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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL SITREPS, RECEIVED FROM
THE FIELD
MAY 1945

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Please see 13.

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3/5/68

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Excerpt

An excellent bit of Staff work.

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No.

Geo. This is a really fine piece of work & the author has much to commend. I should like a wide distribution - including Embassies of course. PRO Can this be done?

12/1/68 - Disbursed 13
4/4

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2 May 1945

May 3 1945

The following is a summary of information obtained from nitrope from the field since the commencement of the Northern offensive. Information is in most cases sources, may be inaccurate, and on some towns captured we have so far had no news.

Sources of information are 15 Army Group, AMG Fifth and Eighth Armies and S.O.(M).

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General.

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ATTACHED:

(Latest S.O. (10) Liaison Staff Report dated 2 May 45.
(received 1830 hrs, 2 May) Omit

Copy of signal dated 1 May from SAVANNA and HALLOW.

DISTRIBUTION:
Br. Ambassador
US. Ambassador
Econ Section
C.A. Section
FRG
Navy S.C.

see M.H. to G.
M.H. to G.

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BULAGH.

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Damage.

Centre of town little damage. Railway yards bombed.

Normal population.

289,000.

Water.

Limited supply.

Electricity.

500 kw. thermo plant, (needs 800 additional kw. for full service).

Sewage.

Undamaged.

Traffic.

Undamaged, but insufficient power to operate.

Transport.Estimated 8/9,000 trucks can be put on road within 15 days.
Some tyres from private individuals and dealers. (No large stocks).Telephones.Central Exchange destroyed, but enough equipment hidden for
1,018 telephones to be available.Food.

See Appendix.

Health.

Satisfactory.

Hospitals.

Satisfactory.

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Unchanged.

Trans.

Unchanged, but insufficient power to operate.

Transport.

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Some tyres from private individuals and dealers. (No large stocks).

Telephones.

Central Exchange destroyed, but enough equipment hidden for
1,010 telephones to be available.

Food.

See Appendix.

Health.

Satisfactory.

Hospitals.

Satisfactory.

Public Safety.

Good.

Partisans.

Satisfactory. Disarmed.

Refugees.

50,000. Situation satisfactory.

Local Government.

Temporary official nominated. Communist Mayor nominated by CIA.

Fuel.

Gas Works undamaged but no coal to operate.

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LITHUANIA.

LA LITHUANIA.

Danger.

Moderate.

Normal population.

83,000.

Public Safety.

CC.ER moved in 25 April. Received enthusiastically.

Partisans.

2,500. Good discipline.

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REGIO.

Damage.

Slight.

Normal population.

94,000.

Water.

Working.

Electricity.

Yes.

Food.

Supplies for a few days.

Partisans.

5,000.

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Supplies for a few days.

Partisans.

5,000.

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MOENIA.

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Normal population.

99,000

Water.

Working

Electricity.

Working

Trams.

Working

Food.

for four days.

Pairly satisfactory. Rations to feed 3,000 refugees

Public Safety.

Satisfactory.

Partisans.

800 in city - 3,000 expected in surrounding Region.

Refugees.

Satisfactory.

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Working

Food.

Fairly satisfactory. Rations to feed 3,000 refugees

for four days.

Public Safety.

Satisfactory.

Partisans.

800 in city - 3,000 expected in surrounding Region.

Refugees.

Satisfactory.

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VERONA.

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Damage.

Bad. All bridges down; boats and damaged railway bridge being used to cross river.

Normal population.

162,000

Water.

Believed limited supply.

Electricity.

Power station reported undamaged. Limited supply.

Food.

Distribution badly organized.

Public Safety.

Police officer and CC.RR sent.

Partisans.

Well disciplined.

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Power station reported undamaged. Limited supply.

Food.

Distribution badly organized.

Public Safety.

Police officer and CO. sent.

Partisans.

Well disciplined.

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LEGHIA.

GENOVA.

Damage.

Practically none.

Normal population.

634,000.

Water.

Undamaged.

Trains.

Working.

Transport.

Road GENOVA - LUCCA open.

Food.

First regular sea shipments from LIVORNO starting 2 May; first shipment 500 tons thereafter 300 tons a day.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Public order good. 250 C.L.N. despatched 25 April.

Partisans.

To be disbanded by 30 April. Patriot centres being set up. Patriots to be disbanded 2 May. No difficulty anticipated. Uniform partisans to be disbanded 30 April.

Local Government.

Officials functioning temporarily. Prefect installed (nominee of C.L.N.) temporary. C.L.N. very well organized.

General.

BC (Brigadier CARR) has arrived.

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Transport.

Road GENOA - LUCCA open.

Food.

First regular sea shipments from LIVORNO starting 2 May; first shipment 500 tons thereafter 300 tons a day.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Public order good. 250 CC.BB. dispatched 25 April.

Partisans.

To be disbanded by 30 April. Patriot centres being set up. Partisans to be disbanded 2 May. No difficulty anticipated. Uniforms

Local Government.

Officials functioning temporarily. Prefect installed (nominee of CLN) temporary. CLN very well organized.

General.

NO (Brigadier CARL) has arrived.

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ITALIA

ITALIA.Damage.

Undamaged, except railway station.

Normal population.

119,000

Water.

Aqueduct broken 2 km.

Electricity.

Destroyed.

Food.

Satisfactory.

Hospitals.

Satisfactory.

Finance.

Banca d'Italia - 55,000,000 lire.
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Satisfactory.

Hospitals.

Satisfactory.

Finance.

Bank of India - 55,000,000 lire.

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VIENTIANE.

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Damage.

City completely undamaged.

Normal population.

270,000.

About 400,000 in town; 40,000 from surrounding countryside and North West.

Water.

Normal.

Electricity.

Normal.

Food.

Satisfactory.

Local Government.

Dr. CHALLO nominated for Prefect.

General.

Harbour. EE Installation ready; port pilots waiting to act as guides.

Entrance. Port entrance partly closed.

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Food.

Satisfactory.

Local Government.

Dr. CHALLLO nominated for Prefect.

General.

Harbour. II Installation ready; port pilots waiting to act as guides.
Legro.
Port entrance partly closed.

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LOMBARDI

MILAN.

Damage.

Bad

Population (normal)

1,114,000

Water.

Normal.

Electricity.

Normal.

Sewage.

Normal.

Trans.

Working.

Transport.

State railways 100 engines (peace time 900) 20% peace time cars and trucks.

Food.

Short - not yet critical. About 270,000 communal meals being served daily. Food for six days after liberation.

Partisans.

5/10,000. Well organized.

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Finance.

Germania received 42 billion lire for March from Republican Government.

Local Government.

15 April CLM fairly good. LOMBARDI appointed Chairman CLM. LOMDI appointed Head of Financial Committee.

Normal.

Trains.

Working.

Transport.

State railways 100 engines (peace time 900) 20% peace time cars and trucks.

Food.

Short - not yet critical. About 270,000 communal meals being served daily. Food for six days after liberation.

Partisans.

5/10,000. Well organized.

2132

Finance.

Germans received 12 billion lire for March from Republican Government.

Local Government.

13 April CLN fairly good. LAMHARDI appointed Chairman CLNCL. LONGI appointed Head of Financial Committee.

Fuel.

70,000 tons of coal available in LOMBARDIE. Very little gas.

General.

S.O.(M) liaison radio link available to AC.

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EMILIA.

PLACENZA.

Normal population.

71,000.

Water.

Normal.

Electricity.

Normal. 2 power stations served.

Sewage.

Normal.

Telephones.

Normal.

Transport.

Good.

Food.

Satisfactory.

PAVIA.

LOMBARDIA.

Normal population.

57,000

Water.

Normal.

Electricity.

Normal.

Sewage.

Normal.

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<u>Transport.</u>	Normal.		
<u>Food.</u>	Good.		
<u>Water.</u>	Satisfactory.		
<u>Normal population.</u>		<u>PAVIA.</u>	<u>LAMBADDIA.</u>
	57,000		
<u>Electricity.</u>	Normal.		
<u>Drainage.</u>	Normal.		
<u>Transport.</u>	Normal.		
<u>Local Government.</u>	20 ton motor ferry working across PO.		
<u>Fuel.</u>	War Tribunal instituted.		
	Coal for three months.		
<u>Normal population.</u>		<u>THEVISO.</u>	<u>VEREALIS.</u>
	57,000.		
<u>Electricity.</u>			
	3 power stations instaut.		

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TURIN.

PIEMONTE.

Damage.

Only damage reported broadcasting station.

Normal population.

637,000

CAIRO.

EGYPT.

Electricity.

Hydro-electric plant believed safe.

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FOUR. (Information from Signals 6594 of 30 April and 6624 of 1 May to C-5, AFHQ).

BOGOTA REGION.

- (a) Grain stocks as anticipated.
- (b) Flour on hand on occupation and minor degree of destruction precluded necessity for supplying flour for initial period of 10 days as planned for towns of 50,000 and over.
- (c) Self sufficient in local resources. Deficiency of fats, sugar and salt which have been supplied from forward stockpiles.

BULOGNA PROVINCE.

- (a) Bread ration recently reduced by Germans restored from 150 to 200 grams a day.
- (b) Price of bread 5 lire per kilo.
- (c) No sugar ration except to children under nine years.
- (d) Small stock of 400 tons rice uncovered, earmarked for hospitals.
- (e) Salt and milk requirements supplied.
- (f) Field report AG Fifth Army "Food situation not too bad."

LEGNARIA REGION.

- (a) Situation strictly in accordance with appreciation.
- (b) On occupation supplies on hand sufficient for three days.
- (c) Supply programs will require full implementation. All arrangements have been made.

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Ascania Toscana.

- (a) No fats seen by general population for months; needs satisfied.
- (b) Ration cards supplied.

Venezia - Comandante Province. Food conditions bad - food sent in.

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LIBYAN REGION.

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- (b) On occupation supplies on hand sufficient for three days.
- (c) Supply programs will require full implementation. All arrangements have been made.

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Algeria Tunisia.

- (a) No facts seen by several population for months; needs satisfied.
- (b) Ration cards supplied.

Yemenite - Omani Province. Food conditions bad - food sent in.

PINEMOUNTS and LAMARQUE. No information so far received.

RATINGS.

PAVIA/MILAN two trains a day. Food can be sent GENEVA/MILAN as soon as wagons available.

Partisans are running train PIACENZA through VOGHERA to CREMA possibly bringing grain (information dated 30 Apr 45).

MILAN. State Railways: 100 engines (pendolante 900).

WAGONS.

Between one-half to one-third of ROKK series.

(unskilled 85/95 compared with 250 here)

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