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DISTURBANCES, RIOTS, PRISONS
DEC. 1944 - JAN. 1946

Minute 3.

V.P. CAS.

Folio 6A for perusal.

Walter Doherty
Lt Col

P.S.
29 April 45

V.P. Folio 6A 7A for information

H.L. Bonkamfurter 1'61
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Minute 4

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Ex. Commissioner

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CA See (PS) ✓

Ref 5. noted & returned.

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Legal S/C Please refer to 18A. For information and any action considered necessary.

16-6-45

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MINUTE 1

TO : Director Public Safety Sub/Commission

Please See 5A and 5B.

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2. Every effort has been made to speed up Italian judicial processes, every warning has been given that disturbances have been, and will be, caused by failure of Italian courts to try cases.

3. This is the second disturbance at Spoleto. There have been others at Campobasso, Avellino and Teramo. Regina Coeli reverted to form again this month. There will undoubtedly be others scattered thruout the prisons to which the overflow of Regina Coeli (particularly) is sent.

4. Unless a measure of control by Allied authorities is to be established over civilian prison adminitration, which is certainly not contemplated at present, this section assumes that no objective action can be taken. It is proposed, however, to recall the Ministries mind to the fact that the slowness of civil courts is at the root of most of the critical problems of prison administration.

R.M. Freeman, Capt.

R.M. Freeman
Prison Officer

26/4/1945

MINUTE 2.

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Legal Sub-Commission.

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Annex Z.

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Legal Sub-Commission.

In conversation with the VE CA Section this morning arising out of the transfer of prisoners from Regina Coeli to Spoleto Prison, without first advising AMG in whose territory Spoleto is situated, of the move, it was pointed out that large numbers of prisoners remain untried in Spoleto prison and the other prisons mentioned above. (Min 1)

The VE directed me to draw your attention to this state of affairs with a view to trials being expedited.

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, I.A.D.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

26/4/1945.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference: ACBO/22

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 050900 A

Message Centre No: G/8717

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 051415 A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

Prison break Forli judicial prison 1800 HRS 3rd February 46. Hole made in dividing wall. 20 prisoners escaped. CC RR prevented others escapting by using fire arms. No casualties. Report follows.

AC DIST.

ACTION: P SAFETY

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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HEADQUARTERS
5 FEB 1946

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ACEO/20

Date / Time of Origin: 021030 A

Message Centre No: G/8574

Date Time Rec'd: 02FEB 1700

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA

TO : HQ ALCOM PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED:

2 PRISONERS ESCAPED JUDICIAL PRISON FORLI 23 JANUARY 1946.

1 CONVICTED ARMED ROBBERY

1 VAGRANT.

ENQUIRY NOT COMPLETED. REPORT TO FOLLOW.

ACTION

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ACTION: P. SAFETY SC

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

30th January '46

Ref. AC-LG/PS/3.36

Subject: PRISON BREAK AT FORLI' - 3 JAN.1946.

To: Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

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I. I forward herewith report of Captain Leigh J. Monson who visited the prison, Forlì, on 24 Jan. 1946, together with copy of report, English translation, from the Director of Forlì Prison.

2. The prisoner liberated, Crudeli, indicted for murder, has not yet been arrested.

3. Enquiry by Italian Police Agencies still continues.

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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR	GHB	5/2.
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2 POLICE		1/2
3 [illegible]	[illegible]	1/2
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LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN
Allied Commission Liaison Officer
(Public Safety)

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Encls. I report (Capt.Monson)
I " (Director of Forlì Prison).

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Translation
4 Jan.'46

On the 3rd of January at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, I was in my office with a gentleman and a young lady, on duty, when suddenly a masked man with a machine gun rushed in and ordered "Hands up". I did not take this order seriously and it was repeated twice and we were told to leave the office. I and the two other persons obeyed as there was nothing else to do, and we were compelled to go into another room in which the staff was already assembled (about 10 persons in all) as at that moment some agents were there on duty. Besides the masked man, there was another with a pistol, and both pointed their guns at us. After a few minutes they rushed out. All this happened in great silence and only after the two men had fled were some shots fired. Immediately I went out to see what had happened in the building and it was reported that some armed and masked persons, after having immobilized the guards, had entered the prison and liberated Adone Crudeli, a prisoner. I attach the statements of the most important witnesses: from investigations made it appears that at about 5 p.m., just after the guards had left, a young man came to the main gate and asked to be let in. He told the doorkeeper that he was a Questura agent, and half of the small door was opened for him to pass in. He was alone and no one could have suspected that he had bad intentions. However, as soon as the door was opened he pointed his revolver at the agent and ordered him not to move. Another man came in after him. In the guard-room were the auxiliary guards Velmaggi and Gentili of the Questura; the former tried to use his pistol but it would not work. The latter was taken by surprise and could do nothing but obey the assailants' order to stand up and go near the immobilized doorkeeper. Six or seven men (all armed with pistols and machine guns) entered the prison. They surprised the porter while he was doing accounts and ordered him to open the door. After useless remonstrances he opened the door and the men took the key which was later returned. Two of the aggressors went in, pushing the auxiliary guard, Valmaggi, who at the third gate asked to go the the "matricola" office. As soon as the door was opened, the two men who were lying in wait behind the door pushed themselves in. The guard, though with the pistols pointing at him, remained calm and tried to gain time, but he was felled by a punch in the face. At this moment maresciallo Di Pace intervened but he was immediately stopped by a man armed with a pistol and as he attempted to react he too was punched in the face. The aggressors asked for Crudeli and when the door was opened they entered the Section. They shouted Crudeli's name. He [illegible] was outside his cell and rushed downstairs with the others. It seems that other prisoners were asked to escape, but the few ones who were there on duty refused. The scene did not last longer than 5 minutes, and when the two men appeared in the office, the others were already inside the prison. As the result of a first enquiry it was found that the wire of the bell which connects the lodge with the Director's office was broken. On the little tower of the

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surrounding wall was placed a light machine gun. The auxiliary agent on duty tried to fire it but the gun would not work. All this contributed in taking the staff by surprise and permitted the plot to be carried out quickly and successfully. At the time of the aggression the staff is reduced; later it would have been impossible to enter the prison; at that moment even the office staff is at its place carrying out the daily jobs. The aggressors knew the building's plan very well and they went into the offices solely to prevent the use of the telephone and to take the undersigned and the clerks as hostages. In this office everybody is disarmed: the arms of the agents did not work (otherwise they could have given the alarm). We were completely at the mercy of the aggressors and it was solely due to the calm behaviour of the agents on duty if only Crudeli escaped.

The CC.RR. were rung up from the "Matricola" office but arrived too late.

(signed) Dr. G. De Mari
The Director of Prison, Forlì.

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BOLOGNA

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28th Jan 1946.

Ref : AC/BOL/LO/R/5

Subject : Outbreak of the prison of Forlì.

To : A.G.F. WAY
Major
Public Safety Officer.
A.C. Liaison Group
B O L O G N A.

On 24 Jan 1946 the Director of the prison at Forlì was interviewed in his office, concerning the prison break of 3 Jan. last, at which Crudeli Adone was liberated.

The basic fact surrounding the break were the same as set out in his official report on the matter.

The report having stated that the guard Valmaggi attempted to use his pistol which would not fire, the Director was asked as to the bona fides of the matter.

He said he thought the guard actually attempted to use his weapon, but that it was too old and rusty to function.

When asked about the non functioning of the machine gun on the tower, the Director said it was afterward discovered that a part of the gun was missing.

No attempted had ever been made to fire it. It has now been replaced with another machine gun, which has also not been fired. I was told that there is no suitable place in which to fire it, and that mareover they have only fifty rounds of ammunition. I also discovered that under the Italian law (according to the Director) no prison guard is armed. The man Valmaggi, whose pistol would not fire, was an agent of the Questura. The pistol was not furnished to him by the prison. The Director and the Maresciallo have pistols but they are obliged to leave them at home.

There are forty-five guards. There are also ten student (apprentice) guards mostly eighteen or nineteen years of age, in addition to the forty-five regulars.

The Director said he had ten guards whom he would like to get rid of.

He would like to have permission to arm his guards and would like to have three additional machine guns, seven

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The man Crudeli who escaped was a resident of the City of Forlì. He is a man of about twenty-one years and was awaiting trial charged with murder and other crimes. He is considered to be a partisan of considerable standing. He has said will kill both the Director and Dott. Vaccari.

The alarm bell from the gate to the Director's office was said to have been in working order prior to the delivery and was broken by one of the attacking party. The Director said he had no reason to suspect any collaboration between any

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of the guards and the men who effected the delivery of Crudeli.

Leigh J. Monson

LEIGH J. MONSON
Capt. C.M.P.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

25th Jan. '46

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3.39

Subject: PRISON BREAK. BOLOGNA JUDICIAL PRISON 20 JAN. 1946.

TO:	INIT	
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
PUBLIC SAFETY		
LOG. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADMIN. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

To: Allied Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.
{through Lt. Col. Walters
Chief Liaison Officer}

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I. Reference signal ACBO/I6 of 2I Jan.'46 on above subject.

2. The prison was visited by Capt. Eddings on 2I Jan.'46 and his report is attached.

3. Conditions in this prison are as bad as anywhere in the Region, for two main reasons

(I) overcrowding, and
(II) inefficient prison service.

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4. A previous break was reported vide correspondence AC=LG/PS/23.3 of I7 Sept.'45 and nothing appears to have been done to improve the state of affairs then existing.

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5. A special investigation and report was submitted by this office vide AC=LG/PS/23.2I of I9 Nov.'45.

6. Three attempted escapes were reported during December, reference monthly report for December '45, AC=LG/PS/23.32, paragraphs 24 (a), (b) and (c).

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7. So long as no attempt is made to improve prison conditions in this establishment, further escapes must be expected.

8. Forwarded for information.

ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
Allied Commission Liaison Officer
(Public Safety)

Forwarded

T. W. J. WALTERS, LT. COL.
Chief Liaison Officer,
B o l o g n a .

Copy to { G.S.O.II 217 Area / F.S.O. 417 F.S.S. } for information.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

23rd Jan.1946

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3 39

Subject: PRISON BREAK,"SAN GIOVANNI IN MONTE" JUDICIAL PRISON, BOLOGNA, 20 JAN.'46

To: Major A. G. P. Way,
Public Safety Officer,
Liaison Office,
Allied Commission,
B o l o g n a .

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2. The prisoners were confined with six other men in a cell situated on the top floor in a section known as the Infirmary Section, but none were sick, the cell being used for normal prison accommodation. 190

3. The cell was equipped with ten iron beds, straw mattresses and 3 blankets per person.

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4. The escaped prisoners used an iron bar taken from one of the beds, climbed to the wall used as a screen for privacy surrounding the lavatory inside the cell, and made a hole in the roof of the cell, thus gaining admission to the loft of the building.

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5. A rope about 50 feet long and about 2 1/2 inches diameter, elaborately constructed out of pieces of blankets and clothing were used. To make such a rope required many hours of labour, patience and cunning.

6. The escaped prisoners made access to the roof, invited the other six prisoners confined in the cell to join them, but these refused, crossed the roof of the prison to a bombed theatre adjoining, made use of the rope so made and lowered themselves to the ground in the Via Santo Stefano, Bologna, and thus escaped.

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8. Zucchini, who was on duty at the time of the occurrence states he visited the cell at 1700 hours the same day and found all correct. Although he had charge of that particular section comprising 4 other cells, and his orders were to stop in that section until relieved, stated he again looked in the cell at 1930 hrs. (2 1/2 hours after) and was informed by the remaining 6 inmates that 4 prisoners had escaped.

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10. Further, on the wall of this particular cell is written "Death to Prison Guards". A theory is advanced that the prisoners induced Zucchini to keep quiet and not give the alarm of the break by threatening him with reprisals on him and his family when the prisoners were liberated in their normal way.

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As previously repeatedly reported it is known that these inexperienced auxiliary agents are prone to such threats and are as a rule generally inefficient when dealing with prisoners in the course of their duties and are definitely afraid of the more violent type.

11. Other than the above theory, the CC.RR.

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are of opinion that there was no collusion with the guards for the escape of these prisoners.

I2. Prisoner No.I) Ciaramelli Crocefisso di Giuseppe was arrested at Via Roma No.I8, Bologna, at I0.30 p.m. the same day by CC.RR. To date; the other 3 prisoners remain at liberty.

I3. The alarm of the escape was given by the guard Zucchini at I930 hrs, the Prison Director, CC.RR. and Questore informed directly afterwards.

In the meantime, CC.RR. already on duty at the prison surrounded the prison and sent for re-enforcements.

I00 CC.RR. arrived at 2015 hours, surrounded the prison and adjoining premises and started a systematic search of the roof, blocking all roads and stopping all persons for check as to identity.

The CC.RR. were kept on duty until 0900 hours, 2I January '46, when they were withdrawn, having thoroughly searched the area with negative result.

I4. It should be noted that the Judicial Prison "San Giovanni in Monte" is of old construction, formerly used as a convent, and is definitely not secure for the violent type of prisoner, especially with the present system of auxiliary guards.

The roof of the cell from which the prisoners escaped is about 5 inches thick, constructed of cement and odd tiles mixed, and it was quite a simple task to penetrate and make a hole to escape.

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I6. At odd intervals of not more than 48 hours duration, all cells are checked by the guards with the object of discovering any weapons, materials or means of escape by prisoners, but the check could not have been thorough to miss the large piece of manufactured rope used.

The Prison Director had this fact pointed out to him by the major of CC.RR. together

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with the fact that the Chief Guard was lacking in his sense of discipline to subordinate guards.

17. The escape of these prisoners may have some connection with the transfer on 16 January 1946 of the alleged "Capitano" Del Fenu who together with 14 others of his band were transferred from the Prison at Ferrara to the Prison at Bologna, on orders of the Procuratore Generale, Bologna. Reports No.3.33 of 10 & 14 Jan.'46 on the subject of Ferrara Prison submitted to H.Q. A.C.,Public Safety Sub-Commission, refer.

The Legion Commander of CC.RR. made application through appropriate channels for the transfer of these prisoners out of the Region on grounds of security in view of a possible prison break at Ferrara.

However, instead of transferring these 15 dangerous persons to a Southern Region, they were transferred to Bologna, the seat of agitation, on the grounds that whilst awaiting trial they were to remain in the area where their respective alleged offences were committed.

18. The Director of Prisons, Bologna, together with CC.RR. and Questore have been advised that a further attempt may be made to release prisoners at the Judicial Prison, Bologna, and they inform this Liaison Office that every possible precaution will be taken in the future.

19. Submitted for information.

L.A.E. Eddings Capt.

LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN
Allied Commission Liaison Officer,
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Liaison Office I.G.T.
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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA OFFICIAL

24th Jan. '46

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3.38-I

Subject: FERRARA JUDICIAL PRISON.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.
(through Lt. Col. Walters
Chief Liaison Officer)

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T. W. J. WALTERS, Lt. Col.
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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BOLOGNA

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23rd Jan '46.

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3.38

Subject: Ferrara Judicial Prison.

To: Major Andrew G.P.WAY
Public Safety Officer
Allied Commission Liaison Group,
B O L O G N A.

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3. 253 prisoners are detained in the prison, 51 under sentences and awaiting trial for penal offences, and 202 under sentence and awaiting trial for political offences.

4. Prison discipline is excellent, the new director being young, energetic and alive to his responsibilities.

5. All guards in service are regular guards the auxiliary agents now being dispensed with.

6. In addition 20 CC.RR. by day are employed, 10 inside the prison and 10 outside as a roving patrol, all are armed with automatic weapons. 4 CC.RR. are posted day and night in the towers of the four corners of the prison as sentinels. 130~

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8. From sunset to sunrise CC.RR. are reinforced totalling 50 men, 14 inside the prison and two patrols each of 18 men for the front and rear of the prison. The curfew is rigidly enforced and no further attempt to break in the jail has been experienced.

9. Double barricades are erected in the roadway 50 feet either side of the prison entrance, comprised of large cement blocks to prevent a direct run through of a vehicle and these are manned by CC.RR. of a nigtt.

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10. CC.RR. and Prison Director are satisfied that sufficient precautions are now being maintained to prevent any further incident.

11. Electric energy is supplied to the prison and a large warning siren exists , together with alarm bells in all sections of the prison. In addition, wall lights to floodlight the outside of the prison are being prepared and will be in operation during the next few days.

12. The alleged "Capitano" Del Fenn, together with the 14 members of this band were transferred without incident on 18 Jan 46 to the Judicial Prison "San Giovanni in Monti" on orders received from the Procuratore Generale Bologna.

13. This is regrettable, especially as an item appeared in the local press that Del Fenn was now incarcerated at the prison Bologna. The Legion Commander CC.RR. applied through channels to the appropriate Italian authority to have this man transferred out of the Region for security purposes. The transfer now carried out does not relieve the situation. The explanation given is that they are confined within the area of jurisdiction where their alleged offences were committed.

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17. The Prison is clean, sanitation good, and food is supplied on the approved scale of the Minister of Grace and Justice.

18. Visits to prisons are strictly controlled according to Italian law and all persons entering the prison

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are searched for firearms or illegal property.

19. Submitted for information.

L. A. E. EDDINGS
Captain,
Liaison Officer
(Public Safety)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ACBC/16
Date/Time of Origin JAN 211600 A

Message Centre No: G/7780
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 220930 A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM

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4 prisoners escaped judicial prison SAN GIOVANNI in MONTE BOLOGNA 1830 hours 20 January 1946. One sentenced 7 years armed robbery. One awaiting trial simple largeny. Two awaiting trial extraordinary court of Assize fascists.

One prisoner re-arrested same date fascist awaiting trial. no collusion with guards. escaped by making hole in cell roof iron bar from bed. Rope made from blankets. Report follows.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA OFFICIAL

14th Jan.'46

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3.33

Subject: ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK. FERRARA. 8 JAN.46.

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

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I. Reference signal dated 9 Jan. '46 this Liaison Office - Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.H.Q.

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3. Since the above attempt, information has been received from a source usually regarded as being reliable, that a further attempt, or attempts, may be made by a band of ex-partisan elements, numbering as many as 200, all well armed, in the near future.

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Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

10th January 1946

Ref. AC=LG/PS/3.33
Subject: ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK, FERRARA, NIGHT OF 7-8TH JANUARY 1946.
To: Major A. G. P. WAY,
Public Safety Division,
Acting Chief Liaison Officer.

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The plan failed because a CC.RR. roving patrol headed by Fontano Isidoro on their tour outside the prison walls heard a suspicious noise and Fontano went forward to investigate.

In the Via Ripagrande, Fontano saw a vehicle and ordered it to stop. The occupants opened fire and threw several hand grenades. Fontano was killed instantly.

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The car then turned and ducked down a side street and headed in the direction of Bologna.

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SUBJECT : Escape of Political Prisoners from Albergo dei Poveri Prison (Genoa)

R 3 Jan. 46

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission, Hqs. Allied Commission, A P O 394

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1. I attach for your information copy of a report received concerning a gaol break which occurred during the evening of 1 Jan. 46.

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

TO	INITIAL	DATE
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CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI GENOVA
ALBERGO DEI POVERI

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Translation

Genoa, 1st January 1946

The writer, Maresciallo of prison-guards Monaco Matteo, belonging to the "Albergo dei Poveri" herewith reports about the evasion of the following prisoners which occurred today at 19.10 hours:

1) Vecchi Dante, born 21st May, 1925, at disposal of the Principal Carabinieri Station awaiting being transported to Ravenna.

2) Binieri Mario, born 3 rd May 1920, at disposal of the Principal Carabinieri Station awaiting being transported to Ravenna.

3) Menghi Adriano, born 7th July, 1920, at disposal of the Principal Carabinieri Station to be transported to Pescara.

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The light was however soon afterwards put on again by the guard Maggiolo, and thanks to the cool blood and courage of the three guards the lattice-gate could be successfully closed again. In the meantime the noise of the happenings aroused the attention of the other prison personnel; the alarm was given to the external guards, who re-inforced the service of the rounds and of patrolling around the building. Prison-guards and P.S. officers who had rushed up collaborated in searching for the evaded prisoners.

The writer himself followed them along the points which one could suppose they must have passed or where they could have hidden themselves, but this had to be done with utmost care, as a vast zone, damaged by bom-

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The evaded prisoners must have had an accurately prepared plan to have been able to get away so rapidly; after having passed the upper floor damaged by bombardments, they have reached an internal staircase of the poor-house, where they forced a closed door secured by a iron bar from the inside, and passing through the wards of the hospital and of the female department , they reached the main-gate of the poor-house opening on Corso Carbonara.

All this could be made out from the informations received from an inmate of the poor-house and from the porter of same, he too being an 80 years old inmate, who declared to have seen 6 men leaving in a hurry and who appeared suspicious to him.

In the meantime the guard Montenegro Salvatore in company of a P.S. officer looked up all the points of the prison where other prisoners might have hidden themselves.

In fact one was found in the bath-room. When questioned he said to have left the room without having the intention to run away but only to be safe in case of some armed aggression from out-side by partisans. But I believe that this declaration was just a pretext to justify the unsuccessful attempt to get out of the prison.

Lt. Col. Cavallero, actually Director of the Prisons of Genoa, who had come at once immediately after the evasion had taken place, has duly collaborated by giving the necessary orders to the writer and to the personnel. The Questura, which had beenduly informed, arranged for an accurate service.

In spite of the success of the attempted evasion of the six prisoners - whihh must be attributed to the rather inconvenient locality in this prison, which for extreme necessities had to be improvised without that it would have beenpossible to eliminate deficiencies detrimental to security, the abovementioned guards have behaved rather laudably, as they succeeded to face a great mass of prisoners thereby frustrating a vaster plan of evasion.

The personal data of the prisoner who did not succeed in evading and who was got hold of by the guard Montenegro Salvatore and the P.S. Officer Tanguinetti Tommaso, are the following :

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ACBO/6
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 091000

Message Centre No: G 7054
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 091700
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM

14238 C.

UNCLASSIFIED:

Attempted escape hudicial prison Ferrara 8 January 46. Armed band about 40 strong with vehicles approached prison from outside. Disturbed by CC RR patrol. Shooting followed. 1 Carabiniere Killed. No arrests. Prison premises not entered. No escapes. Object release partisan prisoners.

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LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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31 December 1945.

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SUBJECT : S. Vittore Prison Milan.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. your AC/14238/PS of 15 Dec. this Division is already fully aware of the conditions in S. Vittore Prison.

2. About two months ago, about 12.30 am., the prisoners succeeded in obtaining the run of the whole of the inside of the prison. We went to the prison and restored order and placed an armed guard in the centre of the prison to keep the prisoners under control. All the locks of the cells were broken and none of the prisoners could be kept under proper control without force. There were about 3000 prisoners including some very bad types. The next morning we made a complete search of the whole prison and found sticks, large stones, catapults etc. in many of the cells. The conditions were such that the previous director went sick with his nerves.

3. About this time it is true that several prisoners were wounded. They disobeyed orders which had been given to them and had been warned of the consequences. The wounds were however caused by splinters and not by direct shots as the guards fired near them to keep them under control. These may sound drastic measures but the lack of control in this large prison had to be seen to be fully appreciated and a major riot and escape could have happened at any moment.

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4. Immediate measures were taken to have locks put on the cells and it has been necessary continually to worry the Italian authorities to have this work done.

5. As soon as these drastic measures could be relieved the necessary steps were taken and the position is now fairly satisfactory. In fact so calm that a man is now anxious to

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obtain the position of Director and is using all the means he can to replace the present director who has borne the brunt of the last few months work.

6. A few persons escaped recently with the connivance of some of the guards who are themselves now under arrest awaiting trial. An attempt was also made to blow a hole in the wall in order to effect the release of some prisoners.

7. Every effort has been made to persuade the Italian Authorities to recruit and train proper prison guards. In the meanwhile we have had to use these untrained and rather irresponsible auxiliaries with a backing a Carabiniere. Conditions have however so far improved that it has been possible recently to dispense with the services of the auxiliaries.

8. Apart from the incident some months ago when all control was entirely lost except for the outside perimeter of the prison, the guards have been under the orders of the director who has therefore been in a position to give the necessary orders to the guards.

9. It will be seen therefore that the complaints now received when conditions are good refer to incidents some months ago when conditions were frightful and quite beyond the control of the Italian authorities.

10. The Italian officials have had full authority to give what order they pleased to the guards about shooting and it is absurd to suggest that shooting incidents have occured only because of orders given by Public Safety Officers. But for the frequent visit of allied officdrs to this prison a really serious incident would have occurred similar to the one in Rome and elsewhere, and may still happen if proper measures are not taken to keep the locks in good order and to have a good nucleus of career warders.

11. The necessity for trained warders has been stressed in monthly reports also in letters and verbally to the Italian authorities but little progressseems to have been made.

For the Regional Commissioner,

OFFICIAL
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER
Lombardia Region
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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

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21 DECEMBER 1949

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PARA ONE FD SOCIO GARAGATTA HAS BEEN SEEN BY MINISTRY
AND SHOULD ARRIVE ABOUT FOUR JANUARY TO TAKE OVER DIRECTION
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Public Safety

Originator's Reference: AG 6726

Date/Time of Origin: 221500A

Message Centre No: G/6139

Date Time Rec'd: 23DEC1000

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: "A" 56 AREA

TO : H PW DETACHMENT MOV NAPLES MOV BOLOGNA EASY DISPER BOLOGNA V7' PW CAMP

INFO: ALCOM DISTHREE "G" 56 AREA

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1. FOLLOWING 2 CHETNIK ESCAPEES FROM EBOLI CAMP HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT VERONA AND ESCORTED TO ALLIED COMMISSION NO2 CAMP BOLOGNA. K O C I C MIHIL AND D I N I N STANIMIR.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
R.A.A.C.QUESTURA BLDG.VIA S.VITALE

Tel. 478895

PSL/P/1/ 1259

Rome, 28th December 1945

To : Director P.S. Sub-Commission, AC/HQ.
Subject : Escape from Juvenile Jail."Aristide Gabelli".

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Attached translation-copies of reports from the Questore of Rome regarding above subject are forwarded for your information.

R.T.Millhouse, Lt.Col.
A.C.Public Safety,L.C.

Encs.: 2.

TO	INIT'S	DATE
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TRANSLATION

Letter n. 121690/03101 Gab.A4B dated 23/12/45 from Questura -Roma. Sugnal.

To : Ufficio P.S. Trastevere
: Comando Comp. Tribunali CC.RR.
: Comando Comp. Esterna II^ CC.RR.

e, p.c.: Comando Gruppo Interno CC.RR.
: R.Prefettura
: Ministero Interno - Direz.Gen. P.S.
: Col. Millhouse.

Today at 1800 hrs. the prisoners of the juvenile jail Aristide Gabelli, Piazza Portese attempted to escape trought the roof.
40 of them succeded in climbing down into the next premises of the former La Marmora barracks and former S. Michele Institute. The police blocked the building and a combing-raid was carried out.

At 20,30 hrs. 26 escapees had been caught.

The raid continues.

Sgn. THE QUESTORE

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TRANSLATION

Letter N. 122028/03101 GAB A4B dated 24/12/45 from R.Questura of Rome.

To : Ministry of Interior
: Prefettura
: Lt.Col. Millhouse

Further to signal n.121890/03101 Gab A4B dated 23/12/45.

Combing operations of escaped detenees ended this morning.

Other detainees were recaptured and only 9 of them are still missing.

Investigation to trace these 9 too are being continued.

According to information obtained, the mutiny burst out suddenly in the Ist Section where the most bold ones overcame the jailors and seriously hit jailor Montante Giuseppe.

Then the detainees broke the wall which looks into the inner yard of the former S.Michele Institute, whereto they climbed down. The quick arrival of the Police forces made them disband.

A detailed report will be submitted.

Sgn. THE QUESTORE

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

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22nd Dec.'45

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.28-I

Subject: PRISON BREAK. FORLI'.

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

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I. Attached is a report by Capt. Eddings of this HQ., into the circumstances surrounding the escape of IO convicted prisoners from the Judicial Prison, Forlì, on 4 Dec.'45.

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3. Proper disciplinary action has been taken by the Prison Director.

4. Delay in investigation is due to the fact that the information was originally sent by CC.RR. letter to this H.Q. by civil post, and this communication was I4 days in transit.

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ANDREW G. P. WAY, MAJOR
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Encl. Report.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

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22nd December '45

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.28

Subject: PRISON BREAK AT FORLI' ON 4 DECEMBER 1945.

To: Major A. G. P. Way,
Public Safety Officer,
A.C. Liaison Group,
B o l o g n a .

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2. The first intimation this office received of this incident was a letter received on 17 Dec. 1945, 13 days after the occurrence, from the CC.RR., Forlì.

3. I visited the CC.RR. station and Prison, Forlì, on 21 Dec.'45 and established the following.

4. Delay in advising this Liaison Office was due to lack of co-ordination between the maresciallo, Commandant of the Station and his superior officer in the submission of his report together with poor means of transport and communication. This matter has now been rectified and any future incident will be speedily reported.

5. The Prison director, Forlì, Giovanni Demari, submitted a comprehensive report of the incident to the CC.RR., Forlì, and to the Prefect of the Province the day after the occurrence, again reporting the facts to the Minister of Grace and Justice in due course. However, no such report reached this office.

6. The ten prisoners who escaped were employed in wood chopping in a shed situated at the rear of prison, this shed being without doors or windows and in the immediate vicinity of the outer prison wall proper, the wall being approximately 25 feet high and not scaleable without ladders etc.

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7. Approximately 15 feet from the entrance to the wood chopping shed a large iron door, in two sections, for the admission of trucks, carts etc. carrying wood, is built into the wall proper. This door was <u>not</u> secured.

8. The responsibility for the escape of these prisoners is that of Coletti Raffaele, a prison guard

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of I5 years service who was in charge of the prisoners and had in his possession the key of the iron doors. These keys were handed to him by the previous guard who assured him that the door was locked. I was unable to see Coletti Raffaele who is suspended from duty and denounced to the Procuratore del Regno for his gross neglect of duty.

9. Coletti Raffaele, the guard concerned, during his turn of duty, left the prisoners unguarded for the purpose of gossiping with Polish soldiers in an adjoining section (Field Security) who were engaged with prisoners entirely separate from the normal civilian prisoners detained.

IO. Leaving his post and to be with the Polish section would deprive Coletti of visibility of the prisoners that escaped. During his absence the prisoners opened the door, walked out, closed the door, and then climbed the secondary wall, about I5 feet high, barbed wire on top, and then escaped. This latter wall is easily scaleable, being in a poor state of repair.

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I87 political prisoners awaiting trial.

98 prisoners convicted and sentenced for criminal offences.
(3 under death sentence)

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14. Prison Guard service is good and a sense of discipline is installed to all the staff. During my visit I saw 15 young men undergoing instruction class for their various duties and was satisfied that some good attempts were being made to instal a sense of duty to the prospective guards.

15. The prison is equipped with a carpenters, shoemakers, machine, blacksmiths and printers shop,

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where convicted prisoners are employed.

I6. Visitors are permitted every I5 days in accordance with Italian law.

I7. Food supplied is on the scale approved by A.M.G. when in control of the territory. Additional food packets (rigidly searched) are brought in daily by relatives of prisoners. This daily routine is the local order of the Prefect, but the Prison Director does not agree with the policy, his views being one food packet per week.

I8. Medical treatment of prisoners is undertaken by a visiting doctor daily. Minor bed cases are admitted to the prison infirmary, the more serious cases to the local hospital, under escort.

I9. Sanitary conditions, fair. Health of prisoners, good. Food, fair.

20. General condition of prison, good. Lack of blankets, disinfectants and glass for replacing broken windows, noticed.

2I. The Director of the Prison, Giovanni Demari, is a strong disciplinarian, and on the surface appears to be doing good work.

22. Submitted for information.

L.A.E. Eddings Capt

LEONARD A. E. EDDINGS, CAPTAIN
A.C. Police Officer.

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

18 December 1945

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn. Civil affairs Section.

SUBJECT : Prison incident at Padua.

FILE No. : RXII/024-12

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1. I forward herewith copy of a report received from Capt. Forster on an incident which took place at Padua Prison on 3rd December.

2. The situation is now quiet and has been so since the disturbance of the 3rd. Capt. Forster has in hand arrangements for the transference to Central Italy of 200 long term prisonners.

3. Capt. Forster, typically and quite fairly, give great credit to Frank Kohn. I should like to add that Cppt. Forster's own conduct at this time was first class. He showed both [illegible], which served markedly, to [illegible].

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

7 December 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezie Region

SUBJECT : Prison incident, Padova - 3 Dec 45.

FILE No. : RXII/PS/17.2

1. The attached is the translation of the report submitted by Dr. Mollame on the above mentioned incident.

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3. It is my opinion that to describe this incident as a Mutiny is to exagerate although there is no doubt it would have developed into one, had it not been brought under control when it was.

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a) The whole place seemed full of CC.NN., guards and Auxiliary Police.
b) Machine guns had been set up at all strategic points.
c) All the prisoners were shouting and none were in their cells.
d) A certain amount of firing by the guards was going on, no doubt as much with an idea of encouraging themselves as of intimidating the Prisoners.
e) The court yard was littered with doors etc. that had been pulled off their hinges and thrown away.

7. On my instructions, Kohn then instructed the Prisoners to immediately return to their cells, to stop

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shouting when an inspection of the prison would be made and on completion of which I would interview one representative from each cell to ascertain if there has been any excuse for their disgraceful behavour. The prisoners immediately saw reason and returned to their cells which of course were now mostly without doors.

8. An inspection was then carried out by myself Kohn, Dr. Mollame and a CC.NN. Captain. This,went off without incident in spite of the warnings of the guards that we should be kidnapped and held as hostages.

9. The promised interview was then given, Kohn having first instructed the deputation as follows:-

a) No promise could be given that disciplinary action would not be taken against ring-leaders.
b) Complaints were to be confined to generalities.
c) One man only to speak for all representatives.

10. I consider the order in which the complaints were made is of interest:-

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b) When they were convicted insufficient attention had been paid as to how their families were to live while the 'breadwinner' was rotting in Prison. Their families were now made to suffer terrible privations and even starvation and that no steps had been taken to eleviate this.
c) Four Fascists had been shot in Verona a few days previously but the murderers of Schio were still alive. Why was different treatment given to some?
d) The war damage in Italy was great and would require the help of every Italian to rehabilitate it, why were they therefore kept in prison doing nothing when there was work to be done.
e) Some of the bread ration was being stolen by the kitchen staff as they were often given short weight.
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It is to be noted that there was only complaint against the Prison Staff. On being told that all possible steps were being taken to improve the general living conditions of the Prison i.e. cleanliness, glass, bedding etc. but that demonstrations did nothing to ameliorate their position, they disbanded quietly and returned to their cells.

11. The proposed transfer of 250 prisoners and the delivery of bedding, will do much to improve the conditions

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generally and if only the Italian Courts can be made to try cases more quickly and thus avoid filling prisons with persons awaiting trial, the position would be far more healthy.

12. The morale of the guards is low as evidenced by the fear that the prisoners would dare to try and kidnap an Allied Officer. This should improve as conditions settle down.

13. The complaint against the Kitchen is the subject of an enquiry and if proved, will be result in disciplinary action being taken against the offenders.

14. One man said to have attempted to escape, was wounded and taken to hospital.

15. I should again like to draw attention to the manner in which Frank Kohn tackled this very delicate situation and the assistance he gave in settling this incident.

Unexpected situations as this, appear to pull the very best out of this man that has suffered so much at the hands of the very people he now tries so hard to help. He is, after all, only a paid civilian and I know of no other interpreter with whom I should like to find myself in like circumstances. Lt. Colonels Rowlerson and Green have both said that this man is as good as another Officer on their Staff which I heartily endorse.

J.B. FORSTER, Captain.

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Information received that owing to delays in confirming death sentences on political prisoners condemned by ~~xxxxx~~ Courts of Assize strong attempts are likely to be made to ~~xxx~~ enter the goals for the purpose of summarily executing such prisoners.

Considerable discontent expressed at delays.

Some cases sentenced in August. Precautions have been taken but urgently request confirmation of sentence or otherwise by the Italian Government.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14238/PS 15 December 1945

SUBJECT : Alleged Shooting at
S. Vittore Prison - Milan

TO : R.C. Lombardia
(Attn. R.P.S.O.)

1. The attached reports were received from the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

2. Will you please have enquiry made regarding the conditions of S. Vittore Prison and whether the allegations made are true or otherwise.

Please report the result to this Hq as soon as possible to enable a reply to be sent to the Ministry.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JA7D
Director

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(Translation M B)

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
General Direction of prisons.

VI Office
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Rome 7 Dec. I945

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.
ROME

SUBJECT: Surveyance in the S.Vittore Jail at Milan.
Use of weapons by agents charged with the surveyance.

The General Attorney of the Kingdom and the Direction of the Milan judicial jail pointed out several times that many convicts of the S.Vittore prison were wounded following the order,issued by the Allied Authorities,to use weapons in case the inmates do not stay in their cells as ordered.

Said Authorities remarked that the Auxiliary Police Agents in charge of the surveyance in the prisons, make use of their weapons even when it would not be strictly necessary.

The Milan Attorney General following instructions by this Ministry,assured to have several times interferred with the local Questura and Command of the Auxiliary Agents in order to obtain that every abuse might cease.

Anyway,as incidents are still taking place,as it appears from reports inclosed,we beg you to give due disposals in order to obtain that the Agents in service at the S.Vittore jail may stop their inconsiderate shooting.

For the Minister
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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

Direzione Generale per gli Istituti di prevenzione e di pena

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Prot.n.150760/12

Roma, -7 DIC. 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Pubblica Sicurezza
ROMA

OGGETTO: Vigilanza nelle carceri di S.Vittore di Milano -Uso delle armi da parte degli agenti addetti alla vigilanza.

La Procura Generale del Regno e la Direzione delle carceri giudiziarie di Milano, hanno più volte riferito che nelle carceri di S.Vittore, molti detenuti sono rimasti feriti a seguito dell'ordine dato dalle Autorità Alleate di far uso delle armi, in caso di insubbidienza dei detenuti stessi all'ordine di rimanere nelle celle.

Le dette Autorità fecero rilevare che da parte degli agenti di polizia ausiliaria, comandanti di servizio a dette carceri per il mantenimento dell'ordine, viene fatto uso delle armi anche fuori dei casi di stretta necessità.

La Procura Generale di Milano, a seguito di istruzioni di questo Ministero, ebbe ad assicurare di aver più volte interessato la Questure locale ed il Comando dei detti agenti, perchè ogni abuso al riguardo avesse a cessare.

Dato però che nuovi incidenti del genere continuano a verificarsi, come risulta dai rapporti qui uniti in copia, si prega di voler impartire le opportune disposizioni affinchè la sparatoria inconsulta da parte degli agenti ausiliari in servizio alle carceri di S.Vittore, abbia termine.

Pel Ministro

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30/IO/45 I° Division

SUBJECT: Illegittimate use of weapons.

To: QUESTORE MILAN
ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND MILAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL MILAN

and for information
To: PROV.COMMAND FF.AA. OF P.S.
MILAN

In spite of explicit orders issued by you with a/m note the P.S.Agents are carrying on their inconsiderate use of weapons,with great danger of the inmates and prison guards as well.

Even yesterday a convict,certain CARCANO Alberto,was hit on the head by a shot; he is liable to recover within 6 days save complications.

Facts as this one are taking place dayly,rousing a deep discontent among the inmates. The prison guards are also so excited,that they are liable to abandone the service in case some-one of them gets hit.

We thus ask again the Authorities to renew orders concerning the immediate ceasing of such unjustifiable abuses.

We beg to inclose copy of a report forwarded by the Commander of this institute.

The director

s/Tonini

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DIREZIONE DELLE CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI - MILANO -

n.1002 Tit.10 Fasc.1
Risposta al f.n.043621 del
30.10.1945 Div.1^

Milano, 17 novembre 1945

Oggetto: Uso illegittimo delle armi.-

AL SIG. QUESTORE - Milano
AL COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO - Milano
ALLA PROCURA GENERALE Milano

e p.c. AL COMANDO PROV.LE FF.AA. DI P.S. di
Corso Italia
MILANO

Nonostante le precise tassative disposizioni da Voi impartite con la lettera sopra citata, si continua da parte degli agenti di P.S. a fare illegittimo uso delle armi nell'interno del carcere con l'evidente grave pericolo alla incolumità dei detenuti e del personale di custodia.-

Anche ieri un detenuto, certi Carosno Alberto, mentre si recava al gabinetto è stato colpito alla testa da un proiettile producendogli una ferita al cuoio capelluto guaribile in giorni 6 s.c.

Questi fatti, che si ripetono quasi quotidianamente, suscitano nell'animo dei detenuti gravi risentimenti e fra il personale di custodia vi è un tale malcontento che può sfociare in abbandono del servizio se qualcuno rimarrà offeso.-

Si prega perciò ancora una volta la Autorità cui la presente è diretta a rimuovere le disposizioni al fine di porre termine a questi abusi non giustificabili.-

Si unisce copia del rapporto del comandante di questo istituto.-

IL DIRETTORE
F/to Tonini

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(Translation M.B.)

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Mr. Director

SUBJECT: Shootings in prison departments.
Convict ASTRUA Dante wounded.

Also to-day,as well as yesterday and every day a shooting made by the P.S. Agents took place in the prison.

During the distribution of the soup in the 3rd raggio (department),shots were discharged into the department. Convict ASTRUA Dante was hit on the left leg and is now liable to recover within 40 days save complications.

These continuous shootings which take place into the departments are most often wounding convicts who are moving around for different reasons such as bread and soup distributions,interrogatories, colloquies with lowyers and relatives etc. They cause such an excitement that the service is quite upset,and I really don't know how things are going to work out.

Sincerely

The Commander

s/M.M. Garoffi V

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Sig.Direttore

Oggetto: Sparatorie all'interno dei raggi e relativo ferimento del detenuto Astrua Dante.-

Anche oggi, come ieri, e come tutti i giorni, il carcere è stato oggetto di una continua sparatoria da sprte delle guardie di P.S.-

Nel pomeriggio di oggi, nel mentre si distribuiva la minestra al III raggio - del centro, è stato sparato dentro il III raggio ed è stato colpito il detenuto Astrua Dante alla gamba sinistra, dichiarato guaribile in giorni 10 s.c.-

Queste continue sparatorie nell'interno dei raggi e i relativi ferimenti in danno di detenuti, che si muovono per molteplici ragioni ad esempio passeggi, distribuzione pane, distribuzione minestra, visita medica, liberandi, nuovi giunti, squadre che vanno e che vengono dai colloqui, Giudici, avvocati, famiglie etc. pr producono in tutti un orgasmo tale che non si può più lavorare con tranquillità e serenità, arrecando in tale modo un disservizio tale che non so dove si andrà a finire.-

Con ossequio

IL COMANDANTE
M.M. Gerolfi V.

P.C.C.
Milano, 20.11.1945
Il Segretario
F/to illeggibile

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Situation and Liaison Office — Rome 20 Nov.1945

N°I78/42-944 — Reply to sheet 22.II.1944 AC/I4228/PS.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION SUB/COMM OF P.S.
R O M E

and for information
To: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR-Gen.Direct of P.S.
R O M E

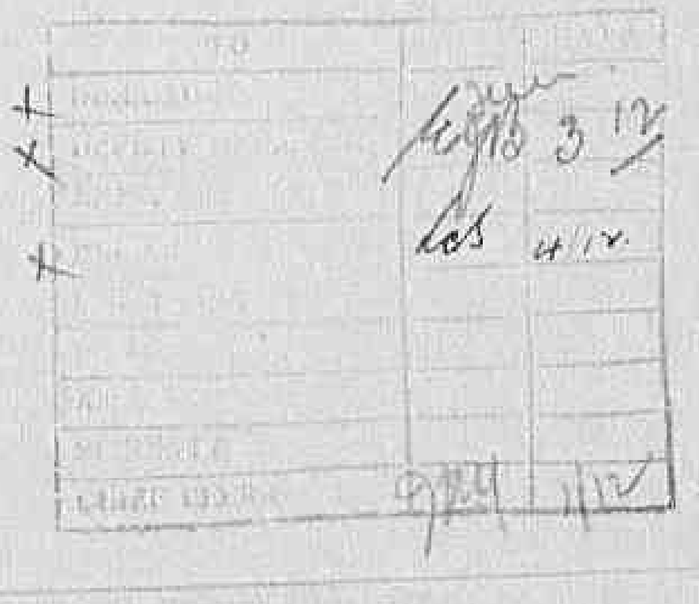
To: MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Gen.Direct.of Prison R O M E

SUBJECT: List of convicts escaped from the Volterra jail.

Follows note I78/40 -I944 dated I5 inst.

We beg to communicate that Rissetto Pietro son of late Luigi, born at S.Giovanni Ilarione on the 23rd April I903, inscribed in the list as N.I57 and researched for, is presently detained in the Porto Longone (Leghorn)prison.

The Gen.Commander
BRUNETTO BRUNETTI



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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 178/42-944 di prot. Roma, li 20 novembre 1945

Risposta al Foglio del 22-11-1944 n. AC/14228/PS. Allegati »

OGGETTO: Elenco dei detenuti evasi dal reclusorio di Volterra.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocomissione per la P.S. - ROMA
e,per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Direz. Generale della P.S. - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA - Direzione Generale per gli Ist. di Prev. e di Pena - ROMA

A seguito del foglio n.178/40-1944 in data 15 corrente,si comunica che il ricercato RISSETTO Pietro fu Luigi,nato a S. Giovanni Ilarione il 23 aprile 1903,indicato al n.157 dell'elenco,si trova associato nello stabilimento penale di Porto Longone (Livorno).-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Brunetto Brunetti)

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Situation and Liaison Office

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Repl. to sheet 22.II.I944 AC I4228/P.S.

SUBJECT: List of convicts escaped from Volterra jail.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S. ROME

and for information

To: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Gen.Direct.of P.S. ROME
To: MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Gen.Direct.of Jail ROME

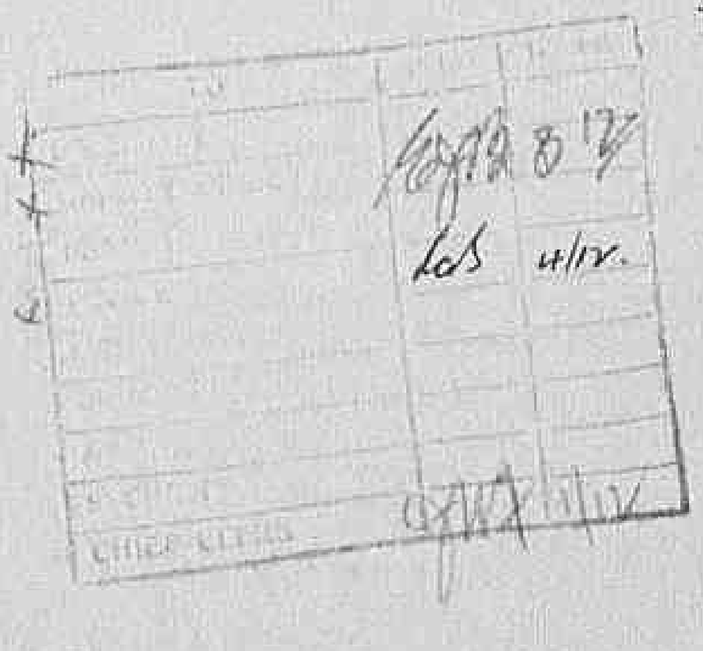
Follows note I78/42-I944 dated 20th inst.

We beg to communicate that the Calcinato (Brescia) CC.RR.Command arrested on the 27th last July, GABANA Pietro son of Domenico and late Giacomazzi Domenica, born at Calcinato on the 4th May I904, and inscribed as N.I54 in the list of convicts escaped from the Volterra jail.

He was conveyed to the Brescia judicial prison.

The Gen.Commander

BRUNETTO BRUNETTI



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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 178/44 di prot. Roma, li 21 novembre 1945
1944
Risposta al foglio del 22-11-1944 n° AC.14228/P.S. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Detenuti evasi dal carcere di Volterra.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione di P.S. - ROMA
e,per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Direz.Gen.della P.S. - ROMA
AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA - Dir.Gen. per gli Istituti di Prevenzione e di Pena - ROMA

A seguito del foglio n.178/42-1944 del 20 corrente,si comunica che l'Arma di Calcinato (Brescia),in data 27 luglio u.s. ha proceduto all'arresto di GABANA Pietro di Domenico e fu Giacomazzi Domenica,nato a Calcinato il 4 maggio 1904,evaso dal cercere di Volterra.-

Il GABANA,che è iscritto al n.154 dell'elenco generale pervenuto col foglio sopradistinto,è stato tradotto alle carceri giudiziarie di Brescia.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Brunetto Brunetti)

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Ex Officio 2675 Lect

This is meant for 17 C H&.
Dont know how it got here
Sent it to Cal Fisk with my
regards - and hopes that he
will come up and see us some
time

Cal as a Jack

Incidentally I think its a shame to
imprison anyone in the new Providence
hen a decent toilet facility -
That alone is sufficient grounds for all
of them to get out on habeas corpus
as well -

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HEADQUARTERS 2 DISTRICT
GENERAL STAFF INTELLIGENCE
C.M.F.

FILE:GSI/2211.

15 November 1945.

SUBJECT : Disturbances.

TO : G-2 AFHQ.
Allied Commission H.Q.
Allied Commission Liaison Group, BOLOGNA.

Herewith attached, for your information and any action you may deem necessary:

(1) Copy of D/O letter dated 10 November 1945 addressed by Commander 217 area to GOC 2 District.

(2) Copy of 2 letters addressed by O.C. Troops, FERRARA, both dated 8 November 1945, to H.Q. 217 Area.

C.A. Heydeman
Major General
Commanding

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CONFIDENTIAL

From: Brig D.C. Tennent.

H.Q. 217 Area.
C.M.F.
10 Nov 45.

Dear General.

You will remember, I mentioned to you the other night, the trouble there has been at Ferrara Jail. I now enclose two reports I have received from Lt-Col BOLTON, C.O. Ps Ferrara.

It appears to me that BOLTON has been very modest in his report, as I am quite sure that if he hadn't acted as he did, there would have been a lot of bloodshed.

He is a little apprehensive that his action may be considered "out of place", in view of the fact that Ferrara is in I.G.T. He is aware that he should not interfere in Civil matters unless Allied interests are threatened, but in this case he acted for the reasons set out in para 6 of his report.

As regards his report on conditions in Ferrara Jail. - It is regrettable but a fact that the conditions he outlines are common in all the Jails in Emilia Region.

The A.C. Liaison Mission have repeatedly reported this fact to their HQ, but nothing is done.

The guarding of Jails too is pathetic. The Prison Warden Service is very short of personnel, and Partisans have been taken on in their place. You then have the position of Partisans as Prisoners, Partisans as guards, and Partisans outside working to get the prisoners out. The results are only too obvious.

In the same way as the Civil Police are not receiving support from the Government and the Civil Authorities, so the Jails and the Jail Service is being entirely neglected, and matters are drifting back to conditions as they were in the Fascist days. The irritating thing is, that criminals arrested at the request of the British or for offences against British interests so often escape with the others.

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ D. C. Tennent.

Major-General C.H. Heyderman C.B. M.C.
G.O.C. 2 District.

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Subject:- Disturbances. CC2/35/2

To:- "A" Branch,
H.Q. 17 Area (J). SECRET.

For the attention of the Area Commander.

1. On the night of 7th November 1945 at 1955 hrs, the Questura of Ragusa requested assistance on an inside jail-break and the holding as prisoners of the Director of the Prison and the inner Carabiniere guard by the escaped prisoners, who were thought to be armed.

2. On the arrival of the OC Troops at the jail, it was discovered that the external lighting system had been cut. Armoured vehicles were called out and their searchlights were used to give artificial light.

3. The Major Commanding Carabiniere requested that OC Troops accompany him inside the prison, which was done. On entering, it was seen that the prisoners were in a very agitated and noisy state and it was impossible at the time to make any sense of the situation. This caused the Carabinieri to become rather excited.

4. In view of the fact that approx 20 of these prisoners had been arrested during the past week on the arms raid, I decided to act with the intention of securing order and returning the prisoners to their cells. I therefore instructed the Carabinieri to remain in the background and I, accompanied by an interpreter, ordered the prisoners to return to their cells. This they proceeded to do, thus avoiding any bloodshed and preventing any of the prisoners from escaping.

5. The assistance of the British C.M.P. was called in as, due to an accident, the inside lighting system was cut off before all the prisoners had been securely locked in their cells.

On completion of locking the prisoners in their cells, a careful search was made of the inside building for any arms that may have been concealed there, as nobody seemed to know whether all the arms had been accounted for or not, and the prisoners had been in possession of the keys. The search revealed no arms, but an iron bar (suitable as a club) was found.

6. Summary.

(a) At the request of the Questura RAGUSA, British assistance was given on the night of 7th Nov 45 to quell a disturbance at the jail and return the situation to normal.

(b) To avoid any bloodshed on either side.

(c) To ensure that no prisoners escaped as 20 of those concerned had been arrested in the past week for being in possession of arms.

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Field.
8 Nov 45.
JC/TH.

/s/ F.F. Bolton
Lt-Col.
(F.F. Bolton) O.C. Troops, FERRARA.

Copy to:- Public Safety Officer, Allied Commission
Liaison Group, BOLOGNA.

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Subject: - Conditions of PENRAPA Jail. OCR/35/3

To:- H.Q. 217 Area. SECRET

For the attention of the Area Commander.

1. The PENRAPA Civil Prison is over-crowded and sanitation is very bad.

2. Many prisoners are held for long periods without knowing what they are charged with, and are not permitted to see their advocates.

3. The prisoners lack: sufficient bedding
ablution arrangements.

4. Eleven women are held in one cell and have reported that they have no idea why they are detained there.

5. The above report is forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

Field.
6 Nov 45.
JC/TH.

/s/ F.F. Bolton
Lt-Col.
(F.F. Bolton). C.O. Troops, PENRAPA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

23 November 1945

AC/14203/1/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - Udine

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. References phone conversation of 20/11/45 from this sub-Commission, asking that a new Prison Director be appointed to the prison at Udine.

2. Herewith are extracts from Report received, from Regional Public Safety Officer of Venezie.

" Further to my telegram No.RXII/PS/17 of 16 Nov 45, I have to report that on the 11th November a serious disturbance broke out in the jail at Udine when a number of prisoners obtained possession of muskets and ammunition which form part of the prison equipment.

The alarm was given, the prison surrounded by CC.RR and police and after two hours of sporadic shooting in both directions, which fortunately wounded nobody, the mutineers surrendered, the muskets were collected and order was restored. No prisoners escaped.

The chief causes of complaint among the prisoners :

(a) lack of beds, blankets, mattresses and food utensils
(b) the overcrowded condition of the prison
(c) Deficiencies in the food rations especially shortage of meat.

The real need in this prison, apart from the material needs mentioned above, is a new Director. This has already been reported from this Office and Dott. Mollame has himself written a letter to the Ministry of

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Grace and Justice asking that a Director be appointed to replace the present Director who is entirely unsatisfactory.

There is the greatest difficulty however in finding feeding utensils locally and if these can be obtained through the Ministry of Grace and Justice or through any other channel this would be very helpful".

3. Forwarded for information and any action that can be taken as regards supply of materials, and also as regards nomination of new Prison Director who is urgently required.

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

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Copy to file "Prison breaks" ✓

Copy to R.O. Venezia Region
attention RPSO
your RXII/PS/17 of 17 Nov refers

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety

Originator's Reference:

Date / Time of Origin: NOV. 161600A

Message Centre No: 03750

Date Time Rec'd: NOV. 170845A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: RPSO AMG VENEZIE REGION

TO : ALCOM P S SUB COMMISSION

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UNRESTRICTED.

RXII/PS/17. A serious prison disturbance occurred Udine jail November eleventh. Order was restored and no prisoners escaped. Absolutely imperative a live prison director be found for this prison at once. Strong influence brought to bear on ministry will be appreciated. Report follows.

AC DIST

ACTION : P.Safety C o/c
INFO : Chief Commissioner
Ex.Com.
C A Sec
File

TO	INIT.	DATE
DIRECTOR	Hutz	20/11
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
ADMIN.	Rob	21/11
I.E. & P.S.		
SECURITY		
CABLES CLERK		

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Forward 19/11/45.
Hope shall inform us at
your earliest.
Action.

B.A. on file
21/11

ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

R 14238 44A

9th November 1945

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.I8

Subject: ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK. FERRARA JUDICIAL PRISON.

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

(through Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
B o l o g n a .)

I. As the result of information received that an attempt had been made by a number of prisoners to escape from the judicial prison, Ferrara, during the evening of 7 Nov.'45, this P.S.officer visited on 8 Nov.'45 and found as follows.

2. At about 1900 hrs., 7 Nov.'45, a number of prisoners in one cell called the guard and persuaded the two men who answered, to open their cell door on some pretext at present unknown. At once these two guards, who were unarmed, were overpowered.

3. Keys were obtained from these men and other prisoners released. Similarly, the Director and remaining 9 guards were overpowered and locked in the cells, except one man, an ex-carabiniere, who had the presence of mind to proceed at once to the gate of the central prison block, of which he had the key. Locking this behind him, he went to the outer gate and gave the alarm to the CC. RR. guard on the external wall.

4. The prison is built with a square central block housing all the cells, completely surrounded by a wide, open courtyard and thus isolated from any other building. This in turn is surrounded by a high external wall which is patrolled by a CC.RR. guard armed with automatic weapons.

5. The prison guards on duty in the cell block were not armed, and no weapons were found in possession of the prisoners, practically all of whom were released from the cells.

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6. The alarm having been given, the Questore was informed.

7. This official, at 1955 hrs. communicated with the o/c troops and requested assistance.

8. At this time, the situation was naturally confused and exact information of what had taken place not available.

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9. O/c Troops accompanied Major Grillandini, CC. RR. Gruppo di Ferrara, to the prison.

I0. On arrival, it was found that the exterior lighting was out and a considerable disturbance was taking place inside the main building. CC.RR. on duty in the vicinity appeared to be in a state of considerable excitement.

II. However, while it was clear that no one had escaped, no definite information could be obtained as to whether the prisoners had obtained arms or not.

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I3. At the request of the Major CC.RR., O/c Troops entered the building, and found that there was complete confusion and no constructive effort being made to restore order. The CC.RR. appeared excited and unlikely to be able to regain control of the situation.

I4. In fact, it appeared more than probable that some quite unnecessary shooting might start and so cause far worse confusion.

I5. In order to prevent this, O/c Troops directed the CC.RR. to remain at the entrance, and through an interpreter, ordered the prisoners back to their cells.

I6. Without any further disturbances, all prisoners began to return to their cells.

I7. While this was in progress, the inner lighting system failed.

I8. C.M.P. were called with torches to assist, as CC. RR. and guards are not so provided, and no alternative means of lighting existed.

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23. The prison appears to be under <u>two</u> directors - the first who was in office before A.M.G., and a second appointed by A.M.G., both are weak and incompetent, and the system of "dual control" anything but satisfactory.

24. The guards are mixed, members of the prison service and former partisans. The usual unsatisfactory arrangement.

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C.f.y. refer O/C. Troops, Ferrara, attached.

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Subject: DISTURBANCES. Oct./S5/

To: "A" Branch,
HQ. 217 Area.(3) SECRET

For the attention of the Area Commander.

1. On the night of 7th November 1945 at 1955 hrs. the Questura of Ferrara requested assistance on an inside jail-break and the holding as prisoners of the Director of the Prison and the inner Carabiniere guard by the escaped prisoners, who were thought to be armed.

2. On the arrival of the OC Troops at the jail, it was discovered that the external lighting system had been cut. Armoured vehicles were called out and their searchlights were used to give artificial light.

3. The Major Commanding Carabiniere requested that OC Troops accompany him inside the prison, which was done. On entering, it was seen that the prisoners were in a very agitated and noisy state and it was impossible at the time to make any sense of the situation. This caused the Carabiniere to become rather excited.

4. In view of the fact that approx 20 of these prisoners had been arrested during the past week on the arms raid, I decided to act with the intention of securing order and returning the prisoners to their cells. I therefore instructed the Carabiniere to remain in the background and I, accompanied by an interpreter, ordered the prisoners to return to their cells. This they proceeded to do, thus avoiding any bloodshed and preventing any of the prisoners from escaping.

5. The assistance of the British C.M.P. was called in as, due to an accident, the inside lighting system was cut off before all the prisoners had been securely locked in their cells.

On completion of locking the prisoners in their cells, a careful search was made of the inside building for any arms that may have been concealed there, as nobody seemed to know whether all the arms had been accounted for or not, and the prisoners had been in possession of the keys. The search revealed no arms, but an iron bar (suitable as a cosh) was found.

6. Summary.

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O.C. Troops, FERRARA.

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"R" INTERNEE CAMP

ACTION: G-2 AFHQ INFO: HQ 62 AREA, HQ 3 DISTRICT. SECURITY DIV. ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Information received internees attempting mass demonstration 8/9 November. Help expected from local partisans for similar demonstrations outside the camp. Italian Carrebinnieri standing by to deal with partisan demonstration.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.C.T.
Bologna.

30th October 1945

Ref. AC=LO/PS/3.14

Subject: PRISON BREAK. BOLOGNA, 24 OCT.'45.

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

(through Lt. Col.Walters
Liaison Officer
B o l o g n a .)

I. Reference signal from this HQ. dated 24 Oct.1945.

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5. None appear to have been former partisans, and this very common feature in such cases is lacking.

6. Enquiry reveals that the chief warder and the two-man CC.RR. external patrol gravely neglected their duty, and disciplinary action has been taken against them accordingly.

7. The escape may be ascribed to the neglect and incompetence of the prison guard service, and no other reason.

8. This prison, like all others, is grossly overcrowded, yet nothing whatever is being done to try and find additional accommodation.

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II. So long as the present crowded conditions prevail here and elsewhere, and an efficient prison guard service is lacking, so long must such escapes be expected.

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Forwarded
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Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.15

Subject: PRISON BREAK, PIACENZA.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.H.Q.
{through Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
Bologna.}

1. Attached is a report by Capt. Wadsworth, Public Safety Officer, attached this Liaison Office, following enquiry into the escape of 31 prisoners from the judicial prison at Piacenza on 23 Oct.'45.

2. The mode of escape is fully described, and is the usual story of an incompetent guard service and overcrowded prison conditions.

3. Disciplinary action has been taken against those believed to be responsible including the Director.

4. Public reaction may be regarded with some cynicism. Considerable public agitation was made by all parties, and especially those of the "left". Feelings ran high at the thought that six political prisoners had escaped; nothing was said about the other twentyfive, mostly former partisans detained for common crimes.

5. In conclusion, it must be pointed out that the effect on the public of escapes from prison of this kind is most disturbing.

6. As has been stated on every occasion, the prison service requires a very drastic and immediate overhaul both as to personnel and establishments, throughout the whole Cridke region.

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30th October, '45.

Ref.: AC=LG/PS/23-12.

Subject: VISIT TO PIACENZA - 23th October, '45,
INVESTIGATION OF JAIL BREAK - 21st October, '45.

To: Major A.G.P. Way,
Public Safety Division,
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With this key the evading prisoners opened up a number of other cells.

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Two outside guards MARRUCA Salvatore and VIGIVANO Albino and the CCRR guards whilst suspecting that something was obviously wrong did nothing to prevent the escape.

The prisoners disorganized the eletric light system to

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delay the alarm being given.

The director of the prison Sig. D'Ani Giacomo was then informed what had taken place and phoned the CCRR for assistance.

An immediate search was organized to recapture the escaped prisoners. To date the CCRR have arrested three.

One was killed by them in resisting arrest at BORGONOVO Val Tidone, total four (4).

ACTION TAKEN BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES: -

The seven guards who were on duty at the time have been arrested.

The director of the prison has been suspended and is under house arrest.

The Procuratore del Re has for the present taken over the duties of running the prison.

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CONCLUSION: -

This identical methods of escape was used in the first Modena jail break of the 12th September reported by this Office, ref.: AC=LG/PS/23.3 dated 17th September, '45.

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It is only too obvious that no uniform directives are laid down by the powers concerned as to certain elementary precautions which should obviously be taken. Only under exceptional circumstances should a cell be opened at this hour and if normal medical inspections are carried out daily there should be not need to open any cell until morning when extra precautions must be taken. The futility of opening any cell for illness is also too apparant by virtue of the fact that there is no medical officer on the premises and pratically no first aid equipment so, nothing could be done for any "sick" prisoner at that time.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: L/61
Date/Time of Origin: Oct 241130

Message Centre No: G/1987
Date Time Rec'd: Oct 251615
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMM

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Prison break BOLOGNA night 23/24 October 1945. Ten prisoners escaped juvenile prison temporarily used as judical prison. Due negligence of guard. No shooting. Report follows.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna.

23rd October 1945

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23. II

Subject: PRISON BREAK. - MODENA.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission HQ.
(through Lt. Col. Walters,
Liaison Officer,
B o l o g n a .)

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1. Reference signal this office to a/n HQ., dated 19 Oct.'45.

2. Enquiries have been made by this officer, and it appears that at about 1900 hrs. on 18 Oct. 1945 some 44 prisoners escaped from the judicial prison of S. Eufemia, Modena, after overpowering the guard.

3. Forty-two of these prisoners were ex-partisans, some of whom had been already sentenced, while others were awaiting trial for serious crime - murder, kidnapping, extortion, etc.

4. The escape was made in collusion with some of the ex-partisan guards, who supplied two prisoners with pistols, with which these men were later able to hold up the regular guard when being visited, to release the other prisoners, and so by immobilizing all the guards on duty in turn, to leave by the main entrance, which was already open!

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8. Attention is drawn to paragraph 2 of the above report, particularly the conclusions drawn and recommendations made therein.

9. All these points apply equally in this present instance. Such enquiries as have been made

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to date point to the complicity of a local ex-partisan leader, one "Vento", in organizing the escape.

I0. In fact, it is the same, and now very familiar story of ex-partisan prisoners, ex-partisan guards and the assistance of other ex-partisans from outside.

II. The prison director, Dott. MURRU, is incompetent and too scared to take drastic action. He is a career man, and was in office prior to the arrival of A.M.G.

I2. It is perhaps significant that no proper disciplinary measures were taken after the previous escapes, in spite of a strong and detailed report by CC.RR. to the Prefect of Modena.

I3. Nor was anything done to improve the internal discipline of the prison and staff, or to ensure that the measures for guarding and controlling prisoners were efficiently carried out.

I4. In conclusion, it is certain that such escapes will continue at this prison, and elsewhere, until drastic steps are taken to overhaul the present prison service.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: L/57
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 191100A

Message Centre No: G/1546
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 200900
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SC

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Prison break MODENA 18 October 1945 43 prisoners escaped with aid from outside. No shooting. 2 recaptured. Report follows.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference: L/60
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Message Centre No: G/1788
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 231400
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
TO : HQ ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SC

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Prison break PIACENZA 21 October 45. 30 prisoners escaped judicial prison. Guards appear to have assisted. No shooting reported. Investigating. Report follows.

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(Translation C.C.)

Soriano nel Cimino IO/IO/1945

16 OTT. 1945

Sig.Procuratore del Regno di VITERBO

and for information

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

General Direction of Prison ROME

Sig.Giudice di Sorvegliianza presso il

Tribunale di Viterbo

Al Prisoner Officer-Public Safety

Sub-Commission-QH Allied Commission

Via Veneto R O M A

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SUBJECT: Evasion of the prisoner D'INCICCO TURINDO di Antonio condemned by Allied Military Court in Rome to 7 years imprisonment-sentence of I4/3/45-for continually falsifying legal bank-notes. 39B

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Attached is the report of the agent-student D'UBALDI Getulio and that of the Vice Brigadiere FABOZZI Nicola regarding the evasion of the prisoner D'INCICCO Turindo which happened the IO/IO/45 at I4OO hours.

Said D'UBALDI's simple duty was only that to look after the prisoner in question who was ordered to repair the lock of the lattice gate belonging the establishment and reserved to the Director but which was actually used by the building contractor for works in progress of enlargement.

The astonishing heedlessness of the agent, the want of initiative and his state of confusion, were the only cause of the evasion as the prisoner and agent were standing very near each other.

Attached is also the juridical position of the evaded

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(Translation C.C.)

CASA PENALE PER MINORATI FISICI O PSICHICI

SORIANO NEL CIMINO

Soriano 8/IO/1945 Sig.CAPOGUARDIA

To Chief Watchman

SUBJECT: Evasion of the prisoner D'inciaco Turindo

I report that being on point duty in the passage-yard guarding two prisoners I was being replaced by the Agent Rossi Angelo to go in search of the agent GERMANI Alfonso for giving relief to the 2nd sentinel.

But what happened is, that German was in the yard of the Director's house with the a/m prisoner, who, appearently searching amongst scrap-iron, suddenly mounted two boards near by, using them as a bridge for scaling the wall and to run away.

Immediatly I ran after him, but while climbing the same boards, one of them broke under my weight making me lose time and preventing his recapture.

I came back to give the alarm and to report.

/s/ D'UBALDI Getulio

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(Information of the Chief Watchmen)

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To day at about 2 p.m. just after having returned to establishment with eight helping prisoners employed in trasporting the food arrived then from Viterbo,(which thing is done every month), the corporal of the guard Lucidi Sante,told me that in same instant the locksmith prisoner D'INCICCO Turindo had evaded from the court-yard of the Director's dwellings.

After hurring - the food provision into porter's lodgings, I gave order to the following agents to re-capture the run-away: Corporal of the guard LUCIDI Sante; Corso Nicola; Chiarenza Giuseppe; Di Marcello Gabriele; Catini Bernardo; Feroni Alfredo; Battella Domenico and Ceriello Antonio. After which I withdrew the laborers and invited the agents of Ist watch duty gathered in the barracks to take up service to replace those out. Then with the eight helping prisoners I went down to continue the interrupted work of carrying the food supply.

As I went out of the establishment I met the Director and reported to him the a/m.

The agents ordered to pursue the ran-away returned back one by one until midnight with a negative result.

/s/ TABAZZI Nicola

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Soriano nel Cimino IO/IO/I945

Sig.Procuratore del Regno
di
VITERBO

15 OTT. 1945

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Sig.Giudice di Sorveglianza presso il
Tribunale di Viterbo

Al Prisoner Officer -Public Safety
Sub-Commission -QH Allied Commission
Via Veneto
R O M A

Oggetto: Evasione del condannato D'INCICCO Turindo di Antonio - in espiazione di anni 7 reclusione per falsificazione continuata di banconote aventi corso legale- sentenza I4/3/I945 -Corte Militare Alleata di Roma-

Si rimette copia del rapporto dell'allievo agente D'Ubaldi Getulio e del Vice brigadiere Fabozzi Nicola relativo all'evasione del detenuto D'Incicco Turindo, avvenuta l'8 corrente alle ore I4.
L'allievo D'Ubaldi doveva guardare il detenuto in oggetto che era stato comandato di riparare la serratura del cancello d'ingresso allo stabilimento riservato al Direttore e che attualmente viene usato dall'impresa edilizia per i lavori in corso dell'alloggio stesso.
La sorprendente sbadataggine dell'agente, la sua mancanza di iniziativa, lo stato di confusione hanno potuto consentire una fuga del genere, in quanto detenuto e agente si trovavano vicinissimi l'uno all'altro, nè altra incombenza il D'Ubaldi aveva al di fuori di quello di guardare il detenuto.
Si allega la posizione giuridica dell'evaso.

IL MEDICO PRIMARIO ALIENISTA
CON FUNZIONI DI DIRETTORE
(Dott. [illegible])

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CASA PENALE PER MINORATI FISICI O PSICHICI
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COPIA DEL RAPPORTO A CARICO DEL CONDANNATO D'INCICCO Turindo REDATTO DALL'ALLIEVO AGENTE D'UBALDO OSTILIO PER L'EVASIONE AVVENUTA L'8/IO/1945 NELLA CASA PENALE DI SORIANO NEL CIMINO

SORIANO 8/IO/1945 SIG.CAPOGUARDIA

OGGETTO: Evasione detenuto D'Incicco Turindo.

Informo, trovandomi in servizio nel cortile di passeggio a sorveglia-re due detenuti muratori, venivo sostituito dall'agente Rossi Angelo per recarmi a chiamare l'agente Germani Alfonso e dare il cambio alla se-conda sentinella;ma il cane volle che il Germani si trovava nel cor-tile della casa del sig.Direttore con il detenuto sindicato, e mentre cercava tra i rottami in filo di ferro è salito sopra due palanche che servivano da ponte per salire da terra al muro si è dato alla fu-ga.

Subito l'ho inseguito, però nel salire mi si è rotta una palanca e li persi il tempo e non ho potuto arrivarlo più e sono tornato indietro allo sta-bilimento per dare l'allarme.

Per dovere
l'allievo agente
f.to D'Ubaldi Getulio

Informazioni del Capoguardia:

Oggi verso le ore 14, non appena entrato nello stabilimento accompagnato da-gli otto detenuti che trasportavano i generi alimentari giunti da Viterbo, (come si fa mensilmente), il capoposto Lucidi Sante, mi ha detto che proprio in momento era evaso il detenuto fabbro D'Incicco Turindo, dal cortile della abitazione del sig.Direttore.

Subito fatto scaricare i sacchi di pasta in portineria e ho dato or-dine agli agenti: capoposto Lucidi Sante; Corso Nicola; Chiarenza Giuseppe; Di Marcello Gabriele; Catini Bernardo; Peroni Alfredo; Battella Domenico e Ci-riello Antonio d'inseguire l'evaso. Dopo ho fatto ritirare i lavoranti e chiamati gli agenti di prima guardia che si trovavano in caserma li ho fat-to montare in servizio al posto degli usciti. Poi insieme agli otto detenu-ti sono sceso giu per continuare a far trasportare il resto dei generi ali-mentari. Appena uscito dallo stabilimento no incontrato il sig.Direttore che l'ho informato del fatto sopra detto. Gli agenti comandati allo inseguimento dell'evaso sono ritornati nello stabilimento alla spicciolata fino alle ore 24 con esito negativo.

P. Il Capoguardia
f.to Fabozzi Nicola -sottoscritto

Per copia conforme
Il Segretario

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Modello 414 *(Carceri)*

CASA PENALE PER MINORENNI FISICI O PSICHICI
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Direzione delle Carceri Giudiziarie di

Ufficio di Matricola

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d'anni nato a Ancora il 15/7/1899 di professione Impiegato

arrestato il 1°/3/1945

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quale definitivo

ad anni 7 reclusione per falsificazione continuata di banconote aventi corso legale; sentenza 14/3/1945 Corte Alleata Militare di Roma.

Decorrenza pena 14/3/1945

Scadenza pena 14/3/1952.

Rasc dalla Casa penale di Soriano l'8/10/1945.

Soriano 10/10/1945

IL COMANDANTE

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IL MEDICO PRIMARIO ALLEATA
CON FUNZIONI DI DIRETTORE
(Dott. Emilio [illegible])

Roma, Tip. Mantellate (c. 200.000)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

Ist October, I945

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.7

Subject: PRISON BREAK. PARMA - 23 SEPT.'45.

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

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BOLOGNA

Ref.: AC/LG/PO/15B

28th Sept. 45

To: Major A.G.P. Way
Public Safety Division

From: Capt. C.I.J. Wadsworth
P.S.D.

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Prison guard regulation's lay down that one door only may be open at one time. Had this normal regulation been carried out the escape would been made impossible.

It appears that the inner door was guarded by an auxillary guard who on the request of several prisoners opened this door. This left them with one more door to get into the prison grounds. This door is locked from the outside.

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Whereas the guard should have been on duty he was not, and, had left his post. On his return he opened the door without taking the normal precaution of looking through the peep hole to see all was normal and was then overpowered by the lurking prisoners. (This guard is on the regular staff).

The prisoners then had two means of continuing their bid to escape.

(a) Attempting to break through two mere doors (guarded) which lead out of the prison grounds.

(b) Going through the warders quarters and scaling the wall on the other side of their quarters.

They adopted the last plan and twelve they got away.

3) SUMMARY.

I am of the opinion that this was not a break planed in conjunction with the guards. However it is obvious that the guards in question failed to carry out their duty in the correct manner.

4) NOTES ON PRISON.

The prison itself is spacious and light and of fairly recent construction.

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The outside compound has a CCRR guard but it only consists of a two man patrol.

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Liason Group, Bologna.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

26 SET. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: L/45
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 261145A

Message Centre No: F/7042
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 261400A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : ALCOM LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA
TO : HEADQUARTERS ALCOM PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMISSION

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CONFIDENTIAL

Prison break reported FAENZA 23 September 45. 22 former partisan prisoners escaped. 12 since recaptured. Method of escape adopted not yet known. No shooting. Report follows.

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Originator's Reference: L/48
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 271045A

Message Centre No: F/9267
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 280930A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM ALCOM LO BOLOGNA

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR P SAFETY SC

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UNCLASSIFIED

Prison break reported MANDAMENTALE Prison BUDRIO BOLOGNA Province 23 September 45. Guard immobilised by 2 armd men posing as visitors. Three former Partisans undergoing sentence released. No trace to date. Prison used for detention of short term criminals owing to overcrowding in judicial prisons.

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Liaison Office I.G.I.
Bologna

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17th September 1945

Ref. AC=LG/PS/23.3

Subject: PRISON BREAKS. BOLOGNA AND MODENA.

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

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I. During the past week two prison breaks have occurred in Emilia Region.

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5. The escape was simple and well-organised.

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8. In consequence, another 47 prisoners were released, other guards silently immobilised and the telephone lines cut. These guards were compelled under threat of arms to open other doors and so the whole party escaped through the main entrance.

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9. Five escapees have so far been recaptured.

10. Both at Modena and Bologna, these escapes can be ascribed to the same factors.

a) Overcrowded prison conditions.
Both prisons have about double the population for which they were intended.

b) Bad lighting.

c) Inefficient prison service.
Most of the former prison guards remaining in service are a poor type and unfitted for this duty.

d) The employment of ex-partisans as prison guards. It cannot be too strongly pointed out that the type of ex-partisan who desires to accept service in the prison (or Questura) service is almost invariably completely unsuitable by reason of character, appearance, record, mental and physical fitness, and lack of training.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.G.T.
Bologna

17th Sept.1945

Ref. AC-LG/PS/23.3

Subject: VISIT TO MODENA - 15th SEPT.1945 -
INVESTIGATION OF JAIL BREAK 12 SEPT.1945

To: MAJOR A.C.E.WAY,
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At 2100 hrs, 12 Sept., a prisoner named ARTIOLI Giuseppe requested the guard outside his cell to open the cell door to enable him to disinfect his bed.

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Situated on same floor is a corridor with a small barred window. The bars were quickly forced (1/2" in diameter) and the seven prisoners escaped over the roof of the houses which adjoin the prison.

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No alarm was given to the CC.RR. who had set up a guard outside the jail.

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C O N C L U S I O N .

I) The prison itself is most unsuitable as a jail and was originally built as a convent.

2) The roofs of the surrounding houses actually run up against the prison walls.

3) Prison made to accommodate I20 prisoners and is at present holding 229.

4) Number of staff adequate - 37, normal establishment 23 but they would appear goaded by fear.

5) Doctor MURRU the director is stated by CC.RR. to be quite unable to maintain discipline and cope with present situation.

6) The transfer of the Prison Director and majority of warders is advocated.

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RIOT AT SAN [illegible]TTORE - Questore of Mil[illegible] put in prison

14238 Seen by DPS

Milan 11 Sept 45 (night).

Last night there was a riot at the prison of San Vittore. The prisoners at first succeeded in occupying the whole VIth wing and assaulting the ration stores. Later the cc.rr. abliged them to abandon their prize and organised the defence with an armoured-vehivle.

The prisonersw went towards the exit of the jail, where they took prisoner a P.S. commissario on guard. The Questore, being informed, arrived, and the prisoners offered the release of the commissario in exchange of their freedom. The questore answered that it was not possible.

The prisoners then took possession of the Questore, and imprisoned him also.

Only thru the secretary of the jail and after a long argument was it possible to release the two prisoners.

Later the prisoners made a second attempt to take possession of the exits of the prison. The public force intervened, making use of arms. Two prisoners were wounded. The situation then appeared calm, and the prisoners returned to their cells. But later the prisoners, gathering together in the corridors, took the secretary of the prison, prisoner, while he was going to his office.

With the arrival of CC.RR. and police re-inforcements the battle commenced, and the prisoners succeeded in disarming the cc.rr. At this point an ultimatum was given and the police menaced to pass two prisoners under arms if they would not surrender.

In answer, the prisoners stated that should a prisoner be touched, they would have killed the secretary killed.

Finally the Allied police intervened re-establishing discipline for the moment. Meanwhile the Allied Command has given orders to fire should a further riot take place.

ITALIA NUOVA

Translation ac/

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Read by DPS from Seen's desk

D E T A C H M E N T.

30TH. BN THE CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

11 SEP. 1945

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SUBJECT:- Statement of the escape of PEZZATINI, Aldo.

TO:- O.C. No.4.Coy.30th Bn The Cheshire Regiment.

I inspected the prison building on the 5.September.45 and found that the escape had been made through a window in a room belonging to one of the Italian Prison Officials.

The Official gave the time of escape as approximately 1300 hrs, when he was on duty and absent from his room, which had been locked but broken into.

The window was covered by a steel grill but the grill was only nailed to the window frame, the nails had been extracted and the grill removed. thus allowing the prisoner access to the roofs and means of escape.

6th Sept.1945.
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30TH. BN THE CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

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5th Sept.1945.
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(Lieut. Sharp)

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4th Sept.1945.
APS.

Signed. H. Mole. Sgt. No.811365.

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4th Sept.1945.
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Signed. 4123071. Cpl. Phillips.W.

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30TH. BN THE CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

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SUBJECT:- Statement of evidence on escape of PEZZATINI.Aldo.

On the morning of 4th Sept.1945, I relieved L/Cpl Scargill as sentry on the Main Gate, from 0915 hrs till 1000 hrs.

During my tour of duty, neither the scopino in question or any other scopino came near the Main Gate, nor did any go outside.

5th September.1945.
APS.

Signed. No.6354936. Pte Walker. J.

I was carrying out my Duty as sentry on the Main Gate from 0800 hrs until 0915 hrs on 4th Sept.1945, and during that time, no scopino approached my post.

I know the scopino in question and would have recognised him if he had tried to come through the Main Gate.

5th Sept.1945.
APS.

Signed. No.4351072. L/Cpl Scargill. A.

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CAR[illegible]RE MINORENNI ARISTIDE GABE[illegible]I.

SECURITY PRISON.

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11 SEP. 1945

SUBJECT:- Escape of Prisoner from Regina Coeli.

TO:* Captain Freeman, R.A.A.C.

The following are two statements made by a sergeant and a private of the guard at Regina Coeli.

On returning to Regina Coeli on the night of the 19th.August 1945 at approximately 2300 hrs., I was approached by an Italian sergeant who inquired if I had sent the prisoner, SEITTA Antonio, out with one of the sentries. I replied NO. He then told me the above mentioned prisoner was seen by the gate-keeper to leave the prison at the same time as Pte. CROGGAN. I questioned Pte. CROGGAN, who remembered two people passing through the gates at the same time he went out- approximately 1830 hrs. He did not recognise them. I informed the Italian sergeant of this and he went away. I then telephoned the Duty Officer at the Security Prison and reported the matter.

Signed. C J Pickford 54

NCO.i/c guard at Regina Coeli.

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On the evening in question i.e. August 19th. 1945, at approximately 1830 hrs. after having completed my duties for the day, I was making my exit to the street, and at the time of passing through the double doors of the main entrance and exit, there were two people ahead of me; one dressed in civilian attire, the other in American drill, jacket and trousers. These two persons were ahead of me as far as the street. I followed up behind the American clad person as far as the steps facing the main entrance, I then passed on ahead to make my way across the bridge to the trams. No conversation was exchanged by any person at the gate.

On my return at approximately 2215 hrs., I was asked by the prison Duty Sergeant if Scopino SEITTA Antonio had gone out with me. Naturally, my reply was NO, and asked if I recalled if anybody passed out at the same time as myself, I gave the exact information as above.

Above statement made by me this 7th day of September 1945.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO No. 794 US Army.

G/I/4865/MBR

6 Sep 45

SUBJECT: PEZZATINI Aldo

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TO : Capt. FREEMAN,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ, Allied Commission.

1. Attached is a report on the escape from the Carcere 'Aristide Cabelli' of a scoppino, employed on duty with Allied security prisoners.

2. Subsequent investigations revealed that he had escaped via the window of an official of the minor's prison. Four minors also made good their escape at the same time.

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(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt.Col., G.S.,
AC of S, G-2(CI).

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(Translation M.C.)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

To: Alla Questura di Rome

To Allied Commission
Sub Commission of P.S.
ROME

4/9/45

Allied units at S.Michele's Institute inform that about 10 a.m. to day the prisoner PEZZATINI Aldo, son of Romolo and SCALABRINI Antonietta, born in Rome 14 August 1922, ~~evaded~~ escaped from that jail.

The prisoner, who was at disposal of Local Procurs del Regno, is charged with theft etc.

The CC.RR. Command, the Questura, the Trastevere Commissary are begged to take the necessary measures for tracing escaped inmate.

Gen. Inspector
ROSA

TO	INIT.	DATE
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EXEC. OFFICER		
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Released Security prisoner
well send report.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

5 SET. 1945

TO: Alla Questura Roma; Alla Stazione Carbinieri S. Calisto; Al'Commiss. di S. Trastevere;

FROM: SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

REFERENCE No: 3564 CLASSIFICATION:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: PRECEDENCE:

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

Addressees con't. e P.C. alla Procura Roma, Al Ministerio Giustizia; Al Comando Alleato, Sotto Commissione di P.S. - Via Veneto.

SI COMMUNICA CHE E PERVENUTA NOTIZIA DELLE REPARTO ALLEATO DI ISTITUTO ST. MICHELE CHE STA MANE ALLE ORE DIECE CIRCA E'EVASO DA DELLE QUELLI CARCERI DOVI TROVAVASI IMIQUALITA DI SCOPPINO, IL DETENUTO PEZZATINI ALDO, DI ROMOLO, E DI SCALABRINI ANTONIETTA, NATO A ROMA, IL 14 AGOSTO 1922, DOMILICIATO VICOLO BOLOGNA NUMERO 89, MEDISSIMO TROVASSI A DISPOSIZIONI LOCALE PROCURA DEL REGNO QUALE IMBUTATO DI FURTO E DI ALTRO. SI PREGA COMANDO CARBINIERI, LA QUESTURA, ED IL COMMISSARIO TRASTEVERE DI VOLERE, DISPORRE, IMEDIATE RICERCHE PER IL RINTRACCIO DEL MEDESSIMO

FIRMATO: L'ISETTORE GEN. ROSA

MESSAGE CENTER NOTE

ABOVE TO THIS HQ. FOR INFORMATION OF P.S. S/C
RECEIVED BY PHONE AT 042130 HOURS.
TRANSMITTED BY SAIA
CARCERI DEL REGINA COELI.

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(Translation M.C.)

DIRECTION
OF
JUDICIAL PRISON
of ROME

N. 17579

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Rome 20 Aug. 1945

To ALLIED COMMAND
SUB-COMMISSION P.S. ROME

SUBJECT: Failed return to prison of SAITTA Antonio.

At 6p.m. yesterday evening, the inmate SAITTA Antonio, who worked for the English soldiers in the prison, left the jail in the company of William Crobam.

Aforesaid soldier returned alone to the establishment and gave no precise information of Saitta's absence.

The missing man and William Crobam were seen by the prison-agent Sideri Antonio, on Mazzini Bridge, and was greeted by former.

At 8 p.m. he was also seen by prison-, agent Cordisco Cesare. But did not speak to him thinking that he had been set free.

The Questure and CC.RR. Command have been informed.

Attached is copy of report.

GENERAL INSPECTOR
/s/illegible

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TO		
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Phoned Security Prince, I will send report.

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SUBJECT: Report of Head-guard POMPEI on the absence of the inmate SAITTA Antonio - 20 Aug. 1945.

Pompei's report to Commander F.Carnezza and to the Inspector General.

Yesterday evening about 10 p.m., warder Boccale Tommaso, reported that Saitta Antonio, who had worked these past ten months with the English soldiers billetted in prison, failed to make his due return.

The prison porter SPIASU Luigi when questioned, declared that he had seen the aforesaid leave about 6 p.m. with an English soldier; he was wearing an outfit given him by the English soldiers and carrying parcels.

Prison agent Cannilla Giovanni, on duty at the main entrance corroborated what porter referred.

When the English soldiers returned shortly before midnight, one of these , a tall slim soldier, said that SAITTA left with him but did not stay in his company.

Further information by same head-guard.

We have proof that the a/m prisoner at 6 p.m. on the 19th inst., was seen leaving the prison in the company of a tall slim English soldier; that he was seen by prison -agent SIDERI Antonio about that time at MAZZINI bridge wearing an Allied uniform, carrying two parcels, and in the company of a tall English soldier; that SAITTA greeted guard with " Good evening Chief ".

The aforesaid guard, thought the soldier was escorting the prisoner as per usual to St. Michele's.

Prison-agent Cordisco Cesare on hearing of incident informed me, of having seen SAITTA about 8 p.m. in Via Candia, in the company of a tall, fair slim soldier.

/s/Head guard Pompei

20 Aug. 1945

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24 AGO. 1945

DIREZIONE

DEL

CARCERE GIUDIZIARIO

DI ROMA

17579

IL DIRETTORE

Roma, 20 agosto 1945

COMANDO ALLEATO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE di P.S.
R O M A

PROCURA DEL RETO ROMA

MINISTERO DELLA GIUSTIZIA
DIREZIONE GENERALE PER GLI ISTITUTI
DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA
R O M A

OGGETTO: Assenza dallo stabilimento del detenuto Saitta Antonio adibito al servizio dei militari inglesi.

Ieri sera il detenuto Saitta Antonio, scopino alla caserma dei militari inglesi del carcere, verso le ore 18, uscì dal carcere insieme col militare inglese William Crobam.

Tale militare al suo ritorno allo stabilimento non ha saputo dare notizie del Saitta che non ha più fatto ritorno nel carcere e per cio risulta mancante.

Egli è stato visto dall'agente Sideri Antonio che lo incontrò sul ponte Mazzini insieme col militare inglese e venne dallo stesso Saitta salutato.

Anche l'agente di custodia Cordisco Cesare ha dichiarato di aver visto il Saitta in via Candia verso le ore 20 e non procedette verso il Saitta ritenendo che fosse stato messo in libertà.

La Questura e il Comando dei Carabinieri sono stati avvertiti del fatto.

Unisco una copia di rapporto.

L'Ispettore Generale Dirigente

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Copia di rapporto a carico del detenuto SAITTA ANTONIO redatto dal capoguardia Pompei il 20 agosto 1945

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Signor Comandante

Ieri sera verso le ore 22 circa l'agente Boccale Tommaso, in servizio alle camerette mi comunicava che il detenuto Saitta Antonio, adibito da oltre dieci mesi in qualità di scopino per pulire l'alloggio dei militari Inglesi, non era presente alla conta. Mi interessai subito di cercare il detenuto, incaricando anche il sottocapo ~~Rmmmkk~~ Corica Vincenzo e l'agente Boccalà. Interrogato il portinaio, agente Spissu Luigi, questi mi disse che aveva visto uscire verso le ore 18 circa, come di consueto, il detenuto Saitta in compagnia di un militare Inglese, vestito con abiti forniti dagli stessi Inglesi, portando dei fagotti e di non averli visti rientrare.
L'agente Cannilla Giovanni, in servizio al portone d'ingresso, conferma quanto ha dichiarato il portinaio. Abbiamo atteso il ritorno dei militari Inglesi, i quali sono ritornati verso le ore 23,40 circa senza il detenuto. Chiesto loro informazioni, con l'ausilio di un detenuto interprete, uno di loro di corporatura esile e alta, dichiarava che il Saitta era uscito dallo Stabilimento contemporaneamente a lui, ma egli non l'accompagnava.
Informai subito dell'accaduto la S.V. e il Sig. Ispettore Generale.

p. il Capoguardia f. Pompei.

Informazioni del Capoguardia

Da indagini eseguite è risultato che il detenuto contro indicato uscì dalla porta principale in compagnia del militare Inglese, di corporatura esile e alto di statura, verso le ore 18 circa del 19 corrente mese.
L'agente Sideri Antonio mi ha dichiarato che incontrò il Saitta verso la suddetta ora, sul ponte Mazzini, vestito con vestiario Alleato e vicino al suo fianco destro vi era un militare Inglese di corporatura esile e alto di statura. - Il Saitta portava due fagotti e appena vide il Sideri lo salutò "buona sera superiore". L'agente credette che il militare Inglese conducesse il detenuto a San Michele come di consueto.
L'agente Cordisco Cesare venuto a conoscenza dell'accaduto si è presentato a me stanotte alle ore 1,45 dichiarandomi di aver visto il Saitta in Via Candia verso le ore 20 di ieri, vestito in borghese in compagnia di un

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20 agosto 1945

p.il Comandante f. Carnazza

Per copia conforme
Roma li 30 AGO. 1945
IL SEGRETARIO

DIREZIONE CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE ROMA

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND — Rome, 15 August '45

No. 340/15

SUBJECT : 63 prisoners escaped from the Prisons of S.Teresa in Florence.

TO : A.C. Public Safety S.C.

and, for information,

TO : Ministry of Interior - Cabinet,
Ministry of Interior - General Directorate of P.S.
(reference to letter No. 442/608 dated 15 May '45)

Ministry of Grace and Justice - General Direction of Prisons.

Reference to letter AC/14238/PS dated 18 May 1945.

On 30 April 1945, in the evening, the CC.RR. Company of Florence was asked through a phone call by that Questura to grant for the Ist May a reinforcement of 10 carabinieri for the Prisons of S. Teresa and an equal reinforcement for the Prisons of Murate to be put at disposal of the Prisons Director to prevent and repress riots.

Owing to the lack of personnel in the territorial Units, the a/m soldiers have been taken from the Unit ready to be sent to the North, whose commander, Lt. Arnoldo GIUSTINI, put at disposal of the Authority of P.S. also other 100 soldiers for public order service.

On Ist May ult. the service at the Prison of S.Teresa was started by Vice Brigadiere Leonello PETRUCCI who, complying with the orders Lt. GIUSTINI had given him, went to the spot commanding 9 men- all having their weapons unloaded - and asked for the Director. Being the latter absent he spoke to the Chief Warders who told him to remain at disposal in the Body-Guard (Corpo di Guardia)and in the Prison-yard. Besides he assured him he would inform him of any emergency.

About 1230 hrs Vice Brigadiere PETRUCCI and his men were replaced by Vice Brigadiere Pietro CARDINI who went to the spot

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with " appuntato " Primo SANI and the u/m carabinieri: Vincenzo GIOLLI, Settimio Agrorelli, Giuseppe BAMFI, Michele PALLADINO, Luigi CINCALINI, Ferdinando LONGHI, Antonio ARCADI, Gaetano ZINGALI.

Also this squad, as the precedent one, had unloaded weapons and having the Prisons Director not appeared, the N.C.O. commanding the reinforcement received only the uncertain orders his comrade PETRUCCI had left to him.

Shortly after 1400 hrs from the inner part of the Prison some people cried out: "Carabinieri come here! " The carabinieri went at once to the spot.

Meanwhile in the Prison the following incidents had occurred.

About at 1330 hrs some 200 prisoners had met in a single large room to hear a speech a prisoner nick-named "l'Avvocato" (the lawyer) was delivering.

That very day, against the Prison rule, wine had been distributed to the prisoners about two hours after lunch- and shortly before the speech began.

When the speech was over (about 1400 hrs), while the prisoners re-entered their rooms, some of them assailed some prison warders took the Keys from them and locked them into the cells. Other Agents were panic struck: a N.C.O. went to a large room where prisoners were assembled and said: " Those who want to leave may go. But don't injure me.

The prisoners headed by one ROSSI nick-named "Berrettino" (little cap) succeeded in reaching the gate which opens from the door -Keeper's house into the Prison-yard.

At that very moment the Carabinieri having heard the cry "Come here" went towards the said gate they found ajar.

Carabiniere ZINGALI having arrived the first was seized by Prison warder Dario BRACALE and pushed into the hall were some prisoners were already gathered.

Prison warder BRACALE, having noticed the prisoners were rushing into the door Keeper's house, locked the gate leaving carabiniere ZINGALI amongst the prisoners.

The s/m soldier succeeded in avoiding to be disarmed assuming

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a resistance posture in a corner of the Hall.

Mean-while vice- Brigadiere CARDINI gathered his men quite near the gate threatening to fire.

Then seeing that a prisoner was about to open the gate with the key,tried -helped by Carabiniere BAMPI-to seize the Key. But they did not succeed because the prisoners, bitting the carabiniere's hands and after having injured the Vice -brigadiere hands broke into the Prison-Yard where,what for their being numerous what for the rapidity of their movements, they succeeded by force to get hold of the front-door Key desappearing in the street.

It is undenisble that the fulmineous action of the prisoners was not timely smothered by the reaction of the CC.RR. who had not the time to charge their weapons.

Neither could they run after the prisoners escaped as they were facing other numerous prisoners also trying to run away.

The fact is that the bold enterprise of the prisoners was made easier by a complex of circumstances and by irregularities that had taken place in the Prison itself (wine distribution,delivering of a speech and the panic of the personnel)and by an inexplicable lack of precautionary measures. A request for CC.RR. reinforcement was made, but no dispositions for the service were issued by the direction of the Prisons although the Direction itself was quite aware that on the Ist May recurrency incidents,as rebellion or attempts to breach of prison,might took place.

With regard to the action of the Carabinieri we point out the following faults:

The orders given by Lt.Arnolfo GIUSTINI to Vice-Brigadiere PETRUCCI before the service began,were not precise and detailed.

Both the Vice-Brigadieri (Leonello PETRUCCI and Pietro CARDINI) should have requested and obtained instructions by the Prison Director referring to their service in the prison as that was the order Lt.GIUSTINI had given.

Particularly referring to Vice-Brigadiere CARDINI and his men's inefficient action,the Direction of the Prison charged them with not having answered the order of firing that,according to their statement,warrant officer SALE,Chief Warders, had given. Due to the above stetement vice-brigadiere CARDINI was arrested on 15 May ult. on warrant of arrest immediately issued against him by the judicial Authority.

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But this very important circumstance is controversial as it is confirmed by prison-warder Armando NAPOLETANO and denied by Raffaele FERRONI (a convict ex partisan), by one Vera CANCIOTTOLI, the sister of a prisoner escaped, by vice-brigadiere CARDINI and his men.

This is the mere account of the CC.RR.'s responsabilities in this unpleasant event.

Lt. GIUSTINI and vice-brigadiere PETRUCCI have been adequately punished.

The responsibilities vice-brigadiere CARDINI and his men met with, will be valued when the penal proceeding is over.

Referring to the a/m, we cannot help remarking the inconceivable behaviour by which the Director of Florence Prisons, Dr. G.B. MAZZARISI, tried, by his letter sent to the P.S. Regional Office for Toscana, to lay entirely the blame on the Carabinieri for the responsabilities of the prisoners escape.

In such letter Dr. MAZZARISI says nothing about the speech delivered in the prisons neither does he mention the distribution of wine, nor the fact that during the whole morning of may Ist he never wee seen, although, owing to his own request, a CC.RR. squad was awaiting for his orders in the Prison-yard.

The whole ground on which the charge against the CC.RR. is based, consists in the statement that the soldiers did not execute the order of firing.

This circumstance, as we have already said, is debated.

On the other hand it appears inexplicable that if such order had really been given, none of the Carabinieri had executed it.

Any way, it is not exact that in such circumstance the carabinieri had remained quite inactive: they tried, even if in an inefficient way, to face prisoners as it is proved by the injuries got by vice-brigadiere CARDINI and carabiniere BANTI in the vain attempt to avoid the Prison gate to be opened.

On the contrary, the conduct of the Prison warders in the indidents which are complained of, is easily desumable by above reported description of the facts.

Up to this day, owing to the investigations made by the P.S. with the co-operation of the Carabinieri and Vice-brigadiere CARDINI itself, 30 of the 63 prisoners escaped have been captured.

The General Commender 170
/s/Brunetto Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 346/15 di prot. Roma, li 15 agosto 1945

Risposta al foglio del 18 maggio u.s. n. AC/14238/PS Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Evasione di 63 detenuti dalle carceri di S.Teresa in Firenze.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione di P.S. - ROMA

e,per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto - ROMA

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza - Div.A.G.R. - Sez.II^ - (R. al f.n.442/c018 del 15 maggio u.s.) ROMA

AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA - Direzione Generale per gli Istituti di prevenzione e di pena - ROMA

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La sera del 30 aprile u.s.,la Questura di Firenze chiese telefonicamente a quella Compagnia interna CC.RR. un rinforzo di 10 militari dell'Arma,per la giornata del I° maggio,al carcere di S.Teresa e di altrettanti militari a quello delle Murate,a disposizione del Direttore delle carceri per prevenire e reprimere disordini in connessione alla particolare ricorrenza.

Detti militari,per deficienza di personale dei reparti territoriali,furono tratti dal contingente in approntamento per il nord,comandato dal Tenente GIUSTINI Arnoldo,il quale,nella stessa giornata,mise a disposizione dell'Autorità di P.S. altri 100 militari per servizio d'ordine pubblico.

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Il servizio al carcere di S.Teresa fu iniziato il mattino del I° maggio dal vicebrigadiere PETRUCCI Leonello il quale,come da ordini ricevuti dal tenente GIUSTINI,si recò in luogo al comando di 9 militari,con le armi scarichе e con la consegna di mettersi a disposizione del Direttore dello stabilimento. Giunto sul posto,il sottufficiale chiese del direttore,ma,essendogli stato risposto che era assente,parlò con il comandante degli agenti di custodia il quale gli disse di rimanere a disposizione nel corpo di guardia e nel cortile del carcere, dandogli assicurazione che lo avrebbe tenuto al corrente di ogni emergenza.

Verso le 12,30 il vicebrigadiere PETRUCCI ed i suoi uomini furono sostituiti nel servizio dal vicebrigadiere CARDINI Pietro che si recò in luogo con l'appuntato SANI Primo ed i carabinieri GIOLLI Vincenzo,AGRORELLI Settimio, BAMPI Giuseppe,PALLADINO Michele,CINCALINI Luigi,LONGHI Ferdinando,ARCADI Antonio,ZINGALI Gaetano.

Anche questa squadra - come quella precedente - aveva le armi scariche ed al sottufficiale comandante,non essendosi il direttore fatto vivo,erano rimaste le vaghe consegne che il pari grado PETRUCCI gli aveva passato.

Poco dopo le ore 14 si intesero delle grida provenienti dall'interno del carcere,""Carabinieri accorrete"". I predetti militari immediatamente uscirono dal corpo di guardia per rendersi conto dell'accaduto.

Nel carcere,intanto,si erano verificati i seguenti fatti:

Verso le ore 13,30 si erano riuniti in un unico camerone

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circa 200 detenuti per ascoltare una conferenza relativa alla ricorrenza del I° maggio, tenuta da uno dei prigionieri soprannominato "l'avvocato".

Contrariamente ad ogni consuetudine lo stesso giorno, poco prima della conferenza e a distanza di circa due ore dal pasto meridiano, era stato distribuito del vino.

Al termine della conferenza, e cioè poco dopo le ore 14, mentre i detenuti rientravano ai loro cameroni, parecchi di essi, precedentemente concertatisi, assalivano parte degli agenti di custodia, sottraendo loro le chiavi e rinchiudendoli nelle celle. Altri agenti furono presi dal panico; un sottufficiale si recò in un camerone dicendo: "Chi vuole andar via vada, ma non fatemi del male".

La folla dei detenuti, guidata da certo ROSSI, detto "Berrettino", riuscì a raggiungere il cancello che dalla portineria immette nel cortile del carcere.

A questo punto i carabinieri, inteso il grido di "accorrete", si diressero verso il cancello predetto che trovarono semi-aperto.

Il carabiniere ZINGALI, giunto per primo, fu preso per un braccio dall'agente di custodia BRACALE Dario e spinto nell'interno della sala ove già si trovavano alcuni detenuti.

Il BRACALE, accortosi, poi, che i prigionieri stavano irrompendo nella portineria, richiuse il cancello a scatto, lasciando lo ZINGALI fra i detenuti; detto militare riuscì ad evitare di essere disarmato ritirandosi in atteggiamento di difesa in un angolo della sala.

Nel frattempo il vicebrigadiere CARDINI, riuniti i pro-

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pri dipendenti a breve distanza dal cancello,puntò le armi minacciando di far fuoco. Il sottufficiale,accortosi che uno dei detenuti stava per aprire con una chiave il cancello,tentò - con l'aiuto del carabiniere BAMPI - di impossessarsi della chiave,ma non vi riuscì perchè i detenuti mordendo la mano del carabiniere,dopo aver prodotto delle escoriazioni alle mani del vicebrigadiere,irruppero nel cortile ove - sia per il loro numero,sia per la rapidità con cui si svolsero i fatti - riuscirono,con la violenza,ad impossessarsi della chiave del portone principale,dileguandosi nella pubblica via.

Alla fulmineità dell'azione non corrispose, invero, l'immediata reazione da parte dei militari dell'Arma i quali non fecero in tempo a caricare le armi per farne uso. Nella circostanza 63 detenuti riuscirono ad evadere ed i carabinieri non poterono inseguirli perchè costretti a fronteggiare altri numerosi detenuti che tentavano di organizzarsi per evadere.

Sta di fatto che l'audace impresa compiuta dai carcerati è stata facilitata da un complesso di circostanze concomitanti e dalle irregolarità avvenute nell'interno del carcere (la distribuzione del vino,la conferenza, il timore del personale di custodia) e da una inspiegabile mancanza di ogni misura precauzionale,se si fa astrazione della richiesta del rinforzo di carabinieri lasciati,peraltro,senza precise istruzioni da parte della direzione del carcere che pur era a conoscenza - secondo quanto è risultato - che in quella significativa ricorrenza si sarebbe probabilmente verificato qualche tentativo di evasione in

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massa o di rivolta.

Per quanto riguarda l'azione dell'Arma sono emerse le seguenti deficienze:

- Il Tenente GIUSTINI Arnoldo,prima che il servizio al carcere venisse iniziato,avrebbe dovuto impartire al vicebrigadiere PETRUCCI,suo dipendente diretto,precisi e dettagliati ordini.
- I vicebrigadieri PETRUCCI Leonello e CARDINI Pietro avrebbero dovuto richiedere ed ottenere istruzioni dal Direttore del carcere sul servizio che dovevano compiere,dal momento che tale era l'ordine che avevano ricevuto dal proprio ufficiale.

Per quanto più direttamente e particolarmente concerne l'inefficace azione svolta dal vicebrigadiere CARDINI e dai suoi uomini,la Direzione del carcere addossò loro la responsabilità di non aver obbedito all'ordine di far fuoco,ordine che sarebbe stato dato dal comandante degli agenti di custodia,maresciallo SALE; in conseguenza di ciò l'Autorità Giudiziaria emise subito mandato di cattura a carico del vicebrigadiere CARDINI,mandato che venne eseguito il 15 maggio scorso.

Ma tale importantissima circostanza è controversa; essa, infatti,viene confermata dall'agente di custodia NAPOLETANO Armando e smentita dall'ex partigiano detenuto FRECHI Raffaello,da certa Vera CAMICIOTTOLI,sorella di un evaso,dal vicebrigadiere CARDINI e dai suoi dipendenti.

Questa l'obiettiva valutazione delle responsabilità dell'Arma nell'incresciosa vicenda.

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A carico del Tenente GIUSTINI e del vicebrigadiere PETRUCCI sono stati adottati adeguati provvedimenti disciplinari.

Le responsabilità incontrate dal vicebrigadiere CARDINI, come quelle dei suoi dipendenti, saranno vagliate a procedimento penale definito.

Con la circostanza non si può non rilevare la inopportunità e la leggerenza con le quali il direttore delle carceri di Firenze, dott. G.R. MAZZARISI, ha tentato - con la sua lettera inviata all'ufficio Regionale di P.S. per la Toscana - di far ricadere interamente sui carabinieri la responsabilità della evasione. In tale lettera il Sig. MAZZARISI non accenna alla conferenza tenutasi nel carcere, alla distribuzione del vino, nè al fatto che egli si rese irreperibile per tutta la mattinata del I° maggio, pur sapendo - perchè fu lui a chiedere il rinforzo - che nel cortile dello stabilimento si trovava a sua disposizione un nucleo di carabinieri in attesa di direttive che egli avrebbe dovuto dare sul servizio da compiere nell'interno del carcere.

Tutta l'argomentazione di accusa contro i carabinieri si appoggia - in sostanza - sull'affermazione che i militari non eseguirono l'ordine di far uso delle armi.

A parte il fatto che tale circostanza è - come si è visto - controversa e non soltanto dalla parte interessata, sembra strano, invero, che un simile ordine - se legittimamente dato - non sia stato eseguito da nessuno dei dieci militari dell'Arma.

Comunque , non è esatto che, nella circostanza, i cara-

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binieri siano rimasti completamente passivi: tentativi, per quanto inadeguati e slegati, di resistenza furono fatti, non fosse altro che da parte del vicebrigadiere CARDINI e del carabiniere BAMPI, i quali riportarono - come si è detto - escoriazioni alle mani, nel vano tentativo di impedire l'apertura dell'ultimo cancello.

Quale, invece, sia stato il comportamento delle guardie carcerarie in tutta questa vicenda, si può desumere dalla suesposta narrazione dei fatti.

A tutt'oggi, in seguito alle alacri indagini esperite dalla P.S. con il valido concorso dei carabinieri interessati e dello stesso vicebrigadiere CARDINI, dei 63 evasi ne sono stati catturati 30.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Brunetto Brunetti)

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

24 August 45.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(att: Public Safety Sub-Commission). ✓

SUBJECT : Prison Break - Palazzolo

FILE NO. : RXII/PS/17.12

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(e) Another prison-officer has been appointed to act as director of this camp.
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3. Detailed lists of the 35 escapees still at large have been given wide circulation as shown on attached list; copies are forwarded herewith for information.

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Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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TRANSLATION

Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Padova
Compagnia di Pordenone

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Pordenone, 8th August 1945

Subject:- Report on the escape of detainees from the camp of Palazzolo dello Stella.

To:- P.P.S.O. Udine
Procura del Regno Udine.

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Reached outside, part of the detainees followed the aggressors and part hid in the thick vegetation near the camp and returned during the same night to the camp.

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The other guards who were outside the camp in their homes could not assist because they did not know anything about the happenings in the camp because the bands acted quickly and silently and other guards had left too for their homes after their turn was over.

The bands were therefore masters of the camp, entered the sheds of the detainees inviting those who considered themselves to be innocent to follow them whilst those who committed serious offences had the order to remain in the sheds. Who would transgress against such order was to be shot. Of course, the order has been executed on the wrong side because the scoundrels who were charged with serious offences left whilst the others either remained in the sheds or hid themselves as soon as they were outside the camp in the fields and returned to the camp or reported to various authorities. Others instead came back after having paid a short visit to their families.

Of the 211 political detainees including 20 who belonged to the partisan formations, there are still 47 missing, of whom 20 garibaldini, charged with political offences.

According to statements of the detainee Jetri Giuseppe there were between the bands also partisan detainees. In his dormitory, for instance, appeared a political detainee armed with automatic rifle who was called "Nimis", but who neither the capo guardia nor he himself could or wanted to describe better. In fact, the same unknown does not result between those present at the camp.

In the meanwhile, another group coming from the exterior assaulted suddenly the billets of the carabinieri who were sitting on the ground and completely disarmed in front of the door in order to take fresh air and threatened them with their arms. One of the aggressors penetrated in the interior of the billets, aggressed Vice-brigadiere Noviello with levelled rifle; whilst he was about to go outside. The Vicebrigadiere who anticipated the menace rushed against the aggressor and deviated the rifle from which started a shot. The detonation drew the attention of the aggressors who were in front of the door with the already captured carabinieri and two unknown levelled the arms and shot against the NCO twice, but fortunately failed.

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5. The insufficiency of the external guard service which should be composed of at least 6 coupled patrols;

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Nominal roll of the still missing detainees is submitted as well as a copy of a letter addressed to various authorities which explains the motives that led to the escape.

Il Capitano Comandante la Compagnia
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27° RIZZO Gaetano — di Antonio e di Drago Sebastiana, nato il 14/9/1917 a Francoforte (Siracusa) ivi domiciliato, via Roberto Ardigò n.1, marinaio;

28° SAVOIA Antonio — fu Tiziano e di Spellacre Maddalena, nato il 14/2/1920 a Codroipo e residente a Pordenone, impiegato;

29° SINCNUTTI Rino — di Giovanni e di Bessero Eva; nato a Spilimbergo il 30/5/1921, ivi residente , via Cavedalis n.3;

30° SCAPPATTURA Giuseppe — di Orazio e di Crea Caterina, nato a Reggio Calabria, il 15/5/1917, residente a Pieris (Trieste);

31° VIANELLO Fabrio — di Severo e di Chieche Ersilia, nato a Pirano; 17/8/1923, residente a Gorizia, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 27;

32° ZAPPAROLI Gino — di Tito e di Pinetti Vittoria, nato a Copparo (Ferrara) il 6/3/1911, residente a Bologna, via Berletti n.57;

33° BERGHIGNAN Natale — di Sorenzach Ermenegilda, nato a Pulfero il 5/12/1920, ivi domiciliato;

34° BASILE Giovanni — di Giovanni e di Gennina Giuseppina, nato il 7/4/1922 a Palermo domiciliato a Palermo;

35° BARBETTI Mario — fu Virgilio e di Feruglio Teresa, nato a Udine il 14/7/1897, ivi domiciliato; via Piemonte n.9, Impresario edile;

36° TOFFUL Giovanni — fu Giuseppe e fu Maria Zonta, nato il 11/2/1894 at Corona (Gorizia).-

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15° FORTUNATI Gualtiero fu Riccardo e di Bassi Dionisia nato a Udine 6/12/1911, ivi residente, via Mercerie n.9;

17° GIACOMUZZI Guerrino fu Leone e di Geronetta Pasqua, nato il 23/9/1918 a Tolmezzo, ivi residente, meccanico;

18° GRILLO Antonio fu Stefano e di Terendino Giuseppa, nato il 21/1/1914 a Palermo e residente a Pordenone-Torre, via Vittorio Veneto 24, decoratore;

19° KRISANABKI Giovanni fu Nicola e di Oleschevic Giulianna, nato a Drisr (Bosnia) il 3?/10/1905, domiciliato a Villa Santina;

20° LABATE Pasquale fu Antonio e Pletino Caterina; nato il 25/8/1907 a Reggio Calabria, residente a Tolmezzo, già agente di custodia delle carceri Giudiziarie di Tolmezzo;

21° LICHELUTTI Primo fu Girolamo e fu Gatti Anna, nato a S.Daniele del Friuli, 11/2/1910, ivi domiciliato, frazione Ginnova;

22° MICHELINI Giuseppe fu Vincenzo e di n.n., nato il 4 gennaio 1921, a Venezia e residente a Mestre, meccanico,

23° PEZZUTTO Ottaviano di Benvenuto e di Antoniolo Diana; nato il 15/6/1922 a Aviano e residente a Milano, meccanico;

24° PICCOLI Duccio di Gino e di Moreschi Ardenia, nato il 10/10/1924 a Tarcento, ivi domiciliato, frazione Segnacco;

25° PROVAZZI Domenico di Antonio e di Panicotti Caterina, nato 11/5/1918 a Corio (Reggio Calabria), residente a Tolmezzo, autista;

26° ROSSI Giuseppe di Vito e di Spizzamiglio Angela, nato a S.Vito al Tagliamento 5/6/1918, ivi domiciliato;

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29° SIMONUTTI Rino — di Giovanni e di Besaro Eva; nato a Spilimbergo il 30/5/1921, ivi residente , via Cavedalis n.3;

30° SCAPPATTURA Giuseppe — di Orazio e di Crea Caterina, nato a Reggio Calabria, il 15/5/1917, residente a Pieris (Trieste);

31° VIANELLO Fabrio — di Severo e di Chiecha Ersilia, nato a Piruno; 17/8/1923, residente a Gorizia, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 27;

32° ZAPPAROLI Gino — di Tito e di Pinetti Vittoria, nato a Copparo (Ferrara) il 9/3/1911, residente a Bologna, via Berletti n.69;

33° BERGHIGNIN Natale — di Gorenzech Ermenegilde, nato a Pulfero il 5/12/1920, ivi domiciliato;

34° BASILE Giovanni — di Giovanni e di Gennina Giuseppina, nato il 7/4/1922 a Palermo domiciliato a Palermo;

35° BARBETTI .erio — fu Virgilio e di Feruglio Teresa, nato a Udine il 14/7/1897, ivi domiciliato; via Piemonte n.9, Impresario edile;

36° TOFFUL Giovanni — fu Giuseppe e fu Maria Zonta, nato il 11/2/1894 at Corona (Gorizia).-

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PROVINCE OF UDINE

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

TO: - Public Safety Officer - 18th August, 19..

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1. Attached is a list of Political Detainees who escaped from Palazzolo dello Stella Concentration Camp, Udine Province, on the evening of 27th July, 1945.

2. It is requested that police be instructed to be on the alert to apprehend these escapees, particularly when home address given is in your Area, and if traced to arrest them and inform this office when an escort will be provided.

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Major
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Elenco nominativo dei detenuti politici evasi dal campo di concentramento di Palazzolo dello Stella (Udine Provincia) la sera del 27 Luglio u.s., tuttora latitanti.

1° ALBERANI Romolo — fu Andrea e di Quattrini Caterina, nato a Ferrara il 18 Ottobre 1925, domiciliato ad Argenta (Ferrara);

2° BRUNO Carlo — di Francesco e di Corrente Pasqualina, nato a Cava dei Tirreni (Salerno) il 24 Giugno 1924, ivi domiciliato;

3° BARBARINI Bruno — di Guglielmo e di Fedoniale Giuseppina; nato a Udine il 1° Maggio 1925, ivi residente, Via Ippolito Nievo n.4, ferroviere;

4° BARBARINI Giuseppe — dei suddetti, nato a Udine il 2 Ottobre 1926, ivi residente, via Ippolito Nievo n. 4, meccanico;

5° BERGAMASCO Leo — fu Giuseppe e di Bestron Maria, nato a Cologne Bresciano il 28/11/1892, residente a Udine, via Gemona n.29;

6° BONIVENTO Pietro — di Pietro e di Ceolin Caterina, nato il 24/9/925 a Porcia di Pordenone, ivi residente, Via Centro n.50, meccanico;

7° BOER Agostino — di Giovanni e di Fantuzzi Elisa, nato il 31/3/925 a Pasiano, ivi domiciliato, frazione Cecchini, carpentiere;

8° Colussi Livio-Lino — fu Luigi e Lenta Luigia, nato a S.Stefano di Cadore 11/5/1920, residente a Campolongo Cadore;

9° CORVINO Luigi — di Isidoro e di Zilli Giuseppina, nato a Pagagna 29/12/1921, ivi domiciliato, via Udine N.2;

10° COCCIA Pasquale — di Felice e di Lombardi Margherita, nato il 15/11/1914 a Rocca Secca (Frosinone), ivi domiciliato, antista;

11° CASTELLANI Fernando — fu Enrico e di Bolzoni Maria, nato a Padova il 24/11/1904, domiciliato a Palmanova;

12° DE LUCA FRANCESCO — di Angelo e di Curro Giuseppina, nato

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domiciliato ad Argenta (Ferrara);

2° BRUNO Carlo — di Francesco e di Corrente Pasqualina, nato a Cava dei Tirreni (Salerno) il 24 Giugno 1924, ivi domiciliato;

3° BARBARINI Bruno — di Guglielmo e di Fedoniele Giuseppina; nato a Udine il 1° Maggio 1926, ivi residente, Via Ippolito Nievo n.4, ferroviere;

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6° BONIVENTO Pietro — di Pietro e di Ceolin Caterina, nato il 24/9/925 a Porcia di Pordenone, ivi residente, Via Centro n.50, meccanico;

7° BOER Agostino — di Giovanni e di Fantuzzi Elisa, nato il 31/3/925 a Pasiano, ivi domiciliato, Frazione Cecchini, carpentiere;

8° Colussi Livio-Lino — fu Luigi e Monta Luigia, nato a S.Stefano di Cadore 11/5/1920, residente a Campolongo Cadore;

9° CORTINO Luigi — di Isidoro e di Zilli Giuseppina, nato a Pagagna 29/12/1921, ivi domiciliato, via Udine N.2;

10° COCCIA Pasquale — di Felice e di Lombardi Margherita, nato il 15/11/1914 a Rocca Secca (Frosinone), ivi domiciliato, autista;

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12° DE LUCA FRANCESCO — di Angelo e di Curro Giuseppina, nato il 19/11/1919, a Messina e residente a Pordenone, palombaro;

13° DEL BEL BELLUZ Pietro — fu Eugenio e di Del Bianco Anna, nato il 19/5/1907 ad Azzano Decimo, ivi residente, via Larconi 54, sarto;

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16° FORTUNATI Gualtiero fu Riccardo e di Bassi Dionisia nato a Udine 6/12/1911, ivi residente, via Mercerie n.9;

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21° MICHELUTTI Primo fu Girolamo e fu Gatti Anna, nato a S.Daniele del Friuli, 11/5/1913, ivi domiciliato, frazione Giavons;

22° MICHELINI Giuseppe fu Vincenzo e di n.n., nato il 4 gennaio 1921, a Venezia e residente a Mestre, meccanico,

23° PEZZUTTO Ottaviano di Benvenuto e di Antoniolo Elena; nato il 15/5/1922 a Aviano e residente a Milano, meccanico;

24° PICCOLI Duccio di Gino e di Moreschi Ardenia, nato il 10/10/1924 a Tarcento, ivi domiciliato, frazione Segnacco.

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33° BERGHIGNON Natale — di Gorenzach Ermenegilda, nato a Palfero il 5/12/1920, ivi domiciliato;

34° BASILE Giovanni — di Giovanni e di Gennina Giuseppina, nato il 7/4/1922 a Palermo domiciliato a Palermo;

35° BARBETTI Mario — fu Virgilio e di Feruglio Teresa, nato a Udine il 14/7/1897, ivi domiciliato; via Piemonte n.9, Impresario edile;

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12° DE LUCA FRANCESCO — di Angelo e di Curro Giuseppina, nato il 19/11/1919, a Messina e residente

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2° BRUNO Carlo — di Francesco e di Corrente Pasqualina, nato a Cava dei Tirreni (Salerno) il 24 Giugno 1924, ivi domiciliato;

3° BARBARINI Bruno — di Guglielmo e di Fedoniale Giuseppina; nato a Udine il 1° Luglio 1925, ivi residente, Via Ippolito Nievo n.4, ferroviere;

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12° DE LUCA FRANCESCO — di Angelo e di Curro Giuseppina, nato il 19/11/1919, a Lescina e residente a Pordenone, palombaro;

13° DEL BEL BELLUZ Pietro — fu Eugenio e di Del Bianco Anna, nato il 19/6/1907 ad Azzano Decimo, ivi residente, via Marconi 54, santo;

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22° MICHELINI Giuseppe fu Vincenzo e di n.n., nato il 4 gennaio 1921, a Venezia e residente a Mestre, meccanico,

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25° PROVAZZI Domenico di Antonio e di Panicetti Caterina, nato 11/5/1918 a Corio (Reggio Calabria), residente a Tolmezzo, autista;

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29° SILONUTTI Rino — di Giovanni e di Besare Eva; nato a Spilimbergo il 30/5/1921, ivi residente , via Cavedalis n.3;

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32° ZAPPAROLI Gino — di Tito e di Pinetti Vittoria, nato a Copparo (Ferrara) il 6/3/1911, residente a Bologna, via Berletti n.5;

33° BERGHINON Natale — di Lorenzach Ermenegilda, nato a Pederobba il 5/12/1920, ivi domiciliato;

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32° ZAPPARCLI Gino — di Tito e di Pinetti Vittoria, nato a Copparo (Ferrara) il 9/3/1911, residente a Bologna, via Berletti n.6;

33° BERGHIGNAN Natale — di Gorenzach Ermenegilda, nato a Pal Faro il 5/12/1920, ivi domiciliato;

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission)

SUBJECT : Escape of Political Detainees.

FILE NO. : RMI/PS/17.12

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F.G. GREEN
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF UDINE
(Public Safety Division)

TO : H.Q. AMG. Venezie Region - R.P.S.O.

FROM : P.P.S.O._ Udine Province.

SUBJECT : Escape of political detaines from Palazzolo prison.

REF : UDI/PS/40

DATE : 29th July, I945.

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First of all the civil guards inside are reported to have been overcome by a number of men some of whom at any rate it is believed were detainees and later the Carabinieri on outside guard duty were similarly overcome by other armed men. The guards were herded into one room and then all the detainees were informed thet they were at liberty to go. Accurate information is not available but it is said that some I5- 20 armed men took part in holding up the guards. Some of the prison records were burnt and a letter was left behind by the intruders of which a translated copy is attached.

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4. Information was first received at this Headquarters by way of a telephone call by AMG Pordenone at about 1100 hrs. 28th July, 1945. One hundred police were at one despatched to the locality but by this time those persons still at liberty had scattered. A meeting of all AMG officers of this Province was taking place when the news was received and it was only when an announcement was made that this escape had taken place and all CAO's were given the renewed instructions in regard to the safeguarding of prison that the CAO covering Palazzolo, Lt. Churella, admitted that he had received information on the matter at about 2400 hrs. 27th July apart from acquainting local military

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and civil police had apparently taken no further actions in the way of informing this Headquarters and it is not certain whether he intended to do so even then but for the matter being raised with him. This, to say the least of it, was neglectful for the the reason that had police from Udine been centered in this area earlier better and quicker results might have been obtained.

5. Following a recent inspection of this prison by Capt. Bernard, P.P.S.C. it was decided that owing to lack of adequate security measures further guards were necessary and accordingly I Vice -Brigadier and IO Carabinieri were sent to the camp for exterior guard duty. In addition there are 45 guards at the camp which is about 350X 250 yards, surrounded by barbed wire about 7 ft high with lookout towers at each corner. This fence is by no mean impenetrable and tall corn is growing on the outside almost up to it. It is reported that at the material time, when of course it was dark, three Carabinieri and eight prison guards, all armed, were on dutty and although it is early to form an opinion without a thorough investigation having been made, it does seem that either the plan was exceptionally well laid and operated or that alternatively it was carried out with the collusion of the guards. Complaint has been made of a shortage of firearms at this camp and steps were in hand to remedy this but owing to appreciable delay in securing AFHQ authority it has not yet been possible to secure the release of arms handed in by patriots for use by police and prison services in this province.
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6. It will be appreciated that this camp was taken into use as an emergency measure to relieve serious overcrowding in other prisons in this province. Repeated steps have been taken to bring to the notice of all CAO's and prison and police authorities the likeli_hood of attacks being made on prisons and it was because of this danger that a separate Carabinieri guard was sent to the camp It does seem, however, that if no more resolute action is to be taken by police and prison guards, both those on duty and some twenty others resting in the camp, then was the case on this occasion, then numbers are not important. Although the lay-out and surround of this camp leave much to be desidered form the security point of view I am of the opinion that II armed men doing their job well have been able to have affectively guarded it but in this case there seems to have been either neglect or collusion on their part.

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7. The following action has been taken and is suggested :-

(a) The number of Carabinieri exterior guards has been doubled and arms taken from other Carabinieri (which they can ill-afford to lose) to equip the prison guards as a temporary measure.

(b) All police agencies have been instructed to take energetic action to apprehend the 70 detaines still at large and the R.P.S.O. has been asked to notify adjoining provinces.

(c) The early preparation of a lust giving the names, addresses, etc. of those still at large has been ordered and this will be circulated immediately upon receipt.

(d) The matter has been discussed with the Provincial Legal Officer with the view to endesvouring to arrange more

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quickly the release of neo-fascists and others, including many of those now in Palazzolo who are believed to be unjustifiably detained and so enable all prisoners to be accommodated in the normal prisons and Palazzolo, which is in an isolated spot and can never be very secure, to be closed.

(e) This particular south-west corner of the province is the most difficult from the public safety point of view at the moment and it is believed that this escape was planned to take place on Friday night last for the reason that Allied troops were removed form the area two days before. It is also thought that this escape and three murders in the area referred to in the monthly report for July are the work of the some band of former patriots who are encouraging and robbing large landowners. It istherefore asked that either assistance may be obtained, if possible, from the Mobile Battalion of the Carabinieri or, if this is not possible, that Allied troops may be returned to this particular locality. The liaison Officer I3 Corps has been spoken to in regard to the latter point but he states that such a request would heve to emanate from the Regional Commissioner.

8. Investigations are being pursued and a further report showing the result of the full enquiry now being made will be submitted at the earliest possible date.

J.T. Mamuel
Major
Provincial Public Safety
Officer.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

27 / 7 / 1945

TO : The Provincial Committee of Liberation

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And for knowledge to the

Pretura and Questura and Allied Command.

All we Patriots unanimously wish to let you know the reason, meditated many times and considered right, that has induced us to escape from prison.
We are in prison from the 30th of April, all for the same reasons except a few singular cases. To have believed to our beloved country and to have served her with sincere love thinking to do one's own duty as in the previous years and was by all felt and now critisized by the cowards.

In any case it is not what we want these honoured Commands to know, but what we want and consider necessary to let you know is the reason of our escape.

JUSTICE : We considerv justice that which is made withv impartiality which is not as usual falling upon the poors and the soldiers, and releasing the fat capitalists and the senior officers who associated to (their) interests have instigated the workers against themselves; and now these unworthy Italians are drawing the profit and the honours commanding as usual, and may be there are ready to deny their Italian feelings for the interest of their money.
The usual partiality is shown in today's release orders - who are the lucky people?.....
Always the rich people who have means and acquaintances and also many charges - it is understood that these (charges) have no importance for them- Unhappy poor people!!.....

CONSTRUCTION. Before anything else we tell you in these new ranks there are no fascists and no criminals but only a mass of workers mere and good Italians; it is shown by the small number(of prisoners) who escaped to supply these formations determined to rebuild this Italy that needs so much to be rebuilt.
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If justice will punish us for our previous life we are ready to pay.
We recommend you also to deal quickly with the innocent people who are unjustly in jail.
Manzoni said " It is better to forgive one hundred quilty people than to punish one innocent". Let this be a warning to you for the trials.

Long live our beloved ITALY.

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REVOLT IN A JAIL AT MILAN

The newspaper "Popolo Sovrano" informs that the detainees for common offences detained in S. Vittore Jail have organized a revolt in that prison, being helped by somebody outside of it. The newspaper says that if the detainees escape, they will stop on the mountains where some weapons are ready for them so that they will be able to fight and molest the Allied troops of occupation. The newspaper adds that the conditions in the jail are terribly chaotic, although action has been taken in order to discover the facts that started the corruption and find the accomplices of the recent escape of some detainees. It is also known that the detainees for common offences dominate the political detainees, whom they "punish" severely for any disobidience to their orders, depriving them of their food or even worse. The newspaper further informs that the detainees can send letters outside the prison and receive a reply by paying 20.000 lire and there is a lot of black market, too.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PR/PS/41

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 15

FROM: PIEDMONTE REGION

TO : ALCOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

Message Centre No: E/9841

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 160815

Precedence: ROUTINE

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Subject gaol break.

70 Ex Partisans held on criminal charges escaped military prison TORINO 2300 hours 14 July 1945.

Guard was 20 Questura Agents armed with rifles and automatic weapons.

Enquiry in progress.

Recovery expected within 72 hours.

TORINO newspapers describe escapees as Fascists. Correction appears papers and radio 16 July 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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AC/4617/L. JI/mt.
9 July 1945.

SUBJECT : DI PRIMO Ernesto fu Carmelo.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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The enclosed petition was sent to this office by Italian Liaison Officer, RAAC and is being forwarded to you for whatever action you may deem necessary.

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not a petition
but statement
No action since
copies sent to Padula, etc
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J. P. Wright Maj.
for W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Incl: 1 petition.

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N.1289/1945
R.G.P.M.

The Public Prosecuter at Cassino (Sora)
Court of justice
V.°

As Di Primo Ernesto has escaped while at the disposal of the Allied Military Government and was being delivered to concentration camp;

The Acts are transmitted to Allied Military Government P.S.D.
Via Lucullo - 6 - Roma.

Sora; 20 June 1945

IL PROCURATORE DEL REGNO
(Dott. Garbuglio Ferdinando)

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TRANSLATION C.C.

19/6/45

TERRITORIAL UNIT OF THE CC.RR. IN LAZIO REGION

STATION AT AQUINO

N.111 of written statement

WRITTEN REPORT of proceedings on the re-arrest of the war prisoner, DI PRIMO Ernesto son of Carmelo and Parebianco Maria escaped from Piazzamerina on 10/12/1945, domiciled at Aquila.

In June 13th 1945 at Aquila and at 1700 h. in the Office of said Station- We the undersigned quartedmaster Tarusi Amedeo and the carabinieer Coia Antonio of the same station, report to the competent Authorities the following:

On June 12th, following confidential reports furnished by local liberation committee, at 1600 h. we arrested DI PRIMO Ernesto, who was picked up near his house in Via St. Tommaso and, for having returned from the North was suspected of belonging to the black brigades corps of the N. Afterwards when put to an examination he declared to have really pertained to the 1st company O.P. displaced at Avignano and to have with it proceeded to many round ups but without having displaced particular activity.

He says to have been enlisted with the G.N.R. only because he was previously mobilised to be sent to Germany to work and to avoid that, he preferred to do service in Italy.(See written report of exam. N.1)

Of this written report we are sending original copy to war concen= tration camp of"Padula" where the prisoner will be sent to; with any means under escort taken from this station. He had previously escaped from a train at the station of Battipaglia while escorted to concentratio n camp. For knowledge, another copy will be sent to the Public Prosecutor of Cassino (Sora) and a third will be forwarded to Carabineer's Tenency at Pontecorvo.

Responsibles for the above statement

Coia Antonio
Targusi Amedeo.

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE CC.RR. (LAZIO)

--- Station of aquino-----

On June 13th 1945 at 1600 h. in the office of said station, in the presence of the commander of the station Targusi Amedeo, is DI PRIMO Ernesto son of Carmelo and Panebianco Maria, born at Piazzamerina on 10/I2/1918, domiciled at Aquila; after an examination he declares the following:- -------- I cleared away from Aquila at the beginning of January and arrived at Cremona on Jan. 14th 1944. The order to clear was given to me by the German authorities.

A;D;R. - On following day I was transferred to Azzanello where I remained till Feb. 2nd 1944, on which date,was sent to Cremona from where I received the news that I was going to be sent to Germany to work.

When arrived at Cremona, I was suggested by a captain of the G.N.R. to enroll with his guards so to be certain to remain in Italy. To this proposal I answered: Do as you like; I have a family to look after.Then the same captain, whose name I don't know, wrote down the application and I undersigned it unwillingly. ----------

A;D;R.- On Feb. 28th, same year, I took the oath of allegiance to the republic and was sent to Cremona to be assigned to the 1st company O.P.--- After two months I was transferred with the group to the town of Avignano, where, from German H.Q.'s we received orders to do round ups at which orders I obeyed but disliked. There I remained till the arrival of the Allies to whom we all surrendered, April 27 1945 without reaction. We were taken prisoners and conveyed to concentration camp at ~~Pisa~~ Piacenza, thence to Modena and after to Pisa. At Pisa we remained four days with train to unknown destination. At Battipaglia station, taking advantage of the stop and of the broken waggon in which we were kept, two of us succeeded in running away. I didn't run for fear of punishment but to take home to my family a few thousand lire left in my pocket.---- A.D.R.- I have nothing more to say. ----------

Responsible for the above statement.

Signed . illegible

Targusi Amedeo.

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N.1239/1945
R.G.P.M.

Il P.M. presso il Tribunale di Cassino in Sora
V.°
E poichè il Di Primo Ernesto è evaso mentre trovavasi a disposizione del Governo Militare Alleato ed era in traduzione per un campo di concentramento;
Trasmette gli atti al
Comando Militare Alleato P.S.D.
Via Lucullo- 6
ROMA

Sora, 20 giugno 1945

IL PROCURATORE DEL REGNO
(Dott.Carbuglio Ferdinando)

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Procura del Regno
Sora

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEL LAZIO
STAZIONE DI AQUINO

N. 111 del Verbale.

A° 1289 N.S. 1945 P.M.

PROCESSO VERBALE di arresto del prigioniero di guerra evaso DI PRIMO Ernesto fu Carmelo e di Panebianco Maria, nato a Piazzarmerina il 10/12/1918, domiciliato a Aquino.

L'anno millenovecentoquarantacinque, addì 13 del mese di Giugno, in Aquino e nell'ufficio della suddetta stazione, alle ore 17.
Noi sottoscritti maresciallo d'alloggio TARGUSI Amedeo, comandante la suddetta stazione e carabiniere a piedi della medesima COIA Antonio, riferiamo alla competente autorità quanto segue:
Il giorno 12 andante, in seguito a notizie confidenziali ricevute da parte di membri del comitato di liberazione locale, venimmo a conoscenza che tale Di Primo Ernesto, reduce dal Nord, era indiziato di avere appartenuto alle brigate nere del Nord, per cui lo ricercavamo immediatamente, e rintracciatolo nei pressi della sua abitazione posta in questa via S.Tommaso, verso le ore 16 dello stesso giorno 12 procedevamo al suo fermo. Successivamente veniva poi sottoposto ad interrogatorio durante il quale ammetteva di avere appartenuto alla I Compagnia G.P. dislocata in Avigliano e di avere con essa preso parte a diversi rastrellamenti, senza però avere mai spiegata particolare attività.
Diceva di essersi arruolato nella G.N.R. solo perchè era stato mobilitato per essere inviato a lavorare in Germania, e per evitare ciò, preferì prestare servizio in Italia. (Si veggia verbale di interrogatorio N.I)
Di quanto precede abbiamo redatto il presente processo verbale di cui rimettiamo copia originale al campo di concentramento prigionieri di guerra di "PADULA" ove il prigioniero di cui sopra verrà avviato appena possibile, con mezzi di fortuna, sotto scorta dei militari di questa stazione, significando che il Di Primo dovrà essere sorvegliato poichè già evaso da un treno, presso lo scalo di Battipaglia, mentre veniva trasportato al campo di concentramento. Altra copia, per conoscenza, viene rimessa alla Procura del Regno di Cassino in Sora, mentre una terza viene rimessa al comando della tenenza dei carabinieri reali di Pontecorvo.
Fatto, letto, chiuso, confermato e sottoscritto, in data e luogo di cui sopra.

Coia Antonio Cre Sgt.
Targusi Amedeo M.llo

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REGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEL LAZIO
STAZIONE DI AQUINO

L'anno millenovecentoquarantacinque, addì 12 del mese di giugno, in Aquino e nell'ufficio della suddetta stazione, ore 16.----------
Innanzi a noi maresciallo Targusi Amedeo, comandante la suddetta stazione è presente DI PRIMO Ernesto fu Carmelo e di Penebianco Maria, nato a Piazzaermerina il 10/12/1918, domiciliato ad Aquino, il quale opportunamente interrogato dichiara quanto segue:----------
Sfollai da Aquino verso i primi di gennaio e giunsi a Cremona il 14 gennaio 1944. Lo sfollamento avvenne in seguito ad ordine delle autorità tedesche.----------
A;D;R.-Lo stesso giorno 14, da Cremona venni trasferito a Azzanello ove rimasi fino al 20/2/1944, data sotto la quale dovetti partire per Cremona siccome ricevuto l'ordine di andare a lavorare in Germania. Giunto a Cremona, mi fu suggerito, da un capitano della G.N.R. di arruolarmi nella guardia stessa, così sarei senzaltro rimasto in Italia A tale proposta risposi: Fate come vi pare; io ho una famiglia alla quale ~~xxxxx~~ debbo dar da mangiare. Allora il capitano stesso, del quale non conosco il nome, scrisse la domanda, che io firmai mio malgrado.----------
A.D.R.-Il giorno 28 febbraio stesso anno prestai il giuramento di fedeltà alla repubblica e mi mandarono a fare servizio nella stessa città di Cremona e venni assegnato alla I Compagnia U.F.----------
Dopo due mesi venni trasferito, con tutto il reparto, nel comune di Avigliano, ed ivi, quando arrivava l'ordine dal comando tedesco ci facevano fare dei rastrellamenti, ai quali anche io ho preso parte, senza però spiegare opera di particolare zelo.----------
Ivi ~~rimasi~~ rimasi fino all'arrivo degli allesti, ai quali tutto il nostro reparto consegnò le armi senza reagire, il giorno 27/4/1945. Fummo presi prigionieri ed avviati al campo di concentramento di Piacenza, da dove venimmo trasferiti a Modena e quindi a Pisa. A Pisa rimanemmo QUATTRO giorni dopo di che venimmo caricati sui treni e fatti partire per ignota destinazione.----------
Allo scalo ferroviario di Battipaglia, approfittando di una sosta del treno e che il vagone era rotto, io ed un altro della G.R. riuscimmo a fuggire.----------
Fuggii non per sottrarmi alla ~~xx~~ eventuale ~~xxxxx~~ punizione che mi poteva essere inflitta, ma solamente per portare alla famiglia qualche migliaio di lire che ancora mi rimaneva in tasca.----------
A.D.R.-Non ho altro da aggiungere.----------
Fatto, letto, confermato e sottoscritto, in data e luogo di cui sopra.

Di Primio Ernesto

Targusi Amedeo M.llo

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

19 July 1945

AC/14011/10/PS

SUBJECT : Release of Prisoners Penal Prison, Final borgo.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
For RPSO Attn Prison Officer

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Reference your Lig/Saf. dated 2 July 1945.

1. Regarding the recommendation of Capt. F.G. Geach that the Director of the Penal Prison at Final borgo be dismissed, you are advised that the Ministry of Grace and Justice has been approached by a representative of this Sub-Commission with the request to select a new directo r and send him to his post without delay. This he has promised will be done.

For your information.

R. M. Freeman Capt. AUS.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
APO 394

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

BJH/VD
21A

2 July 45.

Ref : Lig/Saf.

Subject : Release of Prisoners by means of Forged Document

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission
H.Q. Allied Commission.

I forward herewith a copy of a report received from the P.S.O. at Savona dealing with the release of 12 Prisoners from the Prison at Finalborgo.

Investigations are continuing.

For the Regional Commissioner :

for B.J.HEFFORD,
Major,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

6 JUL 1945

TO	INIT	DATE
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EXEC. OFF		
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SAVONA PROVINCE

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Subject: Prison Escapees.

To : Regional Public Safety Officer,
Liguria Region. H.Q. AMG.
Copy to Provincial Commissioner,
Savona Province.

28 Jun 45.
PS/EG/27.

1. On the 27 Jun 45, between the hours of 23.45 and 0100 hours, at the Prison of the Casa di Lavoro at Finalborgo, occurred a serious incident whereby by means of a false document twelve condemned prisoners were taken from the prison by a number of ten or fifteen armed men, dressed in civilian and semi military clothing.

2. The release of the prisoners was obtained as follows, ten men arrived at the Caserma of the CC.RR. at Finale Ligure, saw the Brigadiere in charge, produced a document purporting to be an order signed by the Questore at SAVONA, increasing the guard at the Prison, in view of the fact that the same day thirteen prisoners had been transferred to the Prison that day from SAVONA, (Six of these prisoners had already been sentenced to death by the Court of Assize) the leader claimed that they were Partisan Police and produced to the Brigadiere an Identity Card to that effect. The Brigadiere claims that he was satisfied these documents were authentic in spite of the lateness of the hour, and the fact that he had been acquainted by telegram that day from Albenga that special precautions were to be taken at the Prison. He went with the men to the Prison and in spite of the Prison standing orders that no person shall be admitted after 24.00 Hours. he entered the Prison with the men. The Gate-Keeper was shown the letter, and discussion was entered into as what duties the men should perform. The Director of the Prison lives away from the Prison and he was not informed until after the incident. The men drew revolvers on the Prison Staff disarmed the Brigadiere and opened the cell in which the prisoners were confined and took twelve of the thirteen that had arrived that day away. A truck was heard in the distance.

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3. I had made a personal visit to the Prison on the afternoon of the 27 Jun 45, and had specially warned the Director of the Prison about persons visiting without proper authority. He had made a request for more personnel for guards, but in view of the fact that he had nineteen men to guard thirty five prisoners the arrangements were considered by me to be satisfactory. Two members of the CC.RR. were stationed also outside the Prison.

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4. A complete investigation has been made into the affair, the Brigadiere of the CC.RR. has been handed over to the CC.RR. for a disciplinary investigation. The Director of the Prison has been suspended his name is TORTORA Gennaro. He has not shown a co-operative attitude since it was first suggested that the Prison should accomodate more prisoners. It appears that the Prison is excellently fitted with carpenters shop, also a printers shop, these appear to have been operating for outside interests in the past and the advent of new prisoners threatened the continuance of this system. During the past two months only 18 were in the establishment which has capacity for 250 prisoners under very good conditions. The dismissal of the Prison Director is strongly requested, and a new Director be appointed promptly if the Prison is to function properly.

5. The Gate-Keeper concerned in the incident has also been suspended, his name is GARGIULO Luigi, his part in the affair was not so serious as that of the Carabiniere, but he should have complied with Prison Standing Orders.

6. Enquiries are being continued under the direction of the Questore, the false document was retained by the men claiming to be Partisan Police, no adequate descriptions of the men concerned have been obtained.

Signed : F. G. GLACH,
Captain.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P. Safety 20A

Originator's Reference: 399

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 29/0100B

Message Centre No: 7661

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 29/0100

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED HETFORD

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACSEF

CONFIDENTIAL

Re file 1423

CONFIDENTIAL.

Between 2345 hours and 0100 hours 27/28 June at the prison CASA DEL LAVORO, FINALE LIGURE, 12 prisoners were released by means of a forged letter purporting to be signed by the questore of SAVONA. Persons presenting the letter, 10 to 15 in number, claimed to be reinforcement to guard at prison. All persons taken from prison had already been sentenced by court of ASSIZE. Director of prison and 2 other persons concerned suspended. No trace at present of prisoners, investigation continues. Report follows

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For your information

Duplicate copy sent.

DIRECTOR	Advised 30/6	
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PUBLIC HEALTH	30-6	
ADMIN		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

16 June 1945

AC/14238/PS

SUBJECT : Disturbance at Poggioreale Prison.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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1. Attached herewith is a translation of a report of disturbance which occurred at Poggioreale Prison 7 June 1945.

2. Allied officers in Naples are unanimous in their commendation of the behaviour of the prison guards concerned, stating that their disregard of personal danger and promptness in taking action prevented what could have been a most serious prison break.

3. It is a pleasure to add the commendation of this Sub-Commission to those of the AMG officers in Naples for the fine work of the guards mentioned in the attached report.

For your information and any action deemed advisable.

P.W. Freeman, Capt

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

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TRANSLATION N.C.

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE.

14238 pe

Viterbo Judicial Prison.

Viterbo II-6-1945

To :Allied Commission Public Safety s/c.

Subject:Prisoners Interlenghi Pietro,and Ambrosino Anselmo.

I feel that it is my duty to report tothe Allied Military Government,the good conduct of the a/m prisoners the files of whom are enclosed.The above at the moment of the escape of the prisoners of the Judicial Sections of 29-4-1945,belonging to the various services in the Establishment,tried to help in different ways the personnel and the guards in order to avoid [redacted] the attempt to escape.

The Director

Please initial receipt side.

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Modulario GGa c.402

Modello N. 25 (Carceri)
31 (Riformatorio)

MINISTERO
DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

DIREZIONE
CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO

Viterbo addì 1=6= 1945

N.954 Cat. 3 Fasc. 6 Sott.

Risposta alla lettera
del
Ufficio Num.

Allegati N.

Oggetto: Detenuti Interlenghi Pietro
e Ambrosino Anselmo

Al Quartiere Generale
Commissione Alleata
Prisonier Officer N.2
Via Veneto
R O M A

Ho avuto il dovere di segnalare a codesto On/le Governo Militare Alleato l'ottimo comportamento dei detenuti in oggetto, dei quali allego l'estratto delle cartelle biografiche, i quali al momento del tentativo di evasione in massa dei detenuti delle sezioni del Giudiziario del 29=4=1945, quali addetti nei vari servizi nello stabilimento, hanno cercato di mettere al corrente e coadiuvato in vario utile modo il personale di custodia in modo di farli avere il tempo di impedire che il detto tentativo di evasione si verificasse

IL DIRETTORE
Orlando Dott. Riccardo

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MODULARIO
G. G. - 6 a. - 585

Mod. 12 (*Carceri*)
(art. 90 del Regolamento)

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO

Estratto della Cartella Biografica

del (1) detenuto

cognome Ambrosini nome Anselmo

figlio di fu Paolo e di fu Grossi Clorinda

nato a Camobio (provincia di Novara) il 29.11.1901

domiciliato a Canino (provincia di Viterbo)

di professione o mestiere Pensionato

di istruzione elementare

cognome, nome, età, domicilio della moglie Cecchi Maria

numero 2 età dei figli

(1) Detenuto o internato.

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Ord. 3 - 9-7-42-XX - Roma, Tip. Manicalde (c. 190.000)

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Ricevuto il 26. 7. 1944 arrestato il 25. 7. 1944 a Canino

in virtù di Ordine di Carcerazione del Comando alleato Viterbo

imputato di Detenzione Armi

commesso il _____ a _____

per restare a d sposizione di Comando Militare alleato Viterbo

passato a disposizione di _____ il _____

Pene

Sottoposto con decisione pronunc

alle misure di sicurezza _____

da eseguirsi in un _____

la durata minima dell' misura

e cessa il _____

la misura è stata revocata da _____

DATA delle sentenze — Autorità che l'ha pronunciata	TITOLO DEL REATO	DATA del reato	Pena principale		Pena accessoria		DATA DELLA		SOSPENSIONE	
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25. 7. 1944 Tribunale Militare alleato di Viterbo	Detenzione Armi		prigione	mesi 12						

Precedenti giuridici

Manca

DATA delle sentenze	PENE	TITOLO dei DELITTI	DATA dell' ultima carcerazione	STABILIMENTO dal quale fu liberato

DATA	AUTORI che infligge lo

Occupazione del detenuto nello stabilimento Bracciante

remunerazione media mensile _____ totale remunerazioni guadagnate _____

importo dei proventi _____

impiego del peculio sconosciuto

condizione finanziaria della famiglia povera

PROVVEDI

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a Cosenza

nando allato Viterbo

cat. Viterbo

Misura di sicurezza

Sottoposto con decisione pronunciata da .....

alle misure di sicurezza .....

da eseguirsi in un ..... sezione speciale .....

la durata minima della misura di sicurezza è di .....

e cessa il ..... nuovo termine per esame ulteriore .....

la misura è stata revocata da ..... il .....

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Specie	Durata	decorrenza della pena	carcerazione preventiva	Principio	Termine	Durata	R. Decreti	Q.tà pene accumulate		
									25.7.1945	

Mancanze disciplinari e punizioni

ATA ultima razione	STABILIMENTO dal quale fu liberato

DATA	AUTORITA' che infligge le punizioni	Specie dell'infrazione	SPECIE delle punizioni	DURATA

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PROVVEDIMENTI EMESSI DAL GIUDICE DI SORVEGLIANZA

Trasferimenti

DATA	STABILIMENTI		MOTIVI
	DA	A	

Licenze concesse all'internato

DATA della licenza	Autorità che l'ha concessa	Località ove fu goduta	Motivi della concessione

Giudizio complessivo del direttore sul comportamento del detenuto o dell'internato

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO 11-6-1965 - Ha tenuto condotta
[illegible]

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Licenze concesse all'internato

DATA della licenza	Autorità che l'ha concessa	Località ove fu goduta	Motivi della concessione

Giudizio complessivo del direttore sul comportamento del detenuto o dell' internato

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO 11-6-1945 - Ha tenuto corretto contegno ed assunto del lavoro

IL DIRETTORE

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MODULARIO
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Mod. 12 (Carceri)
(Art. 90 del Regolamento)

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO

Estratto della Cartella Biografica

del (1) Detenuto

cognome Interlenghi nome Pietro

figlio di Ignoto e di Benedettini Giuseppina

nato a Roma (provincia Roma) il 20-8-1910

domiciliato a Roma Via Flavia 72. (provincia di Roma)

di professione o mestiere Ciabattino

di istruzione Superiori

cognome, nome, età, domicilio della moglie Celibe

numero età dei figli

(1) Detenuto o internato.

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CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO

Estratto della Cartella Biografica

del (1) detenuto

cognome Sinterlenghi nome Pietro

figlio di Gaetano e di Benedettini Giuseppina

nato a Roma (provincia Roma) il 20.~~0~~8.1910

domiciliato a Roma Via Flavia 72. (provincia di Roma)

di professione o mestiere Tipografo

di istruzione Superiori

cognome, nome, età, domicilio della moglie Celibe

numero ____ età dei figli ____

(1) Detenuto o internato.

Ord. 3 - 9-7-42-XX - Roma, Tip. Manfellotto (c. 100.000)

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Ricevuto il 3.12.1944 arrestato il 1.8.1944. a Roma

in virtù di Ordine del Ministero Int. Sfollamento da Roma

imputato di

commesso il a

per restare a d sposizione di

passato a disposizione di il

Sottoposto con decisione pron
alle misure di sicurezza
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8.9.1944 Corte Allied Roma	art. 640 C.P. art. IV parte II proc. I		Reclusione e	anni 2			8.9.1944			

Precedenti giuridici

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condizione finanziaria della famiglia povera

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Roma

Misura di sicurezza

Sottoposto con decisione pronunciata da

alle misure di sicurezza

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e cessa il nuovo termine per esame ulteriore

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Mancanze disciplinari e punizioni

STABILIMENTO dal quale fu liberato	DATA	AUTORITA' che infligge le punizioni	Specie dell'infrazione	SPECIE delle punizioni	DURATA

PROVVEDIMENTI EMESSI DAL GIUDICE DI SORVEGLIANZA

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Trasferimenti

DATA	STABILIMENTI		MOTIVI
	DA	A	
3.12.1944	Roma	Viterbo	trasferimento

Licenze concesse all'internato

DATA della licenza	Autorità che l'ha concessa	Località ove fu goduta	Motivi della concessione

Giudizio complessivo del direttore sul comportamento del detenuto o dell' internato

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO 11-6-1946 - Per l'opera compiuta
svolto ed assunto dal lavoro

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3-12-1944	Roma	Viterbo	Trasferimento

Licenze concesse all'internato

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Giudizio complessivo del direttore sul comportamento del detenuto o dell'internato

CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE DI VITERBO 11-6-1946 - Per buona condotta
morale ed assiduità del lavoro

IL DIRETTORE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Date 11 June 1945

Ref: PS/ 12.1

SUBJECT: Poggioreale Prison - disturbances.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission,
(Attn. Director Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. On 7 June at 0315 a disturbance occurred at Poggioreale Prison, Naples, when 3 long term prisoners overpowered visiting guards, broke out of their cell, and released other prisoners. 14B-E

2. Copy Prison Reports attached giving details of the disturbance.

3. There is no doubt that the prompt and commendable behaviour of the Prison Guards saved what might easily have become a serious situation.

4. This office has no hesitation in recommending that the seven guards enumerated in the attached supplementary report be suitably thanked for the part they played in quelling the disturbance.

5. No very serious injury to any person, and to date there has been no further trouble.

For the Commissioner:

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS		14-6
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

F.P. LUCKMAN
Major, A.C.,
S.C.A.P.O.

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TRANSLATION.

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DIREZIONE DEL CARCERE GIUDIZIARIO DI NAPOLI
POGGIOREALE

From the Report Register of the 7 June 1945

7 June 1945

SUBJECT: Guards assualted by inmates.

This night at about 03,15 hours, the Chief Guard D'ANGELO Alfonso with agents MODICA Giuseppe, ACONE Mario, CHIORAZZI Raffaele started their usual night patrol in Wing 'M'.

The a/m agents scruppulously obeyed orders received to open cells at a time in order to prevent some rash act of the inmates.

On the ground floor of wing 'M' there are detained 18 life sentence prisoners in various cells and greatly watched. There are also other inmates accused of serious crimes. Especially in this section the agents use all precautions so to prevent being taken by surprise.

Notwithstanding this, the said agents, as they entered cell n. 34 were assaulted by the three inmates who were armed with iron bars taken from their beds. The first blow was given to the lamp the agents were carrying, a second was directed on the head agent MODICA and a third on the arm of agent D'ANGELO. At the same time one of the inmates pointed a pistol towards the guards. The pistol was made out of bread therefore, harmless, but in the dim light it had its effect on the guards, but they did not surrender, especially agent MODICA even injured on the head threw himself on the aggressor in order to disarm him, meanwhile another inmate hit him on the hands and he fell to the ground with no strength.

At the same time the third inmate was able to open, some cells and release other prisoners.

Agent CHIORAZZI immobilized an aggressor fighting with him, meanwhile agent ACONE ran to close the gate which leads to the Sections above, so the riot would not spread, then he ran to the gate which leads outside the wing to give the alarm and get help from the other agents.

As he was opening the gate he was assaulted by an inmate who gave him some blows on the stomach, but he resisted and the gate was opening he was able to get free, pushing the inmate away and went through the gate closing it.

Thus the agents in the barracks were notified and went to help.

Before them agent FURNARI of wing 'L' arrived, he entered the fight to help his colleagues, he immediately received a blow on the head and left shoulder and fell to the ground.

Agent PICCIRILLO Giuseppe from wing 'M' seeing the serious situation ran to the porter's lodge got a pistol, returned to the spot

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Agent PICCIRILLO Giuseppe from wing 'M' seeing the serious situation ran to the porter's lodge got a pistol, returned to the spot fired four shots in the air. The inmates hearing the shots started entering their cells. In this moment the Capo Guardia BETTINI Giuseppe and BAGGANO Carmelo with other N.C.O. and agents from the barracks, came.

As I arrived on the spot, another fight was taking place with the rebels to get them back in their cells. Four cells had been forced open. The riot did not extend in all the wing dut to the relentless resistence put up by the agents who had been assaulted and the ready help of the agents and N.C.Os from other wings. The incident was localised in some cells of the ground floor. The inmates of the floors above remained calm. The cells which were opened, besides n. 34, opened by the agents, were n. 18, 19, 21 and 23.

The inmates in cell n. 34, who started the riot are :-

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1. LEPORE Renzo of unknown parents
2. MARCHESE Giuseppe di Domenico
3. GRASSO Alfio di Giuseppe

Other inmates who escaped from their cells and took active part in the aggression are :-

4. DEL MONTE Luigi di Francesco
5. TIBERTI Italo di Amerino
6. LASARICH Claudio di Giuseppe.

Inmates who left their cells but did no damage to anyone:-

1. ROMEI Pietro fu Vincenzo
2. MADONNA Armando
3. MONDELLO Francesco
4. MAZZOCCHI Gioacchino
5. CAROTENUTO Ciro fu Michele
6. SOLARO Umberto di Domenico
7. TOMMASO Umberto di Pietro
9. APRILE Antonio di Giorgio
10. VOLPICELLI Carmine di Sabatino.

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2. BISCARDI Bruno Luigi
3. BALSAMO Giovanni Baldassarre
4. ROMA Gaetano Pietro
5. STATT Sante Giuseppe
6. CROCCO Carmine Vincenzo
7. MARCHESE Rodolfo of unknown parents
8. SINICOLI Stefano Antonio
9. MUTOLO Giulio Rosario
10. LETTIERI Aniello Carmine
11. FALCIONI Carmine Santolo
12. FELCIONI Santolo Carmine
13. GIORDANO Domenico Antonio
14. BONOMO Vincenzo Biagio
15. PISULLO Aniello Michele
16. MARANO Giuseppe Vincenzo
17. ESPOSITO Giovanni Giuseppe
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19. D'AGOSTINO Federico Antonio.

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The most ferocious instigators are APRILE Antonio di Giorgio from cell n. 19 and CAROTENUTO Ciro from cell 21. The first celles to be opened were 18, 19 and 21, 23 the inmates there detained denied having left their cells, instead they were just the ones to riot. These men made a ferocious resistence and between them and the guards there was a terrible fight in the cells and the corridors.

IL COMANDANTE
- Lisi Gioacchino -

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TRANSLATION

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DIREZIONE DEL CARCERE GIUDIZIARIO DI NAPOLI
POGGIOREALE

From the report register of the 7 June 1945.

Agents:
1. FURNARI Paolo
2. MODICA Giuseppe
3. D'ANGELO Alfonso
4. ACONE Mario
5. GAROFALO Giuseppe
6. PICCIRILLO Giuseppe
7. CHIORAZZI Raffaele.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AC/14238/PS

18 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners in Civilian Prisons

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region for R.P.S.O.

Reference your RVIII/PS/9.1 dated 13 May, 1945.

1. Details of the prison break at Santa Teresa Prison on 1 May are noted. The deficiency of the CC.RR. party on duty is being brought to the attention of our Police officer who will make appropriate representations to the Commanding General CC.RR.

2. With regard to Italian Military prisoners in civilian jails please refer to our letter of 20 April 1945, Ref.AC/14215/PS. Basic policy is unchanged in spite of the efforts of this Sub-Commission. It is, however, pointed out that civilian prisons should not accept Italian Military prisoners who are not in the 2 categories described, and prison directors should be prevented from receiving them.

R. W. Chapman, Capt.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 489081 - 365

18 May 1945.

AC/14298/PS

SUBJECT : Prisons - CC.RR responsibility.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR. 158

1. Attached as Appendix A is a copy report made by the Director of Prisons, Florence to the Toscana Regional Public Safety Officer, regarding the Prison break from Santa Teresa Prison on the 1st May 1945. The R.P.S.O. agrees with this report.

2. The non-commissioned officer in charge of the CC.RR on duty at the Prison to deal with such an incident, and who failed to give orders to his men to take action to stop the escape, has been placed under arrest, and will be denounced to the Judicial authorities for his part in that matter.

3. No doubt you will cause an enquiry to be held in this case, and it is asked that the result be communicated to this Sub-Commission at your earliest convenience.

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

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Copy to R.C. Toscana
(att: RPSO your R VIII/PS/9.1 dated 13 May refers).

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APPENDIX A

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DIRECTION OF FLORENCE PRISONS

Florance, 1 May 1945

Subject : Prisoners Escape

To : Regional Public Safety Office,
Toscana Region

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This Direction observes, that owing to mental state of the prisoners and as it will not be possibile to transfer many of them, it will be necessary to institute armed guards at the prisons of Murate and S.Teresa, and further patrols in the vicinity of both prisons, because there are rumours that the escape of still more prisoners is being planned by partisan elements.

As regards the general situation of these Prisons already reported, I mus repeat, that it is unsuitainable. The S.Teresa Prison is in effect a Reclusory Home and not fit to serve as a Judicial Prison. As regards to the part of the "Murate" Prison which is under this Direction, it is occupied by military prisoners at the disposal of the Military Court of Firenze, which is already instituted but not yet functioning. These military prisoners, in number of about 140, should be transferred to Volterra Penitenciary, and the Court should function also there. The Prisons actually at the disposal of this Direction are not sufficient for the needs of civilian justice.

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/s/ THE DIRECTOR
Dott. G.B.Mazzarisi

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/9.1 13 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Prison Break - Florence.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C. - C.M.F.
(For attention of Capt. Freeman)

1. I attach herewith translation of a report received from the Director of Prisons Florence regarding the Prison break from Santa Teresa Prison on the 1st May.

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3. The matter will be investigated from the viewpoint of the Italian Authorities by the Procuratore del Regno who will no doubt submit his report through Italian channels.

4. The non-commissioned Officer in-charge of the CC.RR. party who was on duty at the Prison to deal with just such an incident, and who failed to give orders to his men to take action to stop the escape, has been placed under arrest and will be denounced to the Judicial Authorities for his part in the matter.

5. The explanation of his conduct appears at present to be that he was surprised by the quickness of the events - that he was momentarily non-plussed and by the time, if ever, that he had decided that he should take action, the time for taking action was past and the prisoners had escaped. His fault appears to have been hesitation and indecision; there appears no reason at present to think that he was an active party to the escape.

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8. The keys abstracted by the escaping prisoners were all recovered and extra security precautions have been taken by ways of extra padlocks to gates etc. to prevent further escapes.

9. Particulars of all the prisoners who escaped were circulated to Police agencies through Questore channels and to date twenty-six out of a total of sixty-three escapees have been recaptured.

F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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THE DIRECTOR
(Dott.G.B.Mazzarisi)

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE 11th May 1945.

N. 134540/25-21 7A

Reply to AC/14258/45 dated 27th April 1945.

Subject : Transfer of prisoners to A.M.G. territory.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

With ref. to a/m letter, we inform the Commission, that in future prior authorisation will be requested from the Commission, before arrangements will be made for the eventual transfer of prisoners to penal institutations located in A.M.G. territory, as on the other hand, has been already done with letter n.134284/25-21, dated 4th instant, in regard to the evacuation of four prisoners from the Rome women prison to the Perugia women prison.

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For the Minister
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Roma 11 MAG 1945

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Ufficio VI
Prot. N. 134285/25-21

Al Sig. Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per le T.O. - ROMA

Risposta al f. N. 20/1438/T.
del 27-4-45

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di detenuti nel territorio dell'A.M.G.

Con riferimento al foglio sopra indicato, si aderisce codesta Commissione che in avvenire, prima di disporre eventuali trasferimenti di detenuti in istituti penali situati in territorio amministrato dell'A.M.G., sarà richiesta la preventiva autorizzazione di codesta Commissione, come del resto, è stato già fatto con nota n.134285/25-21 del 4 corrente mese, relativamente allo sfollamento di 4 condannate dalla casa di reclusione per donne di Te-

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Il Ministro

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

11 April 1945.

N. 72320-1

Subject : Discipline in the Prison Establishments

To : Directors of the Prison Institutions of the Kingdom

Circular N. 3048/1648

In the Prison establishments there continue to occur disturbances and escapes. The difficulties met to-day in the prison life are fully recognised, among the excessive number of prisoners, who fill the establishments and the shortage of available means.

It must be remembered that the discipline of each institution is dependent on its director.

Therefore I address the Director of each single establishment, calling his attention seriously to the duties which devolve upon him. It is necessary that each Director, through continuous vigilance and exact control of the different service sections, assures order and discipline, which are indispensible for the regular prison life, and that each one redouble his activity, taking according to the various exigencies, just and immediate measures, in order to prevent and - if necessary - to repress any demonstration whatsoever.

Particularly necessary are discipline among the agents and the continuous control of the food rations for the prisoners.

Confident that each Director will worthily comply with the above.

The Minister
Tupini

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TO	INIT.	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
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LIC. & PUB.		

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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

Direzione Generale per gli Istituti
di prevenzione e di pena

Ufficio 1°
N. 72320-1

Roma, 11 aprile 1945

Ai Sig. Direttori degli
Istituti di prevenzione e di pena
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R E G N O

OGGETTO: Disciplina negli stabilimenti carcerari

C I R C O L A R E n° 3048 /1648

Continuano a verificarsi, negli stabilimenti di prevenzione e di pena, manifestazioni di indisciplina ed evasioni. Non si ignorano le difficoltà, in cui si dibatte la odierna vita carceraria, tra il sovrabbondante numero di condannati od imputati, che popolano gli stabilimenti e la penuria dei mezzi disponibili.

Ma si ricorda che la disciplina di ogni casa dipende soprattutto dalla autorità di chi la dirige.

E pertanto mi rivolgo al Direttore di ogni singolo stabilimento, richiamandone il sentimento del dovere e la consapevolezza degli oneri che ad esso incombono. E' necessario che ciascuno, mediante l'assidua vigilanza e l'esatto controllo dei diversi rami del servizio, assicuri l'ordine e la disciplina, indispensabili alla regolare vita carceraria, e che ciascuno moltiplichi la propria attività, provvedendo, nelle varie contingenze, con giusta energia e con tempestiva oculatezza, al fine di prevenire e - se del caso - reprimere qualsiasi turbamento dell'ordine.

In particolare, è necessario vigilare che sempre salda resti la disciplina tra gli agenti e che assiduo sia il controllo delle razioni di vitto per i detenuti.

Confido che ciascuno voglia degnamente rispondere a questa esortazione.

IL MINISTRO

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ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

Direzione Generale per gli Istituti
di prevenzione e di pena

Ufficio 1°
N. 7230.1

Roma, 11 aprile 1945

Ai Sigg. Direttori degli
Istituti di prevenzione e di pena
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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission

FROM : HQ. A.M.G. Umbria-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Disturbance Spoleto Gaol.

REF : R5/514/13

DATE : 2nd May 1945

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3 MAY 1945
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The attached copy of report recieved by P.P.S.C. PERUGIA from the Questore on the above subject is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TO		
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B.PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO - UMBRIA REGION
PERUGIA PROVINCE

FILE No. :

SUBJECT : C O P Y

TO

PERUGIA 2.5.45

Regia Questura di Perugia Fonogramma urgente

Al Comando della Polizia Provinciale Alleata
PERUGIA

Per opportuna conoscenza informo che ieri alle 20.30 circa 80 detenuti della casa di pena di Spoleto,reparto giudiziario,si ammutinarono.Intervenuti tempestivamente gli agenti di custodia,quei CC.RR. e il Commissario di Pubblica Sicurezza con gli agenti,impedivano l'evasione degli ammutinati che alle ore 22 erano tutti rinchiusi nelle celle.-Il capo guardia delle Carceri rimase gravemente ferito da un colpo di moschetto,sembra per disgrazia.-E' in corso un'inchiesta. E' stato inviato sul posto il Vice Questore.

firmato.IL QUESTORE
(Dante)

T R A N S L A T I O N

Royal Questura Perugia (urgent signal)
To Provincial Public Safety Officer AMG Perugia

For your information I report that yesterday at 20.30 hrs. approx.80 detained persons,in the Spoleto gaol,juditial branch,have started a riot.
At once the prison guards went in action,assisted by the CC.RR. and the Commissario of Public Security with his agents and they prevented any escape so that at 22.00 the prisoners were all in their cells again.
The Chief Guard of the Prison has been seriously injured by a missile fired from a rifle,it seems by accident.
An inquiry is being made.The Vice Questore has been sent to the place.

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FILE No.

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signed:THE QUESTORE
(Dante)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R5/36
Date/Time of Origin: MAY C2 NFT

Message Centre No: D/9452
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 030830B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ AMG UMBRIA MARCHE REGION RPSO
TO : HQ AC P SAFETY SC

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80 detained persons started riot in SPOLETO gaol. 2030 hrs 1st May. HI F guard injured by rifle shot believed accident. No escapes. Order restored in half an hour.

ACTION

HEADQUARTERS
3 MAY 1945
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Action - P Safety SC
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Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

1 May 1945

AC/14238/PS

SUBJECT : Report of Prison Disturbance.

TO : Director Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The following report of incident is forwarded for your information.

1. At approximately 1740 hrs, 30 April 1945, this section was advised, via phone, from the Ministry of Grace and Justice that a serious mutiny was in progress at Forte Boccea, military prison about 4 kilometres west of Rome. The entire prison population of 450 was reportedly taking part and had seized control of the inner parts of the prison.

2. The Ministry asked for Allied help. He was advised that the CC.RR., Italian Military personnel, and all other Italian Public Safety agencies were sources of aid, and that this Sub-Commission was not in a position to send Allied personnel to the scene.

3. Last reports, as of 1600 hrs this date, were to the effect that the situation was in hand and that the prison was "quiet".

4. Herewith a translation of a news paper item which gives particulars of the incident.

R.M. Freeman, Capt.

R.M. FREEMAN Capt.
Prison Section. 16?

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TRANSLATION. 6a.

Extract from "Il Giornale del Mattino" of 1st May 1945.

"Revolt at Forte Boccea.

450 prisoners barricade themselves in and defy the order to surrender. The Commander runs the risk of being burnt alive. Armoured cars, fire-engine pumps and machine guns besiege the rebels.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday Colonel Tomasso Leni Commander of Forte Boccea, in consequence of recent events, gathered together the 450 prisoners - spies and collaborators, who were at the Forte, and exorted them to remain calm and to have faith in justice.

At the end of his address the Colonel left the prisoners who in his opinion gave no cause for the fear of abnormal happenings.

At 1 o'clock the prisoners came to know of the execution of Mussolini, of the presumed death of Hitler and of the approaching end of the war - they staged a violent demonstration, overcame their guards, 10 in all, and breaking down two doors went towards the entrance. Here they found the Colonel in front of them, who by using persuasion exorted them to be calm, thus giving time to the personnel to close the principal door of the fortress. But, the prisoners who, in the meantime, had taken possession of the whole Forte, offices, store-rooms, outwards, guard corps and kitchens, took hold of the Commander and dragged him to the food store-room, where the more excited of them poured over his feet a tin of petrol with the insane project of burning him alive. Fortunately the intervention of some more moderate prisoners prevented the execution of this criminal design and the Colonel was released. A little later he succeeded in asking for re-enforcements and some hundreds of Carabinieri surrounded the Fort ordering the rebels to surrender.

In vain. The prisoners continued to barricade themselves behind the 16th v. the barricade which they had erected with anything they could find declaring themselves to have taken possession of the arms and to be ready to meet any attack.

In order to avoid bloodshed the Police force has brought into position armoured cars, pumps and machine guns surrounding the Fort and from time to time intimidatory shots are heard. Last night the seige continued and order has not yet been restored.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFO 394

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Tel : 478709

27 April 1945

AC/14238/PS

SUBJECT : Transfer of Prisoners into AMG territory

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

1. The recent transfer of prisoners from Regina Coeli to Spoleto prison has resulted in unfavourable comment from AMG officials in that territory.

2. To avoid friction in the future, and a possible refusal to accept prisoners who are arbitrarily sent into AMG territory without the knowledge or consent of either AC or AMG personnel, it is requested that this Sub-Commission be notified of such plans before they are put into effect.

R. W. Chapman, Capt.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AG/4049/Lm.

SUBJECT : Spoleto Gaol.

TO : H. E. The Minister of Pardon and Justice.

1. This matter has already been taken up with Your Excellency by Public Safety Sub-Commission.

2. This Sub-Commission is fully aware of the difficulties of the present gaol situation in Rome, but it cannot but feel that by transferring 100 inmates from Rome to Spoleto, which is in AMG territory, the judicial authorities have accepted deliberately to postpone "sine die" the trials of these prisoners.

3. Would Your Excellency be good enough to give the necessary instructions to the effect that the "istruttoria" of those prisoners who have already been in preventive detention for over 10 months be given as much priority as is materially possible on the roster of the "giudice istruttore" of Rome.

per G. C. MANHAFORD.
Lt. Col.,
Officer i/c Italian Branch
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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Copy to Public Safety A/C.

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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission

FROM : HQ. AMC Umbria-Marche Region

SUBJECT : SPOLETO GAOL

REF : R5/514/13

DATE : 24 April 1945.

1. The attached copy of letter PS.G.33 20 April 45, received from P.P.S.O. Perugia is forwarded for your information.

2. I understand there has been trouble at this prison prior to being taken over by Reg. V, and if such numbers as stated in the letter are being held for lengthly periods without trial we can only expect further riots.

3. A copy of this letter has already been sent to Legal Sub-Commission and Public Safety Sub-Commission, any assistence you can give in speeding up the trials will be appreciated.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,

S. PICKERING,
Lt. Colónel,
R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UMBRIA MARCHE REGION
PERUGIA PROVINCE

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FILE No.:PS.G.33

Perugia 20 April 1945

SUBJECT : SPOLETO GAOL

TO : P.C. PERUGIA

As a result of a reported riot among prisoners who are inmates of the above on the 14th April 1945, at 10,30 am this date I visited the Gaol.

It was ascertained that at the moment there are a total of 332 inmates of whom only 68 are convicted persons. Of the remainder 180 have been transferred from Rome recently. They are all persons awaiting trial for serious (not political) crimes by the Italian Courts.

In addition there are 84 awaiting trial by the Italian Courts in this Province.

It seems to me that after 10 months of occupation of Rome a lamentable state of affairs, that these conditions obtain, and I say with great respect there is a small wonder that there is a revolt in the gaol .

I interview 10 inmates 5 of whom had been involved in the disturbance on the 14th of April and 5 of 100 brought from Rome this week.

They have no complaint to make respecting their treatment in prison conditions generally. Their only complaint is that they are being kept so long without trial, and in Rome cases of probably being able to establish their innocence.

I respectfully suggest that the strongest possible representation be made in particular to the Legal Public Safety Sub-Commissions in regard to the 180 Rome prisoners.

The matter with regard to local prisoners will be taken up with the R.I.C. Sufficient copies for distribution to:

Legal Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Region Commissioner

are attached if you agree to this course.

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/s/ ???
/t/ Major
Provincial Public Safety Officer

1st Ind.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission HQ A.C.

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/t/ Major
Provincial Public Safety Officer

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TO : Legal Sub-Commission, HQ A.C.
Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ A.C.
Regional Commissioner, HQ AMG Umbria-Marche Region

Forwarded for your information and such action is as considered necessary.

/s/ john lund
/t/ JOHN LUND
Major AUS
Provincial Commissioner
PERUGIA Province.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
~~LAZIO~~ - UMBRIA Marche REGION
PERUGIA PROVINCE

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FILE No. P.S.6-33

SUBJECT SP LETO GAOL

TO P.C. PERUGIA

PERUGIA 20 April 1945

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
Region Commissioner.

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1st Ind.

Major
Provincial Public Safety Officer

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SUBJECT SPOLETO GAOL

TO P.C. PERUGIA

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As a result of a reported riot among prisoners who are inmates of the above on the 14 th April 1945, at 10,30 am this date I visited the Gaol.

It was ascertained that at the moment there are a total of 332 inmates of whom only 68 are convicted persons. Of the remainder 180 have been transferred from Rome recently. They are all persons awaiting trial for serious (not political) crimes by the Italian Courts.

In addition there are 84 awaiting trial by the Italian Courts in this Province.

It seems to me that after 10 months of occupation of Rome a lamentable state of affairs, that these conditions obtain, and I say with great respect there is small wonder that there is revolt in the gaol

I interview 10 inmates 5 of them had been involved in the disturbance on the 14th of april and 5 of 100 brought from Rome this week.

They have no complaint to make respecting their treatment in prison conditions generally. Their only complaint is that they are being kept so long without trial, and in Rome cases of probably being able to establish their innocence.

I respectfully suggest that the strongest possible representation be made in particular to the Legal, Public Safety Sub-Commissions in regard to the 180 Roma prisoners.

The matter with regard to local prisoners will be taken up with the R.L.). Sufficient copies for distribution to:

Legal Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Region Commissioner.

are attached if you agree to this course.

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TO: Legal Sub-Commission; HQ A.C.
Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ A.C.
Regional Commissioner, HQ AMG Umbria Marche Region.

Forwarded for your information and such action as is considered necessary.

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Provincial Commissioner
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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AC/ 30 December 1944

SUBJECT : Prison Diturbances

TO : Director of Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. On November 24, 1944, the day following the disturbances in Regina Coeli Prison in Rome, the Italian Civil authorities transferred prisoners to the following Institutions :-

147 to Spoleto - 30 to Soriano del Cimino - 100 to Avellino
20 to Viterbo - 150 to Teramo - 260 to Campobasso.

2. Since that date there have been reports of unrest in these prisons due to the fact that whil in Rome they received 500 Grams of bread and in four of these prisons demonstrations have taken place.

26 Nov, 1944, disturbance at Teramo Prison due to change in retion. No escapes, alight damage to Building.

28 Nov, 1944, at Campobasso a disturbance took place because of difference in food. Again on the night of 3 December, another demonstration took place and 38 prisoners escaped, 11 have been re-arrested.

4 Dec, 1944 disturbance in Avellino due to change in ration. No serious damage.

21 Dec, 1944, Spoleto, the following damage was done; laundry roof burnt, carpenter shop roof and walls damaged, 36 Cells doors broken off.

3. In the other prisons to which prisoners from Regina Coeli have been transferred - namly Soriano al Cimino and Viterbo - although the number transferred were small they have made demands upon the Prison officials for the same ration that is given in Rome. There have been no disturbances in these prisons.

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Prison Section
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ROUTING SLIP

Date 23-12-44

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Rest reportedly held by Prisoners recently captured from Regia Carbi. Many are untried prisoners who have been in custody for 4-6 months.

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An outbreak among prisoners in Spoleto Jail has resulted in considerable damage to the building by fire and other destructive means. Amongst this damage the following items are enumerated, but it is considered that it is necessary for a competent engineer to examine the premises in detail, and for steps to be taken for the immediate repairs to be executed.

It will be appreciated if appropriate action may be taken urgently by your division.

Laundry - Roof burnt and other damage
Carpenters shop - Damage to roof and walls
Tailors' shop - ditto
36 Cells - Doors broken off and otherwise damaged

Several items of minor damage to the structure.

Maj. BATTERSBY
P.P.S.O. - PERUGIA

Copy to: Provincial Commissioner
Regional Prisons Officer - Lazio-Umbria Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 525

Ref. 17/2/CA

28th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Rations in Civil Prisons.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. In confirmation of the verbal intimation given by Brig. Upjohn to Colonel Chapman, you are advised that the Chief Commissioner has decided that no reduction in the 500 gram ration at present issued in Rome prisons will take place. These prisons will remain on a 500 gram ration per diem as at present, and will be exceptions to the recent instruction that has gone out that all civilian prison rations will be on a 350 gram basis with effect from the 1st January, 1945.

2. Economic Section are taking the necessary steps to advise the Food Officers concerned and the Regional Commissioner (Lazio).

3. Please advise the Public Safety Officer, Lazio Region, of the decision of the Chief Commissioner.

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To	Sig.	Date
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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Date 28 December 1944

Ref: PS/ 9.1

SUBJECT: Campobasso Prison - Prisoners from Rome.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission.
(Att. Major E.W. Hanbury, Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. An inquiry has been held into the circumstance of the disturbance at, and the escape from, Campobasso prison, and the following facts which were disclosed are forwarded with reference to our telephone conversations on this subject.

2. On the 27th November, 1944, 260 prisoners were transferred from Regina Coeli prison, Rome, to Campobasso prison. The manner in which this transfer was arranged was deplorable, as will be seen from the following:-

(a) Although the Rome prison authorities were aware that there was only accomodation for 118 inmates, 260 were transferred.

(b) No documents were sent with the prisoners, not even a nominal roll.

(c) They were not allowed to take with them their personal belongings, cash, change of clothing etc.

(d) The majority had not been tried, or even questioned by a competent authority.

(e) No extra guards, blankets, under clothing or other prison equipment, were sent to compete with the obvious overcrowding which the authorities responsible for the transfer must have known would occur.

3. On the 28th November, 1944 the transferred prisoners revolted. This necessitated calling in CC.RR., the prison staff being inadequate to deal with the situation, and after measures which necessitated the use of firearms, order was restored.

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4. However, discontent continued, and on the night of 3/4 December, 1944, 38 inmates escaped. But, although the escape was motivated by the appalling conditions which existed in the prison and for which the Rome prison authorities must be held responsible, the escape could not have taken place if the prison staff had been vigilant in their duties. This they were not, in fact the patrols were unaware of the escape, which took place over a period of two hours, until the last man was getting away. An inquiry by the prison Director resulted in several members of the staff being denounced for gross neglect of duty. Todate eleven of the escapees have been re-arrested and sentenced to three months imprisonment.

5. The discontent of the transferred prisoners is readily appreciated. In Rome they had been receiving 200 grammes of bread above the authorised prison diet. They were unable to receive food from their relatives, or buy 'extras' themselves, which they had been in the habit of doing in Rome. The temperature is much lower at Campobasso than at Rome, yet there was no extra clothing, or sufficient blankets. And further, and this was the dominating factor, that many of them who had been arrested on minor charges knew that having been transferred away from the scene of their crimes, their examinations and trials would bound to be delayed.

6. The Director of Campobasso prison informs me that the Ministry of Grace and Justice have promised to send extra guards and prison equipment, and also to effect the transfer of these prisoners back to Rome as soon as possible. But todate the only guards who have reported are the few which could be spared from this area, and no equipment has arrived.

7. May the Ministry of Grace and Justice, be acquainted with the results of their irresponsible actions, and also urged to make good their promises, re guards and equipment.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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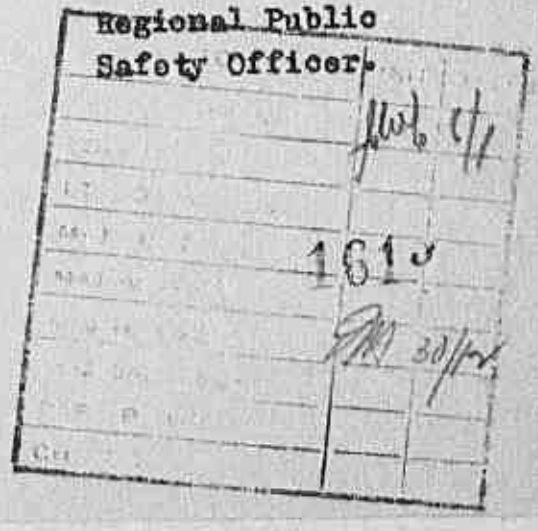
HQ. FOGGIA Zone, for information.



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