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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS, VENEZIA REGION
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HQ AMG VENEZIA REGION ADV

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Your Special Order 267 of 25 Oct and confirmation of telegram
#104 of same date only just received afternoon of 27th, original
telegram not yet to hand. In view of our telegram of 15th am holding
4 officers of VENEZIA team here please telegraph your confirmation or
otherwise.



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OPERATION INSTRUCTION

26 October 1944

NUMBER 3

1. In view of advance of 6 Army, Venezia Provincial Team is placed under command AMG 8 Army forthwith.
2. Provincial Commissioner or Acting Provincial Commissioner will report at earliest opportunity to HQ AMG 8 Army at Rimini.
3. Major W.G.R. Gates, Legal Division, is proceeding afternoon 26 Oct. to AMG 8 Army to act as temporary Liaison Officer for Venezia Province and to secure all possible advance information.
4. Two 3 - Ton Lorries will report afternoon 26 October at Urbino to assist move forward of team.
5. Reports to Adv. HQ Region XII Cattolica.

John R. Gates
Regional Commissioner

Distribution

Lists "A", "B" & "C" (Venezia Province 5 copies)
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OPERATION INSTRUCTION

NUMBER 2

1. The following Directive is issued for the immediate guidance of Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions. The Regional Commissioner plans to hold a conference at Pesaro at 2100 hours, Saturday, 11 October, for such Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions as are able to attend at this time.

2. The present problem is to maintain a reasonable balance of endeavor so as to be ready for action and yet avoid staleness. It is clear that the recent bad weather has slowed down the Allied offensive, but any idea of settling in for the winter on the present line, or any tendency to find a similarity between this winter and last will be most dangerous. It will be clear that the present position is very different to that in November of last year when the Germans were able to stabilise the battle on the Lannero, Rapido and Carigliano.

The present German salient at Cassino obviously becomes a position of peril to the enemy if a period of fine, drying weather should allow the Allied armies to deploy their strength.

The Allied landings in the Greek Islands, the Tuscan advance into Hungary, and the whole development of the western front, combine to present factors absent in the winter 1942/44. A period of apparent stagnation may change within a week into a time of movement.

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3. One possibility which must be faced is that the Germans will fight rearward actions yard by yard back to the Adige line, and will then attempt to stand on that line. Such a policy would lead to much devastation in the provinces of Treviso, Verona, and southern parts of Padova and Venezia.

4. The outline present plan is therefore:

- (a) To maintain at a high state of readiness the Regional command for direction and internal administrative machinery. See Appendix A.
- (b) To bring up to full strength the Provincial teams already deployed under 13 arms (Treviso, Padova, and Verona).
- (c) To bring up to 50% strength commencing 21 Oct., the teams for Vicenza and Venice.
- (d) To maintain on a nucleus basis the teams for Trieste, Pavia, and Milan.

(c) To allow all other reinforcement, revivall officers, to remain for the time being in their present appointments in southern regions.

(f) To maintain on a 50% (or higher) basis, the Divisions for Legal, Public Safety, Public Health, Finance, Education, Food, Transportation, and Communication. Representatives of other Divisions to be temporary at the disposal of A.C.F.

3. The diagrammatic layout of the Region at the time of landing Allied troops were crossing the River to night therefor:

National Tactical HQ	Near Rain San Army
Advanced HQ and Main HQ	Area Ferli-Luna
Provincial Teams	Uviga, Vidora and Verona deployed under A.C.F. troops.
Provincial Teams	Vicenza and Verona formed and moved to area Ferrara to come under orders A.C.F. troops.
Provincial Teams	Tricento, Sesto, Pola, formed in area Cattolico-Biscione.

Remain Provincial Teams about to form in area Rimini-Ferli.

Encl.:-
Appendix "A"

Copy to:

Provincial Commissioners - Vicenza, Verona, Trieste and Bivio.

All Heads of Divisions.

John L. Smith
Regional Commission

Advanced 2, and Main 11. Ar. 1. Forli-Livorno

Provincial 2000

2-Vigo, Padova and Verona
deployed under 117's units.

Provincial 2000

Vicenza and Venezia formed and
moved to area Verona to come
under orders 117 units.

Provincial 2000

Trieste, Udine, Pavia, formed in
area Catholic-Biocchini.

Marina Provincial 2000 about to form in area
Rimini-Forli.

Encl. 1-
Appendix 2.

Copy to:

Provincial Commissioners - Vicenza, Venezia, Trieste,
and Pavia.

All Heads of Divisions.

With:

Provincial Commissioners, Rovigo, Treviso and Verona.

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100 3 Army

100 8 Army

APPENDIX "C" TO ORDER NO. 1, 1961

1. The following general principles will be observed in connection with the movement of Venezuelan R. from its present location in the area Puerto-Castellon to a position north of Apurimac.
2. Regional H. will move in three echelons:-
 - (a) Tactical H.
 - (b) Advanced H.
 - (c) Main H.
3. As a general rule, Provincial teams already deployed, whether under command and control of under command Region, will move separately under orders of Provincial Commissioners.
4. Tactical H. will be established on a camp basis. (Composition attached) It will always move with each move of Main H. 8th Army. It will be established within two or three miles of Army H. and will enable the Regional Commissioner to maintain close touch with Army, and through Army signal system with A.I., H. 200, and 9 Army.
5. Advanced H. will be established on a basis of buildings or tents. Its purpose will be to bring a limited number of officers close up to the problems of Venezuela, before the final move of Main H. The move forward of Advanced H. and the officers to be included therein, will be ordered by the Regional Commissioner in accordance with circumstances. In the absence of the Regional Commissioner, the senior officer present will command Advanced H. (Outline composition attached).
6. Main H. will move under the orders of the Executive Officer. The guiding present intention, is to make only one intermediate stage, to area Parli-Indio, before the final move into Venezuela.
7. The Headquarters Party for Main H. will be constituted forthwith. It will contain representatives of Secretariat,

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6. Main H. will move under the orders of the Executive Officer. The guiding present intention, is to make only one intermediate stage, to area Forli-Loria, before the final move into Venezia.

7. The Headquarters Party for Main H. will be constituted forthwith. It will contain representatives of Secretariat, Inspector, Officer's and H/O's Messes and Stores.

Encl.:-

Composition of Tactical
Adv. H's.

Regional Commissioner

COMPOSITION OF BATTALION AND CO.

PERSONNEL

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Brigadier J.T. Dunlop
1st Lt. R.N. Crookson
Pfc. Maxwell
Pvt. Ellis
Pvt. Smith
Soldiers Entertainers

VEHICLES

Jeep - 1
Caravan Trailer
Office Trailer
3 Ton Lorry

AMMUNITION

180 lbs. Batts. 2

AMMUNITION

PERSONNEL

OFFICERS

Colonel R.N. Pugh
Cm. Engineer Officer
Cm. Communication Officer
Cm. Supply Officer
Other officers as ordered by Section Commissioner

NR/CR

Pvt. S. Bellamy
Pvt. F. Ingalls
Pvt. L. Bellamy

Pvt. J. Bellamy
Pvt. T. Shoppard
Pvt. L. Sprake

Other NR/CR/IT/LL soldiers as ordered by the Regional Commissioner.

REMARKS

is required

SECRET

PERSONNEL

OFFICERS

Colonel R.F. Taylor Chief Communications Officer
 Col. Engineer Officer Chief Supply Officer
 Other officers as ordered by Action Commissioner

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Col. C. Spence
 Col. R. Ingalls
 Det. L. Campbell

Det. J. Robertson
 Det. T. Shepherd
 Det. L. Smith

Chief of Police/Police Officer is ordered by the Regional Commissioner.

REMARKS

as required

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