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*Rome Contingent**14601/21**BA*ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMYPublic Safety Div.
Rear Echelon.

17th May, 1944

Subject : Strength Report of CC.RR and GS.FF

To : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Comm. ACC.

1. Comparative strength of Rome Contingent of Carabinieri
and Finance Guards.Carabinieri

Foot	Officers	32	Men	2111
Mounted	"	3	"	71

Finance Guards

Officers	17	Men	520
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2. Finance Guards assigned "Black Market" Unit,
Men 993. Finance Guards proposed to collect
Men 200/300

Sardinia.

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J.R. POLLOCK
Lt. Col.,
Chief, Public Safety

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*5A*HEADQUARTERS
A.M.S. FIFTH ARMY (CAS)
A.P.O. No. 464 U.S. ARMY

5AR/3113

15 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri for Sicily

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

1. Referring to correspondence no. 302/77/CA, dated 19th March, 1944.
2. On 21st April, 1944, in accordance with directions contained in the above quoted correspondence, a contingent of 159 Carabinieri of the original Rome party, left Naples by train for Palermo, Sicily, to report to CC.RR Headquarters there.
3. A further detail of 41 Carabinieri entrained on 8th, May 1944, for the same destination.
4. This movement, which was made under control of Italian Military Authorities, completed the transfer of 200 CC.RR for permanent duty in Sicily.

For Brigadier General HUME.

John D. Ames
John D. AMES
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief of Staff.

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

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17th May 1944.

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SUBJECT: C.C.R.R., Region IV.

TO : ✓ Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear H.Q., A.C.C.

1. In view of the occupation of additional territory in Region IV, arrangements have been made to call on C.C.R.R. held in reserve for this purpose.

2. A reconnaissance was made by the Public Safety Officer of this unit to MINTURNO area on 16 May 1944, when it was tentatively arranged to house the C.C.R.R. in the Carcere, which is the most habitable building.

3. The Public Safety Officer of Region IV has been met and arrangements made to transport 40 C.C.R.R. and 2 Officers to MINTURNO on 18th or 19th May from which point they can be deployed as the situation develops.

4. The Mobile C.C.R.R. attached to this Army A.M.G. are moving forward with divisions and Corps, cooperating closely with Military Police and assisting the C.I.C. in the shepherding and screening of refugees which have come back from the forward communes and fractions. 700

For the Commanding General:

E B Mayne

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

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

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May 15, 1944

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SUBJECT : Transfer of CG.RR

TO : Chief of Public Safety,
AMS Fifth Army (CAG)

1. Reference is made to your letter 5 AS/3113 dated 13 May 1944.

2. This Sub-Commission approves of the transfer of 300 CG.PP from Cardinia to the mainland for duty with Special Police Contingent.

3. Will you please arrange for your representative accompanied by Capt. RODRIGUEZ Tarantino, CG.PP, to ~~supervise~~ supervise the movement.

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

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Copy to/ Regional Commissioner
Region VI.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

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Public Safety Division
Rear Echelon
13th May, 1944

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Subject: Special Police Contingent for Rome.

To: : Brig. Gen. HOME

1. On 17th December, 1943, General EISENHOWER approved a Police Plan to take into the City a total of 3,000 Carabinieri and Finance Guards.

2. Of the above number, 200 were to be drawn from Sicily but in January last I was aware of certain troubles there with the civilian population and we refrained from transferring these men. From elsewhere in liberated Italy and Sardinia we gathered together some 2,800 Carabinieri and Finance Guards.

3. Last month we were ordered to send 200 of our Rome contingent to Sicily and in consequence of this shortage, together with sickness, venereal disease, etc., our special Police Contingent has become depleted.

4. On 9th May, 1944, Gen. MORICCA, of our Finance Guards called at my office, and was introduced to Brig. Gen. HOME.

In the course of the conversation, Gen. MORICCA said there were some 300 Finance Guards in Sardinia who could be spared for Police work in Rome.

We need these men badly and subject to approval I would send one of our Officers with a Finance Guard Officer to select 200 of the best Finance Guards available, also to arrange for them to be transferred to the mainland with 1200 Carabinieri awaiting shipment.

5. As time is short may I have approval to approach A.C.C. to approve this transfer.

J.R. Pollock
J.R. POLLOCK
Lt. Col.,
Chief, Public Safety Div.
AMG 5th ARMY (CAS)

Lt. Col. POLLOCK:

Approved.

13/5/44

Copy for Col. Young
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Edgar Meskine Home
EDGAR MESKINE HOME
Brigadier General
S.C.A.O. 5th Army AMG

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANCE
COMANDO R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA
DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA

Division Personal -Section Special.

Salerno, 10 May 1944

To Lt. Col. POLLOCK
of the Allied Police
Headquarters, 5th Army

Subject: Captain TOGNALI Faustino. Mark No. 000905

A conferma accordi verbali.
Il latore della presente è il Capitano della Regia Guardia
di Finanza TOGNALI Faustino, da me incaricato di recarsi
in Sardegna per costituire e scortare la compagnia di 300
(trecento) uomini, che dovrà far parte del Battaglione
Speciale "R" attualmente di stanza a Napoli.

Prego di voler consegnare all'Ufficiale la lettera del
Sig. General Johnson per le autorità Alleate della Sardegna,
onde agevolare il trasferimento della Compagnia dall'Isola
a Napoli.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Oreste Moricca
/s/ O. Moricca

(Translation)

In confirmation of a verbal agreement.
The bearer, Capt. TOGNALI Faustino, of the Royal Finance
Guards, is authorized by me to go to Sardinia to assemble
and escort the company of 300 (three hundred) men, which
must become part of the special "R" Battalion actually
stationed in Naples.

I beg you to consign to this Officer the letter of General
Johnson for the Allied Authority of Sardinia, where he will
manage the transfer of the company from the island to Naples.

THE GENERAL COMMANDING
Oreste Moricca
/s/ O. Moricca

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

ACC/14012/8/RS

May 15, 1944

SUBJECT: Rome Group, CGFF.

TO : OPS, O.S.D Rear Echelon, AMB HQ 5 Army.

1. On the 13th instant, Captain Mitchell called at this office and reported on the Rome Group CGFF and gave the information, that in your opinion the officer in command is not fitted for the post, and also that the members generally were inefficient and lacked discipline.

Later same day, Capt Tompkins called and stated that the officer commanding was doing his work in an efficient manner, and was maintaining good discipline.

I cannot understand why they should give entirely opposite views, and should be interested to know how it is possible for two opposite opinions on the matter to reach me on the same day.

2. I should like your views on the matter in writing, so that we can know, what action, if any, is required by this HQ.

3. It was understood from Captain Tompkins that the O.S.D. CGFF, had agreed to increase strength of Rome Group to 1000, and that it was being arranged for 300 to be transferred from Sardinia. This is a matter which very much concerns this Sub-Commission, and is one of policy that should have been cleared at this HQ.

4. If in fact, such arrangements have been made, I shall be glad if you will let me know what they are, and request that in future matters of policy affecting this Sub-Commission should be referred here.

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

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Col Young

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1. On the 13th instant, Captain Mitchell called at this office and reported on the Rome Group GIFF and gave the information; that in your opinion the officer in command is not fitted for the post, and also that the members generally were inefficient and lacked discipline.

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

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Col Young to Col Pollock called at this HQ on 15th May 1944

① Re contradictory reports.
knows little about the GIFF.
Col Pollock says that the GIFF are efficient & disciplined
Col Pollock has told Capt. Tompkins & Capt. Mitchell that any official communications should come from the Chief of Public Safety Fifth Army.

② Re 300 GIFF from Gardinia
Col Pollock dated 13th May 1944 refers
handed to Col Pollock
Attached letter from
Paper, dated 15th May 1944
Dist. Sec. dated 15th May 1944

Put in
Rome CCRB
file a
current
letter from
Col. Pollock
a strength
of Police
going to
Rome

New File
of Rome
containing
CCRB

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CC.RR LIBERATED ITALY
SERVICE SITUATION OFFICE

To: Col. Pollock Chief, Public Safety Rome

May 15, 1944

I notice that the R. Guardia di Finanza for Rome which was previously agreed in Bari to be 600 has increased to 1300 men, while the Carabinieri who have been employed everywhere (Sicily etc.) have decreased.

I cooperated in the formation of the Rome contingent and with the same spirit I wish to state to you that:

1. The units of R. Guardia di Finanza are different from those of the Arma, different preparations and employment.
2. By diminishing the strength of the CC.RR which was at its minimum and increasing the strength of the Finanza might fill in the gap of the Carabinieri and thereby causing an overlapping and confusion of the service and its functions.
3. During normal times, there were 6000 Carabinieri in Rome against 5 to 600 Guardia di Finanza. In all the Services of restoring order the Finanza was never employed, it was the functions of the army to help the Carabinieri in case of need. The above employment, above all a wrongful employment, of the R.G. di Finanza would not only astonish but also incite the people when arrested by R.G. di Finanza.
4. Having taken away the G. di Finanza from Col. Perinetti of CC.RR it is clear that the Arma cannot assume any responsibility on the employment of the Guardia di Finanza.

Commanding General
Giuseppe Picche

16th May 1944

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W. Col. Pollock states that the "R" contingent of G.G.F.F. is
500 now in Naples.
98 employed for Black Market. 4701
300 now in Sardinia, but being brought to Naples
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However, Major Kist, Gen. & Supplies, is employing G.G.F.F. in guarding food dumps
Col. Pollock says these G.G.F.F. will not enter Rome
H. W. Jones
Major

**COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA**Ufficio Servizio e Situazione

N. 27/8 di prot.

P.M. 135 15 maggio 1944

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO:

Al Sig. Colonnello POLLOK - CAPO SICUREZZA PUBBLICA PER
R O M A

Vedo che il contingente della R.Guardia di Finanza, concretato d'accordo a Bari in 600 uomini, è salito a 1.300 contro diminuzione di carabinieri che sono stati diversamente impiegati (Sicilia ecc.).

Poichè nel noto progetto di Roma ho collaborato, per lo stesso spirito di collaborazione, tengo a precisarvi che:

- 1°)-i compiti istituzionali della R.Guardia di Finanza sono diversi da quelli dell'Arma, diversa la preparazione e diverso l'impiego;
- 2°)-diminuendo la forza dei CC.RR. che era prevista col minimo ed esuberando quella della Finanza porterà questa a colmare il vuoto di quelli e di conseguenza a misto e quindi confusione di servizio e di funzioni;
- 3°)-che in Roma in periodo normale si avevano 6.000 carabinieri contro 5-600 Guardie di Finanza. In tutti i servizi di ordine mai è stata impiegata la Finanza: era all'occorrenza l'Esercito che concorreva con 4 pp. pe all'ordine pubblico in ausilio ed alle dipendenze dei carabinieri. Un sovra impiego e soprattutto un errato impiego della Guardia di Finanza porterebbe alme-

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no meraviglia a parte inconvenienti tecnici ed incidenti mal tollerando la popolazione ad es: arresti da parte di Guardie di Finanza;

40)-avendo sganciato la Guardia di Finanza dalle dipendenze di servizio del Colonnello Perinetti resta bene chiaro che l'Arma non può assumersi nessuna responsabilità circa l'impiego della predetta Guardia di Finanza.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Giuseppe Pìche -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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REMARKS.....
..... Monday 15th
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LOCATION OF POLICE H.Q. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.	NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY STATIONS.	POLICE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE INCLUDING RESERVES.	TOTAL POLICE INDEX PER 1000	ARMS PERCENTAGE OF SMALL ARMS PER CAPITA

TRANSLATION

1 May 1944.

Memo to CPS

Herewith copy of notation received Commander of Carabinieri Groups at Cagliari:

"The services requested of these groups, thanks to the Legion Commander, have been restricted up to now to the commune of Cagliari so that the dispatching of the Rome contingent has been avoided and the possibility assured of embarking it upon 12 hours notice as previously requested by the Allied Command."

Since the High Commissioner of Sardinia guarantees the availability of the units to leave for the continent with one day's notice in advance, the writer refrains from expressing his doubts into the matter; but considers it his duty to communicate that if these units were to be in continuous use in future throughout the Island, notable damage would develop into its moral and material efficiency.

In fact, it would be quite difficult to elevate the morale of the personnel, which becomes daily more necessary in proportion to the delay ~~extension~~ of the order to embark and cannot be continued methodically with concrete results so that these men may be equal to the important tasks which will be required of them.

Besides, these units would resent the lack of equipment, especially uniforms and shoes, which it is impossible to furnish them - after those granted them last January - because the Italian Quartermaster HQ of Sardinia, with its very limited supplies, must take care of other units of other Arms to be placed in readiness.

On the other hand, from the context of the letter of the High Commissioner, it seems evident that the above Carabinieri are being used, not ~~for a~~ definite necessity but only because they appear to be dispensable in the Island; so much so that we are ready to do without their services on one day's advance notice.

However, the undersigned, in order to avoid inconveniences, will continue to cope with the situation as long as these men are kept within their present limits.

Since, moreover, with the lengthening of their stay in Sardinia, the stronger becomes the desire on the part of military authorities to make use of them and further with the coming of spring, another serious menace faces the contingent in the form of malaria, it would behoove the competent Allied commands, in compliance with urgent insistence of "R" office, to order the immediate transfer of these subordinate units to the continent.

A propos, we notice the availability of Italian cruisers, which are employed in the transport of our troops from Sardinia to the continent; one of which possibly in a single trip could transfer the entire contingent, if the Allied authorities permitted."

Note of Commanding General:-

"I would request the Allied Control Commission to hasten, if possible, the sending of this contingent to the continent."

Spoke to Gen. Roche on 3rd May 1944. Told him that the matter would be left in abeyance for a while.
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15th May 1944
600 cars
arrived
in Naples
on 15th May
from
Sardinia
L. J. W.

li 1° maggio 1944

P R O M E M O R I A - per il Capo della Sottocommissione
per la P.S.

*Report on Rome Contingent
of CCRR now stationed in Sardinia*

- COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO -

S A L E R N O

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Si trascrive la seguente del Comando raggruppamento carabinieri reali di Cagliari:

""I servizi richiesti a questo raggruppamento, mercè l'appoggio concesso al sottoscritto dal signor comandante della legione, sono stati contenuti, finora, nell'ambito del comune di Cagliari, in modo che è stata evitata la dispersione del contingente in approntamento per la Capitale ed assicurata la possibilità di imbarcarlo con un preavviso di 12 ore come in precedenza richiesto dal comando Alleato.

Poichè l'Alto Commissariato per la Sardegna garantisce la disponibilità dei reparti per la partenza per il continente con preavviso di un giorno, lo scrivente si astiene dal formulare dubbi in proposito; ma reputa doveroso comunicare che, ove il contingente venisse, effettivamente, in futuro, utilizzato in servizi d'istituto in tutta l'Isola, non trascurabile danno deriverebbe alla sua efficienza morale e materiale.

Infatti, assai problematica riuscirebbe l'opera di elevazione spirituale del personale, la quale si rivela più necessaria a misura che si prolunga l'attesa dell'ordine d'imbarco; nè potrebbe essere continuata metodicamente, con concreti risultati, l'istruzione in atto, per adeguare i carabinieri all'espletto degli importanti compiti per essi previsti.

Più ancora ne risentirebbe l'equipaggiamento, uniformi e calzature in ispecie, delle quali non è possibile sperare la ben-

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chè minima assegnazione -dopo quelle ottenute nello scorso gennaio- perchè l'Intendenza del Comando Militare della Sardegna, con le limitatissime scorte di cui tuttora dispone, deve fronteggiare le necessità, invero sensibili, dei reparti delle altre armi in approntamento.

D'altra parte, dal contesto della lettera dell'Alto Commissariato appare evidente che si vogliono utilizzare i carabinieri di cui trattasi, più che per una reale, imprescindibile, necessità, per il solo fatto che essi appaiono disponibili nell'Isola; tanto è vero che si è pronti a rinunciare -previo avviso di un sol giorno- al loro servizio.

Pertanto, il sottoscritto, allo scopo di evitare gli inconvenienti accennati, continuerà ad adoperarsi affinché l'impiego del personale dipendente venga contenuto entro i limiti attuali.

Poichè, peraltro, col prolungarsi della permanenza in Sardegna del contingente, aumenta, nelle autorità militari e varie, il desiderio di utilizzarlo, e tenuto, altresì, conto che, con l'inizio della primavera, altra seria minaccia per l'efficienza del contingente stesso è costituita dal pericolo dell'affezione malarica, tornerebbe molto opportuno che i competenti comandi Alleati, aderendo alle insistenti premure dell'Ufficio "R.", determinassero l'immediato trasferimento dei dipendenti reparti in continente.

In atto si nota una discreta disponibilità di incrociatori italiani, i quali vengono adibiti al trasporto di nostre truppe dalla Sardegna nel continente; per cui, se le Autorità Alleate lo disponessero, uno di essi potrebbe effettuare, forse in un solo viaggio, il trasferimento dell'intero contingente. ""

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- Nota del Generale Comandante -

""Prego la Commissione di Controllo di sollecitare, se possibile, la venuta in continente di questo contingente.""

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