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WEEKLY SITREPS, VENEZIA REGION
OCT. 1944 - JUNE 1945

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2. What is reply to penultimate paragraph?

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Executive Commission

American Personnel

Promotion of U. S. personnel stopped in this theater by MFOUSA order until further notice. Grenadier Regiment is overstrength in grades.

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Ref para 2 of your minute 16.

1. Capt Jeffers name is on list for immediate promotion
2. Major Knight is put back for further consideration at a later date owing to seniority. He is 66th on list of Majors recommended for promotion.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION

Allied Military Government
APO 394

Mr. de Lancia

24 May, 1945.
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I am taking the advantage of the departure by air tomorrow of Lt. Col. E.M. Gard to send this report down to you.

On Tuesday of this week I went up to Udine and had a long talk with Con and Scholtz. With the latter were Dawson and Legh-Jones. The main upshot of the discussion with Con was our decision about the display of proclamations in Venezia Giulia. This in turn has been dealt with by A.M.G.'s top secret telegram of the 22nd and by our dispatch today of Major Oates to Rome with our suggestions in respect of Proclamation 1 parts 2 and 3 and Proclamations 2, 3, and 4.

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All but two of the 20 U.S. Officers have now arrived and I am delighted to have the reinforcement of 4 British Officers. I know you are doing your best for us. Some Officers have already started to move away on special demobilization grounds and I think we will certainly have appeals for special consideration. In this connection I would ask you to do everything in your power to press on promotions.

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I would like to suggest that any vacancy available be filled even if for a short time so that our Officers go into civil life with the highest rank that we can reasonably give to them. There are a lot of fine old war horses up here who have worked very hard for very little reward. On the British side I think particularly of Major Knight and Captain Jefferson. On the American side of Major Blackwell, Major Marvis, Captain Valentine, and Lieut. Cookson. I also have in mind promotion for our men. At this time when we are asking many Officers to stay on beyond the allotted period and when we are very definitely overworking many of our Officers, a very judicious use of promotion goes a very long way to restoring morale.

The general position in the Region remains good but there is undoubtedly beginning to be felt a certain nervousness about rising prices.

With all good wishes

Yours *ew*

[Signature]
J. K. Dunlop, Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner.

Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, CB, CBE
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
C.M.F.

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From Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.

Region Venezia.

Sunday 30th May. 1945

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My dear Sir

This will not be a long letter, for it is a quarter past eleven at night, and about an hour ago I completed a drive of 435 miles. I had left here at three o'clock yesterday and I have been right round the north and east of the Region. However I did want to take advantage of the fact that Hoelcher is going down to Rome by plane tomorrow and let you have the general news of the situation as I found it. I shall not give you a report on the talk between Tom Henn, Con Benson and myself, at Udine on the 18th - Friday last - because you will be having a complete report from Tom Henn, who should be flying down tomorrow, Monday, and I do not want to complicate the picture by a separate report. We were all three in complete agreement on the main aspects of the case. Tom will tell you that I am entirely prepared to do anything that you want me to do in the matter of the Sub Region or Region. Possibly first one and then the other is the answer. In any case it looks as if the matter must first take shape under AMG Eighth Army.

I had long wanted to have a run round the northern part of the Region, but the VG problem had rather interfered with the plans I had made. However I thought that I saw two days clear - or rather a day and a half - and I did in fact get away at about half past three yesterday. We went straight to Belluno where I found Nellie Farren getting on very well and the whole countryside looking very much more peaceful than on the occasion of my first visit. There were very few instances of patriotti under arms. In any case he has not yet had his final parade, that is fixed for Thursday next, and I hope to be present. I had a talk with his prefect who is a bit worried about the public safety aspect, but I think that, taking a broad view, the situation is settling down faster than one anticipated. We did not stop at Belluno but ran on to Cortina d'Ampezzo, where we stayed the night. This place was a German Lazaretstadt and is still full of German wounded. The U.S. 85th Division is keeping an eye on the situation and the wounded are being cleared away fairly steadily. The Germans first came here in the autumn of 1943 so that they have had time to get fairly fully dug in. Goslett the C.A.O. had few troubles, except Germans, and he thought that they would fade away. The scenery and climate are both fine and I am planning to have a villa up there to which I can send both officers and SM/OR for week ends in the cool mountain air, when Padova gets too hot in the summer. This will not present any difficulty.

Today we started off by driving to Bolzano, through Brunico and Bressanone. In the course of the drive we met long convoys of German military vehicles, packed with Germans, all driving south to their concentration areas. I am told that the U.S. II Corps has been evacuating Germans from this area at the rate of 10,000 a day. I was given the estimate that it would take another ten days at this rate to clear the area and that even then there would be many thousands of men in the hills. I must say that I looked very enviously at the mass of MT particularly at the large number of passenger carrying cars. I can understand the argument that these cars have to be left with the Germans for the move southwards, but I cannot help thinking that when they do reach their concentration area these cars should be made available, either to us or to the Italian Government. Many of the cars of course Italian vehicles which have been "requisitioned".

There were plenty of evidences of fairly wholesale Germanization.

One saw many signs in Gothic script such as "athof" "Volkschule" and the like. The name of the towns had been often altered from their Italian style to their German style. Certainly from Dubbiaco to Bolzano the whole aspect of the country is practically indistinguishable from that which one remembers further north in Austria. The houses, and churches and inns were just the same. The children were often flaxen haired. The men wore green Alpine hats with a feather, and many of the girls were in "dirndl" the attractive Austrian peasant dress. One does hope that the Italian government, in any event, will adopt a liberal attitude in these parts and allow the folk to keep their individual ways.

We called on McBratney at Bolzano. I was particularly anxious to find out how he might be affected by any tactical moves that were taking place. I had seen the 10th Mountain Division on the move through Treviso the previous day, and I knew that II Corps was moving across to come under command Eighth Army. So I was concerned lest he might lose some of the Fifth Army CAO's who had been thickening up his very thin team. I found that such was indeed the case. To anticipate, I may say that I think that I have managed to get a solution planned with Sutherland. McBratney has a very large province and a good many problems. He is of course still under Fifth Army though in many technical matters he has to turn to us for help. From Bolzano we went on to Trento where we had a late lunch with Mavis. We continued to pass many long convoys of German vehicles going south. Germans were also the main problem with Mavis.

From Trento we went across the hills to the west side of the Lake Garda, passing through Riva. We drove through the amazing series of galleries which have been converted by the Germans into machine shops. This is of course outside our Region and I expect that you have heard about it from Lombardia. The run down the west side of the lake is most picturesque. We got to Fifth Army H.Q. about five. There we found Sutherland and David Mynas, the latter just about to move across to join Eighth Army. We discussed the tactical picture with Sutherland and the effect on our plans of the move across eastwards of the II Corps and its two divisions. It was a very useful talk on a number of points.

From there we drove to Verona where we had dinner with Blackwell, and so back here, where I found, waiting for me, Gerald Upjohn and Dick Cripp. Tomorrow I do a formal visit to Rovigo in the morning, a visit to the University of Padova in the afternoon, and on Tuesday I go up for a conference with Con and Scholtz.

A letter of two back you asked me my views about the passage of the Fifth Army provinces into Phase II. I do think that this must be linked up with the move out of the German troops. My present view would be - Verona and Vicenza could pass at once. Trento in ten days and Belluno and Bolzano in say one month. On the eastern half of the Region I think that Rovigo, Padova, Treviso and Venezia could officially pass to Region at any time. They are in fact so administered now. Udine should remain officially under Army until the AMG zone in VG is substantially larger than at present. The assumption of Regional control is very largely bound up with the question of communications. At present we are not in good telephone touch with our ~~Region~~ provinces and I cannot get the Communications Sub Commission to be enthusiastic over the need for adequate Regional telephone and telegraphic signal service. However we persevere. It is past midnight and I must stop.

Yours as ever

G. B.

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From : Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD.

HEADQUARTERS
VENETIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

31 Oct 45
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My dear Sam

Many thanks for releasing Fergus McCleary and Braybrooke to come up here for the statement of evidence.

I have had a chance of a talk with Fergus on recent news from Rome, and am particularly sorry to hear the news about poor old Graham.

Last week I did an official tour of Rovigo and during the last two days I have toured in Vicenza and Verona.

Tomorrow I leave for a tour in Treviso, Belluno and Bolzano.

When I return I shall write you a more full report, but my present plans are to reduce down to two officers, as may be necessary, in each province except Udine and Bolzano.

I am however reaching the opinion that the importance for a strong team in Bolzano has increased.

Perhaps, the time has now come when it may be possible to reduce our commitments in Udine

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to compensate for increased responsibilities in Bolzano.

That, however, is only an interim suggestion. I shall write more fully after my tour.

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Brigadier M. Lush, CB, CBE, MC.
Executive Commissioner
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From: HQ YEMMAIA REGION
To: HQ ALCON

JUN 7 1943

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Sitrep 1 June 1A 2A 3F coal imports urgently awaited 4A 5A 6F recent reinforcements have helped considerably 7C but in hand owing excellent help from military 8 prices rising 9 patriots situation continuously improving.

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HQ VENEZIA REGION
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JUN 1 1945

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Sitrep Region May.

- Political 1. B ^{satisfactory} causing anxiety ^{good}
Food 2. C ^{UDINE and GIULIA} A elsewhere
Supply 3. C coal BPOL A otherwise
Economic 4. B ^{satisfactory}
Health 5. A ^{good}
Personnel 6. B ^{satisfactory} causing anxiety
Refugees 7. C owing lack east to west transport
Price Testaments 8. Moving upwards
9. Patriotti settling down well in most provinces

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From: Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.
Headquarters.
Venetia Region.

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Security & Personnel (42)
Confidential
Wednesday
16th May 1945.

My dear Maurice

This is another of the evening letters typed by myself, and I hope that I shall make a better job of it than last time.

I shall not make a long one of this: it is chiefly to acknowledge your letter of the 12th which arrived today. I hope that in the meantime you will have received my long report on the Trieste position which I sent down by a Spitfire on Sunday and also my letter of last night (15th May) which went down by courier plans today. It would be a help if you would get your staff to let me know when, in fact, you did get these letters. The question of communication is the bedrock of most of our problems at the present. I am trying by all means possible to improve our communication both with you and from here outwards to the provinces. If I do not get something more satisfactory soon I shall call on you for your help. But we shall do our best to work out our own problem before indeed we call on you.

I have been up to see Gen Benson at Udine today. We have decided that the Trieste and Gorizia teams must be reformed as quickly as possible, to be ready to go forward, and that Pola and Fiume should be formed in nucleus. Fortunately three more of the American "combat" officers arrived today. I hope moreover that the first fifteen or so vehicles from Lazio Umbria will be in tomorrow. Our expectations of getting vehicles up here have been rather shattered by the combined efforts of the patriotti and the J/S, also by the decision on Army level that the Germans must keep their own transport to enable them to be self supporting.

In your letter you asked specifically about two things - refugees and the Fifth Army provinces. I cannot speak much for the Brenner route for that has been handled by the Fifth Army. Just at the present that route is closed. The other route, through Udine is now in hand. The outline figures are: handled to date through the Udine centre 44,000. Evacuated yesterday by M.T. 10,000. Remaining in camp last night under 1,000. For the present the Eighth Army lift in returning transport to railhead Forlì is bigger than anything that we have in sight. At Udine Hudson has organised separate "houses" for the various nationalities, run by people of those nationalities. Major Henry Hudson, of the Eighth Army, who has now joined my staff, is quite outstanding and the organisation is running well. As for ex P.O.W. I have not seen any British since the very early days of the advance and I think that all is well in hand. The other Allied P.O.W. are now, as I think you know, dealt with by the same organisation which handles the German P.O.W. camps. Today I saw some thousand or so French soldier ex German prison camps. They looked pretty fit and were being taken south in 46 Div transport. In fact they were the leading trucks of a long convoy of German prisoners.

General Hume called to see me last Sunday and we had a most valuable talk. He quite agreed with the proposals that I put forward in my letter to Southerland. I attach copy for ease of reference.

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I am inclined to anticipate, now that H.Q. Fifth Army has moved across to the West bank of the Lago de Garda that even more of the local administration will be left in our hands.

It is warming up here, I expect that it is pretty hot with you. The fellows are all keeping fit and I think that both officers and men are reasonably well lodged.

I shall hope to have my caravan Adv. H.Q. set up again in about 48 hrs at Cervignano so that I shall have a forward post not too far from Trieste, to which I can go if things start to move. It is clear that something pretty definite must happen soon now, and we must try to be ready for it.

And that, I think, must be all for the present.

All good wishes,

Yours *ML*

ML
Brigadier Maurice Lush C.B., C.M.G., M.C.
H.Q. Allied Commission
Rome.

Handwritten: ~~Handwritten~~ J. K. Davies

Headquarters.
Venezie Region.

My dear Maurice

Tuesday 15th May 1945

This letter is being typed by myself, up in my room in the hotel, rather late at night. I heard this evening that there was a plane going down to Rome from Treviso airport some time tomorrow morning, so thought that I might send a gossip letter down to you by that means.

Things are going along very well, and the sky looks brighter this evening by the arrival of the first four of the young American combat officers. This is going to allow us to start to fill in the most serious holes in our organisation. They look good boys, I shall be having a talk with them tomorrow. The old hands are doing their work in a masterly way. We have been having a small economic conference in my room this evening, and I have been very struck by the competent way in which they are tackling their problems. I do not, in the ordinary way, approve of evening conferences, but the distances up here are so long, and people are having to get out so much, that it does make for efficient working if one has the quiet discussions in the evening after dinner. I assure you that they are not too formidable, and that they are conducted in easy chairs with the aid of a glass of - well whatever is going.

I remember that my last letter to you finished off somewhere early on Sunday morning. I lunched with Con that day and got the further developments on the V.G. situation. He entirely approved of the plan which I had mentioned to you of making a sort of AMG "frontier defence force" under Orpwood, so as to leave Bright free to develop his province of Udine in normal lines. Con also confirmed the plan which I had sketched out to you in the later paragraphs of my long letter; that the Army Commander intended to give his personal attention to Venezia Giulia, and that Con should be closely associated with him as adviser. Con was only going to have a very small personal staff and the whole of the administrative work, for Udine and for Venezia Giulia would be done by Region Venezia. I think that we can make that work all right. However there is gossip running round this evening which would indicate some sort of change even in that.

On Sunday afternoon I attended in state ~~as~~ a most wonderful thanksgiving service in the basilica of St Anthony of Padua. It was a quite unforgettable experience, the church was packed, the singing magnificent, and the sermon most able and appropriate.

~~sent-up-to-you~~ ~~Headquarters~~ ~~Venezia~~ ~~Region~~ ~~her~~ ~~most~~ ~~fascinating~~ ~~experience~~, ~~when~~ ~~I~~

Sorry about that, the typing was going on rather well for me up to that point. It was of Monday that I was about to write. I went up to Vittoria Veneto, to attend the final review of the "Divisione Nannetti". They are, perhaps the best and most famous of all the groups of partisans in these parts. They are commanded by a brilliant young Italian Regular Army officer called "Milo". He is said to have commanded a battalion against us at El Alamein. 4650

There was a party, presentation of certificates, - to relatives of those who had been killed, and to the heads of the brigades and battalions - speeches and handing in of arms. Then there was a march past. There were over three thousand men on parade, and Milo told me that they had only allowed on parade those men who had actually spent the winter out on the mountains. The men looked very fit and very tough. I must say that I got an exceedingly good impression of them. They were well disciplined and, in a way, well turned out. Many of the Garibaldini wore long hair and long beards and generally followed the style of 1860 but they looked jolly good types. I had lunch with them and then went round to see their wounded in the hospitals. This "division" had had six hundred and more, men actually killed. But they had saved most of the big power plants up in their hills.

Today I have been into Venice to open the courts of the Tribunale and the Pretura. More speeches, but a most impressive ceremony.

Tomorrow I drive to Udine to see Con Benson and to see how the reorganisation of the frontier is getting on. David Mynas came across from Fifth Army today to see me, but I was in Venice. However Horrell and Libby were able to give him, from their notes, the general position of our fellows on the frontier, which was what he wanted to know.

The more that I see of these folk up here, the more I am convinced that they have an altogether different morale from the folk in the south. These people feel that they have hammered out their own salvation. I do not think that this makes them, in the slightest degree restless of Allied control. In fact all the evidence that I have had would be in the reverse direction. But it does make them restless under any sort of control from Rome. Certainly Rome will be making a very grievous political error, if, in an attempt to save bureaucratic control, they bring heavy centralising pressure to bear on these people in Veneto. That, at least is my view. On the other hand, these are not revolutionaries, very much the reverse. They are prepared to work hard and to put up with a lot for the good of their country in the future. They have been through a winter such as none of those in the South and Centre have experienced. Nearly all of the leaders up here, the men who are now the leaders, professors, advocates and the like, nearly all these men have been in prison in Venice or Padova this winter.

Some of the recent visitors from Rome have been talking of a very early move out of the Commission from Northern Italy. I do not know, of course, what may be the strong currents running in Rome. It does seem to me that up here, with the lines of communication of two Armies running through the Region, with the Germans still all over the hills, with the very special problem of Bolzano, and the even more difficult problem of Venezia Giulia, with all this before us, it really would be quite out of the question to make a sudden withdrawal. I do feel that some of this talk may have been a bit unsettling to some of the less stable of my chaps, who having hardly reached the Region, were told that they would stay but a short time. However, as I say, there may be very important developments in Rome of which I know little.

Eleven o'clock has struck, so I should turn in.

All good wishes and thanks for your help.

Yours *lms*

Brigadier Maurice Lush

[Signature]

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MAIN HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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10 May 1945

My dear Frances,

I am taking the opportunity afforded by the first air courier to send you down a EC letter on the situation up here.

I first came into Padova on Friday the 4th and moved Headquarters in on the 5th. We were ready to operate at 0900 hours on Monday the 7th. We have secured excellent office accommodations in a large school building which has been, during the Republican Fascist regime, occupied by the Ministry of Education. I might add that we have made complete arrangements with the commissioner appointed by the Italian Government for the collection and safeguarding of all the archives. The building is large enough to take all our departments. It is quiet, light and airy. Our mess is in the Hotel Storione in the center of the town. It can accommodate all our officers comfortably. We have separate hotels for the EME and for the ORs and our Italian soldiers, and I think that the men are, in fact comfortable. Our telephone system is beginning to work and we are in telephone touch with Venice, Treviso, Padova and Rovigo and this will undoubtedly be developed in the near future.

I have already visited the Provincial Commissioners in Rovigo, Padova, Venezia, Treviso, Vicenza, Belluno and Verona. We took over administration of the four Provinces of Novigo, Venezia, Padova and Treviso at 0001 hours on Tuesday the 8th. It appears exceedingly likely that we will be asked to take over Udine in the near future and we are already asked to be responsible for much of the administration. The five western provinces are in the 5 Army area, the army boundary having been moved during operations in such a way as to bring Belluno and Vicenza within the 5th Army area. I had a very valuable talk with Colonel Southernland at 0300 hours on Tuesday the 8th, and I send you

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Getting aside the problem of the frontier about which I shall write you later in this letter, I can give you the following brief report of the situation in this countryside:- cooperation of population, excellent; standard of officials put forward by CLM, excellent; Patriots, most cooperative (There has been a certain amount of summary justice but this has largely come to an end and the clergy have been most helpful in their efforts to stop any efforts of lynch law); food situation in the lower Provinces, excellent except for shortage of fats and sugar. There are food difficulties in the frontier Provinces largely due to

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 raiding of farms by Germans, refugees or Partisans; condition of Public Services, good; for the most part the roads are in excellent condition rendering travel easy. There is still considerable congestion of military traffic on the road Padova-Mestre-Udine. Electric power is plentiful because the Patriots were able to prevent the Germans from destroying the large installations. Damage to towns varies very considerably. Verona and Treviso have considerable areas of badly damaged houses. There are also two small towns in the Po valley very badly damaged indeed. I am not at this time able to give you a report on the conditions of the docks of ~~Trieste~~, opposite Venice, but I shall have that report tomorrow.

The two main problems, again apart from the frontier problem, are connected with the ending of the war. In the northern Provinces, indeed as far down as Vicenza, there are still armed bands of Germans roaming the countryside. The number of Allied troops is not large and the rounding up of these bands of Germans has to be the work of the Patriots. I do not propose to press for the disarmament of the Patriots in the mountain districts while Germans still remain armed in the locality. The question of refugees is also undoubtedly serious but I think that we are beginning to get a plan to tackle the problem. In brief this will be that 5 Army with D.P.S. will be responsible for the Brenner route and we will be responsible for the remainder. It will be necessary to have an organization of the D.P.S. Sub-Commission south of the Po to facilitate the onward flow.

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All the Provincial teams are not deployed and I should like to close this letter by saying that I am most satisfied with the team of officers that I have got up here. The Provincial Commissioners are doing a masterly job of work and the Regional Headquarters has gotten into its stride in three days time in a way which reflects great credit on the heads of divisions and all my administrative staff.

I hope very much that you or one of your staff can come up to see us for liaison purposes but it will be a help if we receive some warning for I expect to be touring and to be very busy during the next week or so. I believe that telephone connection during office hours is, for the present, practically impossible but that the line is less congested later in the evening. I am hoping to make some plan with Headquarters for some system of phonogram messages between eight and ten o'clock in the evening.

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My respects to the Admiral and all good wishes.

[Handwritten signature]

Brigadier M. S. Lush, CB, CBE,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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VENEZUELA REGION

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TO : 3 Army.

3 May 1949

SUBJECT: Administration of the Provinces of Bolsona, Trento, Verona, Belluno and Vicenza.

FILE NO: RH/755.34

1. This letter is written in confirmation of discussions between Col. Southern and Brigadier Dunlop at Headquarters 3 Army at 1300 hours, Tuesday 8 May.

2. I explained that Headquarters Venezia Region were installed in Padova and were now functioning; further that at 0600 hours 8 May 3 Army transferred to Region Venezia administrative control of the Provinces of Treviso, Padova, Venezia and Treviso; further that the administration of Udine Province was already in the process of being transferred to this Region.

3. I suggested for the consideration of Brigadier General Basse that, as a measure of expediency, a difference might be made in the manner in which the civil affairs administration are carried out

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4. The three first named Provinces lie along the Brenner route. They consist within their limits the Headquarters of the 5th Army and other important U.S. formations. Moreover, by leg plan 177, they will form part of the U.S. zone. I therefore suggest that the civil affairs administration of these three Provinces should remain under the general close supervision of 3 Army.

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The civil affairs staffs in these three Provinces are largely made up of complete Venetia Region Provincial teams and I hope that you will permit my administrative officers to visit these teams for all matters concerning interior administration, rates of tax, promotions, discipline, etc.

I propose, of course, always to call at your Headquarters before making a visit to any of these Provinces.

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8. The two Provinces of Belluno and Vercelli will fall into a somewhat different category. The most convenient road approaching to these Provinces is from Pavia rather than from Verona. They will, according to log plan 177, eventually come into Western District and the fact that the inter-army boundary line was moved eastward to include these provinces, derived from military operational considerations rather than from considerations of administration.

9. I therefore propose for your consideration that the civil affairs administration of the Provinces of Belluno and Vercelli while remaining officially under the control of CMO 3 Army should, in fact, be under the day to day care of Region Venezia and that, for example, my specialist officers should go into these Provinces without special reference to your Headquarters at Verona and should give as much care and attention to these two Provinces as they do to the other Provinces recently placed by 6 Army under Regional Control.

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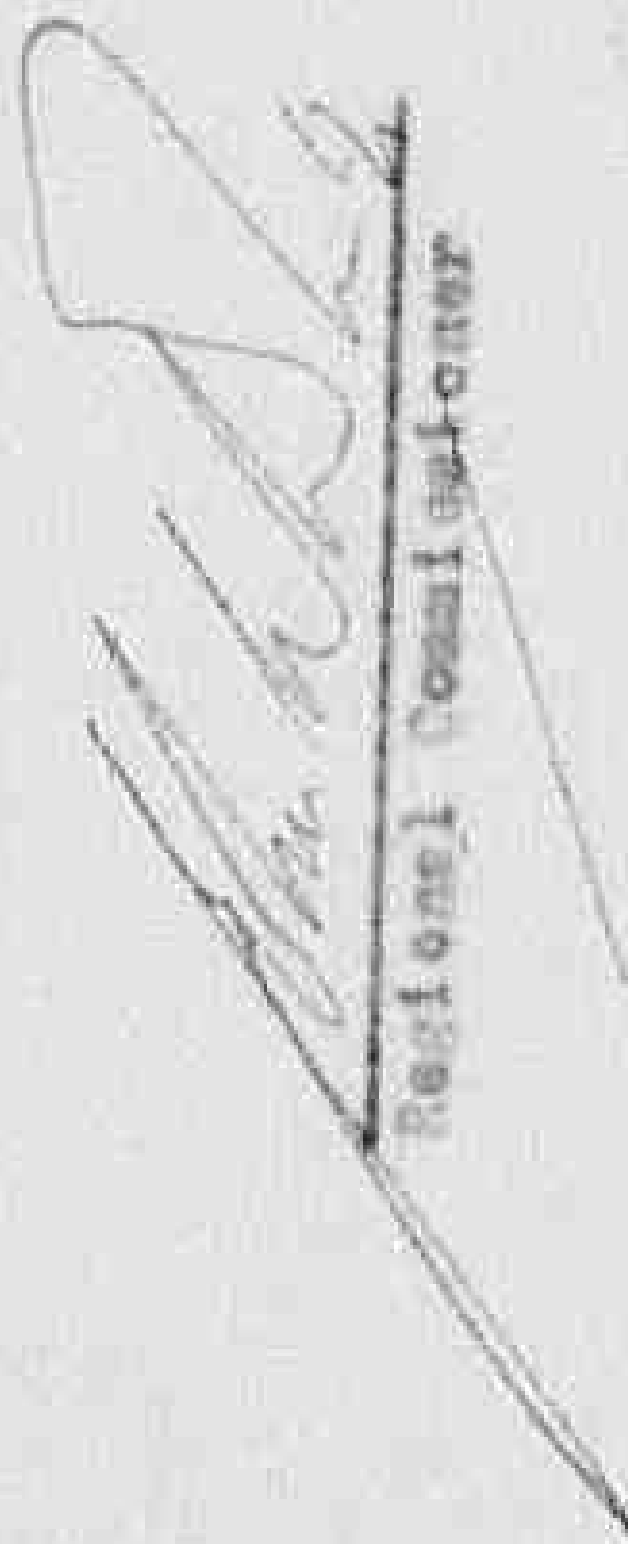
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16 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Precis on Report by Brigadier Dunlop,
Regional Commissioner, VIENTIANE Region.

TO : Distribution below.

The following is a precis of a report received from Brigadier Dunlop, Regional Commissioner, VIENTIANE Region, dated 13 May 1945. Brigadier Dunlop stressed that this report was on a hurried trip and for the most part was based on a series of somewhat fleeting impressions.

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3. The boundary is the approximate line on which the two forces met.
4. The Corps Commander instructed that strong AMG teams were to be formed West of the LAMOU and promised full support in introducing effective Military Government. The Military Government was to be introduced West of the LAMOU and no provocations were to be posed, although sufficient AMG staff were to be kept available to move forward into this area if a decision for such a move was made.
5. On the subject of the supply of food to THIENTE and MUEALONG the Corps Commander's view was that the proper channel for Japalav approach was through BANGKAI to CAMPHANA. He did not wish any local arrangements to be made for the supply of food to the population West of the LAMOU. Contrary to their first statements the Japalava are now rather alarmed about food supplies in THIENTE, especially in regard to civilian supply and were calling for lorry drivers and craft owners to fetch food from the port of BANGKAI. Brigadier HARRIS thought that the Japalava were also running short of petrol.
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6. In ~~TRINITY~~ Jugoslav troops, under command of Major General ~~KVANDER~~, were in complete control of the administration of the city. Lt. Col. ~~CLARK~~ and Major ~~HARRISON~~ of the 57 Military Division were on the staff of the Jugoslav Commander.

7. Cooperation from the Jugoslav authorities varied and it was Brigadier ~~EVN~~'s (commanding 55 Area) opinion that this was in a great measure due to their fear to take any action without consulting their own higher command. Lately they had been much more helpful. Local negotiations on conditions under which we would use the port had broken down and matters were proceeding on a day to day basis.

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10. In the TRIESTE city area round the port, Allied and Yugoslav officers and headquarters are completely intermingled. Heavily armed Yugoslav patrols of from eight to ten stolid and tough looking soldiers were slowly about. There are, so far as I could see, no Allied patrols, but the Allied armed sentries outside our headquarters are very smartly turned out. A strong company of Yugoslav troops were drilling inside the dock area with Allied lorries coming and going around them.

11. The buses and most of the shops are closed; the people are going about quietly and there is no manifestation of enthusiasm of any sort. Many predictions have been posted up and there are wall slogans written in Italian. There are many Yugoslav national flags and flags in the Italian colours with a star in the place of the shield of Italy; these are also to be seen in MONTEALCONE. There were public manifestations in the area including, these were said to be issued by the Italian Communist party of TRIESTE. This party is very disillusioned having been prize co-operators with the Yugoslavs in securing control of the city from the Germans and now find themselves completely ignored. These manifestations laid great stress on the fraternity between the Italian and Yugoslav peoples and acclaimed an autonomous TRIESTE within the framework of a federated Yugoslavia.

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Brigadier Maurice Lush, CB, CBE,
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1. I am writing this letter early on Sunday morning and I shall try to get it down to you by the air courier today because I think that it might be of some help to you to know a bit about the position on the frontier. I want you to realise that it is the story of a very hurried trip and, for the most part, of a series of somewhat fleeting impressions. The journey of the last day and a half covered a good deal of territory and I did not have time for a very detailed exploration anywhere.

2. When I last wrote you, I explained that it seemed likely that Con Benson would find it difficult to look after both Austria and the southern part of the Venezia Giulia problem and that I might be asked to take a fairly close and detailed responsibility for the frontier as well as for Udine.

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5. You may find it useful to follow the rest of this letter on a map. If you have one handy. In fact I did get away at 1400 hrs and had a very good run along the coast road through Mestre - Route No. 14. There is nothing to report on the earlier part. The road has been a good one but is getting pretty badly knocked about and there are dangerous potholes. There was not very much military traffic. There were not many refugees coming west and there were a few going eastwards.

6. It was about Cervignana that I saw the first car with the Jugo Slav red star on it. It is, however, not easy in this part of the world to be sure whether the individuals are part of the Regular Jugo Slav army or are partisans of the Garibaldi brigade who have been working with the Jugo Slavs. There were a certain number of partisans about this part of the country but not to an unusual extent. It is worth remembering

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that Cervignano was the Austrian frontier village before 1914. The prewar last war frontier down here lay further west than the present frontier between Udine and Trieste provinces.

7. Between Cervignano and the Isonzo I saw one or two people who might have been regular Jugo Slav soldiers. The Isonzo bridge was guarded by the Gurkhas who appeared to be still moving in. (I did not check this latter point).

8. Shortly after crossing the Isonzo one commenced to meet many Jugo Slav troops and the town of Monfalcone was full of them. At the same time there were, superimposed upon the Jugo Slav occupation many Allied troops, and there was a constant stream of Allied military traffic up and down the road.

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13. On the subject of the supply of food to Trieste and Monfalcone his view was that the proper channel for Jugo Slav approach was through Belgrade to Caserta. He did not wish any local arrangements to be made for the supply of food to the population east of the Isonzo. He expected L.C.F.s to arrive in Trieste the following day; i.e. the 12th day.

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14. The following morning, yesterday Saturday 12th May, I had a further talk. We discussed the plan of Lt. Col. Scholtz coming to Corps HQ. to be their AMG officer, in view of the fact that Lt. Col. Donald Smith had gone forward to Austria. I then went forward into Trieste. The road is, except for one or two places where road blocks are being cleared away, in excellent condition.

15. The picture presented is certainly a queer one. Of all the possibilities for which we planned I think we did not contemplate that two armies with, at any rate different immediate aims, should be completely superimposed one on the other. Jugo Slav and Allied troops are completely intermingled. As far as traffic is concerned, I suppose that Allied vehicles outnumber the Jugo Slavs by about a hundred to one. Many of the Jugo Slav soldiers are in British battle dress with their own cap. They all go about fully armed, many with British weapons. They look tough and fit, many of them are very young. There are a number of girls and women with their forces, mostly in trousers and with long hair.

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20. Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson had been in Trieste the previous day, 11th May, and the plan was to go ahead with the development of the port but on a scale much reduced from the first ideas. The present discussions with the J/S were for the entry of 900 tons per day. This was far below the present capacity of the port which might handle ten times that amount. The port installations were not badly damaged and the electric cranes were working.

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21. On the previous day a young American officer had been in the city as an observer from G.S., A.P.H.Q. (I subsequently heard from Lt. Col. Scholtz that Major Klein of the Transportation Sub-Commission had also visited the port).

22. H.M.S. Orion and 3 Destroyers had arrived. (Orion was lying but the Destroyers had entered the harbour and were lying alongside the berths). L.C.T.s were, on the latest information, due in on the 13th.

23. Brigadier Eve thought that the J/S had done well in getting the city going. The city services were all working and the tramways were running.

24. When the J/3 first came in they looked up nearly all the influential Italians. They did not take many of them - if any - out of the city and many of them were now being released. There had been very little shooting. There had been a considerable amount of requisitioning and a good deal of looting. The J/S were very anxious to get into their hands the very large amount of German equipment that was lying about in the port.

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It must be said that the streets of Trieste give an impression very different from that of any other "liberated" city which I have seen lately. The banks are closed and very nearly all the shops. The people are going about quietly and there is no manifestation of enthusiasm of any sort. There are many proclamations up, and wall slogans in Slovene everywhere. There are many J/S national flags. I also saw flags in the Italian colours with a star in the place of the shield of Savoy. I had also noticed these in Monfalcone. There were also public manifestoes in the same colouring. I asked Armstrong about these. His report was that these were issued by the Italian Communist party of Trieste. This party was now in a very disillusioned state. They had been prime cooperators with the J/S in securing control of the city from the Germans and they now found themselves completely left out in the cold. They had been described as the "Trojan Horse" of Trieste. I read one of these manifestoes. It laid great stress on the fraternity between the Italian and Yugoslav peoples and proclaimed an autonomous Trieste within the framework of a federated Jugo Slavia.

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35. I saw the acting Town Major and acting Sindaco. The Eighth Army AMG Officer was taken away four days ago. I shall put an AMG Officer into the town as soon as possible. Moreover, as I shall explain later, I shall propose to make Grado the centre of the assembly of the Trieste Team.

36. From Grado I returned via Montfalcone to the junction of Route 14 and Route 55. From there to Gorizia. Troops of 56 Div, 91 Div and Jugo Slav troops were along the road. Gorizia similarly has a bn of 91 Div, a Coldstream bn of the 56 Div and Jugo Slav regular troops. Then Trieste, but most the shops were closed. I was struck by a poster in Slovene and Italian entitled "3 Finita La Guerra". The purport of this appeared to be to emphasise the solidarity of democratic ideals and the necessity for co-operation between Jugo Slav and Italian peoples.

38. A high level "Bailey" is being constructed across the Isonzo S.W. of Gorizia and I was allowed to cross it before it was quite finished. Between the bridge and Cormons there were few J/S troops. The situation at Cormons was calmer than had been reported. The AMG office was functioning and proclamations had been posted. Lt. Milich was the C.A.O.. He was out but Major Cariccio was there on a visit from Gradišio where he was C.A.O..

39. There were a few J/S soldiers or Partisans about but Italian flags were flying and there were Italian Partisans wearing Alpine hats.

40. I went on to Udine where I found Bright and Orpwood. The situation here was rapidly approaching normal. Many shops were open and plenty of lively bustle. There were many Partisans of the Osoppo and Garibaldi brigades, mostly unarmed. There were one or two people dressed in J/S uniforms but they were probably partisans.

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This would leave Bright free to develop the normal administration of the Province of Udine.

3. To establish a forward Regional report centre probably Cervignano with telephone connection with Padova.

46. To do all this we need more officers. The 20 U.S. Combat officers have not yet arrived and I gather that there may be delay in their arrival.

47. Will you please do all you can to help. I feel that adequate AMG strength along this disputed may be a real contribution to a peaceful settlement.

W. Orpwood
Regional Commissioner.

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16 May 1945.

Ref: 166/EO.

SUBJECT: Sitrep on VERUSIA GIULIA.

TO : O-5, AMHQ.

The following extract from a situation report from VERUSIA
Region on VERUSIA GIULIA, dated 10 May, is passed to you for information.

"In the Provincial and Municipal governments all Italian officials have been removed and were replaced by Yugoslavs, but there is no indication that these new officials have any conception of the job of government. The only policing done in the city is by armed partisans and Yugoslav soldiers. Curfew hours were first established from 1500 hours to 1000 hours but this has since been modified to 1800 hours until 0900 hours. No civilian is permitted to leave or re-enter the city unless in possession of a pass provided by the Yugoslav military authorities.

The food situation in the city is becoming critical due to the confiscation of supplies for the Yugoslav forces and the inability to import supplies for some weeks past. The question of additional transport seems to be a difficult problem as the Yugoslavs have confiscated all civilian cars."

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. L.
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Subject -- Progress report on Venezia Giulia

To -- Regional Comandante Venezia Region

From -- A.M.C. Venezia Giulia

Date 10 May 1945

The Venezia Giulia Regional head on headquarters arrived by order of the Commander General on Sunday 20 April 1945 at Udine, left that city on Monday 21st hours, 30 April 1945.

The orders were to proceed to Trieste as rapidly as possible, overtake if possible the 2nd New Zealand Division whose mission was the capture of Trieste from the German forces.

The convoy proceeded as rapidly as the congested traffic of the roads permitted. The crossing of the 10 river occupied 4 hours and the Piave River about 7 hours.

At 1700 hours on 2 May 1945 the convoy was halted at a distance approximately four miles out of Trieste city because of the fighting required to eliminate pockets of resistance outside of the city. At that point we were ordered by G.O. of 2nd Division to seek a billet for the night and not to proceed into Trieste at once because of the fighting still going on in the city.

The following morning 3 May 1945 the advance Hq. of 55 Area was visited and we were informed that the Tito-Slav forces had claimed the city and that all public buildings were occupied by them, that the situation between the two forces was very tense and that it would be impossible for A.M.C. to function until the situation had clarified. It was felt that conditions were so serious that they could only be solved on a high level, and that such a conference was being held on the following afternoon.

We were advised by Air Commander General A.M.C. 55th Army to stand by and await developments.

The conference lasted for three days after which a Tito-Slav representative flew to Belgrade to present the proposals made, to the head of their government. Up to the present time the representative has not returned and the conference has not been resumed.

We have no knowledge of the proposals made to the Tito-Slav government.

In the Provincial and Municipal governments all Italian officials have been removed and may be replaced by Tito-Slav officials.

There is no indication that these new officials have any conception of the job of government.

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The specialist officers attached to this Hq. have visited the city daily and noted as much information as is available. They have sent in separate reports on their activities to their respective division heads.

At present several of our officers are attached as civil affairs advisors to the Commander 55 Area. Our Public Works officer has been working with G.O. of 55 Area.

Today verbal orders were received from A.M.C. 55th Army via L.G. 13 Corps detaching the Public Health officer from this Hq. and assigning him as a G.A.C. in Grado, Trieste Province.

The town of Grado is being developed as a welfare and rest area for British troops. As Grado is in the Province of Trieste and as no Military Government has been allowed to be set up in the province, I am holding the officer in question until the situation is clarified.

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for supply and food officer was also ordered to report to Rome for an Austria assignment.

If conditions change suddenly and we are permitted to enter Trieste and function as A.M.G. we would be without the services of two specialist officers whose presence would be most necessary during the preliminary stages of military government.

The food situation in the city is becoming critical due to the confiscation of supplies for the Free-Italy Forces and the inability to import supplies for some weeks past.

This is in essence a criticism, but this area which was described to us as "the hottest spot in Italy", will become considerably hotter if upon entering the city we do not have officers capable of handling the situation immediately.

The Deputy Regional Commissioner has been ordered to answer the duties of the I.C. A.M.G. High Commissioner who has been ordered into Trieste. As the Corps has no known status the duties there will not be heavy enough to prevent an immediate return to this area.

Very cordial relations have been formed with the officers of 15th Army, 5th Area and 1st M.A. Division, which will make military government in this area very easy if we are to be permitted to function.

The question of additional transport for all government needs to be a difficult problem as the Free-Italy Forces have confiscated all civilian cars.

The 1st car assigned to the A.M.G. developed ignition trouble on the January 14, requiring pushing or towing to get started. It is now off the road with a burnt out generator. Efforts are being made to contact the U.S. High Div. Command in an effort to replace the generator.

It was reported to us that the vehicle had been on the road for 1500 miles with out maintenance work being done on it.

This is to say that most vehicles and parts go unattended.

Up to the present time a questionnaire, instructions, or personal call has been received from Regional HQ. We are sorry on the job but would appreciate the call. Provided by HQ. to 15 Corps could reach us.

Any new developments will be reported immediately.

J. J. Schultz
J. J. Schultz, Jr.

Deputy Regional Commissioner

Trieste, Italia



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From: HQ VENEZIA REGION
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Sitrep week ending 5 May following. Provincial teams came under command Armies. 1st May TRENTINO under 5 ARMY BELLUNO, UDINE, TREVISO under 8 ARMY; 5th May BOLZANO under 5 ARMY. 29th April advance VENEZIA GIULIA team under Lt Col SCHOLTZ came under command 8 ARMY. May 4th Main VENEZIA GIULIA team under Lt Col ORFWOOD moved from LUCERA and came under command 8th ARMY. As already reported combined HQ VENEZIA Region established PADOVA 5th May.

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Sitrep week ending 28 April.

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ADV HQ VENEZIA moved to Q. MOVEMENTS OF AMG 8 ARMY. Otherwise no change.

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Sitrep Region VENEZIE week ending 14 April.

Leading Allied Troops within 25 miles VENEZIE region. Adv HQ with 8 ARMY Main Main HQ CESENA. ROVIGO PADOVA and VENEZIA provincial teams under command ANG 8 ARMY. Plan for occupation first 4 provinces satisfactory except shortage British drivers and shortage transport officers.

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Sitrep Region VENEZIA week ending 7 April.

Advanced HQ VENEZIA established 5 April in vicinity AMG 8
ARMY Main. Main Hq VENEZIA MONDINO Rear HQ VENEZIA PESARO Group D
LUCERA. Provincial teams ROVIGO PADOVA VENEZIA all under command
AMG 8 ARMY.

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Action - Exec Comm (2)
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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H. H. H.

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Hitler YOUNG L. HARRIS book ending 31 March 1945. No change.

FILE

ACTION: Executive Committee 2

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Chief Commissioner

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ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY H. HARRIS, 31 March 1945. No change.

FILE

ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY H. HARRIS

Chief of Counsel

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ROUTINE
MAR 30 1945

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VENUELLA REGION
BA AC

IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VENUELLA REGION week ending 24 March 1945.

Personnel continuing to be concentrated ready for future action.

PLST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2

INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner

CA Sec
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Est Sec
F.H. D.
Agric S/C
File

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IN CLERK.

Sitrep VENEZUELA REGION week ending 24 March 1945.

Personnel continuing to be concentrated ready for future action.

DIST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

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Exec Sec

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P.R. O.

Agric S/c

File

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ROUTINE

MAR 23 1945

IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VENEZIA Region week ending 17 March 1945.

No change

DIST

ACTION EXEC COMMISSIONER
INFO A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
C A SEC
ECON SEC
EST SEC
AGRIC SEC
P.R.O.
FILE

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MAR 12 1945

FROM: VENEZUELA REGION
TO: HQ ALCON

D/5039
MAR 14 2000A
ROUTINE

MAR 15 1945

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Sitrep VENEZUELA REGION week ending 10 March 1945.

Preparation for future action continuing. Conferences in ROOME and NAHLES held.

Movement of personnel and stores northward commenced with concentration started

at PESARO, SABAUBIA and LUCENA.

DIST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

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Sitrep VENEZUELA REGION week ending 10 March 1945.

Preparation for future action continuing. Conferences in ROME and NAPLES held.

Movement of personnel and stores northward commenced with concentration started

at ITZARO, SARAGURA and LUCERA.

DIST

ACTION: Executive Commissioner

INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner

CA Sec

Exec Sec

Ext Sec

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 354

TO : HQ. A.C.

5 March 1945

FROM : Venezia Region

MAR 10 1945

SITREP VENEZIA REGION WEEK ENDING 3 MARCH 1945 STOP
NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THE SITUATION STOP PERSONNEL REMAIN ON THE
SAME DUTIES IN THE SAME PLACES STOP A LARGE NUMBER OF BRITISH
OTHER RANKS POSTED TO THE REGION BUT REMAINING IN PRESENT
LOCATION ON TEMPORARY DUTY.

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for Acting Regional Commissioner

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FEB 26/1945

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FROM: VIRGINIA REGION
TO: WASHINGTON OFFICE

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MAR 1 - 1945

SUBJECT:

Review VIRGINIA Region work ending 24 February 1945. Planning for future continuing. Grouping of personnel in anticipation of moving forward commenced in LEXTER and BATHUR with personnel still doing olive oil duties. Arrangements for the forming of another group at BATHUR in 1946.

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ACTION: NO COMMISSION (2)

INFO: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
ECN SEC
EXT SEC
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PA SEC
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FEB 19

FROM HQ VENEZIA REGION
TO HQ ALCON

D/2837
FEB 22/0930
IMMEDIATE
FEB 22 1945

• IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VENEZIA Region week ending 17 February 45. Planning for future progressing. Personnel remain scattered on temporary duty.

DIST

Action: EX COMMISSIONER (2)
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
ECON SEC
EST SEC
AGRIC
PR BR
FILE

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FEB 15

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FEB 190930
NOV 1945

From VENEZIA REGION

To HQ ALBON

FEB 1945

IN CLASH.

Strong VENEZIA Region week ending 10 February 45.

Provincial teams remain under command 8th Army also with Regions. Planning for future of region well in hand. Regional Commissioner in constant contact with Headquarters

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ACTION HQ COMMISSIONER (2)
INFO A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
C A SEC
ECON SEC
EST SEC
AGRIC SC
P R BR
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From: VENETIA REGION

To: HQ AIRC

FEB 8 1945

IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VENETIA Region for week ending 3 February 45. FIDRE, TRIESTE and VENEZIA provincial teams continue operating from BARI on olive oil control. PADOVA, ROVIGO and VENEZIA teams working under command S ARMY. Remainder of officers on temporary duty with other regions and Sq.

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Action - C O S (2)
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
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Agric Sec
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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

TO: 1 HQ A.C.

30 January 1945

FROM: Venezia Region

FEB 5 1945

SINCE VENEZIA REGION FOR PERIOD 17 DEC 44 TO 27 JAN 45 STOP
HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO BENDANO CMA FIVRE CMA TRISTE AND VENEZIA
PROVINCIAL TEAMS NOW OPERATING FROM BARI ON OLIVE OIL CONTROL STOP
PADOVA CMA ROYED AND VENEZIA TEAMS WORKING UNDER COMAND BENTIN
ONE STOP REMAINED ON OFFICERS ON ASSOCIATE DUTY THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY.

[Signature]
Acting Regional Commissioner

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ROUTINE

21 DEC 1944

DEC 18

FROM: VENEZIA REGION
TO: HQ ALCON

IN CLEAR.

Nitrop VENEZIA Region week ending December 15. No change.

Dist

Action - C O S (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Econ Sec
Ext Sec
File

PA 16
12/2

4011

IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VENEZUELA Region week ending December 16. No change.

Dist

Action - C o d (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Recn Sec
Ext Sec
File

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

TO : HQ. A.C.
FROM : Venezia Region.

11 December 1944
14 DEC 1944

SITREP VENEZIA REGION WEEK ENDING DEC. 9 STOP
NO CHANGE.

James H. [unclear]
Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

TO : HQ. A.C.

4 December 1944

FROM : Venezia Region.

7 DEC 1944

SITREP VENEZIA REGION WEEK ENDING DEC. 2 STOP

NO CHANGE.

Carroll H. Fenn
Acting Regional Commissioner

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NOV 3009304
ROUTINE

NOV 27/93

VANUATU REGION

MR. AC

IN CLEAR.

Sitrep VANUATU REGION week ending November 25. VANUATU team released from
Command 5th Army. Have now reported to LALIO-UMUVA REGION for work in
devastated areas.

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ACTION: C.O.S. 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
C.O.S. Sec
Room Sec
Nat Sec
File

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IN CLASH.

Sitrep VANUATU REGION week ending November 28. VANUATU team released from
Command 5th Army. Have now reported to LALIO-UMBUA REGION for work in
devastated areas.

LIST

ACTION: C.O.S. 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
C.A. Sec
Room Sec
Int Sec
File

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VENEZIA REGION

IN CLEAR

ROUTINE

NOV 230920A

23 NOV 1944

Sitrep VENEZIA Region week ending November 18. No change.

Dist

Action - C o S
Info - Chief Commissioner
OK Sec
Ext Sec
Econ Sec
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TO : HQ. A.C.

13 Nov. 44

FROM : Venezia Region.

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SITREP VENEZIA REGION WEEK ENDING NOV. 11 STOP

NO CHANGE.

W. H. L. L. L.
for Regional Commissioner

PA *[initials]* 14/11

HEADQUARTERS
13 NOV 1944

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VENEZUELA REGION

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ROUTINE

NOV

9 NOV 1961

Sitrep VENEZUELA REGION week ending Nov 4. Brig J. K. LUNLOP left
Nov 3 for temporary duty as Regional Commissioner Southern Region.
Col C. M. SEEVERS acting Regional Commissioner.

Dist

Action - C O S (2)

Info - A/CC

CA Sec

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VENEZIA REGION

NOV

IN CLEAR
ROUTINE

9 NOV 1964

Sitrep VENEZIA REGION week ending Nov 4. Brig J. K. DUNLOP left
Nov 3 for temporary duty as Regional Commissioner Southern Region.
Col C. M. GEVERS acting Regional Commissioner.

Dist

Action - C O S (2)
Info - A/CC
CA Sec
File

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AMG MAIN 8 ARMY FROM VENEZIA REGION

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Sitrep VENEZIA Region. VENEZIA Province team came under orders 8TH Army 26 Oct. FIERE and TRIESTE Provincial teams moved ASCOLI 17 Oct.

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Action - C o S (3)

Info - A/CC

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Econ Sec

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FROM AMG MAIN EIGHT ARMY FROM VENEZIA REGION 161030A
TO HQ ACC FOR PC AND NG SECTION
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SITREP VENEZIA REGION WEEK ENDING OCT 15(.)
NO CHANGE (.)
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MAIN AND 8TH ARMY AND VERONIA REGION

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PRIORITY 4 OCT Recd

SECRET. SITUATION REPORT VERONIA REGION. ADVANCED HQ MOVED CATTOLICA 19TH SEPT. MAIN HQ MOVED PESARO 27TH SEPT. VERONA TEAM MOVED FIRENZE UNDER ORDERS OF 5TH ARMY. PADOVA TEAM MOVED ANKARO UNDER ORDERS OF 6TH ARMY 29TH SEPT.

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OCT 1944
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ACTION: G. O. S. 2
INFO: CA SEC
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