in atto l'invio di Giudici in quella Isola, allo scopo di accelerare la definizione dei giudizi a carico dei detenuti.

IL MINISTRO

J Stansgate

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /msr

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FROM : PRISONS REG 2

TO : PRISONS REAR HQ ACC SALERNO

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22 MAY 1944
REAR HQ. A.C.C.

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Urge immediate action reduction population Bari. Very urgent.

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Public Safety Rear Hq

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

20 May 1944.

Ref/317/81/CA.

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, & VII
SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Overcrowding in civilian prisons throughout Liberated Italy has become acute.

2. The main causes of overcrowding are:

(a) Requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
(b) Use of prisons for detaining Italian Military prisoners.
(c) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.
(d) War damage to prisons.

3. Representations have been made by the Commission to the Allied and Italian Military authorities to release prison accommodation.

4. The Minister of Justice is being pressed to arrange for the release on bail of prisoners awaiting trial on minor charges.

5. The Minister of Justice has also been impressed with the necessity of having an adequate staff to deal with prison matters. He has also been advised to institute a system of inspectors to visit prisons.

6. Regional Commissioners are requested to inform this HQ as a matter of urgency what steps they have been able to take to rebuild or repair damaged prisons. Where it has not been possible to make arrangements locally, recommendations for rebuilding specific prisons should be forwarded to this HQ stating briefly the extent of the repairs and the relative priority. Arrangements will then be made by this HQ to secure priority of labour and materials.

7. The overcrowding of prisons must be regarded as an urgent problem. All possible steps to reduce overcrowding must be taken locally. Suggestions or recommendations are invited.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Regions VIII & IX.
Economic Section
Admin Section (4)
Public Safety Sub-Comm.
Army Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

See 2GA and 40A

Ref/317/80/CA. 19 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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Reference is made to letter AAI/5065/1/A(PS) of 14 May 1944 addressed to this HQ copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission. Please let this HQ have your reply to para.3 in due course.

J. Stuart Reaburn Maj

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

Inviata
Salerno 10. V. 1944
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OGGETTO: Sfollamento delle carceri giudiziarie.- Magazzinaggio.- Ispezione.

A S.E. IL MINISTRO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

I problemi più urgenti del servizio carcerario sono quelli dello sfollamento delle carceri giudiziarie che contengono un numero di detenuti di gran lunga superiore alla capienza:quello dell'alimentazione dei detenuti stessi e quello del casermaggio.E' poi indispensabile attivare da parte di questo Ministero un servizio di ispezione negli istituti di pena.

Il numero eccessivo dei detenuti si deve all'aumento della delinquenza,accertato dovunque in proporzioni allarmanti ed è rappresentato in gran parte dai detenuti militari o civili a disposizione dei Tribunali militari di guerra.A tale situazione si provvide,ma non a sufficienza, sia largheggiando nel concedere la libertà provvisoria ai detenuti in attesa di giudizio,sia coll'applicazione della recente amnistia,i cui risultati sono ancora da raccogliere.Per quanto riguarda la Sardegna è in corso d'allestimento una Sezione Carceraria nell'Asinara di detenuti militari,che vi saranno avviati appena possibile in numero di circa quattrocento.

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Progetti di sfollamento furono fatti per la Sardegna in seguito ad un rapporto del Procuratore Generale presso quella Corte d'Appello, il quale informava che in quelle colonie penali oltre duecento individui,che avevano già scontato la pena e la misura di sicurezza,ed un centinaio di internati liberandi,in parte originari del continente,non potevano restituirsi alle loro residenze perchè in luoghi occupati dal nemicoper difetto assoluto di mezzi di trasporto.Perciò, a richiesta

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delle Questure locali,essi erano stati trattenuti nelle colonie ad evita= re che,privi di risorse,ricadessero nel delitto.Fra i trattenuti nelle co lonie penali dell'Asinara vi fu un tentativo di rivolta prontamente repres so:ma continuano le proteste da parte di quegli individui,che ritengono arbitrariamente disposta la loro permanenza in colonia.

Tale situazione fu oggetto di apposito memoriale diretto a S.E. il Ca po del Governo e di apposita segnalazione al Ministero dell'Interno con preghiera d'interessare i dipendenti organi locali affinchè fosse provve= duto colla sollecitudine del caso alla destinazione di quei trattenuti ed internati.

Scartata,perchè non attuabile prontamente nè sicuramente,la proposta di costituzione di un campo di concentramento da affidarsi all'autorità amministrativa,si pensò ad inquadrare gli internati liberandi ed i detenu ti da dimettersi,appartenenti a regioni ancora occupate dal nemico,in un battaglione di lavoratori da trasferirsi nell'Italia meridionale per l'im piego in varie opere secondo la richiesta dell'Autorità Militare Alleata, e fu all'uopo inviato in Sardegna,nello scorso aprile,il dott.Cristofaro DEVILLA,interinalmente preposto alla Direzione Generale degli Istituti di prevenzione e pena.Ma,poichè nulla era stato predisposto dalle competen= ti autorità per poter attuare l'inquadramento del battaglione dei lavora= tori e trasferirlo sul continente,e poichè,d'altra parte,mancavano i mez zi di trasporto,ogni provvedimento si ridusse a contentrare i trattenuti nell'Asinara,ed a far opera di persuasione per convincerli come l'inquadra mento in apposito reparto corrispondesse ai loro interessi.In tal senso il [illegible] impartito disposizioni al Direttore della Colonia

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Ove la progettata costituzione di un battaglione di lavoratori fosse inattuabile,si potrebbe forse provvedere alla sistemazione dei liberandi trattenuti,rimandando alle proprie case quelli provenienti dalle regioni liberate dal nemico in numero di circa ottanta,destinando invece gli altri, se consenzienti,ai lavori nelle colonie penali,o munendoli di apposito fo

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glio di licenza per trovare libera occupazione nell'isola.

Il problema dello sfollamento delle carceri offre in Sardegna una particolare specifica possibilità di soluzione.All'eccessivo numero dei detenuti nelle carceri giudiziarie,notevolmente superiore alla capienza,si contrappone la deficienza di condannati nelle colonie penali,i cui direttori, per la necessità dei lavori agricoli,ammetterebbero anche detenuti delle carceri giudiziarie,purchè preventivamente riforniti di vestiario,calzature ed effetti di casermaggio e purchè idonei a quei lavori.

Con telegramma del 28-IV-1944 il Procuratore Generale d'Appello della Sardegna comunicava a questo Ministero la necessità di far affluire dal continente nelle colonie penali e case di lavoro dell'isola ottocento detenuti atti ai lavori agricoli.Fu risposto per telegramma che prima di provvedere all'attuazione di tali possibilità,occorreva accertare quanti detenuti nelle carceri giudiziarie della Sardegna medesima si potessero eventualmente trasferire in quelle colonie penali,per rimediare almeno in parte alla deficienza di mano d'opera nelle colonie e per diminuire in pari tempo all'eccedenza delle carceri giudiziarie.

Nelle carceri giudiziarie di Cagliari vi è una popolazione di 864 detenuti (compresi 89 militari) con un soprannumero di 214 sulla capienza ordinaria (650);in quelle di Nuoro il totale dei presenti è di 329,con una sovrapopolazione di 121;quelle di Sassari contano 802 presenti(compresi 249 militari) con una sovrapopolazione di 545.L'eccedenza complessiva è di 880 detenuti,

Nelle colonie agricole e nelle case di lavoro si nota invece una rilevante disponibilità di posti:659 a Castiadas ,92 ad Isili,176 a Mamone,110 a Tramariglio,171 all'Asinara,per un totale di 1208.Si evince da tali dati che,sebbene la deficienza di mano d'opera nelle colonie agricole e case di lavoro della Sardegna non si possa totalmente colmare coll'invio di detenuti dalle carceri giudiziarie dell'isola,la temporanea affluenza di questi

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Rimanendo nelle carceri giudiziarie la maggior parte dei detenuti in attesa di giudizio e quelli a disposizione di varie autorità (specialmen=

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te delle Autorità Militari Alleate) possono essere sollecitamente trasferiti nelle colonie agricole e case di lavoro all'aperto dell'isola i giudicabili appellanti ed i condannati a pene non eccedenti i cinque anni, che non siano pericolosi ed abbiano attitudine fisica ai lavori agricoli. Così fra condannati e giudicabili appellanti potrebbero inviarsi circa 300 da Cagliari a Castiadas;200 da Sassari all'Asinara;80 da Tramariglio e 100 a Mamone;100 da Nuoro ad Isili:in totale 750,quasi corrispondenti al numero di 800 richiesti dal Procuratore Generale del Re.

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Con telegramma pervenuto il 9 maggio corrente il Procuratore Generale di Cagliari informa di aver disposto il trasferimento dei condannati

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alle colonie agricole dell'isola,ma sempre in numero insufficiente per i lavori di coltivazione e di aver chiesto provvisoriamente l'assegnazione ai lavori stessi dei condannati del reclusorio militare dell'Asinara.

Notizie che meritano conferma farebbero ritenere prossima la pubblicazione di un provvedimento legislativo per costituire campi di concentramento dei detenuti militari da adibirsi ai lavori agricoli.

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calzoni	20.000	fazzoletti	30.000
mutande	20.000	lenzuola	30.000
scarpe	15.000	federe per pagliericci	12.000
asciugamani	20.000	federe	15.000
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pantaloni	12.000		
brande	6.000		

ed inoltre medicinali, disinfettanti, ferri chirurgici, sapone.

Se le Autorità Alleate, che si dichiarano pronte ad aiuti indispensabili, potessero fornire quanto occorre, molte preoccupazioni per il servizio carcerario verrebbero meno.

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Per l'alimentazione ai detenuti, per la revisione delle diarie e per i contratti con gli imprenditori, si vanno raccogliendo dati per provvedere al più presto.

Per accertare le condizioni delle carceri, l'osservanza delle leggi e dei regolamenti e per l'attuazione di provvedimenti d'urgenza è necessario disporre un servizio d'ispezione, che già esisteva a Roma in proporzioni ridotte, ma che ora dovrebbe essere istituito e regolato ex novo. Dovranno essere scelti funzionari esperti, direttori di carceri assai pratici del servizio a preferenza di magistrati. Basteranno quattro funzionari, incaricati di visitare i singoli stabilimenti, d'impartire senz'altro le disposizioni urgenti, e di riferire per iscritto a questo Ministero su ciascuna ispezione praticata.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

18 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Palace of Justice, Salerno, at 1630 of 17th May 1944.

Present H. E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.
Dott. DI VILLA, Director General of Prisons.
Major A. F. WILCOX, Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Major F. J. WILSON, " " " ".

1. The object of the meeting was to discuss progress made on the various points raised at the meeting on 10th May 1944.

2. It was established that travelling Prison Inspectors are to be appointed. Suitable officials have been approached and their replies are awaited. The number suggested is 4, disposed as follows:-

1 Sicily
1 Sardinia
2 peninsula.

3. The question of transport for these Inspectors was raised by Dott. DI VILLA. It was then pointed out that the Italian authorities have powers to requisition civil transport.

4. The Minister asked whether the ACC Regional Prison Officers would accompany Italian Inspectors on their visits to Prisons. The opinion was expressed that while ACC officers would be willing to accompany the Italian Inspectors at any time, it was thought that the visits should generally be made by the Inspectors themselves.

5. On the Subject of BAIL, the Minister stated that a draft DECREE was being prepared. This would be considered with the Legal Sub-Commission. It was expected that persons awaiting trial for minor offences would be granted provisional liberty.

6. The DECREE will also contain an instruction on arrest for minor offences. It is expected that in future, no arrest will be made for such offences, but the person concerned will be dealt with by PROCESS.

7. Special steps are being taken to deal with the problem of prisoners awaiting trial in SARDINIA. Officers of the Legal Sub-Commission will accompany Italian officials to the island to set up special courts to deal with the matter.

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c. The Minister pointed out that difficulty was being experienced in compiling the list of damaged prisons. The cause of delay was the time taken to assess the cost of repair. It was then asked that the list be prepared, but that particulars as to cost be submitted in respect of the more important prisons only. The information as to those prisons in Priority 2 and 3 to be supplied later.

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

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REPLY QUESTIONS RAISED BY COL. YOUNG CONFERENCE WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THE 9 MAY 1944.

1-2-3. Steps have already been taken to relieve the crowded situation of Sardinia prisons by sending part of the inmates to work in the agricultural penal localities which are in need of country labor, but these are no means of transportation, especialli by sea.

4. It is urgent that the prisons requisitioned by Allied commands should be resoted and future requisitions should be avaded. Steps are being taken to send Italian Military personnel away from the prisms for civilians.

5. A list of prisons that have to be repaired will be forwarded to ACC. The Italian Administration, has not been able to undertake any repairing work on account of lack of labor and material.

6.- 7. The prisons directors have the necessary experience, but the personnel is scarce. Steps will be taken soon for the assignment of inspectors for the Prevention and Penal Institutes.

8. This Ministry will not hesitate to ask ACC for transportation when needed for said purpose.

9-10. It has been already decded for some judges to go to Sardinia to try prisoners.

11. The land to be cultivated in the agricultural penal localities in Sardinia can be enlarged. There are no agricultural penal localities in Sicily and in the peninsula. Steps will be taken to institute agricultural penal localities for military personnel prisoners for agricultural labor.

12. A list necessarily incomplete of the penal establishments which are on the northen part of the war operating zone, and of Central and north Italy will be prepared as soon as possible.

13.. This Ministry will frequently keep in touch with ACC U.S. Sub-Comm.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR.

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Tab A : Reply to "Notes for interviews, Ghana 44" 1+1

Tab B : Reply to questions raised by Col. Young in Conference with Minister of Education, Ghana. 1+1

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10 May 1944.

Notes for Interview with Central Director of Prisons, Dott. di Villa, 9 May 44.

1. Prison Guards: I have been informed by the Ministry that there have been requests for 40 guards from Region VI (Sardinia). Capt. Aldon, Region II, has requested a total of 34 guards for various prisons in that region. This gives a total shortage of guards for both regions amounting to 74.

Lt. Daley, Region III, has supplied a list of 30 guards from Region III who were available for transfer to meet the shortage. It is believed that 20 were sent to Region II, and it was suggested that 10 be sent to Sardinia. What has been done in this particular?

With the repair of prisons damaged, or with the release of prisons to their proper use, or with the surrender of prisons requisitioned, many more guards will be required - at a minimum enough to take care of 1800 prisoners, if the repair of damaged prisons alone is considered. More will be required when requisitioned prisons are returned, because the guards from most requisitioned prisons have been scattered to other places, as in the transfer of the 30 from Region III.

This condition requires the immediate organization of a program for the recruiting and tranining of guards. Will the Ministry undertake to prepare a plan and submit it for consideration immediately?

2. The immediate crisis in the Prison situation is caused by overcrowding. ~~L~~ Little can be done to alleviate it if accurate information is not ~~in hand to~~ indicate the causes and possible means of local relief by transfer. Since the main causes of overcrowding (apart from requisitioning and damaged prisons) are slowness in dealing with untried persons and the presence of Italian military prisoners in civil prisons, information on these two matters is vital.

Will the Ministry undertake to issue orders to prison directors requiring monthly reports , by telegraph, since the mails are so unreliable, which reports shall indicate the number and classification of prisoners as set forth in Region II letter of 23 Feb. 44, a copy of which has been supplied the Ministry?

If the Ministry wishes to relieve local overcrowding by transfer, will it consult with P.S. Sub-Commission, so as to make it possible for help in transportation, etc., to be arranged?

Riepilogo

1.° E' in corso di studio un progetto di arruolamento di agenti di custodia per le Isole e per altre regioni delle zone liberate, che per sottoposto quanto sopra

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alla Commissione, allata di controllo Sezione 3.b
inviata il P.S.

2. Saremo richiesti e comunicati rapporti mensili desiderati e noi, ci metteremo in contatto con la Sottocommissione sull'organizzazione e sui mezzi di trasporto.

De Villa

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Reply

1. A program for the enrollment of guards is being studied for Sardinia and for other regions of Liberated Italy and which will be placed at the disposal of the P.S. Sub-Commission, ACC as soon as possible.

2. Monthly reports which you desire from us will be requested and forwarded and we will not fail to consult the Sub-Commission on the organization and on its means of transportation.

De Villa.

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ACC/14215/PS

May 10, 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Palace of Justice, Salerno, at 9.30 a.m. 10th May 1944

Present

H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice
Dott. D'Villa, Director General of Prisons.
Colonel A.E. Young, Public Safety Sub-Com.
Major A.F. Wilcox " " " "
Capt. H. Young Jr. " " " "

1. Col. Young stated that the overcrowding of prisons had reached such a critical stage that unless immediate action was taken the whole system of law and order would be threatened.

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(b) The detention of Italian military prisoners in civilian jails.

(c) Disrepair of prisons and war damage.

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6. It was agreed that the Minister would select a strong staff of experienced Prison officials to cope with the present emergency.

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7. Inspectors would be appointed to visit and report on Prisons.

8. ACC will assist in securing transport if the Minister states his needs.

9. The Minister with the Legal Sub-Commission will consider how far bail can be granted to prisoners awaiting trial.

10. The Minister is taking steps to provide more Judges to speed up trials.

11. The Minister will consider enlarging the camps in Sicily and Sardinia and instituting camps on the mainland.

12. The Minister will supply ACC with a list of prisons in territory north of the fighting line in order that measures may be taken to prevent Allied troops from requisitioning prisons in the future.

13. Close contact would be maintained between the Minister and Public Safety Sub-Commission. ACC would render every possible assistance.

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

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RISPOSTA

N. 1.2.e 3.

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4- E' urgente restituire le carceri requisite dal Comandi Alleati ed evitare requisizioni future. Sono in corso provvedimenti per allontanare dalle carceri civili i militari italiani.

5- Sarà trasmessa alla C.A.C. una lista delle prigioni da riparare. L'amministrazione italiana non ha potuto fin'ora provvedere alle riparazioni per mancanza di mano d'opera e di materiale.

6- I dirigenti delle carceri hanno tutti la necessaria esperienza, ma il personale scarseggia.
Sarà presto provveduto alla nomina di ispettori per gli Istituti di Prevenzione e Pena.

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8- Il Ministero non mancherà di chiedere l'assistenza della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, per i trasporti da eseguirsi.

9 e 10- E' già in atto un invio di Giudici in Sardegna per effettuare i giudizi a carico di detenuti.
Uguali provvedimenti saranno adottati per le altre prigioni.

11- Potrà essere aumentato il territorio coltivabile delle colonie agricole in Sardegna. In Sicilia e nella Penisola non esistono colonie agricole.
Si provvederà per costituire sul continente campi di concentramento di detenuti militari da adibirsi ai lavori agricoli.

12- Sarà pronta al più presto una lista, necessariamente incompleta, degli stabilimenti di pena a nord del territorio di operazioni e di quelli dell'Italia Centrale e Settentrionale.

13- Saranno continui i rapporti del Ministero con la Sottocommissione di Pubblica Sicurezza.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

G. Viola

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commissi

14 May 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Repair and Refitting of Prisons, Region I.

TO : RPSO, Region I.

1. It is understood that a letter will be sent to R.C's, all regions, to make inquiries concerning the possibilities of repairing prisons damaged in hostilities, and to refit others not now in use because of lack of equipment, deficient sanitary facilities, etc.

2. Since the writer has some personal knowledge of prisons in Regions I, he has been directed to submit a brief memo on prisons which he believes would be available if repaired, re-equipped, or re-fitted.

3. The prisons under consideration are:-

(a) Colombaia, Trapani: Dr. Columbo told the writer recently that this prison was currently undergoing repairs which would make it available for 300 by June 1st, and that an additional 200 could be accommodated with an additional 3 months' work. However, he said that equipment and guards would be lacking, even on completion of partial repairs. In addition, the director of Trapani has reported to the Italian Ministry that there might be accommodation for 700 if all repairs were carried out. It would help if the exact figure could be established.

(b) The writer made an inspection of the Citadel, Augusta, and believes it would house nearly 400. However extennive repairs to locks, all doors, and other items would have to be made, the building would have to have some repairs, it would need complete re-equipment, and a complement of guards. Even if the work were undertaken the building would be far from satisfactory, but it is thought that in the crisis with regard to accommodation, the possibility should not be overlooked.

(c) Caltanissetta: It is reported to the writer, who has no personal knowledge of this prison, that either repairs or completion of a wing would make an additional 125 places available.

(d) Enna: This prison was visited in December, and writer was informed that the completion of the prison would double its capacity, making about 250 places available.

(e) Favignana: It is reported that 150 places were damaged in hostilities, and that the whole prison was closed because of unsanitary conditions. However, it is understood that if the damage and defects were repaired, the prison could house 550.

(f) Messina: This prison was visited in December, and was then largely damaged. The director does not now report it as partly damaged, but does report a capacity less than the original one, and the question might be looked into.

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4. This memo is intended solely to convey the writer's information as to the possibilities. If any others are available throught repair or re-fitting, so much the better.

HENRY YOUNG, Jr.,
Capt.
Prisons Section.

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14 May 1944.

Ref/317/74/CA.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Admin. Section.

1. Reference this HQ letter No.317/70/CA of 9 May 1944 addressed to Economic Section copy to you, there is forwarded for your information copy letter from Economic Section to this Branch (ref ES/15 of 13 May 1944).

2. It is presumed Public Safety Sub-Commission will be obtaining the lists and locations of prisons for repair and reconstruction, and that no further action is required from this Branch at present.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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13May 1944

SUBJECT: Prison Accomodation

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch)

1. Reference to letter 317/70 CA, dated 9 May 44.

2. An officer from the Public Safety Sub-Commission, (Major Wilcox) called on the Public Works & Utilities Sub- Commission on 9 May to discuss the matter of Prison Accomodation. He was informed that Public Works Sub-Commission was in a position to assist and the first step is to send them lists and locations of the prisons that are to be given extended accomodation, with priorities (in order 1,2,and 3), and with particulars of the additional numbers of prisoners to be provided for at each place.

3. As regards the provision of finance for repair of prisons, the appropriate Ministry of the Italian Government should include the cost of such repairs in its budget for Regions I, II, VI, and VII.

4. In A.M.G. Regions the cost of such repairs should be included in the appropriate budget. Such expenditures will be approved by Regional Finance Officers.

D.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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SUBJECT : Partial evacuation from Judicial Prisons- Equipment - Inspections.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Perdon and Justice.

The most urgent problems are: partial evacuation from those Judicial Prisons which contain a number of inmates by far superior to prison capacity; feeding of inmates and equipment. It is also indispensable to activate by this Ministry an inspection section for the penal establishments.

The excessive number of inmates is due to an increase of criminals, which is accepted by everyone that the proportion are alarming, which is shown to a great extent by the number of persons confined either civil or military at the disposal of War Military Tribunals. Said situation was partially solved by granting more liberal conditional liberty to inmates awaiting trial, and granting of Pardons (King) whose results are not yet known. So far as Sardinia is concerned a Prison Section is being arranged in Asinara for 400 military inmates who will be sent there as soon as possible.

Plans for partial evacuations were made in Sardinia where a report of the Attorney General of that Court of Appeal, informed that in those penal colonies more than two hundred persons who had completed their prison term and satisfied security measures, and about one hundred continental inmates to be set free, could not be sent back to their homes because the territory is still occupied by the enemy, and shortage of means of transportation. Therefore, upon a request of the local Questura, they had been kept at the colonies in order to prevent them from committing new crimes when left without any resources. Among the people kept at the penal colonies of Asinara there was an attempt to riot which was readily repressed; but protests have not ceased on the part of those persons who consider their permanence at the colony as an abuse.

Such situation was the subject of a special memorandum addressed to H.E. the Chief of the Government and the Ministry of the Interior was requested to inform the local bodies to take necessary steps for placement of the a/m inmates and internees.

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THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
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TRANSLATION

Salerno 10/5/44.

SUBJECT : Partial evacuation from Judicial Prisons- Equipment - Inspections.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Pardon and Justice.

The most urgent problems are: partial evacuation from those Judicial Prisons which contain a number of inmates by far superior to prison capacity; feeding of inmates and equipment. It is also indispensable to activate by this Ministry an inspection section for the penal establishments.

The excessive number of inmates is due to an increase of criminals, which is accepted by everyone that the proportion are alarming, which is shown to a great extent by the number of persons confined either civil or military at the disposal of War Military Tribunals. Said situation was partially solved by granting more liberal conditional liberty to inmates awaiting trial, and granting of Pardons (King) whose results are not yet known. So far as Sardinia is concerned a Prison Section is being arranged in Asinara for 1,00 military inmates who will be sent there as soon as possible.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

May 16, 1944

SUBJECT : Damaged Prisons - Aversa Giudiziario.

TO : Superintendent of Prisons, Reg. III (Through RPSO)

1. An Italian report of 1 April indicates that there was a Carcere Giudi-ziario at Aversa, with an original capacity of 100 men and 200 women. However, due to war damage this is closed, and 161 women and 273 men, as of April 1, are stated to be housed in the Ospedale Psychiatrico.

2. This institution does not appear on your list, and the facts about its state of repair are unknown. Is any thing being done to return it to use?

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

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SUBJECT: Accommodation - Civil Prisons HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY 26A

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14 May 44

Executive Commissioner,
HQ ACC., APO 394.

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Translation

Ministry of Grace + Justice
Office IV

Palermo, 4 May 1944 -

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Subject : Alteration of premises for a small prison in Foggia -

to : Acc. P.S. Sub-Commission, Palermo -

AMG, H.Q, Reg. I in conformity to the request to requisition, in the town of Foggia, a building which should be altered into a prison, informs that in the above said building at present are living: 8 families on the ground floor and 60 young orphans in charge of nuns on the first floor, and that the cost of the alteration of the premises to be fit for 100 inmates would be from 250 to 300 thousand lires -

This Ministry does not believe that the expenditure of such a large amount for the alteration of a small building which has neither the safety nor the capacity required for a prison - Moreover it would not be easy to provide for other premises for the 8 families & 60 young orphans and nuns who are the present occupants, in the town of Foggia, damaged which has been damaged as a result of war activities -

For the Minister

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Salerno 4-5-1944.-

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
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Ufficio IV^
Prot. N. 38781

A lla Commissione Alleata di Controllo- Sottocommissione di P.S.

S A L E R N O

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez N.

OGGETTO: Adattamento locali per creazione di un piccolo carcere a Foggia.-

Il Comando della Regione V^-A.M.G., interpellato sulla opportunità di requisire un edificio nella città di Foggia, per trasformarlo in carcere, informa che nel predetto edificio abitano attualmente nel pianterreno otto famiglie e nel primo piano 60 orfanelle in custodia delle monache, e che, per metterlo in grado di ospitare un centinaio di detenuti, occorrono lavori di riattamento per una somma che va dalle 250 alle 300 mila lire.

Questo Ministero é dell'avviso che non sia il caso di spendere una somma così cospicua, per la trasformazione di un piccolo fabbricato che non potrebbe avere tutti i requisiti di capienza e di sicurezza necessari ad un carcere; tanto più che non potrebbe con facilità provvedersi alla sistemazione nella città di Foggia, danneggiata per eventi bellici, delle otto famiglie, delle 60 orfanelle e delle suore che attualmente occupano il fabbricato da trasformare.-

Per il M I N I S T R O

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REPLY TO " NOTES FOR INTERVIEW, 2 MAY 1944".

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1. A program for the enrollment of guards is being studied for Sardinia and for other regions of Liberated Italy and which will be placed at the disposal of the P.S. Sub-Commission, A.C.C. as soon as possible.

2. Monthly reports which you desire from us will be requested and forwarded and we will not fail to consult the Sub-Commission on the organization and on its means of transportation.

DE VILLA.

Per an overcrowding file

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS 15 May 44

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

HC & RG Section,

It is requested that the attached letter re Overcrowding of Prisons may be circulated as shown thereon.

R.H.CHIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Sec.

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RC & RG SECTION
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May 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I,II,III,IV,V,VI and VII
SCAO's 5th Army
8th Army

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M. S. HUGH, Brigadier
Executive Commission

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APO 394

ACC/14215/PS

May 14, 1944

SUBJECT : Prison Overcrowding

TO : V. P. Admin. Section

This matter has been dealt with in all its aspects by this Sub-Commission, and I think that some satisfactory progress has been achieved.

A comprehensive report of the whole subject will be submitted in the near future.

In the meantime I think that some indication of what is happening should be supplied to Regional Commissioners, and I submit attached Draft for circulation by the Executive Commissioner.

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

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Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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ACC/14215/PS. 11 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons - Report on Conference.

TO : C.P.S.

1. In the afternoon of 10 May 44, I had a conference with Doctor De Villa, Director General of Prisons in the Ministry of Justice, from 1530 to 1700 o'clock.

2. The first matter discussed was the Minutes of the meeting held that morning with the Minister and Col. Young, and a copy of the minutes was handed to Dott. De Villa, and discussion in detail on the matter involved was had.

3. Dott. De Villa was then handed a copy of "notes for Interview" hereto attached, and was requested to give specific answer to the question brought up to discussion. He promised, after having the notes translated, to give the question raised full consideration, and to prepare replies which he hoped to be able to deliver by the afternoon of 11 May or the morning of 12 May.

4. Dott. De Villa then handed me a copy of a report of a trip to Sardinia, containing suggestions for the relief of overcrowding in that island, together with further suggestions for relief on the mainland. This report was of four or five typewritten pages, and seems to contain valuable suggestions and material, and to show that De Villa has a firm grasp of the situation. Since, however, the report contain suggestions which should be submitted to higher authority, I have asked for a translation, which will be attached to the file as soon as received.

HENRY YOUNG Jr.
Captain,
Prison Sub-Division.

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NOTES FOR INTERVIEW WITH CENTRAL DIRECTOR OF PRISONS, DOTT. DE VILLA, 9 MAY, 1944.

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Lieut. Daley, Region III, has supplied a list of 30 guards from Region III who were available for transfer to meed the shortage. It is believed that so were sent to Region II, and it was suggested that to be sent to Sardinia. What has been done in this particular?

With the repair of prisons damaged, or with the return of prisons to their proper use, or with the surrender of prisons requisitioned, many more guards will be required. At a minimum enough to take care of 1800 prisoners, if the repair of damaged prisons alone is considered. More will be required when requisitioned prisons are returned, because the guards from most requisitioned prisons have been scattered to other places, as in the transfer of the 30 from Region III.

This condition requires the immediate organization of a program for the recruiting and training of guards. Will the Ministry undertake to prepare plan and submit if for consideration immediately?

2. The immediate crisis in the Prison situation is caused by overcrowding. Little can be done to alleviate it if accurate information is not in hand to indicate the causes and possible means of local relief by transfer. Since the main causes of overcrowding (apart from requisitioning and damaged prisons) Are slowness in dealing with untried persons and the presence of Italiam Military prisoners in Civil prisons, information on these two matters is vital.

Will the Ministry undertake to issue orders to prison directors requiring monthly reports, by telegraph, since the mails are so unreliable, which reports shall indicate the number and classification of prisoners as set forth in Region II letter of 23 Feb. 44, a copy of which has been supplied the Ministry?

If the Ministry wishes to relieve local overcrowding by transfer, will it consult with P.S. Sub-Commission, so as to make it possible for help in transportation, etc., to be arrange?

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ACC/14215/PS

May 10, 1944

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Grace & Justice.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Palace of Justice, Salerno, at 9.30 a.m. 10th May 1944

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ACC/14215/PS

May 12, 1944

SUBJECT : Over-crowding of Prisons - Memo of Meeting.

TO : C.P.S.

1. On Tuesday, 9 May, at 0900 I called on the Minister of Justice to explain that a conference arranged for that hour with Col. Young, D.C.P.S. would have to be postponed/due to an intervening engagement on the part of the Colonel. I asked for a new appointment, and received information from him as to the time at his disposal, which enabled me to make an appointment for Wed., 10 May, at 0930.

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4. I then mentioned that all problems were complicated by the lack of accurate and current information, and that I believe the Ministry was even more handicapped than the ACC in this respect. I told him that I considered that one of the Chief requests which I anticipated would be made by the D.C.P.S. would be for the appointment of an energetic man who could whip things into shape, and I suggested that if a direct question were asked with regard to his willingness to appoint such a man, that he be ready with an answer. He expressed entire willingness to comply with such request.

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5. I concluded the interview by telling him that the many difficulties of his Ministry were recognized and understood, but that I believed he would be much more likely to obtain assistance when in difficulty if he and his staff were to show an attitude of energy and a disposition to show initiative in coping with their difficulties.

Henry Young Jr.

HENRY YOUNG, Jr., Capt.
Prison Sub-Division

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

4 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Visit to Augusta.

TO : C.P.S.

Thursday, April 27, I went to Augusta, and obtained permission from the Naval Officer in charge to go through the Citadel prison. He told me he had still a few naval prisoners, and a few civilians held by the Navy in the prison, but that he was fitting up another place, which should be ready within two weeks, at the expiration of which time the prison could be returned to civil use. He also told me that a number of Ttalian naval torpedoes were stored in part of the prison, and that they were in process of removal, but they would scarcely be all out within two weeks, as they had to be moved by hand from the storeroom through the prison court and the outer yards to the gate, a distance of about 100 yards, before they could be loaded on trucks. He said also that the prison was occasionally used as a transit camp by British troops, but it was a waste of accommodation to put it to such use, as the occasions were infrequent.

I inspected the prison, and found it to be a huge square stone structure, with a number smaller buildings grouped in front, probably to supply offices of admission, living quarters for the administrative staff, etc. Within the prison proper I found that the ground floor at the front was taken up with three large rooms, which appeared to be intended for use in interviewing prisoners, etc. One wing at the side was fitted up as a kitchen, apparently by some British marines who had been quartered there. The walls, as is true throughout the building, were extremely thick, about 12 feet, or more, the windows were small compared to the size of the rooms they were intended to illuminate, the cooking facilities other than those installed by the marines were non-existent, and the whole supply of water came from one-half inch pipe. In this wing, at the back, and in the adjacent end of the rear quarter of the square were tremendous vaulted work-rooms where the Italians used to charge submarine batteries. The light in them was almost non-esistent, and they would be of little use for any other purpose without exensive changes, which would require almost complete re-building. The thickness of the walls alone would prohibit any major adaptation. The same was true of the other side quarter, the outside portion of which was used for torpedo storage. On this side, on the ground and first floors, were a row of punishment cells, totalling 20 in number, so contrived as to admit of almost no light, and separated from the court by a pair of doors, with a narrow passage between. On both sides the torpedo rooms and battery charging rooms were so high as to take up the space of the ground and first floor on the outher portion of the side. On the front, on the first floor, were five large rooms, one apparently intended as a dispensary, and the other four as rooms for prisoners. They measured about twelve by twenty-five feet each, and had but one window, about five feet square. Their capacity by Italian standards would be a maximum of 20 prisoners in each room - at least I have seen that number in rooms no larger. The ceilings were lofty - about 20 feet. On the second floor on the two sides, and the rear, were blocks of single cells built in two tiers, with a passage way in front of each block, and a passageway between the backs of the blocks. These cells were apparently adapted for but one prisoner a piece, though perhaps ten were large enough to hold three. There were 273 of them. The lighting situation here was better, but not good. On the second

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floor front, were several large rooms apparently designed as quarters for guards, which were a little better finished than the rest of the building, and showed some primitive evidences of sanitary facilities. Just outside the main building is a smaller one, containing 54 cells in three double tiers of nine.

The general situation may be described as follows:-

(1) Cells: About a dozen of the cells have doors which will lock. The marines quartered there broke most of the locks, and where the locks are not broken, the door is sprung so that it will not close. About twenty cells have no doors whatever. There are no beds in any of the cells, except for one or tow of the punishment cells, which appeared to have built-in stone bunks.

(2) Sanitary equipment: Outside the guards' quarters, and the kitchen, I found ~~also two~~ one wafer faucet in one of the large rooms described. I also found two latrines of the squat type on the ground floor. There were no facilities in any of the cells, or in the large rooms. Sewage was disposed apparently by "vasi feccali". I found no place where prisoners were obviously intended to wash, bathe, or wash their clothes, nor any place adapted obviously for use as a laundry.

(3) Light: The main transformer for the town is situated within the prison, but only a few of the rooms had facilities for electric light. As mentioned, the large rooms had almost no daylight, and, in addition, faced almost due north. The offices had inadequate electric light, and almost no daylight. The cellblocks were better off for daylight, but, on a dark day, such as to-day, it was difficult to read the numbers on the cells at a fair distance.

(4) General conditions: All the windows, except a few in the guards' quarters, were without glass, and I could find no trace that there had ever been any. The building is situated above wells, which with swampy land in the neighborhood of the town, are reputed to make the situation unhealthy, especially from the point of view of malaria. All the floors are uneven and filthy, and the walls would need a thorough cleaning and several coats of paint. All the cell doors would need new locks, and some cells, new doors. The prison would have to be entirely re-equipped with beds, mattresses, eating utensils, sanitary utensils, etc., and major repairs would have to be undertaken shortly on one of the two stairways, which has so far broken down as to be merely a heap of rubble in places. The kitchens and other offices would have to be completely re-equipped. There are no work-shops of any kind, though with proper light, the torpedo-room and the battery room might be used as shops if adequate light were provided. The installation of windows here would be a hopeless task. There are vineyards and gardens within the confines of the prison enclosure which might be used to give some measure of employment.

(5) Guards and management: The building was used as a Casa Penale until 1940, when it was taken over by the Italian Navy. Consequently, all the staff has been disbanded, and a complete new staff would have to be assembled. Similarly, as mentioned, the building would have to be completely re-equipped.

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It would take three months, at the very least, to fit the building for complete use. The offices might be re-equipped in a month, and parts of the building might be made ready for use in a similar time, but with the difficulty of obtaining all materials, three months is a conservative estimate of the time required to make it a going concern. There is, however, no reason that work should not commence even before the building is vacated by the navy, as their prisoners are so few that a whole wing at a time could easily be segregated and worked on.

The building is one of the very worst adapted for prison purposes that I have seen, and while the description indicates the work necessary to put it in running order, it would necessarily remain inconvenient, inefficient, and unhealthy, judged by any decent standard.

As far as use of the prison to relieve prison congestion in Italy goes, the attached letter would seem to indicate that, if the building is re-fitted at all, it would be necessary to use it for housing Sicilian prisoners. However, this situation might be relieved by the completion of repairs at the Colombaia prison, which Dott. Columbo told me should be ready with 300 places by June 1, and, if further work were undertaken, could accommodate an additional 200 within an additional period of three months. This prison, too, had been taken over by military forces, and there is no existing staff.

Henry Young Jr.

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Prison Sub-division.

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14 April , 1944.

HQ No. 1 Dist.

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SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Buildings - Prisons.

1. Representations have been made by the Provincial Commissioner, ACC, Syracuse for the release of the Citadel, Augusta to the Police authorities for the reconstitution of a gaol.

2. It has been pointed out by the Procuratore Generale del Re at Catania that the redeem of this building would solve the grave problem of over-crowding and to provide accommodation which is urgently required.

3. From a military point of view, the release of the Citadel would necessitate all details arriving at Augusta being sent to #5 Transit Camp as at present the Citadel is used solety as transit accommodation.

4. If it is considered that the release of this building should be made, may the necessary instructions be issued to "Q" movements to arrange for drafts to be sent by rail to #5 Transit Camp as no facilities will exist in Augusta.

A.L. ALSTON, Colonel,
Commander, 71 Garfison.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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ACC/14215/PS

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R.C. & M.G. Section
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URGENT

Ref/317/49/CA.

2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : Major Friend James,
A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

1. A meeting has been convened for Friday, 5 May 1944, at 1430 hrs to discuss the question of prison accommodation.

2. It is desired that a representative from "A" Branch A.A.I. should attend and a copy of the Agenda is forwarded for use of "A" Branch A.A.I. Would you please ascertain if a representative from A.A.I. will attend the conference and advise this HQ accordingly.

for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Sec - Ref your ACC/14215/PS of 2 May 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

30 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. I would bring to your notice that the lack of Prison accommodation in this Region is acute.

2. The number of inmates has risen by seven hundred per month since the beginning of the year, and if the increase is maintained, and there is little hope of it subsiding, it is estimated that all available accommodation will have been occupied by the middle of May 1944, after which any increase of admissions over releases will lead to deplorable hygienic conditions.

3. Although it is estimated that the 'closing of the prison doors' as it were, will not be necessary until mid-May, the position today leaves much to be desired, even according to Italian standards, as will be seen by the last available figures: Normal accommodation 7106 - Total inmates 7216.

4. Also, while it is possible to crowd the inmates during the cold weather, any serious overcrowding during the Summer months will lead to serious complications.

5. It was anticipated in early January that this situation might arise and representations were made to AFHQ, requesting them to vacate all civil prison accommodation occupied by their Military Prison Authorities. A reply was received, vide their AFHQ ADV ECH 30/7/44 dated 28 January 1944, stating that in future no civil prison accommodation would be requisitioned without prior reference to AMG and, that accommodation then occupied would be vacated, unless operationally essential that it should be held.

6. This instruction, however, has had little effect, as when approached on the question of vacating accommodation held by them, the various Military Prison Authorities stated that it was operationally essential that it should be retained.

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7. Plans were then laid to requisition an Asylum as this type of building could be converted into a prison. However, before this could be carried out, the problem of housing refugees arose and the asylum had to be given up for this purpose.

8. Efforts have been made to obtain other buildings, but at present nothing is available.

9. Therefore, may the question of prison accommodation again be referred to higher authority, and in particular, the removal of the 20th Court Martial and Holding Centre from Poggioreale Prison, and the Field Punishment Camp from St Efrano, both of which are under the jurisdiction of 57 Base Area, be strongly urged.

For the Regional Commissioner.

A.W. ROWLEFSON.
Major, G.L.,
Actg Regional Public Safety Officer.

GRD/jb

Copy to: Regional Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS. 1 May 44.

SUBJECT : Prison Accomdation.

TO : RC & MG Sec.

1 Attached is a notice convening a meeting to consider this matter on Friday, 5 May 44. It is requested that a representative of the RC & MG Section attend if at all possible.

2 Re para 2(b), it will be appreciated if you will invite a representative of "A" Branch AAI to attend this meeting. A second copy of the letter is attached for information of AAI HQ.

R.R.CRIPPS,
Lt.Colonel,
CSO Admin Section.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS. 1 May 44.

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodation.

TO : RC & MG Sec, PS, Legal, Interior & Army Sub Comsn.

1 A meeting to consider this matter further will be held in Room 75 at 14.30 hrs on Friday, 5 May 44.

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(d) Selection of representatives to meet representatives of the Italian Govt.

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STANNGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner
Naval Sub Comsn (for comment on 3(b) (iii).

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(vii) Possibility of using MONTSARCHIO Prison.

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(i) No further requisitioning of prison buildings.

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VP Adm Sec (Chairman)

Representatives of:- RC & MG Sec and the following Sub Comsns.
Legal
Public Safety
Interior
Army Sub Comsn

(b) A representative of "A" Branch AAI is being invited to attend.

3 AGENDA

(a) Explanation of present situation by Deputy Chief Public Safety.

(b) Proposals for immediate improvement.

(i) Removal of Allied Troops from Italian Civil Prisons.

(ii) " " Italian Military " " " "

(iii) Clearance of prisons used for other purposes. AUGUSTO in particular, (used as a warehouse by Naval Authorities).

(iv) Repair of damaged prisons.

(v) Hastening of trials.

(vi) Forming of Labour Battalions.

(vii) Possibility of using MONTEARCHIO Prison.

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(c) Proposals for future.

(i) No further requisitioning of prison buildings.

(ii) To consider the possibility of reducing the number of suspects and persons committed without specific charges by FSS, CIC and Port Police.

(d) Selection of representatives to meet representatives of the Italian Govt.

for STANGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner.
: Naval Sub Comsn (for comment on 3(b) (iii).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

27 April 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Chief of Public Safety.

1: Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated 21st April 1944 from Admin. Section and memorandum dated 20th April 1944 from the Executive Commissioner.

2: On 22nd April 1944, in company with Capt. Young, Prisons Officer ACC, I visited Brigadier Paton, "A" Branch, at AAI HQ and discussed the overcrowding of civilian prisons at some length.

3: In brief, the following points were stressed:-

(i) Civilian prisons throughout liberated Italy have been grossly overcrowded.

(ii) In many cases prisons are now holding more than double their normal capacity. Such conditions are dangerous to health and are not conducive to good discipline; while the proper segregation of unconvicted persons from those serving sentences is impossible.

(iii) Overcrowding is likely to increase rather than to diminish. Police are being pressed by the Allied Forces to take more vigorous action in arresting persons guilty of black market offences, the theft of Allied property, breaches of ~~civilians~~ regulations and prostitution. Courts are imposing longer prison sentences and discontinuing the practice of releasing prisoners on provisional freedom.

(iv) Representations are continually being made not only by Public Safety and Legal Officers of ACC but by the Italian Minister of Justice and Italian Prison Directors that the present state of overcrowding cannot continue much longer and that unless more accommodation becomes available criminals must remain at large.

(v) One of the main reasons for overcrowding is the requisitioning of civilian prisons by Allied Forces.

4: Brigadier Paton said that he fully appreciated the necessity for reducing overcrowding in prisons. AAI had already given orders

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that no civilian prisons were to be requisitioned. He promised to send a copy of these instructions to the Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC (~~not yet received~~).

5: As regards prisons already being used by Military authorities I gave Brigadier Paton a list of the undermentioned 10 prisons, which if evacuated by troops would accommodate at least 2000 additional prisoners . Brigadier Paton said that he would at once take steps to discover how soon the prisons could be cleared and would notify this HQ of the result.

i: Augusta, Sicily, wholly used by Royal Navy as a warehouse.

ii: Taranto Prison, occupied by 100 British and 40 Polish troops.

iii: Avigliano Prison, Potenza Province wholly occupied by a British Army unit.

iv: Poggioreale Prison, Naples, partly occupied by 20th Courts-Martial & Holding Centre.

v: San Eframo Prison, Naples, partly used as a British Field Punishment Camp.

vi: S.Maria Capua Vetere Prison, Naples Province, partly occupied by American M.P.

vii: Benevento Prison, partly occupied by a Military unit.

viii: Portici Prison, Naples Province, completely occupied by 57 Sub-Area.

ix: Nisida Reformatory, Naples Province, completely occupied by 57 Sub-Area.

x: San Severo, Foggia Province, completely occupied by Military.

6: As regards Brindisi Prison, I confirmed that orders had been given for the prison to be entirely cleared for the use of the Military.

7: On 24th April 1944 Capt. Young, Prisons Officer left this HQ to inspect prisons in Regions I and II. During his tour of inspection he will ensure that Brindisi Prison is handed over to the Military authorities and will report to that effect on his return - probably on 3rd May 1944.

Seen. A satisfactory interview.
I take it the Main Committee will need in the near future.

AFW/t

A. F. WILCOX, Major
Major G.L.
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Prisons etc.,

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CMF

25/7/9

28 Jan 44.

To:- Fifth Army
Eighth Army
No 3 District
Peninsular Base Section

1. The Italian Prison Administration is labouring under a serious handicap due to the requisitioning of prisons, reformatories and penal institutions for Allied military purposes.

2. Damage done to such buildings during the course of operations has rendered the position more acute.

3. A minimum of proper facilities for housing convicted offenders is essential to the Italian authorities if their administration of justice is not to be unduly hampered.

4. You are therefore requested to ensure that buildings of the nature mentioned are not requisitioned without the prior agreement of ACC/AFHQ, unless their occupation for military purposes is operationally essential and to vacate any at present occupied, which may be urgently required by the Italian authorities and can be released.

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Copy to No 3 District
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(Sgd) W.H. KEYES.
Brig
for Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14215/PS. 21 Apl 44.

SUBJECT : Prisons - Civilian.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1 Reference attached correspondence, 317/43/CA.

2 Please take action as at para 4.

3 It is suggested that it would be more profitable if a senior officer visited Brigadier PATON at AAI, accompanied by the Prison Officer.

4 Please inform this Section of the results of this visit and developments generally regarding the clearance of BRINDISI Prison.

R.R. Cripps 21/4.

R.R. CRIPPS,
Lt Col,
CSO Adm Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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REAR HQ. A.C.C.

20 April 1944.

Ref/317/43/CA.

SUBJECT: Civilian Prisons.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. As I promised at our meeting last week I had a long discussion with Major-General Robertson, A.A.I., on the question of Prison Accommodation. I emphasised the very pressing need for the release of Brindisi and Taranto Prisons for civilian prisoners and the desirability in future of leaving civil prisons intact.

2. The C.A.O. fully symphathised with our requirements and the necessity for preserving civilian jails from requisitioning in the future, but he felt compelled to insist on the retention of Brindisi jail as the only suitable prison for hardened military offenders. After much discussion I was bound to agree with him that in this case civilian requirements must give way to military interests and that we, and not the military authorities, must find an alternative. As in so many cases this is our function.

3. Major-General Robertson appreciated the position in Taranto and gave orders that alternative accommodation for military offenders should be found. I mentioned the possibility of filling Caltanisetta jail and so releasing space elsewhere.

4. Finally I promised that the Prison Officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission should visit Brigadier Paton at A.A.I. and consult with him as to the short term and long term policy regarding prisons. I suggest that he should go armed with figures.

5. After confirming the above with Col. Young by telephone I sent the attached telegram to Region II.

M. S. Lush.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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FATIMA (CIVIL A FAIRS BRANCH)

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L.T. MONTANT
2/LT AGD
ADJUTANT

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PS Sub-Com.

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

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29 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Prisons.

TO : ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(Attention Major Wilcox)

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1. The Italian Military Prison at Montesarchio has been requisitioned by 57th Base Area and is in the process of being renovated with the view to using it as a British Military Prison.

2. S. Elmo Military Prison, Naples, has been restored to the Italian Military Authorities, and at present has accomodations for 80 inmates. It is expected however, that by 20th May 1944 accomodations for a further 120 inmates can be provided.

Con Piacenza.

3. Application for reservation should be addressed to/ ~~the~~ Procuratore del Re, Tribunale Militare, Naples.

4. This confirms telephone conversation of the 28th instant.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.W. ROWLERSON
Major, G.L.,
Actg. Regional Public Safety Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394.

24 April, 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4049/L.

SUBJECT : Prisons in Apulia.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. While I was in Apulia last week I was informed by General Traina, Procuratore Militare, that an Italian Detention Camp was believed to be available at Montesarchio between Avellino and Caserta and would hold 1,000 detainees.

2. I should be obliged if you would investigate this matter and inform General Traina if this is so and if Italian military prisoners can be accommodated there.

GERALD R. UPJOHN.
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

GRU /wcw.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394.

24 April, 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4049/L.

SUBJECT : Prisons in Apulia.

TO : V. P. Adm. Sec.

1. I have just returned from an extensive tour in Apulia and find that the prison situation is quite as serious as has been represented.

2. I was able to assure those in the field that the matter had been considered by a committee of the Administrative Section some days ago and that a mixed committee of A.C.C., Army Authorities and the Italian Government was being set up at once to study the problem at the highest level.

3. I was naturally, therefore, extremely disappointed to find on my return that no arrangements for sittings of this committee had been made.

4. May I stress the extreme urgency of this problem and request you to convene at the earliest possible moment the committee, the composition of which was decided upon as long ago as 7 April 1944.

GERALD R. UPJOHN.
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

GRU/wcw.

Copy to : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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17 April 1944

ACC/14211/PS

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

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1. Herewith copy of a letter concerning the adaptation of certain premises for prison use in Foggia.

See 25a

for HENRY YOUNG Jr. Capt.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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To. HQ. ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

From. HQ Region 5 AMG.

Subject. Prisons (adaption for premises in Foggia)

Ref. R5/514/13
Date: 13 April 1944

1. Reference your letter ACC/14211/PS dated 19 March 44 concerning the above subject.

2. These premises have been inspected by the Regional Inspector of Prisons and the PPSO and were found to be eminently suitable for a prison; there also being good yard for exercise, the whole being surrounded by a wall. The lower part of the building is occupied by eight families and the upper part by 60 orphan boys in charge of the nuns. Steps are being actively taken to find alternative accommodation for these people, the P.C. considering the acquisition of more prison space to be a matter of emergency has agreed to the work proceeding.

3. It is considered that the lower portion after slight alteration could be used in a short space of time, the question of the occupation of the upper floor is chiefly repairs to the roof. The whole could probably be occupied within a month.

4. It is estimated that 100 prisoners could be accommodated on each floor.

5. The estimate of the cost of conversion and repairs at 15000 lire is by far too low, for the whole building the estimate is 250-300000 lire.

For Regional Commissioner

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G.G.JACKSON
Major
AMGOT

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Subject: Prison Accommodation in Aquila.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1 I convened a small committee this afternoon to consider the extremely urgent and very serious problem of the shortage of prison accommodation which has arisen in Aquila. Representatives from the following Sub-Commissions were present:

Public Safety
Army
Legal
Interior and
Public Safety, Region II.

2 The urgency of the position was much stressed and it was suggested that a committee be formed of the above Sub-Commissions and a representative from we need to meet Bonar opposite numbers in the British Government, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and the Comando Supremo with a view to obtaining on the best arrangements to be made to alleviate the shortage. Probably after their first meeting the committee would be reduced to one or at most two members on either side.

3 If you see no objection I propose to give effect to this forthwith would you like to be represented on this committee?

4 The meeting this afternoon also considered that

(a) Overcrowding by one method only but not solve the problem.

(b) Release of the civilian Pro Fascist persons only at Taranto would go a long way towards solving the problem. You have been good enough to promise to ring up Bob Hitchens to see if it can be made available.

(c) The British Army could do much to help by saving their requirements out of existing civil prisons into Tunisia if available and into stockade camps. It was reported that the Commando Supremo had already given some orders to implement this policy.

Yours sincerely,
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Region II Apulia Province.

BARI - Total capacity 705, present population 1423, of this number 610 represent Military and Naval prisoners, 146 held by military and naval as civilians, and 677 untried civil prisoners.

LECCE- Judicial. Total capacity 410; present population 678; of this number 364 represent Military and Naval prisoners.

LECCE- Penal - present population 197; rated capacity 220. Sent. Alfe has advised rating to 300, and has given instructions to transfer 100 from Lecce Judicial to Lecce Penal and 30 to Trani.

Taranto- Present population 190, rated capacity 270. Capacity for 100 requisitioned by British and 40 by Poles, leaving a over population of about 70.

TRANI - present population 180; total capacity 300. 30 advised sent here from Lecce Judicial and 20 from Brindisi.

Taking figures of Prisoners held for Italian military authorities for Bari and Lecce, we get a total of 1120, and those held in other prisons make a total of about 1800

Prison - space requisitioned in Region II is as follows:

Brindisi - whole prison
Taranto - 140 places out of 270

(Figures taken from table attached at 2-A

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6 Apl 44

SUBJECT : Meeting.

TO : Directors of
Legal Sub Comm.
Interior Sub Comm.
Public Safety Sub Comm.
Army Sub Comm.

The CP Adm Sec desires to discuss the overcrowding of prisons and will be glad if you or a representative will meet him in his room for that purpose at 1430 hrs 7 Apl.

(Legal Sec 4049/L of 5 Apl refers).

G.H.WHITE, Major,
for CAO Adm Sec.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission
APO 394

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5 April 1944

ACC/4049/L

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodation.

TO : VP Administrative Section.

I should be grateful if Lord Stansgate would convene a meeting of representatives of Public Safety, Army and Legal Subcommissions in the next day or two to consider policy in regard to prisons (particularly in Apulia) with a view to making a recommendation to the Chief Commissioner in view of the gross overcrowding there.

G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: P.S. Subcommission
Army "
Interior "

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF PARDON AND JUSTICE
General Directorate for Reformatory Institutes
Office 4

Prot. 37056/PP March 30, 1944

SUBJECT : Improvement of Prison Premises.

TO : Attorney General of the Court of Appeal at.....

This Ministry intends to improve all those prisons premises which both from a sanitary and hygienical point of view prove to be insufficient due to the crowding of inmates.

Therefore we would appreciate it if you would examine the conditions of the mandamental and Judicial prisons in your district and formulate your your proposal in this regard.

In general your exam must be concerned with the possibility of improving said premises with alterations and enlargements so that they would be rendered suitable for a more humane treatment of the inmates.

It is necessary to propose a total re-building of premises where the old ones have been levelled or damages are such as to render them useless for the purpoee.

As a whole, after a thorough exam of the mandamental prisons in your district you will send us proposals of requisitions of premises, of building new prisons or their alterations and enlargements so that each prison has room for 50 inmates to be distributed as follows: for 35 male confinees awaiting trial and those who have been sentenced, women 10 and minors 5.

This Ministry is confident that you will formulate said proposals carefully inasmuch as this problem involves the whole organization of prisons.

THE MINISTER
(Casati)

Salerno 31/3/44.

P.....C.....C.
IL DIRETTORE D'UFFICIO

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MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E PENA
Ufficio IV°

Protoc. N. 37056/P.P.
Risp. al foglio N. .....
del .....

Salerno li 30 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Potenziamento dei fabbricati carcerari.

AL PROCURATORE GENERALE DEL RE
presso la Corte di Appello di .....

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E' intendimento di questo Ministero di potenziare i fabbricati carcerari, le cui deficienze sia di ordine igienico-sanitarie, sia di carattere organizzativo in rapporto alla insufficiente capienza, sono emerse in maniera preoccupante in questi ultimi tempi.

A tal fine si prega l'E.V. di compiacersi esaminare la situazione delle carceri, tanto giudiziarie che mandamentali, di codesto distretto, e di formulare per ognuna di esse proposte concrete.

In linea di massima l'esame dovrà accertare se ogni carcere abbia una possibilità di essere migliorato, con lavori di riattamento e di ampliamento, e possa essere messo in grado di corrispondere a tutte le esigenze per offrire un più umano tenore di vita ai detenuti.

E' necessario proporre invece la totale ricostruzione di quelle carceri che siano state demolite o danneggiate gravemente, o non possano comunque risentire, anche con lavori che richiedano una ingente spesa, un sensibile miglioramento.

L'E.V. esaminerà altresì la situazione di tutte le carceri mandamentali del distretto e formulerà proposte di requisizione di

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AL PROCURATORE GENERALE DEL RE
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Il Ministero confida che l'E.V. voglia con speciale cura preparare le singole proposte, dopo aver esaminata il problema nella sua interezza e nella sua importanza, tenendo presente che esso investe tutta l'organizzazione carceraria e si ripercuote sulla esecuzione della pena.

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E.....C.....C.
IL DIRETTORE D'UFFICIO

IL MINISTRO
f.to Casati

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MINISTRY OF PARDON AND JUSTICE
General Directorate for Reformatory Institutes.

Uffret: 37055/pp

March 30, 1944.

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR INFORMATIONS.

TO : A.C.C.-P.S. Sub-Commission

We would appreciate it if you would inform us if the Casa di Rieducazione per donne minorenni at D e l i c e t o (Foggia Provincie) is in full activity, how many people can it hold and the number of inmates does it actually have.

We also want to be informed about present personnel and whether the maintenance for prisoners.is performed by the prison authorities themselves or whether said service is contracted away to third parties.

THE MINISTER.

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MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREV. E PENA

Prot. N. 37055/P.P.
Risposta al foglio N. .....
del .....

Salerno li, 30 marzo 1944

OGGETTO Inrormazioni.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione di P.S.
SALERNO

.....

Si prega codesta Commissione di rar conoscere a questo Ministero se la Casa di Rieducazione per donne minorenni di Deliceto (Foggia) sia in piena attivita,quale capienza massima abbia e quante ricoverate attualmente ospiti.

Vogiia altresi codesta Commissione compiacersi di far conoscere quale sia il personale ivi esistente e se il servizio di mantenimento venga svolto in economia e sia appaltato.

IL MINISTRO

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ACC/14213/PJ

Subject: Memo on prison accomodation, Region II

To. DR.F.S.

July 3A

1) So far as any of the information in the files of the Prison sub-division is concerned, the only direct information is that concerning the requisitioning of Brindisi prison. There is indirect reference to the fact that "3/4 of Taranto prison is occupied by Allied prisoners," and there was in January a statement that the reformatory at Borgliano was occupied by troops, but there has been no direct information on either of these places, save for a statement from Borgliano that it could now accept 100 minors if they brought their own guards and equipment.

2) At the time of the P.S. Conference, March 8, Capt Alden was in possession of a list of prisons in region II, and was asked to forward a copy to Prison Sub-division, A.C.C. It has never been received. At the same time forms were given him for distribution among the major prisons of the 8th Region, which specifically requested information with regard to requisitioning. None of these forms have been returned, with

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Capt Young

Cable for Capt Alden to come to the H.Q as soon as possible so the particulars can be supplied. Capt also you require from the file and must be returned to-day.

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RJ.

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Public Safety SC

Original Copy addressed to Legal SC not received. Suggest therefore you contact Legal in the matter please.

R Kavanagh 6/5/81
Message Centre
Main HQ.

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A Safety SC. 5899.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 10215 U-26647
REGION II

28 March 44

Ref: 2201/58/1

Subject:- Prison Accommodation

TO :- Chief Legal Officer Sub-Commission, ACC, Salerno

1. All efforts by A.C.C. officers to cope with past and future crimes affecting Allied interests in Apulia will from the start be stultified unless an immediate solution is found of the problem as to where to accommodate individuals detained pending trial and after sentence. Moreover, should political disorders occur, this problem will assume a further serious aspect.

2. Attached is a list showing:-

(i) The prisons in Apulia.
(ii) Their capacity.
(iii) The use to which they are at present put.
(iv) The actual numbers of prisoners housed, and the classes of prisoners.

3. It will be observed that in general the prisons are now housing far more prisoners than their maximum capacity - surely an invitation to a serious epidemic which may not confine itself to the prisons' precincts.

4. It will be observed that the position is further aggravated by the large numbers of Italian military prisoners both sentenced and awaiting trial, who are sent to the civil gaols. There is no surplus prison accommodation in any other part of Region 2, and the refugee problem precludes the possibility of adapting buildings as prisons.

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2. Attached is a list showing:-

(i) The prisons in Apulia.
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6. The following is suggested, and it is felt that it is the only practicable solution:-

All prisons should be de-requisitioned at once, and the camp at Tuturanno, now used as a transit camp for Yugo-Slav refugees (which is said to be able to accommodate 1800 prisoners) should be used as a detention camp for British and Allied military prisoners. Further all Italian military and naval prisoners should be removed forthwith from civilian gaols and housed either at the H.M. prison at Augusta (estimated capacity 1500, and now believed to be used only for the purpose o

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storage), or in one or more camps or cages to be constructed by the Italian Army at once. In the latter case, Italian bivouac tents will suffice as cover during the spring and summer, and this H.Q. is informed by the Area Commander at Taranto that there are miles of old barbed wire which could be dismantled and used for the purpose.

7. The use to which the camp at Tuturano is at present put is a complete waste of valuable accommodation. Refugees are cleaned up and screened at Bari preparatory to being sent to the camp at Lecce, and Tuturano is used as a half way transit camp for from 24 to 48 hours only, the refugees having to be provided by the Brindisi Sub-Area with motor transport to take them to and from Tuturano. During the first 12 days of this month this camp was occupied for 48 hours only by 600 persons.

8. It is strongly urged that this matter be tackled at once. It is useless for the Military to take a large percentage of prison accommodation, to hold on to all controlled stores, and then to say that the problem is one solely for A.M.G. to solve. It is submitted that on the release of the prisons, if for any reason the prison at Augusta should not be available, the Military must co-operate both in the matter of the provision of transport for the removal of prisoners (unless the Italian Army can provide sufficient) and in supplying adequate personnel to supervise the work of the Italian Army in the construction of camps for their military and naval prisoners.

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DETAILS OF PRISONS IN ADULI

Prison	Population	Capacity M.	Capacity W.	Capacity M.	Capacity W.	Capacity M.	Remarks
1° BARI	168	70	192	270	50	150	Population includes-Italian Civilians held by Untried Civil Prisoners
2° LECCE (Judicial)	681	72	24	150	150	10	Population includes-Italian instructions given to move [illegible] PW & 50 Civil to TRANI.
3° LECCE (Gen.)	197	-	-	100	4	-	[illegible]
4° TURI	194	-	-	192	-	-	Prison for Habitual Criminals
5° TARANTO	176	18	3	270	-	-	Capacity for 100 and 40 respectively. All Males and requisitioned.
6° BRINDISI	145	20	-	273	-	-	Requisitioned by Brit. Mil. Capacity of part still in hand. Revised accomodation for These 146 have been sent to awaiting trial
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7° TRANI	163	21	7	247	25	11	See ( ) above. 20 also to be
8° TRANI (Wom)		139	-	-	140	-	Women and Prison

Note: M. Men W. Women M. Minors

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DETAILS OF PRISONS IN APULIA

tion Capacity M.	M.	F.	M.	Remarks	
5	370	85	50	Population includes-Italian Military and Naval	610
				" " " Civilians held by	146
				Untried Civil Prisoners	677
					1433
4	150	100	110	Population includes-Italian Military and Naval	364
				instructions given to move 100 Civil prisoners to LECCE	
				PENAL and 60 Civil to TRANI.)	
-	300	4	-	see above	
-	95	-	-	Prison for Habitual Criminals and TUBERCULOSIS.	
3	270	-	-	Capacity for 100 and 40 requisitioned by Brit. and Polish Mil. respectively. All baths and kitchen and offices similarly requisitioned.	
-	273	-	-	Requisitioned by Brit. Mil. Capacity of part still in hands of Civil Authorities 80 men Improvised accomodation for 25 women These 146 have been sent to Agricultural Colonies;145 are awaiting trial	
7	247	25	11	20 See ( ) above 40 also to be sent from BRINDISI	
-	-	140	-	owing penal prison	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 391

21 March 1944.

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SUBJECT: Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. Reports received indicate that prisons on the mainland in territory under the administration of the Italian Government are seriously over-crowded.

2. The reports indicate further that a major factor in this situation is the imprisonment of soldiers of the Italian Army in the civil prisons. If the soldier prisoners were removed from the prisons, the congestion would be substantially relieved.

3. It is understood that it has never previously been the custom to confine soldiers in civilian prisons.

4. A request has been addressed to the Ministry of War to remove soldier prisoners from civil prisons, and to find some other accomodation for them.

5. It is therefore suggested and requested that the Ministry of Grace and Justice take such steps as may be appropriate with the Ministry of War in order to effectuate the removal of soldiers from the civil prisons.

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