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"B" GROUP (KRISTIANSAND SUB ZONE) FUNCTIONAL REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE

The regular police force is somewhat depleted owing to Quislings having left. There are, however, a number of volunteers who do patrol work etc and they number 150. There are also about 70 members of the Civil Air Defence who act as constables.

The Force is in process of being re-organised and individual members of the pre-war police are joining daily as they return from concentration camps etc.

The Politimester has not yet arrived therefore the reorganisation is marking time.

The police have no firearms. Their arms and ammunition have been taken over by the Home Front.

Police communications and equipment are in fair condition only. Uniforms and boots have not yet been received and are urgently required. Great interest is displayed in the possible receipt of new uniforms.

The police live at home and get the same rations as civilian heavy workers except that they are supplied with soup at the police station.

Records are intact and the station undamaged.

FIRE-FIGHTING

Fire-fighting equipment and personnel have not altered since the surrender. They are considered sufficient for the present but a detailed inspection by GA has not yet been carried out. A further report will be rendered on completion of this inspection.

The town has not been mined or booby-trapped.

Under the Surrender Terms the Germans have the right to remove food etc to their Reservation so it is not yet possible to give locations of stores which will eventually be left. It is not thought that any great quantity of food will be left and any dumps will be guarded by the Home Front.

It is not felt that there will be any breach of law and order on the return of the Government to Norway and for the most part it will be well received.

No cases of civilian looting have come to light.

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KRISTIANSAND.
19 May 55.

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REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

REFUGEES

There is no refugee problem at the present time in this area.

DISPLACED PERSONS

1. Under the operational plan for NORWAY the Russians are not a CA responsibility but are that of the army. In this area the Russian problem is being adequately handled as such. Inspection by CA has been made of the Camps established for the Russians and has disclosed that they are now being adequately housed and fed, camp administration being carried out by the Norwegian Home Front under army supervision. The army is also supplying required medical supplies and personnel.

2. In VEST AGDER there are a total of 207 displaced persons, as per detailed list below, The majority are concentrated in KRISTIANSAND, being housed in local hotels and billets under the supervision of the Norwegian UNRRA Committee for this area. This Committee is also feeding them. There is no illness amongst them at present.

3. At present it is not possible to supply any information about AUST AGDER but this will be given as soon as it is possible to recon the area.

4. Number of Displaced Persons in VEST AGDER.

Dutch	-	135	(10 in Flekkefjord).
Italian	-	4	(1 in Aulabe)
Polish	-	35	
French	-	19	
Czech	-	3	
Belgian	-	6	
Latvians	-	2	
Croats	-	1	
Austrian	-	1	
Jugo-slav	-	1	

Total; -207 (of which approx 200 are in Kristiansand and district).

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CAPT.
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FUNCTIONAL SURVEY

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE ORGANISATION

Throughout both AUST and VEST AGDER regular Police are still well understrength but efforts are now being made to recruit suitable personnel for the regular force. It is however not considered that many of the volunteers and civil defence personnel now assisting the police in patrol duties will be suitable for recruitment as the majority are not up to the required standard. Shown hereunder is the present strength of Regular Police in VEST AGDER and the full strength aimed at:-

	<u>Present Strength</u>	<u>Full Strength</u>
KRISTIANSAND	50	100
MANDAL	5	20
FARSUND	3	6
FLEKKEFJORD	3	8

Figures for AUST AGDER to be submitted in subsequent report. Col. RYNNING-TONNESSEN has taken over his duties as Politimester, Kristiansand, with Politinspektør FRANK as his deputy. In addition there are three Politifullmektiger as chiefs of ORDENSPOLITI, KRIMINALPOLITI, and a branch established for investigating Quisling cases in KRISTIANSAND.

A Politimester with two Politifullmektiger have been appointed by Col. RYNNING-TONNESSEN at MANDAL, also one Politifullmektig at FARSUND and FLEKKEFJORD respectively.

Appointments of new lensmann, where necessary in the SETESDAL district will be made before the end of May.

CRIME:-)

Crime figures are low and do not show any increase since the arrival of Allied Forces. There have been no cases of looting by civilians, but a few cases of soldiers and naval ratings unlawfully taking German stores. The latter have been reported to the C.O. for action.

PUBLIC DISORDER

No cases of riots or disorder have occurred.

ACCIDENTS

Several serious road accidents involving Allied vehicles have occurred in this area including one in which 8 persons were killed. Majority of the accidents have been due to proceeding on wrong side of road, cutting off corners and travelling at excessive speeds, particularly on bends. This has been brought to the notice of the Sub-Zone Commander and every effort is being made to prevent further accidents.

DRUNKENNESS

Cases have been very slight among Norwegian population but there have been incidents of soldiers and sailors obtaining German supplies of liquor and getting drunk.

In an effort to control supplies of liquor the Sub-Zone Commander has issued an order for all German liquor supplies to be handed over to Allied Forces and stored under guard.

BLACK MARKET

The only incidents so far of black market activities coming to our notice have been caused by Army and Naval personnel selling rations, such as tinned beef, chocolate, cigarettes to civilians at exorbitant prices. Details of such incidents have never been sufficient to effect an arrest but particulars have been given to Sub-Zone Commander and N.O.I.C.

It is most unfortunate that there were no G.M.P. in this area in the first instance to detect and prevent such illegal transactions. A naval picket and mixed British and Norwegian armed patrols have however just begun to patrol Kristiansand throughout the 24 hours.

POLICE REQUIREMENTS

BATTLE DRESSES:-

Forty three bales of blue battle dresses were handed over to Police on 24 May and will be distributed throughout both Fylkers.

BOOTS:-

Kristiansand Police Chief has applied for an allocation of 100 prs of boots, which recently arrived in CA Stores, to the Fylkesforayningsnemnd.

FIREARMS

It is considered essential that firearms should be available for Police use in an emergency and retained at each station as was the pre-war custom.

The number required for VEST AGDER would be 140 (70 pistols and 70 revolvers) plus ammunition, belts and holsters. Requirements for AUST AGDER will be submitted later.

I would suggest that the above might be obtainable from German stocks.

FIRE:-

Chief of Kristiansand Fire Brigade has been interviewed and consider the present personnel and equipment sufficient, but a further inspection of equipment will be made and any requirements submitted in next report.

PRISONS

Civil prisons at Kristiansand and Mandal have been inspected by me. The former prison has 150 Quialings, the latter 35, and both are rather overcrowded. Arrangements have been made however for other suitable buildings to be utilised and at MANDAL a large Gymnasium formerly used for imprisoning Jessings is to be used for the detention of the less important Quialings from that district.

Arrangements are being made for prisons to be sprayed with DDT.

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REPORT ON SUPPLIES

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RECEIPTS

Three shipments of supplies have arrived;-

Destroyers "VALOROUS" and "VEMNOUS"

21 tons 10 cwt of coffee, chocolate, soap, canned meat and tinned milk. Also on this shipment were 6 cases of medical supplies, a gift from Scotland.

SS "DON"

1553 tons of medical supplies, food, clothing, dock supplies and a truck. This cargo has not as yet been receipted.

SS "ECKER"

161 tons 6 cwt P.O.L. This has not yet been receipted.

GENERAL SUPPLY SITUATION

To date no mixed cargoes or common user goods have been received. All goods have been taken over directly by the Norwegians. The cargoes have been received in good shape, only having suffered minor loss and damage.

FOOD

The food situation has improved since the preliminary report by Maj. Lee. Potatoes have been received from DENMARK to last until the new Norwegian crop come in. Butter has been received from DENMARK in sufficient quantity for $\frac{1}{2}$ kgms to each rationed person. All the children are now receiving their ration of milk. Fish, herring and mackerel, are now sufficient. There is sufficient flour to meet the present ration.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The six cases, a gift from SCOTLAND are now in the hands of the designated pharmacies in the two Agders. The medical supplies on the SS "DON" will soon be available.

FUEL

Wood can be obtained in sufficient quantities. Coal is scarce and the supply is being conserved. Diesel oil is critical, and the situation in AUST AGDER is especially acute. A letter to the Sub Zone Commander was written 30 May 45 asking for the release of 10 tons Diesel oil from captured enemy stores for agriculture and fishing in AUST AGDER.

FODDER

Scarce. Are requesting release of 750 tons herring flour now loaded on a German ship in KRISTIANSAND harbour. Hay is needed by the railway dept in AUST AGDER and we have applied for the release of hay lying at ARVNDAL+railway station.

INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES

The aluminium reduction works at FARSUND are closing down owing to lack of refined alumina. Chrome alum is needed for the tanneries.

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FINANCE REPORT

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Re position of Banks, nothing to add to previous reports.

Due to the shortage of consumer goods in the area, particularly tobacco and liquor, prices of these articles are far above the value of the goods concerned.

Traffic in cigarettes and liquor by the Allied troops in the area is prevalent. As such, it has become the source of much adverse comment by the civilian population.

Inspection of the local market indicates a rise in price of many articles and services in many instances from 100% to 300% of the normal pre-war cost.

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