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5TH ARMY AMG, OP SITREPS
MAY, JUNE 1945

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C.S.O.

Please see folios 3, 4 & 5 (few) passages marked.

JL. 19/6/45

24.1.46

PA JL 20/6

9.4.97

C.S.O.

Please note 8.4.93

JL. 20/6/45.

24.1.46

27.5.55

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C.S.O.

Please see passage marked folio 46 (rev.) & folio 15.

JL. 21/1/45

24.1.46

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Please see passages wanted on folio 472 (reverse) & 466 (reverse).
Political Advisor might be interested in 184, King have a copy of 6.

18/6/45

Note we have had inf in folio 472 through before in
different form. Br. Ads. had copies of folio 472 copy
of folio 472 is being sent then today. Q 15/6

8/4/45

Ex Comm.

you should look at this

the file

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18/6

17/6/15/6

482

See 8

Examine

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2717

the file

8/18/46

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482

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Please see 480

7/18/45

8/1/46

S 1166

CSO

¹¹⁶⁶
Ref 3 this sitreps were nine days
old but 1st two paras may be of
interest.

16/6/45

211816

S.H.

S 1166

CSO Executive Commission.

French Sitreps are at ¹¹⁶⁶⁻¹¹⁶⁹ ~~1163~~.

16/6/45

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S.H. 1166

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Please See ¹⁵⁶ B + H. latest on French
Situation.

15/6/65 15/6

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Chen Commission 15/6

Please see p 11 re draft telegram
I regret delay in submission for action
is required urgently.

15/6/18/6

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15/6/18/6

TO : ARMY FOR 2-5 (FOR ACTION)
repeated 5th ARMY,
15 Army Group
IV Corps
1st Armored Div
3d Inf Div

Please see p 11 & draft telegram
I regret delay in submission for action
is requested urgently
PVS/18/6

7.60

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TO : ARHQ Cor G-5 (FOR ACTION)

repeated 5th ARHQ,
15 Army Group
IV Corps
1st Armd Div
34 Inf Div
6 SA Armd Div (INFO)

see file 461

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IV Corps signal 1915 of 15 June refers. Urge that their
customary grazing rights be arranged without delay. Apart
from economic loss in slaughtering 3000 head of cattle the
political implications are serious and may easily lead to
disorder.

(See File 4818/12C FOR FURTHER ACTION)
WJ

Minutes 5.6.77 copied & placed in 4818/2C.

CSO

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7010 3 for info.

An extract of the 1st portion has been made & is being dealt with on another file (572/EC).

13/6/45

Si 13/6

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Chief Commission.

The underlined sentence is good!

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P.A. 11/6

11/6.

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ExCenr

11/6. for information.

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The underlined sentence is good!

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P.A. 1/25/46

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Liaison
Dis.

To see folio 414^v return.

Sheldon

Office of EC.

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12/6/45 Secs. Lissen Dr.

Mr. Deane, Capt.

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This ²²⁹G. gives details of the incident involving the arrest of an Italian by the French.

See also last para on reverse side.

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11/12/16

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Mr. [unclear]
Capt.
11/20/45

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This ^{11/19} gives details of the incident involving the arrest of an Italian by the French. See also last para on reverse side. Copy sent Econ Sec.

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11/6/45 With follow up in the Econ Sec point.
11/16.

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Capt. [unclear]

Please enclose me to Carey not by contract as above!

11/13/16

See Index ⁴²¹ Some notes transferred to file 320/100 + further action on this subject will be taken on that file

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Please see IV Corps sitrep of 1 June at ⁴⁰² Please note
distribution made.

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Exlens

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1 | later Strip from 1r Corps is at ~~309~~ ⁴⁰⁷ Please note distribution made.

Σ 8/16 | 8/16/45 (Sent by Ex. Com. p. 9/6)

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Please see 2411

9 June 45

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8/1/65 (See by Ex. Com. p. 96)

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Please see 411.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
APO 304 US ARMY
G-5 Section

Ex-Com (2)
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Auth: CG IV Corps: 3511
Initials: Y, C
Date: 18 June 1945

SITREP Number 20

PIEMONTE REGION

French Situation

No change all Provinces.

Public Safety

In Aosta Province Special Courts of Assizes at Aosta and Ivrea in session. One accused found not guilty of espionage and other accused sentenced to death for Collaboration with Germans, Kidnapping and Homicides.

One arrest in Vercelli, two in Alessandria and four in Torino for illegal carrying of arms.

Partisans

In Asti Province total arms collected over 4000. Still no reports of Military patrols in this Province.

In Cuneo Province Colonel FAULK of IV Corps visited Province. 1000 General Alexander's Certificates now received.

PIEMONTE REGION

French Situation

F.C., Cuneo Province reports that French troops are withdrawing from VALDIERI area.

F.C., Aosta Province reports some excitement caused by Italian broadcast of early French withdrawal from Aosta Valley and anxiety about possible reprisals expressed by pro-French elements.

Public Safety

In Aosta Province Special Court of Assizes in session IVREA.

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14 June 1945

21 JUN 1945

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PIEMONTE REGION

15 June 1945

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Public Safety

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In Aosta Province Special Court of Assizes in session IVREL.

Labour

Report received in Vercelli of demands for higher wages in the Biella District. Backed by threats of strikes. P.C. investigating matter.

Patriots

Vercelli report all patriots demobilised and known centres closed.

PIEMONTE REGION

16 June 1945

French Situation

Calm. All senior French Officers absent. French soldiers now bartering salt instead of giving it away, also exchanging bread for eggs.

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In the remaining provinces there was no change in the political situation.

Public Safety

In the Province of Asti Special Courts of Assizes operating smoothly and efficiently.

In Cuneo Province there was a disturbance at ROSSANO caused by population demonstrating against food shortage. Regional Food Officer dealing with this matter.

In Torino Province five persons reported shot near Turin. Three suspects arrested. Investigations proceeding.

In Vercelli Province some small scale strikes but no violence was reported. Strike now ended.

LIGURIA REGION

French Situation

Quiet in Imperia. Road-blocks established as directed. No incidents reported.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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WOTC USA
ADMIN. OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
APO 304 US ARMY
G-5 Section

SECRET
AUTH: CG IV Corps
Initials: J. L. C.
Date: 16 June 1945

SITREP Number 19

21 JUN 1945

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LIGURIA REGION

14 June 1945

No incidents reported from Imperia. Situation quiet.

LIGURIA REGION

15 June 1945

French situation remains unchanged. Deputy Regional Commissioner has proceeded Imperia to inform Provincial Commissioner latest developments. Deputy Regional Commissioner's instructions have been modified in accordance with orders from your Chief of Staff this morning and contact with French on establishment AEG has been deferred until date to be notified later.

PIEMONTE REGION

15 June 1945

No Report.

LOMBARDIA REGION

15 June 1945

No Report.

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21 JUN 1945

W. H. CRUZE
Capt. USA
Exec. Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2020

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 21/0200B

Message Centre No: E/5984

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 21/0900B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: IV CORPS WELLS C-2

TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

21 JUN 1945

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Frontier sitrep number 59 closing 210700B. Nothing to report

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2016
Date Time of Origin: JUNE 21/0215B

Message Centre No: 2/5990
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 21/0930B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: IV CORPS WELLS C-2
TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARD DIV

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frontier sitrep number 57 closing 201800B. Nothing to report

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 2019
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 210035B
Message Centre No: E/5979
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 210820
Precedence: PRIORITY
JUN 21 1945

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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Nothing to report. (Frontier Sitrep number 58 closing 202400B).

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JUNE 20/1743B

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JUNE 20/2025B
ROUTINE
JUN 21 1945

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ACTION: ALOOM ROME INFO: FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, IV CORPS, 1 ARMED DIV,
34 INF DIV, 6TH DIV, 6TH SA ARMED DIV

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Rear 141 cite ACHE.

frontalier traffic French-Italian border now permitted. Authority contained in EX 92512 to IV CORPS repeated 15 ARMY GROUP and FIVE ARMY. In pursuance above meeting took place 16 June and arrangements made for grazing (See IV CORPS 1956 frontier sitrep number 42 repeated all addressees this message). Matter referred to in your 141 founded on IV CORPS signal of 15 June appears therefore to have been dealt with

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Ev. Comm.Originator's Reference: 2011
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 20/1945Message Centre No: 2/5886
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 20/1600H
Precedence: PRIORITYFROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G2
TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA AND DIV
JUN 21 1945**CONFIDENTIAL**

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G2 : As of 192200H evacuation of STURA valley R 6547 by French troops completed.
 three battalion, 18 IR and 24 BCA are now in FRANCE. Frontier sitrep number 56
 closing 201200H

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2005
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 200730B

Message Centre No: E/5777
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 200830
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

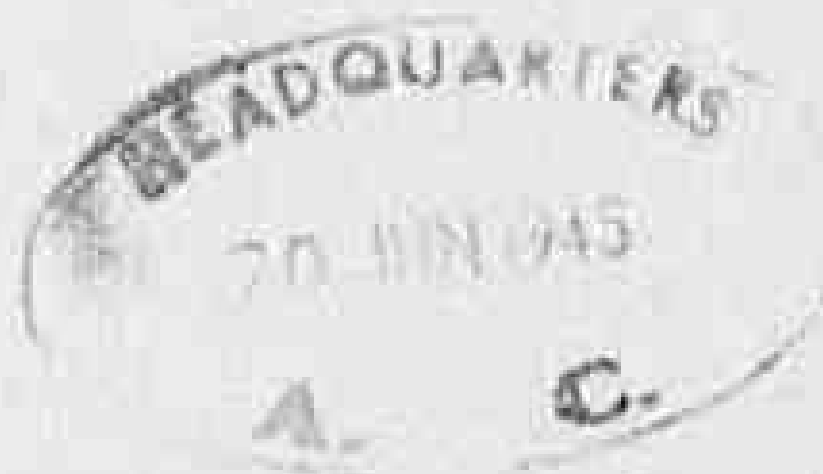
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- Nothing to report. (Frontier Sitrep number 55 closing 200700B).

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2004
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 200030BMessage Centre No: E/5785
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 200830
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY
JUN 20 1945FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Nothing to report. (Frontier Sitrep number 54 closing 192400B).

DISTACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUAFTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2002

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 191940B

Message Centre No: E/5784

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 200830

Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G2

JUN 20 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: All French troops cleared out of DEMONTE N6547 at 191300B.
2 BN, 18 RI in process of moving from GAIOLA N735477 towards the
French border. In FRANCE, VIC ST MARTIN DE VESUBIE N605208-
ROQUEBILLIERE N645145 area 16 RTS being relieved by 57 RI and
reverting to control of parent unit (1 COLONIAL DIVISION of the far
east) and 18 RTS to be relieved by 14 RI, between 21 and 23 June
and also to revert to parent unit, 1 DCEO. (Frontier Sitrep number
53 closing 191800B.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1993

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 191345B

Message Centre No: E/5720

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 191452B

Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

JUN 20 1945

FROM: CG IV CORPS, WELLS, G-2

TO: CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV,
34 INF DIV.

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G5: French soldiers in AOSTA Area now bartering salt instead of giving it away. (Frontier Sitrep Number 52 closing 191200B).

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19 JUN 1945

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1987

Message Centre No: E/5681

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 19/0930B

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 19/0930B

Precedence: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS SIGNED WELLS

19 JUN 1945

TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALOOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD I
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Nothing to report. Frontier atrop number 51 closing 190700Z

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1984
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 190010B

Message Centre No: E/5676
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 190830
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2 E.A. GASTALDO
TO: CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G3. French Liaison Officer reports that the 1 Battalion, 18 IR has evacuated BORGO SAN DAMAZZO N8148 without incident and has reached JAUSIERS. (Frontier Sitrep No 50 closing 182400B). The 2nd Battalion, 18 IR has started moving from GAGOLO Area N7648 towards the ST PAUL AREA.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1983

Date-Time of Origin: JUNE 18 1955B

Message Centre No: E/5647

Date-Time Rec'd: JUNE 19 0830

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

19 JUN 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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Nothing to report. (Frontier Sitrep No 49 closing 181800B).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1975
 Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 181345B

Message Centre No: E/5590
 Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 182000B
 Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM CG IV CORPS, WELIS, G-2

19 JUN 1945

TO CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34TH INF DIV,
 6 SA ARMDIV

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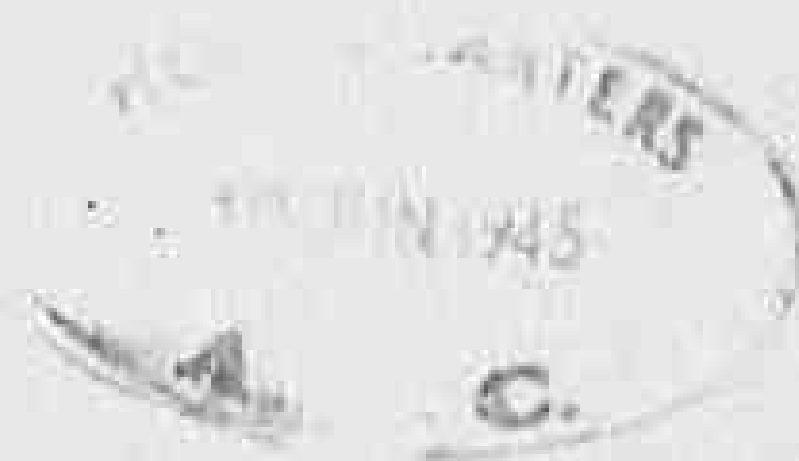
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Nothing to report.

Frontier Sitrep No 48 closing 181200B.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
APO 304 US ARMY
G-5 Section

SECRET
Auth: CG IV Corps
Initials: J. C.
Date: 12 June 1945

SITREP Number 18

CORRECTION:

Sitrep of 14 June should be Number 17 instead of 15.

PIEMONTE REGION

French Situation

12 June 1945. JUN 18 1945

No demonstrations have followed the shooting of the ex-partisan and careful precautions have been taken for funeral due 1000 hours 13 June.

NOTE: Later report of P.C. indicates funeral took place as arranged and up to date no reports of any incidents in connection with it have been received. A formal request that justice be done has been submitted by representatives of the five political parties.

S. African doctor, in examination of body, stated there was only one bullet wound. Result of autopsy awaited.

Little St. Bernard Pass is now open for light car traffic.

Five men arrested for smuggling salt now held in Guneo jail.

Public Safety

In Aosta, Special Courts of Assizes of both Aosta and Ivrea, held sessions. One accused, guilty of High Betrayment, Espionage and Kidnapping was sentenced to 26 years imprisonment and a second accused, guilty of collaboration with the Germans &c. to 12 years imprisonment.

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Two arrests in Province of ASTI for illegal possession of arms on 12 June. Other Provinces Nil.

PICOMTE REGION

13 June 1945.

French Situation

Funeral of shot Partisan in Losta Province passed off with complete calm. Autopsy proved that bullet entered from the front at very close range.

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P.C. Editor on 12/6/45

19/6/45

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2 Bn of 29 BTR (French) located in LIMONE. AMG Provincial Officers had conference with the local French Commander who was very cordial and friendly. They were informed that he was only in charge of his troops and that the town authority was ours (AMG). It was agreed that AMG issue passes which had previously been issued by the French but that the French counter-sign each pass. French Major seemed interested to know location of 34 Div. Carlew lifted and this was very popular with the townspeople.

Attached hereto is copy of report received from the I.C. Torino Province. Attention is directed to Paragraph 7 of the P.C. letter stating the situation in grave and of prime importance to this Province.

Public Safety

No arrests in Aosta Province for illegal possession of arms.

Special Court of Aostea of Ivrea continued in session.

At 0130 on 13 June, four unknown armed civilians saying they were official police of Novara went to the house of BONINO FRANCESCO in the Piazza S. Rocco, Rivoli, and told him to come to the Caserma Polizia RIVOLI. At 0700 hours the same day the corpse of BONINO was found hanging in the Piazza Principe Emanuele. He had been shot through the temple. Bonino was inscribed in the I.N.F. and I.A.F. and suspected of being a spy for the Nazi Fascist. It is believed to be a political crime.

Partisans

Still general unrest among Partisans in Cuneo Province as they are unable to obtain their 5000 lire, cloth for clothing, boots and General Alexander's Certificate. Disturbance at MONDOVI and FOSSANO. Dissatisfaction in Roast Camp at Cuneo. The Regional Patriots Officer has this matter under investigation.

No military patrols yet reported in Asti Province. Examinations carried out by AMG personnel reveal that arms are not being carried by ex partisans. Elements of the 92 American Division previously stationed in this Province have now left. No troops

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Partisans

Still general unrest among Partisans in Cuneo Province as they are unable to obtain their 5000 lire, cloth for clothing, boots and General Alexander's Certificate. Disturbance at MONDOVI and ROSSANO. Dissatisfaction in Rest Camp at Cuneo.

The Regional Patriots Officer has this matter under investigation.

No military patrols yet reported in Asti Province. Examinations carried out by AMG personnel reveal that arms are not being carried by ex partisans. Elements of the 92 American Division previously stationed in this Province have now left. No troops remaining.

Finance

Investigations have been made into the French franc dealings of the Banco Valdostano, Aoste; the owner of this Bank has admitted that he has exchanged fcs 100,000 for lire at an exchange rate of fcs 100 equals L. 200 since the date of liberation. Translation of copy of letter addressed to this Bank by the "Gouverneur Militaire Francois de la Vallée d'Aoste" will be forwarded with next airtel.

The question of prosecuting the Bank for disobeying Proclamation No. 2 will be considered by the F.C. Aoste. A number of forged AM lire 1000 notes have been passed in Torino City.

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TURIN PROVINCE

Provincia di Torino

PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
TORINO

June 14, 1945.

SUBJECT: Report of French Activity in the Province of Turin.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, AMG, APO 394, U.S.A.

1. Enclosed you will find original and three copies of the statement of Lt. Col. W.W. Spurlock, CAO at Oulx, dated June 11, 1945, which is self explanatory.

2. Enclosed you will also find original and three copies of a report made by Lt. Col. W.W. Spurlock, dated 12 June 1945, which is self-explanatory.

3. On about the evening of June 10 a locomotive was taken from the vicinity of Ulzio across the French border into France by French military personnel. A demand was made upon the French to return this locomotive; the French said they would return it immediately, but as yet it has not been returned.

4. Major Fratiase of General Headquarters at Susa called upon the Provincial Commissioner of Turin at about 1600 hours on June 12 and stated that no crossing would be allowed by Italians owning herds in the Moncenisio plateau. Though an order to this effect was issued by General Doyen, the Provincial Commissioner advises the Major that the Moncenisio plateau is part of the Province of Turin, and that cattle would be sent to the plateau irrespective of General Doyen's order, and that any interference of French troops would be reported by the Provincial Commissioner to higher authority.

5. Gendarmes are continuing to flow into the province.

6. Continued reports come in from the Italian officials stating that French MP's along the block post stop and search all vehicles; when requested to explain why, the answer is that they are searching for French refugees. The French have established at Susa a French repatriation center. The commander thereof stated to Captain Vincent, CAO of Susa, that on the eighth of June 1945, 130 persons had been sent from this repatriation center to France.

7. Several French civilians have appeared on the streets of Susa. How they have arrived there seems to be unknown.

H.M. FIONE
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Provincial Commissioner

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14 June 1945

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No regional reports received.

Report from Lt. Col. Skelly, Liaison Officer to Piemonte Region
141550B

*French military refused passage of 3000 head of cattle to Moncenisio
grazing area (K.654). Cattle under control of Italian farmers who cus-
tomarily used the area in question just off Route 25 NW of Susa (K5241)
Unless cattle can graze, they will have to be slaughtered. Slaughter
is undesirable at this time.

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Originator's Reference: 1964

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 17 1245B

Message Centre No: E/5469

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 17 1645

Precedence: PRIORITY
JUN 18 1945

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2 HOBELMAN - CAPT.

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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Nothing to report. (Frontier Sitrep No 44 closing 171200B).

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Originator's Reference: 1971
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 180918B

Message Centre No. E/5565
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 181351B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: IV CORPS WELLS G-2
TO: CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, AICOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
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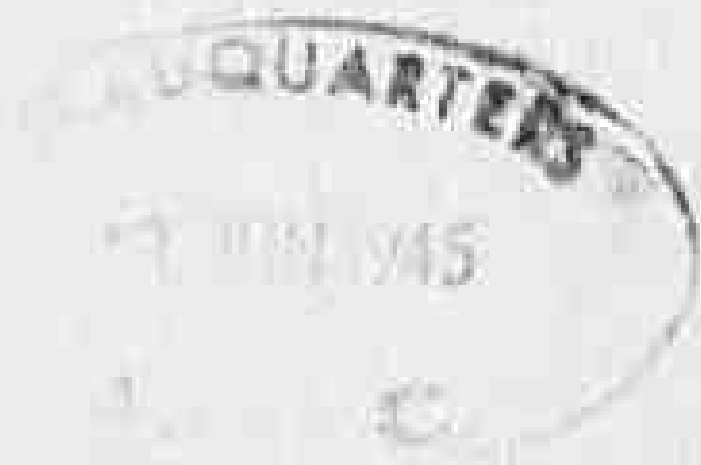
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Nothing to report.

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Ex. Comm.Originator's Reference: 1969
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 172335BMessage Centre No: E/5510
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 180845B
Precedence: CP PRIORITY
JUN 18 1945

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 46 closing 172400B.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1967
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 172045BMessage Centre No: E/5523
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 180830B
Precedence: OP PRIORITY
JUN 18 1945FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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Frontier sitrep number 45 closing 171800B.

G2: French troops reported withdrawing from VALIERI N7443 area CUNEO Province on 16 June. Headquarters of 18 Infantry Regiment, Cannon Company, Anti Tank Company, and 1 Artillery Battalion began movement back to FRANCE. 1 Infantry Battalion of 18 Infantry Regiment moving back on 17 June. Name of French Consul in GENOA is PAUL RAYMOND. He was sent to GENOA from PALESTRO, SICILY by French Ambassador in ROME. Telegram on his person verified this.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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SITREP Number 14

PIEMONTE REGION

POLITICAL

11 June 1945 3217

9 June 1945

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All French troops have evacuated VALA GRISANONE, Aosta Province. There were previously about 50 French soldiers stationed there. French soldiers and German POW are working to clear the pass of snow at P.S. BERNARDO with the help of a snow plough. The pass will not be open before five days at least. Report received that after a speech by a French officer small quantities of salt were distributed in small hamlets CHATELON - S. VINCENT area.

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LIMONE. No flour, bread or salt. Very little sugar. Arrival of AMG welcomed by Sindaco and Communal Officials. French troops friendly. 2,000,000 francs in commune to be changed into Lire.

Report received 8 June indicates that French troops moved in BOBBIO PELICE, Torino Province, apparently with no intention to stay. They are now withdrawing.

PARTISANS RETURN OF ARRESTS POSSESSION OF ARMS

8 June - One arrest made in Vercelli Province.

LIGURIA REGION

9 June 1945

SITREP NUMBER 33. 3399 refugees evacuated during last seven days. Over 1400 arms turned in by Partisans to date. Situation quiet.

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SITREP Number 14 (Cont'd)

PIEMONTE REGION

10 June 1945

POLITICAL

French soldiers distributed salt to three communes gratis with receipt vouchers in Aosta Province. Quantity not large. Salt from Switzerland, gift of Princess of Piemonte, also being distributed. AMG salt in hands of Sindesi and some distribution already made. At LA THUILE Capitaine DESSEYREUX, a French Officer, collected 305,365 francs from trades people stating that he would take it to France and exchange it for Allied Military Currency or "French Occupation currency". He has not been heard of since. His receipt, which was handed to Secretary of La Thuile, stated that the francs were to be exchanged for new French notes.

AMG in TENDA and BRIG, Aosta Province still suspended. No incidents reported. Remaining Provinces - No Change.

PARTISANS

ARRESTS RETURN. - Two arrests made in Torino Province unauthorized carrying of arms.

IT authorized 92 Patriots to carry arms until 10th June midnight to carry out mopping up of Fascist Brigades around Novi Ligure, Piedmont and Capriate districts, Alessandria Province. Operation proceeding satisfactorily. Few prisoners taken.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1957
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 170715B

Message Centre No: E/5413
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 171020B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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Frontier sitrep number 43 closing 170600B.

Nothing to report.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1956
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 170045B

Message Centre No: E/5388
Date/Time Rec'd: JUN 171000B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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Frontier sitrep number 42 closing 162400B.

G2: In compliance AFHQ message FX 92512, Lt Col LEGLISE, DOYENS Frontier Control Officer met BRAAFADT of AFHQ Frontier Control and WELLS at SUSA today. Arrangements completed to open French frontaliar traffic at once, which will permit herds both French and Italian to graze on MONTCEINISO plateau. Agreement confined to subject frontaliar traffic, feeding of cattle was objective, property rights deliberately excluded.

G3: French movement across frontier: 6 hour period to 1600B: 35 going west, 40 going east. 6 hour period to 2200B: 11 going west, 12 going east.

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Originator's Reference: 1954
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 161930B

Message Centre No: E/5389
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 171000B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

TO CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 41 closing 161880B.

G2: Col VOISIN leaving for FRANCE today. JEAN FRASSY deported from FRANCE and VINCENT TREVES, Signorino NOUCHY and ALBERTO MILLOZ will leave soon. They are all Italian pro-annexationists.

G5: 300 armed partisans remain in AOSTA Valley and there is talk of avenging death of VEVEY. (Previously referred to in Frontier sitrep number 33 as DERBY).

G3: Nothing to report.

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Originator's Reference: 1949
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 161320B

Message Centre No: E/5298
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 161535B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep no 40 closing 161200B.

Nothing to report.

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APO 304 US ARMY
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AUTH: CG IV Corps

Initials ---Date 13 June 1945SITREP Number 16PIEMONTE REGION

French Situation

French officially informed AMG of distribution of salt to Mayors of certain towns. Swiss salt has also been distributed through Italian Red Cross.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

At Aoste, CRIMINI DANTE charged and found guilty by investigation with the Germans.

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In Turin, at 0100 hours 10 June 45 four unknown persons in civilian clothes took DONATONE Angelo, ex squad commander in the MVSN and confirmed fascist since 1922, from a house where he was living, shot him, and threw his body in a well. Facts unknown until evening of 11 June 45. Enquiries proceeding.

One arrest in Torino for illegal carrying of arms.

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S E C R E T**PARTISANS**

In Cuneo delay in demobilization due to their not receiving their 15000, cloth for clothing, boots and Gen. Alexander's certificate. Promise of later delivery is not accepted by partisans and it is estimated that only 10 would remain of 500-600 in Rest Camp if promised rewards issued. Enquiries are being made into this matter.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Cold Storage Plant available in city of TORTONA (Alessandria) under the name of Magazzini Frigoriferi Denari. Capacity - Eggs 2,000,000 Fruit 100 Tons Meat 50 Tons. Plant ready for immediate operation.

LIGURIA REGION

12 June 1945

Arrests for carrying arms without authority 12 June is zero.

Report from 2 District on Explosion at CASSANO D'ADDA (K5268)

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Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 160905B

Message Centre No: E/5259
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 161040
Precedence: CP-PRIORITY

FROM CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
TO CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, APHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF
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trouble between Americans and French. ROBERT arrested and jailed in
SAR-RENG. MARCHESI left for WAZ.

R-3: Nothing to report.

R-2: Inconclusive removed across French border from vicinity
10310 on 10 June by French military. Green 01 has not been returned
despite promises of French to return him immediately. Gendarmes
continue to flow into Province of WAZ. French can enter in
10310 10310 agreed that A/C issue passes previously issued by
French but that French counterclaim each pass.

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Originator's Reference 41940

Date/Time of Origin JUNE 151910B

Message Centre No: E/5210

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 160845B

Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

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TO CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF
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G2: The road through the little S BERNARD Pass C4501 east of the French border is open to allow passage of 3/4 ton vehicles. (Frontier Sitrep number 37 closing 151800B). French special mission is leaving INTROD C7001 sometime tomorrow. Population of ACSTA believe that the French are soon leaving the valley. There is a clandestine meeting of Partisans tonight. It is anticipated that the meeting is to discuss ways and means to stop Italian civilians who have been helping the French from returning to FRANCE with the French troops. G3: Nothing to report. G5: Italian attempted to smuggle rice across the border at D972259. Arrested and handed over to carabinieri.

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SITREP Number 15

LOMBARDIA REGION

12 June 1945 3082

9 June 1945

Public safety situation in Milan City seems to be improving considerably. On 1 June and 2 June only one person was found dead on each night. On 3 June, 3 persons were found dead. On a number of nights there were no cases reported; much of this improvement can be ascribed to the mixed M.P. and Carabinieri patrols, streets lighted all night, and the effective functioning of the courts of assize.

PIEMONTE REGION

10 June 1945

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LOMBARDIA REGION

10 June 1945

1. One case of typhus has been reported in Brescia; this is under control.
2. The basic A.C. hospital ration to be issued this week in Lombardic.
3. The tuberculosis problem is now being studied and the provincial tuberculosis associations are being reinforced.

LIGURIA REGION

10 June 1945

Situation quiet. No Change.

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LIGURIA REGION

11 June 1945

41 Public Works projects, this region approved. Flour on hand present ration scale until 8 June. Public Safety situation showing improvement. Mail service for civilians to countries abroad start this week.

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E. DONAHUE
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PIEMONTE REGION

POLITICAL

AMS ceased to function in Communes of Tenda and Briga, Cuneo Province, at 1200 hours 7 June 1945. This action was taken to prevent an incident with the French who stated that "any means necessary, without exception", would be taken to prevent establishment of AMG. Full details have been transmitted separately to Headquarters IV Corps.

PARTISANS

Doubt still exists as to whether the Partisans have surrendered all arms in the various Provinces. Reports as to number of partisans arrested for carrying arms without official authority will be forwarded daily as instructed.

LOMBARDIA REGION

Clear administrative instructions are now being issued concerning the various kinds of payments to be made to patriots. This will help greatly to facilitate the orderly demobilization of the various units.

Under the Fascist Republic Regime, special payments were made to destitute families of Italian functionaries and adherents. Orders have been given to stop these payments in the Region. ECA's are being instructed to care for really destitute families in the normal relief manner.

LIGURIA REGION

Situation quiet. No Change.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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9 June 1945

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

7 June 1945.

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Under the P-act R publican Region, special payments were made to destitute families of R-act R functionaries and adherents. Orders have been given to stop these payments in the Region. R-act R's are being instructed to care for really destitute families in the normal relief manner.

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LIGURIA REGION

8 June 1945.

Situation quiet. No Change.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1923
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 151450B

Message Centre No: E/5142
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 151544
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS, WELLS, G-2

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G5: 20 FRENCH GENDARMES have taken over the commune of
CHIEMONTE H4838. (Frontier Sitrep number 36 closing 151200B).
Allied Military Government wishing to avoid an incident have taken
no action and hope situation will resolve itself in few days.

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 1917
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 15 150857Z
Message Centre No: 3/5134
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 15 151500Z
Precedence: PRIORITY
JUN 15 1945
FROM: CG IV C JPRS FELIX, 9-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, ARMA, ALGERIA, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 4 SA, 2ND DIV

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Frontier strip no 35 closing 150700Z.

- 02: MR.
- 03: MR.
- 05: MR.

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ACTION: Ex Commissioner 9
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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Polad (B)
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G-5 AFHQ

HPT FOR INFORMATION 5 Army, 15 Army Group, IV Corps, 1st
Armd Div, 34 Inf Div, 6 SA Armd Div.

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FOUR CORPS SIGNAL ONE NINE ONE FIVE OF FIFTEENTH JUNE REFERS PD

PAREN TO GEORGE FIVE AFHQ REPEATED FOR INFORMATION FIVE ARMY FIFTEENTH

ARMY GROUP/ FOUR CORPS FIRST ARMORED DIVISION THIRTY FOURTH INFANTRY

DIVISION SIXTH SUGAR ABLE ARMORED DIVISION FROM HEADQUARTERS ALQOM CITE

ACRKE PAREN

WIRGE THAT THEIR CUSTOMARY GRAZING RIGHTS BE ARRANGED WITHOUT DELAY PD

APART FROM ECONOMIC LOSS IN SLAUGHTERING THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE

THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND MAY EASILY LEAD TO DISORDER PD

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Originator's Reference: 1515
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 142330Z

Message Centre No: 2/5054
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 150815
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ IV CORPS, 15-2
TO: HQ 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AMB, 152 ARMD DIV, 34 ARMD DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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02: Mr. Prother Stump to 34 closing 142400Z. 03: Mr. Stump: French military refused passage of 3000 head of cattle to PONTENISSE grazing area. H4554. Cattle under control of Italian farmers who customarily used the area as pasture just off route 25 km of 3034 15241. Unless cattle can graze, they will have to be slaughtered. Slaughter is undesirable at this time.



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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1214

Message Centre No: 2/5007

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 142029Z

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 150930Z

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS, 38TH3, 4-2

15 JUN 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMD BRIG, 15TH, 15TH, 15TH ARMD DIV, 34 ARMD DIV, 6 ARMD DIV.

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32. Rumor that French troops are being relieved in VAL D'AUSEA and are going to AUSONIA for occupation duty. Are to be relieved by balance of 27 ARMD DIV and will concentrate at QUANTO 0900. Advance party of 2 officers has already arrived. (Frontier guard No 3) closing 141000. 33. Shooting of DREY (See Frontier Guard No 22) causing trouble. People are writing on walls that his death will be avenged. People of INTERD 07001 request increase in garrison because of the trouble believed imminent. Local political leaders are meeting today to discuss shooting of DREY. COMTE D'ENTREVES has suddenly changed his attitude from Anti-French to Pro-French. Indications are that he contacted high French sources through Col VOISIN. Pro-Annexionist committee consisting of BEVERINO SAVERI, SIGNAS GEMARD and BERNARD JUAN. In AUSEA have met to discuss coordination of their activities. Annexionists represent approximately 30% of rural population. French propaganda newspapers still being distributed in AUSEA Area.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1904

Message Centre No: R/4996

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 14 1330Z

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 14 1351Z

Precedence: OF PRIORITY
JUN 14 1945

FROM: G3 IV CORPS

TO: G2 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 22 from IV CORPS to 5 ARMY for period closing 141200Z.

02: Normal French traffic continues through Little B. BEYARD PASS 04501.

Pass is now open for vehicles up to 3 tons from the French side as far as the border.

03: Nothing to report.

05: Nothing to report.

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ACTION: Mr Commissioner 3
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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Originator's Reference: 1897

Message Centre No:

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Date Time of Origin: JUNE 140920R

Date Time Rec'd:

JUNE 141110

Precedence:

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FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, 3-2

JUN 14 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 33 INF
DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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Nothing to report. (Frontier sitrep number 31 from IV CORPS
to 5 ARMY for period ending 140700R).

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Originator's Reference: 1894
Date Time of Origin: JUNE 132400Z

Message Centre No: E/4221
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 140730
Precedence: SP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV COMPS WELLS, G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMD, 15 ARMD BRIG, ARHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 ARMD DIV, 4 SA ARMD DIV
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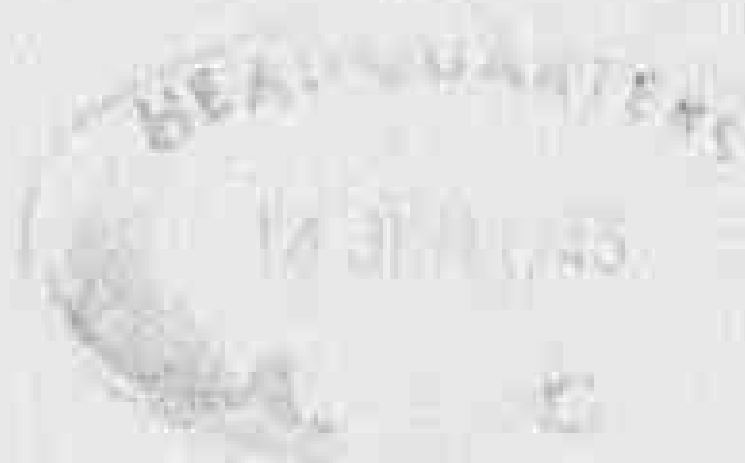
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Rtr. (Frontier Sitrep number 30 closing 132400Z).

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Originator's Reference: 1891
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 131912Z

Message Centre No. 3/4929
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 140330Z
Precedence: SP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS G-2

JUN 14 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 16 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ACOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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02: Wtr. (Frontier sitrep number 29 closing 132600Z(?). 03:
A Company 751 Tank Battalion closed SALVADO 13583 at 131105Z. 05:
20 members of French TENDARON arrived in SUSA, TONKIN Province. They
have taken over, apparently, the commune of CHUONGTH 14735, and have
proceeded to requisition billets. In general attitude of French
officers has changed in past 3 days. Before complaints to them were
followed by investigation, then punishment by guilty, now the
attitude of justification for actions of their soldiers is taken.

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 3
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Originator's Reference: 1876
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 13 14 1945

Message Centre No: 3/4920
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 14 08 40
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2.

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMD BROW, ARMO, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 24 ARMD DIV,
1 SA ARMD DIV

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12. Col MARSHALL, Provincial Commander of FRENCH reports seeing line of approximate following trace on French commander map and believes it to be Frontier desired by French in coastal sector: Beginning 76324-5523-7023-7525-2027-2528-5028-9027-2523-9720-2817-2814-2810-2406-9106-59097-5595-2990 to coast at 8885. (Frontier atirep No 28 closing 13/1000). 13. NTR. 15. 5 additional members Col VERNEZ French Military Mission for registration north ITALY (see frontier atirep No 12) arrived yesterday in MILAN. Sample order of member TUREN Mission forwarded 5TH ARMY shows "No objection" and is signed illegible SHAEF. The funeral for Partisan DUMY reflected with SANDOZ case (see frontier atirep No 22) held this morning without incident. Partisan Leader Major BLANC and French Commander Col DE GABERT cooperated to maintain order.

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ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1873

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 130832

Message Centre No E/4822

Date/Time Rec'd JUNE 131015

Precedence PRIORITY

FROM IV CORPS

JUN 13 1945

TO CG 5th ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1st ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMED DIV

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Erratum. (Reference frontier sitrep number 27 closing 130600B)

Line reading "Traffic during night through COLLE GRAN S BERNARDO pass etc" should read "Traffic during night through LITTLE S BERNARDO Pass C 4601, 33 West end 20 East".

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1871
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 13/07153

Message Centre No: E/4823
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 13/10153
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS
TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALOON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV
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Frontier sitrep number 27 closing 130600B. G3: Traffic during night through
LITTLE
GOLIE-GRAN S BERNARDO Pass C ⁴⁶⁰7000,33 west and 20 east. G2: Nothing to report.
G5: Nothing to report

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (3)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1870

Message Centre No: E/4796

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 12/1400H

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 13/0900H

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS 602

Precedence: PRIORITY

13 JUN 1945

TO: CG FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALOCM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD
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Frontier Sitrep Number 26 closing 122400H. Nothing to report

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Originator's Reference: 1858

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 12 19 15Z

Message Centre No: E/1765

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 12 22 00Z

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: APC IV 104TH BSLIA, 9-2

TO: 1ST 3 ARMY, 15 ARMY GR, ARMO, ALCO, 1ST 2ND DIV, 34 1ST DIV, 5 1ST ARMO DIV

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Frontier Guard R 25 closing 121500Z.

9-2: French Liaison Officer from 2 SEVOI Div asked 13 346 SA to discontinue escorting French to 346 Hq before permitted entry to BURIN. Request denied. French asked permission for personnel to leave to stay in BURIN. Request denied.

9-3: Nothing to report.

9-5: Nothing to report.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1862
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 12 1945

Message Centre No: E/1755
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 12 1945
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS BELLS, G-2

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCORN, Q 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 5 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 24 closing 121200Z.

22: Investigation as to authenticity of orders of French Military Mission in TUNIS indicated that orders have not been indorsed by AFHQ but have been issued to the individual members of the organization by SHAFY as individual permits allowing movement into ITALY for no stated reason. Nothing on orders indicates that SHAFY has indorsed the establishment of a military mission at TUNIS. Copies of these individual permits will follow when received at this HQ. Report received 8 June indicates that French troops moved into BOBBIO VERMICE N 5623 apparently with no intention to stay. They are now withdrawing. At 120450Z and 120510Z, 2 fully equipped parties of French composed of 15 men each left S MARTIN J1786 for GRESSONEY D2118.

25: In AOSTA Province French soldiers distributed salt to 3 communes gratis with receipt vouchers. Quantity not large. At LA THUILL 05204 a French captain named DESSEYREUX collected 305965 Francs from trades people stating he would take it to FRANCE and exchange it for Allied military currency or "French Occupation Currency". He has not been heard of since. His receipt, which was handed to the secretary of LA THUILL, stated that the Francs were to be exchanged for new French notes. Reference arrest of LACCHI and removal to FRANCE by French. (See frontier #2662 number 5). AMG official of AOSTA Province pointed out to French commander that an AMG court existed at AOSTA which is set up to try any Italian for an offense against

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Allied personnel but French commander replied that an offense committed against French military had to be tried by French military law. 2 Italian partisans report that on 21 May when passing through EXILLES 94536 they were stopped by an armed group of French soldiers and beaten up for no apparent cause.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner 3

INFO: Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1154
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 12 0525Z

Message Centre No: 1/4756
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 12 0500Z
Precedence: OR PRIORITY

FROM: AMO IN JONES WELLS 4 2

13 JUN 45

TO : HQ 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALGER 1st ARMY DIV, 3d ARMY DIV
6th ARMY DIV

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Frontier City Mr 32 closing 112400Z.

G-2: French statement regarding shooting of Partisan SERVIC in front of SACMAD. French Detachment 548 at JUVON 3 7001 heard about a secret Partisan meeting at VIELLA STONIA (near JUVON) last night which SERVIC attended. Purpose reportedly to plan for capture of tonight for LAUDON (Mr 33 map No 5) SERVIC was ordered to report to French G-2 at 102230Z and his co. The French G-2 who absent to SERVIC wished to leave and return later. When the guards refused he knocked one down. The guard got up and shot him. French maintain he was shot trying to escape. Matter regarded by Italian as civil matter, AMO and French officials discuss any affair. At 1100Z on 12 JUNE 1945 French soldiers entered ITALY, 33 reported as of 2200Z.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1851

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 112040Z

Message Centre No: E/4725

Date/Time Recd: JUNE 121523Z

Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

TO: CG 3TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP AFHQ, ALCON, 1 ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV

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G2: Italian Seditious Committee, named VAL D'OSTONE, which has been previously spreading Pro French propaganda have discontinued work for French reportedly because French will now conduct own propaganda. Field security VAL D'AOSTA area note indications that French will cease placard efforts in favor of action at peace conference. Col VOISSE, who heads a French special mission and resides at Hotel BRUNNE at INTROD 37001 believed responsible conducting all Pro French clandestine meeting for annexation of AOSTA area to FRANCE. Italian Partisan named DREVEY SERRIO was shot and killed by French at 102230Z at VILLES BESSSES (near INTROD). French claim he attempted to escape arrest. Unconfirmed source indicates that victim was party in interest and in pursuit of information, on behalf of Partisans in the case of DAMDONI who was sentenced to 5 years and imprisoned at BRIANCON for assaulting French soldier. (Ref Frontier sitrep No 5). French Algerian troops at TENDA stated to our troops that they would never fire (f) fire at American troops and if were even ^{ever} given such an order they would shoot the French officer issuing such order. A French War Correspondent, named BOBIN, who crossed the border 9 June has returned to FRANCE 10 June movement to and fro of French troops through S BERNARD PASS shows no sign of reinforcements. (Frontier Sitrep 21 closing 111800Z).

G3: 15 South African Field Regt closed VIC H 8836 at 111500Z. 2659
snow has been cleared from little S BERNARD 04701 pass as of 111545Z.

G5: On 9 June Major of BRUCOUBRES 07515 was given 100 kilos of salt from French for distribution.

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1839
Date Time of Origin: JUN 11 1510Z

Message Centre No: E/4594
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 11 1615Z
Precedence: OF PRIORITY

FROM: 02 IV CCHIS

TO: 03 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, AICOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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Frontier sitrep number 20 closing 111200Z.

02: Report of Liaison Officer sent to 36 Inf Div HQ credits Col HOMO, Chief of Staff 36 Inf Div, with statements extracted as follows:

Mission of 36 Inf Div was (1) remain in position (2) maintain order in zone (3) administer country (4) request Anglo Americans not install Allied Military Government certain areas.

05: French claim for TENDA based on (1) population predominantly French speaking and pro French in sentiment. (2) Area economically tied to FRANCE by communications and trade. (3) Annexation of area would prevent ITALY from having direct observation into FRANCE in case of war. (4) FRANCE has right to occupy militarily certain parts ITALY in retaliation for Italian occupation southeast FRANCE after 1940 and place FRANCE on parity with UNITED STATES and BRITAIN regarding ITALY. Col HOMO denied committee for attachment of TENDA to FRANCE organized in NICE. Declared because French nature of population in zones claimed by FRANCE for annexation presence of Italian police, posting of Allied Military Government proclamations in English and Italian only, and supplanting existing French administrative agencies by Anglo American all tend to excite animosity of population. French hope UNITED STATES and GREAT BRITAIN will recognize annexation claim now and expect legal claim accepted at Peace Conference.

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SITREP Number 12.

PIEMONTE REGION

POLITICAL

Tax collector from DOMAZ, Aosta Province, reports that taxes are not being paid as a result of French propaganda. The French are telling the farmers not to pay their taxes and if they become French citizens they will not have to pay taxes for three years. Report of French Committee for the Reunion of Tenda and Briga to France attached - Appendix A. Report of Provincial Finance Officer Tenda and Briga to Finance Officer of Piemonte Region Attached - Appendix B.

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LIIGURIA REGION

7 June 1945

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Report of Provincial Finance Officer Tonda and Briga to Finance Officer of
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of all his property.

LIGURIA REGION

7 June 1945

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Twelve thousand tons grain and flour brought into this region during
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Serious congestion of refugees arising owing to lack of transport 2657
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APPENDIX "A"

COMMITTEE FOR REUNION OF TENDA AND LA BRIGA TO FRANCE

Section of Tenda.

The Committee for Reunion of Tenda and La Briga to France has been founded in Nice on Sept. 14th. 1944 by initiative of several hundred natives of the two countries, and has directly issued from the High Roja Valley Friendship Club grounded in 1934.

In a short time it has obtained 1500 adherences and immediately its main-office undertook advances by the French Government in order to get since their deliverance Tenda and La Briga rejoined to France.

On June 15th. 1960 the population of Tenda and Briga had already unanimously less one vote asked to be rejoined to France, because they had already been French from 1793 to 1814.

In spite of this voting they remained Italians, but the inhabitants never despaired that justice would be done one day and their aspirations fulfilled.

Afterwards the natives of these two countries have continued to consider France their true fatherland and during the winter they emigrate to work in Nice and in the French Cote d'Azur.

This emigration has been increased since the war 1914 and several hundred of them did not any more come back to the country, specially since the Fascism.

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On April 26, 1945, as soon as we learned the deliverance of Tende and La Briga by the French troops, four hundred natives of these two countries applied for free-pass in order to see again their countries and organize a plebiscite requesting their return to France.

We arrived on April 12th evening and since April 29th morning, after having occupied the town-hall and dismissed the authorities appointed by the Fascism, we began the plebiscite which finished on the evening of April 29.

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APPENDIX "a" contd.

All the natives over 21, men and women as well as the inhabitants settled there before 1930 had right to vote.

The vote was on nominative voting-slips signed by the voters. All these operations took place in the greatest calm without the least incident.

The result for Tende was 1076 votes for the reunion and 49 abstentions on 1125 persons having right to vote.

Among the abstained voters we must take in consideration sick and absent persons on the days of voting.

Voting-slips have been sent to Paris since the day after with a delegation of the two countries.

We began a provisional administration of the country looking for an official proclamation of its return to France.

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We gave aids in money to wives and families of war-prisoners as well as to war-damaged persons and we have distributed food victuals to the Hospital and to the Asylum.

Historically the inhabitants of Tende and Le Briga are French.

Geographically we look towards France.

With all their heart the populations will be attached to France.

We will freely dispose of ourselves.

The President for Tende
of the Committee of Reunion.

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Tende, June 2nd. 1945.

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APPENDIX B

FINANCE REPORT, TENDA, BRIGA AND S. DALMAZZO DI TENDA.

TO: RFO, Hq Piemonte Region, A.M.C. DATE: 5 June 1945.

1. The situation in the towns of Tenda, and Briga is still one of confusing orders. On 4 June 1945 I visited the town of Tenda and spoke with the Sindaco of Tenda, the Secretary of the 3 towns and Col. Vidersguch Commander of French Troops in the area.

2. After talking with the Sindaco and Secretary the following was ascertained:

a. Adult citizens of the towns were forced to exchange 3.000L for 3.000 francs. Children 1.000 L for 1.000 francs. All people were forced to turn in the remainder of their lire getting a receipt in return. All of this was accomplished through the French Occupational Committee by an Inspector of the Bank of France from Paris. The lire is now deposited in the Bank of France, Nice.

b. From the Post Office in Tenda Postal bonds and stamps were taken and are now in Bank of France, Paris.

c. The Communes all have enough lire to meet communal expenditures and arrangements have been made with the Prefect for payments of the statal expenses.

d. Banks are closed and will remain closed until the franc situation circulating in the towns is cleared up.

e. The French have replaced the director of the Electric Power Company in San Dalmazzo di Tenda, taking the old Italian Director to Nice Internment Camp - Hotel Suisse. Upon receipt of payroll from Banca d'Italia to employees the present director on orders of the Col. went to Nice and exchanged them for francs. Of the total payroll of L. 360.000, 100.000 has already been paid in francs and the remainder was to be effected on 4 June the day of my visit.

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4. The following was told to the Col. to be taken up with his higher command:

a. Arrangements should be made to return Italian lire taken from the Tenda area and deposited in the Bank of France, Nice. The Col. is at present obtaining for me the exact figures as to the amount of lire exchanged and taken out of the country. To retrieve this lire is extremely important as the amount of lire circulating in the area is negligible.

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The French will not permit the enforcement of the Proclamation declaring that Italian and AMG Lire are the only currencies which are legal. Also all the citizens hold francs in such quantities that to declare that the franc is illegal would cause quite a disturbance.

b. All Post Office bonds, stamps etc. which were taken to Paris must be returned.

c. All further exchange of Lire for Francs must cease. This was ordered by the writer to be carried out by the Col., but its actual observance is not guaranteed.

4. The general trend of all the conversations with the Col. seemed to be one mainly of "pressing the buck". Until someone can get in touch with the Generals concerned it appears to the writer that the situation will continue to drag on. The whole problem hinges on the franc exchange for Lire problem. And if the Lire can be brought back and the exchange reversed, the legal currencies (Ital. & AMG) could actually exist.

(Sd) V.H. GAEDKE
Capt., C.M.P.
Provincial Finance O.

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Originator's Reference: 1811
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 1006423

Message Centre No: 8/1564
Date/Time Rec'd: JUN 111110P
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: OG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

TO: OG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, ARMR, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 5 SA
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1810

Message Centre No: E/4563

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 09

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 111030

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

TO: CG 5th ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, AICOM, 1st ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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G 2: Light French military traffic across border during past 24 hours. French have established road block on their side of LITTLE SAINT BERNARD Pass and are checking all passes. LITTLE SAINT BERNARD Pass will be opened in 2 days time. (Frontier sitrep number 14 closing 092400Z). French war correspondent, Mr BODIN, with chauffeur GUIBON, refused permission to cross border by our troops; later came across escorted by French and is now in ITALY.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1807
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 091800B

Message Centre No. 2/1562
Date/Time Rec'd: JUN 111159
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, ARHQ, ALOOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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Frontier sitrep number 13 closing 091800B.

02: Few French "tourists" in IVREA but not politically active. Many French troops on pass observed periodically in IVREA and who are only mild in pro French propaganda activity which is confined to talks in bars and restaurants but no posters observed. The road from ISOLA N4635 to P. MALABESIA N5139 has been recently repaired by the French.

03: 2 Bn, 168 Inf closed in CUREO N8655 at 091315B.

05: Tax collector Don DOMAZ J1387 reports that taxes are not being paid as result of French propaganda. French tell farmers not to pay taxes and if they become French citizens they will not have to pay taxes for 3 years. Finance report of TENDA N8720, BRIGA N8917 and S. DAIMAZZO DI TENDA N8617 as follows: French forcing civilians to exchange Italian lire for French Francs. The lire is now deposited in Bank of FRANCE, NICE. Postal bonds and stamps were taken from post office in TENDA and are now deposited in Bank of FRANCE, PARIS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 104
Office of the Executive Commissioner

320/365/EL.
Ref: 153/12/EC

14 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. In SITREP No. 11, dated 7 June 45, from Hq IV Corps, QA Section, the following appears under Lombardia Region: "This Headquarters is still being asked by industrialists and employers as to what the policy is regarding payment of the Premio di Liberazione, and how long they are expected to pay those who are not working. This problem has been put up to Hq AC for an establishment of policy. Another problem which concerns not only Lombardia Region, but Northwestern Italy as a whole, is the arrangements for the demobilization of heavy industries to peace time production. The lack of a concrete plan in this regard has meant that we are unable to answer concrete scores of daily inquiries. This problem has also been referred to Hq AC."

2. In cable 9542 of 11 June, sent out by the Public Relations Branch, regarding publication of two communiques from Labor Subcommission, paragraphs 9 and 10 refer to Premio di Liberazione in North Italy and it is stated: "Allied Military Government has consulted the Italian Government regarding the payment of Premio di Liberazione in Piemonte, Lombardia, Liguria, Emilia, and Venezia and has been advised that the Italian Government is of the opinion that a payment of the bonus cannot be refused since it derives from a promise made to workers during the period of clandestine fighting to encourage them to defend industrial plants."

3. It will be appreciated if you would advise this office if this is now established policy. Also, please advise whether the problem of demobilization of heavy industries is now being considered and when an answer will be forthcoming so that Regions can be advised.

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A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Folio 8 gives details of the incident involving the arrest of an Italian by the French. See also last para on reverse side. Copy sent Econ Sect.

11.5.45.

I will follow up on the Econ Sect points.

S.S.M.

E.T. 11/6.

M.S.I. 12/6.

Captain Arnoldy.

Please enable me to carry out my contract as above.

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E.T. 13/6.

see file 5219/EC Folio 8.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORP
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APO 304

SITREP Number 11.

PIEMONTE REGION

POLITICAL

P.C. of Aosta Province has received the following letter from the French Commander and understands that the man Landoni has been taken to France:-

TO P.C. AMG AOSTA PROVINCE.

FROM : COL. VALLETTE d'OSIA, FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNOR OF AOSTA VALLEY.

Date 5 June 45.

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(SIGNED) d'Osia.

The Provincial Commissioner reports that he has received also a strong protest from the leader of the armed Partisans, Major Blanc, at the French Commander's action. He points out that the arrest has created an extremely bad impression on the Partisans and warns that many of them are threatening reprisals against the French if the man Landoni is not set at liberty.

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FRENCH SITUATION - FOOD.

Attached hereto is copy of letter received from the Region Food Officer, Piemonte, and enclosures. (Reported by Telephone).

May this matter be cleared, please, and a definition supplied as to the limitations to Allied Forces in French Territory.

FOOD

Cuneo report first food shipment for TENDA and BRIGA reached Limone by truck 1500 hours. Transport over mountain will be by horse and mule, supplemented by jeep. Remainder of months supply will be sent within a week.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

Cuneo report no power going from Genoa to S. DIMIZZO DI TENI - this is denied by French Authorities.

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SITREP Number 11 Continued

TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

phone line Tenda - Cairo - Cuneo in working order but closed by French.

LEGAL.

In Latl, special court functioning smoothly and correctly.

AGRICULTURE.

1. report from the Royal Forest Corps dated 26 May 45 from their Cuneo Command arrived at Piemonte Headquarters 6th June. Following items of interest:-

(a) All forest guards in the communes of Briga and Tenda are kept under French control and are prevented from performing their normal functions.

(b) Special Identity Cards for Civil Police, Allied Control Commission, issued to the Forest Guards in Cuneo have not been honoured by the French.

(c) 1. Cable Way transport system of the Forest Corps and other Forest Corps equipment has been seized by the French.

LIGURIA REGION

6 June 1945

No change.

LIGURIA REGION

7 June 1945

French situation in Imperia province quiet. No change for last seven days. Relations friendly.

LOMBARDIA REGION

6 June 1945

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5 June 1945

Courmayeur, AOSTA PROVINCE

REPORT ON FRENCH ACTIVITIES

On the night of 3 June some civilians and French soldiers held a party at a private home. A few partisans were present and during the evening a disturbance occurred and remarks were passed about the uniform of the partisans. The partisans left the dance feeling insulted. Later at about 0130 by driver, Cpl. Schinhofen, was returning from another party with two men and two women civilians when the group was stopped and searched by a squad of armed French soldiers. These French soldiers were not drunk and from the effecient and positive way in which they went about their duties is almost certain that they were acting under orders. They were searching for weapons. When Cpl. Schinhofen strongly objected to being searched, they left him alone but did search the civilians.

On the evening of 4 June 45 French soldiers blocked the road between Courmayeur and Villalir with timbers and lumber. No guard was posted on the block. Street lights were broken in Villalir by French soldiers. I will call on French commander today and request that he disciplines his troops.

1st Lt. A.R. SENALL
Major, M., USA
Provincial Officer.

5 June 1945.

REPORT OF FRENCH ACTIVITIES

FRE S. DIDIER:

No new incidents; troops are very quiet. To date no payment has been made to the Albergo Monte Bianco for damage done on 25 May 1945.

VALDIGNA D'AGOSTA:

Troops stationed here are very orderly and no incidents of misconduct have been reported.

SALA DORA:

Only a small detachment stationed here, platoon or less. Very quiet and orderly.

1st Lt. ALBERT F. SHAY
1st Lt. Inf.
Provincial Officer

5 June 1945.

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19: A.R. SEWELL
Major, MA, USA
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19: ALBERT F. SHAY
1st Lt. Inf.
Provincial Officer

5 June 1945.

LA THUILL, AOSTA PROVINCE

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REPORT ON FRENCH ACTIVITIES

The French troops in La Thuille are conducting themselves in a very orderly manner. No incidents of any kind have been observed or reported in the past 24 hours.

A prominent citizen of La Thuille, one Paris Vittorino has been very active in cooperating with the local French military and is believed that he will bear watching, possibly a candidate for mayor in event of a new regime.

19: RICHARD J. HARDY
1st Lt. Inf. AUS
Provincial Officer

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

SECRET Number 10.

6 June 1945

PIEMONTE REGION

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4 June 1945

POLITICAL -

No obstructive action by French noted in Aosta Province.
See Report of P.C. of Cuneo Province attached herewith.

Report of situation in French occupied territory of Tenda and Briga attached.

Following report received from Generale Trabacchi:

(1) Two French soldiers of the 29th Rifle Regt. Co. Algerian on the 27th May stopped Mr. Bellone Pietro on his way home to Limone Tetto Draie (S. Giovanni Vallone) and robbed him after having threatened him with hand grenades and bayonets. They took from him 2 lbs. butter and a quantity of eggs that were to be turned over to the Food Accumulation Committee.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Alessandria Province - Report received of more disturbance caused by Fascist band from Liguria in neighbourhood of CAPRIA and SILVANO night 3rd June. Looting and shooting reported. Provincial Partisan Officer investigating. Further report follows.

FOOD

Alessandria exchanging grain for rice from Vercelli and Novara. Last report prices on increase and black market operations expanding.

LEGAL

In Aosta, special Court of 1st size opened with trial of ex-Federal and two other Fascists. Federal received sentence of 30 years, others 20 ~~years~~ respectively. No demonstrations or incidents in Court.

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LIGURIA REGION

5 June 1945

Situation quiet. No change.

LOMBARDIA REGION

5 June 1945

Instances come to the attention of the Regional Headquarters daily of interference and threats by small number of workers in the management of plants. The Camera del Lavoro has been approached and has pledged full cooperation in seeking to eliminate the residue of the clandestine period.

Colonel Meggs, 6th SA reports that:

5 June 1945

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CUNEO

SUBJECT: Situation in French Occupied
Territory of TENDA and BRIGA

ref: PR/CU/11/10
date: 5 June 45.

TO : HQ PIEMONTE REGION AMG

1. The Sindaci have been nominated by the Prefect and appointed on probation by AMG, and installed.
2. The French flag still flies on the front of both Municipi - a request was made to the F. French to remove them; this the Colonel promised to have done on the 4th June, but at 16.30 hrs they were still in place.
3. I told Major GREEN to make a formal request in writing to the F. French Colonel for their removal and, failing compliance, his refusal in writing giving reasons.
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9. When AMG was established, the French Committee of Liberation was instructed that they had no authority to act in Italian territory and that all civilian matters would be dealt with by AMG.
10. They agreed to hand over the amount of foodstuffs remaining in the Communal stores, which they had been administering prior to this. Immediately after this arrangement was made, the Committee distributed FREE most of the stocks (which were small).

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11. 5th June I received a report from Major GREEN dated 4th June, timed 12.30 hrs, as follows:

"The F. French Colonel has been ordered by his General to keep the French Flag on the Municipia."

12. "The F. French Colonel has been ordered to have the road to FRANCE open by his General."

"Whilst work continues on the roads he will permit road workers only to cross the Frontier."

"He is going to see General DOYEN and will return on Friday."

13. The F. French Colonel has made an appointment to see me at 16.00 hrs today (5 June).

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Italian Agency of Como dealing with location of housing for those in need of it. I have been told by U.S. sources that all refugees in Italy are being housed by the Italian Agency of Como.

activities pending further instructions.

The P.C. of Asti Province reports that H.E. Badoglio arrived in Asti to visit his villa. No incidents reported.

LEGAL -

Special Court of Assizes started 3 June in Asti Province.

LIIGURIA REGION

1 June 1945

Flour situation easier by reason arrival considerable quantity by sea

Two public works projects initiated Genoa.

Police situation much improved since arrival of additional Carabinieri.

Special assize court in Genoa now in session.

Situation generally quiet.

LOMBARDIA REGION -

3 June 1945

Patriot discerning program in Milan going well. Reports from Province indicate an increase in number of arms consigned.

LOMBARDIA REGION -

4 June 1945

Italian Agency of Como dealing with location of housing for those in need, published a statement, unauthorized by AM, saying that all refugees had to leave Como Province within 48 hours. This was acted upon immediately by the Provincial Commissioner and the Regional Office. Prefect has published a denial.

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APO 304

SITREP Number 2.

PIEMONTE REGION

PUBLIC SAFETY -

Reported on night 30/31 May one partisan was killed by fascists near CASTELLETTO in Alessandria Province. May be necessary to obtain assistance of Military as other reports are reaching Provincial Hq of the presence of a Fascist Band.

All Courts held in Aosta & Alessandria Provinces.

TRANSPORTATION -

In Alessandria, first meeting with all transport officials of the Province held on 1 June. Working of this. Policy explained and it is hoped EMLO will be functioning properly by 7 June.

LABOUR -

Group of farmers in Vercelli represented that farm labour is demanding greater increased in wages than they can meet.

ALESSANDRIA REGION

Situation normal. No change.

ASTI REGION

Situation quiet. No change.

PIEMONTE REGION

POLITICAL -

Letter from CAO EMLO - TERNI and SAN MARINO. (attached)

PUBLIC SAFETY -

P.C. Vercelli reports that representatives of all Provincial Liberation Committees of Piemonte Region met in Vercelli. Amongst those present was Franco Antonicelli of Turin. While no formal application for the holding of the meeting had been made, the P.C. considers that those in charge were not conscious of any technical omission, as an invitation to the P.C. to attend the meeting was extended on the night before. The P.C. attended the meeting and heard a speech by the Sindaco of Turin. Approximately 50 persons were present, including reporters. There was no disturbance and the

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LEGHIA REGION

2 June 1945

Situation normal. No change.

LEGHIA REGION

3 June 1945

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PIEMONTE REGION

2 June 1945

POLITICAL

Letter from CAO BRIGA - Turin, and CAO ALESSANDRIA (attached)

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AMG. TENDA - BRIGA - SAN DAMEZZO

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SUBJECT:- Report of events.

TO :- Provincial Commissioner, CUNEO.

1. 1. Proclamations posted TENDA & BRIGA, delivered San DAMEZZO.
2. Vittorio Marengo appointed Acting Sindaco of TENDA and BRIGA. He is Secretario and in my opinion capable.
3. Met priest who will support A.M.G. & Italian Government.
4. Met President of French Committee TENDA & BRIGA. Explained function and duties of A.M.G. and relieved Committee of authority.

BRIGA - President comprehended situation and indicated he would comply.
Conference pleasant.

TENDA - President agreed to comply as individual and to relinquish authority. He is adamant for French rule. Was told to take this up with high French for discussion with high Allied Command and never mention to A.M.G.

11. General Situation.

1. Agreements made for food on hand (which is practically nil) will be handled by Sindaco.
2. TENDA has 7 gasoline trucks (no gas) for distributing food from S. side of Mt. Mules can be obtained to cross Mt. Responsibility of SEPRAL and Supply Officer to see that food is transported to N. side of Mt.
3. (a) French have furnished food, butter, tobacco, wine and transport.
(b) A.M.G. TENDA & BRIGA has committed AME to meet food emergencies in line with orders P.C., CUNEO.
Commitments to French Army and Acting Sindaco.
(c) The general and political situation will explode quite violently if this matter is not tended to promptly and adequately.
4. Lights and Power OK. No Mail service nor telephone nor courier service.
(a) Recommend Prefect establish Courier service with CUNEO 2 or 3 times per week.
5. French eliminated Patriots.

Sgd:- Geo. G. GREEN, Major.

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Message Centre No: E/1532
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 091630B
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FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, G-2

10 JUN 1945

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 3d INF DIV, 6 SA
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Date Time Rec'd: JUN 110900B
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: CG 17 CORPS WELLS, 3-2
TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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ERRATUM. Reference frontier sitrep No 18 closing 102400B: Line reading
"only 50 yards of wood etc" should read "only 50 yards of road". Nothing to
report.

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FROM CG IV CORPS WELLS, G2

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TO CG 5th ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1st ARMD DIV 34 INFO DIV 6 SA ARMD DIV

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G 2. The French Mission which is in IMPERIA has left for 5 days since yesterday. It is believed to be a French intelligence mission. One of them believed to be SRO. We are expecting the arrival of their names by pigeon soon. Will forward it in when we get it. (Frontier sitrep No 18 closing 102400B)

G 3. Reference sitrep closing 092400B. Only 50 yards of ^{ROAD} ~~wood~~ at LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass remains to be cleared. Expected to be cleared by tomorrow morning. 8 French troops crossed the LITTLE ST BERNARD Pass to the west and 13 others crossed to the east. The war correspondent reported yesterday, returned into FRANCE.

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Frontier sitrep No 17 closing 101300Z.

32. Reference frontier sitreps number 10 and number 13. reported accumulation French "tourists" IVREA 32271 unfounded; only 6 French people in area, 9 suspected of spreading propaganda. Platoon of French infantry going to CRESSONEY D2013 (see frontier sitrep number 10) for skiing training only. Reinforcement of AOSTA REGION after opening of mountain passes formally denied by French command. 33. Meeting of 20 people night 9/10 June addressed by Col DE GALBERT. Usual promises of money and food and assurance of plebiscite.

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G2: 18 Regiment Tirailleurs Senegalais, independent unit operating under 1 division motorised infantry in southern sector, being withdrawn, completion scheduled for today, for contemplated dispatch to PACIFIC. G3: 1 platoon A Co 751 Tank Bn closed GUNEO HQ 091030. G5: French Liaison reports a Col VERMES now enroute to ROMA and CASERTA to contact AFHQ to complete arrangements for French Military Mission connected with repatriation French citizens NORTHERN ITALY. Mission possesses travel orders issued by French Ministry for War Prisoners reported to be increased by SHANT with AFHQ approval and valid for ITALY. 5 members this group in TURIN now assisting Capt VAN LATHEM and request permission remain until work completed. This HQ seeking copy of orders. This personnel not needed and not wanted by IV CORPS. Further report to follow.

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Originator's Reference: 1755

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 1945

Message Centre No: 7/4235

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 060430Z

Precedence: CP PRIORITY

FROM: IV CORPS AMU

TO: CH 5 AMU, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ ATCZ 100 430 000 34 THE RV, 6 54
AMU 027

9 JUN 1945

IN 13117

1-31: Task Company SAS been moved to SALVAGE 1441 with instructions to send one platoon to STAGE area 1 0704.

1-3: French military authorities in presence of one Colonel BERNARDON yesterday quoted order of General DEGAULLE and GOVERNMENT that he would prevent the establishment of Allied Military Government in CHINA - SIVA area by any means necessary without exception. He stated that this includes the use of fire arms. Col BARNARDON stated that the matter would be referred to higher Hq. In view of this French ultimatum our Allied Military Govt was forced to cease its attempted functioning at 071800Z in order to avoid possible bloodshed. Our people remaining in CHINA and SIVA.

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Date/Time of Origin: JUN 090118Z

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Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: CG IV CORPS WELLS, 3-2

TO: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 3A INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 10 closing 082400Z.

G3: 12 Brigade 6 SA Armored Div reports French military parties are arriving in small numbers in IVREA J2271; stay in town as tourists and are billeted at hotel in uniform; being investigated. At 080730Z 14-20 French carrying packs left MONT S MARTIN J1887 and proceeded to GRESSONEY D2913. At 080830Z 20 French left MONT S MARTIN for AOSTA. At 080915 another 20 French left MONT S MARTIN for AOSTA. French movement through PICCOLO S BERNARDO normal. Repair work continues. French officer stated road would be open to all traffic 15 June. French brigade commander arrived in AOSTA 7 June and stated that after opening of PICCOLO S BERNARDO brigade in AOSTA would be brought up to strength. He mentioned a brigade parade at AOSTA after arrival of new troops. Partisan posts at S BERNARDO C7 120 and guides at LA RIVA C8619 withdrawn. All arms collected from partisans in AOSTA area and are being sent to 12 brigade headquarters. 12 brigade arrested 2 Italians, ATTILIO PARLIZZI enroute to AOSTA and UMBERTO CANTELE enroute to VICENZA, in PICCOLO S BERNARDO at 081930Z. They stated they are ex PWS having left CHAMBERY yesterday. Carried passes issued by military authorities. Being investigated. G2: Nothing to report. G5: Nothing to report.

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Ref: 151/EC.

2 June 1945.

SITREP Number 6.

PIEMONTE REGION.

31 May 45.

Political:

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G 2: 6 South African Div reports 1-French in AOSTA claim right to protect pro French Italians on Italian soil. 2-rumors and activities indicate French intend to reinforce AOSTA area when snow clearance permits. Car observers of progress in little SAINT BERNARD Pass indicate this could be about 9 June.

92 Div reports French Mission believed in SAVONA 00604 departed 2 weeks ago unknown destination. G 3: 1st Bn 168 Inf arrived TENDA N 8720 approx 07 Rept 71630B in compliance orders 5 ARMY to send Bn to that area. Trip uneventful. 2nd Bn 168 Inf moving 8 June IVREA J 2271 to SALUZZO N 8584.

G 5: Colonel MARSHALL reports Allied Military Govt officers in TENDA have been requested not to function but are remaining in TENDA pending further decision. Colonel JORDAN LIQUERIAN Region reports quiet and no change in 7 days IMPERIA province and friendly relations. Italian named LANDONI arrested by Provost 27 Div for striking French corporal reported taken into FRANCE for judgment according laws aimed at assuring security French troops. Partisans irate and threaten reprisals. Provincial Commissioner endeavoring secure trial by AMG to alleviate unrest.

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SITREP (Special)

Area Covered: Vic of SUSA (H5441) Torino Province.

Map: Italy Road Map 1:200,000 Army Map Service, 1943.

By : Lt. Col. W.J. Skelly, Inf.
On BG with G-5 Section

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* See Minutes.

* Mr. G. and other members transferred to file 576/EC on which file letter written to R. Piemonte Region - 12 June 48.

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6. The French are infiltrating many civilians into the area in French military vehicles. There is no accurate estimate of the number, unless CIG may have it. American troops have orders not to stop civilians in French military vehicles from entering or leaving Italy, but to secure names and destinations and report the lists thru military channels. It is believed that many civilians are entering Italy concealed in closed-in French military trucks. Some French officers in SUSA are reported to have brought their families with them.

7. French soldiers have numerous francs, and do not hesitate to intimidate merchants into accepting them. The CAO at BUSOLENO believes there are over 300,000 francs circulating in his commune over and above the amount for which redemption arrangements have been made. Merchants in all communes have been told they need not accept francs, and that they do so at their own risk, since the banks have been directed not to accept them. French liaison officers say that the next pay will be in Allied currency.

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9. Communications. Our units in this area rely principally on commercial lines for telephone communication, because of the distances involved. The French do likewise. At OULX, the American Co. Exec Officer claimed the French had tapped his line. My investigation of this indicated that the French, in this case, had threatened to tap the American switchboard.

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SITREP (Special)

Area Covered: Vic of SUSA (H5421) Torino Province.

Maps: Italy Road Map 1:200,000 Army Map Service, 1943

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6. The French are infiltrating many civilians into the area in French military vehicles. There is no accurate estimate of the number, unless CIG may have it. American troops have orders not to stop civilians in French military vehicles from entering or leaving Italy, but to secure names and destinations and report the lists thru military channels. It is believed that many civilians are entering Italy concealed in closed-in French military trucks. Some French officers in SUSAN are reported to have brought their families with them.

7. French soldiers have beaucoup francs, and do not hesitate to intimidate merchants into accepting them. The CAO at BUSSETO believes there are over 300,000 francs circulating in his commune over and above the amount for which redemption arrangements have been made. Merchants in all communes have been told they need not accept francs, and that they do so at their own risk, since the banks have been directed not to accept them. French liaison officers say that the next pay will be in Allied currency.

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LIGURIA REGION:

30 May 1945.

French have refused entrance to officers Imperia to assume Military Government in disputed territory.

Bread situation still precarious owing to long haul necessary to maintain existing ration.

During past four days following casualties have occurred Carabinieri one killed two wounded Guardia Di Finanza two wounded.

LOMBARDIA REGION:

31 May 1945.

Everything under control, nothing to report.

LIGURIA REGION:

31 May 1945.

Flour situation still precarious owing to long haul from Leghorn. Otherwise situation quiet. No change.

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