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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 304

SITREP Number 35

PIEMONTE REGION

PUBLIC SAFETY

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4 July 1945

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SITREP Number 5.

LIGURIA:

25 May 1945.

Situation quiet. Continued holdup of landing of supplies over beaches due to bad weather has reduced flour reserves to marginal level. Haulage by civilian transport from LIVORNO has become necessary. Understand that due to technical reasons there may be unexpected delay in opening port of GENOA. TOGLIATTI and MAMMI appeared at CLN Congress Genoa on morning 27 May. AMG officers were present and speeches by visitors were permitted.

PIEMONTE:

28 May 1945.

Political:

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Agriculture:

250 horses and mules arrived in Asti Province and appropriated by public.

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PIEMONTE: 29 May 1945.

Political:

Further reports of a Fascist band in the Southern part of Asti Province are being investigated.
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LOMBARDIA: 30 May 1945.

Situation under control, nothing to report.

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5 June 1945.

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SUBJECT: IV Corps Sitrep.

TO : Distribution below.

Following information has been received from IV Corps:

27 May 1945.

PIEMONTE

Political

Small band of armed fascist bandits located in Asti Province.
Action underway.

Provincial CLN Vercelli Province is going far afield of its proper
function. Efforts are being made to check this, not too abruptly.

Legal

Special Courts of Assize to open Aosta Monday 4 June 45.

28 May 1945.

LOMBARDIA

Situation under control, nothing to report.

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To: Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 151/EC.

2 June 1945.

SITREP Number 6.

PIEMONTE REGION.

31 May 45.

- 8 GIU. 1945

Political:

Mrs CHANKUX as Honorary President of pro-annexation committee, Aosta Province, interrogated re proclamation poster. Denied all knowledge. Agreed to make a statement on her position. French reported promising early delivery of salt etc. to various communes. AD supplies urgently needed.

CLN presented resignations. Party names submitted for Provincial Advisory Assembly.

Food:

Food Division was contacted on 31 May by Intendant Rene Deslandes, Quartermaster of the French 27th Division under General Molle, with regard to the purchase or requisition of locally produced hay and foodstuffs for use by the French troops of the 27th Division now at Susa, Torino. He was indefinite with regard to his authority to purchase or requisition local resources. He was told that instructions in the matter would be requested. A separate letter is being addressed to IV Corps HQ in this matter.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

31 May 45.

Regional Order No.1 setting forth precisely the relationship between the National Committees of Liberation and A.M.G., has been reproduced in all newspapers of MILAN. 25,000 copies have been distributed in the Region for posting throughout Lombardy. The Committees of Liberation now have only advisory powers.

A meeting was held yesterday by the Regional Patriots Officer with the chief Patriot heads of the Region. They have all agreed to cooperate in seeing to it that the provisions of the orders to consign arms and cease patriot activities as such be carried out throughout the Region. There was full agreement at the meeting.

The Patriot situation in Milan City is very satisfactory. The order is being obeyed and seven barracks have been established for those patriots who do not have a home in Milan. In the meantime they are vacating all posts, stations, and apartments. They will be processed as soon as possible.

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LIGURIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

Situation quiet. Flour situation taxes all transportation to the limit to maintain long supply line to Leghorn. Provinces report difficulty transporting food from Genoa to Savona and Imperia. Large industrial firms threatened with closure in near future unless financial aid forthcoming. HQ Alcon informed and Italian representatives are leaving to discuss situation with appropriate Italian ministries.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

The plan for collecting work horses for farmers deprived of them by the Germans is working out very well. Horses are also being provided for the city of Milan to help in the clean-up programme.

A vast programme for Public Works for the city of Milan has been approved. This will not only help in reconstructing the city and relieving the housing shortage, but will also be the first step against threatened unemployment.

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28 May 1945

PIEMONTE:

28 May 1945

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Political -

On night of 24/25 May at the Hotel Monte Bianco in Province AOSTA. They were chased by French Guards. They returned two hours later armed and pillaged the Hotel and property. Said Hotel has been put off limits and guarded by French. French to try men concerned and have promised to submit report and compensate for damage caused. Considerable French re-inforcements arriving.

Reported that a considerable amount of hoodlums with some violence is taking place in the Alta Valle d'Aosta section, Vercelli Province. The Public Safety Officer will make a report as soon as facts can be obtained.

Partisans:

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Disarming of Partisans continues satisfactory in ASTI Province.

Food:

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P.C. has received a reply that arrangements to this effect are in course of being made and that it is hoped to be able to buy back from people who so desire it francs previously accepted.

The French Colonel has since informed the P.C. verbally that there will have to be taken as there is a lot of French money which is false in circulation but he did not suggest that it had been disseminated by French troops.

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- with a French officer. All shops were closed and shuttered and no Italian flags were seen. Porters of General de Gaulle were much in evidence as was the French flag. It appears quite clearly that the French occupation of this area is firm and complete e.g.
- (a) (1) The Banks have been forced to open and exchange francs for lire at an equal rate i.e. one franc for one lire.
 - (11) They have also been instructed that all business transactions are to be made in francs NOT lire.
 - (b) The report that part of the current from the electric power station at S. DALLMADO DE TESSA had been diverted to France seemed justified.
 - (c) The Regional Commander of the 29th Regt. de Tirailleurs Algériens informed the P.C. that
 - (1) he is bringing flour and coffee in by pack mules from FRANCE for the population of TESSA - HIGGA, and S. DALLMADO DE TESSA.
 - (11) That he has found a stock of salt which he has rationed and distributed in that area and also sent some to LEMME.
 - (111) That the local Italian administration is functioning (this is untrue as they are under French influence).
 - (iv) He is disarming the Partisans.
 - (v) Law and order prevail although there are no COER in the area and he does not consider them necessary. Should he feel them necessary he will make a request to ALL for a detachment.
 - (d) Orders have been given by the French to stop all cutting of timber and its removal from the area.
 - (e) Printed notices of petition to come under French rule.
 - (f) Ministe-passes are being issued in the area.

Health

One case of typhus reported at Soria. Diagnosis confirmed. All precautions have been taken.

Agriculture.

Distribution of horses from Army couriers now proceeding.

27 May 45

situation quiet and satisfactory. G.H. is holding regional conference daily.

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SITREP Number 3.

26 May 1945.

Reference is made to paragraph on Political Activities in Piemonte Region, 23 May, SITREP Number 2:

Commune reported was that of VIGADIO in Cuneo Province and report was submitted by Sindaco of VIGADIO to Provincial Commissioner Cuneo Province.

LEGURIA:

25 May 1945

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PIEMONTE:

24 May 1945

Political

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Public Safety

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General Order No. 39 (Closing of Frontier) being posted.

Curfew for military personnel having been set at 2400 by the local Commander in VIGELLI Province, arrangements were completed for the Prefect to proclaim the civilian curfew at 2400 to 0400 hours so that early morning trains may be caught.

Partisans.

Efforts being made to reduce unemployment of Partisans in Alessandria Province through IV Corps engineers by employing them on reconstruction of roads and bridges.

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Partisan arms cleared from CAPRILIO and VERZUGLIO, Cuneo Province.
9 lorries were employed clearing arms all day 24 May.

Industry.

Owing to blocking of cement, owners of factories of by-products
of cement in Alessandria Province finding it difficult to pay
employees.

Question of directorship and management of OCCAS steel factory in
Aosta Province raised and being investigated. Intrusion of
politics evident.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Office of the AC of S G-5

31 MAY 1945

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Situation report as of 23 May 1945

TO : AC of S G-5, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army

1. The zone now under the control of IV Corps Headquarters consists of Lombardy Region (less the provinces of Brescia, Cremona and Mantova), Liguria Region (less the province of La Spezia) and all of Piedmont Region. Allied Military Government has been established in the entire area up to the French and Swiss frontiers.

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General Cadorna's one hope of retaining control was to have had something concrete to offer the partisans in the way of benefits - employment - enlistment in the army or Carabinieri. The General's visit to Rome with Parri and Longo, leaders of the elements in and about Turin was made in the hope that the War Ministry would offer some help. The net result has been upon the return with a statement of sympathy with the partisan goals in reemployment and enlistment that the partisans are dubious as to whether anything is going to be done. It was not to be expected of course that the Ministry would make specific promises since both employment and enlistment are controlled by other factors.

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There are no disturbing reports from the Provinces. There have been desires on the part of local CEM's to issue decrees of their own and a few have attempted this. To end the matter permission is being sought through channels for the publication of General Wilson's agreement with the CEMAI to establish the fact that Allied Military Government was to take over. In addition a letter has been written by the President of the CEMAI to all local CEMs again reiterating that they now become consultative rather than governing bodies. This has been given wide publicity.

The two Communist Ministers paid a visit to the Commanding General to request that the ban on speech making and political rallies be lifted. They were reminded of the conditions imposed on their visit before leaving Rome and that IV Corps had received instructions from higher echelons of command as to the conditions laid down before the trip was undertaken.

There is no question however that Fogliatti has violated the conditions imposed on his visit. While the "Minita" communist paper claimed 100,000 persons listened to an address by Fogliatti actually a group of 10,000 assembled without permit (on their way home from work was the explanation given) and it is believed that Fogliatti would have spoken if Public Safety Officer of Milan City had not been present to remind Fogliatti of the conditions imposed on his visit. A long address appeared in "Minita" the next day giving the impression that the address had been given before 100,000 persons. Reports have been received that Fogliatti made an address on 23 May 1945 in Verocelli before 1,500 people.

3. Finance.

The large industries for the most part have suffered war damage and there is uncertainty as to their financial condition. Aside from the huge cost of rehabilitation, industrial plants will find it difficult to pay the workers bonus promised by the CEMAI.

In the Piemonte area French currency is being circulated and bankers allege that there is considerable trading in exchange in violation of AMG proclamation.

4. Public Safety.

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There is no question however that Togliatti has violated the conditions imposed on his visit. While the "Lanite" communist paper claimed 100,000 persons listened to an address by Togliatti actually a group of 18,000 assembled without permit (on their way home from work was the explanation given) and it is believed that Togliatti would have spoken if Public Safety Officer of Milan City had not been present to remind Togliatti of the conditions imposed on his visit. A long address appeared in "Lanite" the next day giving the impression that the address had been given before 100,000 persons. Reports have been received that Togliatti made an address on 23 May 1945 in Verocelli before 1,500 people.

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A Railroad has now been established at Cremona where the food is transported by truck from Porli and then placed on freight cars and delivered by rail from this point to the regions of Lombardia and Piemonte. While the railroad could handle approximately 1000 tons daily, thus far only about 450 tons daily have been handled by the railroad, due to the lack of transport from Porli to Cremona. However, additional truck transport is being secured by the Senior Supply Officer, AMG Fifth Army and this amount will soon be increased.

The loading docks at Genoa are in the process of repair and small amounts of civilian food supplies are being unloaded now on the beaches from incoming ships. When this port is in operating condition the transport situation will be greatly relieved, because the food can be railled from Genoa to Turin and Milan.

The RCL situation has improved somewhat during the week. Arrangements were made with the Quartermaster IV Corps to borrow RCL and return the same amount when the RCL for civilian use was made available. Some RCL has gone into all regions, though the amount has been insufficient to mobilize all of the available local transport for hauling food supplies.

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SITREP Number 2.

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LEADERSHIP

23 May 1945

Situation quiet. Landing of supplies on beaches ceased on account of weather. Some landing craft wrecked.

PROSECUTION

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Instructions have been given Doctor Alberti, was instructed no cereals were to be sent to France. AMG will cease to deliver flour into Turin if further trading of this commodity was carried out.

Fundamental difficulty is that instructions to SERRAL, Torino are coming from both AMG and CLN.

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Commerce.

The first shipment of POL to Piemonte Region was received by ACIP 21 May 1945 consisting of 19,000 litres (approx 5,000 gallons) of benzine, from CIP by tank truck from Genoa. Distribution is being arranged to Provinces by assignment and delivery by ACIP. Up to this time local POL has been used. The greatest immediate need is for kerosene or gasoil (Diesel) for agricultural needs, irrigation, tractors, and farm machinery and especially for the rice planting for crops which will benefit Italy months later. At present we have about one week's supply found locally. Blends are being made for toluol and alcohol to fill in the needs.

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SITREP Number 1.

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20 May 1945.

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LIGURIA:

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

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FOOD:

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Sitrep Number 1, contd.

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In Alessandria situation in regard to roaming partisans from Liguria, as previously reported, found to be not as serious as at first thought. In Turin partisans continue to arrest civilians in isolated instances. Violators apprehended will be arrested and tried. Still shortage of law-enforcement personnel. In Vercelli, reported cases of "hair-raising" for girls fraternizing with Allied troops but good case for action not yet obtained. CIAA operating but need to make themselves felt more to remove a slight feeling of insecurity.

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LABOR:

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