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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SECRET

(5A)

19 OCT. 1945

6/8.5/CA

Ref: 8277/124/EC.

18 October 45.

SUBJECT: Folgore Division.

TO : Polad (A)  
 Polad (B)  
 VP, Civil Affairs Section, ✓  
 GOC, Land Forces S/C(MIA)

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Reference 585/EC dated 3 October and 8277/117/EC dated  
 15 October 45.

Copy of letter from GOC No. 2 District, Ref. 2015/G(Qps)  
 dated 12 October 45 is passed to you for information.

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*Frederick H. Colwell*  
 Chief Staff Officer,  
 To the Executive Commissioner.

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SECRET (5B)

SUBJECT: Situation in and around BOLZANO.

Hq No. 2 District, CEF.  
2015/G(Cps).

12 October 45.

Executive Commissioner,  
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

Ref your letter No. 535 HC dated 2 Oct. 45.

1. I have just had a long talk with Brigadier DUNLOP and we are both in complete agreement regarding the BOLZANO situation. I have had this matter under consideration for some time and since my recent visit there have arranged for the following to take place:-

- (a) 60 Sub Area from GE OA will proceed immediately to BOLZANO and take over all military responsibilities in VENETIE TRIENTINA.
- (b) I am sending up to that Region, the following additional troops:-

- 1 Bn Brit Inf
- 2 Regts Arty
- 1 Coy Pmr (available for gd duties)
- 1 PB Sec

2. I am in full agreement about the FOLGORE Div and have spoken to Gen. WARD, Deputy Chief of Staff, on the subject. The FOLGORE Gp do not wish to leave BOLZANO Area for various reasons, political and otherwise, and I feel certain that the best way to have them removed is to say that they should be concentrated for retraining so as to be under the closer observation of their Commander. Unfortunately, before they are withdrawn, I must either take over the guarding of the 150 dumps which they are now guarding or remove from the dumps all articles of value which are required by the British Army and destroy all the German weapons therein. These two matters are being attended to as rapidly as possible, but will certainly take some time. I hope that the British troops available will be able fairly rapidly to take over the most important dumps from the FOLGORE Gp and free the greater portion of that Group.

3. I understand that Brigadier DUNLOP is writing to you fully on the subject. I am certain that Colonel PURVES, OC 60 Sub Area, and the new Regional Commissioner, Colonel MILLER, will work in close concert, and had a long talk together in my office this morning.

(signed) G. A. Heydean

Major General  
Comd. No. 2 District

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15 OCT 1945

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Ref: B277/117/EC.

15 October 1945

16 OCT 1945

SUBJECT : Folgore Division.

TO : Polad (A)  
" (B)  
V.P. Civil Affairs Section  
GOC., Land Forces S/O (NMIA)

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Reference 585/83 of 3 October 45.

Copies of the following letters from R.C. Venezia Region are forwarded for information :

RXII/350.12 dated 6 October 45  
RXII/350.12 dated 10 October 45  
RXII/350.12 dated 13 October 45

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Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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VENETIAN REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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SECRET

13th October 45

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(Attn. Executive Commissioner)

Subject : Bolzano, Folgore Division.

File No : RXII/850.12

1. My 850.12 of 10th October 45 told you of my intention to proceed to Milan the following day. The opportune arrival of Colonel Miller, Provincial Commissioner designate for Bolzano, enabled me to take him with me on the visit to HQ 2 District.

2. We had a series of meetings with Major General Heydeman and Officers of his Staff, yesterday morning, Friday 12th October. The results I hope, you will consider very satisfactory.

3. Immediately on his return from his tour in the Bolzano Area last week end - I had already reported to you our meeting in Bolzano - Major General Heydeman, took definite and most helpful action.

4. (a) He is sending to Bolzano H.Q. 60 Sub Area (Colonel Purvis) advance party arrives there tomorrow, Colonel Purvis himself on Monday. Colonel Purvis was present at our conferences and has already had valuable discussions with Colonel Miller.

(b) He is sending into the area (under command 60 Sub-Area) the following British Troops:

Two Regiments Field Artillery  
One Battalion (D.L.I.)  
One Pioneer Company (7 Officers and 180 men)

(c) He is also sending up an F.S. section and S.I.B.

5. The above mentioned Regiments are fairly weak, you will see however that they do constitute a very substantial assistance.

6. As you will also see, none of the above moves affect the 6th (British) Arm Division which therefore remains a mobile reserve.

7. Major General Heydeman has made up his mind that Folgore must be withdrawn. He is certain that they will resist strongly the order to withdraw, ostensibly on grounds of loss of prestige. He feels that they will receive some support from the Italian Government, on this score of prestige.

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8. He asks for all possible support from HQ. A.C. should the matter be raised on a political level. I have already represented to you my views on several occasions. There are two arguments, in ascending order of gravity.

(a) That, from the point of view of the future of the new Italian Army nothing could be worse than to keep Folgore in its present scattered state among a resentful population.

(b) That from the point of view of the Foreign Relations of the Italian Government nothing could be worse than to keep Folgore in the South Tirol.

9. Colonel Miller proceeds to Bolzano today, Colonel Purvis goes there, as I have reported above, on Monday. I propose to go to Bolzano myself on Wednesday to stay two nights, I shall report you again thereafter.

/e/ J.K. Dunlop  
/t/ J.K. DUNLOP  
Brigadier  
Regional Commissioner  
Venetia Region

Copy to: Hq. No. 2 District  
Provincial Commissioner,  
Bolzano

COPIES TO:

POLAD (A)

POLAD (B)

C.A. Sec

Land ~~Force~~ Sec (NAIA)

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIE REGION  
Allied Military Government  
APO 394

10 October, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(attn: Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT: Bolzano - Folgore Division

FILE NO : RXII/850.12

With reference to my letter, RXII/850.12 of 6th October, Jr. Commander Lawrence has now returned from Milan having delivered my letter to Headquarters, No. 2 District. It appears that Major General Heydesan has not yet issued definite orders for the move of Folgore and wishes to have a discussion on the matter with me.

I am, therefore, proceeding to Milan tomorrow afternoon.

/s/ John K. Dunlop  
Regional Commissioner

JKD/lgc

Copies to: Polad (A)  
Polad (B)  
C.A. Geo.  
Land Forces S.C. (MIA)

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Allied Military Government  
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6 October 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(attn: Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT : Bolzano

File no : rxii/850.12

I have returned today from a three day visit to Belluno and Bolzano.

On my return I found, waiting for me, your letter 585/EC of 3rd October instructing me to seek an interview with G.O.C. No. 2 District.

In fact I had met Major General Heydeman in Bolzano on the evening of yesterday, Friday 5th. I had not, at that time, received your letter, so did not feel free to discuss the matter fully with him. I do not think General Heydeman had received a letter from you, for he did not mention it in conversation. He did however say, quite clearly, to Lt. Colonel Thompson and to myself, that when calling at Lt. Colonel Thompson's office, this, Saturday, morning he wished to have a report on the Folgore Division.

I know also that General Heydeman was having interviews with Lt. Gen. Negroni, the commander of the corps area and with Major General Pialorsi, commanding Folgore Division.

On Thursday, 4 October, I had spoken to General Negroni, an able and experienced officer, and I found him in complete agreement with the suggestion that Folgore should be withdrawn for concentration and training.

During our tour on Friday, 5th, Lt. Col. Thompson and I had several opportunities of confirming our previous impressions on the subject of the Folgore. Whether by design or accident their whole disposition and demeanour suggests an occupying army.

In view of the fact that Lt. Colonel Thompson had copies of all my letters, and that we were in complete agreement, I thought it more correct not to intervene in this morning's conference already fixed between Major General Heydeman and Lt. Col. Thompson. My own impression is that General Heydeman has already made up his mind to move Folgore.

Now that I have received your letter I shall send a staff officer to Milan with a letter to General Heydeman to ask if he would wish a further conference.

Copies to: Polad (A)  
Polad (B)  
O.A. Sec.  
Land Forces S.G. (MIA)  
/s/ John K. Dunlop  
Regional Commissioner

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3rd October, 1945

To: Regional Commissioner  
Venetian Region

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1. On receipt of your letter of 23 September 1945 in which, accompanied on a report from Provincial Commissioner Belmonte you submitted an Italian passport or to entry of Allied troops (from 6th and 14th) in Italian Province, I instructed you to conduct it and report.

2. I have now received your letter of 23 September written after your recent visit to Belmonte in which you rightly point out that this is no less correct than other (no. 2 district) in the area. In the same letter you point out that not counting some 300 in troops of 14th Div there are in Belmonte 60th and 1st and 1st with 14th's own from 14th Div under command 217 men, but that these troops are distributed from Verona to the areas guarding German prisoners.

3. You refer to the antipathy already existing between Volpato (Italian) Div and local inhabitants and request that tentatively the move to south of the 14th of this division for training, the move south of the Paduli Div (to former German border area) and the move to Volpato-Belluno area of troops from 6th and 14th. You are right with your letter a report containing their antipathy and would like from the lines of the division and the South Division early action for removal of the Italian troops.

4. The content of the Volpato Division has been the subject of much discussion here and at 14th. Following on reports from the British Liaison Officer who has not yet received any action of the Volpato Division and in view of the fact that the German troops had been replaced by the German Division recently, the Chief Commissioner does not to press his request for the removal of the Volpato Division on the score of contact between the civilian population.

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6. I am sending Major General Byrd an copy of this letter and am asking him either to send a senior staff officer to meet you and the Provincial Commissioner at Bulungu to discuss the problem on the spot or to discuss the matter with you at his H.Q. You are authorized to speak at such discussions in the name of the Chief Commissioner bearing in mind the imminent turn over of the territory to the Italian Government and the detached role which Allied troops must if necessary play once this has taken place.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

*M. S. L. 11/2/42*

D. HADFIELD  
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Mr. 2 District  
APM 4-5 (Section)  
Police  
C.I.C.  
Local Police 4/10

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PX 38560

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 26 1339B

Message Centre No: F/5393

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 26 1530B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FNGAB

TO : COMDG GENERAL POW COMMAND, MICOUSA DISTWO INFO ALCON DARS ITALY

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Subject is fraternisation between German prisoners working on railways etc sick and wounded and german speaking civilians in BOLZANO Prov. Request you issue instructions to all guard units concerned to prevent prisoners fraternising in this province.

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Action - CA Sec

Info - Chief Commissioner

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*See copy to H.C. Sec.*

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A. C.

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RC VENEZIE REGION

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23 August 1945

ROUTINE

25 AUG 1945

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PREFECT OF BOLZANO HAS COMPLAINED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF LACK OF  
DISCIPLINE OF FOLGORE GRUPPO PD

PAREN TO AMG VENEZIE REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM HQ AILOM

CITE ACXEC PAREN

PLEASE SEND SOONEST REPORT ON ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF MISBEHAVIOUR  
OF FOLGORE GRUPPO

Copy to:

Land Forces S/C (MACIA)

C. A. Sec

Exec Commr.

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