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CARABINIERI, SITUATION, VOL. III
SEPT. 1944 - JAN. 1945

MINUTE. ✓To C.A. Sec.

Please see 214 and reply at 224A.

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17th January, 1945.

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Sub-Commission.

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Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

17th January, 1945.

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To. G.S.

Agreed No Action unless the matter is

Again raised.

C.A.S.

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R. D. Biggs

Ch. Sect.

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P.S. S-C.
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T.S.

In view of paras 8/10 of folio 9A of 1411/PS is any useful purpose served by pursuing this matter. If as a matter of efficiency it is considered that the letter should not go unanswered it is considered that something stronger than "may we please receive our request" should be written. 9A of 1411/PS does not deal with the question of arms for hunting but it is believed that that question has also been putted

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But the power of local authority, in those communes where no Public Security Office exists, is vested almost exclusively in the authority of the Police (preeminently administrative police work) and for these considerations as well as for the others cited above - all the result of opinions expressed by the 1st Section of the Council of State at their deliberations of the 7th May, 1935 - the Ministry of the Interior, with its circular No. 10,44791/13000, 21 of the 10th October, 1936, has laid down that:-

"in the absence of the P.S. Official, the command of the Public Order Service in case of disturbance - and the resultant faculty of ordering the dispersal of gatherings in the instances cited in Articles 21 and 22 of the existing Unified Text of the P.S. Law - devolves upon the Officer of the Force and not upon the Podestà.

Analogous cases are foreseen by Articles 82 and 83 of the law quoted above with regard to the maintenance of order at public performances."

Consequently - always in accordance with the above-mentioned opinions of the 1st Section of the Council of State - the necessity has been recognised of reserving to Officers of the Force - in consideration of their experience and technical training - a position superior to the Podestà in public order services generally.

Certainly the Carabinieri must enforce the observance of the ordinances of the local P.S. authority and adhere to its requests - provided always that these are compatible with the dignity of their uniform and would not smirch their prestige (Art. 80 of the Organic Rule of the CC.RR Force) but it is not correct to say that in dealing with P.S. Service they must obey the instructions of the Mayor. 5320

Below are the rules which govern the relations between the CC.RR territorial commands and the P.S. authorities:-

ORGANIC RULE OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI FORCE.

Art. 64.

Group Commands - and where there is no Group Command Headquarters, the Company Commands - inform the Prefects of everything which may concern public order and safety in their respective jurisdictions.

Company Commands must act similarly, and where there is no Company Command, the tenenza commands will act in the same way towards the local Questori and P.S. officials for the territory under their respective jurisdictions.

Art. 65.

Station Commanders inform, if possible by word of mouth and if not by a written resumé, the incumbent of the local P.S. office of every crime or event of special importance which takes place in the territory under their jurisdiction. They are not however required to furnish these officials with any further report after the resumé.

Art. 66.

Commanders of the CC.RR Force must furnish Prefects, Questori, isolated P.S. officials and Podestà (in the communes where there is no P.S. Office) with all news and information requested of them in the interests of the Service.

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These authorities must only refer to the Force for information in those localities where they have no other means of obtaining it, avoiding, that is to say, asking when they can get information directly by means of their own.

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The CC.RR Commands have the right to ask for information when they need it from the same authorities and offices to which they must furnish information.

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CC.RR Commanders confer daily with Prefects and P.S. authorities, when they are not prevented by reasons of service, and with Military and Judicial Authorities whenever the interest of the service so demands.

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In such conferences the aforesaid authorities and the CC.RR. Commanders exchange the necessary communications with regard to anything that concerns order and public security, without, however, either party being dispensed from the necessity of furnishing the relative reports of requests in writing.

For the same purpose Group Commanders must visit the Prefect and Company Commanders - or Tenenza Commanders, where there is no Company Command - must visit the Questore.

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Tenenza Commanders maintain the necessary contacts with isolated P.S. Officials in their respective places of residence.

Art. 73.

Station Commanders must, when they are not prevented by service reasons, visit the P.S. Officials or the Podestà, in their respective offices, remembering that conferences with the latter are only necessary when he is carrying out the duties of a P.S. Officer.

Art. 79.

When the authorities have made their requests, and the P.S. officials have given instructions for the service, they cannot, when it is a question of CC.PP service, further intervene in any way in the relative operations, which for the execution of these instructions are ordered by the CC.PP Commanders, who are free, on their own responsibility, to adopt those measures which they think must be suitable to reach the objective.

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TRANSLATION.

Art. 21 - Unified Text.

When, in accordance with the terms of the preceding Articles, it is necessary to disperse a public gathering or an assembly in a public place or ~~in the~~ open to the public, the persons gathered together or assembled are invited to disperse by the public security officials or in their absence by the Officers or M.C.O.s of the CC.RR.

Art. 22 - Unified Text.

When the invitation remains unheeded, the dispersal is ordered by three distinct formal intimations, each preceded by a trumpet blast.

Art. 23 - Unified Text.

When the three intimations have no effect or when they cannot be given because of opposition or revolt, the Public Security officials or in their absence the Officers or the M.C.O.s of the Carabinieri order that the gathering or assembly be dispersed by force.

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Art. 82.

In the case of disturbance or disorder or of danger to public safety or of offence against morals or decent behaviour, P.S. officers or agents order the suspension or the termination of the performance and if necessary the clearance of the Hall.

If the disturbance is caused through the fault of the person giving the performance or causing it to be given, the officers or agents can order the return of the entrance prize to the spectators.

Art. 83.

Once begun performances may not be suspended or varied without the consent of the P.S. officer present.

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RGK/ttg.

RVIII/11/185

SUBJECT: CC.RR situation in GROSSETO.

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, HQ. AC.

1. Ref. Civil Affairs Section letter AC/302/CA/PS dated 2 Dec. 44; RVIII/11/107, HQ. Toscana Region letter dated 6 Oct. 44 to Executive Commissioner, HQ. ACC; and letter 302/CA from RC & MG Section, HQ. AC dated 16 Sep. 44.

2. It was considered that the RC & MG Section letter dated 16 Sep. 44 had been answered by extracts from comments of the Provincial Commissioner GROSSETO PROVINCE to the CC.RR report in question, set forth in my letter of 6 Oct. 44. To answer the allegations specifically from investigations I have made, the following is submitted:

a. With my approval the Provincial Commissioner GROSSETO PROVINCE authorized the Sindaco of the Commune in the vicinity of M.AMIATA to augment his municipal police by a certain number of partisans, hired as police, in order to stop depredations and crimes by alleged Fascists who were said to be in hiding in the M.AMIATA district. The small number of CC.RR present had done nothing up to that time to cope with the situation. The partisans in question had, themselves, during Fascist days, gone in hiding in the M.AMIATA region. It was believed that they would be more effective in coping with the alleged Fascists than the available CC.RR at that time. This temporary augmentation of the municipal police has long since been discontinued and the partisans composing it discharged.

b. Lt.Col. Hamilton, Provincial Commissioner GROSSETO PROVINCE, maintains that under Italian Law, the Sindaco is responsible for public safety in his commune and, therefore, that the CC.RR, in carrying out public safety duties, should follow the instructions of the Sindaco in such matters. It is true that the CC.RR in GROSSETO are not held in high esteem by the inhabitants. I am convinced that this is due partly to political reasons; partly because the CC.RR, who were not popular, superseded the partisans who were popular; and partly to the conduct of the CC.RR themselves. The endeavour to blame the unpopularity of the CC.RR on the Provincial Commissioner and the Sindaco of GROSSETO Commune is far fetched.

c. The statement in par. 3 a of file number 302/CA of 16 Sep. 44 is only in part correct. The Provincial Commissioner did propose to issue an order releasing firearms to civilians for hunting purposes but he submitted the proposal to the Regional Commissioner who re-wrote the order. The order was never issued because the Commanding General No. 1 District, C.M.F. objected to any firearms being issued to Italian civilians. Why Colonel Hamilton should be criticized for any proposals he cares to make, so long as continued.....

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he submits them thru proper channels, I fail to understand.

d. Ref. par 3 b of RC & MG Section letter 302/CA of 16 Sep 44, the Provincial Commissioner stated that all civilian arms were handed into the CC.RR in accordance with the proclamation of the Commander-in-Chief. He states, further, that the arms of patriots are being collected by Major Moody, PPSO, with the assistance of patriot representatives attached to the Province.

3. My investigation of the report of Major VERDE, upon which the allegations against the Provincial Commissioner are based, indicates that the report was, for the most part, untrue, in that from a little fact a great deal of opinion was deducted and submitted not as opinion but as fact. Please see my letter RVIII/11/112 dated 9 Oct. 1944, in which I requested the transfer of Major VERDE, the author of the CC.RR report. I believe no action has been taken on this request. I desire to renew it.

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Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.

TO	
CHAIRMAN	
YOUNG	
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MAJ. D. K. HAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HANBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. POWELL	
CHIEF	



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AO/302/CA/PS

2 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : CC.RR. Situation in Grosseto.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

1. If you are not yet in a position to reply to this Headquarters 302/211/CA of 16 September, 1944 please state when a reply may be expected. (This Headquarters 302/221/CA of 26 September also refers).

By Command of Commodore STONE:

C.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP. CA Sec.
DCOS.AG.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 222
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: C.S. Section.

SUBJECT: Handover of files
TO: C.A. Section. PS

FILE No. 302/CA
6 Oct 1944

The attached file is sent to you for
necessary action.
Please see folio 221

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E. Gordon
Capt.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 302/221/01

20 September 1944.

SUBJECT: GO.MI. Situation in Grosseto.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

214 — 1. We refer to our letter of 16 September 1944,
Ref: 302/214/1A on the subject of the above.

2. May we please renew our request for a report
about this situation.

WM. A. S. W. D. AND, JR.
FORN H. FINE.
Colonel.

Deputy Executive Commissioner.

W. A. S. W. D. AND, JR.
FORN H. FINE.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

E.C.

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This is a v.g. survey of the
CRR position today. They
seem to have got a move on
at last. P/S are going
to send you progress report.

May I have back to
my file, please.

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P.A. Producer file please.
B.f. Hunt at Sec. 1.
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APPENDIX

The initial requirements of Carabinieri for immediate duty in some of the Northern Provinces as soon as they are liberated are estimated as follows:-

REGION 9 : EMILIA

Piacenza	50
Parma	50
Reggio	100
Modena	170
Bologna	250
Forli	150
Ferrara	150
Ravenna	200

Total	1120
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REGION 10 PIEMONTE

Novara	100
Vercelli	110
Aosta	50
Torino	150
Alessandria	100
Asti	50
Cuneo	100

LIGURIA

Imperia	60
Savona	50
Genova	500
La Spezia	100

Total	1370
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REGION 11LOMBARDIA

Sondrio	30
Como	80
Bergamo	100
Verese	150
Milano	1120
Pavia	80
Mantova	100
Cremona	50
Brescia	200

Total	1910
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REGION 12

Pola	62
Trieste	80
Flume	32
Gorizia	41
Udine	152
Belluno	45
Bolzano	55
Trento	79
Verona	120
Vicenza	116
Padova	139
Treviso	119
Venezia	138
Zara	22
Rovigo	5

Total	1250
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REGION 9	1120
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REGION 10	1370
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REGION 11	1910
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REGION 12	1250
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TOTAL	5650
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Col Shipp:

A progress report will be furnished Brig. Tusk commencing next week

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.C. SECTION
ALC 394

Ref: 390/22/CA

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Curfew and C.I.R.R.

TO : Admin. Section, A.C.C.

1. We refer to our letter of 19 Sept. 44, Ref: 302/216/CA
2. May we renew our request for your comments on the two subjects of this letter so that we may reply to the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

W.B. A.S. BOLLEA, JR.

R NORMAN E. FISKE.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy to Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region,
(Ref: your letter R/1029
16 Sept. 44.)

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The files are in fact
the new C.I.R.R. (see previously
(old Admin.), where previously
they will be dealt with.
N.A.D.

file 390/22

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

REF : 302/218/CA.

21 September 44.

SUBJECT : Police employed on Guard Duties.

TO : Regional Commissioners I, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, Liguria, Piemonte, XI, XII, Southern, S.C.A.O.s Fifth and Eighth Armies.

1. The strength of the police, particularly the Royal Carabinieri is dangerously low. Considerable numbers of Carabinieri are being taken from presently liberated Italy to police the north of Italy where it is expected, the enemy will withdraw or disband the police. Orders have already been given for 4000 CC.RR. to move from the south to forward areas, and it is possible that more will be needed in the near future.
2. In order to make the best use of trained policemen, Carabinieri, Finance Guards, and Agents of Public Security will not be used in the future for guard duties or any kind of work other than regular police duty. Applications from Allied Military units for Italian Police to perform extraneous duties will be refused.
3. As regards Italian Police already employed at the request of Allied Forces on work other than normal police duty, notice is to be given that they will be withdrawn at the expiration of 14 days. This will allow the military commander employing the police to obtain military guards if he wishes.
4. The decision as to whether or not Italian Police are being employed on essential police duties will rest with the Regional Commissioner. In the case of police employed by Italian agencies in Italian Government territory, Regional Commissioners will limit themselves to advising the competent police authority.

Initialed by MSC. on Admin
file.
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W. S. Dillard
Major
for M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Admin. Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
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CABrigil
CONFIDENTIAL

16th September 1944.

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19 SEP Recd

Subject: CC.RR. for Northern Italy -
Transportation to Florence.

To : H.Q., A.G.C.
Public Safety Subcommittee.

1. On receipt of your telegram no. 3268 of 14th September, the matter was discussed with G-4, Fifth Army and the undersigned telephoned to the Executive Commissioner.

2. The choices seem to be:

(a) Rail transport to Arezzo or Livorno and thence by ACC road transport to Florence. In this case G-4 - and not Army AMG must call forward from Movements, A.A.I. G-4 points out that rail transport is exceedingly tight at present and that the tonnage would have to come off the 300 tons per day accepted for civilian supplies.

This is happening!
(b) G-4 therefore advise sea transport to Leghorn and lifting thence to Florence by ACC trucks now stationed at Leghorn. Liberty ships are leaving Naples at frequent intervals and could accept 500 CC.RR. each. In this case there is no need for G-4 to call forward.

(c) Road transport from origin or Naples to Florence by ACC. This would be the quickest means, but it is not known here whether trucks could be made available.

3. In view of the fact that tactical developments may at anytime make the question of CC.RR. for Northern Italy ~~one~~ of first importance, it is requested that effective action be taken in this matter immediately.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.
Transportation S-C.

Edm
E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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*Spoke with [unclear] who has
the matter under control. 22/9/44.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.C. SECTION
APO 394

19 September 1944

Ref: 302/216/CA

SUBJECT: Curfew and CC.RR.

TO : Admin. Section, A.C.C.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 16 September 1944,
Ref: R/1029 from the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

2. The Regional Commissioner raises two points in his
letter: (a) the subject of a curfew in territory administered by
the Italian Government;
(b) Carabinieri being reduced in number in his Region
without his being informed beforehand.

3. May we please have your comments on these two subjects
so that we may communicate with the Regional Commissioner.

W.G.S. Jolly
Major
for HONOR E. FISKE.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Incl: 1.

Copy to Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

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

R/1029

16 September 1944

18 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Curfew and CCR.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(Attention: RC & MG Section).

1. It appears that the Ministry of War has addressed a letter (Ref. 13356/1/199.1.1 of 23 August) to all Prefects in this region, instructing them that there is to be no curfew in any comune unless there are Allied Troops in the comune. This will be awkward, as troops come and go. It seems to be a matter which should have been passed through this headquarters.

2. During a recent tour, the Regional Commissioner learned that a further 700 CCR have been ordered forward from Bari (thus reducing the strength by 50% at one fell stroke) and that a further 150 have been ordered forward from Foggia (thus reducing the strength by 25%). This, too, will also be awkward and the plea by the Regional Public Safety Officer that a minimum should be set for the region compatible with maintaining law and order is thoroughly indorsed - his letter PS/3.1 of 13 September refers.

3. It appears from the foregoing and other incidents that the Italian authorities in Rome may not be fully aware of the necessity of sending copies of all important instructions through HQ ACC to the Regional Commissioner for his information. May it be impressed on all concerned, please, that this HQ must be kept properly advised.

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C. E. Temperley
C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section
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Ref: 302/CA.

16 September 1944.

SUBJECT: CC.RR Situation in GROSETTO.

TO : R.C., Region VIII.

1. The attached letter from the Officer Commanding the CC.RR in GROSETTO Province with a covering letter from AAI, is forwarded for your information.
2. It is stated that the Provincial Commissioner, Lt.Col. Hamilton, has created armed bands of patriots to perform police duties. It is further alleged that he has placed the CC.RR under the orders of local sindaci and his actions have tended to undermine public confidence.
3. Two instances have recently come to notice regarding Public Safety matters in GROSETTO:-
 - (a) It is alleged that the Provincial Commissioner has proposed to issue an order releasing firearms to civilians for hunting purposes. Regional Public Safety Officer does not appear to have been consulted in the matter, particularly as it was proposed to ignore the normal Italian police procedure of registering firearms.
 - (b) It is alleged that the Provincial Commissioner has given instructions that weapons surrendered by civilians should be handed to sindaci. Notice No.1 signed by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, required such weapons to remain in the custody of Questore or CC.RR. Separate letters have been addressed to you on these two matters.
4. Will you therefore please investigate and submit a report.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- Admin Sec for P.S. Sub.Comm.

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SUBJECT:- Attached Document.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, 2140
Tel: FILPOT ADV 75
1469/12/GSI(b)

Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ., ACC.
(Attn: Lt. Col. WILCOX)

2 Sept 44.

Attached is document written by the OC, CC.RR of GROSETTO which was handed to an officer of this branch by a staff officer of PES, who was at LEGHORN at the time.

No observation has been made concerning the reliability of the statements made in this document which is herewith passed to you for such action as you deem necessary.

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

DRAFT

Ref. ACC/14111/PS.

12th September, 1944.

SUBJECT : CC.RR situation in Grosseto.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

1. The attached letter from the Officer Commanding the CC.RR in Grosseto Province, with a covering letter from A.A.I. is forwarded for your information.

2. It is stated that the Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. Hamilton, has created armed bands of patriots to perform police duties. It is further alleged that he has placed the CC.RR under the orders of local sindaci and his actions have tended to undermine public confidence in the CC.RR.

3. The writer of the letter is Major Verdi who is regarded by the CC.RR authorities and the local Public Safety Officer as competent and reliable.

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to you on these two matters.

5. If the allegations contained in the report from the Officer Commanding CC.RR in Grosseto are true, the Public Safety situation is rather disturbing inasmuch as experienced police officials are being overridden by amateurs.

6. Will you therefore please have the matter investigated in conjunction with the Regional Public Safety Officer and report the result.

By order of Captain Stone (U.S.N.R.)

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Enclosed: Relative correspondence.

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PROVINCE OF GROSSETO

In the Grosseto province a very dangerous political situation is arising, encouraged by the Military Governor Lt. Col. Hamilton.

Contrary to his father, Lord Hamilton (conservative) it is affirmed that Lt. Col. Hamilton is a socialist reformist.

Lt. Col. Hamilton has surrounded himself with socialist elements of the province, amongst which the ex-employee Mr. Festa outstands.

Festa has been appointed vice prefect by Lt. Col. Hamilton, really acting as secretary. As the English colonel likes trips in the country, Festa organises parties with plenty of wine to the various farms of the Maremma.

Festa prospected alarming situations in the province to Lt. Col. Hamilton, determined by the presence of presumed fascist and nazist armed bands and has convinced him that the cc.rr. are not in a position to affront the situation.

At all the meetings, Lt. Col. Hamilton sustains that the cc.rr. are now badly armed and not practical of the places, while the patriots are numerous and know exactly the 'spots' and persons hidden there.

Consequently he has created, in a few communes, some armed corps of communal police. He has issued to a few sindaci decrees similar to that attached (N.I.).

The sindaco of Arcidosso is an electrician and there is a cc.rr. Lt. there who has thirty three years service. Lt. Col. Hamilton who has pointed this out to the cc.rr. major, has said "All the cc.rr.s, including officers, are at the dependence of the sindaco who is the local P.S. authority, if you don't like this, go away".

At another meeting, Lt. Col. Hamilton has said to this cc.rr. major that the Italian automatic arms (as the 'Mitra Beretta') are to be taken away as well, if given in by the partisans, and are to be given back to the partisans. He has added that if he finds a cc.rr. armed with such automatic arms, he will have them arrested. All these statements are well known to the public because at these meetings, besides the local authorities, the head partisans also take place.

The public has the impression that the cc.rr. Arma is coming to an end and therefore has a right to offend. Infact, on behalf of the communist federation of Grosseto, newspapers, which have articles hostile to the cc.rr. are published, and on the walls offensive writings against the cc.rr. can be read. It is not true that the cc.rr.s are not well armed and they do not know the province. In all the cc.rr. stations, Maremmani cc.rr.s function, who have not served the fascist republic nor the Germans. Also all the other cc.rr.s who actually are on territorial service have already been discriminated, not having served the Fascist republic. On the 18th inst. the sindaco of Arcidosso went to the cc.rr. barracks and, with the letter (N.2), has withdrawn arms in order to form his police corps.

On the 19th inst. the communal police armed corps of Massa Marittima, commenced its activities. It is sufficient to read (n.3) to understand the feelings of those who are in it and how necessary it was that it should be formed.

On the 16th inst. in Booccheggiano the patriot Ferrini Alberto assassinated the poor baker Lorenzoni Lisimaco, with the pretext that he had been a fascist (not a republican). Who was't a Fascist in Italy?

In the commune of Manciano, for agricultural reasons, serious disorders are feared, because now, the people (all partisans) expect to have their rights by using their arms; before they used to turn pacifically to the authorities on such matters.

Numerous patriot diplomas signed Alexander, have been distributed. This has been verified in the various centres of the province in the presence of Lt. Col. Hamilton, of the prefect, sig. Festa (the latter, always the heart of every organisation, dinners included) and of the ~~var~~ other authorities.

The giving of these diplomas has caused ill humour among the people who has never been partisan.

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The same patriots all state that they have not done anything. In effect very little has been done (7 dead in all the province) but now everyone is trying to do a great deal by inventing the existence of German and Fascist armed bands and serious risks and danger represented by ex-squadristi and fascists actually hidden.

The gang which surrounds Lt. Col. Hamilton continually denounces the deficiency of the cc.rr. and this same officer is convinced that the province can only save itself with the armed partisans.

The prefect, a man with no back bone, experience or common sense has thrown himself into the gang headed by Festa and he also puts on an authoritative manner towards the cc.rr. interfering with the work done.

The weakness and foolishness of this prefect called De Dominicis is so great that the very Mr. Festa and company, define him a deficient man.

The official of the prefettura in charge of the ejectments has advised someone who was complaining of his car being requisitioned by the cc.rr. captain of Orbetello to go to the Procuratore del Regno to denounce said captain, asking moreover for an indemnity of 1.00 lire per day.

The car had been requisitioned and authorised by the A.M.G. for absolute service necessities. In spite of the efforts of the cc.rr. sustained by Major W.A. Moody, P.S. officer of A.M.G. the province of Grosseto is rapidly and tragically going towards the worst.

Its population sometimes reminds one of the Albanians, vile if disarmed, full of hatred against one another. And while there is fighting in order to create situations of favouratism (as during fascism) for this or that member of the committee of liberation or head of the party and while the nation's most sane institutions are denigrated, the province is in need of everything.

Food is missing, things of absolute necessity, medicines and food for the sick, disinfectants in spite of the numerous cases of typhus and malaria. The roads, as soon as it rains will not be practicable because almost all the bridges are down.

What is taking place, gives a vague idea of the reality of the province of Grosseto where liberation and progress cannot be mentioned but of a more or less confused return to social forms.

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ATTACHED N.I (One)

Order

The sindaco of Arcidosso, by this order, appointed Chief of Police temporarily, in the Monte Amiata zone, Grosseto Province.

He has the power to organize meetings with the other sindaci and P.S. Officials of all the communes of the Grosseto Province adjacent to Monte Amiata, same distance between Monte Calvo and Castellazzo. He has the powers to join the efforts, to suppress brigantage and to give executive orders for the safety, in this state of emergency.

He is supported by the A.M.G. and must be assisted by the upright citizens, in order to bring his task to an end.

f.to NAZIONALE
P.C. - Grosseto 8/8/44

It is declared that the above copy is in conformity with the original in my possession.

The sindaco of Arcidosso
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ATTACHED No. 2.

To the Sindaci and CC.RR. stations of Paganico
Campagnatico
Manciano
Saturnia
Cinigiano;

Please give to the Sindaco of Arcidosso the arms
which the partisans have handed in to the above communes
and CC.RR. stations.

The Sindaco of Arcidosso will give a regular receipt
for quantity received, for regularisations.

t.to Hamilton
P.C. Grosseto Province.

by order of the Governor of Grosseto
Lt. Col. Hamilton.

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ATTACHED N. 3

We communicate that in this commune, the new 'Armed Corps of Communal Police' formed mostly by communist elements; has commenced its service of institution.

Last night, a patrol of three men in civilian clothes, armed with rifles, after curfew, patrolled the town to the song of 'Bandiera Rossa' (Red Flag).

The majority of the population has unfavourably commented this behaviour and is surprised of the acquiescence of our Arma.

Elements of the same police praise their authority, publicly affirming that the cc.rr. Arma is to be considered deprived of authority.

This state of affairs causes a deep state of general uneasiness.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

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The attached is submitted for your information.

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

7th September, 1944

Memorandum on CO. RR Situation for Regions IX, X, & XI.

1. The allocation of CO. RR from the present existing total of men available is as follows:

Region IX	1120
Region X	1370
Region XI	1910
total	4400.

2. Breakdown.

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| a) | At BARI 880 | Ready now. | | | | | | | | |
| | At NAPLES 150 | Ready now. | | | | | | | | |
| | | TH S/C has agreed to move by train at an early date to FLORENCE. | | | | | | | | |
| b) | Available in ROME 1000 | They are equipped and clothed, less arms and ammunition, which are in Taranto. TH S/C has agreed to bring by rail from TARANTO to ROME. There are <u>no boots</u> for this party. | | | | | | | | |
| c) | In forward areas 500 | 250 at SIENA, 250 at PISTOIA to be sent into front line areas via FLORENCE and ANCONA. | | | | | | | | |
| d) | Balance 1370 | Will have to be drawn from legions: | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1120 | are arranged for. | | | | | | | | |
| | 750 | still have to be earmarked. | | | | | | | | |
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There are no transportation difficulties over this party.

3. The ultimate allocation when the ceiling of 55,000 has been reached is as follows:

Region IX 3696
Region X 5367
Region XI 4021.

4. This number will be brought up to strength by the following steps:

- a) 5,000 are to be borrowed from the Italian army and distributed 500 to each of the 10 legions IM, when a corresponding number of CC.RR fully trained and equipped will be withdrawn.
- b) The CC.RR are prepared to take these 5,000 within the next 10 days and the selection of the CC.RR who are being withdrawn is being done now by Legion Commanders.

5. The 5,000 men from the Italian army will be men called up from the Army reserves. These men are ready now but they have no clothing, arms or equipment.

- a) The target date for the first 4,400 CC.RR is September 15.
- b) The target date for the next 5,000 CC.RR is September 30.

7. Public Safety are trying to get equipment from the Italian army. They have asked before but been told that none is available. When this refusal is put in writing, a request should then be made to HQ AAI for the following articles:

- a) By 15th Sept.
Boots 1,000 pairs
Blankets 8,800
Overcoats 4,400
Under clothes 4,400 sets
Nose kit complete 4,400.
- b) By 30th Sept.
complete clothing, equipment and arms for 5,000 CC.RR.

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Lt. Colonel

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