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Ref : SB/311.5/500.1.

4 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees from Anzio Beachhead.

TO : Colonel YOUNG.

1. On 1st May 1944 information was received from Special Agent, Tipton, C.I.C. that he had received instructions from Lt. Col. Cummings, G-2 P.B.S. that the influx of refugees from Anzio beachhead into Naples had practically ceased, and that any future refugees would be screened before leaving Anzio.
2. Arrangements were thereupon made for the screening personnel to report back to their own officers at the CC.RR. headquarters, the Italian Army or the Questura.
3. The six tables mentioned in paragraph 3 of my report of 22nd February 1944 were collected and returned to A.C.C. Office Equipment department.
4. Approximately 16,000 persons were screened, and should it be necessary to adopt a similar scheme in future occasions, the machinery used in this instance could be applied.

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SECURITY BRANCH.

24th. March, 1944.

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Refugees

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SUBJECT.

Refugees from Anzio Beachhead.

TO.

Major Matthews, Refugees Section, Region 3, A.C.C.

1. Being to the irregular arrival at this stage of refugees from the Anzio-Mettuna Beachhead, it is considered unnecessary to retain a large staff of Italian officers and G.O.R.R. for screening them, but rather to have them available as and when required.

2. Will you please therefore, on receipt of information of the arrival of refugees from the beachhead at the Port Of Naples, arrange to inform me at either VALUE 165 or VALUE 152,

- (a) the number of refugees;
- (b) to which school they will be sent, and
- (c) the date and time of their estimated departure from Naples.

when immediate steps will be taken to have them screened.

3. It will be appreciated that it will be necessary to allow 24 hours between the arrival at the schools and the departure of the refugees, for the screening to be effective.

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A.C.C. Security Branch: 1212

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28th. February, 1944.

SUBJECT : Screening of Refugees from Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead.
TO : Colonel A. E. YOUNG.

1. Owing to bad weather the Naval authorities did not land any refugees on 26th. Feb. 1944.
2. At 9 a.m. 27th. Feb. I was told by Lt. Elliman, Refugee Section, AMG Region 3, that he had been informed of the expected arrival of 945 who had stood off from the port owing to bad weather, and a further 805 which left the bridgehead at 6 p.m. 26th. Feb. making a total due of 1,750.
3. At noon, 27th. Feb. I again saw Lt. Elliman, who said that, owing the anticipated arrival of so many refugees and the lack of accommodation for them in Naples, two boat loads of 200 and 205 had been taken direct from the docks to the train which had left that morning for Reggio. Another 201 had been sent direct from the dock to the Aversa Lunatic Asylum, where a temporary centre has been established. Lt. Elliman telephoned Major Arnold, G. 2. P. S. B. to acquaint him of this, in order that they could be screened at Aversa R.I.P.
4. 191 refugees arrived at the Scuola Basilio on the afternoon of 27th. Feb. and were immediately screened.
5. At 9 a.m. 28th. Feb. I was told by Lt. Elliman that the only refugees due to land were 200 on one L.S.T. which was standing off in the harbour with propellor trouble. He said that the information he had given the previous day in regard to the two shipments of 805 and 945 was erroneous, as, in point of fact, the two messages he received related to the one convoy.
6. It is realized that the machinery of screening may be dislocated temporarily by bad weather or another unforeseen circumstances, but Capt. Cameron, C.I.C. has so arranged his personnel and trained them as to his requirements that it would have been possible to have screened the full complement of 945 refugees yesterday. Instead of this, owing to the confusion over the messages, 405 were not screened at all, 201 were sent to Aversa, while the R.I.P. in Naples could only screen the 191 available.
7. I have taken the matter up with Major Matthews, who is in charge of the Refugee Section, Region 3 A.M.G. and requested that no further entrainment of Refugees without screening should take place until he gives notice of his intention to Col. Cummings, P.B.S. who is responsible for security in this district. I also pointed out the inconvenience caused to the screening personnel by the above mentioned error, and asked him to ensure more accuracy in the information

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supplied to this office, in order that the greatest possible use
can be made of the screening machinery available.

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Copies sent Lt. Col. Cummings & Lt. Col. Hulls: 29 Feb 44 =

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REF : 3II.5/500.I

25 February 1944

SUBJECT : Screening of Refugees from Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead.

TO : Col. A.E. Young.

1. The total number of refugees from the beachhead to pass through the screens established at Naples up to 6 pm. 25th February 1944, is 2906.

2. Owing to overcrowded conditions on 24th. when 1020 alone were dealt with here, it was necessary to direct 250 to a camp at Aversa and arrangements were made through Col. Cummings G.2. P.S.B. for these to be screened at the R.I.P. Aversa.

3. So far, four people have been detained for minute interrogation at the Aversa R.I.P. Sixty have been temporarily detained for interview by C.S.D.I.C. and Naval Intelligence, and approximately 250 questioned on the spot by C.I.C. Agents. Out of the total refugees, full details of some 950 have been taken by C.I.C. for detailed scrutiny and comparison with the descriptions of known or suspected agents, and full reports have been submitted by Captain Cameron, C.I.C. to Col. Cummings, G.2. as to the results of the work to date.

4. There seems to be an increase in the flow of refugees recently, but provided undue delay is not caused by bad weather conditions, the arrangements should continue to function smoothly.

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25 February 1944.

SUBJECT : Employment of Refugees.
TO : Red Cross, and Refugee Section, A.M.G. Region 3
Piccolo Cottolengo and Scuola Basilio.

There are vacancies for a limited number of employees.
Any refugees who are likely to be residing in Naples should
apply to :

LABOR OFFICE, A.M.G.
VIA ROMA 148.

Manual Labourers - Lavoratori manuali (Operai manuali).
Tile Setters - Mattonisti.
Stone Masons - Muratori.
Asphalt Workers - Asfaltisti.
Road Graders - Lavoratori stradali.
Stone Setters - Muratori.
Iron Cutters - Fabbri (Tagliatori di ferro).
Carpenters - Falegnami.
Interpreters - Interpreti.
(English-Italian)

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REF : 311.5/500.I

25 February 1944

SUBJECT : Screening of Refugees from Anzio-Nettuno Beach-head.
TO : Col. Young.

1. Col. Young S. I. and Col. Cummings G.I. P.B.S. arranged that all refugees arriving at Naples by ship would be screened at either (a) Scuola Basilio or (b) Piccolo Cottolengo.

2. The responsibility for such screening would be for P.B.S.

3. Col. Cummings detailed Captain J. Cameron, C.I.C., to be Officer in charge of proceedings. Col. Young appointed Capt. Harvey of this Branch to assist and Major Zanchino, CC.RR., Liaison Officer.

4. Refugees ^{all} under Carabinieri guard from ships side until cleared at intelligence points stated above.

5. Interrogation carried out by Italian Army Officers and CC.RR. N.C.O's assisted by Questura Agents who are experts on passports and identity documents.

6. Capt. McLoed C.S.D.I.C., and Lt. Macdonald of Naval Intelligence also in attendance to investigate any "special" cases.

7. Refugees with office experience, interpreters or drivers to be noted.

8. Full details as to how the work is carried out contained in Captain Harvey's report dated 22nd. February, 1944 attached.

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L.R. DAINES,
Lt. Col. 4237
~~Assistant Director of Security.~~

See. By.
26 Feb. 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.
A.P.O. 394.

Rs 24 Feb

22nd. February, 1944.

Subject:- Screening of Refugees from Anzio Beach-head.

To:- Col. Young.

1. In compliance with your instructions, on 18th. February, 1944 I undertook liaison duties between G.2, Peninsular Base Section, and Refugee Section, Region 3, Allied Military Government, for the purpose of establishing Refugee Intelligence Points at:-

- (a) Scuola Basilio Puoti, 5, Piazzetta Forcella;
 - (b) Piccolo Cottolengo, 14, Via Donnalbina, Naples,
- to screen refugees arriving from the Anzio - Nessuno beach-head.

2. Contact was established with Lt. Col. Cummings and Major Arnold, G.2. P.B.S. (who appointed Captain J. Cameron, C.I.C. to be in charge of the screening); Major Matthews, A.M.G. Region 3; Major Zanchino, C.C.R.R. Liaison officer.

3. To assist in the provision of equipment, I secured from Office Equipment, H.Q. A.C.C. six wooden folding tables, four of which are located at the Piccolo Cottolengo, and two at the Scuola Basilio. Other material was provided by P.B.S.

4. Ten teams, each consisting of one Italian Army Officer and one non commissioned officer of the Carabinieri, and four agents of the Questura who are experts in passports and Identity documents, were employed in the screening, which was initiated at 9am 19th. Feb. C.I.C. Agent Lloyd Fangel assisted Captain Cameron in the general supervision.

5. In addition, a guard of six CCRR was established at each refugee point throughout the whole 24 hours to prevent refugees escaping, and a further four CCRR to assist in marshalling the crowds during screening.

6. To ensure the escort of the refugees from the time the boat docks until the arrival of the trucks at the interrogation points, arrangements were made through Major Zanchino to have a reserve of CCRR at an appropriate location, and for Lt. Elliman, Refugee Section, AMG, to telephone his requirements on the basis of one CCRR per 20 refugees, immediately he receives notification of the arrival of the boat.

7. To date, approximately 1,000 have been screened, particular attention being given to male adults, who form slightly under 50% of the refugees. Several have been detained pending further investigation, and useful information has been obtained from

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many others by Capt. McLeod, CSDIC. In addition others have been seen by Major Cave, Adv. G2, ACME, with regard to general information in the economic and industrial fields, while Lt. MacDonald has represented Naval Intelligence.

8. The Italian officers and CCRR have shown keenness and intelligence in their work of screening, and it is anticipated that much useful information will be obtained, as well as the detention of a certain number whose bona fides are questionable. No delay has occurred in getting the screening operating, and all refugees have been cleared by the time AMG wish to move them on. The machinery is adaptable to operate either at the Basilio school or at Piccolo Cottolengo at short notice.

9. No definite information as to the number of refugees in the beach-head is available, but it is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 13,000.

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A.P.O. 702

FROM

19 February 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of P.S.B., R.I.P.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters P.S.B., A.P.O. 702,
U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with instructions, your office, temporary refugee interrogation points were established on February 18, 1944 at two refugee centers in Naples. They are located at CORNELIA MARITIMA PORT, 55 PIANTATA PORT, and AIRPORT CONTAINER on VIA EMERIL-BIA 11, Naples.

2. These R.I.P.'s handle only those refugees from the ANZIO-NEPTUNO Beachhead.

3. R.I.P. teams consist of ten Italian army officers, 30 H.C.O.'s of the Carabinieri, and four (4) agents of the American, Captain Harvey (British) A.S.G. maintain liaison between A.S.G. and P.S.B., R.I.P. General direction and supervision is maintained by this officer and C.I.G. agent Lloyd Engel.

4. Actual counting was initiated at 0900 19 February 1944. Between that hour and 1200, 128 persons over 15 years of age were interrogated. Of this number seven (7) refugees were found as of possible interest to COMUS, 4 of probable interest to G-2, and four (4) of interest to SI-(b). Representatives of the above named agencies have been contacted.

5. It is estimated that 222 refugees will arrive at Naples at 2200 19 February. These will be processed 20 February 1944.

6. It is requested that sufficient guards (Carabinieri) be obtained for 24 hour duty at the two refugee centers and that sufficient guards be furnished to guarantee security of the point of debarkation to the refugee centers. There are Carabinieri guards at both centers but not enough to provide screening of the refugees. There should be six (6) Carabinieri guards at each center.

JACK H. GARDNER
Captain, R.I.P.

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20 February 1944

SUBJECT: Screening of Refugees.

TO : Major Zucchini, CCRR

1. Refugees from Anzio Beachhead are being housed at

- a. Basilio School, 5, Piazzetta Forcella, and
- b. Piccolo Cottolengo, 14, Via Donnalbino.

2. In order to ensure that none escape before screening, will you please arrange to have a guard consisting of six CCRR on duty throughout the 24 hours, and to provide a further four to assist in marshalling the refugees when screening is taking place. These latter four would only be needed from 0900 to 1700 hours and would be at one or the other of the above addresses during this time.

3. It will also be necessary to have security at the Port, and during the journey by trucks to the centres. Lt. Eilman, Refugee Section, AMI, Naples 10283, Ext. 157, will know of the arrival of the ships and can telephone this information to the CCRR Caserma which will provide the guards and escorts. It will be necessary to have CCRR in attendance with the refugees to prevent possible escape from the time the ship docks and to accompany them, one man per truck, to the centres. It is estimated that one CCRR will be required per 20 refugees.

4. The 10 CCRR who have assisted in the screening have shown a marked aptitude for the work.

S. J. Harvey

S. J. HARVEY, Capt.,
Liaison Office,
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