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CCRR, ELBA
SEPT. 1944 - FEB. 1945

TO: C.A.S. for Chief of Staff.

Minute 8

1. Reference your 520/77/COS of 29 Nov. 44 and 6 Dec. 44.
2. The question of the transfer of CCRR from Elba was first taken up with the Commanding General CCRR on 14 Sept 44. On 23rd Sept 44 reply was received stating that the matter was in hand.
3. On 10th Oct 44 CCRR HQ were asked to expedite the transfers and on 1st December 44 enquiry was made to ensure that the transfers had taken place.
4. On 4th December 1944 CCRR HQ replied that partial replacing of CCRR had been arranged and that the position was satisfactory.
5. On 10th December 44 the A.M.G. officer at Elba was spoken to by telephone and he stated that nothing had been done to transfer the CCRR.
6. On 11 December 1944, General Orlando, Commanding General CCRR was acquainted with the unsatisfactory manner in which the question of CCRR in Elba had been handled by his Headquarters.
7. As a result the Commanding General ordered all CCRR on the island to be replaced immediately including commanding officer.
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W. J. Wilson
Colonel
D.P.S.

23/12/44
Room 8 5th floor
Ext 686 PS S/Comm

COS.

Please see min 8.

CAS.

21 DEC 1944

To COS.

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29/12/44
Room 85th floor
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205. Please see memo 8. *W. D. H.*

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2 DEC 1944

To C.O.S. 9

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3. I am asking P.S. to obtain a progress report as on 11 Jan 45.

Speyer

29 Dec

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A. You for Minute 9 & report in due course
- appreciated.

W. D. H.
Office of C.S.

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Your further report is awaited. Please send in the RR.

a reminder of its R not received shortly after 1900. S

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P.A.S.

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Attention is invited to 27A, 2^d End, for

Mr. J. M. Turner - Chapman

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C. A. Beckman.

16 Feb.

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Minute 5.

Prisoner Union V. T. C. A. Section.

These 2,000 ex-soldiers on KLM are assigned by Army Sub-Commission as not forming part of the Italian Army (see GA). Patrons Ranch, to whom the matter was then referred say that it is no concern of theirs (see Minute No. 4).

These men can only be described as ex-soldiers, although they have never been officially discharged, and it would appear that, as such, they would be the concern of Army Sub-Commission.

W. H. Wilson

27th October, 1944.

A. J. Wilson Lt. Col.
Public Relief Sub-Commission.

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Please see "A".

Latest action is being taken on 15/11/44.

C.H.S.

17 NOV 1944

12th Nov. 1944.

W. H. Wilson 7172

Chief of Staff

Ref. 21A.

Commanding General of CCRB has

been asked if the transfer of CCRB has taken place. (19A)
Reply is awaited. (23A)

W. H. Wilson
Public Relief Sub-Commission.

7 Dec 1944

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Intelligence Panel, to whom the matter was then referred say that it is no concern of theirs (see minute no. 4).

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H. W. L. Cox

27th October 1942.

A. J. Wilson Lt. Col.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Please see H.A.

What action is being taken on 10/11/42.

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H. W. L. Cox

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H. W. L. Cox
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

7 Dec 1942

8/11/42

Minute 3.Patriots Branch.

On Elba there are 2,000 Italian ex-soldiers who are said to have deserted in Sept. 1943 when the Germans occupied the island. They present a special problem as they are in desperate need of food and clothing.

Their disposition was referred to the Army Sub-Commission (see 5A of this File). The Army Sub-Commission replied that these men were not the responsibility of Army Sub-Commission and suggested that arrangements should be made for the Patriots Branch to screen them as volunteers for the Italian Army. (See 6A of this File).

The matter is therefore referred to you for the necessary action.

Wilcox

20th October, 1944.

A.P. Wilcox: Lt. Col.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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This file was handed to me to-day. I should be happy to discuss this matter if you wish, but it is NOT a function of the Patriots Branch to 'screen' Italian ex-soldiers. I have no reason to suppose that the two thousand men referred to have ever been "patriots" without any reference.

P.M. Dagnus

*Major
Patriots Branch*

26 Oct. 44

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view to incorporate them into the regular Italian Army.

8. If this is not done by M.M.I.A. considerable unfavourable publicity might result and former members of the Italian Army now engaged in fighting for us in Dalmatia might view the future with less hope.

9. Col. Findlay who was to have given Col. McCarthy the views of the Repatriation S.C. has not yet returned. Today Col. Fothergill suggested as an expedient that:

- a) the Italian Ministry of War might send a representative to Elba to screen these men because the Ministry of War still has the right to administer them.
- b) That the Ministry of War might take steps to incorporate them into the Italian Army.

10. Undoubtedly Col. Fothergill's suggestion is a kind of solution for this problem; and it is still possible that on his return Col. Findlay may wish to assume responsibility himself for screening, transporting, and repatriation.

11. But I still believe that the most logical solution and one which will bring most credit to A.C.C. is to have M.M.I.A. instructed to administer the entire problem:

- a) all the way from screening the 2,000 men on Elba
- b) arranging for their incorporation into the Italian Army for those who would make suitable soldiers;
- c) Arranging with Col. Kirkwood to have the rest returned to their homes.

William A. S. Dollard
 WILLIAM A. S. DOLLARD
 Major
 Civil Affairs Sect.

I agree. This is best in view of the matter which M.M.I.A. has spoken on the telephone today.

23 Oct. 44

C. P. Whipple

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

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23 October 1944

TO : CSO U.A. Section

1. The attached correspondence about the 2,000 ex-soldiers on the Island of Elba is an example of several groups refusing to resume responsibility.

2. M.M.I.A. in their letter of 4 October 1944 addressed to R.C. & M.G. Section deny

- a) deny that the 2,000 persons are soldiers
- b) express willingness to consider them for absorption into the Italian Army only if Patriots Branch will screen them first on the Island.

3. In minute 1 attached to this file Public Safety deny any responsibility on their part.

4. Patriots Branch in a verbal statement of the Director at the last C.A. Staff meeting say quite rightly that these 2,000 men cannot be administered by their Branch since they did not take part in any of the partisan activities.

5. ~~In the Memorandum which Col. White attached to the en-~~closed letter, dated 17 October 1944 from M.M.I.A. to R.C. & M.G. Section, a further request is made for action by some other section than M.M.I.A.

6. The Memorandum which Col. White attached to this last request from M.M.I.A. makes clear an important point i.e. that M.M.I.A. are standing upon a definition rather than a fact.

The 2,000 men, according to M.M.I.A. are not members of the Italian Army because they are not now incorporated in it. However, similar problems will have to be faced by A.C.C. with even larger bodies of Italian Army-men who have deserted and who have fought against the enemy whereas Italian Army personnel on the main-land in uniform and with little to do have a more favoured position.

7. It seems clear to this Officer that the Acting Chief Commissioner should instruct M.M.I.A. to screen these 2,000 men either on the Island of Elba or to arrange for their transportation to the main-land and then screen them with a

MINUTE.

V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

1. CC.RR on the Island of Elba have been badly demoralized since the occupation on account of the behaviour of the French Colonial troops, who occupied their barracks, seized their arms and maltreated them. Therefore their prestige, vis-a-vis the public, is badly undermined. It is suggested that 51 CC.RR should be transferred from Elba and replaced with fresh men from the mainland. This question was reported as being examined by the CC.RR Command on 23/9/44.

2. Political unrest is fermenting on the Island. The French troops have behaved badly but are to be withdrawn. P.S.O. Elba and all his staff feel very strongly that the French garrison should be replaced. A small garrison of 150 men and 3 officers they think is absolutely essential.

3. Meanwhile, 2,000 disbanded soldiers, who hid in the bush in September 1943, roam the island and are a potential source of disorder. The question of their being rounded up, removed from the island, screened and possibly re-absorbed into the Italian Army is being taken up by M.I.A.

4. To sum up : -

- a) the Commanding General CC.RR has again been asked to speed up the transfer of the 51 CC.RR,
- b) it is recommended that M.I.A. be asked to expedite the removal of the 2,000 ex-soldiers from the Island, and
- c) to arrange for a small garrison of Italian troops to replace the French garrison.

16th October, 1944.

Handwritten: *W. W. W.*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel. J.A.C.D.,
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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To P.S.2

Phase draft letter under 4 b. *(copy of letter sent to P.S. for comment)*
as to 4.c. phase see letter opposite just received from C.O.S. I think it would be unwise to press for a garrison for Elba just at the moment. Possibly you might send some C.O.R. there until they are wanted in the North? *W. W. W.*


 14601/55
 RISERVATO

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 439/16-1944 di prot. Ris.

Roma, 11

17 febbraio 1945

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: CC.RR. dell'isola d'Elba.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

A seguito del foglio di questo Comando Generale n.439/7 R. del 4 dicembre u.s. ed in risposta alle note di codesta Sottocommissione n.AC/14601/55/P.S. del 1° e 12 detto mese, comunico che é stato già provveduto alla sostituzione di tutto il personale della tenenza di Portoferraio, compreso il tenente ROSATI Luigi e che sono state ripianate le relative deficienze organiche. =

Following this Command's letter n. 439/7 R. dated 4/12/44 and in reply to the Sub-Commission's letters n.AC/14601/55 dated 1st and 12th December, I communicate that measures have been already taken for the replacement of the whole personnel of the Portoferraio. tenenza, Lt. Luigi ROSATI included, and that all matters regarding the organic deficiency have been settled.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
 COMANDANTE GENERALE
 (Taddeo Orlando)

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TO	DATE	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. LUDMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BAY		

1st Ind.

FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.1

21 January 1945.

FROM : H.Q., A.M.G., TOSCANA REGION, Regional Public Safety Division,
 TO : Col. Carrai, Commanding CC.RR. Leghorn Legion.

Reference over. Please inform me of what has happened thus far, at your earliest convenience.

A. W. ROWLERSON
 A. W. ROWLERSON
 Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
 Regional Public Safety Officer.

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FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.1

12 February 1945.

FROM : H.Q., A.M.G., TOSCANA REGION, Regional Public Safety Division.
 TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C. - C.M.F.

Information has been received from H.Q. CC.RR. Leghorn Legion that the necessary transfer of Officers and men, who served on the Island of Elba during the Fascist Republican, has been done.

A. W. ROWLERSON
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 Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
 Regional Public Safety Officer.

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TO		
COL. CHAPMAN	16/1	
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WING	20/1	
MAJ. LUCKY	16/1	
MAJ. WING		
MAJ. HUNTER		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWELL	16/1	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/55/PS

Tel : 489081 Ext 365

15 January 1945

SUBJECT : CC.RR. on Elba
TO : R.P.S.O. Toscana

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4. May it please be ascertained if the transfers have now taken place.



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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

3 February, 1945

AC/14601/55/PS

SUBJECT : CC. RR. on Elba
TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region
(Attn: R.P.S.C.)

1. Reference is made to our letter of
even number dated 15th January, 1945.

2. May we be informed whether the transfers
referred to in our above quoted letter have taken
place, please.

John W. Chapman
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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Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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CC.RR. General H.Q.

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TO : H.Q. of CC.RR. 2nd Division "Podgora"
(answers 167/4 of Nov. 3rd ult.)
and for information
: A.C. - Public Safety Subcommission
SUBJ. : Situation of CC.RR. in the Isle of Elba

It is referred that, notwithstanding it has been provided with the substitution of a part of the staff and with sending away less qualified elements, the situation of CC.RR. in the isle of Elba is not yet normal.

It order to settle radically the question, I order that all soldiers who performed duties in the island, during the German domination, be immediately sent away, after their substitution with qualified subjects.

The Leghorn Legion will provide to substitute also the Lt. ROSSI Luigi with another subaltern, giving sure assurance.

The same legion will take agreement with the Allied H.Q., in order to solve difficulties of conveyances and to ensure the quickness of movements.

the Commanding General
Taddeo Orlando

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 439/9 di prot. Ris. Roma, 11 dicembre 1944

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Circa la situazione dell'Arma dell'Isola d'Elba.

AL COMANDO DELLA 2^a DIVISIONE CC.RR. "PODGORA"
 (risp.al foglio n.107/4 R. del 3 nov.u.s.)
 e, per conoscenza:

ROMA

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
 - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

ROMA

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E' stato riferito che, nonostante si sia provveduto alla parziale sostituzione del personale ed all'allontanamento degli elementi meno idonei, la situazione dell'Arma dell'isola d'Elba non si è ancora normalizzata.

Per risolvere radicalmente la questione, ordino che siano immediatamente allontanati dall'isola tutti i militari che vi hanno prestato servizio durante l'occupazione tedesca, previa sostituzione con elementi idonei.

A cura della legione di Livorno anche il tenente ROSATI Luigi sarà immediatamente sostituito con altro subalterno che dia sicuro affidamento.

La stessa legione prenderà accordi col comando alleato competente per risolvere le difficoltà dei trasporti ed assicurare la celerità dei movimenti. =

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
 COMANDANTE GENERALE
 (Taddeo Orlando)

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Taddeo Orlando

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

AC/14601/55/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

12th December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Carabinieri Elba.

TO : The Commanding General CC.RR.

1. ²² Reference your 439/4, dated 23rd September, 1944, ^{3A} 439/7, dated 4th December, 1944 and our letter of even number, dated 14th September, 1944.
2. ²² In the last paragraph of your letter of 4th December, 1944, it is stated that as a result of action taken the CC.RR position in Elba is now satisfactory.
3. On the 10th December, 1944, the AMG Officer in charge in Elba was spoken to, and he stated that nothing had been done to transfer the men who have lost the respect of the public.
4. The question of the replacement of the CC.RR concerned, first taken up with you on 14th September, 1944, is now one of first importance and it is asked that steps be taken to arrange transfers as soon as possible.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.C.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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C.B.M.

C.C.R.R.H.Q.

No. 439/7

Sub: Tenente (c) Rosati Luigi of the C.C.R.R.

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4-12-44

Following letter N. 439/4 Answer of September 23, u.s. I inform that since some time the C.C.R.R. situation of the Island of Elba has become normal, since the partial replacing of the personnel has been arranged and sending away the few elements not adapted.

The C.C.R.R. Tenente Rosati Luigi an officer with excellent qualities, who did not serve during the Republican period, has been capable in a short time to orientate the action of the Arma according to the orders given by the Allied Authorities and the Superior Commands.

Therefore we can affirm that to-day the Carabinieri have regained the consideration and the respect of the population of that place which they had lost only for a short time on account of the particular situation caused at the moment of the occupation of the Island by the Allied troops.

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Please initial reverse side

RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 439/7

di prot. Ris.

Roma, 4 dicembre 1944

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Tenente (c) dei CC.RR. ROSATI Luigi.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

A seguito del foglio n.439/4 Ris. del 23 settembre u. s., comunico che la situazione dei CC.RR. dell'isola d'Elba si é da tempo normalizzata dacché si é provveduto alla parziale sostituzione del personale e all'allontanamento dei pochi elementi meno idonei.

Il tenente dei CC.RR. ROSATI Luigi, ufficiale di ottime qualità che non ha prestato servizio nel periodo repubblicano, ha saputo in breve tempo orientare l'azione dell'Arma secondo le disposizioni emanate dalle autorità alleate e dai comandi superiori.

Si può pertanto affermare che oggi i carabinieri hanno riguadagnato da parte delle locali popolazioni la considerazione e il rispetto che erano venute meno solo per breve periodo di tempo a causa della particolare situazione determinatasi al momento dell'occupazione dell'isola da parte delle truppe alleate.=

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(Taddeo Orlando)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

6 DEC. 1944

Tel. 289

6 December 1944

Ref. 520/80/COS

SUBJECT: Carabinieri ELBA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section for
Public Safety Sub Commission.

21B

1. Attached is a report on above subject forwarded by Col.
Kerr of the Land Forces Sub Commission.

18A

2. Reference our 520/77/COS of 29 Nov 44, please advise
what action has been taken regarding the exchange of the present
carabinieri on Elba for an equal number in the pool.for Joseph C. Rively, Major, Inf
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Encl.

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Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AG (MMA)
Rome
3 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

1. Further to our memo regarding information of conditions among the CC.MR. on the island of Elba. 21C
2. For your information I attach a copy of translation of a letter written by Lieutenant of the CC.MR. to AMG on Elba criticizing the action of an AMG Court.
3. I thought you would be interested in this information.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPK/tak

1 Incl:
Copy of translation

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COPY TO STATION

21C

Portoferraio, 30 November 1944

LIVORNO LEGION, CO.RR.
Portoferraio Station

Ref No. Personal Memorandum

SUBJECT : GALLI Trial

TO : A.M.G. - P.S.O. Rio Marina

For your information we communicate that the release of GALLI Renato, author of the homicide/attempt of the person of maresciallo of the CO.RR. BARRA-GALLO Alfio, has caused great bewilderment in CAPOLIVERI among the people of all classes.

The people are saying that from now it will be permitted to kill with impunity.

This fact, instead of repressing, encourages the delinquents to wrongdoing.

/s/ Lt. Rosati.

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 B. Safety 20A

HEADQUARTERS
 TOSCANA REGION
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RVIII/11A/98.

30 Nov 44.

SUBJECT : Carabinieri on the Island of ELBA.

TO : HQ., AC (Civil Affairs Section).

1. Reference your 14601/55/PS dated 12 Nov 44.
2. There are at present 60 Carabinieri 130's and troops on the Island of ELBA. The 2,000 soldiers, elements born on the Island, classes 1914-1924, have been re-called to arms by the Italian Ministry of War and are to be sent to the 210 Italian Division. They are in no way connected with the G.I.R.R.
3. These soldiers will be accompanied to PIOMBINO in small parties and transmitted to the 210 Division.
4. Your attention is, however, invited to letter 520/45/GOS dated 14 Oct 44, from Chief of Staff, addressed to this Region copy to you. The Island is not yet under Regional control.

For The Regional Commissioner:



Howard Saiter
 HOWARD SAITER,
 Major RA,
 Adjutant.

CM/PP

Copy to:- R.Y.S.O.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
L.T. COL WILCOX	<i>[initials]</i>	5/12
MAJ LUCKMAN	<i>[initials]</i>	4/12
MAJ WILSON	<i>[initials]</i>	4/12
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 594

1 Dec 1944

AC/14601/55/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR. for Elba.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 14
September, 1944, and your reply 439/4 dated 23 Sept. 1944.

2. May we be informed please if the transfers of
CC.RR. have taken place.

John W. Chapman WAT.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 451

29 November 44.

Ref : 520/77/COS.

SUBJECT : Carabinieri, Elba.

TO : Civil Affairs Section for Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

- 1813
1. Attached is a report on above subject, forwarded by Col. Kerr of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
 2. It is believed that plans have been made to exchange the present Carabinieri on Elba for an equal number in the Pool.
 3. Will you please advise what the position is regarding this exchange.

Quinn
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Subject : Conditions on Elba.

Land Forces
 Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA)
 Rome
 28 November 1944.

Memorandum for Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.

1. Major Van Kirk, our Liaison Officer, is on Elba taking off ex-soldiers who have been recalled to the Italian Army.
2. In a telephone conversation he gave me the following information:
 - a. There are 52 Carabinieri on the Island. These are the same people who held the same jobs under the Germans. They are not cooperative, are very arrogant, and are much disliked by the population.
 - b. The Allied Commissioner told Major Van Kirk that he had made a report to have these particular people removed and new people sent in, but nothing had been done.
 - c. The French troops, who really have been policing the Island, are being withdrawn.

CPK/lak.

CLAYTON P. KERR
 Colonel, Infantry.

TO	INIT	DATE
CO. DE PM. N.		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILSON		
MR. LUCKMAN		
MR. WILSON		
MR. HANBURY		
MR. BALLANCE		
MR. POWELL		
MR. F. CLARK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

13A

Ref AC/14601/55/PS

21 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Carabinieri on the Island of Elba.

TO : Deputy Governor of the Island of Elba.

Some time ago there was discussion on the removal of 2000 soldiers from the Elba. Can you please say if this matter has progressed and what the present position now is.

G.R. UFFONE Brig,
VP CA Section
DCOS AC

Tel : 489084
Ext 525

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

13 November, 1944.

AC/14601/55/P

SUBJECT : Carabinieri on the Island of Elba.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Toscana Region.

1. Reference is made to your R VIII/11/6 dated 24th October 1944 enclosing a translation of a letter dated 12th October 1944 from the Livorno Group of CC.RR.
2. The question of the searching of CC.RR by French police at the port of Rio Marina, Elba, should be taken up by the local Public Safety Officer with the French Provost Marshal concerned.

JOHN H. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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APW/O.

Further letter on AC/14601/13/PS. dated 25th
to French Mission A.C. asking if
this searching is a policy
approved by them.

12/44

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 14601/55/13

12 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Carabinieri on the Island of Elba.

TO : RC Region Toscana.

See 20A

Can you please say what the position with regard to the 2,000
Soldiers on Elba now is. Have they yet been evacuated, if not what
action is proposed to be taken.

G.R. URMEN Brig.
VP CA Section,
DCOS AG.

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Tel : 43.90.81
Ext : 525

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI R.R.C.C. Livorno
Gruppo di Livorno

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N.89/3 Prot. Ris

Livorno 12/10/944

OBJECT : French Police of Elba

Al Comanso della Legione Territoriale dei R.R.C.C?

L I V O R N O

To the allied military governor of LETHORN
To the Rjal Prefecture " "

The Carabinieri of Elba leaving the island and arriving here are submitted to an accurate search from a non commissioned officer of the french police on duty at the Rio Marina's port.

In such circumstance the policeman controls also the correspondence of office delivered by the soldier post man without pretending the opening of the envelopes.

The commander of the company of Piombino, improving on the arrival of the Ecc. the Prefect and of the allied Governor of the Province asked for their interference, that they would inform the french Command of the Island of the inopportunities of the search inasmuch as it was made on the quay or on board in the presence of civil people.

The Allied Governor of the province, requested by the same Excellency the prefect, before going, assured that he had given accurate dispositions that the inconvenience were not repeated.

The french police on the contrary continue still to search the Carabinieri and in spite of the energetic protest of that commander of lieutenancy who has obtained only that the operation be material ly made in a closed place and in presence of the same french noncommissioned officer by the commander of the Station Rio Marina as the continuation of like proceeding of the french police not only determinates diminution of prestige for the arm but incises sensibly on the soldiers' moral, we beg you to intervene in decisive way in order to eliminate the complained inconvenience.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO
F.to Italo Allegri

CopyLEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI LIVORNO

N. 89/3.....di prot.Div. Ris. Livorno...11.12. Ottobre. 1944

Risposta al foglio N.....del.....Div.....Allegati.....

OGGETTO: Polizia Francese all'Elba:.....

AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERR. DEI CC. RR.
-Uff. Servizio- diL I V O R N OAL GOVERNATORE MILITARE ALLEATO DI LIVORNO
ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI LIVORNO

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I militari dell'Arma dell'Isola d'Elba, in partenza e in arrivo, sono sottoposti a perquisizione - personale ed al bagaglio - da parte di un sottufficiale della polizia francese di servizio al porto di Rio Marina. = In Tali circostanze il gendarme sottopone a controllo anche la corrispondenza d'ufficio, recapitata a mezzo del militare portalettere, senza però pretendere l'apertura delle buste. =

Il Comandante la compagnia di Piombino, profittando della venuta all'Isola dell'Eccellenza il Prefetto e del Governatore Alleato della Provincia, richiese il loro intervento perchè fosse fatto comprendere al comando francese dell'Isola l'inopportunità della perquisizione, tanto più che questa veniva compiuta sulla banchina od a bordo, in presenza di civili. -

Il Governatore alleato della Provincia, sollecitato dalla stessa Eccellenza il Prefetto, assicurò, prima di partire, che aveva dato precise disposizioni affinché l'inconveniente non si fosse ripetuto. =

La gendarmeria francese invece continua tuttora a perquisire i carabinieri, e ciò nonostante l'energia protesta di quel comandante di tenenza il quale ha potuto ottenere solo che l'operazione venga materialmente eseguita, in luogo chiuso ed alla presenza dello stesso sottufficiale francese, dal comandante la stazione di Rio Marina. =

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lizia francese oltre a determinare una diminuzione di prestigio per l'Arma, incide sensibilmente sul morale dei militari, si pre- ga intervenire in modo deciso ad eliminare il lamentato incon- veniente. =

IN MAGGIORE COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO
- Italo Allegri -
OGGETTO: Polizia Provinciale di Livorno

AL COMANDO DELLA BRIGATA TERR. DI CO. RA.
di

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Il militare dell'Arma dell'Isola d'Elba, in partenza e in arrivo, come sottoposti a perquisizione - personale ed al bagaglio - parte di un sottufficiale della polizia francese di servizio al porto di Rio Marina. - In tali circostanze il personale sottoposto a controllo anche la corrispondenza d'ufficio, receduta a mezzo del militare portatore, senza però pretendere l'apertura delle

punte. =

Il comandante la compagnia di Pionieri, approfittando della venuta all'Isola dell'Isola d'Elba, il Prefetto e del Governatore Al- leato della Provincia, richiese il loro intervento perché fosse fatto comprendere al comando francese dell'Isola l'importanza della perquisizione, tanto più che questa veniva compiuta sulla banchina ed a bordo, in presenza di civili. -

Il Governatore alleato della Provincia, sollecitato dalla stessa Roccella il Prefetto, assicurò, prima di partire, che era stato preso disposizione affinché l'inconveniente non si fosse ripetuto. =

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Rio Marina. =
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No Comments !

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Re: R. & P.S.

19/10
 For instructions please. 18a
 I understand and I think it is
 correct that the 2,000 men in the
 soldiers who deserted the German Army to
 fight against the Germans. That is they
 came over on our side. Now they are
 lightly armed and no army. They are
 ask the British to service them and they will
 then probably want us to carry them to them
 and back them up. And we can't do what
 we like about the war. How are they going
 to be collected? and why not transport
 them first and have them over here.
 You will see the MIA is not yet sorted to the
 fact that the MIA was abolished 3 weeks ago

CASEC.

SUBJECT: Former Italian Military in ELBA

19 OCT 1944

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

File No. TS/G/19

17 Oct 44

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TO : HQ ACC RC & MG SECTION

copy are.

1. Please state what action you propose to take.
vide para 2 this HQ letter TS/G/19 of 4 Oct 44.

for 17 Oct 1944
Maj Gen
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTIONCirculation Slip :: Date 16 OCT 44

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and Repatriation _____

Comments :

Please stick your reports
with regard to para 5 of
attached 520/45/Cor dated 14 OCT 44

✓ R. R. Rupp

To V.P. this file came in
after I wrote above. It pins
the P.S. Vans 7 with being
taken by them. R. R. Rupp
16 OCT 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref 520/45/COS.

14th October, 1944

6 OCT 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of the Island of ELBA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Toscana Region.

1. This Headquarters is advised today by telephone that shipping has been arranged for removal of the French garrison and equipment from Elba. The evacuation will take place as soon as weather conditions permit.

2. Following the removal of the French garrison, Executive Memorandum No. 78 which provides that the administration of the Island is taken over by Toscana Region, becomes effective. Toscana Region will therefore be in readiness to assume control of the territory upon receipt of advice that the French garrison has been cleared.

3. Establishment Section are advised by means of a copy of this letter that present transfer or movement of present A.C.C. personnel on Elba is to be coordinated with Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region. It is proposed that Major Murchie, SCAG will be at the disposal of Toscana Region for a period of one week following the handover to give such assistance and advice as may be required.

4. Extracts of a report of the 7th of October by Lt. Col. Labouchere, Provincial Commissioner, Livorno relating to important local problems are forwarded as an attachment to Sections concerned.

5. The SCAG Elba has recommended that the French garrison be replaced by an Allied one and further that present CC.RR be exchanged for CC.RR in the pool. This recommendation has been passed to Civil Affairs Section, with the comment that no Allied or Italian military garrison will be provided.

M. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Copy to:

Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section
Economic Section
Col. Monfort, D.C.C.A.O., HQ. A.A.I.
S.C.A.O., ELBA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF LIVORNO
TOSCANA REGION

File: AMG/L/5(E)/247.

7 October, 1944

EXTRACTS

11. The French C.O. is arresting people, is cancelling passes issued by Major GOODACHE, is sending people to Corsica to jail, is searching every carabinieri coming to or leaving the Island and pretty much doing as he pleases. 13 Italians were arrested last week by the French accused of being Republican Fascists and were sent to Corsica where they are supposed to be given a good going over. 100 such cases have already been sent to Corsica recently.

12. A French doctor took all the surgical instruments, amounting to an inventory of 400,000 lire from the Italian Hospital at Rio Marino, Cape Livorno.

15. I much prefer Capt. SMITH to Major BENTLEY and regret that the change was made. Either a supply officer like Capt. SMITH or a Police Officer like Major GOODACHE are the types most needed for ELBA if only one officer is to be left behind and under the circumstances I hope Major BENTLEY can be relieved in favor of either a Supply Officer or a Public Safety Officer.

16. Conditions on ELBA are not good. Unemployment is the most serious menace aside from lack of food. The people are willing to work. At least 2500 men are unemployed.

17. In addition to the unemployed there are 2000 Italian Marines ⁷⁴ soldiers who have become separated from their units and are living on the Island. A Marine Officer (Italian) is now at work on ELBA to gather together the 500 odd marines. All of these 2000 should be removed from ELBA.

18. The food situation will be much improved if fishing could be permitted. I went into this matter thoroughly during my visit.

19. The Prison situation must be thoroughly investigated and clarified on all three Islands where prisons are located.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Ref : 520/38/COS.

SUBJECT : Military Government - ELBA

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section.
Col. Monfort, D.C.C.A.O. H.Q. AAI.

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11 October 1944

12 OCT/1944

1. The removal of the French Garrison from Elba has not taken place according to plan and as a consequence it has not yet been possible to handover the territory to TOSCANA Region. AFHQ have been informed.
2. Major Murchie, SCAO Elba, consulted by telephone regarding the French position raises several points which are passed herewith to the responsible Sections :

(a) Civil Affairs Section.

Major Murchie is concerned about public safety following withdrawal of French troops. He has previously recommended that a small number of Allied troops be sent in to replace the French Garrison. In addition a request was put forward that the 50 Carabinieri on the Island be exchanged for Carabinieri in the pool. Major Murchie states that he is not aware of any plans that may have been made concerning the above.

(b) Establishment Section.

There are three officers at present stationed on Elba; Major Murchie (B), Capt. Bentley (B) and Capt. Smith (A). Major Murchie requests that orders affecting the three officers named be brought in line with the delay in the handover.

3. It may be expected that orders removing the French Garrison and their equipment will be issued shortly by AFHQ and plans for the handover should be formulated accordingly. Particular reference is made to further co-ordinating the transfer from Maj. Murchie to TOSCANA Region.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

10 October, 1944.

ACC/14601/55/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR - Elba.

TO : V.P. C.A. Section.

1. The request for transfer of 51 CC.RR from Elba was forwarded to H.Q. CC.RR on 14 September 1944 (2A). The matter is receiving attention. (3A).
2. In view of 4^C H.Q., C.C.R.R. have been asked verbally to expedite.
3. H.Q., CC.RR have complained of conduct of French troops. See attached file ACC/14030/9/PS. These troops were to have been withdrawn on 20 September 1944, and this should clear up the trouble.
4. On 4^A of ACC/14011/11/PS mention is made of 2000 Italian soldiers being on the Island without any form of control. This has been taken up by LAMIA as a result of a request by R.C. and M.C. (5^A).
5. It is stated in 4^C of ACC/14601/55/PS that no serious crimes have been reported, and that the general condition of the population leaves little to be desired.
6. If the request for a small garrison on the island can be met, there appears to be no reason to anticipate any further difficulty.

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

FJW/G.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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PS
7 OCT. 1944

REF : 996/3/COS.

6 October 44.

SUBJECT : Former Italian Military in Elba.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached are the following:-

- (a) Copy of letter dated 30 September 44, from RC and MG.
Section to Army Sub-Commission.
(b) Enclosure with (a) - *6A*
(c) Original letter dated 4 October 44, from MMIA. - *6A*

2. The subject matter was discussed at the last Conference held at SIENA on 27 September 44, and in amplification of the corresponding Minute it was very strongly felt to be the responsibility of the Italian Army, through MMIA, to dispose of the 2000 ex soldiers on the Island of ELBA. They form a high percentage of the small population and the SCAO. on the Island has considerable misgivings as to their potentialities for disorder if they are allowed to remain.

3. It is felt that an alternative solution to that presented by MMIA. in their letter of 4 October 44, should be explored.

4. Will you please take the necessary action on this correspondence.

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Shorden
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Former Italian Military in ELBA

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

TS/G/19

4 Oct 44

H.Q. ACC RC & MG SECTION

Ref your 185/25/CA of 30 Sep 44.

1. The 2000 personnel at ELBA referred to in above letter are not members of the Italian Army, and therefore ca not be dealt with by this HQ at present.
2. If you could, however, arrange for the Patriot Branch ACC to screen them for suitable volunteers for the Italian Army, and notify numbers involved and their location, this HQ would apply to AFHQ for their transportation to the mainland for absorption into the present Italian Army.

Lt Col Ingledew

Maj Gen
M M I A

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Former Italian Military in ELBAMILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
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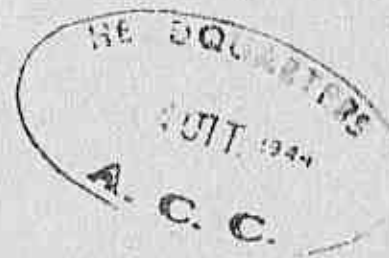
Ref your 185/25/CA of 30 Sep 44 - 5A

1. The 2000 personnel at ELBA referred to in above letter are not members of the Italian Army, and therefore cannot be dealt with by this HQ at present.

2. If you could, however, arrange for the Patriot Branch ACC to screen them for suitable volunteers for the Italian Army, and notify numbers involved and their location, this HQ would apply to AFHQ for their transportation to the mainland for absorption into the present Italian Army.

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

Ref 185/25/GA

30th September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Deserters.

TO : Army Sub Commission.

1. There is attached an abstract from the Monthly Report by the Public Safety officer at ELBA. From it you will see that the biggest problem on the Island is that of 2000 Italian military at present on the Island. These men deserted in September, 1943 when the Germans occupied the Island.
2. This matter was raised at the Conference held at A.A.I. on Wednesday the 27th inst. when it was decided that steps should be taken to have these men rounded up and removed from the Island.
3. We should be glad if you will take this matter up and make arrangements for removal of these soldiers. Please keep us informed of what is being done.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Public Safety Sub Commission
 (Enc. 100/11811/11/13 refers)

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Abstract from
Monthly Report by Public Safety Officer
E L B A
Dated 14 September, 1944

"GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. The biggest problem at the moment is that of the 2000 Italian military at present on the island. Many of these ran into the bush in September 1943 when the Germans occupied the island. They are in a desperate state for food and clothing. A special system of relief has been started to enable these men to buy the rations issued by A.M.G. Instructions for the disposition of these men is urgently requested."

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Date _____

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Chief Staff Officer		Patriots Branch	
Secretary General		Security Branch	
Archivist		Establishments Branch	
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Interior		Executive Officer (A)	
Public Safety	✓	Executive Officer (B)	
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Property Control		G-1 (B)	
Legal		G-4 (A)	
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Labor		Army	
Mining Division		Air	
Public Works & Utilities		Communications	
Requisition Division		Civil Censorship Group	
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Civil Affairs Branch			
Information Division			
Liaison Division			
I. & D.P. S.C.			
Italian Refugees Branch			

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 Investigation & Report _____
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MARKS See request by V.P. at foot of note attached.
 I believe you have some further correspondence on this subject. R. R. Lippert
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The S.C.A.D. and all his team,
 feel very strongly that a small
 garrison of 150 men with 30 officers,
 is essential, as French troops
 are being withdrawn and there
 has been a certain amount
 of political unrest. This
 garrison could be of Italian troops,
 but any other nationality would
 be preferred.

In addition and as a further
 precautionary measure, it is
 strongly recommended that the
 51 Canadian on Elba be exchanged
 for a similar number from the
 Pool.

Col Gripps ✓ Please

ask P.S. as to the situation

in Elba. P.S.
 Gripps

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. CP/59.

ELBA

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 : SECRET :

 Copy No 4.

TO: R.C. & M.G. Section, Civil Affairs Branch,
 Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Third Monthly Report on Elba.

DATE: 7th September 1944.

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(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION.

The only incident which merits description was a half-hearted clandestine meeting of a political nature, which had as its object the seizure of control of the iron mines.

The attempt was rendered abortive in the following manner:

(1) Three Sindaci, who were known to have attended, were ordered to report to the office of the S.C.A.O. Here they were each handed an envelope containing a copy of Proc. No 3 - with the section referring to the holding of meetings outlined in red crayon. Each Sindaco was then given a letter to sign, in which he acknowledged receipt of the copy proclamation, and moreover noted the implication where he was concerned.

No discussion was allowed and the method was effective.

(2) On the same day that the above meeting took place, an open meeting of a similar political nature was announced for 8 p.m.

It was feared that this meeting might take place because of the late hour at which the warning was given to the Sindaci.

The French were therefore asked to cooperate, and produced 45 Troops armed with Tommy Guns under the command of a Lieutenant. These were in turn under the command of Capt. Bentley of this AMG Detachment, who handled the affair with judgement.

Whereas it is believed here that the meeting had already been cancelled, it is nevertheless a fact that several hundred people had foregathered in groups outside the building at Rio Elba which was the published venue of the meeting.

These congregated people were ordered indoors; and complied; and when the S.C.A.O. called to collect Capt. Bentley at 8 p.m. there was no sign of tension.

A further closed meeting, which the Sindaci referred to had promised to attend, was cancelled without further pressure.

(3) This incident (the only one of its kind of any consequence) is reported in some detail as it gives a pointer where the policing of the Island is concerned.

The present programme calls for the withdrawal of the French Troops on or about September 30th and nothing is known here of any intention to replace them.

The S.C.A.O., and all the members of his team, feel very strongly that a small garrison of 150 men, with 3 officers, is absolutely essential. These troops could if unavoidable be Italians, though troops of any other nationality would be preferred.

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In addition and as a further precautionary measure against a possible uprising of the Communist element strongly represented in the Italian population in Elba, it is strongly recommended that the 51 Carabinieri on Elba be exchanged for a similar number from the Pool.

The S.C.A.O. is confident that subject to these provisions the Island of Elba will remain calm after the withdrawal of the French garrison.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL.

Conditions are unchanged from those obtaining last month.

(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY - with special reference to FOOD SITUATION.

FINANCE. All the French Francs in circulation in Elba, with the exception of the 500 and 1000 franc notes on the Banque de France, have been exchanged for A.L. Lire.

The Banque de France notes referred to form the subject of a separate report made by Lt Col S.B.V. Smith of the Finance Division, who visited Elba for the purpose.

Decision as to the disposition of these notes is awaited with interest.

IRON MINES. Continue to work on a restricted basis, which will be maintained for period of two months or until a decision is made with regard to the disposition of the iron ore.

The local Director of Ferromine made a trip to Rome recently, and returned with the funds and the authority to carry on mining for the period stated.

FISH CANNING. See separate report to Trade and Industry Subcommittee.

FOOD SITUATION. This has been separately reported on by Supplies Officer to Food Subcommittee.

It is felt here that unless the ration scale can be maintained considerable hardships will undoubtedly ensue.

In the first 15 days of September the amount of Flour received falls short of the figure required to maintain the ration scale; and there is nothing to indicate that the balance due will be forthcoming or that any provision yet exists for the last two weeks of the month.

Figures are given in the separate report referred to.

SALT. The salting down of fish could be restarted in the Canning Factories if suitable quantities (quoted in separate report on Fish Canning) could be supplied from Sardinia or elsewhere. Collection of the salt from Sardinia could be arranged by Schooner from Elba.

MEAT. The present ration of 13 grammes is quite inadequate.

If due to policy then obviously no comment can be made, but if due to a presumed of ration of Fresh Fish, then further investigation is necessary.

The catch of fish is at present negligible - and cannot be augmented until the Royal Navy allows the use of sunken lights for night fishing.

(Note: the request for salt for canning is also contingent on this).

(d) AGRICULTURE - FORESTRY - FISHERIES.

Under this heading there are no fresh developments.

(6) LABOUR. (See separate report).

The unemployment figures are unchanged. Relief is being started on September 15th on the basis of 8 lire per head of family with 4 lire for each dependent. This figure allows for little more than the purchase of the bare AMG ration.

A favourable decision regarding the accumulated stocks of iron ore would lessen unemployment on Elba to a considerable extent.

(2) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

Conditions unchanged.

(g) PUBLIC SAFETY AND FUNCTIONING OF (1) ARMED COURTES

(2) ITALIAN COURT

POLICE AGENTS. Request has been submitted for exchange of Carabinieri from the Pool and also for a small garrison of troops to replace the French garrison when they are removed. (See Monthly Report to Public Safety Subcommittee)

PRISONS. A new ration scale received from AGC HQ became effective from September 16th.

MILITARY AND SECURITY POLICE. Garrison troops are behaving well and few complaints received. The French Security Police have been reduced in numbers and no new arrests have been made during the month.

PUBLIC MORALE. Exchange of refugees between the mainland and the island has been carried on at the rate of 10 per day and is functioning satisfactorily.

CIRCULATION PERMITS AND MOTOR PASSENGERS ETC. Free circulation is permitted on the island and permits for vehicles are issued on a priority basis according to petrol supplies available.

Fishing is being permitted during the day time but the catches are very small.

COURTS. Pretura Court is operating in a satisfactory manner.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. Serious crimes did not occur during the month. The 2000 Italian Military on the island present a serious problem and have had to be given relief.

(h) PUBLIC HEALTH, TO INCLUDE WELFARE AND CONDITION OF

POPULATION. The general condition of the civil population leaves little to be desired. Some further medical supplies are required, and steps have been taken to acquire the more urgent necessities.

RELIEF. This is being granted at the following rate:-

Head of family 3 lire per day.

Dependent 4 8 8 8

These figures clear the cost of the civilian ration, plus a small sum to cover the cost of fresh vegetables, etc.

Note: The cost of living in Elba has not altered appreciably since the invasion.

In the administration of relief the following procedure has been adopted:-

(1) A Central Finance Committee comprising the 8 Sindaci has been formed. This Committee appoints its own President.

(2) In each Commune has been formed a Relief Committee who scrutinize and compile lists of really necessitous cases.

These Communal Committees comprise:-

a. The Doctor.	c. A Woman.
b. The Cure.	d. A Workman.

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(1) EDUCATION.

See separate report on Schools sent to Education Subcommission.

(3) REFUGEES.

The only change from last month is that roughly about 180 Elba residents have returned from the mainland.

MILITARY REFUGEES. (See separate report to AGO Hqrs).

These number 2050, and are divided into 3 categories. Many of them are suffering acute distress and are unable to purchase the civilian ration.

They are therefore being granted relief under the general Relief Scheme, and receive 4 lire per day pending decision as to their future.

(k) COMMUNICATIONS.

Unchanged from last report.

(1) PROPERTY CONTROL.

See separate report to Director of Property Control.

C. F. Murchie,
Major,
S.C.A.O. Elba.

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23-9-44.

C.C. R.R. H.Q.

no. 439/1

Sub. Soldiers dell'Arma of the Island d'Elba
 I assure that the question relative the
 Carabinieri of the island d'Elba is the
 object of attentive examination on the part
 of this command for the activation of
 measures proposed for the alleged to the
 letter which we answer.

Generale di Corpo d'Armata

Public Safety Commission

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

RISERVATO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 439/4 di prot. Ris. Roma, 23 settembre 1944

Risposta al foglio del 14 corrente n. ACC/14601/55/RUS. n.

OGGETTO: Militari dell'Arma dell'Isola d'Elba.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

- Sotto Commissione P.S. -

R U M A

Assicuro che la questione relativa ai carabinieri dell'isola d'Elba è oggetto di attento esame da parte di questo comando per l'attuazione dei provvedimenti proposti con l'allegato al foglio cui si risponde.

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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(Padre Orlando)

Padre Orlando

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

14 Sept. 1944

ACC/14601/55/PS

SUBJECT : CCRR for Elba

TO : Commanding General CCRR

1. Attached is a copy letter received from the Public Safety Officer, Elba.

2. Transfers of CCRR are suggested. May we have your observations on that matter please.


A.E. YOUNG Col.
Acting Director

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Island of Elba

Open Elba card file
1460/38
Rio Marina,
3rd September 1944. *1A*

SUBJECT: Transfer of CC.RR.

TO: Public Safety Division,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, A.P.O. 394. U.S. Army.

1. When the island of Elba was occupied by the Allies the CC.RR were found to be very disorganised and appeared to have lost all the respect of the Public. It was felt that this was due to the conquest of the island and the occupation of the Casermas by troops and also because they had no officer in charge of them.

2. Now all the stations are free from troops and a Lieutenant has been placed in charge - transferred from Livorno - and still the position is not satisfactory.

3. It is felt that the transfer should be effected of a considerable number of the CC.RR and fresh ones sent in from the mainland. It is fully realised the difficulties facing this proposal but this could be dealt with by (a) the transfer of all single men and those who have not got families here on the island. These to be replaced from the pool of CC.RR which I am informed exists for this purpose, and (b) by the later replacement of the Maresciallo's in charge of stations.
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4. The reasons for the above transfer of these is in order that they may get the newly transferred CC.RR used to the Districts before they go and also transportation of families and furniture may be easier at a later date. Some information as to the possibility of this being done would be appreciated.

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for each information

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<u>REMARKS</u>		

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T. GOODACRE,
Major,
P.S.O. Elba.

*improved Col. Valle's letter
of the content of this
letter. He has promised
action 12/18/44*

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