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 SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.

Weekly Report.

371 P.W.CAMP, C.M.F. 7581

26 Aug 44.

1. There are now 2,154 Civilian Internees in the Camp and of these 65 are women. During the past two weeks 61 Internees have been released bringing the grand total of released internees to 777 since the Camp opened.
2. Many old standing cases have now been cleared up, one in particular was the Forty five Sicilian Ex-North African case, authority has now been received approving their release and this should take place during the next few days. Another long standing enquiry that has also reached a successful conclusion was the fifteen habitual criminals that were held here. These have now been transferred to the Civil Gaol at Salerno.
3. The next most important business during past week has been the decision reached by G.S.I.(b) Eighth Army in connection with a large number of Internees arriving here who had been recommended to be handed over to the Italian Government, they have altered their decision in this case from "Hand over to Italian Government" to release "Not to re-enter Army Area", with the exception of about twenty cases, and these have been given definite periods of internment and then to be reviewed. The net result of this decision is that about three hundred persons are now awaiting release not to re-enter Army Area. In conjunction with Public Safety Salerno arrangements have been made to deal with these releases as displaced persons, and as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed they will be released.
4. The situation in the Camp now regarding "Vetting" is now reaching a very clear cut situation. Arrest Reports of intakes are now checked thoroughly on arrival and until they have been compared with "Approved Lists" they are kept in a pending File, after noting Period of Internment, recommended period before review they are placed in the main collection. This obviates the old method of picking cases at random from the files and then checking back on them. Lists of Queries are prepared from intake Arrest Reports and forwarded to the Armies, Districts or Interning Agencies concerned.
5. Correspondence is still the biggest proportion of the work, and as all cases for duration must be referred to the Interning agency this cannot be altered with the present system, and on account of this most of the work will continue to be Vetting Intake and reviewing cases which are due for release at the expiration of the recommended period.

6. The supply of Scheda Personale have arrived safely.

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29 AGO 1944

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(F.G. GEACH)

F. G. Geach

Capt.

Security Branch A.C.C. Attached 371 P.W. Camp.C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.

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Weekly Report.

371 P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.
13 Aug 44.

1. There are now 1,919 Civilian Internees in the Camp, of this total 61 are women. During the past week thirty one more cases have been reviewed and recommendations submitted to the Commandant. The release figures for the past three weeks have now been compiled and total 118. This makes a grand total of releases since the Camp was opened of 717 including the mass releases of approximately three hundred who were released by Colonel Mosse.
2. New arrivals are constantly expected and the Camp is now due to be extended to accommodate at least 4,000, instead of 2,000 as originally anticipated. The correspondence is increasing in proportion and still more time has to be devoted to dealing with paper work.
3. The standard of internment still remains very much the same many of the arrests being of very low grade material of little or no security danger and obviously interned principally because of their nuisance value in forward areas.
4. There is one very noticeable exception to this and that is the internments from the Rome Area, who appear to be doing a very good job of work in a very efficient manner, when errors are made they appear to discover them quickly and they are immediately rectified one case has been dealt with this week. In contrast to this Eighth Army supply the Camp with endless lists of queries. I am unable to estimate C.I.C. 5th Army queries due to the system of making their final decision the arrest report statement as to period of detention.
5. During the past week in spite of the hostile attitude taken by G-2 P.B.S. to the release of Germans they have approved the release of two females one on medical grounds and the other of age . Another case is pending rather unusual but which they appear to view favourable is a German Female internee who is desirous of marrying an Italian, they have approved her release subject to proof of marriage being forthcoming.
6. Major Harrari of 3 District, I.O. has paid a visit to the camp, and discussed a number of points respecting internees', including the Sicilian Cases, 3 District appear to favour reviews and three releases have been authorised by them up to date.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees'

WEEKLY REPORT.

371 P.W. CAMP, C.M.F.
6 Aug 44.

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1. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to the 6 Aug 44, is given below.

Period Recommended on Approved Lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Not Rec.	Rec.	Released.
Duration of War.	254	115	139	77
Over 6 Mnths.	131	20	111	61
3 Mnths and under.	178	12	166	81
TOTAL.	563	147	416	219

2. There are now 1,892 civilian Internees' in the Camp, of these 63 are women. The releases are at present shown the same, the fortnightly return not yet having been submitted.

3. Army control line has been changed during the past week and a corresponding jump will be noticed in the release figures to be issued shortly. There has been one outstanding feature during the past week and that is a letter received from A.C. of S. G-2 P.B.S. giving a slant on the attitude of C.I.C. on the release of German nationals they state "It is believed that the release of Germans Nationals at this time for any other than medical reasons would be misunderstood by the majority of the Italian Population and cited by them as another indication of Allied weakness and indecision". This is difficult to understand we have only requested up to the present the release of four persons, and when we have reason to believe that there are forty or fifty persons on the Isle of Capri of German Nationality who have never been interned this attitude is difficult to understand, we have only asked each case to be judged on its own individual merits and not mass releases.

4. The general attitude of C.I.C. to releases is difficult to understand they use the word "Duration" very freely and it most difficult to get them to reconsider a decision, I am of the opinion that it would be in the interests of the Allies generally if an officer of that Department would pay a visit to the Camp and acquaint himself with the situation from the reviewing side. Could this be arranged ?;

5. One very good example of C.I.C. procedure has this week been forwarded to A.A.I. for their perusal that is the case of CAMPOPIANO Michele and Vittorio, after lengthy correspondence we obtained no satisfaction in a case which is clearly one that should be reconsidered.

5. There are no other items of interest at this moment. Forwarded for your information.

Copy to Commandant 371 P.W. CAMP, C.M.F.

F. G. GYACH
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Security Branch APO.C. Attached 371 P.W. Camp.

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SUBJECT: Review of civilian Internees'.

37I P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.
30 Jul 44.

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I. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to the 30 Jul 44. is given below.

Period recommended on Approved Lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Not Rec.	Reco.	Released.
Duration of War.	252	115	137	77
Over 6 Mths.	128	20	108	61
3 Mths and under.	154	12	142	81
Total.	534	147	387	219.

2. There are now 1,813 Internees' in the camp and of these 60 are women. The number of release up to date still stands at 579 as the returns are only made up fortnightly.

3. Army control is again holding up a number of pending released. Though of course it is anticipated that it will be changed any moment. The Camp is still being used as a central clearing station for all classes of Civilian Internee, and in view of the limited personnel available at the Camp few persons are detained here longer than necessary for their cases to be scrutinised. This refers of course to the increasing number of cases arriving which subsequently appear in Approved Lists release out of Army Area. The system being to release all those with home addresses south of Army Control Line the others being held for a short period until the line moves North.

4. Under the new A.A.I. Directive the cases of four German Female Internees have been reviewed, one case has already met with the approval of 3 District for release. Three more are now pending the result is being watched with interest as in this case the decision as to release rests with P.B.S. 4311

5. During the week a visit was paid to the Camp by Sergt. Highfield of II Cnd P.S.S. he was interested in a number of cases that had been interned during May and which he was re-investigating as it had come to light a number of persons had been interned on information from a particularly bad source. This is confirmation of our claim that one of the present weaknesses of our security situation in the interning of large numbers of persons on information from doubtful sources and entirely unchecked. The standard of investigations are still in my opinion **MUCH** too low, and it does appear too many persons are dabbling in security matters.

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Security Branch A.C.C. 37I P.W.Camp.

SUBJECT: Review of civilian internees' Security Rpt. Weekly Rport. *CPB*

371 P.W.Camp. C.M.F.
23 Jul 44.

1. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to the 23 Jul 44, is given below.

Period Recommended on approved lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases not Rec for release.	Cases Rec. for Rel.	Actually Released
Duration of War.	249	115	134	77
Over 6 months	124	20	104	61
3 Months and under.	129	12	117	81
TOTAL.	502	147	355	219.

2. There are now 1,536 Internees' in the Camp, of these 59 are women. Up to date since the Camp was formed 579 releases have been made, this includes the mass releases made by Col. Morse. Release have been greatly speeded up in the last week or so, this is of course principally due to the Control line being advanced.

3. Large numbers of new arrivals have been coming in and every effort is being made to check arrest reports as they arrive in order to prevent persons improperly interned being detained for long periods before their cases can be investigated, this coupled with the better system of vetting adopted by Main Eighth Army is proving much more satisfactory and in many cases persons interned for duration by F.S.S. are frequently altered to "Release out of Army Area", which I think definitely proves that A.A.I. are alive to the rather needless use of "DURATION".

4. Unfortunately there is no similar check by C.I.C. these cases carry their recommendation and that appears the final word, also they appear very reluctant to change a decision once it is made, and does appear that when internments are on such a mass scale as at present many mistakes must inevitably result.

5. A very interesting point noticeable from Arrest Reports is the higher grade and in my opinion higher grade security methods, is the activities of S Force, whilst appreciating they are a picked team, the type of persons interned by them are outstandingly the type that are a danger to our security, and on a high level, in nearly every case being of the high intellectual kind.

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6. Effort is now being made under the new AAI directive respecting German Internees to release those who come within its meaning, chiefly aged persons and persons who have been resident in Italy for many years. Practically all the case are interned by 3 District and C.I.C. from the Naples and Sorrento area. Approximately five cases have been submitted and result awaited.

Would you please forward 500 Schedas at your convenience.

Copy to the Commandant.

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(F.G.GEACH) Capt.
Security Branch A.C.C. Attached 30 I P.W.Camp.

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Subject: Censorship.

HQ A.C.C.
Comd No 371 PW Camp, G.M.F.

AAI/1145/1/G/I(c)

1. Reference HQ ADC, Security Branch, letter SB/311.5/500.2 dated 11 Mar 44, addressed to Postal Sub Commission, copy to 371 PW Camp.
2. It is requested that the mail from civil internees concerned be routed to - Allied Censor Control Officer, NAPLES.

C.M.F.
21 Jul 44. 22 JUL 1944
A.C.C.

W.H. Richardson
Major G.S.
Lieutenant General,
Chief of General Staff,
Allied Armies in Italy.

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SUBJECT:- 371 PW Camp Clerical Staff

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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AAI/1401/7/GBI(D)

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Ref our letter of even number dated 4 Jul 44.

1. Since the opening of 371 PW Camp as an internment camp until recently, A.C.C. has provided two security officers for attachment to the Camp Staff to deal with the review of cases and to act as advisers with regard to the release of internees.
2. Recently, however, the A.C.C. has withdrawn one of these officers, mainly on the grounds that they are being improperly used, in that, owing to lack of clerical staff, they spend a very large amount of their time doing their own typing - time which should rather be directed to the consideration of cases. It is feared that they may withdraw their second officer also unless the clerical situation is put right in the very near future. The withdrawal of both officers would create a most difficult and serious situation, and would cause a virtual break-down of the present internment arrangements and policy.
3. Moreover, the number of internees is increasing daily and the clerical work is increasing in proportion.
4. It is therefore most strongly urged that the highest priority be given to the provision of the two clerks for which the W.E. allows.

W. J. Gibson. Lt-Col
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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Copy to:- Security Branch, A.C.C. —

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18 JUL 1944
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**SUBJECT: Disposal of Civilian Internees.
Habitual Criminals.**

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371/P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.
371/1400/ AC.
10 July 44.



A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

I. With reference to the letter from A.A.I. dated 28 June 44, ref. AAI/1479/1/GSI(b), respecting the disposal of a number of habitual criminals who are held at this Camp as Civilian Internees, it is requested that your instructions as to their disposal be expedited. The Camp is not a suitable place for their detention and accommodation is unfortunately limited. Thanking you for an early reply.

Copy to G.S.I.(b) H.Q. AAI,
and Security Branch A.C.C.

(R.G.E. MINCHIN) *R.G.E. Minchin*
Major.
Commandant 371 P.W. Camp, C.M.F.

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13 JUL 1944
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~~Security By~~
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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees. Weekly report. 37I P.W.CAMP, C.M.F. 9th, July, 44.

I. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to date 8 July 44, is given below.

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Period recommended on approved lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases not Recd. for release.	Cases rec. for release.	Actually released.
DURATION of War.	242	115	127	41
Over 3 mnths.	100	20	80	24
3 mnths.	74	12	62	28
Total	416	147	269	93.

2. There are now I, 307, Internee's in the Camp, of these 53 are women. The figures regarding releases are at this moment misleading as there has been approximately sixty persons released this week but are not included in the return due to the fact that they are compiled fortnightly. The drop in the number of reviews must taken in conjunction with releases, as all passes for released persons are issued by A.C.C. personnel, and on intake, several which have occurred during the week, documents are now perused prior to being placed in the files.

3. Much time is of course taken up with correspondence, this is of course actually a Camp responsibility, but in view of the nature of the letters and to the many authorities to which they are directed, almost all matters in connection with Internee's histories and releases pass through the A.C.C. office.

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N. G. Geach

Capt.

(F.G. GEACH)
Attached 371 P.W. Camp. C.M.F.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees. Weekly Report. 500.2

371 P.W.CAMP, D.M.
2nd July 44. 30

I. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to date 2 July 44, is given below.

Period recommended on approved lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases not recommended for release.	Cases recommended for release.	Actually Released.
Duration of war.	240	113	127	41
Over 3 mths.	95	20	75	24
3 mths and under.	71	12	59	28
TOTALS.	406	145	261	93.

1. There are now I, 264 internee's in the camp, and of these ("A.A.I. 53 are women. There is a decided increase in the numbers coming from the forward areas and from the ROME area, S Force are now in operation. The system of sending Internees to the CAMP complete with documents and property is definitely improving though the property problem still gives the CAMP Staff much unnecessary work, it would be a good thing if a list of Internee's property were included on the Arrest report signed by the person arresting. Allegations are constantly being made by Internee's over this property question and great difficulty is found in tracing arresting units.
2. There is a noticeable change in type of Internee now arriving they are much younger in general and appear more active, especially those that have been caught attempting to cross the lines.
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F. G. Geach
 (F.G. GEACH) CAPT.
 Security Branch A.C.C.
 Attached 37I P.W.Camp.



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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Civilian Internees.37I P.W. Camp,
37I/1400/ AC.
2 July, 44.To the COMMANDANT, 37I P.W. Camp.

I. With reference to the Letter from Lt. Colonel A.D. Bonham Carter, and AAI/1479/3/ GSI (b) dated 29 Jun 44. The following is the present condition of the undermentioned Internees:-

PATRONE Giuseppe, Arrested 4 Jan 44, by 35 P.S.S. Approved List, I - 15 Jan, 44, long and detailed account of his activities, Recommended period of detention. Duration.

PERRATA Peola, Arrested 1 Dec 43, by 275 P.S.S. Eighth Army Approved List E6- 31 Dec 43. Detailed account of activities. Recommended period of detention. Duration.

IRACE Camillo. The file is at present situated with G.S.I.(b) H.Q. A.A.I. pending this man being released on medical grounds. Recommended period of detention:- Duration.

CONSALES Mario, Arrested 30 Nov, 43, 31 P.S.S. Approved list, 5th, Army, I - 15 Jan 44, detailed account. No period recommended. Arrest Form shows Duration.

IRACE Giuseppe, The file is at present situated with G.S.I.(b) attced to that of his father's Camillo. Recommended period of detention. Duration.

PERRATA Raicondo, Arrested 29 Dec 43, by 35 P.S.S. Approved List 5th, Army, I6- 31st, December 43; Recommended period. Duration.

2. In view of policy letter AAI:1401/7/ GSI(b) dated 16 Jan 44, and the apparent importance you place in the letter from the Provincial Officer of A.A.G. Lt. Col A.D. Bonham Carter, and this sentence of his letter, " There is a strong feeling in the Commune that these men have been framed". It is my recommendation that the documents held at the Camp, should be forwarded to G.S.I.(b) for their information and a direct reply to the Provincial Officer.

Copy to G.S.I.(b) H.Q. A.A.I.
and Security Branch, A.C.G.-

F. G. Gracie
(F.G. GRACIE) Capt.
Security Branch A.C.G.
Attached 37I P.W. Camp 304

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SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

371/ P.W.CAMP, C.M.F.
371/I400/AC.
1 July 44.

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Actg. Regional Security Officer, Region 3 A.C.C.
Ref. G-2 PB/13 (27)

1. With reference to your letter respecting P.S. Officials who have been detained at various times on security grounds. The matter is being treated as URGENT, and as much information as is at our disposal has been forwarded on to G.S.I.(b) H.Q. A.A.I. who are the governing body in all matters in regard to Civilian Internees.
2. It would be better if any enquiries you have respecting Internees were directed through Security Branch A.C.C. as they have one of their officers attached to the staff at this Camp.
3. With reference to your letter G-2/P6/184, respecting Internee D'ERMO Giovanni, and addressed to the P.F.S.O. Salerno this has been passed to the A.C.C. officer at this Camp and is receiving attention.

Copy to A.C.C. Security Branch.

R.G.E. Winchin
(R.G.E. WINCHIN) Major.
Commandant 371 P.W. Camp, C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394 U.S. ARMY.

Ref. G-2/PS/13(27)

27 June 1945

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SUBJECT: P.S. Officials Interned by Allied Police Agencies.

TO Camp Commandant
VII P.M. Camp, Padula.

I. A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission has requested information as to the present position of the undermentioned P.S. officials. It is believed that all were at one time interned for security reasons, but in view of the number of releases, it is desired to check in each case,

- (a) the status, and if still detained,
- (b) whether detention will continue,

in order that the Italian Government may be advised accordingly, now that the question of the filling these positions has arisen.

POST. <u>BERNARDI Alfredo</u>	ex-questore in Taranto
" <u>DALOGGI Antonio</u>	ex-questore in Agrigento.
" <u>DEBONO Vincenzo</u>	ex-questore in ENNA.
" <u>DEVIDA Francesco</u>	Comm. Chief ex-Director Colonia of Trapani.
" <u>CASSARA Salvatore</u>	Comm. Chief ex-permanent duty in Palermo.
" <u>BOLOGNINI Biagio</u>	Comm. Chief ex-permanent duty in Palermo.
" <u>FORNATA Luigi</u>	Att. Comm. Palermo, on permanent duty in GIBLIANA.
Avv. <u>CONTE Alfredo</u>	Comm. on permanent duty in NAPLES.
Dot. <u>ARILLO Giuseppe</u>	attached Comm. CATANIA.
" <u>LABATELLA Girolamo</u>	" " MESSINA.
" <u>FARINIS Michele</u>	Vice Comm. MESSINA.
" <u>MANNO Alessandro</u>	" " attached to 4302

Any information available will be greatly appreciated.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. G. W. Major G.
Acting Regional Security Off.

Copy to Prov. Commissioner Salerno.
AS/11.

Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Security Branch
APO 394

File
29 June, 1944

Ref: SB/500.2

Subject: Civilian Internes Mail.

To: Commandant, 371 P.W. Camp, C.M.F.
(Through Message Centre, Rear HQ, AGO)

1. We have today forwarded a large box containing envelopes for the use of internees at 371 P.W. Camp. The box has been forwarded C/O Message Centre, Rear HQ AGO, Salerno, with instructions that it should be kept there until picked up by your transport.

2. I suggest, therefore, that when your truck next makes a visit to Salerno, the driver should be instructed to call and collect the box.

3. A further and smaller supply has been sent direct C/O Captain Geach at 371.

4. As we have no more envelopes in stock at this HQ I should be grateful if you would give me notice when you require more, stating the numbers you require.

For the Director:

John A. McKay
JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees. Weekly report.

To the Director Security Branch A.C.C.

No 371 P.W.Camp.

25 June 44.

I. An analysis of the cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to the 25 June 44, is given below:-

Period recommended on approved lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases not recommended for release.	Cases recc. for release.	Actually released.
Duration of War.	237	95	142	37
Over 3 months .	71	12	59	20
3 months and under.	52	5	47	20.
Total	360	112	248	77

2. There are now 1, 176 internees at present detained at this Camp, most are from Army or Corps area, but during the week there has been a number from Sicily, and we are given to understand they are concerned with the Republican Fascist Party organisation and are interned for duration.

The rather large increase in cases reviewed during the past week is due to the review of 50 detainees who arrived from North Africa arrested in Sicily last year? This case was dealt with at the first opportunity as amongst the detainees habitual criminals and a number of anti-Fascists, and persons whose arrest and detention seemed unwarranted. Detailed report on this party has been submitted to A.A.I. and a reply as to their disposal is awaited.

3. Three cases have been investigated this week, in which offences have been disclosed against A.M.G. proclamations and which in our opinion the persons concerned would have been dealt with more properly if brought before a Court, recommendations have been made accordingly. It does seem that both F.S.S. and C.I.C are still a little shy of handing cases over to the Courts.

4. Clerical work still remains a problem at the Camp, and it seems that little will be done to remedy it, in a latest letter from A.A.I. to the Commandant, it is stated that in the case of short term internee's from the ROME area at the expiration of the term and before release G.S.I.(b) A.A.I. should be consulted prior to release. I consider this a very bad practice, it is pretty obvious from the study of many arrest reports that more care should be exercised prior to detention. Short term detention appear to be in most cases border line cases with little or no information against the person detained.

(F.G.GEACH)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
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Ref : SB/311.5/500.2.

13 June 1944.

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Civilian Internees.

TO : GSO I(b). Advanced HQ., AAI.

1. We forward herewith correspondence received from G.5 A.F.H.Q. which should clear through you for action.

2. We enclose a further copy for 371 should you desire to forward the correspondence.

Enc: Letter G-5 : 383.7-15 of 8 June 44

Letter NATOUSA : 383.7 (SS PNG) of 4 June 44.

JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G - 5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-15

8 June 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Civilian Internees.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission (Rear)
APO 394.

Attached is original of Headquarters SOS 383.7 (SSPMG)
of 4 June 1944, which is intended for you.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

S/ T.B. Jackman
T/ T.B. JACKMAN,
Major.

Incl:
as above.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

ARMY POST OFFICE 750

383.7 (SSPMG)

4 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Civilian Internees.
TO : Commanding Officer, Allied Control Commission, Rear.
THRU : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512,
U. S. Army.
THRU : Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 AFHQ, has advised this Headquarters that there is no security objection to the release of the following Italian civilian internees who are being transferred to PW Camp 371. If you see no objection they may be released and repatriated to their homes in Sicily. All released, should be instructed to report on arrival at their home town to the offices of the Carabinieri Reali:

AURIA, Benedetto fu Salvatore
ARGENTO, Leonardo fu Calogero
DIANA, Calogero di Salvatore
INCADORNA, Alfonso fu Pietro
RUSSO, Ignazio fu Giacomo
VENDRA, Giovanni fu Giuseppe
SCHEMBRI, Baldassare
BENEVENUTO, Girolamo
NICASTRO, Giuseppe.

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2. For your information, upon search prior to embarkation for transfer to Camp 371, AURIA was found with 4800 francs and ARGENTO was found with 4600 francs and 2600 lire. While no definite information could be developed it is believed the money was acquired by sale of American supplies to Arab guards. The money was confiscated.

For the Commanding General:

S/ Vernon W. Rice
T/ Vernon W. RICE,
Lt. Col. A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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

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12 June 1944

Ref/292/109/CA

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees.

TO : Security Branch.
Admin. Section (for Public Safety Sub-Commission)

The attached copy letter from GSI(b) Hq. AAI to 371
P.W. Camp dated 9 June 44 and relative case histories are
forwarded for your information.

Norman E. Fiske Maj.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JSR/JR

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Subject: Civilian Internees

Hq. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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AAI/1456/37/GSI(b)

9 June 44

Comdt, 371 PW Camp

1. The attached case histories are those of two Italians who were sent by the Germans on an espionage mission.
2. Evidence was insufficient to justify bringing them before a Court of Justice, so it has been decided that, in view of their previous contact with the enemy intelligence service and the secret information they hold, they must be interned for the duration of the war, on the authority of these Headquarters.
3. These two prisoners have already been despatched through channels and will eventually arrive at 371 PW Camp.
4. It is not deemed necessary that you should be in full possession of the facts of their case, as the question of review will not arise and as the complete dossier is already held by this Headquarters.

/s/ D. Murray, Capt.
for Lt. Col.
G.S.I.(b)

Copy to:
5 Corps
ACC Executive Commission.

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NAME : GIOVANELLI Aristide
BORN : 9 Feb 1917 at LENTELLA (Prov. CHIETI)
ADDRESS : Parents are believed to be still living at LENTELLA

Brief History: Formerly employed as a clerk in the Municipio at BOLZANO, he served during the war as a W/T operator, first on the French front and later in GREECE. In August 1941, he was transferred to the Ufficio Prigioneri at Dispersa at NAPLES where he made the acquaintance of GRIPPA. In May 1943 he volunteered for service in the paratroops and was transferred to VITERSO where he was retained - as a W/T operator - until the Armistice. In Oct 1943 he returned to BOLZANO and his job at the Municipio. In Feb 1944, together with friend GRIPPA, he accepted an offer to work for the German Intelligence Service as a means of rejoining his family in the South. On 9 Mar the pair crossed the lines into Allied occupied territory and immediately gave themselves up.

NAME : GRIPPA Venanzio
BORN : 2 Aug 1917 at BERNOREGGIO (Prov. MILAN)
ADDRESS : Via San Bartolomeo 14, BERNOREGGIO.

Brief History: Served in Italian Army during the war as N.C.O., first in ALBANIA and later in GREECE. In July 1942 he was sent to the "Ufficio Prigioneri e Dispersi del Ministero Africa" in NAPLES where he met GIOVANELLI for the first time. Early in 1943 he was transferred to ROME where he remained until the Armistice. In February 1944, he joined his friend GIOVANELLI at BOLZANO, where the pair accepted an offer to work for the German Intelligence Service as a means of getting to Allied occupied ITALY. His subsequent history was the same as GIOVANELLI's.

Disposal: In view of their contact with the German Intelligence Service, it is necessary that they be interned for the duration of the war.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees - Weekly Report.

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No. 371 P.W. Camp.

8 Jun 44.

Director, Security Branch, A.C.C.

L; An analysis of cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases to and including 8 June 44 is given below:-

Period recommended on Approved Lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases NOT recommended for release.	Cases recommended for release.	Actually released to 8.6.44.
Duration of War	169	66	101	34
Over 3 months	58	9	49	12
3 months & under	36	5	31	16
TOTAL	263	82	181	62

Of the above cases shown as "not recommended for release" it has been suggested that 36 should be reviewed at a later date.

2. At present there are 934 civilian internees detained in this Camp, which includes 60 Germans. There are still approximately 200 from Sicily.

3. There are no cases of outstanding importance to report.

4. The subject of passes for internees to return to Army and Corps areas has formed the basis of other correspondence. A copy of AMG 8th Army letter together with copy of our report has been forwarded to GSI(b), AAI, by Commandant, 371 P.W. Camp.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees - Weekly Report.

No. 371 P.W.Camp.
2 Jun 44.

Director, Security Branch, A.C.C.

1. An analysis of cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to and including 1 June 44 is given below.

Period recommended on Approved Lists.	Cases Reviewed	Cases NOT recommended for release.	Cases recommended for release.	Actually released to 1.5.44.
Duration of War	161	62	99	29
Over 3 Months	32	7	25	9
3 months & under	31	4	27	14
TOTAL	224	73	151	52

It will be noted that the figures set out above in respect of cases not interned for the duration of war show much variation when compared with previous report but it has now been decided to include all cases where internees have completed over three months in the appropriate column. Two releases previously recorded as detained for over three months have been transferred to the 'duration' column. Complete statistical records have now been established and such variations should not appear in the future.

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2. At present there are 881 civilian internees detained in this Camp, including 46 Germans. Approximately, 200 are from Sicily and 600 from Army areas and Naples.

3. During the period under review (26 May - 1 June) two parties have arrived from North Africa, one party of 23 and the other of 50. The cases of the first party have been reviewed in accordance with instructions from No.3 District and all recommended for release, a copy of our report is attached for your information. These internees were arrested as Italian nationals prior to the Armistice and no documents exist about them. The cases of the other party will be considered in due course.

4. The 15 deserters mentioned in paragraph 6 of report dated 26 May 44 have now been transferred to another P.W.Camp. ¹²⁹³

5. A copy of a report respecting the alleged loss of property from the home of the FREY family is attached solely for information, the matter has been referred to G.S.I(b), A.A.I. by the Commandant. It is appreciated that this matter does not directly concern

Lieut. Geach and myself but the enquiry was carried out at the request of the Commandant of this Camp. No further action is necessary from our side.

6. In a recent application for circulation passes concerning eight internees due for release AMG Eighth Army have replied forwarding one pass, in four other cases we have been advised to make application to Regional Commissioner, Region 5, and in the other three cases they decline to issue a pass. It is early to form any opinion regarding the issue of passes but it does seem that the AMG authorities in Army areas can be the deciding factors as to whether an internee is released or not.

7. Major J.E.MARSHALL relinquished his Command on 31 May 44 and Major R.G.E. MINCHIN assumed Command same date.

A. C. C.
Lieut. 4291
A.C.C.(Security Branch).

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SUBJECT: Property of Civilian Internees.

371 P.W.Camp,
C.M.F.
29 May, 44.

Commandant, No. 371 P.W.Camp.

1. In accordance with your instructions I have to-day, 29 May 44 interviewed Mrs Else PRY and her son Dieter PRY, both German nationals at present detained at this Camp as civilian internees, regarding personal property which they allege is missing from their home at Naples.
2. On Sunday, 28 May 44, under the escort of Lieut. Rudge of this unit (371 P.W.Camp), the above named were taken to their home Moierielle a Capodimonte 53, Naples, for the purpose of collecting clothing. The keys of this apartment were obtained, en route, from C.I.C. Naples in whose custody they have been since the date of the PRY's arrest on 4 Jan 44, by representatives of that office.
3. Mrs PRY and her son told me that the family occupied the top floor of this building and rented a room on the ground floor in which was stored various articles of property, some of which was contained in large wood chests, at least ten in number.
4. On inspecting their property they allege that the articles set out on the attached list are missing.
5. Dieter PRY informed me that Luigi ROMANO told him that members of the U.S. Army had visited the premises on several occasions and had taken various parcels etc, away with them ²⁹⁰ in a motor car.
6. Regarding the property referred to in your letter No. 371/1400, dated 23 Feb 44 addressed to C.I.C., H.Q., Fifth Army (A.D.I. letter No. AMI/1479/1/C(Ib) dated 14 Apr 44 refers), PRY states that the projector referred to has now been returned to his home. He says that ROMANO told him it was brought back within the

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7. FREY also enquires his position regarding a Fiat Topolino 500 black saloon motor car, No.28645.N.A., engine No.059542, chassis No.059137 of which he was the owner. When he was interviewed by C.I.C. some 14 days after his arrest and before transfer to this Camp, he was told by the interrogating officer that the car had been taken over by the U.S. Army authorities, but he was not given a receipt.
8. A certain amount of food was left in the house but this has since been removed and the FREY's understand this was given to a family named MEGLIO who occupy another apartment in the same building. The two families are not now on good terms.

9. The keys of Moiarriello a Capodimonte 53, Naples, are now retained at No.371 P.W. Camp.

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Lieut.
A.C.C.(Security Branch).
Att. No.371 P.W. Camp.

- 1, wooden chest, painted grey, size about 3'6" x 2'6" x 2'.
- 25, linen bed sheets, double size
- 15 (about) linen bed sheets, single size.
- 6, coloured linen tablecloths, large, each with 12 napkins.
- 3, bath wraps (1 multi-coloured, 2 green and white).
- 12, hand towels, various colours, fringed ends.
- 14, white pillow covers, hem-stitched edges.
- 6 (about), pillow covers, plain edges.
- 3, fancy tea cloths.
- 3, table centres.
- 5, sets lady's silk underwear (3 pink, 2 pale blue).
- 1, lady's pyjama suit, pink flannel.
- 6 (about) pairs of silk stockings, new in manufacturer's wrapping.
- 4 pairs lady's shoes, Swiss make.
- 1, crocodile skin handbag.
- 1, lady's metal watch; transparent case with black bakerlite case. 4289
- 15 (about) lengths dress material, silk, wool, tweed etc.
- 5, kilos of various coloured wool.
- 1, lady's raincoat.
- 2, gent's raincoats.
- gent's shirts and singlets, maker's tab "G.PICONE, NAPOLI".
- 3, rubber air beds (1 white, 2 blue-grey).
- 3, pairs of gent's shoes, brown, size 9½.
- 2, small alarm clocks, copper coloured cases, one has "SLOOPING" on face, one in leather travelling case.

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SUBJECT: Italian Civilian Internees.

371 P.W. Camp.
31 May, 44.

Commandant, No. 371 P.W. Camp.

- 1. Ref No.3 District letter No.163/4 A dated 13 May 44.
 - 2. The 23 civilian internees referred to above arrived at this Camp on 27 May 44.
 - 3. I Have interrogated these internees and give below for your information, brief summary of facts learned from each together with recommendations.
 - 4. Of this party SEVEN reside permanently in TUNISIA, EIGHT in SICILY and the homes of the remaining EIGHT are situated within occupied Italy.
- (X 5.e) ALCAMO Francesco, age 35, a farmer, of Soukar, Khadarra, Tunis. Went to Tunisia in 1934 to join parents who left Sicily in 1929 to take up farming. Arrested by French police on 13 July 43 as Italian national when Tunis was occupied by Allied Forces. No political backgrounds fer as ascertained. RECOMMENDATION. Release, no longer danger to security.
- (Y b) BLANDIZI Corrado, age 18, a farm worker, of Facchino, Syracuse. Claims he was working in father's field on 12 Jul 43 when grenade exploded injuring his left leg. Removed to hospital by British troops, detained for three months and eventually evacuated to internment camps in North Africa and Tunisia. He has no political background, illiterate type.
- RECOMMENDATION: Release, no longer danger to security. 4288
- (X c) CHIARENZA Gaetano, age 29, a wine merchant of Mateur, Tunis. Born in Tunis as was his parents. Has visited Italy as member of football team. Does not appear to have any political background. Arrested on 7 May 43 as Italian national when British troops entered Tunis.

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d) COZZO Giovanni, age 52, a cycle mechanic of Via Puglie 42a, Tripoli. Went to Tripoli in 1915 from Tunis where he was born. From 1925 to 1934 was employed as a civilian mechanic with Italian Army Engineers and from 1934 to date of arrest as cycle mechanic in Italian military workshops. Arrested at Kelibia, Tunis, on 19 May 44, as Italian national when British troops entered town. No political background.

RECOMMENDATION: Release, no longer danger to security.

e) PANTINI Armando, age 36, a driver-mechanic, of Bologna. Went to Tripoli in April 1942 to take up work with SATA (Italian Transport Organisation) who contracted to carry petrol for Italian Forces. Eventually became a branch manager and was arrested on 10 May 44 at Tunis as Italian national on occupation by British authorities. Joined P.M.F. in 1940 but apparently has never taken any active interest in party activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Release, no longer security danger; his

home is in occupied territory and we suggest that his experience as a driver-mechanic could be usefully employed by Allies through appropriate military civilian labour channels.

f) GRILLO Rosario, age 50, of Trapini, Sicily. Arrested at Pantelleria on 11 Jun 43 when island was occupied by Allies, as being Italian national. Was called up for compulsory work as dock labourer and transferred to Pantelleria on 30 Dec 42. Labouring type, no political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

g) INCORVAIA, Giuseppe, age 26, a book-keeper, of La Malsa, Cartagine, Tunisia. Arrested 10 May 43 at road block in Tunis operated by French police, as Italian national after Allied occupation. Book-keeper working in engineering works owned by father-in-law. Appears to have no political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

h) LA TERRA Raffaele, age 19, a mechanic of Ibla, Ragusa, Sicily. States he was arrested by British soldiers when cycling home to Ibla on 15 Jul 43, shortly after Allied occupation. Has no political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not a security danger.

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RECOMMENDATION: Release, not a security danger. His home is in Milan and he might be employed by Allies with advantage.

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RECOMMENDATION: Release, not a danger to security. No political history.
- k) MELILLI Nicolo, age 41, a farm manager, of Av; du Bardo 63, Tunis. Born in Malte of Italian parents, went to Tunis in 1912. Arrested by British military authorities as Italian subject on occupation of Tunis. Joined Fascist Party in 1936 when he volunteered for service with militia in Ethiopia, served there 12 months.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not considered dangerous to security.
- l) MUSSO Mario, age 32, an electrical engineer, of Genoa. Arrested at Lampedusa on 12 Jun 43 when island was occupied. Went to Lampedusa to carry out anti-aircraft work on behalf of his employers, Messrs. San Gorgio, Genoa, Naples &c. Has no political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not a security danger. This man's home is in Genoa and it is suggested that his electrical knowledge might be turned to advantage of Allies.

- m) PALEARI Luigi, age 34, a clerk/storekeeper, of Milan. Arrested 11 May 43 at Tunis as Italian national on Allied occupation. Was employed as clerk by SATA (Italian Transport Organisation) from September 1942. Previously employed as storekeeper in Milan. Has no political history. Home in occupied Italy.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security. If released this man would be willing to take up employment for D.A.D.L.
- n) PIVIDORI Lino, age 32, a carpenter, of Rogogna, Uaine. Arrested 11 Jun 43 at Pantelleria. Was called for military service but volunteered for work as labourer on island. Arrested on occupation by Allied authorities. In 1934 was called for service with militia then joined Fascist Party but has never taken part in political activities. His home is in occupied territory.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.
- o) RAVALLI Emanuele, age 38, a tenant farmer of Comiso, Ragusa, Sicily. Says he was arrested by American soldiers when he went to collect grain from his field which was being used as a U.S. Army camp. Illiterate type. No political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.
- p) ROSATI Ottavio, age 44, a miner of Rocca di Messo, Aquila. Went to Pantelleria in October 1942 where he was employed as a miner by a firm engaged in tunnel construction. Was arrested on 11 June 43 on occupation of island. From 1921 to 1941 worked as a miner at Loire, near Vichy, returned to Italy owing to food shortage.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security. Home is in occupied Italy.
- q) SANTORO Guisepe, age 42, a bricklayer of Hammamilif, Tunis. Was born at Hammamilif. Arrested by French police on 11 May 43 as Italian national on occupation by Allied Forces. Joined P.N.F. 1935 to support unsuccessful application for employment in Ethiopia, has never taken part in any political activities. (Has) visited Italy on one occasion only for period of one month in 1919.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.
- r) SCIACCA Domenico, age 50, a labourer of Mezzero del Vallo, Trapani. Cannot read or write. Arrested at Pantelleria on 11 Jun 43 on occupation. Went there as labourer in 1937 when unable to obtain

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Cannot read or write. Arrested at Pantelleria on 11 Jun 43 on
occupation. Went there as labourer in 1937 when unable to obtain
livelihood from fishing at Trapani. Family still reside at Trapani.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

s) SPANGARO Riccardo, age 30, a driver-mechanic of Ampezzo, Udine.
Arrested at Tunis on 11 May 43 as Italian national at time of
occupation. Went to Tunis in 1941 and transported supplies with
own lorry and trailer for Italian Army. Home is in occupied
Italy.

RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

t) TORNABINI Michele, age 29, a farmer of Villaroza, Enna, Sicily.
Cannot read or write. Was unemployed in 1941 and accepted work as a
labourer at Pantelleria and was arrested there as Italian national
on 11 June 43 at time of occupation. Has no political history.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

- u) VERNUCCIO Rosario, age 42, a farm worker of Pachino, Syracuse. Arrested by British military on 12 July 43 when returning to his home. Is illiterate. Joined P.N.F. in 1936 to support application for work in Ethiopia, this was not successful. Has not taken part in any Fascist activities.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.
- v) VIRGINI, Francesco, age 35, a naval fitter of Genoa. Was arrested at Lampedusa on 12 June 43 at time of occupation. Was employed on island by Messrs San Gorgio. This man is a specialised torpedo and gunnery fitter. During 1941 and 1942 served as a civilian on Italian submarine. Joined Fascist party in 1943.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security. Home in occupied Italy, might be employed with advantage by Allies, as a general fitter.
- w) GIFFARO Giuseppe, age 30, a printing works employee of Tunis. Born in Cairo and taken to Tunis by father in 1918. Arrested by French police on 11 May 43 at time of occupation as Italian national.
RECOMMENDATION: Release, not dangerous to security.

6. May I respectfully point out that the question of transportation will have to be considered if it is decided to release those internees who normally reside in Tunis.

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A.C.C.(Security Branch);

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371 P.W.Camp. S. 3307
26 May 44.

SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.

TO: Director, Security Branch, A.C.C.

- Up to and including 25 May 44, 183 cases have been reviewed and recommendations made to the Commandant. Releases to 22 May 44 number 352, the majority of these cases were dealt with before the arrival of Lieut. Geach and myself.
- The following is an analysis of cases reviewed, recommendations made and releases up to 22 May 44.

Period recommended on Approved Lists.	Cases Reviewed.	Cases NOT Recmnd. for release	Cases Recmnd. for release.	Actually released to 22.5.44
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3 months and under	10	2	8	6
TOTAL	167	63	104	48

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5. The brief facts of three recent instances which illustrates the general type of case which is encountered in regard to civil internees received at this Camp are given below:-

(a) GENTILE Giuseppe was arrested at Grumo Appula, Bari, on 26 Jan 44 by 11 Cdn. FSS, for being a Fascist and spreading anti-British propaganda. Lt. Robinson of that Section in a supplementary note reports that GENTILE is unscrupulous and boasted of his unscrupulous dealings, further that the people of Grumo were unanimous in their dislike for him and regular deputations called on FSS stating that GENTILE made their life unbearable through his extortionist methods. On 9 May 44, Sgt Shorten of 315 FSS reports result of extensive enquiries made regarding GENTILE and says that all evidence available is either neutral or favourable to GENTILE and nothing was learned about him which could possibly affect FSS.

An extract from No.2 District letter, dated 19 May 44, reads



"It would appear that the original facts laid against this man which brought about his recommendation for internment were false". Quite a large file accompanied this letter and apparently this would not have been available to us had not the matter been raised by 315 FSS.

X (b) ZANGELINI Mario, an Italian aged 23, was arrested at Nettuno on 4 Feb 44. After crossing the line in October last he was picked up by an infantry regiment of the 3rd Division (American) and later joined the 15th Infantry Regiment. He fought with this unit at the beach-head until a few days before his arrest. It seems he was not compensated for his services and became dissatisfied as he considered he should be regarded in the same way as the American personnel seeing that he was sharing the same risks. The arrest report contains the information that he did good work but later his attitude became hostile and in view of the knowledge he had gained about the regiment he was considered dangerous to security. It is significant to note that he was slightly wounded and spent a few days in an advanced hospital. We consider that had he be taken as a prisoner of war at Nettuno the information would have been available to the enemy in much the same way and possibly of greater importance than had he crossed the lines, had he so desired, after being released. This aspect will be borne in mind when final recommendations are made.

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7. From time to time cases come to light of persons being arrested by FSS for definite offences against Proclamations and instead of being handed over to the proper authorities for prosecution in a military court are sent back to P.W. cages for internment. It is the opinion of Lieut. Geach and myself that if sufficient evidence is not forthcoming to warrant a prosecution except in special circumstances, a person should not be ordered internment in some cases for an unspecified period.

8. Clerical assistance is not available and some time must necessarily be spent in dealing with correspondence as it is necessary for all questions regarding review and release of cases to be referred to G.S.I(b), A.A.I., this, in general, refers to all cases where recommendations for release are made prior to the completion of the approved period. Many of the cases now reviewed concern internees who normally reside in present Army

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Ref : SB/311.5/500.2.

20 May 1944.

Subject: Disposition of Civilian Internees.

To : G.S.I. (b), Hq., AAI.

1. Attached for your transmission to 371 PW Camp are 42 case histories of civilian Internees.

FBI: the Director:

(Sent on to AAI - no copies made)

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Capt.,
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Salerno, May 3rd, 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

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Here are the facts of the case I have in mind as briefly as possible.

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After waiting some time, both Admiral Barone and Serra repeatedly asked the British Non-Commissioned officer

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in charge to be authorized to enter, but their requests elicited no response, although, according to the Admiral, only a handful of people had been admitted since two o'clock. At 4.45 the same Non-Commissioned officer announced that it was closing time and that all visits had to be put off to the following Sunday.

The Admiral and Serra requested then to see an Officer in order to ascertain if the order could be rescinded in view of the time they had been waiting, but this was not granted. Everybody was ushered out with the explanation that the internees had finished their evening meal and had retired for the night and that by then it was dinner time for the guards.

Strictly speaking the explanation was probably flawless. On the other hand, in view of the small number of visitors, the difficulties and expense involved in getting to Padula, the very few people who were admitted on that particular Sunday, all this leads to the suggestion that a way should be found to arrange matters so that everybody be granted the possibility of seeing their relatives and friends as the case may be. As I said, on that particular Sunday most of the visitors happened to be women and children and you can well imagine their bitter disappointment, which, a little more understanding and goodwill would, *no doubt*, have avoided.

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I wonder if you would be so kind as to take the matter up with the Authorities at Padula, submitting to them the above considerations, that is, naturally, if you share my views. And in Serra's case do you believe he could be granted a special permission to see his relative some other time? It appears Carafa is on the verge of a break-down and a visit from a member

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of his family would be helpful and timely.

With all my most grateful thanks for your kind
interest in this matter and awaiting to hear from you,

Very truly yours

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

SECURITY BRANCH.

29th, April, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Civilian Internees.

To:- Col. A. F. Young.

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- 1. The total number of Internees now in P.O.W. Camp 371. including both Italian and Germans is now 711.
- 2. The total number of Internees released since the screening and reviewing commenced has now reached the grand total of 312.
- 3. In view of Col. Gibson's letter to the Commandant of P.O.W. Camp 371. a copy of which was forwarded to Capt. McNay, it is anticipated that releases to present Army areas must for the time being be strictly limited. However we propose to continue reviewing cases and making recommendations in accordance with the policy referred to in the above letter.
- 4. A number of cases of unusual importance have been reviewed and recommendations have been made. I.e. DRAGO case, IRACE case (awaits decision by U.S.I.(b)), and the CONTH case (These papers have been returned marked "Suspended until the ARLIES move north").

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Ref: SB/311.5/500.2.

21 April 1944.

Subject: Civilian Internees. 371 P.O.W. CAMP. PADULA.

To : Col. A.E. YOUNG.

1. The number of Civilian Internees at the Camp at the present moment is approximately Seven hundred, of these about 50 are Germans who are definitely interned for the duration of the War. More German females are expected as the result of increased activities of P.B.S.
2. We have up the date screened approximately two hundred persons and have made recommendations in 63 cases, these have been released or release is pending in the near future.
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4. During the screening of internees several cases have been disclosed where persons have committed offences against A.M.C. Proclamations and should have been brought before the Military Tribunal. One case in particular being a youth of 15 who was unable to read or write, he had been arrested for cutting telephone lines. He admitted this was true during interrogation, but he could give no reason except that he was told to do so by an elderly man, also an internee at the Camp, whose case has not yet been in custody. We have recommended this youth's immediate release; he has been in custody nearly three months - this has been approved by the Camp Commandant.
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Lt. F.G. Geach.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

15th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees at Padula, ex Potenza.

TO: Col. A. E. Young.

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1. As directed in the course of my duties in reviewing the cases of internees at Padula, I made a special investigation of eight men interned by orders of Provincial Commissioner, AGO, Potenza. It may here be stated that these men are the only ones at Padula who were interned by AMG, the others having been dealt with in the more normal manner by CIC or PMS. Authority is given however in Proclamation No. 2, Article 7, Section 2, for the S.O.A.O. to detain any person whom he believes to be either an actual or potential danger to military security. A proviso is added that a full report is to be submitted to the Chief Legal Officer for his consideration, approval or otherwise. There is no delegation of this authority by the S.O.A.O. and the responsibility remains his alone, subject to confirmation by C.L.O. It will be observed that this power only relates to detention (and this for a period of three months, not internment for the duration as ordered in these cases).

2. The history of the interments is centered upon the activities of two committees formed in Potenza for the purpose of reducing and screening Fascist personalities. On 15th October, 1943, was organized a "Committee of Investigation" consisting of the Legal Officer (Capt. Pety), Avv. ROTUNDO, Di NAPOLI and REALE - all anti-Fascists. The objects of this Committee were to investigate Fascist-leaders who have escaped prosecution, but have offended against the Italian law. On 15th November, 1943, a further committee called the "Committee of Public Safety" was formed and consisted of S.O.A.O. (Capt. Mills), Asst. S.O.A.O. (Capt. Howell), Legal Officer (Capt. Levy), C.A.F.O. (Lt. O'Neill), the Prefect, the Quonero, Avv. ROTUNDO, Di NAPOLI, REALE. The object of this Committee was to enquire into the relative importance of Fascist personalities as regards their danger to military security. It will be seen that all the members of the Committee of Investigation were also members

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2. The history of the interments is centered upon the activities of two committees formed in Potenza for the purpose of reducing and screening Fascist personalities. On 19th October, 1943, was organized a "Committee of Investigation" consisting of the Legal Officer (Capt. Jaty), Avv. SUTURO, DI NAPOLI and RIALI - all anti-Fascists. The objects of this Committee were to investigate Fascist-leaders who have escaped prosecution, but have offended against the "Italian law". On 15th November, 1943, a further committee called the "Committee of Public Safety" was formed and consisted of S.G.A.C. (Capt. MILLE), Asst. S.G.A.C. (Capt. Howell), Legal Officer (Capt. O.A.P.O. (Lt. O'Neil)), the Prefect, the Quarters, Avv. ROTUNDO, DI NAPOLI, RIALI. The object of this Committee was to enquire into the relative importance of Fascist personalities as regards their danger to military security. It will be seen that all the members of the Committee of Investigation were also members of the Committee of Public Safety and therefore, ^{due to} little cause for surprise that the functions should become confused. The Committee of Investigation ought to have had no connection with the other committee as it dealt with an entirely different matter.

3. The Committee of Public Safety divided the people whom they reviewed into the following categories:-

- (a) Those who introduced Fascism, and practised it violently with Fascist protection until the fall of Fascism.
- (b) Squadristi who were good executives for members of the first category and who carried out their orders with resort, if necessary, to violence.
- (c) Those people who profited from their position in the Fascist Party, but who vacillated on many occasions.

In speaking of the decisions of the Committee the infliction of "punishment" was repeatedly mentioned in the correspondence in existence in Region. For instance, those people in Category (a) above were to be "punished by immediate imprisonment followed by investigation and subsequent confinement". Category (b) people should be punished by removal from office and "ammonitions", Category (c) were to receive a "diffida". Confinement either took the form of detention in a P.O.W. Camp or being put into "confinos" i.e. being sent from the Province under rigid movement restrictions, or in other words, banishment. "Ammonitions" is movement rigidly restricted and regular reports must be made to the police. "Diffida" is in effect a warning.

4. During the course of their activity the Committee considered numerous cases and the final figures were:-

Detained in P.O.W. Camp	8
Confine	34
Ammonitions	55
Diffida	49
Removed from office	55
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6. Changes were made from time to time in the construction of the Committee of Public Safety. In December 1943 Major Nicholls became S.G.A.O. in place of Capt. Mills; Lt. O'Neill was transferred, but his successor, Lt. Anderson, had no dealings with the Committee at all; Avy. Reale covered his connections with the work soon after its inception and indeed he is now Minister of the Interior for the Badoglio Government. Capt. Howell frequently did not attend the meetings owing to other duties and this left Capt. Paty as the sole A.S.O. representative, assisted by the Prefect, Quastore, Av. Notugno and Di Mappali.

Capt. Patey after a period of sickness has left the country and is not in a position to give an account of the workings of the Committee which was suspended in February 1944, following enquiries by the Regional Legal Officer, Lt. Col. Cousins, who was once realized the damage being done generally by its activities. His predecessor, Major Howe, was not of the same opinion and had been kept informed throughout of the work being done.

7. I have searched the files in possession of Lt. Col. Cousins and Major Nicholls and have also interviewed Avv. Rotunno, Cocconzaglio and Signorini, all anti-Fascists lawyers in Potenza in an endeavour to obtain solid evidence which would justify the continued internment of the eight persons in detention. Both the Committee and Major Nicholls had recommended as recently as 6th April, 1944, that in their opinion the only one of the eight who should be released was one, BENVENIGLI Guido. I am sure this arose out of a confused idea of the reasons for detention, as when such is judged from the standard of "danger to military security", little objection can be found to the release of most of the others. For instance, crimes committed in the early Fascist days, acts of fraud or other enrichment, in more recent years suspected "black market operatives", the reaction by the rest of Potenza etc., were all given as reasons for continued internment, whereas the only point now at issue is "will he be a danger to military security if he is released now?". With Potenza such in the rear of Army area and with so little military traffic through the town it is difficult to appreciate how some of these men could be construed as potential military dangers now. Admittedly they might not be wanted in Potenza, but such does not justify continued detention, and any crimes committed by them as Fascists or war criminals, can and should be dealt with elsewhere.

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9. It must have been a difficult position for Major Nicholls to take over a Province with such a Committee functioning, apparently with the approval of the Regional higher officers, but looking back, it is a pity he did not enquire thoroughly into its activities and more particularly into the powers conferred upon him by Proclamation No. 2. His precarious position would soon have been apparent to him.

10. Following these enquiries Col. Young visited Potenza on 11th April, 1944, and in conjunction with Lt. Col. Coscine, Capt. Germain (Provincial Legal Officer) and Capt. Howell, considered the cases where the Committee had previously given decisions. In the first place it was decided to remove all restrictions of "confino" and "ammonizioni". Major Nicholls had reported two cases where he considered, if such measures were taken, the persons should be interned, but the evidence in these cases was so slight that their internment could not be justified at this late stage. The records and results of interviews regarding the eight internees were placed before the officers and it was decided as under:-

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| 2. ZAPPACOSTA | Silla | Review in normal way by A.C.C. Officers at Madula, as early as possible. |
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| 4. DOMOPRIO | Carmine | --do-- |
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- 8. GARRIBRO Nicola -do-

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12. Enquiries are proceeding regarding No.5 and the remaining cases who were more active Fascists will be considered in due course. All the details and documents available are at No. 371 P.O.S. Camp.

13. As regards the activities of the Committee the only criticism I have to make is that more trust was not placed in the Public Safety Division, who, apart from Lt. O'Neill, in its early stages have not been represented on the Committee. Capt. Pety, the Legal Officer, seems to have taken upon himself the complete duties of Public Safety and I fail to see how he came into the picture at all as the internment suspected dangers to security is essentially a matter for

Public Safety Division working with F.S.S. or C.I.C. It has been said that there were no F.S.S. available but I notice in each case an F.S.S. officer actually delivered the internee into the camp. Had the matter been referred to them, as had been done in every other Province, such loss omus would have devolved upon AGG/AMG.

14. However, I think local feeling, which is directed more against Italian informers than the Allies, will simmer down and no hitch is anticipated in the reviewal of the interned cases in the normal course of events.

S. J. Harvey
S. J. HARVEY, Capt.
S.O.C. (Security Branch).

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16. Release was recommended in this case as in fact in all the others except No. 8, where the man was a Federal Secretary, a Lt. Col. in the Italian Army, and (I am strongly of this opinion) still a potential danger to us.

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17. The position now is, therefore, that seven releases have been recommended and I anticipate these being put into effect at an early date.

S. J. Harvey
S. J. HARVEY Capt.
A.C.C. (Security Branch).

16 Apr. 44.

*Submitted to Executive Committee
C.P. C.C.C. as.*

List of citizens of S.Maria C.Vetere arrested by the F.S.S. who have been interned for five months in a prisoner of war camp (now at Padula) and who should be released immediately because they have been arrested unjustly

- 1)- Borgia Edilio
- 2)- Saccone Enrico
- 3)- Mangiacapra Alberto
- 4)- Mottola Salvatore
- 5)- Ventriglia Gaetano
- 6)- Sagnelli Guido
- 7)- Ventrone Pasquale
- 8)- Di Caprio
- 9)- De Pascale Emilio
- 10)- De Pascale Luigi
- 11)- De Angelis Gabriele
- 12)- Beato Fausto.

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Copy supplied to Lt. Gen. [unclear]
for 371 PW

List of citizens of S.Maria C.Vetere arrested by the F.S.S.
who have been interned for 5 months in the camps ab Carinaro
and Pedula and whom it is important to retain in internment.

- 1)- Caporaso Gaetano
- 2)- Maiorano Alfonso
- 3)- Di Wuro Luigi
- 4)- Russo Carlo
- 5)- Salvi Mario
- 6)- Rognoni Carlo
- 7)- Reali Silvio
- 8)- Della Valle Stanislao.

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List of citizens of S.Maria C.Vetere arrested by the
F.S.S. and released after four months imprisonment in the
prisoner of war camps at Carinara and Padula

- 1)- Capt. Falabella Nicolino of the CC.RR.
- 2)- Betti
- 3)- De Maria Francesco
- 4)- Gaglione Giulio
- 5)- Rossi Alessandro
- 6)- Valentino Luigi
- 7)- Trojano Francesco.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

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Ref : SB/311.5/500.2

5 April 1944.

Subject : 371 (Civil) POW Camp Padula

To : H.Q. A.A.I. G(To).

1. Reference your AAI/1401/7/G(To) of 2 April 44.
2. The present position is that Lt. Ellis will proceed to 371 PW Camp on 6 April 1944. Lt. Geach, who has been involved in a prolonged enquiry will shortly arrive here from Sicily and should reach 371 Camp within a week.
3. When Lt. Geach arrives it is proposed to withdraw Captain Harvey after a reasonable time has elapsed in which to hand over.
4. We very much regret the delay in this matter.

L.R. DAINES, Lt. Col., 4267
Asst. Director: SECURITY BRANCH.

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Subject:- 371(Civil) P.O.W.
Camp, PADULA.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

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Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

AAI/1401/7/G(Ib).

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1. It would be much appreciated if you could provide at the earliest possible opportunity the two officers of Security Intelligence Branch A.C.C., whom you agreed to attach to 371 (Civil) P.O.W. Camp, PADULA, to assist the Commandant in the review of internee cases.
2. We are grateful for the officer whom you have recently assigned to that duty on a temporary basis, and he is undoubtedly proving of considerable value. We feel, however, that the allotment of two officers to this work is urgently required and fully justified in view of its volume, difficulty, and importance.
3. Would you please do all you can to help us in this matter?

George S. Smith
for
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP - ITALY
APO 550, U. S. Army

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27 March 1944

Subject: 371 Prisoner of War Camp, Padula.

To : Allied Control Commission Headquarters,
(Security Branch),
Salerno, Italy.

1. Reference your letter SR/311.5/500.2 of 11 March 1944 to the Postal Sub-Commission, a copy of which has been forwarded to us by the Censorship Liaison Officer, Allied Armies in Italy, you state in para 4. that mail from this camp will be censored by Forward Censor Control, AFHQ, Advance Administrative Echelon.

2. As the Forward Censor Control has now been combined with the Civil Censorship Group for Italy, such mail will be censored at the station of the Allied Censor Control Officer, Naples.

3. Please advise the Postal Sub-Commission accordingly.

GORDON W. McKEAN
Major, Cavalry
Deputy Civil Censorship Officer,
ITALY

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To : DIRECTOR, Telecoms and Posts Sub-Commission
From: Security Branch.

31 March 1944. 4265

1. Forwarded for your information in reference to our SR/311.5/500.2 of 11th and 18th March 1944 and your PS/16.21/1 of 22 March 1944.

JOHN A. McRAY, Capt.,
for A.E. YOUNG, Colonel,
DIRECTOR: SECURITY BRANCH.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH.

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27th. March, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Civil internees at Padula.

To:- Colonel A.C. Young.

1. In accordance with instructions I proceeded on 25th. March, 1944 to 371 P.O.W. Camp, Certosa di Padula, Padula, arriving at 8.30pm.

2. In all there are 818 persons detained in the Camp, and it is estimated that about 500 are genuine cases for internment who will have to be reviewed fully later on. The capacity of the Camp at the moment is 1,100, but when a suitable wing is in operation for the women it should hold 1,500 men plus 150 women.

3. On the morning of 26th. March, 1944 after discussions with Lt. Col. MORSE (who represented Lt. Col. Gibson) and Major J.E. MARSHALL, the Camp Commandant, 62 persons who had been detained prior to 1st. March, 1944, and some of them as long as four months, and about whom there were no papers, were interrogated. Out of this number one was sent to Aversa for further questioning by C.I.C.; one was retained for the duration because of his Fascist activities; one was retained for further decision here at a later date, and the release of the remainder (79) was advised.

4. In the afternoon the cases of 64 internees who had been sent to this Camp from North Africa, and most of whom were taken prisoner on Pantelleria, were reviewed, and release was advocated in each case. No papers were available except from the prisoners themselves.

5. The cases of 33 more were also reviewed in the evening, and they were also put aside for release.

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2. In all there are 618 persons detained in the camp, and it is estimated that about 500 are genuine cases for internment who will have to be reviewed fully later on. The capacity of the Camp at the moment is 1,100, but when a suitable wing is in operation for the women it should hold 1,500 men plus 150 women.

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6. It is proposed to send these 176 persons, as well as those subsequently released, to Salerno, where they can be dealt with as Refugees or Displaced Persons by A.C.C. It will be necessary to find civilian clothing for about 10%, who are now wearing discarded battle dress. No doubt the Red X can provide these garments, and the battle dresses can be brought back to this Camp at a later date for re-issue.

7. A further shipment of 128 was expected to arrive from North Africa into Naples yesterday. These will be brought direct to this Camp, screened, and in obviously non-dangerous instances, dealt with as above.

8. Lt. Col. Morse and his two Sergeants, Hawkins and Saunders, expect to leave here tomorrow (28th) when the most urgent cases will have been disposed of, and I will then take steps to review the 500 regular internees, submitting further reports as necessary.

Copy to Lt. Col. Daines.

J.P. Harvey
S. P. HARVEY,
Security Branch.

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SUBJECT: 1 - 371 PW Camp

Security Branch
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26 Mar 44

Security Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission,
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Reference your SB/311.5/500.2 dated 24 Mar 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of 50,000 envelopes for use by civilian internees at 371 PW Camp.

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for Brigadier, *Captain*
DAG.

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24 March 1944.

Received from Security Branch at 1500 hours 4 Boxes
containing 50,000 POW envelopes for delivery to A.A.I.I.
Hq. in Caserta. Letter accompanying Boxes.

Received from (140) (7) (6) (15) 5 Mar

Signed E. Hodge
Driver

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394.

Ref : SB/311.5/500.2.

24 March 1944.

Subject : Mail-371 PW Camp, Padula.

To : Director, Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your PS/16.2.111 of 22 March 1944.

2. I attach hereto for your information a copy of the type of envelope which has been supplied by us to 371 PW Camp. Should you require further copies for informative distribution I shall be pleased to forward them.

3. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

*Cross Reference to
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other Request*

JOHN A. McKAY, Capt.

for
A.E. YOUNG, Col., 4261
Director: Security Branch.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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PS/16.2.111

22th March 1944

SUBJECT:- Mail - 371 POW Camp, Padula

TO:- Director of Security, A.C.C. Hqrs.

1.- Steps have been taken to provide for the delivery of civilian correspondence in accordance with your letters of March 11th and 18th under reference number SB/311.5/500.2

A. J. Head
Director
Telecomms. and Posts Sub-Commission

Copy to:-
Camp Commandant, 371 POW Camp (through ACMF)

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Subject: Civilian Internees
in SICILY.

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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Commandant,
371 P.W. Camp.

HEADQUARTERS
5 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

AMP/1404/7/G(Ib).

3 Mar 44.

As

Reference AMP/1404/7/G(Ib) dated 26 Feb 44.

1. This headquarters has been advised by No. 1 District that civilians interned in SICILY, to be transferred to 371 PW Camp, will move to M.P. 148 in charge of 369 PW Camp on or about 7 Mar 44.
2. Any further details will be forwarded as and when received.

Wm. J. Lact
Brigadier, GS
E.M.S. (I).

Copy to: 3 District
Security Intelligence ACC.
Public Safety, ACC.

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Headquarters
Allied Control Commission.
Security Branch.

24th. February, 1944.

REF. 311.5/550.

SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.

TO: Brigadier M. Lush, Executive Commissioner.

1. 371 P.O.W. Camp has been established at PADULA, Province of Salerno, to receive all Civilian Internees in Italy, since it has now been decided that the housing and administration of such persons is an Army and not A.C.C./A.M.G. responsibility.

2. At a discussion which took place between Brigadier Lush, Lt. Col. Gibson, G.S.O.1 (Ib), A.C.M.F and myself, it has been decided to assist A.C.M.F. H.Q. with their task of review of all internees at Padula.

3. On the 21st. February, 1944, I went to P.O.W. Camp 371 with Lt. Col. Gibson and discussed with him and the Commandant of the Camp, Major Marshall, how the review could be effected.

4. It was agreed that I should attached two Officers to this Camp for the purpose of reviewing the circumstances relating to each internee and to recommend to the Commandant either continued internment or release.

5. In some cases, the responsibility for release will be taken by the Camp Commandant, in others, he will refer for decision or confirmation to H.Q. A.C.M.F. In all cases with which A.C.C. or A.M.G. have been concerned, my Officers will advise or consult me with regard to the action to be taken.

6. At present there are between 200 and 300 internees at this Camp, but it is expected that the total figure will eventually exceed 2,000. Since the influx will continue at least as long as the duration of military operations in Italy, it is anticipated that the responsibilities of such a review will be of indefinite duration. 4208

7. Owing to small numbers of Officers on my staff, I am unable to provide personnel from my own resources. I recommend, therefore, that the following Officers, both of whom are now in Region 1, be transferred to this Branch, so that I may

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7. Owing to small numbers of Officers on my staff, I am unable to provide personnel from my own resources. I recommend, therefore, that the following Officers, both of whom are now in Region 1, be transferred to this Branch, so that I may assign them to this responsibility. Both are experienced London Police Officers and, in my view, have the qualifications required:

- (a) Lieut. W. BULLOCK, Supply Officer, Palermo Province;
- (b) Lieut. F. GRACH, C.A.P.O., Palermo Province.

8. As soon as these Officers are available, I propose to send them to Padula with a member of my staff who has considerable experience of this work in Sicily and who will initiate them to their task.

9. I request, therefore, that the two Officers mentioned be transferred to this Branch as soon as possible.

A.E. YOUNG,
Director of Security.

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Col. Kirk, Chief Public Safety. For information.

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Subject:- Internment of Civilians:
Civil P.W.

Headquarters
 Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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ACMF/14.01/7/G(Ib).

1 District.
I.B.S.

Rec. 1. III 44
 26 Feb 44.

Reference AFHQ message to this H.Q., copy to you, No. FHMGS 54970 dated 22 Feb 44, and this H.Q. reply, No. I(b) 453 dated 26 Feb 44.

1. As civilians interned in SICILY are now to be dispatched to and confined in 371(Civil)P.W. Camp at PADULA, this H.Q. instruction of even reference dated 2 Feb 44, describing the procedure regarding internees in relation to this Camp, together with this H.Q. instruction of 1 Sep 43, to which that of 2 Feb 44 refers, are forwarded for your information.
2. It is requested that all internees sent to this Camp should be accompanied by appropriate records.
3. The Security Intelligence Branch of the A.C.C. has agreed to supply two officers to be attached to the Camp and to assist the Commandant in the review of cases.

W. J. Gibson. Lt. Col.
 Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:-
 G-2 AFHQ
 3 District
 Security Intelligence ACC
 371 P.W. Camp.
 Public Safety, ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMBAT COMMISSION.
SECURITY BRANCH.

Ref. SF/311.5/500.2.

Subject. Mail - 371 POW Camp, Padula.
is. Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

18th. March, 1944. 3

1. With further reference to letter of 11th. March, 1944 concerning civilian internment mail, it is considered by the Censorship department of the Post Office that the address for incoming mail - "371 P.O.W. Camp, Salerno" is not acceptable for security reasons.

2. In consultation with Maj. W.H. Green, Region 3, (Post Office), it was thought that merely to refer to "371 P.O.W. Camp" may result in many letters leaving this country, and prolonged delay.

3. It is suggested that the incoming mail be addressed:-

"371 P.O.W. Camp, Italy."

and the P.O.W. Post Offices be informed of the exact location of the Camp.

4. Will you please, therefore, ensure these P.O.W. Post Offices be acquainted with the information in this report.

Handwritten signature

A.S. YOUNG, Colonel.
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY.

Copy to:-
H.Q. A.C.M.F.
"A" Branch for Information.
Camp Commandant, 371 P.O.W. Camp (thru' ACUM)
Lt. Geoch, A.C.G. Security.
Lt. Bullock, A.C.G. Security.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

18th March, 1944.

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To : Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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A.E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Director of Security.

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H.Q. A.C.M.F.
"A" Branch for Information.
Camp Commandant, 371 P.O.W. Camp (thro' ACMF)
Lt. Geech, A.C.C. Security.
Lt. Bullock, A.C.C. Security.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

11 March, 1944.

Ref :- SS/311.4/CO.2.

Subject :- Mail - 371 POW Camp, Padula.

To :- Postal Sub-Commission. *(B. P. 100.2)*

1. In confirmation of conversation on Subject, I wish to draw the following to your notice.

2. 371 POW Camp has been established at Padula (Y. 4194) Salerno Province, as an internment camp for civil P.O.'s.

3. It has been agreed with A.C.M.F. that P.O.'s in this camp should be permitted to write to their relatives, post free, in special envelopes provided at the Camp and marked as follows:

"Civilian Internee Mail - Post Free"
(English and Italian)

They should be permitted to write the number of letters normally permitted for military P.O.'s.

4. Censorship will be carried out by Forward Censor Control, A.F.S.O. Adv. Adm. Ech.

5. Letters will be accepted for delivery in that part of occupied Italy (including Sicily and Sardinia) where civil postal facilities exist.

6. In the case of relatives whose homes are in the forward area, the next-of-kin will be notified through official channels that the prisoner has been interned in 371 Camp and it is felt that any subsequent exchange of mail should be dependent on the availability of

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7. Incoming mail, as agreed, should be accepted post free provided it is addressed "371 P.O.'s. Camp, Salerno" and will be scrutinized by the Camp Commandant.

8. P.O.'s will not be allowed to write to persons in enemy occupied Italy or anywhere overseas except Sicily or Sardinia.

A.E. YOUNG, Colonel.
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

Copy to:
H.Q. A.C.M.F.
Branch - for information.
Camp Commandant, 371 P.O.'s. Camp (thru' A.C.M.F.)
Lt. Geach - A.C.C. Security.
Lt. Bullock - A.C.C. Security.

Subject: - 371 (Civil) P.W. Camp
Private Mail.

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Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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A.C.M.F. Adv. Ech.

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29 Feb 44

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Reference our letter of even number dated 23 Feb 44.

1. Reference Para 6(c) and 7(a) of above letter.
It has now been ascertained that mail from normal Italian Military P.W. is NOT delivered to addressees in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where no civil postal facilities are available.

It is therefore considered unnecessary that the special mail facilities (through A.C.C. channels) proposed in the above noted paras should be afforded to Civil P.W., whose homes are in the forward areas.

It is suggested that, in such cases, the next of kin should be notified, through official channels, that the prisoner has been interned in 371 Camp, and it is felt that any subsequent exchange of mail should be dependent on the availability of postal facilities to civilians in general.

2. Reference paras 6 (a) and 7(b).
Please insert "Ami SERRINIA" after the word "SERRINIA".

W.D. Gibson. H. 64

Brigadier,
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Copy to: - 3 District.
Security Intelligence, A.C.C.
371 P.W. Camp.
Coms. Liaison Officer, A.C.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394.

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29th. Feb. 1944.

REF : 311.5/^{500.2}~~311.5~~

SUBJECT : (Civil) P.O.W. Camp. Private Mail.

TO : Lt. Col. GIBSON O.S.O.I., I(b).,
A.C.C.F.

(1). Reference your (ACMF/1401/7/GI (b)) 23 Feb. 44 on this subject, the following comments are offered :

- Para. 6 (a). The words "or Sardinia" should be added.
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(2). In addition, free postal services should be extended to internees. A supply of envelopes bearing the words "Civilian Internee Mail Postage Free" in both English and Italian will be supplied by A.C.C. to the Camp Commandant for distribution.

(3). Incoming mail will be accepted post free provided it is addressed 371 P.O.W. Camp Salerno. This incoming mail will be scrutinized by the Camp Commandant in accordance with the usual P.O.W. practice. 4252

(4). All necessary arrangements with the Postal Authorities will be made at this office.

A. H. YOUNG,
Colonel,
Director : Security Branch.

Copy to:
Commandant 371 P.O.W. Camp Padula Salerno Province.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394.

29th. Feb. 1944.

REF : 311.5/561.
SUBJECT : (CIVIL) P.O.W. Camp. Private Mail.
TO : Lt. Col. GIBSON G.S.O.F., I(C),
A.C.M.F.

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(4). All necessary arrangements with the Postal Authorities will be made at this office.

A. E. YOUNG,
Colonel.
Director : Security Branch.

Copy to:
Commandant 371 P.O.W. Camp Padula Salerno Province.

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500.2HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.C.C. 394.

29th. Feb. 1944.

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 SUBJECT : (Civil) P.O.W. Camp. Private Mail.
 TO : Lt. Col. GIBSON G.S.O.I., I(b),
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A. R. YOUNG,
 Colonel.
 Director : Security Branch.

Copy to:
 Commandant 371 P.O.W. Camp Padula Salerno Province.

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SUBJECT : 37I (Civil) POW Camp: Private Mail.

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force.
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ACMF/I40I/7/GI(b)

23 Feb 44.

A Branch,
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

1. The question has been raised as to what facilities as regards private mail should be granted to the Civil POW (internees) confined in 37I Camp.
2. It is thought that these Civil POW should, in general, be accorded similar treatment to that accorded to normal military POW, but it is understood that we are NOT bound by the provisions of any international law or agreement to grant them the full privileges to which military POW are entitled.
3. In the matter of private mail facilities, it is considered that it would be undesirable and anomalous if these Civil POW were treated exactly as military POW. Such treatment would enable them to communicate with any person anywhere, including friends and relations in enemy occupied ITALY.
4. It would be illogical if those civilians, who have been arrested and interned in Allied occupied ITALY as a potential danger to our security, were to be granted considerably greater communication facilities than are afforded to their former neighbours who have not been so arrested. At the same time it must be borne in mind that these internees have been forcibly removed from their homes, and it seems right that they should be allowed to maintain some contact with their families.
5. At the present time postal facilities are only available to civilians South of the Northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza and Salerno, including the enclave of Naples City. Thus a civilian in POTENZA may be write to PALERMO or BARI, but NOT to CAMPOBASSO, CASERTA or MILAN.
6. It is therefore suggested that the following policy should be adopted with regard to mail facilities for civil POW:
 - (a) They should NOT be allowed to write to persons in enemy occupied ITALY or anywhere overseas other than SICILY.
 - (b) They should be allowed to write the number of letters normally permitted for military POW to addressees in that part of Allied- occupied ITALY where postal facilities are available to ordinary civilians.

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(c) Those whose homes or families are located in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where no postal facilities are available to ordinary civilians, should be allowed to write one letter a month to their home or family. These letters should be regarded as official civil mail and passed through ACC channels.

(d) All such mail should be dispatched by the Commandant of 37I Camp to Forward Censor Control, AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

7. It is considered that the families of these civil POW should be allowed to write to the latter, as follows:

(a) One letter per month through ACC channels, if they live in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where no civil postal facilities are available.

(b) The normal number of letters allowed in the case of military POW if they live in that part of Allied occupied ITALY or SICILY where civil postal facilities are available.

8. Would you please consider the above proposals, and if you agree, issue the necessary instructions accordingly.

9. Would ACC please signify their agreement to the proposed use of ACC channels for the monthly letters described in paras 6 (c) and 7 (a) above.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).
A.C.M.F.

Copy To : No. 3 District
A.C.C. (Security Intelligence)
37I P.O.W. Camp
Censor Liaison Officer, A.C.M.F.

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MEMO: 274 (CIVIL) FOR Genl: Private Mail, Headquarters Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

BRUNSWICKVILLE - U.S.A. 0038 LSP/114

ACIS/1404/7/01(b)

23 Feb 44

A Branch, ADV Gen Sch.

1. The question has been raised as to what facilities as regards private mail should be granted to the Civil POW (internees) confined in 574 Camp.

2. It is thought that these Civil POW should, in general, be accorded similar treatment to that accorded to normal military POW, but it is understood that we are NOT bound by the provisions of any international law or agreement to grant them the full privileges to which military POW are entitled.

3. In the matter of private mail facilities, it is considered that it would be undesirable and anomalous if these Civil POW were treated exactly as military POW. Such treatment would enable them to communicate with any person anywhere, including friends and relations in enemy occupied areas.

4. It would be illogical if these civilians, who have been arrested and interned in Allied occupied areas as a potential danger to our security, were to be granted considerably greater communication facilities than are afforded to their former neighbours who have not been so arrested. At the same time it must be borne in mind that these internees have been forcibly removed from their homes, and it seems right that they should be allowed to maintain some contact with their families.

5. At the present time postal facilities are only available to civilians south of the Northern boundaries of the Province of BARI, FOR and GROSSETO; including the enclave of MANTOVA City. Thus a civilian in FOR can write to MILANO or BARI, but NOT to GROSSETO, CARRARA or LIVORNO.

6. It is therefore suggested that the following policy should be adopted with regard to mail facilities for civil POW:

(a) They should NOT be allowed to write to persons in enemy occupied areas or anywhere overseas other than SWITZERLAND.

(b) They should be allowed to write the number of letters normally permitted for military POW to addresses in that part of Allied-occupied areas where postal facilities are available to ordinary civilians.

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5. At the present time postal facilities are only available to civilians south of the Northern boundaries of the provinces of BARI, FOGGIA and BRINDISI, including the enclave of GARDANO CITY. Thus a civilian in FOGGIA may write to FAMILIAR OF BARI, but NOT to CARCHESIO, BARIANO or MANDRANO.
6. It is therefore suggested that the following policy should be adopted with regard to mail facilities for civilian ITALY:
- (a) They should NOT be allowed to write to persons in enemy occupied ITALY or anywhere overseas other than BRITAIN.
- (b) They should be allowed to write the number of letters normally permitted for military POW to addresses in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where postal facilities are available to ordinary civilians.
- (c) Those whose homes or families are located in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where no postal facilities are available to ordinary civilians, should be allowed to write one letter a month to their home or family. These letters should be regarded as official civil mail and passed through AEC channels.
- (d) All such mail should be dispatched by the Commandant of 574 Camp to Forward Censorship Control, A.M. CIV ADM SGT.
7. It is considered that the families of these civilian POW should be allowed to write to the latter, as follows:
- (a) One letter per month through AEC channels, if they live in that part of Allied occupied ITALY where no civil postal facilities are available.
- (b) The normal number of letters, in the case of military POW if they live in that part of Allied occupied ITALY or BRITAIN where civil postal facilities are available.

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8. Would you please consider the above proposals and, if you agree, issue the necessary instructions accordingly.

9. Would AOC please signify their agreement to the proposed use of AOC channels for the monthly letters described in paras 6 (c) and 7 (a) above.

W. D. Gibson A. Col

Brigadier,
B.G.S. (I),
A.C.S.F.

Copy to:- No. 3 District
A.C.C. (Security Intelligence)
371 P.O. Camp
Sensor Liaison Officer, A.C.S.F.

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SUBJECT: Civil POW

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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AFHQ/ACM/P/10(10)

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TO: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

25 February 1944

Ref para 2(f) this HQ instruction of even number dated 2 Feb 44, addressed to Areas and Districts, copy to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

It is requested that arrangements be made for all Civil POW in N. AFRICA, who are known to have been evacuated from ITALY since 3 Sep 43, to be dispatched to 371 POW Camp (PAOLA, ITALY), when practicable.

It is NOT desired to include any civilians arrested and interned in SICILY who may have been evacuated to N. AFRICA.

W.D. Gibson - W-62
Lieut General,
Chief of General Staff,
A.C.M.F.

Copy to:
G-2, AFHQ.
371 POW Camp.
Security Int, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:-- Internment of Civilians:
Civil P.O.W.

Headquarters
Allied Central Mediterranean Force

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ACMF/1401/7/GI(b)

2 Feb 44.

TO: Fifth Army
Eighth Army
No. 2 District
No. 3 District

Reference this HQ instruction 15AG/1401/7/GI(b) dated 1 Sept 43.

see file no. 550

1. INTRODUCTION

(a) 371 POW Camp has now been established at PADULA (F 4194) in POTENZA Province as an internment camp for civil POW. It will be ready on 7 Feb 44, and it can accommodate females as well as males.

(b) The following instructions set out the procedure which will be adopted with regard to (i) the disposal of civilians already arrested in ITALY and interned since the beginning of the Italian campaign (3 Sep) and (ii) future cases of internment of civilians in ITALY.

(c) It is emphasised that the following instructions refer only to internment cases, and NOT to civilians arrested and charged with a security offence, nor to those detained pending further investigation and approved their application throughout ITALY.

(d) AFHQ and AFM Ech have agreed these instructions and approved their application throughout ITALY.

2. DISPOSAL OF CIVILIANS ALREADY INTERIED

(a) All civil internees located in POW Camps in ITALY and any who may, wrongly, be confined in civil prisons, will be evacuated to 371 Camp forthwith. 12.5

(b) This HQ will supply the Commandant of 371 Camp with a list of all those persons whose internment has been officially authorised by Armise since the beginning of the Italian campaign. 2 District will supply forthwith a similar list in respect of internments authorised by that HQ. P.D.S. is requested to do likewise.

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(c) The Commandant of 371 Camp will then list the names of those persons in the Camp who do NOT feature in the lists described in para 1 (b) above and about whom he holds no record. He will submit this list to this HQ, 2 District, P.B.S. and A.C.C. These several HQ's should then notify the Commandant 371 Camp whether or not they know anything of the cases and whether or not they see any objection to the release of the persons concerned. The Commandant will then arrange for the immediate release of those to whom no objection is raised.

(d) Those persons whose recommended period of internment has already expired will be released at once, i.e. as soon as they reach 371 Camp. Others recommended for a definite period of internment will be released at the expiration of that period, provided that the Commandant sees no objection to their release, and provided that he is not notified in the meantime of any such objection by the HQ which authorized the internment or by A.C.C. or by this HQ.

(e) Persons whose names feature in the lists described in para 2 (b) above, who do not arrive within reasonable time at 371 Camp, will probably have been evacuated to N.FRIC. A list of these will be sent by the Commandant (through the usual channels) to AFHQ, with the request that

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they be returned to ITALY as soon as possible for confinement in 371 Camp or release, priority as regards their return being given to those who were recommended for a short or limited period of internment.

(f) In addition, AFHQ will be requested by this HQ to arrange for the despatch to 371 Camp of any other civilians who may be confined in POW Camps in N.AFRICA and who are known to have been evacuated from ITALY, but who do NOT feature in the Commandant's list described in 2(c) above. On the arrival of any such persons at 371 Camp, the Commandant will deal with them in the same way as with those described in 2(c) above.

3. FUTURE CASES OF INTERNMENT.

(a) General.

The following instructions on the procedure to be followed in future with regard to the internment of civilians should be read in conjunction with this HQ instruction dated 1 Sep 43, quoted above; the latter remains valid except where modified by the following.

(b) Disposal.

Civilians arrested with a view to internment will continue to be placed in the nearest POW Camp. Hence they will be evacuated through POW channels to 371 Camp.

(c) Records.

(i) Arrest Slips.

As laid down in para 3 of this HQ instruction quoted above, a record of arrest ("Arrest Slip"), signed by the officer i/c the FS Section or CIC Detachment making the arrest, will be handed over to the authority i/c the POW Camp in which the prisoner is originally placed. This slip must accompany the prisoner to 371 Camp; it will be carried by the escort, and handed over to the Commandant of the Camp.

(ii) Authorisation.

Although any FS/CIC officer can arrest a civilian with a view to internment, the Army or District HQ concerned will be responsible for authorising internment. When the HQ concerned receives its "Arrest Slip" or report of the case, it will consider whether internment is justified or whether the arrestee should be released. In the latter event it will arrange for his immediate release. In the former event, it will indicate its authorisation in the manner shown in (iii) below.

(iii) Consolidated records

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(iii) Consolidated records.

Army and District HQ's will forward half-monthly to this HQ and to the Commandant of 371 Camp a consolidated record of persons arrested whose internment is authorized, giving particulars as hitherto.

(iv) Reason for internment.

The reason for arrest and internment will be stated on both the "arrest slip" accompanying the prisoner and on the half-monthly consolidated record. In both instances, this reason will be stated more fully than has been the custom hitherto, in order that both this HQ and the Commandant of the Camp may be properly informed concerning the case.

(v) Arrests initiated by JCC.

When JCC officers wish to have a person arrested and interned on political grounds, they will, whenever possible, arrange for the actual arrest to be carried out by FFP/CIC. On the rare occasions when this may be found impracticable, they will hand over the prisoner to the FFP/CIC as soon after the arrest as possible. The disposal and records procedure described above will then be followed in such cases. This principle is laid down for the sake of uniformity and simplicity.

(d) Release and Review

The practice of RS/CIC officers and Army or District Hqs internment persons for a definite period, e.g. 6 months, or more pending their return for such a period, will be discontinued, as this practice, though not contrary to the letter of international law, resembles too closely an arbitrary form of imprisonment without trial.

Instead, RS/CIC officers will recommend, and the HQ concerned will authorize the internment of the person in question, and they will recommend either that such internment should be for the duration of the war, or that the case should be reviewed after such and such a period (e.g. six months).

(b) At the end of this period the Commandant of 371 Camp will review the case, with the assistance of his interpreter/intelligence officer. If he considers that there is no objection to the release of the prisoner, and if the HQ which authorized the internment or this HQ or ACC have not in the meantime notified the Commandant that they consider that the prisoner should continue in internment beyond this period (owing to fresh evidence coming to light or to the general security situation or for any other reason), the Commandant will arrange for the release of the prisoner.

(c) At the end of this period the Commandant, with the assistance of his interpreter/intelligence officer, should review all cases from time to time (as frequently as practicable). If he considers that there is good reason to recommend or other practice why an interned person should be released before the time recommended by the HQ concerned for the case to be reviewed, he will refer the case to this HQ for consideration and decision. If the internment was instigated by ACC the latter will be consulted by this HQ.

4. ADMINISTRATION

371 Camp will be responsible for all administration and documentation of civil POW.

5. PERMANENT CASES

It is requested that I.P.S. adopt the same procedure, in order that their reference is made always to District Hq, in connection with the authorization for internment or release, I.P.S. should be regarded as the equivalent of a District for this purpose.

6. SECRET AND SECURITY

The above contingents and procedures with regard to 371 Camp will not, anyway at present, be applicable to SECRET or SECURITY.

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led by the HQ concerned, the Commandant, with the assistance of an intelligence officer, should review all cases from time to time (as frequently as practicable). If he considers that there is good reason on compassionate or other grounds why an interned should be released before the time recommended by the HQ concerned for the case to be reviewed, he will refer the case to this HQ for consideration and decision. If the internment was instigated by ACO the latter will be consulted by this HQ.

4. ADMINISTRATION

371 Camp will be responsible for all administration and documentation of civil POW.

5. PENINSULAR BASE SECURITY

It is requested that F.B.S. adopt the same procedure, in order that this may be uniform throughout the Italian mainland, and it is suggested that, where reference is made above to District HQ in connection with the authorization for internment or release, F.B.S. should be regarded as the equivalent of a District for this purpose.

6. SICILY AND SARDINIA

The above arrangements and procedure with regard to 371 Camp will NOT, anyway at present, be applicable to SICILY or SARDINIA.

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