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FOR PERIOD 1 AUG - 10 AUG 45

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PARA 1

Since the territory of No 1 District, together with one and of the PS3 therein, is now divided between No 2 and 3 Districts, the regular Security Summary will not be compiled for the month of August 1945. Following, however, are points of General interest taken from PS3 reports received up to the 15 AUG 45, grouped under the usual headings. The now authorities responsible for the areas concerned are also shown.

GENERAL SURVEY.

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Nothing to Report.

(b) Security of Personnel

Nothing to Report.

(c) Security of Material and Installations

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(Investigations being pursued by
13 Corps)

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2. CIVIL SECURITY

(a) During the period up to 15 Aug 45, six category 'B' arrests (for internment) were reported. The majority were enemy agents who had undertaken sabotage training but had not completed any missions.

(b) Important Individual Cases

(i) Arrests.

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(ii) Suspects.

Nothing to Report.

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(iii) Relations between groups and civilians are satisfactory throughout the area despite threats against women for consorting with the Allies; the Italian Navy at MOCMI seems especially indignant. Rumours of the Allies 'abandoning' Italy are growing and are repeated with regret by the majority of the population who remain indifferent to the more vociferous politicians and pessimistic about the future of a Italian democratic revival.

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PART I

GENERAL SURVEY

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Prices everywhere are high and food is generally short. Sugar, butter and fats are rarely if ever obtainable except in the black market and rationed bread is of very poor quality. Meat however is fairly plentiful on account of the fact that prolonged drought and the absence of foodstuffs have necessitated the slaughtering of numbers of cattle. Unemployment is widespread and the numbers of people without work and on low rations will believe the wildest rumours and demonstrate on the slightest provocation.

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The rounding up of listed agents and CIS Staff officials continues, and GSI PW Increment who have screened during the month 24,000 SUP of more than forty different nationalities have identified a further 46 Germans of CI interest including 29 who had been listed as wanted personnel. Some 400 persons of CI interest at the CI Compound ALCON, now await disposal instructions from ALCON.

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PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information.

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(c) Security of Material and Installations.

(i) On 2 Jul 45 between 0900 hrs and 1000 hrs an anti-tank Grenade of German make was found about 12 feet from the ORs billet at 'B' Workshops, No. 4 IIC, FERRARA. It had evidently been placed in position during the night. The Grenade was ineffective as it had no fuse. It is thought that this incident may be connected with a strike held during the previous week in protest against the quality of food provided for civilian employees.

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PORT OF ANCONA.

PS in consultation with PS ARG, are making arrangements for CG.FF patrols and guards to be reinforced as far as possible by CC.RR preparatory to the eventual taking over of part of the port by the Italian authorities. The same system of pass issue and control and port security measures will continue to be operated.

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PORT OF ANCONA (contd)

July saw the issue of a further 600 passes. Recent traffic amounted to forty five merchant vessels and fourteen schooners during the month.

PORT OF SENIGALLIA.

Nothing to Report.

(a)(ii) Security of Coastline.

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2. CIVIL SECURITY.

(a) JULY - Analysis of arrests.

	For trial for a Security Offence: (Category 'A')	For Intern- ment: (Category 'B')	For Detention pending Invest- igation: (Category 'C')	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces (excl. CC.RR).	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Civilian Officials (incl CC.RR).	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Miscellaneous Civilians	1	8	8	17
TOTAL	1	8	8	17

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Civilian :				
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(incl CC.RR). :				
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(ii) Suspects.

Nothing to Report.

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

(i) On 18 Jul 45, an employee of No. 2 Sub Depot, 35 AOD, JESI, was arrested by PSS for having distributed about one hundred anti-allied pamphlets among the civilian employees of the AOD. He was TOMASSINI Tolmino and a search of his house produced three fully primed grenades, as well as confirming the fact that he was Secretary of the Communist Party cell in the Depot. IS then proceeded to look for other arms amongst his close associates, a list of whom was found in his home, and confiscated a revolver and a considerable quantity of WD property as a result. TOMASSINI and SARDELLINI Alberto were subsequently handed over to the PSS. ACCOMA for prosecution and received sentences amounting to seven and six months respectively.

(ii) A demonstration of half an hour's duration took place in the port area of MONTE on 19 Jul 45, and further interruptions of work were said to be planned. IS and the local Italian authorities are prepared to take action against the trouble-makers when this becomes necessary.

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(iv) Arms have also been found hidden in a cave at FRATTA POLSINE, Prov. Rovigo, along with several vehicles. The Sindaco produced to MG the somewhat lame excuse that they might be needed by the Partisan Police, but the weapons were nevertheless impounded.

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(v) The anti-Fascist youth organisation "Fronte della Gioventu'" continues to function throughout the area and Communist enthusiasts are pressing for the opening of a branch in the MONTE area. The movement, which began in Oct 43 to gather young anti-Fascists, train them and pass them on to Partisan bands in the mountains, has about six thousand adherents in PIEMONTE. Province alone, and is controlled centrally from MILAN. The current official programme of the Fronte is to educate young people between the age of fifteen and twenty-five in general political consciousness, and to combine athletic and cultural activities with democratic indoctrination. It seems, however, that the Left is making attempts to dominate the movement and the Christian Democrats and Liberals are considering the advisability of forming their own youth movements, in opposition. Many of the leaders, however, remain liberal in tendency and at present no information about the Fronte has been received which would give grounds to regard it as subversive or revolutionary.

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(v) The anti-Fascist youth organisation "Fronto della Gioventu" continues to function throughout the area and Communist enthusiasts are pressing for the opening of a branch in the JACOMI area. The movement, which began in Oct 43 to gather young anti-Fascists, train them and pass them on to Partisan bands in the mountains, has about six thousand adherents in PADOVA Province alone, and is controlled centrally from MILAN. The current official programme of the Fronte is to educate young people between the age of fifteen and twenty-five in general political consciousness, and to combine athletic and cultural activities with democratic indoctrinization. It seems, however, that the Left is making attempts to dominate the movement and the Christian Democrats and Liberals are considering the advisability of forming their own youth movements, in opposition. Many of the leaders, however, remain liberal in tendency and at present no information about the Fronte has been received which would give grounds to regard it as subversive or revolutionary.

(vi) Reports of attempts to form Monarchist associations which have had as yet no signal success have been received from PIDU and JACOMI. In the latter town, propaganda for the institution of a "Legione Azaurra" has started amongst the OO.RR and Italian Army officers.

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

There are also reports that PADUA University is to have a nationalist student band of "Blue Shirts", opposed to the present regime and to Communist influences.

(vii) PS at MONZA are watching the activities of the "COMMUNIST LIBERTARI" group, an extremist organisation of anarchic tendencies which issues sporadically leaflets of subversive nature. The group is small, comprising some forty members headed by LUIGI GIUSEPPE, a local waiter. It is alleged that the members are responsible for running a blackmail organisation which, according to accounts, carries information on allied consorts amongst the Italian female population, if possible with photographic evidence. To this end local photographic shops are visited regularly in order that copies of snaps in which Italian women appear with troops may be added to the files. Cards and photographs may then be made to disappear "at a price". Investigations of these allegations are now proceeding.

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PART III (Contd.)(c) Partisans and Peoples' Courts (Contd.)

(iii) Peoples' Courts are now in regular session over the area with a healthy absence of the violent incidents associated with their early sittings. At FOROLI on 26 Jul, the local court sentenced the ex-Brigata Nera member, ROMAGNOLI Gaetano, to death for his violent and active collaboration with the Germans and heavy sentences are everywhere the order of the day.

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314 FS Section (Capt. ROBINSON)	HQ Det	ANCONA ANCONA PORT
417 FS Section (Capt. HARVEY)	HQ Det Det	ALVERA RUBINI NOLI
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