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C.S.D.

| Later 11 Corps strip is at 399. Please note distribution made.

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Please see IV Corps strip at 392 & also the
distribution made.

J.H.

2/6/45

H. 1/6

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C.S.O.

Please see IV Corps strip at 395. This has been distributed
as shown on 396.

J.H.

4/1/45

H. 2/6

6.358

Executive Commissioner

Please see extremely good report by an Operations officer, forwarded by AMG Fifth Army at folio 358

2360 DH 14/5/65

Very good Acknowledgment and thank AMG V. A. —

in name of C.C. for a very good report DH 15/5

Copy to G.V.

362 - 364
See 8.10.

DH

9.361

Executive Commissioner

Attached letter is submitted for signature (See 362)

DH 15/5

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Executive Commissioner:

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Please see 367 / Information contained in para 1. 367 has already been received direct from R.C. Liguria Region.

DH 17/5

DH 18/5/65

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Executive Commission

Please see attached Strip Box IV Corp. (Polio 309)

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10/5/45

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Executive Commission

Please see Polio 3350

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Executive Commission

Please see Relio 2-350

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Please see RMs & Army Strip dated 4/15/45 at 2

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Chief Coordinator

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Attended to submission for your information/for file/for report.

An excellent sitrep which will go as it stands

KAFHS.

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Sgt. Lee
270.

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Sitrep from 5th Army on HILAN at 151.

DH 11/15/51
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Please see record of a telephone conversation re movements
of Rapoia officers at 4:326 2619

11/15/51

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Report on Rapoia by General Almond is at 328. True is
nothing new in it.

DH 2/15/51

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ExCm
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Please see record of a telephone conversation re movements
of Repatriation officers at 4-326

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Mr. 2/45

ExCm

3-329

Report on Geneva by General Almond is at 328. There is
nothing new in it.

Del. 2/5/45

2/5/45

ExCm
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Please see attached signal at 331

Del. 3/5/45

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Did you ask him? Ca. Mr. 2/5/45

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C.S.O. Excerpt

Latest Fifth Army Sitraps are at 311, 312, 313, 314.

DL 27/4/45
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C.S.O.

Fifth Army Sitraps on VERONA at 201605 27445 is at 317.

DL 28.4.45
1530/445

MR 24/4

C.S.O. Excerpt

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Please see 320

DL 30/4/45
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Why cannot we get an official sitrap from Genoa
Dine Bue Carried on our. MR 30/4

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see 323

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Fifth Army Strip on Verona at 201643 27+45 is at 317.

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Please see 320

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Why can't we get an official strip from Geneva

Wire Box Camtrans on our

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HQ-ALCOM
31HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO #304

31 May 1945.

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SITREP Number 1.

5 JUN 1945

LIQUORIA:

28 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 Bonni appeared at CLM Congress Genoa on morning 27 May AM officers were present and speeches by visitors were permitted.

PIEMONTE:

28 May 1945.

Political -

Lengthy meeting held with the Prefect and all members of the CLM in Vercelli Province. After meeting with the President of the CLM and the Prefect separately it was thought advisable to call the prefect and the full Committee together in order to let them all know what AM expected of them, respectively. It is apparent that the President of the Committee is ruling both the Committee and the Prefect and it will not be an easy matter to work the committee out of exercising governmental functions. Whilst it is being requested that the appointment of the Prefect be approved, it is done so because it is believed that the sooner matters in suspense be settled the better, but it is done with the full knowledge that behind the scenes, at least, he is going to be dominated by the Committee. An order has been issued suspending the payment of the so-called "liberation" bonus.

Legal -

Two special Courts of Assize for trial of alleged fascists have been organized in Alessandria Province, one for Alessandria Tribunale and one for Casale Monferrato Tribunale. Presiding Judge for each Court, President of Court of Appeal and prosecuting staff have been appointed. The CLM has made up a list of jurors for each Court. 200 POWs in custody of partisans and CLMs have been arranged to Brazilian Provost Marshal who will transfer them to POW cages at MEDUSA.

PARTISANS -

Following arms surrendered from 10 May to 26 May 45 :-
Large guns 34, Mortars 94, Machine Guns 241, Automatic Rifles 576, Muskets 9648, Stenms 619, Badrookas 191, Pistols and Revolvers 488, Bomb Throwers 12.

AGRICULTURE -

250 horses and sales arrived in Asti Province and appreciated by public.

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SITREP Number 5. conPiemonte:29 May 1945.
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Further reports of a Fascist band in the Southern part of Asti Province are being investigated.

Decision on Partisan Command in Aosta Province to be settled by Col. W.A. Fulek IV Corps 30 May 45.

Two incidents reported at Limone in Cuneo, one involving the death of French soldier. Further incident reported at BOVES. Investigation proceeding and detailed report will follow.

DISPLACED PERSONS -

Arrangements made to establish Refugee Centre at CHATILLON, Aosta Province.

LOMBARDIA:

30 May 1945.

Situation under control, nothing to report.

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Tel: 479201

5 June 1945.

Ref: 151/396/80

SUBJECT: IV Corps Sitrep.

TO : Distribution below.

Following information has been received from IV Corps:

27 May 1945.PIEMONTEPoliticalSmall band of armed fascist bandits located in Aosta Province.
Action underway.Provincial ILM 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.

for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.DISTRIBUTION:G-5, AFHQ
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

30 May 1945.

SITREP Number 4.

4 Jun 1945

POLITICAL

27 May 1945.

Political -

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Legal -

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

LEADERSHIP

28 May 1945.

Situation under control, nothing to report.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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SITREP Number 4. contd.

LIGURIA

28 May 1945.

On May 28th Colonel Jordan Deputy Regional Commissioner of Liguria accompanied by the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel Picot commanding the French troops in western Imperia regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area.

Colonel Picot received them courteously but stated that he had not instructions to permit the establishment of Allied Military and that he would have to communicate with General Gerbay who in turn would have to call General Doyan.

It was however agreed by Colonel Picot that in order to enable the Provincial Commissioner to comply with his orders that the Proclamations would be posted but no further action could be taken pending the conference with General Doyan.

On 29 May Colonel Jordan and the others started to post the Proclamations and on the way Colonel Picot overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel Picot then gave the Allied officers a message "that General Doyan is unable to envisage a change in administration in west Imperia at this juncture. He has no such agreement with General Truscott. Any change now would appear to the Italians as a retreat on the part of his country."

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HQ ALCOM

Ex-Comm. 393

SITREP Number 3.

26 May 1945.

11:00 1945

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

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

LIGURIA:

25 May 1945.

Situation quiet. Two hundred fifty patriots evacuated south today.

PIEMONTE:

24 May 1945.

Political

Second French Colonel arrived to take over command of French troops in valley of Aosta Province. Number of recantations of members of proclamation committee now reach five. Remainder, required for questioning, disappeared and being traced. No incidents of interference with establishment of AMI in French Border territory. In District 2 of Vercelli Province some French troops came into the town of CAVAGLIA to trade one bag of salt for 20 bags of straw. However the trade was not made and the French have not returned. No disturbance.

Provincial Commissioner Cuneo Province visited the command of the F. French Bde and found the Colonel commanding left for Paris on 24 May. It was made clear to his staff officer that AMI was to be established throughout the Region occupied by the French troops. He agreed and stated that the F. French forces had not interfered with the local government of the people nor had they any intention of doing so.

Public Safety

Plans going ahead for formation of 1000 Special Force of Police in Alessandria Province. Being formed largely from Patriots. Two civilians apprehended CUCCHINI trying to barter coffee and salt in Aosta Province. Escorted back over frontier on orders of American Military Commander.

Policing in Asti City now done by usual peacetime agencies. Partisan police in smaller communes are beginning to be replaced. A force of regular Carabinieri has been established in NIZZA where some minor disturbances occur. Carabinieri strength of 117 is quite inadequate. Vehicle movement is coming under control.

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



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Curfew for military personnel having been set at 400 by the local commander in Vallelli 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.

Partisans arms cleared from CARAGLIO and VERZUGLIO, Susa 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 COGNE steel factory in Aosta Province raised and being investigated. Intrusion of politics evident.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

R. DONAHUE
#030 USA
ADMIN. OFFICER

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Ref: 478211

1 June 1945.

Ref: 153/390/20.

SUBJECT: ASD IV Corps Situation Report as of 23 May 1945.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

The following information from the above mentioned source may be of interest to you:

"The CHAI on the whole has lived up to the agreements made prior to occupation and has cooperated insofar as possible under the pressure exerted by the various political parties within the Committee. As far as can be judged there is a tendency on the part of the rightest elements in the committee to accede to the demands made by the leftist parties in order to maintain a united front. How long this can continue without a rift appearing is uncertain.

The visit of one half of the Committee to HONG and the subsequent conversations there seem to have convinced the delegation that the present government has had difficulties hitherto unknown to the north and these have in a large measure been an explanation for the "lack of progress" which was the charge hurled at the HONG government before the delegation left HONG for HONG.

The influence of the Military Command of the CHAI under General GADUNA is dissolving rapidly. The various partisan bands are definitely becoming political bands obeying instructions from the various party leaders.

General GADUNA'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 HONG with FAN and LING, leaders of the elements in and about TULLA 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.

There are now disturbing rumors from the provinces. There

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There are now disturbing reports from the Provinces. There have been desires on the part of local GEMAI's to issue decrees of their own and a few have attempted this. To end the matter persuasion is being sought through channels for the publication of General Wilson's agreement with the GEMAI to establish the fact that Allied Military Government was to take over. In addition a letter has been written by the President of the GEMAI to all local GEMAI's again reiterating that they now become consultative rather than governing bodies. This has been given wide publicity.

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The flow of allocated foods into all provinces has been slow, due to the lack of adequate transport facilities and the long haul from the Port, US Food Dump. Flour has been given priority in all regions on first delivery, since bread is the most important item. Sugar, salt and milk will be delivered when an adequate stockpile of flour is delivered.

A Railroad has now been established at GUATEMA where the food is transported by truck from PUERTO 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 hauled by the railroad, due to the lack of transport from PUERTO to GUATEMA. However, additional truck transport is being secured by the Senior Supply Officer, 1st Fifth Army and this amount will soon be increased.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
for Delegation,
Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 478201

1 June 1945.

Ref: 151/389/NO.

SUBJECT: AMG IV Corps Situation Report No.3 dated 28 May 45.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

The attached copy of Sitrep No.3 dated 28 May 1945 received from AMG IV Corps may be of interest to you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APC 304

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25 MAY 1954.

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On night of 24/25 May at the Hotel Monte Bianco in Prov. de Belluno, Aosta Province, 10 French enlisted soldiers staged a drunken brawl. 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 has concerned and have promised to submit report and compensate for damage caused. Considerable French reinforcements arriving.

Reported that a considerable amount of hoodlums with some violence is taking place in the Alta Valseria Section, Vareselli Province. The Public Safety Officer will make a report as soon as facts can be obtained.

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In Alexandria Province approximately 1600 arms have been surrendered to date, including rifles, light automatics, heavy automatics, machine guns and mortars. 250 partisans have presented themselves at the Islamic Revolutionary Patriot Centre whilst another 31 have volunteered for the Egyptian Armed Forces.

Slackening of Partisans continues satisfactory in anti. Province.

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One hundred quintals each powdered milk and fats arrived in Costa Province. Sugar distribution almost completed.

Minister of Novara in Novara Province approached by a man purporting to be a Swiss Consul representing the Swiss Government to arrange a transfer of rice from Novara in exchange for cheese from Switzerland. Novara Province Food Officer instructed not to allow the exchange and to have no further dealings with the alleged Swiss consul.

and food supplies in limited quantities have commenced arriving in
Larino by rail from Groseno via Milano.

Keywords:

On 20 May as a result of complaints in Aosta Province that French soldiers were forcing local shopkeepers to accept French money or not be paid for their goods, the P.C. wrote to the French Commander explaining what he had already been told previously viz. that only Italian and A.L. currency was valid in A.O. territory and requesting that he make arrangements to have his men paid in lire.

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P.O. 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 10 francs previously accepted. The French Colonel has since informed the P.O. verbally that care 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.

SITREP:

26 May 1945.

Situation generally quiet. Steps taken to stop public meeting to be held by French unnecessary as meeting cancelled owing to non arrival of mail from North.

SITREP:

26 May 1945.

SITREP -

No change in Pre St. Midier, Aosta Province, hotel incident no evidence of premeditated action. Investigation proceeding.

On 25 May P.O. Cuneo Province has visited Cuneo town of 15000 in company with a French officer. All shops were closed and shuttered and no Italian flags were seen. Posters 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) (i) The Banks have been forced to open and exchange francs for lire at an equal rate i.e. one franc for one lire.
- (ii) 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. Dalmazio DI 15000 had been diverted to France seemed justified.
- (c) The Regimental Commander of the 29th Regt. de Tirailleurs Algériens informed the P.O. that
 - (i) he is bringing flour and coffee in by pack mules from ALGER for the population of 15000 - 15000, and S. Dalmazio DI 15000.
 - (ii) that he has found a stock of salt which he has retrieved and distributed in that area and also sent some to LUGANO.
 - (iii) 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 G.I.s in the area and he does not consider this necessary. Should he feel this necessary he will make a request to AMI 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 notice of petition to come under French rule.
- (f) laissez-passer are being issued in the area.

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Ref: 151/304/122.

30 May 1945.

SUBJECT: IV Corps Situation Reports.

TO : C-5 Section,
AFHQ.174-377
27-380

The attached extracts from IV Corps Sitings dated 20, 22 and 23 May 45 are passed to you for information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

D.H.
for
Stigsdien,
Executive Commissioner.

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PLEASURES:

POLITICAL.

20 May 1945.

On 16 May, a demonstration took place in Aosta by persons who wish the annexation of the Valley of Aosta to France to take place. CC.84 were not in sufficient numbers to cope with the situation and the Commander of troops was asked to assist by having some of his tanks brought into the square and to move around, thus keeping the crowd on the move. As a result no serious trouble took place until French officers appeared on the balcony of the Hotel and saluted the crowd. The P.F.S.O. was approached by a French Major who wished to place patrols of French soldiers in the town. The P.F.S.O. refused to allow armed French soldiers to patrol and stated, for the maintenance of law and order, he had asked the American commander to furnish the troops to restore order and that there was no need for French soldiers. The French Major stated the refusal of the P.F.S.O. to use French troops was an insult to his Government. At this time a platoon of French soldiers appeared in the square and the P.F.S.O. requested the French officer to have them returned to their barracks. After slight hesitation he agreed. The P.F.S.O. did not allow the Italian partisans to demonstrate and requested them to disperse which they did and cries of "Long Live the Allies."

3 arrests were made but it must be determined if they were the leaders of this demonstration. If an accusation is made, they will appear before an AG Court for trial.

A French Parade for presentation of American decorations passed off with minor incidents, one man being wounded in the leg. Increased Communist activity among workers of several large plants is noted. Close touch on situation is being kept. All other political parties temporarily at least are quieting time.

FELICIO SAKETI.

In Torino Province, the disarming of partisan groups is progressing very slowly. Lack of qualified personnel as enforcement agency seriously hampers the administration of police work.

FIMAC.

In the Aosta, Briga and Areglio areas of Cuneo Province the occupational troops are French. AG Officers do not visit these areas. A French Civil Committee has closed the Banks and decreed that only French Francs are legal currency. Lire are being taken up by the French at the rate of two lire to one franc.

In parts of Aosta and Torino provinces French Francs are being substituted for lire through the tradesmen. A certain amount of compulsion is used by the French in order to force these transactions.

When the foregoing areas come under proper AG control a difficult situation will arise as the presence of francs in appreciable quantity will conflict with our ban of the importation, or dealing in, foreign currency. It may be mentioned that the Banks show little concern over this matter as there is a

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POLITICAL.

22 May 1945.

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SUBJECT: Situation Report as of 29 May 1945

MAY 29 1945

TO: AG 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.

2. The political situation in the Corps Area is of prime interest because it enters into considerations of economic and all other phases of AMG operations. Given below are specific paragraphs by Regions and Provinces as they are reported to these headquarters:

The CLMGI on the whole has lived up to the agreements made prior to occupation and has cooperated insofar as possible under the pressure exerted by the various political parties within the Committee. As far as can be judged there is a tendency on the part of the rightist elements in the committee to accede to the demands made by the leftist parties in order to maintain a united front. How long this can continue without a rift appearing is uncertain.

The visit of one half of the Committee to Rome and the subsequent conversations there seem to have convinced the delegation that the present government has had many difficulties hitherto unknown to the north and these have in a large measure been an explanation for the "lack of progress" which was the charge hurled at the Benoni government before the delegation left Milan for Rome.

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It is not yet possible to evaluate the reactions from the visit of the various ministers and party executives to this area. Judging by grapevine reports it would appear that the leftist parties are still pressing strongly for a complete reshuffle of the cabinet and not just for representation of the north in person of certain ministers. An off-hand judgment would be that the days of common front of the CLM are about over and the parties north and south will coalesce purely on party lines without regard to north or south. The other observation is that the northern leaders apparently thought that they represented the stalwarts of their party organizations are now fairly certain each in his own party that the leaders in the south are just as strong if not stronger.

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The influence of the Military Command of the CLM under General Baderna is dissolving rapidly. The various partisan bands are definitely becoming political bands obeying instructions from the various party leaders.

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General Baderna'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 Ferri 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 CLM's to issue decrees of their own and a few have attempted this. To end the latter permission is being sought through channels for the publication of General Wilson's agreement with the CLM to establish the fact that Allied Military Government was to take over. In addition a letter has been written by the President of the CLM to all local CLM's again reiterating that they now become consultative rather than governing bodies. This has been given wide publicity.

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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 echelon² of command as to the conditions laid down before the trip was undertaken.

There is no question however that Togliatti has violated the conditions imposed on his visit. While the "lenita" communist paper claimed 100,000 persons listened to an address by Togliatti actually a group of 10,000 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 "lenita" 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 Vercelli before 1,500 people.

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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 CSMAL.

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

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4. Public Safety

The entire group of the Fifth Army CC:RR attached to IV Corps are now stationed in Milano. Repeated requests have been made to Public Safety Sub-Commission to secure the CC:RR and Finance Guards for frontier duty but to date no reply has been received.

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5. Economics and Supply

The Corps Supply Officer had conferences with the Supply Officer of each of the three regions comprising IV Corps. While no actual food orders are being sent by the Corps Supply Officer, liaison is being maintained between the regions and the Senior Supply Officer, US Fifth Army in connection with civilian food supplies being transported by army into the areas. The flow of allocated foods into all provinces has been slow, due to the lack of adequate transport facilities and the long haul from the Forli, US food dump. Flour has been given priority in all regions on first delivery, since bread is the most important item. Sugar, salt and milk will be delivered when an adequate stockpile of flour is delivered.

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 A railhead has now been established at Cremona where the food is transported by truck from Forli 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 hauled by the railroad, due to the lack of transport from Forli to Cremona. However, additional truck transport is being secured by the Senior Supply Officer, US 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 railed from Genoa to Torino and Milano.

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 The POL situation has improved somewhat during the week. Arrangements were made with the Quartermaster IV Corps to borrow POL and return the same amount when the POL for civilian use was made available. Some POL 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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6. Refugees

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The Refugee situation of course is not acute because the Swiss Italian border is closed but the Refugee Officers have been active in organizing border receiving stations and back area refugee centers. The SERAI are assisting with personnel but additional military personnel will be needed. At present Corps is unable to supply additional personnel or transport so some other source must be found.

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Word has been received that the Swiss Italian border will be opened for passage of limited groups on 1st June but regulations governing this have not yet been received.

HAMILTON T. WALKER
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AG of S G-5 IV Corps

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Liguria weekly report
Lombardia weekly report
Piemonte weekly report

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 304

25 May 1945

29 MAY 1945

SITREP Number 2.

LIBERIA:

23 May 1945

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

PIEMONTE:

23 May 1945.

POLITICAL - Following report received by RACI from Prefect of Province - made by the Sindaco of Vinadio:-

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Legal

Allied and Italian courts in Alessandria at a standstill owing to lack of police.

Transport

Proclamations posted by Prefect in all communes limiting transport to vehicles properly registered by RACI and licensed by UDA. Response to proclamations good. 1979 vehicles registered up to date.

Director of UDA arrested by Questura on charge of aiding Germans during occupation.

Public Works & Utilities

Recent low voltage electrical current brought about by increased use of electricity in place of gas for cooking. Situation has been corrected by adding the output of another generating station to local net.

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Doctor Alberti, Turin Director of Sepral, revealed the trading of Italian rice to French for potatoes. Arrangements being made to trade Italian flour for French fish.

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

Fundamental difficulty is that instructions to SEPRAL, Torino are coming from both AMG and CIG.

Commerce

The first shipment of POL to Piemonte Region was received by A.G.I.P. 21 May 1945 consisting of 19,000 litres (approx 5,000 gallons) of bensine, from C.I.F. by tank truck from Genoa. Distribution is being and arranged to provinces by assignment and delivery by A.G.I.P. 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.

Agencies

The various industrial and mercantile associations are active and are discussing the formation of Provincial Chambers of Commerce.

Materials

The Match Monopoly was asked for raw material situation report in order to determine the possibly necessity for rationing, similar to Central and Southern Italy. Piemonte was unable to supply a demand for 32,000,000 matches made by Roma. SAFFA, Milan, is being consulted by Monopoly officials on the general situation. The tobacco monopoly is checking their items.

Prices

Prices are generally lower than in southern Italy, up to 50% of the latter. They are rising, due in part to the presence of Allied troops. Published prices are artificial and were established at prices that removed them from the open market. Prices as to 3 April 45 are being collected by UPIG for reference to Roma.

The Regional Economic Committee together with UPIG and affiliated agencies are re-establishing a Regional Price Commission to handle price problems.

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LEGNIA:

24 May 1945.

Situation quiet and generally satisfactory. Evacuation refugees proceeding satisfactorily in view of transport. 1100 evacuated last seven days. First three political offenders tried in Special Assize Court Savona convicted and death penalty imposed in each case. Disarming patriots continues but very great difficulty being experienced in opening patriot centers. Patriots in Imperia very restless owing to expectations as to food and rest centers not being fulfilled. General Order 41 posted 23 May.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

SITREP Number 1.

LOMBARDIA:

Nothing to report.

LIGURIA:

Situation quiet in La Spezia. Armed youths disarmed 30 police personnel. Basis for demonstration seems to be anti-commercial. No change in other provinces.

PIEMONTE:

POLITICAL

20 May 1945.

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3 arrests were made but it must be determined if they were the leaders of this demonstration. If an accusation is made, they will appear before an AG Court for trial.

A French Parade for presentation of American decorations passed off with minor incidents, one man being wounded in the leg.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

In Torino Province, the dismantling of partisan groups is progressing very slowly. Lack of qualified personnel as enforcement agency seriously hampers the administration of police work.

FOOD:

In Torino Province, all communes are currently attended to. Prices seem to be increasing on rationed foods. Some communes are purchasing unrationed foods illegally and absorbing the difference at a loss at legal price to consumer. This has been stopped.

INDUSTRIES:

An inevitable lack of material will suspend the operation of several large plants and increase thereby the unemployment situation.

FINANCE:

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21 May 1945.

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

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-cutting" for girls fraternizing with Allied troops but good case for action not yet obtained. CCIAA operating but need to make themselves felt more to remove a slight feeling of insecurity.

FOOD:

Prices in Cuneo tending to rise owing to exports to Torino and Liguria. Control necessary to prevent illegal export of goods with consequent rise in prices.

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LEGAL:

In all provinces, the legal situation is up to date. Italian Bar Association is in process of being reorganized in accordance with existing doctrines.

INDUSTRY:

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FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER;

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: E/1138
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FROM: ~~12000~~
~~12000~~ FROM WALKER

TO: G-5 5 ARMY FOR SUTHERLAND, INFO: ALCOM FOR LUSH

IN CLEAR.

1. LIGURIA situation continues satisfactory. Disarming patriots IMPERIA Province complicated by situation at border. In other provinces disarming proceeding satisfactorily. Food situation IMPERIA critical since only 50 grams bread per day available AMG sources due to transport difficulties. Balance region on 100 grams impact ration. Serious explosion SAVONA City 8 May 40 killed 30 seriously injured. Investigation showed explosion not due to sabotage. Political situation quiet but CLN reported attempting maneuver to place prefects under CLN and not under AMG. In GENOA CLN demanded all correspondence between AMG and prefect pass through hand CLN. This was refused. CLN persists in publishing unauthorized notices.

2. PIEMONTE situation reported satisfactory with patriots disarmed in TURIN City and disarming of balance set for 15 May except for border areas and installation guards. Situation on border delicate but no opposition to establishment AMG reported. AOSTA Prefect deposed by order of other troops. MARSHALL has gone to investigate. Industry in good condition with some damage to TURIN plants rest undamaged. Coal is critical item. FIAT plant ready to operate next week if coal available.

3. TURIN-GENOA-MILAN railroad lines will be in operation 14 days but require 45 hundred tons coal per month. Labor position delicate in FIAT plant. MICHELIN tire plant ²⁵⁸⁸ undamaged present stock rubber sufficient 32 hundred tires.

4. LOMBARDIA situation reported satisfactory. Disarming patriots MILAN complete except installation guards. Balance area proceeding under General CADORNA's orders.

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5. Conversations Economics Sub Commission group with CLNAI Economics Sections very satisfactory ANTOLINE reports. CLNAI still reluctant on CORRIERE DELLA SERA waiting PWB report on conversations. ROME delegation from ROME returned safely but have not learned results of contact with group remaining here will report. SCAO 5 ARMY appointing prefect MILAN tomorrow with other officers. Special Assize Courts begin operation Wednesday. Working top speed to check all CLNAI nominees for prefect other provinces in three regions to complement(?) Special Assize Courts. DICKEY drafting order to authorize appointment receivers by AMG of all industrial plants where management has been separated such receivers to be technical not political ANTOLINE concurs.

6. POLETTI-HANCOCK now complete operation headquarters MONTECATINI building telephone through KEYSTONE - MILAN civilian phone 12407

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG. Center No.: M126/43
Classification: TOP SECRET
Precedence : R
From : 4 Corps
To : LASH - ALSO

Date/Time rec'd : 131830
Date/Time sent : 102215
Reference NR : 1162
Cite :

To C-S, Fifth Army

Re: To

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MAY 14 1945

TOP SECRET.

Finance, acute shortage of circulation currency is noticeable in the entire Region. Germans took large quantities and in TUMIN decision 5-1 Force officer to pay partisans before our entry depleted currency stocks. Large quantities of Assengie in circulation. Turin banks have been bolstered with one hundred million lire to date. REG LOMBARDIA reports efforts CLN to implement FR Degree granting large bonuses to industrial employees. Have instructed banks through RFO not to pay bonus since FR decrees are void. Ruling also if after investigation bonuses should be paid must be in Government bonds.

Political generally calm. French sending additional troops into ACSTA and TUMIN Provinces. Their troops are drawing on local population for supplies. However, have reason to believe that they now plan to withdraw unless incident manufactures or otherwise gives excuse for troops remaining. Notices have appeared advising public to speak French only.

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but satisfactorily, TURIN sticky with TUBURCI leader rejecting bonus as

charity and insisting those not returning home must have chance to enlist

in Army or OCRR. General CADORNA requesting air passage from Commanding

General for himself and Communist and Christian Democratic leaders TURIN to

discuss desobilization of patriots with Government in ROME. Commanding

General has granted request. Will arrive in ROME tomorrow. Late report

CEMOA arms being surrendered satisfactorily. Political situation there quiet. Fishing authority granted by Royal Navy except in close vicinity port of CEMOA. Agricultural prospects normal although fertilizers are short supply. Nation still the hundred gram due to lack of PCL for transport. Ref 0049 believes it impossible to nominate any career Prefect from ROME since CLMUI state and our information confirms local men must be selected.

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Ref/ 151/10/SC.

Tel : 478201

16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Trip to Brenner and
Dolomite Area 7/5 May 1945

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

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The attached copy of a report dated 10 May on a trip to
the Brenner and Dolomite Area may be of interest to you.

For the Chief Commissioner :

for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 151/EC.

Tel : 478201

15 May 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Trip to Brenner &
Dolomite Area 7/8 May 1945.

TO : S.C.A.C. AMG Fifth Army.

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The Chief Commissioner has asked me to thank you for a most useful and interesting report by Major D.R.B. Mynors on the above subject. Reports of this description are of great value in keeping this Headquarters informed of conditions prevailing in the North.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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G-5 SECTION
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10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Trip to Brenner and Dolomite Area
7/8 May 1945.

TO : S.C.A.O. AND Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
13 MAY 1945I - REFUGEES.

1. From Verona I proceeded up to the west side of Lake Garda to Torbole (A6803) thence to Rovereto (A7104) and north to Bolzano on Route 12. There were large numbers of refugees on the road walking home; all were fit young men and there were no carts or movement of a character to cause any disturbance to military traffic except at the Bailey Bridges and tunnels at the north-west corner of Lake Garda. The Provost Marshal of the 10 Mountain Division stated that in order to make the movement as orderly as possible he had issued instructions for all empty trucks proceeding south in the divisional area to stop at the collecting points at cross-roads on the main supply routes and carry refugees as far south as the trucks were going. In this area there is said to be no feeding problem as individuals manage to live on what they can pick up at wayside farms and at simple communal kitchens run by the CLN's in the communes. The CAO, 10th Mountain Division stated that the daily flow of refugees through Rovereto was estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 2,000 per day.

2. In this same area I saw a convoy of seven motor buses and four lorries which had been captured from the Germans by Partisans proceeding southwards in convoy with some 400 refugees on board; this was the only occasion on the whole trip in which I saw any sign that German vehicles were being looted on a large scale by the Partisans.

3. North of Rovereto there was no great movement on the road; this may have been due to the fact that I was travelling at the hottest time of day, for in the main squares of Trento there were some two or three thousand people resting in the shade of the trees.

4. North of Trento the roads were again almost clear but on arrival in Bolzano I was told that there are many hundreds in Bolzano itself and in Merano (A891) and in the villages in the valley of the Upper Adige.

5. I discussed with every Headquarters which I visited the question of sign-posting a special route over which refugees coming southwards would pass. With the exception of the 10th Mountain Division, through whose area the road is comparatively narrow, there seemed to be a unanimous

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agreement that the movement of persons walking on the roads was not sufficient to interfere with military traffic. However it was universally requested that Fifth Army lift the ban on the carriage of casual civilians in returning empty trucks: apart from humanitarian reasons such a dispensation would accelerate the movement of refugees down the Brenner route and would thus keep the roads clear of stragglers.

6. Colonel Wray, 3.C.A.C. II Corps told me that feeding was no problem provided communes could be given some extra rations: every commune has organised a simple soup kitchen.

7. North of Trento there were hardly any persons on the road moving south but a few small groups were moving northwards towards the Brenner Pass. I called on the Provost Marshal of the 349th Infantry in Vipiteno (W0515) who told me that he had no problem of civilian refugees at all: he estimated that about 50 people per day passed through the village in each direction and he thought that a few of these succeeded in crossing the pass. In general however there was no movement across the Pass as the frontier had been sealed for 48 hours. This was confirmed by the Regimental Executive of the 339th Infantry stationed at Dobbiaco (B6495) who also stated that they had the frontier completely closed and civilian refugees were not presenting him with any problem at all.

8. My conclusions were as follows:

(i) Between Verona and Bolzano there were an estimated number of 10,000 on the road.

(ii) That although there was undoubtedly civilian movement over the Brenner and other passes some days ago there is no appreciable travel at this time: if anything the travel is heavier northwards than southwards.

(iii) That the bulk of the refugees are workers who were taken north by the Germans to their installations in the Bolzano area, which source can be expected to dry up fairly soon.

(iv) That it would be wise for plans to be started to deal with the rush that can be expected when the frontiers of Austria are no longer closed to travel.

II - POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN BOLZANO

1. No attempt was made by the Germans to incorporate the Province as a whole into the Greater Reich. However, I saw signs that a few communes in the Bruniak area had been reorganised under the German administrative system: proof of this was the use of such terms as Kreis, Gemeinde and Bezirk in certain notices in the streets. It is also understood that under German auspices there was some re-adjustment of the inter-provincial boundary between Bolzano and Belluno.

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2. In general it may be said that the population of Bolzano is largely Italian in sympathy but that the country districts definitely do not want to be incorporated in the Italian State. There were few signs of Partisan activity outside the town of Bolzano though this is easily explained by the extreme density of German troops in every village. The Committee of Liberation in Bolzano is an entirely Italian affair containing representatives of the usual parties but contains two persons to represent the Austrian interests. These two men are pledged not to raise the international question at the present time and say that personally they favour an independent republic of Bolzano.

3. In Bolzano the CLN have nominated Bruno De Angelis for Prefect who is stated by all who have business with him to be an outstandingly able and pleasant person. The administration has been reorganised and appears to be working as smoothly as is possible at the present time, in view of the number of German troops still walking about the city armed. In the Brunico area the population have proposed well known German collaborators for the office of Sindaco: CACs are in every case appointing Italians for the time being.

4. The population though not actually hostile are far from friendly to the Allies. One difficult problem is the treatment of German civilians who have moved in during the German occupation and have settled down as ordinary residents: there has also been much inter-marriage between soldiers and the local population. It is doubtful whether the order that the civilian population must not fraternize with the German Army can be enforced.

5. It is stated by members of the CLN that since the anasthetic German forces have struggled away large quantities of small arms into the hands of the pro-German elements of the population.

6. The OGBs are all present and operating: they all took the oath to the Republican Fascist Government and operation will be essential: the same is true of Trento (where there are no signs of any attempt at Germanisation of the district).

7. There appears to have been no move to make Reichsmarks legal tender: bank officials stated at the first meeting held with them by Colonel Wray that the circulation of German currency in the district was extremely small but that a small amount was accepted by individuals from soldiers in country districts. While I could not ascertain any official exchange rate the manager of the hotel in Bolzano informed me that the rate had been ten lire to one Reichsmark but that in the last few days "quotations were purely nominal."

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III - THE GERMAN SITUATION

1. The north-east part of Bolzano had been included in the plans for the German Redoubt in Austria. The elaborations of some of the concrete fortifications which have already been completed is striking. The whole area is one vast munition dump containing gigantic stocks of war materials of all kinds. The density of German troops in the area is

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exceedingly high and Allied Military Government cannot be expected to get into its stride until these troops have been removed. The Adige Valley running north-west from Bolzano to Merano, which I did not visit, was said to be usually full of small munition factories, dumps, etc. On the Brenner rail route there are many hundreds of stranded railway trucks containing amongst other things, coal, machine tools and other items of industrial equipment. There are very large stacks of sawn timber by the roadside in all districts.

In addition there are in the area the following:

(i) Art Deposits.

There are numerous deposits of art treasures notably in Bolzano, Slederno, (A3993) and in German military Depots between the two places: the acting Prefect in Bolzano has full details of the location and inventories of each deposit which he will hand over to the Fine Arts Officer. I visited the Deposit in a fine 16th Century Schloss at Campo Tures (W117) which contains works by Rembrandt, Michael Angelo, and others and a large quantity of sculpture including works by Michael Angelo and Donatello. This deposit is guarded by a Company of the 339th Infantry and is in excellent condition: the most valuable pictures are well crated and those that are not crated are carefully labelled: each room has a notice on the door in German "These articles are under the custody of the Commanding General of the German Armed Forces in Italy having been brought to safety from the areas." The deposit at Campo Tures has already been visited by two Italian superintendents from Venice: an inventory of the deposit is with the CP of the 339th Infantry.

(ii) Gold Reserves.

The gold bullion and coin from the Bank of Italy estimated at about 25 tons in weight, is located in the vaults of La Fortezza, (W1803) a fortress beside the main road a few miles from the Brenner Pass. The upper part of the fortress was used by the Germans as a shell filling factory and ammunition dump. Immediately above the gold are a large quantity of 170 mm and 88 mm shells. This deposit is under guard from the 339th Infantry: the Guard Commander told me that of the three keys to the vault, one is at the Regimental CP, one at the Bank of Italy in Brizen and the third he did not know about. I was also informed that the deposit has been visited by the Commanding General of II Corps amongst others and that the Allied Financial Agency has already been given details of the deposit.

(iii) Political Hostages.

The political hostage camp south of Salsberg (B5597) is being cleared through command channels and the Regimental Executive of the 339th Infantry informed me that although our interest in the matter is appreciated no help from AIB is required in this connection.

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IV - OTHER POINTS

1. In the Upper Valleys of Belluno Province Partisan elements appear to be very strong: the population appeared to be enthusiastic about the arrival of the Allies and it was clear that if any attempt had been made at Germanisation it was extremely unpopular.

2. The area of Feltre in Belluno Province is probably, unlike the rest of the area, short of food, since in that area I saw two or three places where women and children were carrying away old cans of surplus food which they had collected from the kitchens of Allied Units bivouaced beside the road.

D.R.B. Mynors
D.R.B. MYNORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS AMG FIFTH ARMY APO 464 US ARMY

11 May 1945

TO: HQ Allied Commission
HQ 15 Army Group, G-5

1. Forwarded.
2. Reference Section IV paragraph 2, food for 75,000 persons, for 14 days was delivered to the Feltre area by A.M.G. 5 Army on 7 May 45 pursuant to a request from S.C.A.O. II Corps.

For the Commanding General:

Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.
ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, JR.
Colonel, C.A.C.,
Executive Officer.

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12 May 45

EXHIBIT

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 SUBJECT IN ADMINISTRATION IN PROVINCES OF TIENTSI AND HUBEI AND
TRANS TO FIFTH ARMY [REDACTED] FOR AND FROM THE NATION CITY AREA AREA
 CONTAINS FOR FULL REPORT ON TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION PLANNED THESE PROVINCES

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SITREPS DATED TEN MAY REPORT PD

PARISH TO AMHQ FOR GERMAN FIVE FROM HQ ALONG CITS AROUND PARISH

PARA ONE PD AND LIBERIA REGION PD SPECIAL COURTS BEING ORGANIZED IN IMPERIA CMA
 GINER AND SAVONA PROVINCES PD AMHQ BEING TURNED IN SATISFACTORILY PD MINOR
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 WITH PD NO REFUGES NOW CROSSING BORDER PD GOLD BULLION AT LA PORTEREA AND ART
 DEPOSITS BEING INVESTIGATED PD WHILE SITUATION IN FRONTIER ZONE WILL HAVE WHEN
 GERMAN EVACUATE PD PARTIALS ACTIVE IN SOME AREAS AND CLASHING WITH GERMANS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 3852
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 10 11 51Z

Message Centre No: 5/239
 Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 10 16 15Z
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FROM: HQ 5 ARMY FROM 5 5 WITH OUR 132
 TO: HQ ALCON, BT IT ARME 5 5

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Following is Bitter for midnight 8-9 May.

1. Situation in LIGURIA, PIZ-ONE, and LOMBARDIA covered by IV CORPS signal 1100 and signal 071631Z from ALCO LIGURIA addressed ALCON. ALCO established in all provinces of VENETIA in 5 ARMY Area in spite of presence in large numbers of German troops in BOLZANO, TRENTO, and VERONA. Some areas of VERONA definite food shortages. Political situation in BOLZANO somewhat complicated by prolonged and intensive German occupation: FULLER report follows by mail. Gold Bullion at LA PORTAZZA and large art deposits being investigated. No refugees now crossing the border but large numbers of workers conscripted by TSDT organisation now leaving home from BOLZANO area. Special organisation under Lt Col H G WHEEN dealing satisfactorily with this problem. Partisans active in some areas and clashing with Germans. Whole situation in frontier zone will ease when German troops evacuate.

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FROM IV CORPS
 TO INFO: HQ ALCON FOR LUSH

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Public Safety plan worked out with FRANCIS - COMBAT to have all CORPS in service. Milan Friday estimate local CORPS being called into service. MILAN province 2000. Request steps to reduce elsewhere to keep within ceiling. Public Health no epidemics shortage anesthetics insulin and drugs previously reported should have attention since although shipments may have been made stockpiles in area are in order. Bureau low and ready. WING flew today to get accurate check on request for 50 tons daily for LUSHIA will report findings. // Political French situation worse. Report on seizure EDISON Electric Lines from company reveals cross connection. French grids will short supply. CHENNA. Reports continued French still increasing forces despite assurances to contrary and confirming reports of plebiscite ballots in VALDOSTA received. Commanding General CORPS has taken firm stand regarding continued presence of French. /// Will continue to advise CINAI remaining in MILAN. Objected to issuance of Corriere della Sera. SOURCE PWB now in ROME to consult remaining members. WERSHONSEN 257
 Issuing order appointing CAROCACCIA, lawyer communist as Commissario with approval PWB. MARIO BORSA temporary editor will do nothing until WERSHONSEN's report received. Finance currency situation in area bad.

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Representative Finance SC and currency circulation experts Bank of ITALY should come up to see if possible to prevent extensive use AMG lire. Refugees. FINLEY and Italian refugee officials reported today conference this morning between Regional officers and CINAI smoothed out plans for receiving internees from SWITZERLAND. 5000 Italian workers reported to have entered SWITZERLAND from AUSTRIA but must remain there since border is closed. Published order suspending the kilometer rule in CORPS Area except 20 kilometer zone prepared (prepared?) by BICKIE concurred in by G-2 IV CORPS. VARESE reports acute food problems with supplies available for 7 days, shortage of transport and FCI. All utilities intact in province and telephones operating, banks closed for 4 days after province liberated, opened by S-1 force officer(?) but necessary AMG to close here again, currency shortage. One hundred thousand refugees from other parts ITALY no Kangaroo Courts now operating. 3000 Partisans. War damage slight political strong communist element. IHRM in TURIN where factory CNW in Fiat plant have taken over management same tendency in other industrial plants.

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ROUTINEFROM: IV CORPS, HUNT
To: FOR STONE - ALCON

MAY 8 Recd

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Visited TURIN today Sunday accompanying General CRITTENBERGER, IV CORPS Commander and Colonel WALKER, IV CORPS Senior Civil Affairs officer. Saw no evidence of unrest or civil disorder of any kind. Provincial Senior Civil Affairs Officer Lieutenant Colonel FIKER reports city in good condition physically and politically. Food conditions fair. The usual shortages of fats sugar and salt reported. Patriot parade held Sunday morning without untoward incident and apparently productive of good will. Patriot parade in VERONA Saturday extremely successful, about 4,000 guns being turned in in a colorful ceremony in the Roman Arena. Patriot parade in MILAN on Sunday morning likewise most satisfactory. The CORPS Commander and other general officers attended, General CRITTENBERGER making the principal address. General CYDONIA the Patriot leader also spoke. I was present at both ceremonies. VERONA ceremony was skillfully handled by Captain LINDBERTS. Colonel WALKER doing fine job in his area.

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The following message has just been received from Milano:

"General police duties are being performed by Partisans, and law and order are being maintained by them. No disorders are reported from any section of the city. There is general talk among Partisan chiefs of coming disarmament. They agree that the situation is under complete control in this area, and are discussing coming disarmament on their own initiative. Small security forces pocketed by Partisans in the vicinity of Novara and Magenta, but movement is limited. Forces surrounded by Partisans are willing to be disarmed on guarantee of an Allied officer. Milan-Turin highway is clear as reported personally by Moscantelli. Information on the willingness of the bulk of the forces to disarm was volunteered by his adjutant. He came to Milan with one thousand men."

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Rec'd from a Mr. Reepert, OSS in MILAN.

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AMHQ, G-5 Section (BY ELS)

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Following received from SOAD FIFTH Army, 6 May:

"Reference on 5 Army Group signal CAS our 78, following is situation report as of midnight 4/5 May.

1. In all 3 cities military government has been established. CLM are well organized, running details of local administration efficiently and anxious to cooperate with AMG.
2. Partisans now disarmed in GENOVA but still in operational use in MILAN and TURIN. In MILAN disarmament will take place shortly.
3. Local utilities running normally and MILAN has exportable surplus of electric power. Communications have suffered little damage: all trams and a few railroad trains are running.
4. Industry undamaged and factories working normally but difficulties will arise when present raw material stocks are exhausted. Wage structure is extremely complicated by variations in special bonuses, grants etc., but the general level appears to be around two thirds of that in Southern ITALY. Prices of manufactured goods are high and are at present thought to be about 75% of those in Southern ITALY. (1)

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5. North of APPENDEES there is abundant food except in mountainous areas, but there is a distribution problem. Food for GENOVA is being sent in up LIGURIAN coast. Some imported food has also been sent to TURIN.

6. First echelon of OCHS totalling 3,100 have now been delivered to their destinations.

7. General HUGG has visited all 3 cities but at present time the complete lack of communications makes it impossible submit accurate regular reports on GENOVA and TURIN."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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1st. Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Exec. Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 6811
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Message Centre No: D/9779
 Date/Time Recd: MAY 060900B
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: G-5 FOR HUMS CITE 115
 TO: HQ ALCOM RPT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5

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1. In all 3 cities military government has been established. CIN are well organized, running details of local administration efficiently and anxious to cooperate with AMG.
2. Partisans now disarmed in GENOVA but still in operational use in MILAN and TURIN. In MILAN disarmament will take place shortly.
3. Local utilities running normally and MILAN has exportable surplus of electric power. Communications have suffered little damage: all tramways and a few railroad trains are running.
4. Industry undamaged and factories working normally but difficulties will arise when present raw material stocks are exhausted. Wage structure is extremely complicated by variations in special bonuses, grants etcetera, but the general level appears to be around two thirds of that in southern ITALY. Prices of manufactured goods are high and are at present thought to be about 75% of those in southern ITALY.
5. North of APENNINES there is abundant food except in mountainous areas, but there is a distribution problem. Food for GENOVA is being sent in up LIGURIAN coast. Some imported food has also been sent to TURIN.

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6. First echelon of CCHR totalling 3100 have now been delivered to their destinations.

7. General HUME has visited all 3 cities but at present time the complete lack of communications makes it impossible submit accurate regular reports on GENOVA and TURIN.

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FOR ACTION FIVE ARMY EIGHT ARMY MAIN REPORTED FOR INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

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5 May 45

ROUTINE

IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS PD

YOUR EFFORTS MUCH APPRECIATED PD

FOR ACTION
PAREN TO/FIVE ARMY FOR AND CMA EIGHT ARMY MAIN FOR AND INFO FOR INFO 15 ARMY
GROUP FOR GROUP FIVE FROM HQ ARMY SITE AGED PAREN

ALL SIGNS WITH EXCEPTION OF TRAIL ON PORTLAND OR MILITARY MATTER MAY BE SENT
BY ANY MEANS IN CLEAR

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5 May 45

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IN ORDER BY AIR MEMO PD

PARA ONE PD ^{S.} FIFTH ARMY SITREP ON TWENTY TWO THREE ONE ZERO HOURS FOUR MAY STATES
PARRIS TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALONG WITH AGRO PARRIS

THIRTY PER CENT DAMAGED PD POPULATION NORMALLY FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND NOW ABOUT TEN
 THOUSAND PD WATER LIGHT AND PUBLIC SERVICES NORMAL PD CIVILIAN MEDICAL STORES
 FOUND AND ALSO CAPTURED GERMAN DUMPS PD DISARMAMENT PATRIOTS STARTS FIVE MAY CMA
 LARGE NUMBER INVOLVED WHO ARE RATHER RESTLESS PD

PARA TWO PD ^{S.} EIGHT ARMY SITREP ON ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO HOURS FOUR MAY STATES PD
 VERONA PD WATER AND LIGHTS FUNCTIONING PD FOOD NOT YET URGENT PD FOUR HUNDRED
 PATRIOTS REMAINING ON POLICE DUTIES CMA REST BEING DISARMED FIFTH OR SEVENTH PD
 SIX MURDERS REPORTED IN CITY THREE MAY PD VICENZA PD WATER LIGHT FOOD AS FOR
 VERONA PD PATRIOTS NUMBERING SEVEN THOUSAND TO BE DISARMED NEXT FEW DAYS PD
 MANTOVA PD WATER LIGHT FOOD AS FOR VERONA PD PATRIOTS PARADE WAS HELD THREE MAY

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 6468
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 041740Z

Message Centre No: D/9655
Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 080830Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: G-5 FOR HUBER CITE 112
TO: HQ ALCOM RPT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5 RPT HQ 8 ARMY MAIN FOR AMG
MAY 5 REC'D

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VERONA. Lights, water functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. Partisans being disarmed Saturday or Monday. 400 partisans remaining for police duties. 6 murders in city on 3 May. VICENZA. Water, lights functioning. Food situation not urgent. Provincial team in. 7000 partisans will be disarmed within next few days. MANTOVA. Water, lights functioning. Food not urgent. Partisan parade held 3 May. Provincial team in.

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Date/Time of Origin: MAY 021740BMessage Centre No: D/9410
Date/Time Recd: MAY 022130B
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: 15 ARMY GROUP
TO: ANG & ARMY INFO ATCON FOR LUSH

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Please signal ATCON short Sitrep every 2nd day giving economic, political and administrative report for GENCA, MILAN and TURIN.

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AME LIGURIA REGION

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3 May 45

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ED NEWS ON GIBOA SO FAR RECEIVED FROM YOU PD

PAUSE TO AME LIGURIA REGION FOR CARR FROM HQ ALCOH CITE AORXO PAREN

SITHEPS SHOULD BE SIGNALLED EVERY OTHER DAY FOLLOWED BY MORE DETAILED REPORTS

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G-5 SECTION
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1 May 1945

Ref: G-5/8/94

SUBJECT: Report from Commanding General, 92nd Division.

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TO: Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Maj Gen E. M. ALMOND, Commanding 92nd Division, has submitted the following report to the Commanding General at this Headquarters reference the City of GENOA:

"GENOA has been occupied and completely cleared of all organized resistance with the surrender of the Fortress MONTE MORO at 1430 today. The CITY OF GENOA is practically undamaged. Public officials are functioning temporarily, pending AMG confirmation; public utilities are in operation; the condition of the population appears excellent. Public order is satisfactory and plans are under way to disarm all but 400 Partisans by 29 April. The civilian food situation is satisfactory at present; a two-day supply being on hand in the city and our AMG supplies are now arriving. The assigned AMG Officer has established his headquarters and is beginning to function.

"Preliminary reconnaissance of the HARBOR OF GENOA indicates less damage than might have been expected. Some quays and port facilities can be repaired and it is believed that at least the eastern half of the port can be placed in operation in one week. Over-the-beach supply can commence in about 36 hours.

"Representatives of the Allied Control Commission, Royal Navy, District 57, the assigned AMG Officer and CCS (resident in GENOA) have all reported to my command post and have commenced operations. The Provincial Governor has been contacted."

Philip J. Farns

Lt Colonel
for DODAG

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner.
Vice President, Economic Section.
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.
Vice President, Establishment Section.

1. The following telephone call was received at 0915 hours, this day by the undersigned from Lucca.
2. Brigadier Carr has been in Genoa with 20 officers for several days. He reports (via Lucca), that La Spezia Province is under control and everything is going well.
3. This morning Colonel Jordan left Lucca with 30 officers for Genoa, leaving behind only 3 officers and a few enlisted men.
4. After Wednesday, all messing and billeting facilities will be closed in Lucca.
5. They made no requests.

G.M. Parkin
G.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Officer (US).

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AIG FIFTH ARMY REPORT ON MILAN FOLLOWS PD

PAREN TO AIRHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCOH CITE ADEIC PAREN

CITY BARELY DAMAGED PD POWER AND WATER ON PD FOOD SITUATION NEEDING ATTENTION
 ALTHOUGH NOT YET CRITICAL PD TRAMWAYS WORKING PD PARTISANS NUMBERING FIVE TO
 TEN THOUSAND WELL ORGANISED PD CHARLES LAVERNA IN CONTROL BUT HAVE NOT YET
 NOMINATED ANY OFFICIALS FOR GOVERNMENT PD PARTISANS EXECUTED APPROXIMATELY FORTY
 FASCISTS PD SITREP DATED THREE ZERO APRIL ONE ZERO ONE ZERO HOURS FORWARDED TO
 YOU ON RECEIPT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 348

Date/Time of Origin: APR 30 1010B

Message Centre No: D/0252

Date/Time Recd:

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FROM: IV CORPS

TO: BCAG 5 ARMY ANG. 5 ARMY PASS COPY TO HQ ARSON ROY

May 1 RECD

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Report on MILAN. Water and power on. Tramways operating. Five to ten thousand Partisans well organized. Food situation not critical but will need attention. City suffered considerable damage. Committee of National Liberation in control but have not agreed on nominees for government. About 40 Fascists executed by Partisans.

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Date 30 April 1945.SUBJECT: Genoa.

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No.	From	To	Date
1.	Exec Off (US)	Chief Commis- sioner.	1. The following telephone call was received from Col Jordan (A) Lucca Province this day. 2. Water is on in Genoa. 3. Street railways running. 4. There is a little trouble on the food situation, but it is being cleared up. 5. Brig Carr, with 20 officers is now in Genoa. 6. Road from Lucca to Genoa is open, and it takes roughly six hours by car. <i>C. M. Park</i> C. M. PARKIN, Colonel, Infantry, Executive Officer (US).
Copy to: Executive Commissioner.			

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ONE FIFTH AVE STREET OF TWO SEVEN BELLEVUE TWO ZERO ONE SIX SEATON PD
 TAKEN TO JURY FOR CHARGE FIVE FROM HQ ALONG CITY ACHED PAREN
 ONE PD ARE IN OPERATION VERONA ONE CITY AND PROVINCIAL TRAMS SEA VERONA TWO
 SEVEN VERONAS PD/ CITY HEAVILY DAMAGED PD SITUATION SATISFACTORY PD
 THREE PD ALL BRIDGES DOWN PD BOATS BEING USED ALSO DAMAGED RAILWAY BRIDGE PD
 FOUR PD LIMITED WATER SUPPLY EXPECTED WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS PD
 FIVE PD ENOUGH ELECTRICITY FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS PD
 SIX PD FOOD SITUATION SATISFACTORY

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ORIGINATOR'S REFERENCE: 2561
DATE/TIME OF ORIGIN: APRIL 27/2016MESSAGE CENTER NO: D/8952
DATE/TIME RECD: APRIL 28/0840B
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITYFROM: AHD 5 ARMY FOR HOME CITE: OUR 124
TO: HQ ALCOM INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP for G-5, HQ 3 ARMY MAIN FOR AHD

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General HOME now in VERONA reports Allied Military Government now in operation and situation satisfactory despite severe damage to city. There are no bridges over the river but communications with civilians on north bank have been established by boat and damaged railroad bridge. Enough electricity for immediate needs. Limited water supply expected in 24 hours and food situation satisfactory.

VERONA city and provincial teams Ete VERONA tonight.

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PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS AME FIFTH ARMY SITINGS DATED TWO SIX APRIL ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO HOURS PD
PAREN TO AFTER FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALONE CITY AGEXO PAREN

LA SPERIA PD DAMAGE MODERATE PD PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER ARRIVING TWO SIX APRIL PD
 CARABINIERI MOVED IN TWO FIVE APRIL POPULACE RECEIVED THEM ENTHUSIASTICALLY PD
 PARTISANS NUMBERING TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED IN TOWN UNDER COMMAND ALLIED OFFICER PD
 GOOD DISCIPLINE PD

ROMA PD LITTLE WAR DAMAGE CMA HAS POWER CMA WATER CMA FOOD FOR FIVE DAYS PD
 FIVE THOUSAND PARTISANS PD

MEDEA PD ONLY PROBLEM THREE THOUSAND PARTISANS PD

GENOA PD NO DETAILS AVAILABLE CMA THREE OFFICERS AND TWO FIVE ZERO CARABINIERI
 DISPATCHED NIGHT TWO FIVE OBLIQUE TWO SIX PD

VERONA PD ONE NINE THREE ZERO HOURS PD BRIDGES DOWN CMA TOWN HEAVILY DAMAGED PD
 NO DETAILS PD TEAM TO ARRIVE TWO SEVEN APRIL PD POLICE OFFICER AND CARABINIERI
 LEAVING TWO EIGHT APRIL

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Originator's Reference: 2579
Date/Time of Origin: APR 26 1945

Message Centre No: D/8782
Date/Time Rec'd: APR 27 0800Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY FOR INFO WITH HQ
TO: HQ ALLIED COM RPT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5 FOR INFO RPT TO HQ 8 ARMY MAIN FOR HQ
FOR INFO

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INFO - ACTION

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VERONA captured. Town badly damaged and bridges down. No details available.
General HARRIS now enroute to City. Colonel HARRIS with small 5th Army city team
and provisional team leaving first light (night 1) 27 April. COMBAT and police officers
leaving this area morning of 28 April.

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Inf. Telephoned

C.A. Sec.
Econ. Sec.
Communications S/C
Patrols & Branch

Paraphrased signal 5 G-5

1215 hrs. 27/4/45

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* * Com Sec
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Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2078
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 26/1945

Message Centre No: D/9782
 Date/Time Recd: APR 27/1945
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: APR 26/1945 FOR: HQS COME 110
 TO: HQ ALLIED COME HQ 15 APR 27/1945 FOR G-5

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Occupation of GERMANY is not already taken place. No details available but 3 officers and 20 COM were dispatched during last night.

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 * Ext Sec
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Originals Reference: 5571

Message Centre No: 7/774

Date/Time of Origin: APR 26 1703Z

Date/Time Recd: APR 27 0800Z

Precedence:

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FROM: AM 3 AMT FOR THE 12TH OF APR 1945

TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION 15 OF APR 1-5

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INFO - ACTION

SUBJECT:

Following is only information currently available of PARTIA
and PARTIAL PARTIA.In both places, partial teams are in position in Prefettura.
PARTIA has 3000 Partisans, which are the only problem. PARTIA has
PARTIA, PARTIA, PARTIA and PARTIA, 1000 Partisans and PARTIA and PARTIA.

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" Tech Sec

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Chief Commissioner

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Originator's Reference: 9559
Date/Time of Origin: APR 25 1701Z
Message Centre No: 270001
Date/Time Rec'd: APR 27 0000Z
Precedence: PRIORITY
FROM: HQ 1 ARMY FOR INFO
TO: HQ ALLIED COM HQ 13 ARMY
TO: HQ 1 ARMY
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APR 27 1945

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Following is only information currently available re LA "PETA".
Provincial Committees met on 24 April 26. CCNR moved in
on April 25 and were enthusiastically received by populace. Damage
to town moderate. 2500 Partisans in town under good discipline
under command of an Allied officer.

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Patriotic Branch.

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26 Apr 45

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FURTHER TO OUR FIVE NINE SIX SEVEN OF TWO THREE APRIL ON BOLOGNA PD

PARER TO AMHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALONG CITY AORIG PARM

PARA ONE PD TELEPHONE CENTRAL EXCHANGES BOLOGNA DESTROYED BUT SUFFICIENT
EQUIPMENT HIDDEN TO PUT ONE END TWO END PHONES IN SERVICE IN TWENTY DAYS PD

PARA TWO PD EIGHT THOUSAND KILOWATTS FROM SOUTH IN ADDITION TO POWER SUPPLIED
BY FIVE HUNDRED KILOWATT THERMAL PLANT WOULD SUPPLY CITY WITH ALL ESSENTIAL
SERVICES PD

PARA THREE PD ABOUT FIFTY THOUSAND REFUGEES AT PRESENT IN BOLOGNA PD SITUATION
SATISFACTORY CMA EAST CHANNELS ABLE HAS MATTER WELL IN HAND PD

PARA FOUR PD NUMBERS OF ITALIAN EX PRISONERS OF WAR AND FORCED LABOURERS ALREADY
ARRIVING FROM GERMANY CMA SOME IN POOR CONDITION PD ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY
THREE THOUSAND ARE PASSING ^{THROUGH} THE BRUNNEN DAILY PD

PARA FIVE PD RATES OF PAY LOWER THAN IN TOSCANA AND SOUTHERN REGIONS PD

PARA SIX PD VERY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO FIFTEEN SIXTEENTH CENTURY ANATOMICAL THEATRE
NOW KNOWN AS ARCHIGYMNASIO PD DESTRUCTION TO MONUMENTS SLIGHT PD FAIRLY SERIOUS
DAMAGE TO A FEW CHURCHES AND PALACES PD

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ARCHIVES DATA COMPARATIVELY NO DATA PD

PARA SEVEN PD ESTIMATED EIGHT HUNDRED TO NINE HUNDRED TRUCKS CAN BE PUT ON ROAD
WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS PD SOME TYPES SAVED BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND DEALERS PD
NO LARGE STOCKS

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AFHQ

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PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS AME FIFTH ARMY SITREP ON BOLOGNA TWO TWO ONE FOUR HOURS TWO FIVE APRIL PD
PARADE TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ BLOM CITE ACSEC PAREN

PARA ONE PD PARTISANS DEARMED AND PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AT CEREMONIAL
 PARADE IN PRESENCE OF GENERALS ARNOLD CMA CLARK CMA TRUBOTT CMA KYLES CMA
 GUNTHER CMA HUNE AND OTHERS AND LARGE CROWD OF POPULACE PD FOUR THOUSAND
 RIFLES AND EIGHT SIX BY SIX TRUCK LOADS OF AMMUNITION CMA GRENADES ETC WERE
 COLLECTED PD NO INCIDENT CMA CEREONY PASSED OFF WELL PD

PARA TWO PD PARMA TEAM BELIEVED IN PARMA PD PROVINCIAL TEAMS REGGIO AND SPEZIA
 NOW IN THEIR CAPITALS PD

PARA THREE PD ADVANCE MOVE OF EMILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS TO BOLOGNA NOW ARRANGED
 AND INCIDENT PD

PARA FOUR PD LIGURIA REGION NOW IN PROCESS OF MOVING TO LIGURIA PD

PARA FIVE PD EXPECT ENTER MANTOVA AND VERONA TOMORROW PD

PARA SIX PD LUGOTENENT THIS MORNING VISITED BOLOGNA PRIOR TO PARADE RECEIVING
 FURIOUS WELCOME

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference

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Date/Time of Origin

APRIL 25/2214B

Message Centre No: D/8720

Date/Time Recd:

APRIL 26/1130B

Precedence

ROUTINE

FROM: AMO FIVE ARMY FOR HOME CITE: OUR 108

TO: HQ AIGOM INFO: HQ EIGHTH ARMY REAR FOR EMILIA REGION FOR AMO, HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
FOR G-5 SECTION, HQ 8 ARMY MAIN FOR AMO

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1. At 1530 hours today ceremonial parade of partisans held in main square BOLOGNA in presence of Generals ARNOID, CLARK, TRUSCOTT, KEYES, GFUNTHER, HAME and others and before large gathering of populace. Ceremony passed off well and without incident. 4000 rifles and 36 by 6 truck loads of ammunition, grenades etc were collected and certificates presented.

2. Inge Tenente visited BOLOGNA this morning prior to parade and received tumultuous welcome.

3. Provincial teams REGGIO and SPEZIA now in their capitals. PARMA team believed in PARMA. Expect to enter MANTOVA and VERONA tomorrow.

4. As move of EMILIA region HQ to BOLOGNA now arranged and imminent.

5. Move of LIGURIA Region to LIGURIA now in process.

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CA SEC
ECON SEC
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INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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