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GENERAL SURVEY.

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Nothing to report.

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(c) Security of Material and Installations.

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(d)(ii) Security of Coastline.

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2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) JUNE - Analysis of Arrests.

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(iii) Cases handed over to AMG/AC for trial.

Apart from the 14 routine Category 'A' arrests enumerated in the analysis, no new cases have been handed over.

(c) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest.

Incidents that have occurred are mentioned according to locality, as follows:

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On 21 May 45 at 2000 hrs there was a demonstration following the refusal of the CC.RR to hand over an imprisoned fascist collaborator. The number of people involved was about 200 and the communists are reported to have been responsible. An attempt was made to burn the CC.RR Stazione but shots fired in the air prevented further violence. 25 arrests were made and the Prefetto removed the Sindaco from office.

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(d) Control of Movement.

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(iii) Particulars of the disturbance at RIMINI on 26 Jun 45 have already been reported in this HQ letter reference 701/20/GSI dated 2 July 45. Investigations are being continued by '..' No.1 DISTRICT and no further trouble has been reported.

(b) Civil Population.

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No rumours of interest have been reported.

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No reason was given for the evacuation, but it is significant that this strip is directly opposite Pola, at the southernmost tip of the Istrian peninsula, occupation of which by Jugoslav forces is a subject of dispute between the Allies and Marshal Tito.
Reuter".

Date: Monday May 21st. Offender: 'Daily Telegraph'.

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(d) Other Matters of General Security Interest.

PARTISANS.

(i) General.

The partisan situation is now much quieter, and large scale disorders have given place to various small incidents. As the culprits are difficult to trace, it is not possible to blame partisans for all clashes of political difference. In the province of FERRARA two murders have been reported and one case of threat and theft. In the province of ROVIGO and ANCONA the CC.RR have shown unusual courage in dealing with illegal arrests and some seven persons responsible have themselves been arrested. Efforts to trace hidden arms have not been fruitful as the people are unwilling to give information for fear of reprisals. An enquiry has been made, throughout the District, into the activities of Partisan 'Comrades' Associations such as ANPI but, although such associations are radical and left-wing in composition, their object appears to be genuinely philanthropic. No organised cases of illegal action have come to light and the correct procedure of political denunciation is being followed. In fact, when a member of ANCONA CLN and ANPI took the law into his own hands, his comrades expressed disapproval, and allowed the CC.RR to arrest him without hindrance.

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	FERRARA	750	728
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Both Patriot Officers state that the percentage of Patriots who have been issued with clothing in lieu of their British battledress is approximately nil.

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(iii) 28 Partisan Brigade.

Reference is made to paragraph 5 of 'PARTISANS' in last month's summary.

Due chiefly to pressure by GSI(CL), 28 Brigade have now disgorged all but 11 of the 523 weapons with which they were originally issued. It has not been possible to issue the Brigade with any clothing in exchange for British battledress.

Colonel BULOW's (OC) political activities are being watched by FS.

(iv) 'MILELLA' Patriot Battalion.

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GENERAL SURVEY

The official end of the war in ~~ITALY~~, coupled with the advance of Eighth Army into ~~VENETIA~~, with No. 1 ~~DISTRICT~~ H rear boundary following, has occasioned a marked increase in security work during the month of May and has necessitated some re-orientation of ~~PS~~ effort.

Directives have been issued with the purpose of aiding ~~PS~~ in tackling the problems which have now arisen, and to give some guidance on what problems might reasonably be expected to emerge from the somewhat chaotic civil conditions now prevailing, particularly in recently liberated territories. ~~PS~~ have been instructed to allow Italian authorities, as far as is possible, to deal with matters Italian, and to cut down time spent on interrogations. This should leave them more time for reporting on the various possible and probable causes of civil disturbances such as may affect our L of C, and for supplying information of value to ~~PS~~ in carrying out the disarmament of the civil population. (See also "Partisans" in "Other Matters of General Security Interest").

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Before the Surrendered Forces etc., started to arrive in No.1 DISTRICT, a certain amount of prophecy and planning was necessary from the Intelligence aspect. As among the forces due to arrive the majority were expected to be recalcitrants, including some 10,000 SS, it was decided that the first task would be to get nominal rolls and to check them against the various wanted lists held. A meeting was held at this office, at which the IO of 21 Tank Bde was among those present, and arrangements were made as follows:

(a) Nominal Rolls to be procured.

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(b) Wanted lists to be taken down to RICCIONE by IO No.1 DISTRICT daily until duplicates were made available (these have now been produced).

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(d)(i) Security of Ports.

PORT OF ANCONA.

The most important event has been the arrival of German naval units with the consequent interest shown by the local inhabitants. Increasing numbers of civilians employed in the dock area are being satifactorily controll-ed by routine security measures.

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During the period under review 59 merchant vessels and 22 schooners were visited and checked before sailing.

PORT OF SENIGALLIA.

Nothing to Report.

(ii) Security of Coastline.

Nothing to report.

2. CIVIL SECURITY.

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Further to this HQ Security Report for April:

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LAPIN-PEREGRINI — The Case has been passed by SIB to Legal Staff Officer 61 Area for examination with a view to trial.

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ZINO Lazzaro) Handed to Italian
and) Authorities for appropriate
MANCI Giuseppe) action.

(ii) Suspects.

Nothing to Report.

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Apart from the 162 routine Category 'A' arrests enumerated in the analysis, no new cases have been handed over.

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One YUGOSLAV suspect, PAVERLIN Milon, has been apprehended and the CC.RR are searching for his accomplices.

CONTROL OF MOVEMENT

(i) Nothing to report.

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PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Italian Armed Forces

Nothing to report.

(b) Civil Population

From the less recently liberated areas of ITALY, where enthusiasms and passions have grown cold, the average Italian, with the war over, is mainly occupied with problems of personal re-orientation. While deprecating the inefficiency of the present Italian administration, there is a certain mild yet steady resentment at the continued existence of the few Allied restrictions (the most important, that on travel, has now been lifted). Although the majority display no animosity towards the Allies (always excepting Communist reaction to the presence of Polish Troops), the Italian makes no attempt to conceal the fact that he will be delighted to see the last of our police controls, our Troops, and the restitution of requisitioned buildings. Nevertheless, many feel that the departure of the Allies from ITALY will throw many thousands into unemployment. The part played by the Partisans in the recent liberation of Northern ITALY has been somewhat magnified in the eyes of the less active South, where, however, in spite of a certain rise in self-assurance and a few grumbles in the AREZZO area that AMG have never assisted the Partisans to acquire sufficient glamour in the eyes of the civilians, no signs of sympathetic disorders are yet apparent.

(c) Rumours

As a result of the partial evacuation of the Coastal zone from RIMINI to CERVIA necessitated by the arrival of PW, rumours were rife in the area that the tension/by TITO's occupation of VENEZIA - GIULIA and AUSTRIA was likely to develop into open warfare between the Allies and YUGO-SLAVIA. In the PERUGIA area a civilian asked whether it was true that Field Marshal ALEXANDER had ordered the evacuation of the whole coastal strip from ANCONA to TRIESTE in anticipation of a sea-borne invasion by TITO's forces.

(d) Other Matters of General Security Interest

Further to remarks made in the General Survey of this report, the special security measures adopted in connexion with the PW concentration area were as follows :-

(i) As the minimum amount of evacuation of civilians was to take place from the area selected, it was decided to establish a reliable informant system. Through L.O. LAI, O.C. BOLOGNA Centre was induced to pay a visit to this office, and was quickly convinced of the menace to ITALY that might result from Italian-Fascist sympathisers among local civilians assisting the Germans to escape. A CS officer and 4 NCOs have been installed in the area to report on reactions among the civilian population.

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In connexion with sub-para (i) above, a report has now been received from the CS Detachment. It contains little of interest. No signs have been observed of Fascist elements or activities in the area; the majority of the civil population are declared to be Communists. Should it become evident within the course of this month that there is no justification for a special CS Detachment in the area they will be released for work elsewhere.

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PARTISANS

1. As was to be expected, there was a marked difference in the spirit of the Partisans in the areas recently liberated, since the start of Eighth Army's drive through the ARGENTA Gap, from that of the Partisans in the territory which has seen a comparatively static type of warfare for many months. The majority of Partisans formerly had been [illegible] unorganised and in many cases had been bogus, attempting to claim a share of glory after the fighting was over. But in the North they had fought and suffered much, particularly at the hands of the Brigate Nera, and they could not be expected to be passive and easily led.

2. When this HQ arrived in FORLI at the beginning of May, the PASOs AMG in the provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA, and FERRARA were unanimous in declaring that Partisans, ex-Partisans, and criminal elements who attempted to pass themselves as Patriots, were committing murders, political and otherwise, looting, and generally contributing on a large scale to public disorder, with its consequent lack of confidence in AMG.

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(a) Murders were being committed (average about three a day throughout the month) mostly for political reasons. These political murders were committed occasionally by individual self constituted instruments of justice (in many of these cases there was usually a personal grudge settled as well), but more often by a group of armed men who would force their way into an inadequately guarded civil gaol and either beat to death or shoot the various Fascists or Brigata Nera persons who had been incarcerated. Such incidents were beginning to worry AMG, who requested Allied Military reinforcements to guard civil gaols, or at least a show of armed force by the Allies.

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(e) There was no direct threat to Allied security implied in either the acts or attitude of the Partisans - Criminals - Communists. There was, however, an indirect threat to the prestige of the Allies in their inability to maintain law and order, and in the fact that AMG had no means of impressing their will on an undisciplined public, owing to the weakness of the CC.RR.

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4. A certain show of force (i.e. periodic patrols of CMP and infantry) in various parts of the infested provinces) was arranged through AFHQ HQ.

In addition it was decided that it would be necessary for PS to keep Area Commanders informed as thoroughly as possible of what likelihood there was of civil disturbances, what they might be caused by, in what strength, what police forces were available to cope with them, and which particular authority might be best able to influence the public. A Questionnaire to cover the above points has now been issued to PS, and the answer will form a regular appendix to Routine Security Reports (this HQ 700/CSI dated 16 May 45 refers).

5. The problem was further complicated in No. 1 DISTRICT in that two of the Partisan Bdes (28 and 36) who had fought under the operational command of Eighth Army had still to be disarmed, and though comparatively well disciplined, were undoubtedly involved in some of the political murders taking place.

Representations were made to Eighth Army, who immediately arranged for stand down and disarmament parades to be held. 36 Bde produced a 100% return of arms; 28 were originally far from satisfactory, having failed to return a high percentage of all weapons, particularly automatic. Civil Liaison Eighth Army took up the matter directly with the Brigade Commander, BULOW, and after two more levies of arms and under constant prodding by Civil Liaison and by No. 1 DISTRICT, the position may be considered fairly satisfactory, the only important deficiencies still being 41 Sten guns. The harvest is still in progress.

Consequently AFHQ are now morally certain that any civilian bearing arms, other than a pistol kept ostensibly as a souvenir, is a fit subject for arrest. So much at least has been achieved.

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(b) Absorption into communal life of ex-Partisans: unemployment leaves them only theft, etc, as a means of maintaining their newly won independence.

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PART IV

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(b) The next alteration occurred when Eighth Army Rear HQ moved forward and a large slice of territory north of the AO became part of No 1 District.

(c) 310 FS Section have now been ordered to move to under command Eighth Army.

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In consequence of the above changes the trace attached to above quoted letter is now outdated. This office is in the process of moving to its final resting place, but as soon as work permits a new trace, etc. will be issued.

The latest information of FS Locations, etc. in No 1 District is as follows :-

12 FS Section (Lt DOWNS)	HQ	JESI
	Dets	ASCOLI PICENO
		MACERATA
311 FS Section (Capt DOUGLAS)	HQ	PADOVA
	Det	FERRARA
314 FS Section (Capt ROBINSON)	HQ	ANCONA
	Det	ANCONA Port
417 FS Section (Capt HARNDEN)	HQ	FORLI
	Dets	RIMINI
		RAVENNA
		CESENA
418 FS Section (Lt. NOLAN)	HQ	AREZZO
	Dets	PERUGIA
		SIENA
		TERNI
5 NZEF FS Section	HQ	SENIGALLIA.

(Working with 314 FS Section, but NOT under command No 1 District)

As it will eventually be necessary (when this HQ has assumed its full territorial responsibility in ITALY), for 12 FS Section to take over from 314 FS Section the Port of ANCONA in addition to its present responsibility (the provinces of ASCOLI and MACERATA will probably be freed of FS), four members of 12 FS Section are at present attached to 314 FS Section to learn the work and prepare to take over. 314 FS, in its turn, has supplied extra personnel to 311 FS Section, who have a large and comparatively uncombed Area (PADOVA - VICENZA - FERRARA - ROVIGO) to look after.

It has been found that this system of temporary attachments has been welcomed by the Sections, as providing a change for those who have grown tired of a long stay in one town.

for Lt-Col,
GSO 1,
No 1 District.

C.M.F.
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It has been found that this system of temporary attachments has been welcomed by the Sections, as providing a change for those who have grown tired of a long stay in one town.

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PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information.

Interest has been mainly directed to the various moves of units, particularly during the latter half of the month. However, although a number of minor indiscretions occurred, no serious breaches of security have come to light.

A number of marked maps showing Air Defence Zones were confiscated from an Italian woman at FANO. Investigations revealed that this woman was employed by the USAAF and had collected the maps from a billet vacated by American personnel. No suspicion is attached to the incident and the case was referred at section level to CIC Section G.

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Various cases of damage, in some cases malicious, have been reported involving the inevitable theft of cable wire and pilferage of small articles of WD property. A number of arrests have been made. One serious and more persistent case is that of 9 A.R.V.P. at JESI where losses are considerable. DDOS has been informed, controls have been stiffened. Local investigations have led to three arrests for trial by AMG. On 19 Apr 45, during the early hours of the morning, sabotage occurred at SENIGALLIA where a culvert, supporting double track railway, and the petrol pipe line were damaged. At the same time the petrol pipe line was damaged by explosives at MARZOCCA (S 4353) and further unexploded charges were later discovered in the vicinity. The case is still in the course of investigation but judging from the weight of explosives and the discovery of a hole recently dug it appears that material previously buried in the vicinity was used. The damage was quickly repaired and the railway was in operation for single line traffic by midday and for double line traffic the same evening. The breach in the petrol pipe line was also mended by midday. (see this HQ letters 716/GSI dated 22 Apr 45 and 703/4/178/GSI dated 1 May 45 to G-2 (CI Sec), AFHQ only).

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PORT OF SENIGALLIA.

Nothing to report.

PORT OF PESARO

Nothing to report.

(d) (ii) Security of Coastline

Coastline security in the area from P.RECANATI to S. BENEDETTO del TRONTO has been overhauled in view of dis-regard of the fishing regulations. Patrols of GG.FF have been re-organised and masters of 21 vessels have been reported to AMG. A recent increase in the area permitted for fishing is considered to be a great benefit to the population who are short of supplies.

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TENARO Nina fu Vincenzo (see part 2 (b) of this HQ Security Report No 16 for March). Further investigations by FS show this woman to be of immoral and unbalanced character but not of any CI interest. She is being sent to a civilian institution for treatment.

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BALOCCHI Pio, arrested 22 Apr 45. Ex-political Secretary of RIMINI. Collaboration with the Germans.

(ii) Suspects

Nothing of interest or importance to report.

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(ii) At SAN SECONDO (4.5625) the following arms were found hidden in a house :-

2 automatic pistols
1 light machine-gun
2 shot guns
6 handgrenades
25 boxes of gunpowder

The owner of the house, DUCHI Giuseppe, is head of the local Communists and the case is being handled by CIC. A further case of communist action is reported from CHIUSI, where local workers are committing acts of agression against former fascists.

(d) Control of Movement

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(b) Civil Population

In general the satisfactory progress of the war has reduced the usual complaints and political differences. There is, however, a certain apprehension about the future with the fear of violent reprisals and authorities too weak to establish control. In FOLIGNO a strike was declared by road workers on 3 Apr 45. After some dispute between the strikers and the new gang, which had been organised to continue the work, the differences which concerned increase of pay were settled without any civil disturbance. The much heralded May day celebrations passed uneventfully and communist processions took place in an orderly manner.

(c) Rumours

Nothing to report.

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418 FS Section (Lieut NOLAN)	HQ	AREZZO
	Dets	CHIUSI SAN SEPOLCRO

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The capture of spies and saboteurs - page 3
Commencement of Fascist cell at Perugia - page 5
Mobile Road Block near Arezzo - page 6
(I was held up in it).
Haircutting at Terni - a reprisal against - Page 6
the employees and soldiers at the Camp.
Protests against Roatta's escape - page 7 and 5
Overcrowding of gaols and separate PS gaols -
Page 7 and 1.

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PART II.

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Under an Italian war-time law such an act becomo a crime and under AMG law a general charge is made of performing an act to the detriment of the Allied cause. In both cases the offender can be punished. But as one of the aims of security is the prevention of the transmission of uncensored mail by civilians, it is suggested that due publicity (the Press is suggested) be given to the fact that this specified act is forbidden. At the moment the vast majority of Italians appear to be ignorant that this is so.

As foreshadowed in the General Survey of this report, there has been one gross breach of security regulations this month. PERUGIA Civil Censorship Record No.770 (also to AFHQ) passed to GSI a censorship intercept which showed that a British officer had:

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Nothing to report.

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During the period/.....

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During the period 1 - 20 Mar 45 (further report not yet received), 62 merchant vessels and 11 schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

PORT OF SENIGALLIA.

The crews of 30 small fishing craft have been vetted.

PORT OF PESARO.

Nothing to report.

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(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Arrested.

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(iii) Cases Handed to MMG/AC for Trial.

ANGELINI Marcello. Enemy agents captured by 12 FS Section
C.POTOSTI Lorenzo. on 8 Jan and 11 Jan 45 respectively have been sent to AMG for trail consequant to AFHQ letter GBI.389.701/FP/795-D dated 3 Mar 45 to this HQ. As it is not possible to bring a satisfactory charge of espionage or sabotage against these agents they will be prosecuted under the law for sanctions against fascism. It is not yet known when the trial is due to take place. It is hoped, however, that the findings of the AMG court can be reported in our next Security Summary.

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(d) Control of Movement

On 10 Mar 45 a number of snap checks were made of PERUGIA hotels and

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boarding houses. An inspection of the register at the PENSIONE VOLTA (PERUGIA, via BONCAMBI No.10) showed that a guest had recently arrived and left without and "scheda personale" having been submitted. The matter was referred to the PPSO who has caused the establishment to be closed down while the proprietor is to be tried in an AMG court for non-compliance with AMG orders.

Arrest figures are high for the month, but the last week has seen a general reduction in the number of persons charged with control of movement offences. This applies also to figures returned by the CHIUSI railway check.

A mobile road block manned by CMP and Italian military personnel with transport provided by FS was operated at various points on Route 69 between AREZZO and MONTEVARCHI during the period 15 - 22 Mar 45. The intention was to detect civilians travelling on WD vehicles, as this was thought to be a loop-hole in the controls already in operation.

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With the success of the Allies in the West the Italian population has again begun to take a sudden interest in national affairs, thinking that the collapse of GERMANY will mean the departure of the Allies from ITALY. Some are afraid that this may lead to a repetition of the trouble in GREECE. Nearly all political parties accuse each other of illegal possession of arms, though it is extraordinarily difficult to extract any definite information or proof.

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This was, naturally, considered not a good thing by GSI, and when representations to HLLA had failed to achieve the desired effect, 'Q' No.1 DISTRICT were requested to organise new prisons in the towns in question for the holding of 70 - 100 deserters in each pending problematical collection by their units or eventual trial by Military Tribunal. The requisitioning is now in hand, in conjunction with HQ 209 Italian Div, who will staff and administer these gaols.

PART IV.

Locations of FS Sections and Detachments.

Locations of FS Sections and Detachments are given as Appendix 'A' to this Report.

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LOCATIONS OF FS SECTIONS & DETACHMENTS
IN NO. 1 DISTRICT

		Location	Telephone No.
12 FS SECTION (Capt. SYMS)	HQ	16 Via XV Settembre JESI.	JESI 237
"	A Det.	MACERATA S.5513	-
"	B Det.	ASCOLI PICENO R.6572	-
310 FS SECTION (Lieut. DATTNER)	HQ	4, Via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6189 & 13296 (thro' 71 S/Area.)
"	A Det.	Via Bernardo da Quintavalle, ASSISI.	thro' PS ASSISI 2 - 15
"	B Det.	Albergo Umbria, PASSIGNANO.	-
"	C Det.	5, Via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO.	FOLIGNO 97.
"	D Det.	4, Via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6193 (thro' 71 S/Area).
"	E Det.	48, Via Vento Settembre, GUBBIO.	'Phone through 9 Armd Bde.
314 FS SECTION (Capt. ROBINSON)	HQ	3, Piazza Cavour, ANCONA.	Auto 2366(between 0830 & 1800hrs) Auto 2114(between 1800 & 0830hrs)
"	Det.	ANCONA PORT.	Auto 2422(between 0830 & 1800hrs)
417 FS SECTION Capt. HARDEN)	HQ	AREZZO R.2933 Billet	Arezzo 2612(55 Area) Arezzo 2012(55 Area)
"	Det.	MONTE S.SAVINO R.1519	-
"	Det.	SAN SEPOLCRO R.4945	-
418 FS SECTION (Lieut. NOLAN)	HQ	CASTIGLION FIORENTINO R.3119	Castiglion 11 (all hours)
"	Det.	CHIUSI W.3383	-
"	Det.	SAN QUIRICO W.0557	-
"	Det.	TERNI A.8941	-
"	Det.	ORVIETO [illegible]	

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"	Det.	ORVIETO ...4658	-
5 NZEF FS SECTION (Attached to 314 FS Section but NOT under command No.1.District.)		SENIGALLIA.	Ask for ANCONA, then ask for SENIGALLIA giving name of FS Section.
291 FS SECTION. (Lieut.FRELLIN)	(Under command EIGHTH ARMY)	PASSIGLINO	Thro' 9 Armd Bde

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PART I.

GENERAL SURVEY.

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A case of sabotage of a Diesel locomotive at ORVIETO by means of HE or incendiary used with a delay device has been very carefully investigated but unfortunately without further results. Instructions have been issued to all FS to advise extra security precautions at all railway installations.

An interesting indication of the general security situation may be gathered from a recent interrogation of an enemy agent captured in this area. This man states that one of his missions was to gather information about the port of ANCONA; he was to report the number of cranes, the speed with which they could do a single operation, and approximate tonnage of shipping arriving in ANCONA, and the time required to turn round a ship. As all this information could be gathered by fairly simple methods, it may be deduced that the enemy either has no resident agents in ANCONA or if he has agents there, considers their reports unreliable. Another agent was instructed to get information on relations between the Allied forces and the civil population, so that the enemy probably considers this a line worth exploiting.

PART II.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

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The above incidents have been reported to GSI(b), Main HQ Eighth Army, who have requested reports on all similar incidents in connection with the Canadian move.

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Security of information is being guarded as indicated in the various attachments to a/q letter. INTOURT, REED, CRD and PRO are co-operating wholeheartedly in the security arrangements.

In the training area security has been considerably tightened by the imposition of 100% civil censorship. The Italian civilians who are employed by Civil Censorship in the province, will not be employed on this particular task, as AFHQ have now sent an all-Allied Military section to take over.

No indications have so far been found of anything other than uninformed speculation on the part of civilians.

(b) Security of Personnel.

A typewritten foolscap sheet was found recently in the YMCA ANCONA. It was a protest, coming from Cypriots, against the treatment of Greeks by the British Government. It is not thought that the incident has any political significance: it is rather another event in a long series of misdemeanours and acts of indiscipline committed by personnel of the Cypriot GT Coy stationed in this area. It has not so far been possible to trace the originator of the document.

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3" Mortar: Parties taken from these include primary charges, web belts from carriers, tail covers and secondary charges. This is occurring on a large scale.

SAA: Large quantities of web belt are being pilfered from MG ammunition, rendering the rounds useless for MGs.

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A report from 154 Railway Operating Coy RE, in respect of the theft of Westinghouse brake connections from WD railway trucks, is under investigation. The RE officer interviewed explained that the rubber connecting pipes are easily cut, and the rubber eminently suitable for shoe repairs and similar purposes. Here, as in the case of telephone wires, it would seem unlikely that sabotage was intended, but rather the acquisition of material.

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Nevertheless, especially in view of the steep gradients which local trains must negotiate, the danger of such a practice is very real. PS have advised a reinforcement of the military train guard, with special details for the supervision of carriage couplings and connections whenever trains are halted.

On 7 Feb 45 Lines Officer, 61 Area Sigs, reported that an important telephone cable to Naval Dockyard and Semaphore Station and other operational units had been cut at about 1505 hrs. About 4 yds of 50 pair IPC lead-covered cable had been removed from a window in a building occupied by 260 Italian Pioneer Coy. PS arrested Italian Pte CIRI, Rosario, who admitted his guilt. In view of the seriousness of the offence, the culprit was not handed over to his CO for disciplinary action (as was done in previous cases) but was put under close arrest in CC.RR barracks. As theft was obviously the motive the case was passed to SIB; however as this soldier must have known that he was doing serious damage to Allied communications, his act amounts to wilful damage, if not sabotage, and 68 SIB will press to have the case tried by Superior Court and an exemplary punishment awarded.

11 separate instances of telephone wire cutting have been reported, besides the one reported above. Only one arrest was made and in that case the culprit was caught redhanded. Theft appears to have been the motive in all cases.

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PORT OF ANCONA.

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Security of access from land to the Docks has been tightened still further by the fact that Docks Provost have now taken over entirely the guard duties which had previously been a responsibility shared by a guard battalion of infantry.

During the period 14 Jan - 28 Feb 45, 109 merchant vessels and 23 schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

PORT OF SENIGALLIA.

5 NZEF PS Section, who are responsible for the port security in SENIGALLIA (reporting to 314 PS Section), report that embarkations have taken place, from their area, of Allied personnel with missions in ENEMY. It was considered advisable that they should be informed when such departures were to take place, and they have been put in touch with the agencies concerned.

PORT OF PESARO. Nothing to report.

Security of Coastline.

The two armed patrol craft which are being organised by SO(Sy) and which are to be supervised by PS are expected to arrive at ANCONA 5 Mar 45. The schooner which has been used by 314 PS Section for the past four months as a coastal patrol craft will continue to make occasional trips down the coast disguised as a fishing vessel in order to scout on behalf of the armed patrols.

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Proclamation No.20 is being issued by AMG in conjunction with SNOIA and permits fishing as follows:

(i) Up to 3 miles from shore as far north as PORTO NUOVO (MR.6941);
(ii) NO fishing whatsoever between ANCONA and RIMINI;
(iii) Up to 800 yds from shore from RIMINI to CATTOLICA.

This order is being circulated to GG.FP patrols under command 314 FS Section.

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2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) FLBRUARY - Analysis of Arrests.

	For trial for a Security Offence (Category 'A')	For Internment (Category 'B')	For Detention pending investigation (Category 'C')	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Civil Officials (incl CC.RR)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Miscellaneous Civilians	267	7	17	291
TOTAL	267	7	17	291

(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Arrested.

ANCALLNI Dino fu Gregorio. Arrested in ANCONA on 12 Feb 45 while employed by CO.RR, FS being informed that he had been in close contact with the enemy agent LUCCI-CHLARISSI vide 15 Army Group CI Bulletin No.2 serial 7. Subsequent interrogations of this man have produced numerous contradictions; investigations are proceeding.

TONELLI Giovanni di Luigi. Arrested by FS in PERUGIA on 24 Feb 45 for travel offence claims that he was a convicted murderer who had been released by the Germans before they withdrew. There is reason to believe that TONELLI is a homicidal maniac; the case is being pursued.

VICEVICH Antonio Francesco. Was originally arrested on 20 Oct 44 and handed to SIM/CS for interrogation. His case has now been re-opened by FS since his first claim to be a Jugoslav has been disproved and he now presents himself as an Italian and moreover a true and patriotic Fascist. His repeated assertions that he wished to come South (crossing the German and Allied lines to do so) in order "to embark for somewhere abroad", gave rise to suspicion; he originally left FIUME and went to TRIESTE from where he could easily have embarked "for abroad". He came to ANCONA instead via BOLOGNA and FLORENCE and obtained employment with Allied Military at 55 AOD. Amongst his possessions was a book on wireless telegraphy. FS have been instructed to carry out a detailed interrogation.

MICHAILOVIC Raico. Although not properly within the scope of this Security Intelligence Summary he is included as of some interest. MICHAILOVIC, a Yugoslav born in BELGRADE. He was interned by the Italian authorities at BRESCIA from where he escaped after the Armistice in Sep 43. He went to SOCI (R.2463) where he joined the Partisans and remained there until 21 Feb 45; his next move was to ANGHIARI (R.2341) where he hoped to join the Polish Bde stationed there. He had been told that there are many Yugoslavs serving with the Polish Forces in ITALY and he had no desire to return to YUGOSLAVIA as he is anti-TITO. The Poles at ANGHIARI treated him with reserve, regarded him as a Communist agitator and handed him to FS. His only identity document was one

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TONELLI Giovanni di Luigi. Arrested by FS in PERUGIA on 24 Feb 45 for travel offence claims that he was a convicted murderer who had been released by the Germans before they withdrew. There is reason to believe that TONELLI is a homicidal maniac; the case is being pursued.

VICEVICH Antonio Francesco. Was originally arrested on 20 Oct 44 and handed to SIM/CS for interrogation. His case has now been re-opened by FS since his first claim to be a Jugoslav has been disproved and he now presents himself as an Italian and moreover a true and patriotic Fascist. His repeated assertions that he wished to come South (crossing the German and Allied lines to do so) in order "to embark for somewhere abroad", gave rise to suspicion; he originally left FIUME and went to TRIESTE from where he could easily have embarked "for abroad". He came to ANCONA instead via BOLOGNA and FLORENCE and obtained employment with Allied Military at 35 AOD. Amongst his possessions was a book on wireless telegraphy. FS have been instructed to carry out a detailed interrogation.

MICHAILOVIC Radico. Although not properly within the scope of this Security Intelligence Summary he is included as of some interest. MICHAILOVIC, a Jugoslav born in BELGRADE. He was interned by the Italian authorities at BRESCIA from where he escaped after the Armistice in Sep 43. He went to SOCI (R.2463) where he joined the Partisans and remained there until 21 Feb 45; his next move was to ANGHIARI (R.2341) where he hoped to join the Polish Bde stationed there. He had been told that there are many Yugoslavs serving with the Polish Forces in ITALY and he had no desire to return to YUGOSLAVIA as he is anti-TITO. The Poles at ANGHIARI treated him with reserve, regarded him as a Communist agitator and handed him to FS. His only identity document was one issued by the PIO BORRI (Partisan) Bde; this has been forwarded to SILO together with a copy of the report. Meanwhile he is reporting daily to FS at AREZZO.

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RICCI Cesare. Arrested at ANCONA on 27 Feb 45 bears not only the same name as the individual described in 15 Army Group CI Bulletin 18 but has the misfortune to answer in most details to the description. He was discovered while making application for a Civil pass to work with WD in ANCONA. He is being fully interrogated by FS .

TENERO Nina fu Vincenzo. Was arrested on 24 Feb 45 while asking CMP for a lift in a truck to FABRIANO. She had come South dressed in the uniform of NKVD claiming to be a Yugoslav. Under interrogation by FS she broke down to the extent of admitting that she was an Italian subject and that the Yugoslav papers had been acquired from the civil police at BARI on the strength of a false statement made by a Yugoslav Partisan Captain. TENERO is detained and investigations are proceeding.

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(d) Control of Movement.

Routine work at road blocks, check posts, at hotels, lodging houses, continues to function smoothly and contributes in a large measure to the general security of the District.

The work however is somewhat hampered by the inability of the Italian authorities to obey instructions and to realise the importance of movement control. Communes have been in the habit in some places of issuing travel permits to individuals without previous reference to AMG. This has been the subject of a request by this HQ to AMG to give further publicity to existing regulations.

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(iv) A British unit dance which was being held at MONTE SAN SAVINO (R.1619) on 5 Feb was rudely interrupted by some 15 Italian soldiers, bearing leather covered truncheons, which they used.

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They were however ejected within a few moments, and although some shots were fired no one was injured. After prolonged investigation it appears that the affair was merely a piece of very bad behaviour and had no political inspiration or significance. Strong disciplinary action has been taken by the Italian unit concerned against the culprits.

(b) Civil Population.

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The Questura at ANCONA which has been encouraged by PS to use a certain amount of initiative, has recently been very active and is at present detaining about 300 persons who are to be charged with collaboration with the enemy. The Questore has been personally congratulated by the PSO on this good work, and this energetic action on the part of the Questura is helping to win back the prestige and self-confidence which the local police authorities had lost.

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Locations of FS Sections and Detachments.

		Location.	Telephone No.
12 FS SECTION (Capt.SYME).	HQ	Via XX Settembre, JESI.	JESI 237
"	A Det	MACERATA (S.5513)	-
"	B Det	ASCOLI PICENO (B.6572).	-
310 FS SECTION (Lieut.DATTNER)	HQ	4, via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6189 & 13296 (thro' 71 S/Area).
"	A Det	Viale Chiavelatti, TERNI.	Ext.13.(thro' CMP TERNI).
"	B Det	GUBBIO. (R.8519)	-
"	C Det	5, via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO.	FOLIGNO 97.
"	D Det	4, via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6193 (thro' 71 S/Area).
"	E Det	Albergo Umbria, PASSIGNANO.	-
314 FS SECTION (Capt.ROBINSON)	HQ	3, Piazza Cavour, ANCONA.	Auto 2366(between 0830 & 1800 hrs) Auto 2114(between 1800 & 0830 hrs)
"	Det	ANCONA Port.	Auto 2422(between 0830 & 1800 hrs).
417 FSECTION (Capt.H.RNDEN).	HQ	AREZZO (R.2933).	Arezzo 2612(55 Area).
	Det	MONTE S.SAVINO (R.1519)	-
	Det	SAN SEPOLCRO (R.4945)	-
418 FS SECTION (Lieut.NOLAN).	HQ	CASTIGLION FIORENTINO (R.3119)	CASTIGLION 11
	Det	CHIUSI (W.3383)	-
	Det	SAN QUIRICO (W.0557)	-
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PART 1.

GENERAL SURVEY.

No outstanding political activity has been reported during the period, and the situation is considered to be calm without any indications of civil disorder. On the domestic front, the civilian population grumbles, but is still docile.

One man whose name appears on the CI List has been traced and arrested in PERUGIA. This case, reported in paragraph 2(b)(9) of this report, stresses the importance of routine security measures - particularly vetting civilians and checking the carriage of civilians on WD transport. The man was in possession of a work permit for employment with Allied Forces. Enquiries revealed that he had not been vetted by FS although his work entailed his entering an RE installation, because he was engaged merely as a common labourer.

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At the moment a certain BUCCIONI Ansiste is being detained for further investigation on a charge of being in possession of WD copper wire. It is not known yet whether the wire in his possession is identical with that which was removed on 5 Jan 45 at a point 5 km south of NARNI.

10 cases of theft or cutting of wire were reported to FS in January. None of these gave definite evidence of sabotage, although two, including the one noted in the foregoing para, are still under investigation. Arrests were made in three of the cases.

No thefts of warlike stores to report.

(d) Security of Ports and Coastline.

PORT OF ANCONA.

Security of Port remains satisfactory.

During the period 1 - 13 Jan 45 (further report not yet to hand) 32 merchant vessels and 4 schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

PORT OF FANO.

Nothing to report.

In last month's report attention was drawn to the fact that 3 plain-clothes GG.FF had been installed in the Port of ANCONA, under FS command. It is considered that almost everything possible has now been done by FS, with the resources available, to ensure Security of access from land, and in order to increase internal security it has now been arranged with CS that further specially-trained GG.FF should report to 314 FS Section for special duties.

Of those who have arrived, 2 are operating at FANO, 2 at SENIGALLIA, and 2 at PORTO RECANATI.

2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) JANUARY - Analysis of Arrests.

	For trial for a Security Offence (Category 'A')	For Internment (Category 'B')	For Detention pending investigation (Category 'C')	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces	NIL	NIL	5	5
Civil Officials (incl CC.RR)	NIL	NIL	1	1
Miscellaneous Civilians	308	14	15	337

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No thefts of warlike stores to report.

(d) Security of Ports and Coastline.

PORT OF ANCONA.

Security of Port remains satisfactory.

During the period 1 - 13 Jan 45 (further report not yet to hand) 32 merchant vessels and 4 schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

PORT OF FANO.

Nothing to report.

In last month's report attention was drawn to the fact that 3 plain-clothes GG.FF had been installed in the Port of ANCONA, under FS command. It is considered that almost everything possible has now been done by FS, with the resources available, to ensure Security of access from land, and in order to increase internal security it has now been arranged with CS that further specially-trained GG.FF should report to 314 FS Section for special duties.

Of those who have arrived, 2 are operating at FANO, 2 at SENIGALLIA, and 2 at PORTO RECANATI.

2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) JANUARY - Analysis of Arrests.

	For trial for a Security Offence (Category 'A')	For Internment (Category 'B')	For Detention pending investigation (Category 'C')	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces	NIL	NIL	5	5
Civil Officials (incl CC.RR)	NIL	NIL	1	1
Miscellaneous Civilians	308	14	15	337
TOTAL	308	14	21	343

(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Arrested.

(1) CATENA Nazareno and family.

Detained on 28 Dec 44, by 314 FS Section. They are implicated in the Parachute Landing Case at OSIMO. This HQ signal G.27 dated 28 Dec 44 refers.

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No specific charge can yet be made against them, but it is considered that they know more of the parachute landings than they will say. Interrogation and investigations are proceeding.

(2) FRANCIA Adriano di Marino.

Arrested at TERNI by 310 FS Section on 6 Jan 45 for unauthorised travel on a train. He had in his possession a primed Italian hand grenade, and claimed to have deserted from the NEMBO Division on 17 Dec 44.

His particulars apart from Christian name appear to fit the subject of 15 Army Group CI Bulletin No.23 aprial 3. His documents therefore have been passed to MMLA for necessary investigations into his alleged service with NEMBO.

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Checked at 418 FS Section Road Block on Route 2 at SAN QUIRICO (W.0588) while travelling from SIENA to ROME on 1 Jan 45. He is a clerk at the Argentine Embassy to the Holy See and is domiciled in ROME. A note book and passport and various documents were taken from CIOCE. The note book contained one name of possible counter intelligence interest - BAGNOLI Piero of BERLIN-(this HQ 703/4/67/GSI dated 1 Feb 45 to G-2 (CI)Sec, AFHQ, refers). He appears to have been indulging in some Black Market proceedings during his journey. CIOCE, now ill in hospital is awaiting trial by AMG, and further investigations are being carried out in ROME.

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(8) TRANSLL. Vico

15 Army Group CI Bulletin No.44 serial 9 refers. Subject's Identity card, photograph, and address book have been recovered by 310 FS Section from Questura records at TERNI where he was arrested on 20 Apr 44 by the civil authorities for desertion, fraud and other offences. His note book contains at least one name which figures in the CI list. Addresses mentioned in the note book referring to places in No.1 District area are being investigated, and the documents have been forwarded to G-2 (CI) Sec, AFHQ. (This HQ 705/4/96/GSI dated 31 Jan 45 refers).

(9) Captured Enemy Agents.

Four enemy agents have been arrested in No.1 District territory during January 1945. Of the four, two saboteur parachutists caught in ASCOLI PICENO, are of more than usual interest. The information elicited during their interrogation has led to the arrest of another known enemy agent. The two men were part of a large party of trained sabotage experts a large proportion of whom have now been arrested.

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(c) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest.

It is considered that there are a number of weapons, mainly small arms and hand-grenades, which are being stored up in this area. No precise figures are obtainable, and in fact it is probable that very few persons are aware of the existence of such stocks, but it is believed that at least some are those which were dropped to Partisans before the Allied advance and not handed in after the territory was liberated. In ANCONA and neighbourhood FS has arranged with the Provincial Commissioner AMG that he will encourage and help a selected number of real patriots, in the hope of gaining their confidence so that their help can be enlisted in tracing the arms.

(d) Control of Movement.

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(i) The remaining platoon of Italian military loaned by Eighth Army for service on the Rear Army Security Control Line has now been withdrawn, but its place has been adequately filled by personnel of 521 Italian Guards Bn who had previously been engaged on road controls near PERUGIA. The men are working well.

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(ii) Amerigo PISPOLI, now a Lieutenant in the Italian Army on sick leave in AREZZO, and a well-known figure in the PNF (he was Federale of Siracusa at the time of the invasion of SICILY in Jul 43) has been reported to MMIA as an officer who has avoided the "Epurazione". FS state that his uniform alone has saved him from physical assault at the hands of the towns-people, and his status as an officer in the Italian Army is considered somewhat illogically by the young men as a reason for avoiding the call-up.

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Polish troops stationed in area SAN SEPOLCRO (Prov. Arezzo) have caused a good deal of discontent among the civilian population, and their conduct has even led to some incidents.

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In one disturbance two civilians were injured. The causes seem to have been the high-handed attitude of the Poles in regard to requisitioning, and their belief that all partisans are communists. One of the disturbances occurred at a dance organised by the partisans, and AMG at S.N SEPOLCRO was advised by FS to disallow such functions unless the Poles produced a CMP guard at the door.
The Poles are shortly leaving the area.

About 28 persons were recently suspended from the staff of the civil hospital, ANCONA. About 17 of these were known to have connections with the Communist Party. After consultations with AMG it was decided that (a) an explanation was to be published in the local paper stating that a number of persons had been suspended for purely administrative reasons (this article appeared in 'Ricostruzione' of 17/18 Jan 45); (b) a Committe consisting of a judge, a lawyer, and one other representative of left and right wing views, should be elected to investigate the cases of all the persons suspended, and consider the possibility of reinstating some. Further, a Commissario Prefettizio has been appointed to administer the hospital. The general public, at first very indignant about the whole affair, now seems to consider that the matter is being handled in a satisfactory manner, and a rather ugly situation has been avoided.

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PART IV.

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12 FS Section (Capt. SYME)	HQ	16, Via XX Settembre, JESI.	JESI 237
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	'B' Det	ASCOLI PICENO (B.6572)	-
310 FS Section (Capt. DIXIE)	HQ	4, Via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6189 and 13296 (through 71 S/..rea)
	'A' Det	viale Chiavelatti, TERNI	Ext.18(thro' CMD TERNI)
	'B' Det	GUBBIO (R.8519)	-
	'C' Det	5, via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO	Distone 97
	'D' Det	4, via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6193(thro' 71 S/..rea)
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	Det	ANCONA Port	Auto 2422(between 0830 & 1800 hrs)
	Det.	FANO (S.2173)	-
417 FS Section (Capt. HARNDEN)	HQ	AREZZO (R.2933)	Arezzo 2612 (55 Area)
	Det	MONTE S.SAVINO (R.1519)	-
	Det	SAN SEPOLCRO (R.4945)	-
418 FS Section Capt. ALLAN)	HQ	CASTIGLION FIORENTINO (R.3119)	-
	Det	CHIUSI (W.3383)	-
	Det	SAN QUIRICO (W.0557)	-
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	Det	SAN QUIRICO (W.0557)	-
	Det	SIENA (Q.8418)	-
Det 5 NZ FS Section		SENIGALLIA (S.3759)	-

(Attached to 314 FS Section but NOT under command No.1 District).

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PART I.

GENERAL SURVEY.

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There are many indications and reports from all sources that Communism in ITALY is gaining ground every day. Party membership is increasing and in nearly all cases where reliable figures of the membership of registered political parties have been given the Communist party is at the top by a large majority.

Reports also indicate that the partisans who have merged with local Communist parties took with them their arms, which are now hidden ready for the time when Communism will take over the administration from the Italian Government. When such reports have been investigated in the past however, it usually transpires that the quantity of arms, if not the membership, has been exaggerated. The situation is being closely watched, and FS are keeping PPSO's completely informed.

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FS report a growing uneasiness among British troops generally at rumours of the type of relationship prevailing between non-English troops and English women in U.K. This uneasiness cannot be due in the rear areas to German propaganda leaflets the source of the impression is no doubt to be found in the British press, in which magazines and newspapers, in serious or conventionally humourous fashion tend to convey to troops out here the idea that their return to wife and family is not necessarily synonymous with returning to U.K. An example of this type of rumour is attached at appendix 'A' (to 15 Army Group only)

2/...(c) Security of Material

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(c) Security of Material and Installations

(i) At 2015 hrs on 19 Dec a slight collision occurred on the railway at FABRIANO (Province of ANCONA) between a leave train and a banking engine. FS were not informed until the following morning. The technical diagnosis made it clear that either the points had been incorrectly set or that they had been tampered with after having been set. Preliminary investigations revealed sabotage as the more likely explanation, a broken lock on the points indicating that they might have been switched over by force after having been correctly set. Five witnesses however stated that no stranger was in the vicinity prior to the incident. Further investigations were without result. Arrangements have now been made for guards to be stationed at the ppints whenever trains are due.

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Appropriate measures were taken by FS in conjunction with ACC/AMG in the areas concerned to improve existing precautions and increase CC.RR. effectiveness generally.

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Three GG.FF. in plain clothes are now working in the Docks on behalf of 314 FS Section; so far they have had nothing disturbing to report.

During the period 1 - 31 Dec 44. 102 merchant vessels (of which 21 were Italian) and 13 W.D. schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

PORT OF FANO Nothing to report

SECURITY OF COASTLINE Nothing to report.

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3/Important Individual Cases

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(b) Important Individual Cases

(i) Arrested

MANCUSO Gerardo

~~Detained~~ 11 Dec 44 at FOLIGNO for being without any means of identification. Has so far told three different stories under interrogation. His third explanation is that he was and under age volunteer in the NEMBO Div from which he deserted some time in Sep 44.

His photograph, specimen signature, and details of the officers who knew him with the Div were submitted to GSI(b) HQ 15 Army Gropp with a equest for confirmation of these his latest claims (703/4/55/GSI dated 19 Dec 44). If the story is confirmed, it is proposed to hand him over to PRO as an Italian Army Deserter.

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As he had been a private soldier (interpreter) in German Army, and not a chaplain, he was evacuated through P.O.W. channels. (703/4/GSI dated 14 Oct 44 to HQ AAI).

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Communist influence, however, continues to grow, and, as may be seen from our previous reports over the last five months, is widespread throughout the territory covered by this District. A report has been received from ANCONA that various acts of hooliganism on the part of young men labelling themselves Communists. e.g. the cutting of hair of Italian girls accused of having associated with the Germans, the beating up of ex-Fascists, have served only to increase the local prestige of the Communist Party. The party leaders are resentful when AMG arrest the ringleaders in these disturbances. There have been frequent instances in ANCONA of civilians who are nervous about their past political history appealing to the Communist Party for a voluntary interrogation at its HQ, the object being to obtain a certificate of absolution from the party as an insurance policy for the future.

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(d) Control of Movement

(i) FS ANCONA reported an increasing number of cases during December of Italian Service Authorities issuing bogus "duty" passes in order to grant leave in the Army Area.

The matter was reported to 61 Area, SNONO, SNOIC. The Italian Naval Command ANCONA had also offended in this respect (EIGHTH Army have returned such "duty" passes issued by them). RN ANCONA informed NOIC BARI of the foregoing and the latter has stated that the question will be taken up with the Italian C-in-C in view of the frequent occurrence of similar cases elsewhere.

4/. (ii) The Supervision

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(ii) The supervision of Rear Army Control Line continues fairly smoothly, and the adm difficulties of tpt and lack of warm clothing on the part of the Italian military charged with the [illegible] of the Line are gradually being eliminated with the co-operation of [illegible].

Various new check posts have been sited in the area of the Line, as the locations of previous ones have been so long their value with the passage of time and the broadcast of their existence.

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In ANCONA several citizens, including the manager of the local Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, and 2 prefettura employees, were recently attacked in public by young Communists. The political records of the victims were checked and in no case appeared to justify such treatment. The matter has been taken up with local Communist leaders, who appear to approve of these actions and expect the Allies to take their view. It has been pointed out to them that there are recognised channels for the liquidation of old grievances without recourse by them to Fascist methods.

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P A R T IV.

Locations of FS Sections and Detachments.

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	'A' Det.	MACERATA (S.5513)	-

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310 FS Section (Capt.DIXIE)	HQ	4, Via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6189 & 13296 (thro' 71 S/Area.)
	'A' Det.	Viale Chiavelatti, TERNI.	Ext.18(thro'CMP TERNI).
	'B' Det.	GUBBIO. (R.8519)	-
	'C' Det.	5, via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO.	Distone 97.

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	'D' Det.	4, via Guardabassi, PERUGIA.	6193 (thro' 71 S/Area.)
314 FS Section (Capt.ROBINSON)	HQ	3, Piazza Cavour, ANCONA.	Auto 2366 (between 0830 and 1800hrs) Auto 2114(between 1800 & 0830 hrs).
	Det.	ANCONA Port	Auto 2422 (between 0830 & 1800 hrs).
	Det.	FANO (.S. 2173)	-
417 FS Section (Capt.HARNDEN)	HQ	AREZZO (R.2933)	Arezzo 2612 (55 Area)
	Det.	MONTE S.SAVINO (R.1519)	-
	Det.	SAN SEPOLCRO (R.4945)	-
418 FS Section (Capt.ALLAN)	HQ	CASTIGLION FIORENTINO (R.3119)	-
	Det.	CHIUSI (W.3383)	-
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Det. 5 NZ FS Section.
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9 Dec 1944

P A R T I.

GENERAL SURVEY.

There have been no further changes in the District boundaries during November, and this has made it easier to review existing security controls and to improve upon them. In particular, FS energies have been directed towards tightening the control of movement which continues to provide the major security interest, but which, also, brings its attendant problems of personnel and administration. However, three platoons of Italian Military have now been made available to FS from the guard battalions recently arrived in No.1.District, and it is probable that a further allotment will be made from the same source when the equipment situation has improved.

As the maintenance of road controls places a big strain on the slender FS transport resources, authority was sought for the issue to each FS Section of one 15cwt truck, to be held surplus to establishment, for the purpose of administering the Italians employed on control of movement duties. Owing to the supply position, this authority was not forthcoming but eventually it was found possible to allot three 3-ton lorries Class 5 to FS for the purpose as a temporary measure.

Snap checks against unauthorised movement by night were made during the week 12 - 18 Nov, as directed by HQ AAI. They were carried out in conjunction with CMP throughout the District territory. This drive was very fruitful, particularly in the ANCONA area, and periodic night checks will continue to be carried out on similar lines.

Enemy E boats attacked the harbour of San BENEDETTO during the night 19/20 Nov and sank two schooners. The possibility of enemy agents having been landed on the coast in the area during the diversion has been borne in mind, but nothing of this nature has been indicated to date.

There has been an apparent decrease in wire-cutting, except at GUALDO TADINO where, following repeated incidents, special measures have been imposed by ACC at the request of GSI No.1 District.

Three cases of interference with railway lines have been reported, one of which appears definitely attributable to sabotage.

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to improve upon them. In particular, FS energies have been directed towards tightening the control of movement which continues to provide the major security interest, but which, also, brings its attendant problems of personnel and administration. However, three platoons of Italian Military have now been made available to FS from the guard battalions recently arrived in No.1.District, and it is probable that a further allotment will be made from the same source when the equipment situation has improved.

As the maintenance of road controls places a big strain on the slender FS transport resources, authority was sought for the issue to each FS Section of one 15cwt truck, to be held surplus to establishment, for the purpose of administering the Italians employed on control of movement duties. Owing to the supply position, this authority was not forthcoming but eventually it was found possible to allot three 3-ton lorries Class 5 to FS for the purpose as a temporary measure.

Snap checks against unauthorised movement by night were made during the week 12 - 18 Nov, as directed by HQ AAI. They were carried out in conjunction with CRP throughout the District territory. This drive was very fruitful, particularly in the ANCONA area, and periodic night checks will continue to be carried out on similar lines.

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The name of the manufacturers was shown as CROSSE & BLACKWELL, BALTIMORE, USA, and the following numbers stamped on the outer cases might be of assistance in identifying the packer:-

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(ii) Several incidents between British and Polish troops have been reported from area AREZZO. They appear however to have been cases of drunken brawling, and enquiries have not revealed any civilian or other influence behind them.

(c) Security of Material and Installations.

(i) The following cases of interference with military railways have been reported during the period under review:-

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1. The Commune was threatened with collective retribution should further damage occur.

2. CC.RR were reinforced and charged with the specific task of guarding communications.

3. 36 Auxiliaries were recruited to patrol the line at night.

Since these measures were introduced, no further incidents have been reported from the area.

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(iii) On 30.11.44 a cut was found in the leather cover of a balance spring on a gun belonging to 35 AOD Gun Park.

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Investigations showed that civilian workers had been on the verge of mutiny the day before, on account of mud and rain and their lack of adequate footwear. Persons suspected of being the ringleaders of would-be strikers were contacted and one, SILVESTRI Mario, who was supposed to be absent with a leg injury at the time of the investigating officer's visit turned out to have very little wrong with his leg, and he frankly admitted that he was on leave to collect some olives. Civilians working near these guns all carry a sharp sheath knife, and in view of all the above, it seems evident that the slashing of the leather 'concertina cover' was not a case of sabotage but wilful damage on the part of a disgruntled worker. All the civilian workers at this installation have been fined 2 days' pay and it is hoped that if the identity of the person who did the wilful damage is known to them, his co-workers will take appropriate action.

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Security in the Port Area remains satisfactory, and judging from the number of merchant seamen apprehended by Port CMP when attempting to enter the Docks without a valid Shore Leave pass, access from the sea is being adequately guarded. Special night patrols have also been provided by 61 Area, which, together with the recent drive against unauthorised movement by night in the ANCONA district, have had an excellent effect.

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NOTE: The total of Category 'A' arrests above includes 20[illegible] persons arrested during the special week's night drive against unauthorised movement, during the week 12 - 18 Nov.

(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Arrested.

DEL VITA Priscilla of MONTEVARCHI (MR.R/0340).

Arrested by 417 FS Section 19 Nov 44 at request of 427 FS Section who had detained in FLORENCE an enemy agent (DIONISIO) having in his possession a slip of paper bearing DEL VITA's name and address.

She had moved from FLORENCE to MONTEVARCHI in June 44. Reliable sources state that she has strong Fascist and Germanophile sentiments: her father was a squadrista and a volunteer in the Italian Army during the Abyssinian campaign.

Under interrogation DEL VITA stated that she had known DIONISIO since 1942 in FLORENCE, and had not seen him since May 44 when he left FLORENCE for service in SPEZIA. She denied having given her address in MONTEVARCHI to DIONISIO, but on a second interrogation she admitted that she wrote the address on the slip of paper, which was found in his possession. She had previously lied, probably to avoid implication with him: presumably, therefore, she had some idea of the trend of his activities. Full reports have been sent to 427 FS Section, and subject is being held at their disposal.

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VILLORESI Ezio.

Is accused of having been a member of OVRA for many years and in this capacity was sent to many other countries including GERMANY, ROUMANIA, BULGARIA and FRANCE. It is stated that prior to Fascism he was a simple photographer, but with the arrival of the Fascist regime he became a wealthy landowner. Enquiries made by SIM reveal that VILLORESI was a member of the Fascist Party from 1921 onwards and was also in charge of a 'squadra d'azione'. He was friendly with high Party officials and also had personal contact with the Duce. Until 25 Jul 43 he lived in ROME at Viale Gianicolenza 5. After this date he moved to CASTELLUCCIO (R.2746) but is now attempting to form a Liberal Party at CASTELLUCCIO with former Fascist elements.

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Information, believed reliable, has been received of Fascist cells being organised in the town of ORVIETO and in neighbouring villages. Various names have so far been given to FS all of them said to be of ex-Squadristi and Republican Fascists.

Meetings are reported to be taking place in the houses of these people, and it is proposed to introduce an FS informant into these gatherings.

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Meanwhile more definite facts are being extracted from the original sources of the information.

This matter will be observed closely for future developments.

Similar reports of Fascist cells in the area of BEVAGNA (near FOLIGNO) have been investigated, and have so far proved groundless.

It is not felt that either Fascism or Communism in ITALY offers any real security interest at the moment. All but the most intransigent of Fascists must realise that their cause is dead and cannot be revived and the vast majority of the population are only too willing to ferret out and report the development of any Fascist cells or ideas.

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Preoccupation with the elemental necessities of life on the part of the people, and a fear of Communism on the part of the well-to-do, are again the main factors in conditioning civilian morale.

At MACERATA a sizeable disturbance took place.

It started on the morning of 13 Nov 44, a crowd of about 50 working-class women assembling in the main square at the entrance to the Palazzo del Governo, which houses the Prefettura, Questura, AMG and FSS.

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After declaiming about the lack of food and the cost of living, and voicing insults directed towards the windows of the Prefettura, the gathering dispersed.

The following morning the crowd re-assembled, and by 1100 hours it was about 400 streng. After declaiming as they had done the previous day, the crowd rushed the entrance of the building, sweeping aside the single CC.RR guarding it. The Prefect's office was invaded, and he was slightly mauled before he could be rescued. A certain amount of food was then thrown out of his kitchen. Order was gradually restored. The demonstration appeared to be entirely directed against the Prefect, PONTE: a typewritten manifesto posted on a wall near the square accused him of being a Fascist and a Badoglio supporter.

The visiting team will be below strength for their next engagement, as about a dozen of them, with AAI approval, have been removed from the arena by CC.RR.

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The Italian cinema is showing old films which could be easily replaced by more recent American and British films with Italian sub-titles, such as are being shown in other towns. It is considered that after its heavy bombing by Allied planes in the past, ANCONA is in need of more propaganda than most places in order to promote pro-Allied feeling.

P A R T IV.

Locations of FS Sections and Detachments.

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"	'A' Det	MACERATA S.5515	-
"	'B' Det	ASCOLI PICENO S.6572	-
"	'C' Det	FABRIANO S.1117	
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"	'B' Det	GUBBIO R.8519	-
"	'C' Det	5, via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO.	Distone 97
"	'D' Det	4, via Guardabassi, PERUGIA	6193(thro' 71 Sub-Area.
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		SENIGALLIA S.3759.	

Det 5 NZ FS SECTION

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Lieut-Col.,
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PART 1.

GENERAL SURVEY.

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All Military Trains are now checked in the vicinity of the Control Line (see "CONTROL OF MOVEMENT") and approximately 30 persons have so far been handed over to A.M.G. on charges of contravening movement regulations.

The Adriatic Coastal sector is still being patrolled by GG.FF., and there have been no further complaints of inefficiency. Extensive measures have been taken by F.S. to make the PORT of ANCONA secure from the land, bu the possibility of future enemy attempts from the sea gives food for thought.

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(a) Security of Information.

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(b) Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

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(c) Security of Material and Installations.

No damage or sabotage to military installations have been reported during the period under review.

In view of the importance of ANCONA as a port, and the likelihood of its receiving further attention from the enemy, an informant system is being set up amongst civilians employed in petrol installations, power-houses, etc..

Wire-cutting was reported more frequently during the first fortnight of October. Statistics in this connection are of questionable value as it is certain that many incidents are never reported to F.S.

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(a) Security of Ports and Coastline.

PORT of ANCONA.

Access from land is securely controlled. Undesirables among the civilian labourers initially employed before vetting are being eliminated, and SIM/CS are placing informers amongst Docks personnel. These will be GG.FF., from outside ANCONA, working in plain clothes.

61 Area are establishing a P.W. Cage within the Dock enclosure. This should considerably reduce the possibility of escapes.

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During the period 7 - 31 Oct 44 88 Merchant Vessels (19 of which were Italian) and 14 schooners were visited and checked before sailing from ANCONA.

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Italian Armed Forces	10	-	11	21
Civil Officials (incl.CC.RR.)	-	2	2	4
Miscellaneous Civilians	150	45	29	224
TOTAL	160	47	42	249

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(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Arrested.

PODALIRI Guido fu Raffaelo, of JESI.

Lawyer - Journalist, rabid Fascist. Director of Fascist newspaper "CORRIERE ADRIATICO" of ANCONA, in which he made violent attacks on British, Americans, and Jews.

Instigated several local pogroms. All information confirmed by Questura ANCONA.

To be interned Category 'B'.

COCIVERA Adolfo di Carmelo.

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Provost have been informed, and investigations are now being made to decide whether the case should be handed over to S.I.B. as a War Crime.

MICELI Silvio.

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(ii) Suspects.

ACETI Antonio.

At present resident in AREZZO (R.2935) and is Director of the Civil Prison.

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A SIM report states that he held this same position during the time of the Republican Fascists and was a close collaborator with VECOLI Emilio, Director of the UPI in AREZZO. He was amongst those responsible for the slaughter (eccidio) of 5 political prisoners in an underground cell on 15 Jan 44. Further enquiries are being made, on completion of which it is proposed to interrogate ACETI. PPSO AREZZO Province is being asked to remove him from his present position.

GUIDOTTI MORI Guido.

A/n is at present Prefect of the Province of AREZZO. As a result of numerous adverse comments, by various sections of the population, the following information has been obtained.

On the night 13/14 Sep 44, leaflets were posted in the streets of AREZZO, accusing GUIDOTTI of having failed to take any action against his friend Avv. MAGGI, who had been denounced a month earlier for having large quantities of foodstuffs hidden in his house, and of having neglected the welfare of the Province, thus being one of the persons responsible for the chaotic state of affairs in ITALY. The leaflets were signed "L'uomo della strada".

Information from SIM states that GUIDOTTI is an ambitious opportunist, was the second Fascist Podesta of AREZZO, was head of Ufficio Alimentazione until Dec 43 and during this period behaved so badly toward the poor classes that the then Prefect, MAO Torres, had to arrest him to avert a demonstration. GUIDOTTI is now trying to convince the people that his arrest was due to political differences between him and the Republicans. This, however, is not true. AMG have been informed of the foregoing, but state that for the moment nothing can be done, as no replacement can be found.

(c) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest.

The only political development of security interest reported during the month concerns the province of AREZZO, where more information about the various parties is coming to hand:-

PARTITO COMUNISTA: most powerful party in the Province, membership approximately 20,000.

PARTITO DEMOCRATICO CRISTIANO: next most powerful after the Communist Party.

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Information from SIM states that GUIDOTTI is an ambitious opportunist, was the second Fascist Podesta of AREZZO, was head of Ufficio Alimentazione until Dec 43 and during this period behaved so badly toward the poor classes that the then Prefect, R.D Torres, had to arrest him to avert a demonstration. GUIDOTTI is now trying to convince the people that his arrest was due to political differences between him and the Republicans. This, however, is not true. AMG have been informed of the foregoing, but state that for the moment nothing can be done, as no replacement can be found.

(c) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest.

The only political development of security interest reported during the month concerns the province of AREZZO, where more information about the various parties is coming to hand:-

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(d) Control of Movement.

The Rear Army Security Control Line, where some of the static road blocks are now being replaced by mobile patrols, continues to be a fertile source of Category 'A' arrests.

Train control was instituted during October, and 24 hour check-posts set up in the following areas where the two military lines cross the Control Line:-

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Relations between troops and civilians continue to be good. The only exception reported was an incident on Highway 75 when a truckload of civilians on their way to a Communist meeting at PERUGIA, was fired at by passing Polish troops, presumably because some of the Communists were wearing red scarves.

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In order to eliminate the possibility of really dangerous elements' being liberated, however, it is felt that CC Internee Camp should first consult CSI District in all cases where there is any doubt as to whether an internee should be freed, whatever the period of interment originally recommended on his Arrest Report.

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"	'B' Det.	ASCOLI PICENO S.6572	-
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"	'B' Det.	GUBBIO R.8519	-
"	'C' Det.	5, via Benedetto Cairoli, FOLIGNO	Distone 97
"	'D' Det.	4, via Guaribaldi, PERUGIA.	6193(thro' 71 Sub-Area)
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"	Det.	ANCONA Port.	-
"	Det.	FANO S.2173	-
417 F.S.SECTION. (Capt.HERNDEN)	HQ	CORTONA (13/R.2933) (13/R.3711)	Contact through 'G' Branch 55 Area.
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Det. 2 NZEF F.S.SECTION.		SENIGALLIA (S.3759)	-

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Fascist reorganisation continues though the news of Allied invasion may well sound its death knell. It has been allowed to develop unchecked in order that the movement may not go underground. Now that it is beginning to crystallise it is time to remove the leaders before the movement becomes firmly enough established to survive their removal.

PART III

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(a) Security of Information.

A few minor breaches of security regulations controlling photography have come to light this month, and CsC units concerned have taken the necessary disciplinary action.

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Tampering with Ammunition Dumps: 1 case. An arrest was made, Questura prosecuting. Not considered an attempt at sabotage.

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(d) Security of Ports and Coastline.

CATANIA.

(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory. It has been suggested by Security and approved by the Port Executive Committee that the Capitaneria del Porto approach the Municipal Authorities with a view to excluding all unauthorised persons from the Fish Quay. Only fishing boat crews, tallymen, customs officials, etc., will have access to this part of the port.

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(iii) During the month 72 Italian seamen have been signed on schooners after Security vetting. This figure also includes those signed on at RIPOSTO.

(iv) During the month 1 merchant ship and 122 schooners have been visited and duly vetted before sailing.

RIPOSTO.

(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.
The handover from 21 P.S.Section to 310 F.S.Section was smoothly carried out during the middle of the month.

(ii) One case of a breach of regulations has occurred. Two schooners carrying a mixed cargo from GELA for PORTICI, Gulf of NAPLES, were intercepted at RIPOSTO on 16 May 44. They had obtained permission from the Italian Authorities to sail. Cargoes were confiscated and the vessels ordered to return to GELA. The Capitano del Porto is to take action against the Italian authorities at GELA.

(iii) During the month 153 schooners have been visited and duly vetted before sailing.

SIRACUSA.

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(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.
It is understood that civilian labour will eventually replace Italian Pioneer Coys entirely, and it is estimated that 200/300 labourers will be constantly employed in the docks. Arrangements are being made for the vetting of this extra labour.
At the same time an appreciable increase of shipping has been noted in this port, which also means a considerable increase in civilian labourers in the dock area. All necessary precautions have been taken. Casual labourers are now issued with numbered armbands which are withdrawn after the day's work.
The takeover from 314 F.S.Section by 21 P.S.Section was effected without difficulty in the third week of the month.

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AUGUSTA.

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(iii) During the month 72 Italian seamen have been signed on schooners after Security vetting. This figure also includes those signed on at RIPOSTO.

(iv) During the month 1 merchant ship and 122 schooners have been visited and duly vetted before sailing.

RIPOSTO.

(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.
The handover from 21 P.S.Section to 310 F.S.Section was smoothly carried out during the middle of the month.

(ii) One case of a breach of regulations has occurred. Two schooners carrying a mixed cargo from GELA for PORTICI, Gulf of NAPLES, were intercepted at RIPOSTO on 16 May 44. They had obtained permission from the Italian Authorities to sail. Cargoes were confiscated and the vessels ordered to return to GELA. The Capitano del Porto is to take action against the Italian authorities at GELA.

(iii) During the month 153 schooners have been visited and duly vetted before sailing.

SIRACUSA.

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(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.
It is understood that civilian labour will eventually replace Italian Pioneer Coys entirely, and it is estimated that 200/300 labourers will be constantly employed in the docks. Arrangements are being made for the vetting of this extra labour.
At the same time an appreciable increase of shipping has been noted in this port, which also means a considerable increase in civilian labourers in the dock area. All necessary precautions have been taken. Casual labourers are now issued with numbered armbands which are withdrawn after the day's work.
The takeover from 314 F.S.Section by 21 P.S.Section was effected without difficulty in the third week of the month.

(ii) During the month 14 merchant ships and 69 schooners were regularly visited and duly vetted before sailing.

AUGUSTA.

(i) (a) Although there have been several incidents involving security, it is considered that there need be no recurrences if certain suggestions are carried into effect.

(b) As about £1000 worth of stores have been stolen from the Fleet Canteen situated on the New Quay, and as there have been several instances of M.N. personnel making unauthorised landings by this Quay it has been suggested that New Quay should be wired off and the ships' chandlers' store and Fleet canteen store should be moved into the base.

(c) SNOESY has agreed to have a motor launch patrolling the outer anchorage in order to curtail the activities of bum-boats, which are causing trouble to shipping there.

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(ii) During the month five seamen have been signed on Allied ships and two Italian seamen signed on schooners.
Twenty merchant seamen have been embarked as D.B.S.

(iii) During the month 21 schboners have been regularly visited and duly vetted before sailing. No merhant ship actually came into the port, but remained in the anchorage.

PORTO EMPEDOCLE.

(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.

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TRAPANI.

(i) General Security of the Port continues to be satisfactory.

(ii) During the month 6 schooners were visited and duly vetted before sailing.

MESSINA.

(i) (a) General Security of the Port cannot be said to be wholly satisfactory, although there is no reason for concern. It is evident that the Italian sentries are getting slack, as a number of unauthorised persons was found in the port area when a snap check was made. A lecture was given on Port Security to Italian sentries and specimens of all kinds of passes were handed round and explained. In great part the number of unauthorised persons entering the port area is due to the illiteracy of some of the Italian sentries. To help them differentiate between the various types of passes, these are being printed in "loud" colours.
(b) There is evidence of non co-operation on the part, of Italian officials, who are not imposing sentences heavy enough to act as a deterrent to the breaking of port regulations. In one case a fisherman who was caught carrying thirteen passengers was fined only lire 1,000, in spite of his admitting that he had charged lire 400 per passenger. Furthermore, the Pretore has ordered the restitution of the offender's boat. F.S. and A.C.C. are taking up this matter.

(ii) During the month 3 merchant ships and 92 schooners were visited and duly vetted at MESSINA while at MILAZZO 56 schooners were vetted prior to sailing. At REGGIO CALABRIA 182 schooners were visited.

(iii) As from 29 May 44 a Marine Detachment of the Guardia di Finanza will be attached to Port Security. This detachment will be at CAPITANERIA from dawn to dusk, they will board all schooners entering and leaving the port. They will check crew lists, cargo, and apprhend any illicit passengers. A boat has been placed at their disposal.

PALERMO.

(i) During the month one merchant ship and 83 schooners were visited and duly vetted prior to sailing.

2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) MAY - Analysis of Arrests.

	For Trial for a Security Offence. (Category 'A')	For Internment. (Category 'B')	For Detention pending further investigation. (Category 'C')	TOTAL.

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Italian Armed Forces.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Civil Officials incl.CC.RR.)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Miscellaneous Civilians.	14	1	12	27
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(b) Important Individual Cases.

(i) Persons arrested.

DELL ' AIRA, Guido fu Placido, of CALTANISSETTA.

Joined P.N.F. 1921. Held all high Fascist honours. Prime mover of Fascist reorganisation in CALTANISSETTA. Interned and sent to 371 PW Camp.(see this HQ 1738/G(I) dated 6 May 44).

VENEZIANO, Salvatore di Sebastiano.

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He was arrested by C.S. 16 May 44 at NAPLES, and is being investigated further. If it is eventually decided that he is of no security interest, he will be handed over to a civil court.

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RUTA, Salvatore, "
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PUGLISI, Domenico, "
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SODANO, Antonio, "
CATALANO, Giuseppe, "
PELLEGRINO, Antonio, of MILAZZO
MAGISTRI, Saverio, "
CUZARI, Heros, of LETOJANNI.
SALLEO, Carmelo, of SINAGRA.
MELLINA, Enrico, of PATTI.
GRIMA, Pietro, of PISTININA.
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GARGANO, Francesco.

Under investigation by C.I.C. and SIM-CS for suspected espionage activities.

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His past history shows him to have been a convinced Fascist. Seniore in MVSN. Moschettiere of the DUCE. Holds all usual Fascist honours. Worked for OVRA. Is generally believed by public to be an unscrupulous terrorist., and he has repeatedly stated his belief in the eventual victory of the Germans.

His presence in PALERMO undoubtedly created a stir amongst the anti-Fascist elements, and his arrest and internment was expected by several reputable citizens. This was confirmed by comments published in local press, quoted in P.W.B. "Conditions in Liberated SICILY".

Investigation into his recent appearance and activities in PALERMO show that from his rank in the MVSN he automatically, in accordance with BADOGLIO's decree, became a Colonel in the Italian Naval Artillery. He was finally found in the company of the Italian Admiral who is in SICILY, in charge of rehabilitating units of the Italian navy. C.I.C. informed the Admiral of GARGANO's antecedents, and it was agreed that GARGANO would not leave SICILY while he was under investigation.

Copies were taken of his papers and identity documents. They indicate that his presence in SICILY is legal, consisting of various of various authorities to undertake missions on behalf of the Italian Navy.

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M.M.I.A. representatives at No.1.District and I.B.S. are in possession of above facts (see also this HQ report No.1. of 27 Sep - 31 Oct 43, Part 2 para 2(b).)

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(iii) TERUZZI, Ermano.

A special interrogation by Capt MUSSON served only to confirm the fact that TERUZZI is an accomplished liar.

C.S. are still endeavouring to extract from him the names of accomplices in CATANIA., and propose now to use the threat of a death penalty to be imposed by an Italian Court. It is thought that the carminative effect of this may loosen his tongue.

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In all other cases quoted in Para 2(b) of last month's report, investigations are still continuing at C.S. tempo.

BOEMI Pina fu Michele

Suspect refugee arriving at SYRACUSE 27 May 44 from SPIGNO CASSINO area. Several refugees from same area stated she was constantly in the company of German soldiers was often armed, and used to accompany the Germans on looting expeditions.

On interrogation she said that she was forced against her will to take part in looting expeditions. She stated she has a married brother and an aunt in MESSINA.

She will not be allowed to leave the Refugee Camp until enquiries have been made at MESSINA, and details of her story confirmed.

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BEREZOWSKI Marian

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(iv) An incident occurred at REGALBUTO on 27 May which involved members of the Separatist Party who were meeting in a cinema. Hardly had the meeting begun when Communists from ENNA and other outlying districts staged a counter demonstration. Shots were exchanged on both sides, and the CC.RR. fired into the air. Two deaths were reported (one from heart-failure) and a few cases of wounded.

(v) The Communist Party emerges as the strongest force in all these conflicting parties. Their programme lies in agitating for improved conditions of pay and increased rations of bread and pasta. They are asking for 300 grammes of bread and 100 grammes of pasta per day per head. Of course this appeals to the masses especially in CATANIA, SIRACUSE, RAGUSA, ENNA, and MESSINA Provinces, where unemployment is still a major problem.

(vi) The decrease in stevedoring rates from Lire 49 to Lire 30 per ton (official rate for SICILY), has led to much discontent. The Unione Lavoratori del Porto has threatened to strike, whilst the Communists have made capital of this. Up to now the Unione has had no political ties, but if the Communists take up the matter and obtain some measure of satisfaction for the Unione, the latter may well join their ranks.

(vii) To sum up, it is apparent that there is still little or no cohesion in the different parties, the Communists alone having something to offer the people. The Separatists have made no headway and have no well-defined policy, other than blaming ITALY for harsh treatment and lack of industrial enterprise in SICILY. The parties with a Fascist strain or being run by well known Fascists are being carefully watched, and when their activities reach a point which is considered dangerous to Security, action will be taken. Lists are in course of preparation, and special reports will be submitted in these cases.

(d) Control of Movement.

(i) Refugees from Mainland for Month of MAY.

At SYRACUSE:	960
At MESSINA :	2900
	3860

All refugees were vetted by C.S. and F.S. on arrival before being allowed to disperse to their pre-arranged destination in SICILY. Certain areas and essential roads are kept free of refugees for operational reasons.

Lists of refugees and intended addresses are distributed to F.S.Sections for record purposes. From the Security aspect it is felt that the refugee situation in SICILY is well under control. Only one person is being held at the Refugee Camp for further investigation, BOEMI Pina, whose tale is told in para 2(b)(ii) above.

As there has been no sign of an increase in sabotage and subversion and no leakage of information it is assumed that the measures taken to ensure the security control of refugees are adequate, although investigations are being made into the guarding of refugees at the various places at which trains halt before reaching REGGIO.

Control of Movement is becoming more co-ordinated throughout SICILY. No.1.District has brought to the attention of A.C.C. the fact that M.T.As are essential for anyone travelling from SICILY, SARDINIA, and the mainland to any destination outside this theatre of operations. A.C.C. passes are issued for those wishing to travel from and to any of the three a/m places, and although it is impossible to prevent clandestine traffic in fishing craft to little frequented parts of the coast, the position is considered satisfactory.

The following means of evading control of movement has recently come to light. Owners of schooners plying between SICILY, SARDINIA, MALTA, and ITALY have been avoiding the necessity of obtaining an A.C.C. permit by signing on their own vessels as merchant seamen. As they are obviously untrained it is assumed that their motives can only be dishonest. This situation is being closely watched, and as soon as sufficient data is collected a report will be submitted to Forward Counter Intelligence.

This HQ was requested by Forward Counter Intelligence for its views upon means of tightening control of movement by air from SICILY. After consultation with 335 Wing, PAF, recommendations were submitted; the point is [illegible]

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(vii) To sum up, it is apparent that there is still little or no cohesion in the different parties, the Communists alone having something to offer the people. The Separatists have made no headway and have no well-defined policy, other than blaming ITALY for harsh treatment and lack of industrial enterprise in SICILY. The parties with a Fascist strain or being run by well known Fascists are being carefully watched, and when their activities reach a point which is considered dangerous to Security, action will be taken. Lists are in course of preparation, and special reports will be submitted in these cases.

(d) Control of Movement.

(i) Refugees from Mainland for Month of MAY.

At SYRACUSE:	960
At MESSINA :	2900
	3860

All refugees were vetted by C.S. and F.S. on arrival before being allowed to disperse to their pre-arranged destination in SICILY. Certain areas and essential roads are kept free of refugees for operational reasons.

Lists of refugees and intended addressed are distributed to F.S.Sections for record purposes. From the Security aspect it is felt that the refugee situation in SICILY is well under control. Only one person is being held at the Refugee Camp for further investigation, BOEMI Pina, whose tale is told in para 2(b)(ii) above.

As there has been no sign of an increase in sabotage and subversion and no leakage of information it is assumed that the measures taken ensure the security control of refugees are adequate, although investigations are being made into the guarding of refugees at the various places at which trains halt before reaching REGGIO.

Control of Movement is becoming more co-ordinated throughout SICILY. No.1.District has brought to the attention of A.C.C. the fact that M.T.As are essential for anyone travelling from SICILY, SARDINIA, and the mainland to any destination outside this theatre of operations. A.C.C. passes are issued for those wishing to travel from and to any of the three a/m places, and although it is impossible to prevent clandestine traffic in fishing craft to little frequented parts of the coast, the position is considered satisfactory.

The following means of evading control of movement has recently come to light.

Owners of schooners plying between SICILY, SARDINIA, MALTA, and ITALY have been avoiding the necessity of obtaining an A.C.C. permit by signing on their own vessels as merchant seamen. As they are obviously untrained it is assumed that their motives can only be dishonest. This situation is being closely watched, and as soon as sufficient data is collected a report will be submitted to Forward Counter Intelligence.

This HQ was requested by Forward Counter Intelligence for its views upon means of tightening control of movement by air from SICILY. After consultation with 335 Wing, RAF, recommendations were submitted; the point is summarised in the following extract:

"It is considered that the Italians should be dealt with by Allied Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.C. on the following lines:

(a) A.C.C. to prepare and print Manifests and Passenger Lists in a form to be standard throughout this theatre of operations. These lists to be signed by the appropriate A.C.C. officer (in the case of civilians), and by authorised officers of not less than field rank (in the case of Italian Military personnel).

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whose names will be notified to the Traffic Section.

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(c) Traffic Section will be responsible for vetting Passenger Lists and ensuring that no passengers except those authorised leave the airfield. Traffic Sections will also be responsible for checking passenger lists carried by pilots on arrival of aircraft.

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(b) Civil Population.

(i) Disturbances.

Demonstrations and disturbances of an appreciable scale throughout the month of May totalled 9, of which 5 were caused by political parties, and 4 by a desire for an increase in food and pay.

Of these, two presented relatively serious characteristics; the first, on 27 May 44, was a clash between Separatists and Communists at a Separatist meeting held at REGALBUTO, in which CC.RR. fired over the heads of the rioters in an effort to disperse them. One man was killed, and a few injured.

The other incident took place at LICATA on 28 May 44, when a large crowd of Communists demonstrated against local administrative appointments. CC.RR. and Italian military reinforcements were sent and attempted to deal with the crowd by firing over their heads. Some of the demonstrators were armed with grenades and pistols, and answered the fire. 2 were killed, 9 injured. Peace was eventually restored, but reinforcements are still in the area.

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Morale and general situation of the Civil population shows no outstanding change, and is dealt with briefly in Part 1. There is no doubt, however, that the civilians, like the Italian troops here, are far more cheerful since the fall of ROME and a glimpse of peace.

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(vi) AGRIGENTO - that an attempt was made on MUSSOLINI's life at VERONA: a hand grenade was thrown at him. (source- civilians 6 May 44).

(vii) PALERMO - all prostitutes in the town who have V.D. are being branded in red on the right buttock, and are being completely shaved. (widespread among troops and civilians).

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(viii) CALTANISSETTA - that the Germans have started to use gas on the Russian front.

4. LOCATION of F.S.Sections/C.I.C. Detachments.

As shown in Appendix 'A'. With the departure of 314 F.S.Section territory was reallocated as shown in this HQ. letter 1708/G(I) dated 29 May 44.

The detachments at COSENZA and CATANZARO referred to in last month's report have now become permanent, and are well established with local A.C.C. and SIM/CS representatives.

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FOR PERIOD 1 MAR - 31 MAR 1944.

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Politically the island is in a state of effervescence; the bubbles which break surface, however, are 'gassy', and not those of a seething mass at boiling point.

2/....Fascist talk.....

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Fascist talk and propaganda is on the increase, without having reached serious proportions, and it is felt that a few judicious arrests at the right moment in REGGIO C.L.BRI., CATANIA, PALERMO, and possibly AGRIGENTO would have the right effect. At the present moment the only ones strongly recommend -ed are those in REGGIO C.L.BRI..

The hand over to the Italian Government has in a certain measure committed the various Prefects to its support. Broadly speaking the monarchy and its government also have the support of the Army and Police. This has resulted in a considerable strengthening of BADOGLIO's position without increasing his popularity. Anti-Fascist elements who still identify King and Marshal with the late Fascist Government are somewhat discouraged. They are beginning to hope for present participation in the Government. Discrimination is undoubtedly being shown by the Police and authorities in many provinces against both Communists and Separatists.

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(iii) There has been a serious increase in V.D. amongst British Troops. Discontent has been expressed amongst British personnel because they are not permitted to frequent the brothels, whereas Italian troops stationed in the neighbourhood have permission.

3/.....During the period.....

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During the period 11 - 25 March, out of 108 women taken into the hospital in MESSINA Province only 6 were found to be free of V.D. All these women were found in the company of Allied soldiers on the street or after a careful investigation of traffic to houses. (Extract from P.P.S.O. report.)

The Civil authorities are collaborating closely with Provost in an endeavour to limit prostitution.

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Various precautions, including a 1930 hrs curfew for civilians and restrictions on sale of wine have been taken.

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(vii) M.L.F. Cable, POZZALLO. This is still being guarded by CC.RR. and the barbed wire round the terminal point has now been completed. There have been no attempts at sabotage.

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Summary of Possible Sabotage 1 - 31 March 44.

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(iv) The so-called illegal ferry service across the Straits still flourishes. Since the abrogation of the Proclamation it is, of course, not an offence at all. Steps have been taken to have it made one.

Proper control in the Straits will always be difficult, but nothing like reasonable control can be exercised until Guardia di Finanza get some boats.

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A.C.C. have been requested to interest themselves in this. In the meantime NOIC MASSINA has promised F.S. the loan of an L.C.M. for the purpose snap controls.

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(i) Discontent amongst crew of s.s. BRAZIL was caused by pay question. This vessel had been three months in N. AFRICA and was returning there. The crew had not been paid and on applying to S.T.O. were told that as from 1 March the Italian Government were paying crews through the Capitaneria del Porto. The latter had no instructions and so the crew were not paid.

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Investigations still proceeding.

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She was an officer nurse in the German Army, has a father and a brother who were a Colonel and a Major respectively in the German Army, and has been consorting with high-ranking officers in British and U.S. Army and Navy. No direct evidence yet obtained. Investigations still proceeding.

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Arrested by C.I.C. 4 Mar 44.
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Full details and proofs are held by G.S.'I', No.1 District.
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The question of the legal status of this party was raised in this HQ letter 1704/16/G(I) dated 26 Feb 44 addressed to HQ. A.C.C.R.F. and details of a prosecution were forwarded on 15 March 44.

Reply received from Legal Sub-Commission A.C.C., dated 17 March 44, stated that "although SICILIAN INDEPENDENTE probably contravenes Article 241 of the Italian Penal Code which is not to be regarded as abrogated, no prosecution or proceeding against the party is to be tolerated. Regional Commissioner Region 1 is being advised accordingly."

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(ii) Co-operation remains good though a few cases of pilfering by guards have been reported.

9/...The chaos.....

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(xiii) The chaos in political opinions which characterizes SICILY is reflected in the troops though not to any marked extent. On the whole their allegiance seems to go to the Monarchy, though symptoms of Fascist sympathies have been discerned.

(iv) Morale is not very high, chiefly on personal grounds, i.e., (i) lack of news or contact with family, (ii) reduced purchasing power of pay.

(b) Civil Population.

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(xi) That 9 Army is shortly coming to SICILY.

(xii) That Italian cruiser GARIBALDI has gone over to the Axis.

10/....Reports that.....

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(xiii) Reports that PALERMO, MESSINA, AUGUSTA, SYRACUSE have been bombed. (Black Market rumours).

(xiv) That NZ Division has lost two thirds of its personnel. (Castrorealo Bagni).

(xv) Following a visit by G.O.C. No.1 District to AGRIGENTO: that a Russian General had visited the town!

Troops.

(i) That the American Troop Carrying Wings recently in SICILY are now in U.K.

(4) Location of F.S.Sections/C.I.C. Detachments is given at Appendix 'A'.

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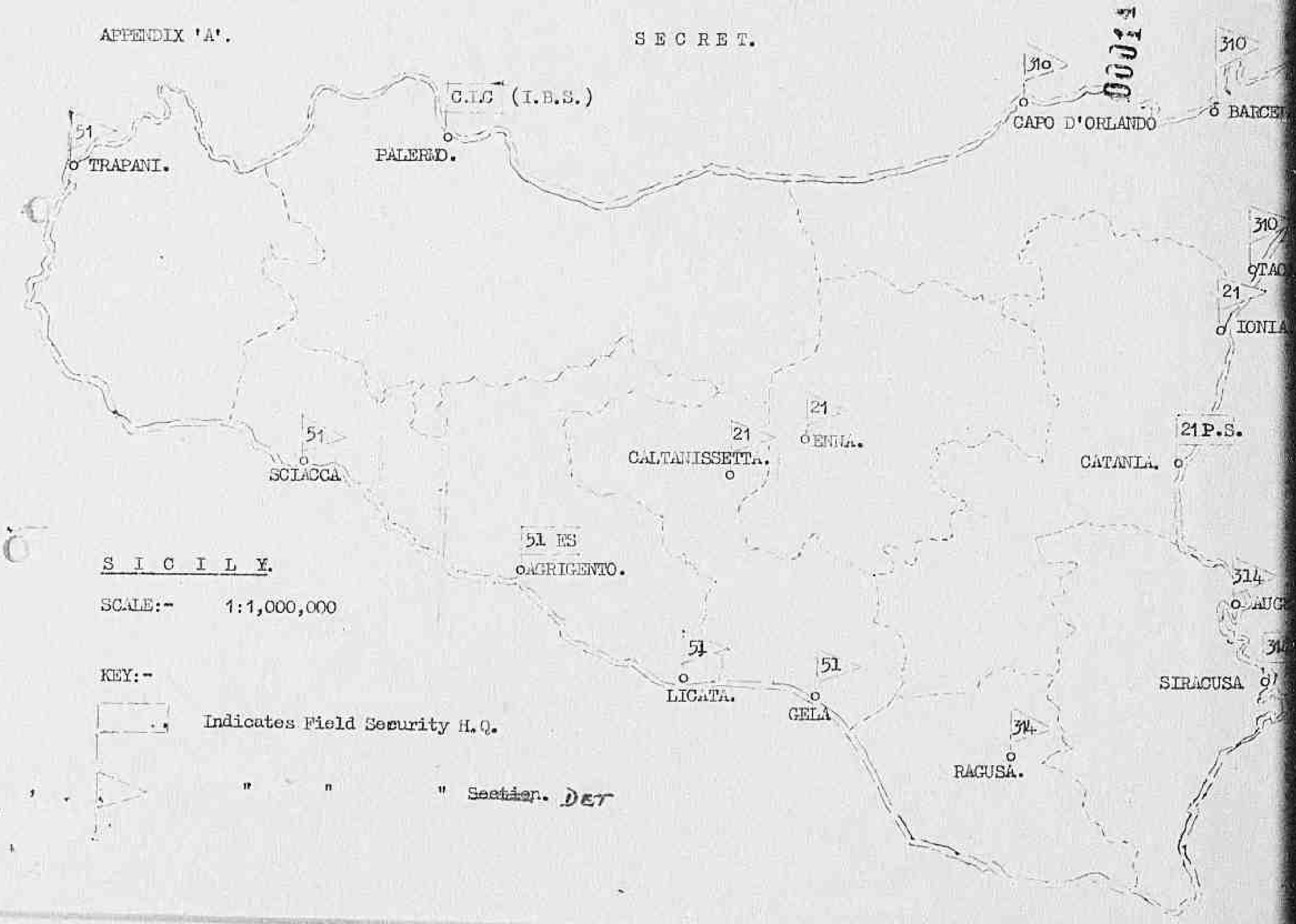
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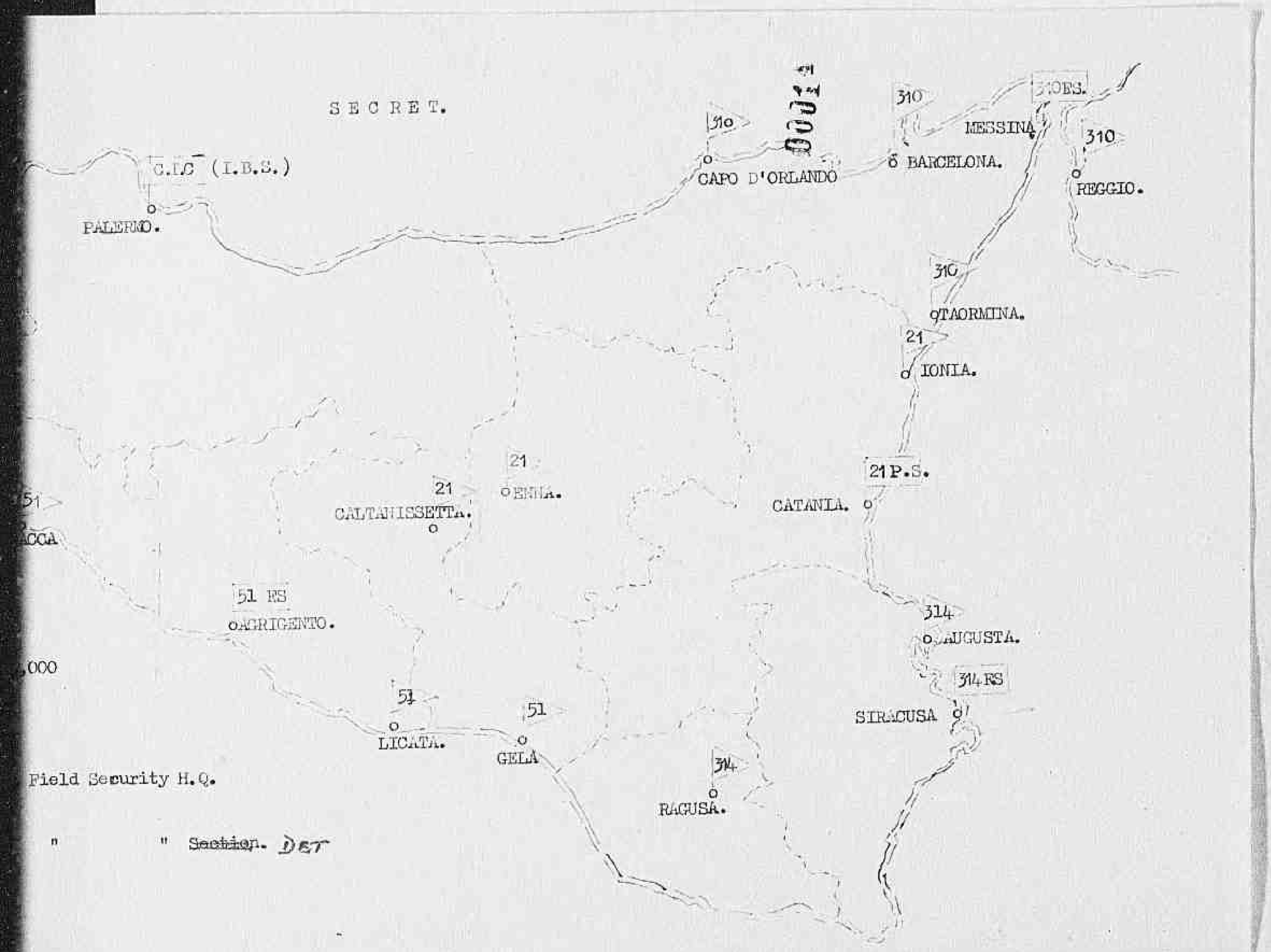
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3. CIVIL SECURITY. (a) Important Individual Suspects.

(i) MESSINA Province.

AVV. SAITTA CAETANO fu Salvatore of PAGLIARA. Podesta of PAGLIARA from 1934 to 1941, ex Vice Segretario Politico. This man, head of a group of fascists in PAGLIARA (names to hand), is, it is reliably stated, inciting the population against the existing Podesta, an anti-fascist of many years standing, and against the Allies. At frequent intervals this fascist group meet in the house of SAITTA at PAGLIARA, where, it is alleged, fascist propaganda is discussed. It has been noticed that whispering campaigns against the Allies and the Podesta almost always synchronise with these meetings, and with the return of SAITTA from FRANCAVILLA where he also has a house. A fascist was heard to say in public: "Quando 'era il Duce non morivamo di fame, mentre oggi che ci sono questi vigliacchi di inglesi e di americani stiamo morendo di fame".

ALLEGRA PAOLO fu CARMELO of PAGLIARA. Ex Segretario Politico of PAGLIARA, Ispettore di Zona del Partito Fascista, Fondatore del Fascio di Combattimento di PAGLIARA. Right-hand-man of the above-mentioned Avv. SAITTA CAETANO. Further enquiries are being made.

D'ANGELO. Chief of Police TAORMINA. In receipt of monthly salary of 2000 Lre, present mode of living is not within this amount. Was ardent Fascist prior to Allied occupation. Implicated in many of activities of ANNO, the ex-Mayor. Information is being compiled.

SALLO Carmelo (Barone) fu Ferdinando. Now living at SINAGRA. Was important member of Fascist Party. Was S.G. FED. AMMINISTRATIVO for Messina Province and was delegate of the Party to the Bank of Sicily. Influential land-owner. May be dangerous. Source:- Maresciallo CC.RR. SINAGRA.

SCAGLIONE Olga. Now living at UCRIA. Wife of SAVERIO SCAGLIONE who is now Commissario Civile of PATRAS in Greece. Reported to be continuing fascist propaganda and to be of definite pro-German leanings. Has strong influence on local affairs through having many relatives in high positions with AMG administration.

AUGUSTO Tito. Chemist, Piazza del Duomo, TAORMINA. Ex Political Secretary 1935, PNF. Known as a very strong propagandist. Reported to be leader of the Fascist cell of TAORMINA. Is being watched closely.

MORABITO Francesco. A clerk in the Tourist Agency of Taormina. This man, said to have been a fanatical fascist and notorious spy for O.V.R.A. is once again coming to U.S. notice through his apparent connections with the Taormina Black Market. If anti-fascist informants are to be believed, his loyalty to the Fascist cause has in no way diminished as he never misses an opportunity to put in a good word for the Fascist regime. Is being carefully watched.

Avv. DOTTO, Francesco. Living at ALI. Active and intransigent Fascist; Capo Manipolo of M.V.S.N. (Militart); member of Direttorio of MESSINA Fascio, member of Sindicali of Lawyers, member of Commission of Discipline, a noted propagandist, was

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2. CIVIL SECURITY. (c) Important Individual Suspects.

(1) MESSINA Province.

AVV: SAITTA CALOGERO fu Salvatore of PAGLIARA. Podesta of PAGLIARA from 1934 to 1941, ex Vice Segretario Politico. This man, head of a group of fascists in PAGLIARA (names to hand), is, it is reliably stated, inciting the population against the existing Podesta, an anti-fascist of many years standing, and against the Allies. At frequent intervals this fascist group meet in the house of SAITTA at PAGLIARA, where, it is alleged, fascist propaganda is discussed. It has been noticed that whispering campaigns against the Allies and the Podesta almost always synchronise with these meetings, and with the return of SAITTA from FRANCAVILLA where he also has a house. A fascist was heard to say in public: "Quando 'era il Duce non morivamo di fame, mentre oggi che ci sono questi vigliacchi di inglese e di americani stiamo perendo di fame".

ALLEGRA PAOLO fu CARMELO of PAGLIARA. Ex Segretario Politico of PAGLIARA, Ispettore di Zona del Partito Fascista, Fondatore del Fascio di Combattimento di PAGLIARA. Right-hand-man of the above-mentioned Avv. SAITTA CALOGERO. Further enquiries are being made.

DANGELO. Chief of Police TAORMINA. In receipt of monthly salary of 2000 Lre, present mode of living is not within this amount. Was ardent Fascist prior to Allied occupation. Implicated in many of activities of MENO, the ex-Mayor. Information is being compiled.

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Avv. DOMINO, Francesco. Living at ACI. Active and intransigent Fascist; Capo Manipolo of M.V.S.N. (Militart); member of Direttorio of MESSINA Fascio, member of Sindicali of Lawyers, member of Commission of Discipline, a noted propagandist, was notorious as an agent for CC.RR. Centro Spionaggio. This man would make an ideal leader for any fascist cells in his area. He is being watched carefully.

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(ii) C.T.N.L. Province.

PUGLISI Alfio fu Santo and SAIPLERI Leonardo fu Paolo. Sindaco and vice Sindaco respectively of PEDIMONTE. Men of strong Fascist records, still talking to the detriment of the Allies. C.A.O. ICNL., has agreed to recommend for dismissal, and has accepted F.S. nomination for proposal for new Sindaco.

MIORCA Antonino fu Carlo - Sindaco.
MANNINCI Rosario di Salvatore - Vice Sindaco.
VECCHIO Giovanni di Giuseppe - Ufficio Anagrafe.
DEAL. Gaetano - Ufficio Sussidi.
MICOTRA Salvatore fu Santo - Dazio Communale.
AGONESI Carmelo di Ignasio - Municipal Office.
FINOCA Girolamo fu Giuseppe - Consorzio Agrario.

All of FIUMEFREDDO. C.A.O. FIUMEFREDDO, has agreed to dismiss or recommend for dismissal all these persons for reasons of incompetency, corruption and anti-Allied sentiments. Their replacements, however, are dependent on the finding of suitable substitutes., which will take time.

GANCI Salvatore fu Giuseppe - Sindaco.
MAURO Leonardo fu Giuseppe - Clerk at Municipio.
GRASSO Giuseppe di Salvatore - Municipal Guard.

All the above mentioned of MASCALI continue to air their Fascist views and anti-Allied sentiments. C.A.O. ICNL., to recommend for dismissal the Sindaco, and to dismiss the other two.

CHILIA Giovanni, Capo Ufficio Annonario, City of Catania. Denounced universally as one of the most corrupt figures in Communal administration and for his sycophantic attitude to the Fascist regime, to which he owed his rise to office from obscurity. (See Para b(v) for mention in connection with recent demonstration). Special report sent to A.C.A.O. C.T.N.L., recommending his replacement.

VERDI Rosario, Via Teatro Greco 63, C.T.N.L. Fervent Fascist Headmaster of Liceo Ginnasio, Catania. Denounced Prof. SILLNITRO to Fascists and got him 18 yrs sentence, which was "not enough". Fascist propagandist, insisted that all pupils wore Fascist uniform, etc. etc., etc.. Dismissed post on A.M.G. instruction 20 Nov 45.

BARBAGALLO Salvatore di Corrado, Via Roma 251, ZAFFERANA (M.R. 7941). Age 52, Chemist. Ex-fiduciario of the Cultura Fascisti (Propaganda Office). Ardent denouncer of anti-Fascists. Reported as recently spreading "with gloe" the rumour that the Germans had landed and taken Naples again. On interrogation by Security admitted the fact. Severely warned. Made to report three times a week to CC.RR. who are keeping him under strict surveillance.

LONGO Fu Orazio, age 40. Communal Secretary of Zafferana. As a public official, corrupt, overbearing. Previously removed from S. Venerina (M.R.6041) for scandalous moral conduct. Dismissal recommended to A.M.G.

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MIRAN. Gaetano - Ufficio Sussidi.
NICOTRA Salvatore fu Santo - Dazio Communale.
PAGONESI Carmelo di Ignasio - Municipal Office.
PLNDICA Girolamo fu Giuseppe - Consorzio Agrario.

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Avv. PAFUMI Santo. Brother of Political Secretary (now interned) and said to have been the instigator of most of his brother's persecutions.

TRILODI Guglielmo. Former Commissario of the Comune.

LULY Giorgio. Fascist before March on Rome. Commandant of M.V.S.N., Vice Commandant GIL, member of the Fascist Directorate of Linguaglossa. Special agent of Fascist Federation of Catania. Violent Fascist and propagandist.

PAGONESI Giuseppe di Pietro. Ex-Fiduciario of Fascist Union of Industrialists. Self seeker, benefitting much from Fascism. Still keen supporter of the cause.

PAFUMI Francesco. Fiduciario of the Fascist Union of Agriculturists. Still propagating Fascist sentiments.

These five men all of Linguaglossa will be interrogated by Security, warned and ordered to report weekly to the CC.RR.

(iii) SIRACUSE Province.

MUSCATELLO Carmelo fu Domenico, AUGUSTA. It is reported that this man in his capacity of magistrate in favouring Fascists and taking bribes. He is a Squadrista, Capo Settore, Commandante di Coorte Balilla, Giudice Conciliatore. He will be interrogated.

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(iii) Reports have also been received that a new Fascist body, to be known as GIOVENTU LIBERA, is being formed in MESSINA Province. The Headquarters of the movement is said to be in PALERMO.

(iv) A demonstration motivated by the retention of alleged ex-Fascists in office was planned in MESSINA for 28 Nov 43. F.S. informed A.M.G. of these intentions and tactful handling resulted in the banning of the demonstration; instead a deputation was received at A.M.G. HQ. MESSINA.

(v) A demonstration took place outside the Ration Card Office in CATANIA on 22 Nov 43, in which several hundred people took part. The object of this action was to evict a certain CHILL. (see para (a) above).

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Since then a further case has come to the notice of F.S., but up to the present no details are available. The motive seems to be purely one of robbery and it is thought that no anti-Allied feeling plays any part.

The few troops remaining in RAGUSA Province are on good terms with the civilians. The presence of American Military Police there is having a salutary effect.

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At 1000 hrs on 5 Nov 43, a demonstration took place outside the offices of C.A.O., MESSINA. Approx. 100 people mostly women of the poorer class, took part but there was no apparent leader. Two women obtained an interview with Major HILSWORTH, C.O., and after this the crowd dispersed. During the demonstration the following 'slogans' were overheard :-

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(a) Get the Fascists out of that place.
(b) Lets' have the Italian administration back or get the Americans to do their job properly.
(c) Where is the food we were promised.
(d) Mussolini never starved us so well.
(e) They made us applaud them with their propaganda and now we're starving.

(ii) The announcement of the increase in the bread ration from 150 to 200 grams and of an allotment of pasta, sugar and oil roused further hopes of an improvement in the food situation, but unfortunately the increased bread ration has not yet been made available.

Typical of the half-dozen disturbances which have taken place in Eastern Sicily during the month are the reports given below:-

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Many denunciations of existing local government officials are being received and investigated. These denunciations usually accuse the Sindaco of being fascist. On investigation, however, it is often found that the denouncers are merely carrying on a vendetta against the Sindaco in the hope of having him replaced by one of their friends and are using Fascism as being the most potent means of condemning him in our eyes. It is fairly easy to get supporters for these local vendettas as the mayors seem to be generally blamed for the shortage of food which is quite erroneous.

Typical complaints are made by CUNDARI (Communist) and D'AGATA (Socialist) of SIRACUSA, who are leaders of their respective parties for this province, that A.M.G. only consult the leaders of the other political parties (the "Right") before making appointments to public offices. They consider every anti-Fascist party should be consulted before such decisions are made.

(iv) The A.M.G. Tribunals continue to do good work and are being acclaimed for [illegible] to 10 years imprisonment for stealing a pair of boots from a

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Many denunciations of existing local government officials are being received and investigated. These denunciations usually accuse the Sindaco of being fascist. On investigation, however, it is often found that the denouncers are merely carrying on a vendetta against the Sindaco in the hope of having him replaced by one of their friends and are using Fascism as being the most potent means of condemning him in our eyes. It is fairly easy to get supporters for these local vendettas as the mayors seem to be generally blamed for the shortage of food which is quite erroneous.

Typical complaints are made by CUNDARI (Communist) and D'AGATA (Socialist) of SIRACUSA., who are leaders of their respective parties for this province, that A.M.G. only consult the leaders of the other political parties (the "Right") before making appointments to public offices. They consider every anti-Fascist party should be consulted before such decisions are made.

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Prosecutions for overcharging and profiteering are having a good effect on public opinion.

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(v) German propaganda is still attracting attention in this area and many people have been heard discussing German news items.

(vi) The result of the Moscow Conference has been welcome to and has given heart to the anti-fascist elements. Concrete results are expected by practically all sections of the community.

(c) Rumours.

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(Widespread).

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It appears that the RE have been told that they are to be permanent base troops - they have formerly been Army troops.

(xvii) Rumour current in AUGUSTA that three ships forming part of EUREKA I have been sunk off N.AFRICA by radio bombs. One ship particularly mentioned - s.s. 'MELODIA'.

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(xviii) 'In Siracusa General Hospital on 22 Nov 43 that the Highland Div. had not reached England as they expected, but had gone to some other theatre of war.'

(xix) 'A Naval Officer told F.S.S. that it is strongly rumoured among the crews of all L.C.Ts. that all LCTs and landing craft are shortly to return to the U.K.'

(d) Other Matters of Security Interest.

(i) Arrests. Details of civilians arrested, interned or released in Eastern Sicily since the occupation until 22 Nov 43 are set out below :-

214	- to be interned for duration.
138	- released after 3 months internment.
54	- held for further investigation and collection of evidence.
375	- already released conditionally or unconditionally after review.
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867	- Total Arrests from occupation to 22 Nov 43.

Notes: Some of those interned for duration will probably be released ultimately as the result of a convincing petition, or on medical grounds.
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Approximately 50 of those civilians recorded as interned for the duration of hostilities are untraceable in this Island.
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This situation will be clarified when a return of internees evacuated from SICILY to NORTH AFRICA is received.
The following arrests have been made in the period under review :-

LORENTI Giuseppe. Via S.Euplio, CATANIA.

The above mentioned man has been re-arrested. It would appear that he was mistakenly released by 55 Area. In addition, on his release he was causing discontent amongst WD civilian employees at the EFI Canteen, Via Etnea (whose premises, now requisitioned, belong to him.)

ZAFFULLA Vincenzo. Via Umberto, MALETTO. 00013

Age 20, ex-Commandante GIL, leader of Fascist Youth Movement. Alleged to have destroyed Fascist documents after Allied landing.
Interned 17 Aug 43. Escaped 22 Nov 43. Re-arrested by Security 24 Nov 43.

IURATO Giovanni di Agostino, CHIARAMONTE.

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Arrested with approval of S.C.A.O. RAGUSA and lodged in gaol pending internment.

(ii) Formation of Trade Unions.

A request has been received by 21 P.S.S. for permission to restart the Bricklayers Union at ACIREALE. This union was in existence in 1919 and was the strongest union in ACIREALE but with the advent of Fascism lost some of its

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(iii) Liaison with A.M.G.

S.C.A.O. CATANIA Province, has agreed to appoint one of his officers in Catania as a Civil Affairs Security and Political Liaison Officer to work with 21 P.S.Section on political and Civil Security matters.

This is regarded by Security as a great step forward and will fill a gap that has long needed filling.

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The following report comes from RAGUSA:-

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The Civilian Communications Censorship Officer notified us of instances in which Italian POWs had used the civil postal service, thus avoiding the special censorship on POW mail. The Commandants of the Camps concerned were advised to take disciplinary action.

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A plan for the illegal entry of three civilians into the civilian internees camp and the subsequent escape of an internee was revealed because of the sense of duty of two sentries, Ptes. BAINES and CAULFIELD, who were approached with a view to accepting a bribe in order to facilitate the ruse. CAULFIELD actually accepted a watch from one of the civilians, thus providing grounds for arrest. The people concerned were arrested and lodged in the SYRACUSE Prison, pending further investigation. They are residents of CATANIA.

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Bags are seized and handed over to Civil Postal Censorship Office. Individual items posted in civil post boxes also find their way to the Civil Censorship.

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(ii) The following report is made by 314 F.S.S. SYRACUSE :-
"A laxity has been noticed among Italian Masters of Merchant vessels regarding their Sailing Orders. They do not seem to realise that these documents are "Secret". It is understood that the R.N. have issued instructions regarding these, but that the instructions have not been put into effect yet in this Port."
N.O.I.C. SYRACUSE has been consulted.

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(iii) A further report from 314 F.S.S. complains that :-
"Italian Merchant vessels are still arriving at this port from the mainland"
"without having been vetted. Two cases in point are: "
"LANGANA" arr. from BRINDISI 19 Nov."
"PALLADE" arr. from TARANTO 19 Nov."

(No.2 District! Grateful for any comment.)

(iv) The following ships have been duly vetted and regularly visited in the period under review.
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SYRACUSE:M/V 20 " " 0, " 12

(b) Security of Material.

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172 Pioneer Coy is being made responsible for maintenance of the whole dock wire perimeter and for the patrolling of the wire on orders from HQ 56 Area.

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With the arrival of Italian shipping, local inhabitants seem to think that they have as free an access to the Dock as before the occupation, but steps are being taken to remind them that it is still a prohibited area.

Requests by F.S. to Area HQ. for repair of the dock perimeter wiring having produced no results orders will now be issued by this HQ for the necessary work to be carried out.

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(iii) MESSINA.

Guard duty at the entrance to the defence zone has now been taken over by the Canadians and a more satisfactory control of entry is now in force.

A naval officer apprehended a group of civilians near the Marine Biological Institute a few days ago and was informed by them that they had come across from Villa San.GIOVANNI in a fishing boat and had paid to the captain 580 lire passage money. The number of the boat was noticed by one of the passengers, and the captain, who has so far eluded arrest, will be prosecuted.

This particular point on the beach which is a blind spot, is being wired off.

Permits to enter the docks are issued individually by the Pass and Permit Office in co-operation with the naval authorities. For social functions, however, in the dock area, it has been arranged with N.O.I.C., that F.S. is supplied with a list for approval. This list will be given to the sentry on duty who will check it against identity.

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A.M.G. have been informed.

On arrival at this end, cases of stowaways are discovered and on departure instances occur of people endeavouring to get aboard the ferry boat unnoticed.

There are two Movement and Control men on duty to supervise loading and unloading and handling of all passengers and it is suggested that the addition of a third would ease their problems.

It is suggested that some form of barrier be erected at the Turkish ferry. At present it is not difficult for people to climb onto the boat unnoticed from the sides of the dock. It is further suggested that passengers are not allowed to embark until all military transport is loaded as this would ensure a still greater measure of control, and a notice to this effect affixed accordingly.

The illicit ferrying of passengers, to and from the mainland in small fishing boats is flourishing on a large scale, not only at night but in broad daylight. It is doubtful at all whether these craft are used for purposes of fishing as small fortunes are earned by boatmen in the transport business. This goes on with the connivance of the small patrol of Guardia di Finanza who no doubt, receive a share of the proceeds of the passage money.

334 fishing permits have been issued to date.

It does appear, however, that the Guardia di Finanza have been unaware of the existing regulations regarding this matter, for, when F.S. interviewed an official of this service they were informed that no specific instructions had been issued to them.

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Several boats have been apprehended by F.S. during the period under review and the captains arrested. The boats in all cases are confiscated. Passengers identity is checked and if in order are allowed to go free. Italian military are normally armed with a pass from their unit.

Some passengers express ignorance of the regulations and add that had they been aware of them they would have saved their money and travelled by the proper route; others that it saves them the trouble of getting permits and the subsequent delay.

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(iv) AUGUSTA.

Port Control is temporarily being assured by Canadian F.S. Detachment in collaboration with 314 F.S.Detachment.

About 400 civilians are employed in various capacities in the Base and related V.Ps. and establishments. These civilians are vetted by British F.S. Detachment and issued with passes by Naval P.M.

The guard situation on certain V.P's is not satisfactory. This is due to lack of personnel, the N.P.M. advises.

The most important and vital V.P. is the Submarine Base (across the bay from AUGUSTA). This is used as a fueling station and more than 1,000,000 tons of fuel oil, petrol, etc., are stored in underground tanks. The tanks themselves are virtually unguarded, but outlet installations on the waterfront are protected.

About 200 ships call at this port weekly. It will obviously be impossible for five men to check all of them, but by judicious choice it is hoped . . to cover the most important.

The problem of crews coming ashore is reduced considerably by the fact that, no shore leave is normally granted. Crew members are not normally allowed to sign on or off at this port.

In spite of this, however, some merchant seamen are occasionally seen about the town and naval base. It will be necessary to check this in each case. Italian Naval personnel are allowed ashore until 2400 hrs daily.

There are only six launches available for boarding purposes at this base. These we will have to use in co-operation with, and at the discretion of the boarding authorities. This will be a serious handicap, but there appears to be no alternative.

Arrangements have been made with O.C., Hospital and Master at Arms to compile daily lists of merchant seamen admitted to and discharged from Hospital. This will serve as a useful check. NO merchant seamen are legally permitted outside the perimeter of the Naval Base and none are allowed to land even at the base except in case of sickness.

(d) Other Matters of General Security Interest.

(i) Italian Craft Trading Between Sicilian Ports and the Mainland.

Trading by Italian vessels has now been officially approved as per Memorandum, Ref. No. 2697/224 dated 8th November '43, issued by the Office of the Senior Naval Officer, East Sicily.

F.S. will be informed on all shipping movements and a representative will be present at the docks on arrival and departure of all vessels.

(ii) The M/V "GEORGINA" an Italian Craft trading between Sicilian Ports and the Mainland was boarded. It was found that no crew list was being kept. At the request of F.S. a crew list was compiled and the crew checked.

(iii) Passengers: Refugees etc..

On 10 Nov 43, Italian M/V "Andrea Gritti" docked in Catania Port. On board were:- 92 Italian Naval Personnel, 182 Italian Military Personnel, and 31 Italians (all Sicilian born). Disposal arrangements were made by 56 Area in accordance with No.1 District Admin. Instruction No.2. (1D/73A dated 9 Oct 43).

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(ii) The M/V "GEORGINA" an Italian Craft trading between Sicilian Ports and the Mainland was boarded. It was found that no crew list was being kept. At the request of F.S. a crew list was compiled and the crew checked. 000.3

(iii) Passengers: Refugees etc..

On 10 Nov 43, Italian M/V "Andrea Gritti" docked in Catania Port. On board were:- 92 Italian Naval Personnel, 182 Italian Military Personnel, and 31 Italians (all Sicilian born). Disposal arrangements were made by 56 Area in accordance with No.1 District Admin. Instruction No.2. (1D/73A dated 9 Oct 43).

(iv) MILAZZO.

The CC.RR. at MILAZZO have been told to check all passes of incoming passengers from LIPARI. These boats do not call frequently and are usually accompanied by a British official from LIPARI. A list of all ships entering the harbour is to be presented to F.S. periodically.

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(v) Shore Leave.

It has now been decided to allow shore leave to both Italian and Sicilian Merchant Seamen - but only as thought advisable by the Harbourmaster in agreement with Port Security and Ship's Captains.
Only 25% of ships' crews may be allowed ashore at one time.

(vi) ZWIEBERG, Bernard, alleged Dutchman, believed to be a German sailor was subject of a special report to A.F.H.Q.

(vii) Stowaways.

CAMPANELLA, Riccardo , Age 21 years. Identity Card No.4750 (duplicate)
Address: 165, Via Giuseppe Verdi, CATANIA.

The a/m man, caught as a stowaway on board the s.s. "Citta di Alessandria", was flown to Catania from Malta where the ship docked; he was sent by D.S.O. MALTA, who under Malta law was unable to detain him for more than 48 hours.
CAMPANELLA, an Italian, was not allowed to remain in Malta, present policy being that no Italian shall land there.
CAMPANELLA is to be brought before an A.M.G. Tribunal.

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Civil and Military Provost Services informed.

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S.T.O. has informed Provost Services.

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ALLEGATO 'A'.

UNITED FRONT OF FREEDOM.

C.T.N.L. SECTION.

Catania 22/11/43.

TO:- ALGOT, C.T.N.L.

We beg to inform you that an action is in progress for the disarming of the Fifth Column and the elimination of the Fascist danger in Sicily. This is being carried out in memory of our colleagues who are falling day by day on the Continent under the Fascist lead.

This action will not have any character of illegality or of any violence. At least that is our wish. But we would be betraying our dead if we were to stop because of your veto.

We shall inform you of every action we take, and of that which is being taken to arrive at a radical cleaning out in the public Civil Administration. A cleaning out which is so much desired by public opinion.

We are certain that everything will change for the better once we have disarmed the Fifth Column, and have substituted Fascists in places of responsibility with persons who are politically, morally and technically fit for the jobs, and these will be notified to you every time. In this way there will be complete mutual trust between your country and ours. A trust which is essential in order to settle that complexity of problems which the Fascist war has placed between us.

We count on the most cordial cooperation of the Allied Forces, for whose victory we have worked so much, both in our acts and in our words.

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In this way you will be carrying out the provisions of the Atlantic Charter, and to a greater degree, the Moscow decisions.

We trust that you will not compel us to have recourse to more persuasive methods, which would be most distasteful, above all to us.

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ATTACK (2).

U N I T Y A N D W O R K.

W O R K E R S,

We present to you the first list of Fascists and Profascists who are at present holding official posts.

(Follows a list of 20 names showing the appointment of each person.)

W O R K E R S

REMEMBER THE TWENTY - TWO YEARS OF SHAMEFUL FASCIST TYRANNY!

REMEMBER YOUR BROTHERS, FALLEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD THROUGH THE CRIMES OF THESE ASSASSINS!

TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF HUNGER, INJUSTICE, AND BETRAYAL OF THE PEOPLE!

They believe they are unpunished and unpunishable and are still behaving like true Fascists!

WORKERS, FORWARD TO RECOVERY!
"(UNITE ALL RUSSIA.)".

MOSCOW DEMANDS IT.

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NO. 1 DISTRICT

SECURITY (COUNTER INTELLIGENCE) REPORT NO. 1

FOR PERIOD 27 SEP - 31 OCT 1943

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COPY NO. 3.

Part I.

(GENERAL APPRECIATION)

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Civil, economic and political factors have a direct bearing on Military Security in SICILY in proportion as the garrison is reduced.

(a) Military Security, has on the whole been good in spite of the slight relaxation induced by a feeling amongst troops that this District is no longer of operational importance. One or two instances of leakage of information concerning impending moves have been reported and appropriate action taken. The Units concerned were unimportant. Much more serious was both the general knowledge and free discussion amongst all ranks of impending moves to obtain 30 CORPS. This state of affairs can only be attributed to statements made by H.Q.C. in G. MEETH and in talks to the troops concerned. Thence-forward the necessity of the topic to every man's heart made discussion and lack of security inevitable. A Special Security Instruction (No.7) was issued by 30 CORPS on 15 OCT 43 to remind all officers of their duty to put a stop to rumour and careless talk, particularly in reference to the coming move. It must have been fairly evident to civilians in AUGUSTA area, however, that those troops were not going to an operational theatre, as arms, ammunition, etc., were being called in and stored at AUGUSTA, civilian labour being employed for this purpose.

Authority has been given to troops to take photographs, subject to normal security restrictions, and for their films to be developed by certain authorised photographers.

Only one serious case of sabotage has occurred, (details in Part II). A certain amount of wire-cutting continues. This is attributable rather to the fact that warnings against it have not yet percolated through to civilians, than to malice afore-thought. The lack of sabotage is consoling in view of (a) the increasing difficulty of maintaining security of access to certain types of Military Establishments where bulk labour is employed, (b) the quantity of arms and explosives still lying about the countryside either unguarded or under the none too vigilant care of one Caribiniere.

Morale of troops is good.

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None of these parties, however, show organising ability or appears to have a firm grip on the people. It is possibly to be regretted that freedom of speech and liberty to hold meetings is denied to the Anti-Fascist parties by AMG. After the promises made to the Italian people in this connection, the impression created by present policy is lamentable.

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Serious concern and discontent amongst the civilian population has also been created by the continued use of FIG in MESSINA and CATANIA Provinces of notorious FASCISTS as advisers and administrators in non-specialised posts in which they could easily be replaced. Fuller details are given in Part II.

POLICE.

Discontent has also been caused by the inefficiency and slackness of the Italian Police in CATANIA and MESSINA Provinces, where black market racketeering is connived at. Steps have been taken to remedy this state of affairs in CATANIA Province by the introduction of an energetic Questore.

FOOD.

The whole problem of Civil Security in the non-wheat producing provinces of SICILY is dominated by the food situation. Bread and pasta are the basic food of the Sicilian. An insufficient bread ration, which, owing to difficult or bad distribution, and profiteers is sometimes entirely lacking, has led to wide spread dissatisfaction with AMG . Dissatisfaction which, if this state of affairs were to continue, might be exploited by those desirous of threatening our hold on the island. According to D.D.L., No.1 District, bulk labour employed by the military has in certain areas reached a point where it cannot cope with the heavy work owing to under nourishment.

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7 Army and I.B.S. do not appear to have received orders to send their periodical Security Reports to H.Q. No.1 District. None have been received to date.

They have now been informed by No.1 District of A.F.H.Q. orders on this subject.

PART II.

1. Military Security.

(a) Security of Information.

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Below is an extract from F.S. Report on this case which is fairly typical.

" De Lintini (di Salvatore) Rocco. Via Amendi 17, SCORDIA.
Labourer.

His story is that he was down in a ditch moving his bowels. He denies attempting to cut the wires and also denies the ownership of the knife which was found in the road nearby ?.

Interrogator did not believe this story and considers he should be charged for violation of Proclamation No.2., Article 1, para 1b.

Ferlita Orazio di Giuseppe. Via Case Sarti, SCORDIA.
Student aged 14 years.

His story is that he was returning home in his cart and gave a lift to De LENTINI. Whilst proceeding along the GIARDINI road the latter expressed a wish to retire to the ditch and asked the boy to wait for him. The boy remained in the cart and did not observe the actions of the accused.

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(iii) No.4 F.A.S. has been losing Cordite from 25 pr. shell caps. A reason has now been found for this continued sabotage. The local population use charcoal fires and charcoal is becoming increasingly difficult to find. It is therefore not possible to keep a fire going all day but after a fire has been dead for an hour or two, there is sufficient heat in it for it to be re-started with the aid of some cordite. It has been pointed out to P.S. that the removal of the caps from 25 Pdr. shells is a specialist job, normally done by Ordnance, but the civilians have evidently learnt the knack.

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O.C. No.4 P.W.S. states that already 700 shells have been returned to salvage on account of damage done in this way.

In this connection, six arrests have been made. One of these has been tried by an Allied Military Court, fined 25/-, and released. In view of this absurd sentence, P.S. contacted the C...O., VILLAFRANCA pointing out the seriousness of the crime and stating that unless an example could be made to act as a deterrent, this particular type of sabotage might continue indefinitely.

(iv) Enemy Dumps.

Many dumps and deposits of enemy material both large and small, still remain to be salvaged. Even when material has been collected for Salvage the dumps themselves are sometimes left with only one Carabinieri as guard.

(c) Security of Military Establishments.

Nothing of note to report.

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2. CIVIL SECURITY

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(i) MESSINA Province.

Col. Francesco GARGANO and party.

On 2 Oct the following Italian officers reported to the Carabinieri A.M.G. MESSINA:-

Col. Francesco GARGANO
Lt.Col. Nicola GIOVINE
Capt. Antonio FIZZI
Maresciallo Guido BOZZI
DE ILARIA
Girolamo BORI
and one O.R.

They carried a letter of authority from H.Q., R.M. Sub-Area endorsed by Capt. STEVENS, O.C., 47 P.S.S. with a statement that there was no security objection to their proceeding to SICILY. This letter was given in agreement with XXX (?XXXI) Corpo d' ARMATA M.114.

S.C...O., MESSINA put the party in touch with Comd. 151 Sub-Area and forwarded full particulars to G.O.C., A.M.G.O.I., enclosing a translation of orders in their possession from Commander in Chief of Staff Gen. MOATT... Col. GARGANO's mission was stated to be the recall and recruiting of units of the Italian Army in four or five provinces.

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Col. Francesco GARGANO and party.

On 2 Oct the following Italian officers reported to the Carabinieri A.M.G. MESSINA:-

Col. Francesco GARGANO
Lt.Col. Nicola GIOVINE
Capt. Antonio FIZZI
Maresciallo Guido BOZZI
" DE MARIA
" Girolamo BORI
and one O.R.

They carried a letter of authority from H.Q., R.M. Sub-Area endorsed by Capt. STEVENS, O.C., 47 F.S.S. with a statement that there was no security objection to their proceeding to SICILY. This letter was given in agreement with XXX (?XXXI) Corpo d' ARMATA M.114.

S.C.M.O., MESSINA put the party in touch with Comd. 151 Sub-Area and forwarded full particulars to G.O.C., A.M.G.O.T., enclosing a translation of orders in their possession from Commander in Chief of Staff Gen. ROATTA. Col. GARGANO's mission was stated to be the recall and recruiting of units of the Italian Army in four or five provinces.

According to G.S.I(b) 30 Corps F.S. reports the party came to collect personnel for the Marine Arty in CALABRIA.

On 11 Oct an information signal from A.F.H.Q. was received stating A.M.G. MESSINA had reported this party as recruiting an "Army of Insurrection" under orders from Gen. ROATTA. No copy of reply from British M.M. in Italy was received at this H.Q.

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On 25 Oct a report from three sources was received in CATANIA that an ex Console Generale of Militia, GARGANO, was organising 5 Colum through a resuscitation of the INVEP and Fascist Militia Ferroviaria.

On 30 Oct a further report stated that the above had visited relations in CATANIA and NISTEMBIANCO wearing Artillery Colonel's uniform.

The following information concerning his career was given.

"Formerly a railway employee, became Squadrista, rose rapidly and was transferred to ROME.

Ex Console Generale of the Railway Militia, Commander of the DUCE'S Musketeers and Permanent President of the Revolu ,ione Fascista.(i.e. Chief Squadrist .)."

Since the period covered by this report closed, a signal from the British M.M. in Italy received on 4 Nov., states that Gen. ROATTA disclaims all knowledge of Col. GARGANO and his party.

Further enquiries instituted at MESSINA have elicited the following facts.

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According to Capt. TROIA, who seems quite straightforward, that work was the collection of the names and addresses of all the Maritime Artillerymen in MESSINA Province who formerly manned the coast defence batteries, with a view to eventual reconstitution. It is their hope to do the same in SYRACUSE shortly.

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"F.S. informers are becoming disgusted with the present position and are less willing to help. They say that surely when in other parts of Sicily the Fascists party leaders have been deposed from office, it is ridiculous that the Fascist Regime should be allowed to get such a grip on the Messina Province.

The principal individuals concerned are members of a body which calls itself the Advisory Committee to the Allied Administration in MESSINA. This body is composed of persons of the Directorate or closely connected with the firm of Sanderson & Sons.

Signa. BOSSURGI, a wealthy widow, competent business woman and propietor of the firm of W. SANDERSON & CO., one of the largest manufacturers of citric acid and citrous drink in the Island. This woman is one of the most influential people in the Province. Her influence is felt through those of her circle who are in close touch with A.M.G., and she herself entertains. In FASCIST days she succeeded through political and financial assistance in extending considerably the scope of her business which was in very close relations with the MONTECATINI Group. She is further said to be an intimate friend of MUSSOLINI and RICCARDI, one time Minister of Exchange, whom she used to extend her commercial interests in Germany. The firm has large contracts for the supply of lime-juice to the British Army.

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LA SOCIETA' ELETTRICA DI SICILIA is said to have been financed and controlled by the BANCA COMMERCIALE. A report by Staff Officer (S & M) states "The structure of the Company is peculiar..... I have the personal opinion that the majority of the managerial class owe their positions to factors other than technical abilities....."

TRICOMI FONDATOR. S.RO, is director of the Societa Elettrica. He was born in 1880 in Roccalumera, where he now lives when he is not in PALERMO. He is said to have been an important financier behind the first Fascist movement of Messina, and indeed all Sicily, and is reported to be in direct contact with German circles in Milan and Rome. He was a representative of the German firm of Siemens. The company which he created, while ostensibly concerned solely with business, was, it is alleged, intimately bound up with the Fascist Party organisations.

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Podesta of CATANIA.

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Record of unswerving support for Fascist party and its principles with sometimes an almost ludicrous insistence on external demonstration of loyalty. Never guilty of any violence himself to further Fascist ends, but turned a blind eye to it.

As an administrator he does not seem to have profiteered himself - in any case he is sufficiently/rich not to want to - but he seems always to have refused to take action against any of his subordinates amongst whom corruption certainly was rife.

He has a public reputation of weakness and is not noted for his efficiency.

At present he receives 100% backing from AMGOT who find that he is easily led and is a ready 'yes-man'.

Although not in himself a vicious personality, to the general public he is a symbol of the Fascist regime, a regime the Allied Forces have sworn to smash, and his dismissal will be warmly applauded by all the anti Fascist parties. AMGOT have had the benefit of his advice now for three months and have held him long enough to enable them to get the municipal administration running again.

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PROVINCIAL.

CANDRILLI Dott. Salvatore. Capo, Sezione Trasporti.

Fervent Fascist and Conturione in the MVSN. Reported to have denounced many anti-Fascists. Wrote Fascist propaganda articles for the Popolo di Sicilia".

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. Universally bad reputation (for corruption as well as Fascism) amongst all sections of the population.

GALLESI-TOLA Gavino, Dott. Capo, Sezione Industriale.

Strong Fascist from Genoa. Nominated to his present position in Catania by Italian Fascist Government (1938 ?). Universally accused of corruption. Reported taking fullest advantage of his position, both to enrich himself and browbeat his subordinates.

TOCCO Rag. Salvatore. Sezione Alimentazione.

Strong Fascist, profiteer, corrupt and constantly open to bribes. Bad reputation with all sections of the population.

(b) SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS.

The under mentioned political parties are beginning to make themselves felt in MESSINA. At present these do not appear to be dangerous in any way but it is thought that it may be as well to know of their existence together with their leading personnel.

THE NEW SICILIAN MOVEMENT.

Leaders in MESSINA. MILLIMAGGI, Giovanni, Avv.
- Libero.
- Spartaco.
Longo Silvestro.

Number of Members in MESSINA at present - Approximately 30, but reports state that cells are being formed in every town and village in the province. The Executive Committee are known.

Present Activities. Recruiting as fast as they can and are busy making the "Free Sicilian Badge", a red yellow red pennant. There is talk of demonstrating but this is not likely to take place until their membership grows.

Object. This is a divided one. Some want a Sicily with a Sicilian government whilst others want a Sicily under the protection of an Allied government. Both sides are united in that they must have a Sicily divorced from Italy. During a visit to P.S.O. on 29 Oct., MILLIMAGGI Libero stated that it was not the intention of this party to take any positive action until the conclusion of the present war, when, if need be, they would fight for independence.

The PARTITO D'AZIONE is still actively recruiting anti-fascist members in all Provinces.

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Leaders in MESSINA. LAL., Giuseppe.
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Number of members in MESSINA. It is not known at present as they work in cells all over the town.

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In CATANIA the Communists are reported to be attempting to reform under the leadership of Avvocato LAMANNA, who before his interment by the Fascists was one of their leaders.

The movement is not considered in any way dangerous at present, or likely to cause trouble. Reports from LIPARI also indicate Communist activity in that town.

In SYRACUSE Province, too, Communist cells are in existence under the leadership of CUMBO, Nicola, who is also said to extend his influence to CATANIA.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Relations between Allied Forces and Civilians.

Remains good on the whole. There are however a number of complaints about drunkenness of troops. In MILAZZO, where the sale of wines to individuals has been prohibited, troops nevertheless manage to get a fair amount, probably brought in from surrounding villages. C.M.P. have the matter in hand.

In spite of isolated cases of rape and looting the behaviour of the British soldier is compared favourably by the Italians with that of the Germans.

There have been one or two brawls between British Army personnel and Italian Naval personnel in the Augusta area. These have been due to too much wine and too much leisure. There is no ill feeling, however, between the personnel of British and Italian Naval units.

(b) Civilian Morale: attitude of officials and reactions of population.

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the translation of an interesting pamphlet sent to A.M.G. C.T.N.L.

This pamphlet reflects in extreme form the widespread dissatisfaction of the small people at the way in which the problems of food, administration and policing are being handled, and the number of ex-Fascists employed by A.M.G. as collaborators.

Many reports of the present unpopularity of the House of SAVOY are coming in. It is regretted that the Allies are apparently backing the monarchy which is looked on as almost as discredited and morally bankrupt as Fascism itself.

A separatist questionnaire which is going the rounds is shown at Appendix 'B'.

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1. That Germany has asked the Allies for an armistice.(civil and military circles).
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3. That the Americans are going to take over the whole of SICILY.(due to 30 Corps move.)
4. Recurrent rumours in MESSINA that the town is going to be bombed.
5. That American troops will shortly move into MILAZZO.
6. That the value of B.M.A. money is shortly to be depreciated.

(d) Matters of General Security Interest.

Repatriation of Italians from Mainland. A signal received from A.F.H.Q. (3086 of 26 Oct) informed this H.Q. that there was no objection to Italian soldiers and civilians being transported on craft returning from Italy to Sicily subject to control by A.M.G.

The matter of control is not a simple one since, apart from unauthorised arrivals by means of small craft, the parties reach this Island without prior notification being sent and are almost always unprovided with proper authority, money, food or bedding. For example:

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To cope with this problem this Branch has put forward a scheme to be worked out by A.M.G. in conjunction with Gen. ZANFI, G.O.C., SABAUDA Division, senior Italian Officer in Sicily, for the setting up of Transit and Registration Centres under Italian officers at Messina, Syracuse and Palermo. At these centres accomodation and temporary feeding arrangements could be provided and through registration, a check kept on all authorised and unauthorised Italian military personnel arriving or found wandering in this Island.

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TRADE UNIONS.

It is reported that a Railwaymen's Trade Union has been formed unofficially to protect the interests of the workers. The question of wages and the existence of Fascists in power in the railways being the first matters which are to receive attention.

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The Centrale Elettrica (where wages are at an extremely low level) are also reported as about to form (unofficially) a Trade Union.

It is known that in many towns a proper organisation, free from Fascist influence, is keenly desired in order that workers may free themselves from the rather chaotic conditions prevailing. It is felt that whilst the FASCIST organisations have ceased to function, no steps have been taken to replace them by normal democratic institutions.

HIDDEN ARMS.

F.S. Ragusa detachment found, hidden in the Palazzo della Milizia, Ragusa, a dump of 300-400 rifles, 20-30 cases of ammo. and some hand-grenades. The keys of the premises have been confiscated and the matter handed over to CARO RAGUSA.

ARRESTS

Since the last statistical return rendered by 15 Army Group in Sept '43, 232 further civilians have been detained and classified. A consolidated record of all arrests made in SICILY since the date of invasion is maintained by this Branch in conjunction with A.M.G., 1 Region, PALERMO.

PART III. PORT SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Nothing to report.

(b) Security of Material.

Nothing to report beyond small scale pilfering by Italian stevedores.

(c) Security of Access to Port Areas.

The Port Area in CATANIA has been reduced and the necessary re-wiring is being done.

The Fishing Port will shortly be opened.

In Syracuse a certain amount of rewiring has been necessary. The continual but inevitable changing of the units doing guard duties in the Port has made particular vigilance on the part of P.S.S. necessary owing to the inexperience of those units of the niceties of Port work.

(d) Other Matters of General Port Security Interest.

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R.S.C Motor Boat Coy.

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Export Trade to MALTA and NORTH AFRICA, from SYRACUSE under the auspices of A.M.G.. Arrangements have been made with Owners of vessels to provide crew lists and each member of crew will be interrogated before sailing. Members of crews will be in possession of their Italian Seaman's Book which contains all their particulars. These books are held and controlled by the Italian Capitaneria del Porto who hold all records.

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A system is, however, being introduced whereby all Italian craft eventually trading with the mainland or elsewhere shall be provided with a Permit issued by A.M.G. after consultation with P.S.S.

Italian Merchant Shipping.

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Illicit Ferry Service at MESSINA.

This illicit traffic has been one of the main problems in Messina Province for the last month. It still continues but has decreased considerably thanks to measures taken by all the interested authorities. To date 22 fishermen have been apprehended in the Straits and handed over to C.M.P.O. Messina for trial; eight of these offenders have been fined sums ranging from 1,000 - 6,000 lire, with the alternative of from 40 to 80 days imprisonment. Their boats have been confiscated.

Messina Ferry Service.

Traffic on this is controlled by Permit.
On 28 Oct the ferryboat 'MESSINA' arrived from TARANTO and was taken over by R.N. complete with crew of 40, after having been subjected to the usual security procedure. Of the crew 42 are Sicilians.

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The ferry service of military traffic from Milazzo to the mainland has ceased and the docks are no longer under Naval control.

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A P P E N D I X "A"

DEATH TO THOSE WHO STARVE US:

Your Colonel STIVENTS before you set foot on this land of SICILY, broadcast from London to the four winds that you would be coming to Sicily to liberate us from the Fascist tyranny; that you would be coming to deliver us from the ill treatment and ill doings of MUSSOLINI; and that (supreme irony) you would bring us white bread, white pasta and white flour.....

The Fascists were our oppressors.....the Fascist were our oppressors..... the Fascists were the profiteers who starved the quiet and hard working population..... the Fascists were.....what they were. Let us leave them as they are, especially as today they no longer count (more's the pity) and come to the following conclusion:

You have come to Sicily; you have been here three months; but.....up till now, nothing of what your above mentioned Colonel proclaimed.....absolutely nothing .....has been seen. No white bread.....not even black; no pasta; no flour; have you brought us. In the days of Mussolini, oil, pasta and coal were distributed every fortnight. You have taken everything and.....what is sadder, you have left us the starving prey of the profiteers. The Black Market that existed in the days of Mussolini has now become merely a slightly disguised open market.....because you facilitate it with your carelessness. Everything that is absolutely essential for the population, today, has become the monopoly of these profiteers. The bread that should be distributed by means of the ration card is one third distributed and the remaining two thirds sold at exorbitant prices by the bakers themselves. Pasta is not distributed as in the days of Mussolini.....but go and visit the houses of these racketeers and you will find large quantities of pasta being sold at prices sufficient to make one shudder.....70 lire a kilo for pasta! Even flour is sold at 75 lire , oil at 120 lire a bottle, meat at 70 lire, fish at 100 lire, bread at 75 lire and so on and so on .....and right under your beautiful eyes.....that do not see.

You have not got the courage to suppress all this evil; it is turning to your discredit because we shall do all we can to add our voices to those of the Fascists and help send you to Hell.

If the people of Sicily are to expect you as their true liberators from all the harm that has oppressed them and still oppress them.....you are welcome; but if you came to throw us into the jaws of the jackals and to despoil us.....get out! And may you be accursed by God and humanity.

Catania.
20 September 1943. From: One hundred Catanians.

A P P E N D I X 'B'.

Separatist Questionnaire. 000.1

1. VOLETE UNA SICILIA UNITA AL RESTO D'ITALIA ? .....

2. VOLETE UNA SICILIA LIBERA E INDIPENDENTE SOTTO LA PROTEGGIONE DELL'ITALIA ?.....

3. VOLETE UNA SICILIA LIBERA E INDIPENDENTE SOTTO LA PROTEGGIONE DEGLI ALLEATI ?.....

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Appendix 'C'/.....

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APPENDIX 'C'

COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO

Comando 1° Gruppo Legioni Artiglieria
MARITTIMA.

MESSINA, li 20 ottobre 43.

Al Centurione
TROIA Luciano = MESSINA.

e, per conoscenza:
a MARINA NAPOLI = Sua Sede

Prot. N. 5/10000 Allegati.

Argomento: Comunicazione.

Mentre Vi ringrazio e Vi elogio lo spirito di collaborazione dimostrato nell'adempimento dell'incarico di censire gli sbandati ed i dispersi dell'Artiglieria Marittima vi invito a continuare nell'opera in attesa di ulteriori ordini.

per IL CONSOLE

COMANDANTE DEL 1° GRUPPO LEGIONI ART. MARITT.
= Francesco Gargano =

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