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AG 323/061 GDS-O

SUBJECT: Occupation of Northeast ITALY

TO: Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
 Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
 General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District
 General Officer Commanding, No. 2 District

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1. GENERAL. Operational Directives on the occupation of Northeast ITALY have been issued as follows:

a. AFHQ letter, AG 323/061 SACS-O, dated 18 March 1945, subject: "Directive - Occupation of NE ITALY", which deals with the situation which will arise in the event of the withdrawal of the enemy from the PO Valley to some general Alpine line.

b. AFHQ letter, AG 387/147 SACS-O, dated 31 March 1945, subject: "Local German Surrender in ITALY", (not to all addressees) which deals with the situation which will arise should German forces in ITALY surrender on or about their present line.

2. OBJECT. Object of this memorandum is to give the administrative instructions corresponding to the operational directives in paragraph 1.

3. PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED. Administrative instructions in respect to the occupation of Northwest ITALY are given in AFHQ letter, AG 323/061 GDS-O, dated 25 January 1945, subject: "Occupation of NW ITALY", as amended by AFHQ letter, same file, dated 30 January 1945. These instructions remain unchanged in the event of a German withdrawal (paragraph 1 a, above). In the event of a German surrender or collapse, they will be subject to certain modifications as given in the following paragraphs.

4. SCOPE OF THIS INSTRUCTION. Northeast ITALY is defined as follows:

Compartimenti di VENEZIA TRIDENTINA
 VENEZIA PROPRIA
 VENEZIA GIULIA
 EMILIA (except the provincia of PIACENZA)

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Provincia of	SONDRIO	)	
	BRESCIA	)	
	BERGAMO	)	in the Compartimento of LOMBARDIA
	MANTOVA	)	
	CREMONA	)	
	APUANIA/MASSA	)	
	LUCCA	)	in the Compartimento of TOSCANA
	PISTOIA	)	

i.e., that part of NORTH ITALY not covered in the instructions referred to in paragraph 3 above.

5. PHASES

a. The definition of "phases" of the occupation of NE ITALY given in the AFHQ directive referred to in paragraph 1 a above, is also followed in this instruction.

b. Phase I will be deemed to be complete, and Phase II to start, in respect to any particular territory, when the rear boundary of Armies is moved forward and the territory passes from control of Armies to HQ 1 District, HQ 2 District, or CG PBS.

6. TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATIC HEADQUARTERS

a. In the case of progressive liberation of NORTH ITALY as a result of enemy withdrawal:

- (1) The territory to be controlled by HQ 2 District will be as given in the administrative instructions on NW ITALY referred to in paragraph 3 above.
- (2) HQ 1 District and CG PBS will take over the responsibilities of the Armies as the rear army boundaries are moved forward.
- (3) At a later stage, on completion of enemy withdrawal from NORTH ITALY and when the Army rear boundaries have been moved forward to the Austrian frontier and VENEZIA GIULIA, boundaries of static HQs will be adjusted to correspond with those laid down in sub-paragraph b, below.

b. In the case of the simultaneous liberation of NORTH ITALY, as would occur as a result of enemy surrender or collapse, the eventual territories to be controlled by static HQs in ITALY will be as defined in AFHQ directive referred to in paragraph 1 a, above.

c. Initially, VENEZIA GIULIA will be the responsibility of HQ Eighth Army. Subsequent responsibility for this Compartimento will be notified later.

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d. Instructions giving the territorial responsibilities of PBS and District HQs will be issued separately in amplification of instructions already issued in paragraph 15, AFHQ letter, AG 091.711-005 GCT, dated 3 January 1945, subject: "Reorganization of British Command and Static Headquarters", and AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1 a, above.

7. ALLOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARMIES. Within their respective areas, Fifth and Eighth Armies will be responsible for:

a. The administration of ground forces under their command and such maintenance of Air Forces located in the Army area as is a ground force responsibility.

b. The initiation, in conjunction with Army AMG organizations, of civil administration and relief measures.

c. The execution of specific administrative tasks as given in succeeding paragraphs.

8. ALLOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATIC HQs in NE ITALY

a. HQ 1 District will be responsible for:

- (1) The local administration of all British troops in its territory and in that of PBS, North of the northern boundary of the Compartimento of TOSCANA.
- (2) The coordination, in conjunction with HQ Allied Commission, of matters being undertaken in its territory jointly by military and civil authorities.
- (3) The execution of specific administrative tasks as given in succeeding paragraphs.

b. HQ 2 District will be responsible for the local administration of all British troops in the territory of PBS, within the boundaries of the Compartimento of TOSCANA, in addition to the responsibilities defined in the administrative instruction referred to in paragraph 3 above.

c. CG PBS will be responsible for:

- (1) Supply matters in respect to US Forces in Fifth Army in accordance with normal administrative procedure.
- (2) Supply matters in respect to US Forces in the territory under its control.
- (3) The coordination, in conjunction with HQ Allied Commission, of matters being undertaken in its territory jointly by military and civil authorities.

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(4) The execution of specific tasks as given in succeeding paragraphs.

d. HQ Allied Commission will be responsible for:

- (1) The continuation of civil relief measures
- (2) The development and operation in accordance with policies laid down by AFHQ of essential communications, industries and public utilities which are not a military responsibility.

9. DEVELOPMENT OF Ls OF C IN NORTH ITALY. Subject to changes which may be dictated by the course of operations, relative state of damage to communications or other considerations:

a. The US CZ will be by rail and road from LEGHORN through BOLOGNA and the BRINIER to AUSTRIA.

b. The British Ls of C will be:

- (1) By rail northward from MODENA to railheads on line 86 and extensions of this line in the FERRARA area, and by road FERRARA-PADUA-UDINE.
- (2) By sea, through the port of TRIESTE, and thence by the least damaged road and rail route to AUSTRIA.

(See Amendment Folio 23a)

10. PORTS.

a. It is not planned to open the port of VENICE immediately on capture. Later, when resources can be spared for the purpose, it will be opened for the importation of civil supplies.

b. TRIESTE will be developed as a military port and opened as a higher priority than VENICE.

c. With reference to the administrative instructions on NW ITALY referred to in paragraph 3 above, there are sufficient naval and military resources available to enable GENOA and TRIESTE to be opened simultaneously. However, should any conflict arise in the allocation of resources between these two ports, TRIESTE will have priority.

d. Naval responsibilities in respect to the opening and operation of TRIESTE and VENICE have been given to POTL.

e. TRIESTE

- (1) TRIESTE will be developed to enable 6,000 tpd to be discharged and cleared through it.

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- (2) The opening and operation of the port will be a British responsibility in respect of all tonnages handled. Should it be necessary to handle US tonnages the US will give counter-vailing assistance in discharge and clearance at a port elsewhere in ITALY.
- (3) TRIESTE will be developed as a transit port forming the southern end of the L of C to AUSTRIA and only the minimum necessary installations will be established at the port.
- (4) Responsibility under e (1), (2) and (3) will be undertaken initially by HQ Eighth Army subject to the following reservations:
 - (a) The key plan for the port will be prepared by AFHQ in conjunction with HQ Eighth Army, CG US base section concerned and FOTALI.
 - (b) Chairman of the Siting Board, on which the HQs given in (a) above will be represented, will be provided by AFHQ.
 - (c) Allocation of tonnages between HQ Eighth Army and other Bidders, whose requirements are not the responsibility of HQ Eighth Army, will be made by AFHQ.

f. VENICE

- (1) The opening and operation of the port will be the responsibility of HQ Allied Commission in all respects other than those which are a naval responsibility (see sub-paragraph d above).
- (2) Other than certain organizational assistance of a supervisory nature, it is unlikely that any military resources can be allotted to HQ Allied Commission for this purpose. The extent of this assistance will be notified later.

11. RAILWAYS.

a. The general order of priority of repair and construction will be as follows:

<u>First Priority</u>	: PRATO-BOLOGNA Single line FAENZA-BOLOGNA FAENZA-FERRARA
<u>Second Priority</u>	: BOLOGNA-VERONA-BRENNER BOLOGNA-PARMA Double line FAENZA-BOLOGNA
<u>Third Priority</u>	: PARMA-ALESSANDRIA-TURIN Easiest route to MILAN GENOA-ALESSANDRIA

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b. In addition to the above a line leading north to AUSTRIA from TRIESTE will be repaired. This line will be inserted into the above priorities according to operational requirements and the time required to move such locomotives and rolling stock, as may be necessary, to put the line into operation.

c. The above order of priority will be subject to adjustment in accordance with the speed and manner in which NORTH ITALY is occupied and whether the occupation follows a progressive enemy withdrawal or surrender.

12. ROADS

a. Fifth and Eighth Armies will be responsible for road repair and construction within their own areas to meet the operational requirements of CG 15th Army Group.

b. Should the whole of NORTH ITALY be liberated simultaneously as a result of enemy surrender or collapse, responsibility and priority for repair of roads during Phase II will be as follows:

<u>Priority 1</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
BOLOGNA-MODENA-VERONA	CG PBS
BOLOGNA-FERRARA-PADUA	HQ 1 District
<u>Priority 2</u>	
VERONA-BRENNER	CG PBS
<u>Priority 3</u>	
Best route PADUA-UDINE-TRIESTE	HQ 1 District
MODENA-PIACENZA	US HQ, designated at the time by CG MTOUSA and HQ 2 District in their respective territories
<u>Priority 4</u>	
GENOA-ALESSANDRIA	HQ 2 District
<u>Priority 5</u>	
PIACENZA-ALESSANDRIA-TURIN	HQ 2 District
Best route to MILAN	HQ 2 District

c. Responsibility for the subsequent repair of the road L of C leading north from TRIESTE into AUSTRIA will be allotted in the separate instructions referred to in paragraph 6 c.

13. IWT. HQ Allied Commission will be responsible for the restoration and operation of the IWT system to the maximum extent possible for the movement of civil supplies.

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14. POL BULK STORAGE AND PIPELINES

d. Bulk storage facilities will be developed as follows:

- (1) At TRIESTE, to supply military and civil requirements. This will be a military responsibility.
- (2) At VENICE, to supply civil requirements. This will be the responsibility of HQ Allied Commission. The provision of facilities at TRIESTE will have first priority.

b. Pipeline construction will take place to provide the following four-inch lines:

- (1) From ANCONA - one via BOLOGNA to FERRARA) One of these lines
-) to be extended to
- one via RAVENNA to FERRARA) ROVIGO.
- (2) From LEGHORN - one to BOLOGNA
- one via BOLOGNA to MODENA
- one via BOLOGNA to VERONA

15. CIVIL SUPPLIES

a. In Phase I the provision of supplies for the civil population will be the responsibility of Armies, in conjunction with their attached AMG organizations.

b. In Phase II the provision of supplies for the civil population will be the responsibility of HQ Allied Commission.

c. Should German forces in ITALY surrender or collapse on or about their present line, and subject to overriding operational requirements, the following will be undertaken as a military responsibility to assist HQ Allied Commission in the movement of civil supplies:

- (1) Movement of 350 tpd to PADUA. This will be a British responsibility to be undertaken by HQ Eighth Army in Phase I and HQ 1 District in Phase II.
- (2) Movement of 400 tpd to VERONA. This will be a US responsibility to be undertaken by CG Fifth Army in Phase I and CG PA in Phase II.

This assistance is in addition to the movement of 500 tpd to PARMA which has been accepted as a British military responsibility in the administrative instructions on NW ITALY referred to in paragraph 3 above.

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d. AFHQ/MTUSA will be responsible for the allocation of the necessary resources to enable the responsibilities allotted to the HQs concerned in sub-paragraphs c (1) and (2) above, to be implemented. These resources will be subject to recall and should be assumed to be available for a period not exceeding one month.

16. ADMINISTRATION OF ENEMY FORCES FOLLOWING A CAPITULATION IN ITALY.

a. General. The policy will be that the surrendered enemy forces will carry out their own administration. To this end enemy forces will retain or, where they have disintegrated, be reformed into formation and unit organizations. In accordance with this general policy, as amplified in sub-paragraphs b and g below, the arrangements for the concentration, holding and maintenance of enemy surrendered forces will be the responsibility of Fifth and Eighth Armies under the coordinating direction of CG 15th Army Group. When the Army rear boundaries are moved forward (Phase II) this responsibility will pass to AFHQ/MTUSA. Separate instructions on this subject will be issued at the time.

b. Concentration of Surrendered Enemy Forces. Surrendered enemy forces will be concentrated where they can be easily maintained and where they can be put to work in accordance with the Terms of Surrender, in relief of Allied administrative resources. The most suitable area, from these points of view, is that between the River PO and Highway 9 (exclusive of this route, major towns in the area and the material coastal belt adjoining the ADRIATIC Coast). Subject to operational requirements, this area should be the main concentration area for enemy forces surrendering south, and in the general vicinity of, the PO. As soon as it is operationally possible, forces surrendering north of the PO should be moved to this concentration area.

c. Holding and Evacuation of Surrendered Enemy Forces. Surrendered enemy forces will be held in the main concentration area. Recalcitrant enemy personnel will be evacuated to PW cages south of the APENNINES. Movement of these recalcitrant elements out of Army areas will be the responsibility of AFHQ/MTUSA. Ultimate disposal of surrendered enemy forces will be the subject of separate instructions as required.

d. Accommodation of Surrendered Enemy Forces. Surrendered enemy forces will accommodate themselves, using their own resources. Use will be made of warehouses, large buildings, etc., only if these are not required for Allied military or civil purposes. There will be no requisitioning of houses for the accommodation of enemy forces.

e. Maintenance of Surrendered Enemy Forces. The maximum use of enemy administrative resources will be made for this purpose. When these resources are exhausted these forces will be maintained from Allied depots. Except for such items as are declared surplus to Allied military and civil requirements, local resources will not be used for the maintenance of these forces without the authority of AFHQ.

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f. Use of Enemy Transport and Service Units. Enemy transport and service units will be used for the maintenance of the surrendered enemy forces regardless of whether they are being maintained from their own resources or from Allied depots. Maximum use of enemy animal transport will be made for this purpose in place of enemy motor transport units. The latter units will be used to assist in the movement of civil supplies in relief of Allied military transport employed on this task (see paragraph 15 c).

g. Disposal of Surrendered Enemy Material. Separate instructions will be issued on this subject.

17. PARTISANS. Policy regarding partisans is defined in AFHQ signal F 26918, dated 14 February 1945 to HQ 15th Army Group only. Instructions regarding their feeding, clothing, payment and hospitalization will be issued separately.

18. REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

a. Initially, refugees and displaced persons will be subject to a "standstill" order, to be issued through military channels by CG 15th Army Group.

b. In Phase I, Armies, in conjunction with their attached AMG organizations, and in Phase II, HQ Allied Commission, will be responsible for screening, registering and maintaining displaced persons.

c. Overall plans for the disposal of these persons will be the responsibility of HQ Allied Commission in conjunction with the military HQ concerned in matters affecting their movement within ITALY.

19. RUSSIAN CIVILIANS. Feeding, clothing and hospitalization of Russian civilians will be a military responsibility to be implemented in Phase I by Armies, and in Phase II by PBS and the District HQ concerned.

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District
General Officer Commanding, No. 2 District

Paragraph 9 b (1) of letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 3 April 1945, is amended to read as follows:

"9 b (1) By rail northward from ANCONA to railheads on line 86 and extensions of this line in the FERRARA area, and by road FERRARA-PADUA-UDINE."

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