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MONTHLY REPORT "A" INTERNEE CAMPS

Nov. 1944 - Apr. 1945

SUBJECT: Reviewing of Civilian Internees.

MONTHLY REPORT.

APRIL 1945.

"A" Civilian Internee Camp, C.M.P. 2856
A/1400/AC.
20 APR 45.

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Director, Public Safety

A report from our reviewing office at
Padula.

Paragraph 4 has been taken up with
Ministry of Interior, who have confirmed the
policy.

Paragraph 5 was a sore point between
this HQ. and Region 4, personally and on
correspondence, and has now been cleaned up.

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SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.Monthly Report:- December 44.No. 1 Internee Camp, C.M.F.
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1. There are now detained in this Camp, 2,006 Civilian Internees, of these 137 are females. The number of releases up to date (including persons transferred as ordinary P.W.s) now total 1,868.
2. Intakes still remain at a reduced figure, due to the opening of No. 2 Internee Camp, who are taking all Internees arrested by Armies in the forward area.
3. During the past month only one intake of any size has arrived, that was sixty seven internees forwarded from Bari, 207 P.W. Camp, and St Andrews where they had been held for some weeks apparently in error. These cases have been investigated, and 27 of the Internees who were interned prior to the 16 Oct 44, have re-directed to No. 2 Internee in accordance with the directions of AFHQ.
4. Public Safety of the Lazio Umbria Region are still laggardly in the collection of the four OVRA personnel, authority for the transfer to the Italian authorities was given on the 21 Oct 44, by AFHQ. vide B-389.450/2-E, but so far we are still holding them, a reminder has been sent to the Region concerned.
5. No releases of important personalities have taken place though several releases of Public Sicurezza personnel arrested on the authority of A.M.G. Rome have now been released. Which confirms the opinion formed that these arrests were hurried and not properly investigated. It is hoped that this will not be repeated on future occasions, it reflects badly on A.M.G.
6. Only one outstanding visitor to the Camp, this month Capt. E.M. Roberts, G.S.O.3. of 3 District H.Q. has paid a visit, and a number of problems have been discussed, particularly with reference to the lack of information forwarded from Districts respecting persons interned. 2 District particularly were previously very lacking in this respect.

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A report from our reviewing officer at
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Paragraph 5 was a sore point between
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SECRET.SUBJECT: Review of Civilian Internees.Monthly Report:- December 44.No. 1 Internee Camp, C.M.F.
20 Dec 44.To Major G. Richardson, Regional Public Safety Officer,
Southern Region, Allied Commission.Copy to Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division, Allied
Commission H.Q.

1. There are now detained in this Camp, 2,005 Civilian Internees, of these 137 are females. The number of releases up to date (including persons transferred as ordinary P.W.s) now total 1,868.
2. Intakes still remain at a reduced figure, due to the opening of No. 2 Internee Camp, who are taking all Internees arrested by Armies in the forward area.
3. During the past month only one intake of any size has arrived, that was sixty seven internees forwarded from Bari, 207 P.W. Camp, and St Andrews were they had been held for some weeks apparently in error. These cases have been investigated, and 27 of the Internees who were interned prior to the 15 Oct 44, have re-directed to No. 2 Internee in accordance with the directions of AFHQ.
4. Public Safety of the Lazio Umbria Region are still laggardly in the collection of the four OVRA personnel, authority for the transfer to the Italian authorities was given on the 21 Oct 44, by AFHQ. vide B-389.450/2-E, but so far we are still holding them, a reminder has been sent to the Region concerned.
5. No releases of important personalities have taken place though several releases of Public Sicurezza personnel arrested on the authority of A.M.G. Rome have now been released. Which confirms the opinion formed that these arrests were hurried and not properly investigated. It is hoped that this will not be repeated on future occasions, it reflects badly on A.M.G.
6. Only one outstanding visitor to the Camp, this month Capt. E.M. Roberts, G.S.O. 3. of 3 District H.Q. has paid a visit, and a number of problems have been discussed, particularly with reference to the lack of information forwarded from Districts respecting persons interned. 2 District particularly were previously very lacking in this respect.

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MONTHLY REPORT.

To Major Richardson. Regional Public Safety Officer. Southern Region.

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