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NOTES BY HQ AC OFFICERS ON NORTHERN TOURS
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Ref: 806/101/EC

27 Aug 45.

SUBJECT: Notes - Executive Commissioner's Tour.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
 Deputy Ex. Commissioner,
 VP, CA Section
 VP, East Section
 VP, South Section.

PIEMONTE REGION.

1. I met Colonel Thomas who had just taken over from Col. Marshall and seems well in the picture. I impressed upon him and Col. Selby in LIGURIA the desirability of maintaining close personal contact with MILAN, particularly on the economic side. RC or his Deputy in both Regions will visit MILAN once a week to maintain this contact. I also impressed on Col. Thomas the necessity of clarifying representation of PIEMONTE on the Industrial Council in MILAN. This is not satisfactory at the moment.

2. I also met Brig. Graham, Commanding A.C.R.A., Allied troops on the French frontier and as far back as LIGURIA. He is most enthusiastic with regard to assistance to the G.C.R. and police agencies and is doing all in his power, not only to help them in operations but in general training. He is prepared to provide them with 3000 rifles at once, is training them in armored car and radio duties, and is generally most helpful.

LIGURIA REGION.

3. LIGURIA. PC is concerned about public order. In the towns it is improving but there is a very considerable amount of banditry and killing going on in the hills. This area has always been disorderly but with the help of A.C.R.A., the PC and PSC hope to do a considerable amount of cleaning up before the turnover.

4. The French representative, Lt. Col. Reimondette, is still in office in the VERBAZIA. This is contrary to the agreement made between General Hares and General Loven and he should be removed. With this exception there is little ostensible evidence of French infiltration and the PC was fairly satisfied with this point.

5. GENOA. Colonel Selby reported progress in public order in that several arrests of murderers have been made recently, particularly with regard to the killing of J. G.C. and the accused will go before the A.C. Courts this week. This is a very hopeful sign and there is evidence of greater confidence amongst the public which will be improved when these accused are brought to trial.

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6. Colonel Selby reported that the public works programme was a good deal behind chiefly owing to the fact that there had been no P.W. & U representative in LIGURIA. Lt. Col. Lee, however, has now arrived and is working on a public works programme as fast as possible. There is a tremendous amount to be done and it looks as if the P.W. & U liaison officer will have to remain in GENOA for some time.

(CAPT ARNOLD) *am*

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GENERAL.

7. Turnover to the Italian Government. Throughout my tour of the North I gained the impression that officers were convinced of the political desirability of turning over to the Italian Government at an early date, although administratively they felt that they would turn over a half finished job. I was extremely impressed by the determination on the part of all officers to hand over as tidy a job as possible. In every field of AMB work officers are getting hold of the loose ends and trying to tie them up so that the Italian Government will have a moderately clean start. It is only fair on their part that we should give them as early notice as possible from HQ and put them out of this state of uncertainty which, although it is not affecting their work, is definitely bad for the individual officers. We must do what we can to see that the futures of officers are assured as far as it is possible to do so here. This will need a great deal of sympathetic handling on the part of Establishment Section.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 806/99/EC

25 August 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : PRO

1. In the report that the Executive Commissioner wrote from Bolzano (23 August) there appears in paragraph 6 the following:

"Press Censorship: Col Macbratney raised the important point of press censorship. At the moment he is able, he says, to keep the peace between the papers by applying a fairly rigid censorship. After the turnover this will disappear and he fears that press polemics will create disorder. I told him that I thought we must leave this to the Italian Government but would consider it."

2. This is sent to you for information, and it would be appreciated if the Executive Commissioner could have your comments on this situation.

A/Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

(FURTHER ACTION ON 9268/EC)

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 806/98/EC

24 AUG 1945

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SUBJECT: Notes on Tour - MILAN.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Allied Commission Economic Section Representation, MILAN. Before visiting the AC building in MILAN I gathered from Colonels Polatti and Hancock that they felt grave concern at the attitude of the group with relation to the Industrial Council and the Industrial Committees. I was told that the Industrial Council had not yet been fully formed and that the recommendations of the Price Committee had received little or no attention and in any case had not been put into operation.

Lt.Col. Glendinning who has just replaced Lt.Col. Mackinlay confirmed much of this. He told me that the Industrial Council had not been shown the Chief Commissioner's letter on the setting up of the committee and that in fact it had not been fully constituted. It was, however, meeting this afternoon and he hoped that it would begin to function effectively. He himself was most anxious that both the council and the committees should be allowed full scope and that intervention from the Sub-Commissions in MILAN should be reduced to the minimum. I find, however, to my concern that Lt.Col. Glendinning has been sent merely as representative of the Industry Sub-Commission and with a mandate to coordinate matters. There is undoubtedly lack of coordination as has been expressed on all sides and this must be put right. Glendinning agrees that Colonel Polatti's letter R0387 of Aug 7th addressed to General Mackinlay will serve as a very adequate basis on which to work. It is a pity that it has not been applied before.

I afterwards saw Mr. Schaffer of the Price Control Office. He told me that the price committees' recommendations for releasing control of prices on certain materials would be before the council this afternoon. He was trying to work out a system by which the price committee's decisions could be made effective in the Regions. I told him that the proper way to do this was for the price committee to set up the order in a form which I understand they had already arranged to do and for a representative of the AC to endorse this order in the name of the CAO and to send the order to the R's. I directly after endorsement the price committee could then send their orders to the people concerned. There has undoubtedly been delay in this matter which has discounted the value of the committee and the council.

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officers, only one of whom was British. We cannot possibly maintain such a large staff on the directorate and it should be reduced to size with Anglo-American parity. I should like to know exactly what are the functions of Colonel Falcke(A), Captain Barber, and Major Young.

2. Visit to No.2 District. I met General Reave, Commanding No.2 District and General Heydeman, his successor, this afternoon and read to them the Chief Commissioner's telegram on the turnover to the Italian Govt and also explained the recommendations which had been made regarding the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government.

I found that the Allied troops available in Northern Italy would consist of 10 Indian Division in the FLORENCE-LIVORNO area for three months, 6 Armoured Division in PADOVA-VERONA area, and five or six of 2nd Army artillery regiments in the MILAN and LEGNANO area, MILAN and GENOA. 6 Armoured Division is AFHQ reserve and not immediately available to No.2 District.

Both the Generals expressed concern regarding the handover of the Italian Army particularly with regard to the guarding of German loot throughout the area. They asked what the policy regarding this loot was to be and who was to guard it. They expressed some concern also regarding the eventual responsibility for maintenance of law and order which might fall upon Allied Commanders but we all agreed that the assumption of this responsibility should only be taken in the very last resort.

The Generals agreed with the proposals for the Liaison Groups and seemed particularly gratified that Public Safety Officers were to be included. But they both felt that the turnover to the Italian Govt. from the military point of view was premature. General Heydeman particularly expressed the view that there was an undercurrent of discord and that strong propaganda was being put out against the ACAR.

General Heydeman wishes to move No.2 District into MILAN as soon as possible and will require the building now occupied by AC which contains the only signal equipment suitable for it. I understand that Colonel Pike has already been approached on this subject and does not feel very strongly and I have therefore told Major Conliffe to look out for a new building.

MSL/JG.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Descriptive Commissioning

DISTRIBUTION: Chief Commissioner.
Deputy Executive Commissioner
VF, Economic Section
VF, Civil Affairs Section
VF, Establishment Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8068/EC

23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Notes on Executive Commissioner's
Tour - VENETIAN REGION.

24 AUG 1945

TO : Distribution below.

I attended the Provincial Commissioners' meeting at SAN VITO on August 20th. The meeting was concerned chiefly with preparing the Region for a tidy turnover to the Italian Government with the assurance of continuity in policy after the turnover. The following points arose:

1. Turnover. Regional Commissioner explained the plan for the turnover to the Italian Government. As was to be expected great concern was expressed at the future of both British and American officers. We must see to it that this very reasonable concern is treated most sympathetically at HQ and I propose to institute a committee under my own chairmanship to deal with matters of principle and individual cases connected with this.

Civil Affairs.

2. Political. The Region reported that there was undoubtedly more stability and more confidence among the public, CC.RR and particularly the Prefects who had recently attended a meeting with the Regional Commissioner and were far happier than five or six weeks ago. The Christian Democrats were obviously out to increase their publicity campaign and were not content to leave this entirely to the Communists. The Action Party seemed to be swinging to the right, while the Communists were trying to impress their respectability on to the public.
3. CC.RR. The usual problems arose over the CC.RR who are short of trucks, clothing and equipment. I was assured that there is no clothing or equipment hoarded in depots and it really seems as if the supply from HQ has broken down, for MMIA in ROME have made it quite clear to me that if indenting is done in the proper way, clothing is available. I told the meeting of the new attitude taken by AMHQ and MMIA with regard to CC.RR priorities. It is clear that a priority on POL must be established.
4. Questura Agents. RC pointed out the problem of replacing the Questura Agents for vacancies that occur. Under Italian regulations Prefects cannot replace these nor even budget for them until they have been screened and appointed by the Ministry of Interior. It is essential that these vacancies should be filled, if possible before the turnover. A similar problem has arisen for financial provision for auxiliary police numbering some hundreds appointed by AMG and for whom no budgeting provision is made by the Italian Government. Public Safety Sub-Commission should take this up.

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5. Political Prisoners. The Region is releasing a great many political prisoners, some Provinces at the rate of 10-12 a day. We should do our utmost to make the MODENA concentration camp available as soon as possible.
6. Elections. Excellent progress is being made even in towns such as VERONA where the electoral records have all been burned. BOLZANO is a separate question but there should be no anxiety on this score.
7. Expiration. In order to ensure continuity after the turnover Dr. ROTTI from the Italian Government proposes to visit the Region. His visit should be hastened. Special provisions are being made for BOLZANO.

Economic Section.

8. MILAN Economic Committees. Provincial Commissioners are still not happy with regard to the over-ruling authority of the MILAN Economic Committees. Although I was assured that the regional representation was sufficient there is obviously not yet enough liaison between the Committees and the Regions to get over the natural parochial instinct of the Prefects and Provincial Commissioners. This is a matter which the MILAN Committees should study. The Region, however, accepts the fact that the MILAN Committees have power to release materials within the Provinces and the Regional Commissioner took the line that the Provincial Commissioner ceased to have responsibility for the economic problems dealt with by these Committees and that this was a matter now for the local Chambers of Commerce in the Provinces. The point, however, was made that the MILAN Committees must offer consumer goods to agricultural producing centres if they are to expect the latter to export their local produce.
9. Block in Materials. Another important point made was that the block on materials established in the BOLZANO area acts as a brake on all economic progress.
10. Amassi. The amassi is going well but at TREVISO has lost 20,000 tons of corn (L.80,000,000) owing to damage by storm which ravaged the whole of NE Venetian Region.
11. Compensation for Damage in Villages. The problem of financial compensation in cases where villages were totally destroyed by the Germans in retaliation for patriot activities was discussed. This is different from the bomb damage scheme and needs sympathetic handling.
12. Timber. AFHQ apparently wishes to control all sales of wood. The result is complete chaos and Provincial Commissioners are unable to carry out AFHQ instruction. This seems to be centralisation at its worst. There are also complaints that the price of wood taken by FBS (L.1800) is far too low. FBS, however, are adamant in spite of the fact that 13 Corps agreed to take the same type of wood at an all-over price of L.6000. Clearly there is lack of coordination here which AFHQ might well see to through the Local Resources Board.
13. Exports. I was asked to take up with the Chief Financial Adviser the question of provision of funds for the financing of exports of local resources to AUSTRIA and GERMANY. A considerable export trade is now being handled, particularly in fruit, and unless a financial scheme can be made available the present procedure of pure barter will continue. Colonel HOWELL asked that this should be taken up as a matter of urgency.

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14. Salt. The release of salt has been slow and the Region is inclined to place the blame on Economic Section. It seems that transportation is not the difficulty but some delay at HQ. In a corn-eating Region salt is very necessary to prevent scabies.
15. Silk. A strong recommendation was made that the local filature industries should be allowed to process the cocoons before export. This would give a fillip to local industry, reduce freight, and they were quite willing to release the fillatured silk for export or other purposes afterwards.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Distribution: Chief Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
RC, Venetia Region
Establishment Section
Civil Affairs Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8043 EC

23 Aug 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on Executive Commissioner's
Tour - POLIGNO.

24 AUG 1945

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TO : Distribution below.

1. Elections. I spoke to Lt. Col. McRatney on the question of electoral lists and he seemed quite satisfied with the decision made in Rome. It was, however, anxious that whatever order should be made regarding the setting up of an Italian Commission should be in the form of an Italian decree and not, as the Prefect had suggested, a Regional or AG order.
2. Alien Registration Order. Regional Order No. 17 has just been posted and Col. McRatney hopes to trace a number of Germans by this system. He assumes that non-resident Germans, i.e., those who have entered Italy since the war and particularly since the armistice, will be regarded as displaced persons and transferred to Germany. I told him that I agreed with his assumption and would confirm after consultation in Rome. He went to get quite clear in our minds as to what to do with those Germans who are non-residents. In this connection the closing up of No. 25 Displaced Persons Camp may have to be delayed. Col. McRatney suggested that it may be necessary to arrange for AG officers to carry on with the registration of those Germans if it was not finished by the turnover. He personally thought it would take two months.
3. Poligno Division. Col. McRatney disagreed entirely with 5 Army and if Italian troops are necessary, would rather have my division than the Poligno. At the same time he would rather dispense with Italian troops altogether and use CO. RM. I told him that PARRI had raised the same question and that AG had suggested finding CO. RM from SICILY and SARDEGNA.
4. Prefect. I spoke to the AG about the Prefect, DE AMERLIO. Col. McRatney said that the man wanted to relinquish his job as soon as possible but he thought it would be politic if the Italian Government retained him for at least 2 months after the turnover. DE AMERLIO he thought was applying for some ambassadorial appointment. Obviously the choice of the new Prefect will have to be made very carefully and if some form of regional autonomy is to be given, it might include the freedom to elect a Prefect.
5. Turnover. Col. McRatney, who is anxious to go to the United States some time after the end of September, strongly urged that the AG AG for SICILY should have at least a fortnight with him (Col. McRatney) before then. I agree.

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P. M.
(AG 04-10)

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6. Press Censorship. Col. McWhorter raised the important point of press censorship. At the moment he is able, he says, to keep the peace between the papers by applying a fairly rigid censorship. After the turnover this will disappear and he fears that press papers will create disorder. I told him that I thought we must leave this to the Italian Government but would consider it.
7. Transport for D.P.R. Major GROSS appeared to have a good organization running but he is most anxious that alternative transport should be provided in the event of the Brenner line breaking down. He mentioned the existence of 200-300 German trucks now lying idle. I should like to know from D.P.R. what alternative means of transport is being considered.

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N. S. M. C.
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION: Chief Commissioner.
 Deputy Executive Commissioner
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Tel: 735

24 August 1945.

Ref: 806/91/EC.

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : HQ Comdt.

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The following extract from Notes on Executive Commissioner's Tour dated 20 August 1945 is forwarded for your information:

"Communications. There are indications that MATS will close down in BOLOGNA and it is essential that the AC Italian Courier Service should maintain its service there so long as the weather permits. When the weather becomes dangerous we should consider a link in FLORENCE."

MP

✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 735

24 August 1945.

Ref: 806/90/EC.

SUBJECT: Liaison Group - BOLOGNA.

TO : Establishment Section.

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The following extract from Notes on Executive Commissioner's Tour dated 20 August 1945 is forwarded for your information:

"The question of Lt. Col. RUCK does not appear to have been settled and a decision should be made as to whether an economic representative is to remain at BOLOGNA or join the economic group at MILAN, and if so, when."

MP

✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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20th Aug 1945

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SUBJECT: Notes on Executive Commissioner's Tour.

TO : Distribution below.

FLORENCE.

1. Displaced Persons. I spent an hour or two with Lt.Col. YEO in charge of Displaced Persons in FLORENCE and inspected the FLORENCE Refugee Centre. The latter is under Italian direction but 2 UNRRA representatives (British) have, as they put it, insinuated themselves into the camp and are doing extremely good work in bringing the Italian staff up to scratch. The camp on the whole is well run and at the moment is dealing mostly with Sicilians and Calabrians wanting to get South. There is no doubt that this and other camps are being made use of by Italians who wish to travel from one end of Italy to the other for their own and often illegitimate purposes. One or two cases of this abuse of camps have been found and dealt with.

The camp is badly in need of ^{Italian} staff and at the present moment cannot get sufficient funds from the prefect to pay for ordinary services. I promised I would take this up with the High Commissioner in ROME. The Prefect in FLORENCE is a Sicilian and has only recently evinced any interest in the camp; typical of the attitude of most Italians towards the refugee problem.

Lt.Col. YEO told me that he worked in contact with UNRRA who have an office in FLORENCE. I did not visit them. Apart from their representation in the refugee centre, Col. YEO tells me that they deal with distribution of supplementary food and also are keenly interested in the Jewish refugees. The head of UNRRA in FLORENCE and his deputy are both Jews. I understand that plans are being made to form an agricultural school for Jewish youths somewhere in the neighbourhood.

2. Florence Command Civil Affairs Office. At the Regional Commissioners' meeting I learned that there was a representative of AMG in FLORENCE. I found him in the Palazzo Vecchio

(CAPT. ARNOLD)

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a Major WALKER (A) lately with 5 Army AMG and sent by them to join Florence City Command (Colonel ALSTON (B)) for civil affairs work. He signs himself "Civil Affairs Officer, Florence City Command" and tells me that he deals with the various civil affairs problems on a liaison level. He has contact also with the Allied Commission for whom he acts as a post office and is administered by Florence City Command.

For the sake of uniformity we ought to make him AC LO but I think for the moment we will leave him as he is until the future of 5 Army HQ is known (for they may move to FLORENCE).

3. GENERAL. There is no doubt that general conditions in FLORENCE have improved considerably. The shops are far more active; there seems to be plentiful food, and prices are dropping. Whether this is due to the reduction of troops or the result of the harvest is hard to say.

BOLOGNA

4. Liaison Group. I discussed with Colonel Thomas and Lt:Col. Walters the set up and duties of the latter's liaison group. He seemed perfectly satisfied and has an understanding of his duties and the necessity of mobility and personal contact. He has moved from the Prefettura into an office nearby and I have told him that he is the prototype of what will happen in the North and therefore we want information from him not only on the general situation but on the problems that arise in the first month after the handover. He agrees with me that one of the problems will be to explain to the military formations the difference between AMG and the Italian Govt.

(b) The question of Lt.Col. RUCK does not appear to have been settled and a decision should be made as to whether an economic representative is to remain at BOLOGNA or join the economic group at MILAN, and if so, when.

5. Displaced Persons. I inspected the tented transit camp with Major STUART and Major LLOYD the commandant. It has all the disadvantages of a tented camp and one or two improvements could be made in the water system. But on the whole it seems to function well. Here again there was evidence of abuse of these camps by itinerant Italians. They all spoke highly of the work of the Italian Red Cross and reservedly of the Italian army guards. As soon as the wet weather begins this camp must unquestionably be closed down because it will become a morass. I understand

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that DP & R have this in mind. Plans should be made well ahead so that we shall not be caught by the vagaries of the weather.

6. I.G.C.R. ^{Jews} IGCER representative visited a Jewish resettlement centre for juveniles at MODENA. DP & R knew about this but were not concerned in its administration. It appears to be financed and organized not by the JDC but by the transport companies of the Jewish Brigade one of whose members told the IGCER representative definitely that they had organized it and given up their own pay to set it on its feet. The juveniles numbering 170 are all very content but are undoubtedly being led up the garden path of Zionism and there is every evidence to support the letter already sent to AFHQ that there is a definite programme on foot, probably instituted by the Jewish Brigade, to prepare every Jew that comes into this country for return to Palestine, Hebrew being taught, promises of certificates are being made, and the bourn of all is Palestine. IGCER representative was told that the Jews estimate that there are only 80,000 Jewish families left in Europe and that Palestine could and should house the lot. There is also evidence to show that the Jewish Brigade knowing that it is leaving this theatre is dumping on to every static refugee centre that it can the Jews whom it has brought into this country and cannot dispose of in time.
7. Communications. There are indications that MATS will close down in BOLOGNA and it is essential that the AC Italian Courier Service should maintain its service there so long as the weather permits. When the weather becomes dangerous we should consider a link in FLORENCE/

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Distribution: Chief Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. ES/3.20

26 July 1945
JUL 27 1945

SUBJECT : Notes on Visit to Trieste by Executive Commissioner

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 605/EC, 23 July 1945, Subject : Notes on Visit to Trieste by Executive Commissioner.

2. Reference Paragraph 6 - Personnel, there is attached a memorandum of 26 July 1945 from Lt. Col. Moore to the undersigned which states the disposition which Economic Section proposes to make of personnel now assigned to Emilia Region.

3. The matter of the assignment of Lt. Col. Toscani has already been the matter of discussion. A suitable economic officer for Venezia-Giulia is being sought urgently in lieu of Lt. Col. Toscani.

4. Reference Paragraph 12, if practical supply considerations had not already decided the impracticability of increasing the ration in Venezia-Giulia, the Chief Commissioner's decision that he wanted Venezia-Giulia to retain the same pattern as the rest of the North of Italy would eliminate consideration of this proposal.

5. Reference Paragraph 13, investigation reveals that direct action between your office and Food Sub-Commission has already solved this difficulty.

E. B. McKinley
E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

Enclosure - 1

Moore's Memo of 26 July

Copy to: Personnel & Lt Venezia Giulia 7024/EC
Food Venezia Giulia 4826/EC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

LSM/sc

26 July 1945

Phone: 445

Ref: 2.00/ES

SUBJECT: Transfer of Officers

TO : Brig. Gen. E. B. McKinley
Acting V. P. Economic Section

1. Reference list of officers now on duty in Emilia Region whose transfer to Venezia-Guilia is proposed.

Agriculture Sub-Commission

Capt. Clem C. Ault

The transfer is not contemplated due to previous plans to bring this officer to this headquarters for TD.

1st Lt. Lester H. Weil

Transfer to Lombardia planned as a replacement for Capt. Beddington who is departing.

Industry Sub-Commission

Major H. B. Bradbury is being transferred to Venezia-Guilia.
Capt. S. Laidlaw (B) is on duty there now.

Finance Sub-Commission

It is planned to transfer the following officers to Venezia-Guilia:

Maj. A. C. Newell (to Venezia - recent change by Finance S/C)
Capt. V. J. Iisi
1st Lt. D. W. Hawkins
Lt. Col. L. V. McCardle is being declared surplus.
1st Lt. M. C. Ravarino is being transferred to Piemonte Region.
It is planned to transfer Maj. George H. Hewitt to this headquarters.

Food Sub-Commission

1st Lt. E. D. Kahn is being considered for transfer to Venezia-Guilia.
It is not contemplated to transfer 1st Lt. C. W. Fender, now on duty in Lombardia Region.
Plans are under consideration to transfer Capt. E. M. White to this headquarters.

Labor Sub-Commission

Capt. Murray L. Schnee is more urgently needed in Milano than in Venezia-Guilia.

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Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

Capt. H. Best (B) has departed this theatre for U.K.

It is planned to transfer 2d Lt. Peter Natale to Lombardia Region.

Major R. F. Weeber has expressed a desire to go to Austria.

Leslie S. Moore

LESLIE S. MOORE
Lt. Col. AGD
Personnel Planning Officer

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 805/EC.23 July 1945.SUBJECT: Notes on visit to TRIESTE by
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Distribution below.

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police force (a British officer) should be directly responsible to the Commander, 13 Corps and that the Police Superintendents in the areas would be responsible to the Head of the police force. I pointed out the administrative impracticability of this ruling to BGS, 13 Corps and the SC&O, who both agreed that the Area Commissioners and the SC&O must have full operational authority over the police force in the areas. There would be no objection to the head of the police force being in charge of the administration and organization. This matter will want careful watching by the SC&O and Public Safety Sub-Commission with whom I should like to discuss the matter.

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8. Economic and Industrial Committees. The participation of VENEZIA GIULLA in the discussions of the Economic and Industrial Committees of Northern Italy was discussed and rejected. It was, however, decided that close touch should be kept by means of Allied officers with these Committees and the minutes or records of the meetings should be sent to VENEZIA GIULLA.
9. Bishop of GORIZIA. The Bishop of GORIZIA, an Italian, is said to be antagonistic to the Slovenes and it was suggested that he might be replaced by someone with broader imagination.
10. Deportees. It was mentioned that 138 Italians previously reported by the Yugoslavs have been returned and that two American Red Cross members who have been working in Italy have been transferred to YUGOSLAVIA for work there.
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12. Ration. I discussed privately with the SCAG the possibility of raising the ration in VENEZIA GIULLA from 200 to 300 grams, while maintaining the supplementary workers' ration. This would bring them 100 grams above the rest of Italy and much above the food that is being distributed, or not distributed East of the Morgan Line. We both think that it is proper policy to do all that is possible to make the administration in VENEZIA GIULLA a success and so making a sharp comparison between East and West of the Morgan Line, even to the extent of giving them more food than the rest of Italy. Again a policy matter in which the Corps Commander will make his recommendations.
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46. Transport. Together with personnel from MILAN Region the WD vehicles should be assigned from this Region to VENEZIA GIULIA. There is the usual criticism that the majority of vehicles assigned from other Regions arrive at the new Region unserviceable. This must be avoided.

Other points for Establishment Section are covered in separate memoranda.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 806/80.

18 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes - Visit to PIEMONTE REGION.

TO : Distribution below.

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5. There is a grave shortage of POL. Piemonte are refusing licenses for POL burning vehicles so long as there are charcoal and methane gas vehicles in the Region. In view of the current shortage of POL this should be followed in other Regions.

6. Piemonte industry is anxious to exchange Italian steel for Swiss coke. This seems sound.

7. I discussed coordination between Regions and especially the adoption of orders from other Regions, particularly Lombardy, to Piemonte. I confirmed the instructions that Lombardy Regional Order No. 4 should be published in Piemonte and suggested that Orders 2, 5 and 6 could be adapted. This should be followed by an instruction if CA Sec and Gen Sec agree.

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9. I stressed on the Deputy Regional Commissioner the necessity for visiting Provincial HQs in the East. Such visits should be easier now that the French difficulties have been overcome. I also stressed the importance of the Regional Commissioner and his Deputy visiting and keeping in close touch with Lombardia Region HQ. It must be accepted that Milan, to a great extent, is the centre of NW Italy and close coordination between Regions is necessary.
10. Both Lt. Col. MONTAGNA and Major STEWART, Public Health, are over 55 and most anxious to be released. Major Stewart should meet MONTAGNA certainly so and can be spared, and both should go if a relief can be found for Lt. Col. MONTAGNA.

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11. I discussed the question of Major Ballard, late MIA, with Colonel Selby and am satisfied that it would be wise to send him to Pleunite, in fact he should be interviewed for final acceptance to AC.

12. I have told Colonel Selby that Acting Provincial Commissioners now in Pleunite will be confirmed as Provincial Commissioners and that their names will be put forward for promotion.

13. Colonel Selby wants to recommend Captain Hink-Cuth for promotion and asked whether officers remaining on after their release group would be entitled to promotion. I said that they would be in the same position as anyone else and I hoped promotions would be made to fill vacancies.

14. A report is at hand that the CGHR in the Val d'Arenza are without firearms.

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c/o HQ ASI, Lombardia Region.

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16th June 1945.

TO : Brigadier General Reinley,
A/Vice President,
Economic Section,
HQ Allied Commission.

I have had a preliminary conversation with Coloneli Paletti and Hancock and their Supply and Industry Officers. The points at issue appear to be the following:

1. They understand that the order lifting the economic barrier applies to movement of personnel but not to movement of material or goods. They have applications to move such things as motor cars, tyres, machinery and luxury goods, and at the present moment understand that nothing is to move unless asked for by the Allied Commission. I will go into the telegrams here: clearly the matter needs urgent clarification.
2. As regards regional movement, nothing has been blocked under the AC manual on materials but the blocking by the GLN which took place before our arrival has been unofficially recognised by the Regional Commissioner.
3. There is entire agreement that price control should be lifted. Exceptions pointed out to me are carbon b/-sulphide, tyres and basic foods.
4. They urgently need raw cotton and have asked whether 15000 bales already shipped and destined for SICILY and the South could be diverted North. They state that there is sufficient cotton in SICILY although it is in the hands of speculators. There is none here and factories therefore are at a stand still. They ask what is the position on the import of Egyptian cotton.
5. A very good point has been made in my opinion that steps should be taken to insist on the export of fancy goods, textiles, rayon, stockings, etc., to Allied countries which are in short supply, e.g., U.K., and that the standard of availability 4739 should

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certainly not be above that in Allied countries. This export would off-set coal imports; export prices would be cleared through ICE.

6. queries are being raised regarding traffic with Switzerland I heard yesterday that the Swiss wish to import 2000 tons a day through SAVONA. It seems to me that there should clearly be a reciprocal export from Switzerland.
7. The increase in railway employees wages bringing them into line with Decree 188 of 6 Nov 1944 and Decree 328 of 18 Nov 44, has been covered in two of the newspapers here and has produced a strike amongst state employees in the postal and telegraph service. Graffey-Smith told me yesterday that he would arrange for an all-over increase in the North for all state employees. They have no news of it here.

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M. S. Lusk
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT : Tour Notes by Executive Commissioner

TO : Executive Commissioner

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Coal Section are investigating the question of Lignite supplies for the synthetic rubber and sugar beet factories in Ferrara. As soon as it is known that supply of lignite is firm, Transportation Sub-Commission will endeavour to arrange movement through 15 Army Group and 8 Army, who control all movement to, from and within the Trieste Area.

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Hemp Div., Industry S/C

E.B. McINERNEY
Brigadier General U.S.A.
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8th June 1945.

I am writing to thank you for your hospitality in Turin both on Sunday and on Tuesday and Wednesday. I was most interested to hear from you the valuable report on the work in your Region which, if I may say so, seems to be progressing very satisfactorily. It was most useful to me to be able to attend the meeting of your frontier Provincial Commissioners and to hear their views and, incidentally, to listen to the very practicable directions given to them by you. You have a difficult problem in these Provinces but it seems that it is being handled admirably.

I have suggested to you that involved as you are with almost hourly problems on the French situation, you should delegate the duty of supervision of your eastern Provinces to your deputy. They would all welcome a visit from either him or you and there are many pressing problems which ^{and} not necessarily come up at a Provincial Commissioners' meeting but could be settled on the spot during an inspection visit. I am sure too that you would find good value from Colonel Selby if you gave him this work in addition, of course, to his interior administrative functions.

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The Chief Commissioner is very concerned, naturally, on the proper preservation of public order and also about the continued occupation of the factories by the GLN committees. He would like that matter cleared up at the earliest moment and wishes an order similar to that issued in Lombardie Region to be issued in your own Region in order to crystallise the position of the GLN's.

Thank you again for your hospitality both unofficial and official, and good luck to you in the future.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel Robert P. Marshall,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
PIEMONTE REGION.

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A line to thank you for your great hospitality shown to us all on Wednesday and Thursday. You could not have given us a better welcome or put a better finishing touch to a most interesting tour. We had a great journey down and finally reached Rome just before 3 am. We have come to the conclusion that you have some of the most beautiful country in Italy between Genoa and La Spezia but you know that better than I.

I need not tell you that I gave a very good report to the Chief Commissioner on your Region. It seems to me to be running admirably and I hope the addition of two Provinces will not add to your labours unduly.

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The Chief Commissioner is very concerned about the continued usurpation of the factories and industries by the CLN committees to the exclusion of the managements and wishes the issue in your Region of an order identical to that issued in Lombardia Region stating that the powers of the CLN are now purely advisory. A telegram is going out to 5th Army to this effect.

Again thank you for your kindness.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier M. Carr, CBE, MC,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
LIGURIA REGION.

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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 806/EC.

8 June 1945.

I am writing to thank you for your hospitality during my all too brief stay in Milan. I am afraid I used your Mess as a hotel but we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and I hope very much that you will allow me to be a frequent visitor at short notice.

I need not tell you how impressed I was with the administration in your Region. You and Arthur Hancock must know how well it is running and I only hope that we at Headquarters can and will give you all the help that you will need.

The idea of the Regional Commissioners Meeting in Rome has been warmly welcomed by the Vice Presidents and others here and it only remains for me to obtain the Chief Commissioner's approval, fix up the agenda and the date of the meeting. I am sure that your suggestion of translating the focus on northern affairs to the seat of the government in Rome is abundantly wise and other Regional Commissioners entirely agree with you.

I hope that Generals Truscott and Crittenger will have agreed to the draft directive sent by the Chief Commissioner with Norman Fiske on his position in the North and I would add en passant that the Admiral agrees that he should be located either in the Montecatini building if you can afford him accommodation there, or with IV Corps who I understand are very happy to have him, and not in the Municipio building where I believe you understand he has reserved accommodation. I hope all goes well and that you will find him useful to you in interpreting the policy of the Commission to the Military Commanders.

*Extracted to
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The Chief Commissioner and the US Ambassador are still very concerned about the problem of public security and of the CLN factory committees in the North. He entirely approves your order of 1st June and is giving instructions that it should be copied in other Regions. This is a matter in which he would be glad, not only of continual pressure but of a personal report from you. Perhaps you would be good enough to send it to me at your earliest convenience.

Again thank you very much for your hospitality and kindness to us all.

Colonel Charles Poletti,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
LOMBARDIA REGION.

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PERSONAL.

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Ref: 806/EO.

8th June 1945.

I was very sorry to learn during my brief visit to Milan that you were ill in hospital and also that I had no time to visit you there. I hope very much that by this time you have quite recovered.

I had a good talk with General Crittenberger who showed great understanding of our problems. Colonels Leake and Nance were also present and I think our discussion was most useful.

I am most happy about the results of the meeting between General Crittenberger, Admiral Stone and the Regional Commissioners, in fact my tour of the North has given me a most interesting and hopeful view of problems present and future, and a warm appreciation of the good work put in by AMG, IV Corps as a foundation of what is now being done.

M. S. LUSH

~~Asst.~~ Colonel Hamilton Walker,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
IV Corps, US Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 1/21 B/CA.

5 June 45

SUBJECT: Notes on Tour - AMG 5 Army.

6 JUN 1945

TO: ~~AMG 5 Army.~~

Reference Executive Commissioner's letter 806/EC dated 2 Jun 45.

- 1 I am very sorry to hear of the illness of Lt. Col. Bye and hope that he will have a very quick and complete recovery. With the departure of a number of the senior Public Safety Officers in the very near future, I am not able to give you a replacement. I do not think that this is a matter which need cause you any worry as now that the Regions have been set up and are operating under 5 Army control they should be able to manage their own Public Safety machinery.
- 2 Major Black, of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission should have reported to you by now and you have no doubt received Col. Findlay's letter. I think this appointment will fulfil your needs in this direction.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Brig..
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 806/EC

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on Tour - AMG 5th Army.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Public Safety. Maj. Colonel RYE, Chief Public Safety Officer, will probably have to go to hospital for long treatment for some affection of his back. Colonel Sutherland asks for a replacement. In my opinion a replacement should not be necessary in view of the fact that the Regions should control their own public security machinery. Civil Affairs Section to decide.

2. Displaced Persons. Col. Sutherland asks for an authoritative number of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to be attached to 5th Army. It is questionable whether he should be at MILAN or 5th Army but it is obvious that a coordinating officer is necessary with the power to take decisions *somewhere*.

3. General Order No. 41. Colonel Sutherland raised the question of General Order No. 41 which was issued with an explanatory note that it was to be applied in accordance with instructions issued or about to be issued. Colonel Sutherland has received no instructions and is at a loss how to apply the order.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 806/EC

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes of Tour - LOMBARDIA REGION.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Personnel

(a) Lieut. Colonel FRANKS, RSGO, applies for early release. Regional Commissioner recommends and states he can be relieved by Major Fowler. He should be allowed to go.

(b) Lieut. Colonel GIBBS wishes to be released by 1st Sept. to attend Municipal Elections. He should be allowed to go.

(c) Major DUNCAN also applies but cannot be allowed to go unless he can be replaced.

(d) Colonel HANCOCK tells me that there are several heads of divisions who deserve promotion by virtue of their position. I have told him to put in an overall recommendation.

(e) LOMBARDIA Region has only 50-60 British ORs and require another 25-30. I have given no hope but should like to help them.

2. Industry and Labour. Colonel HANCOCK in discussing the industry and labour situation suggested that it should be possible to arrange for industries to work on commission for such organisations as the Federation of British Industries, some US equivalent, Allied Governments, and UNRRA. The latter, for instance, instead of importing finished goods could import raw materials and have them manufactured here. This should be followed up.

3. Consiglieri di Gestione. The Regional Commissioner has had no reply to his letter of 19 May* concerning "Consiglieri di Gestione". The North was considerably perturbed the other day by the appearance in the press of an order emanating from Spocimarro setting up such "consiglieri". The RC rightly referred this to HQ and a reply is urgently needed.

*Ref. No. ROO46

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
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Originator's Reference: FOII/334
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 291000B

Message Centre No: E/2935
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 301040B
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ VENICE REGION
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION INFO IV CORPS

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Executive Commissioner and CFA located PADUA 29th May. 8th Army 30th May.
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Ref: 343

30 May 1945

Ref: 206/HC.

SUBJECT: Tour Notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The following tour notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate action:

1. German Disbanded Army. Discussed with Colonels PRASSKY and NORMAN, total numbers 174,000 in about 15 camps. Great care has been taken with local population and less than 1,000 will be evicted.
2. Brigadier Dawney, in command of 21st Tank Brigade, is the operating officer and has the matter entirely in hand.
3. There appears to be no necessity for a proclamation on fraternisation but use will be made of the notices issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of Emilia Region.
4. Medical Supplies. There is a shortage of disinfectants and also chlorine compound for water treatment. Chlorine has been supplied but in penny packets and as an example at ROMA alone the consumption is estimated at 1 1/2 quintals per week. There are disadvantages to the chlorine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some technical reason it is not such a simple process as the use of compound.

Reference para 10 of Executive Commissioner's Notes on Tour of Emilia Region dated 28 May 1945, Major Morden's notes therein referred to are repeated below.

1. Public Safety. 400 CC.RR reinforcements are scheduled for the Region, 200 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to BOLOGNA City it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those handed in by the patriots but out of 3 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were retrieved, the majority being German rifles and other rather heavy weapons. I understood that all CC.RR reinforcements sent North were to have been properly equipped in all respects.
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E. Talbot

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 343

30 May 1945.

Ref: 006/EC.

SUBJECT: Your Notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Economic Section.

The following four notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate action:

1. Lignite from TRIESTE. At FERRARA is a synthetic rubber factory which is in working order and has all the raw materials necessary for production except coal. It is designed to use lignite fuel, large supplies of which are understood to be at TRIESTE and which is normally carried by barges and taken up by river and canal to FERRARA. There is also at FERRARA a sugar beet factory designed to use lignite. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible for the transport of lignite from TRIESTE to get these two important factories working. The use of tugs will be required for the barges.
2. Hemp. There is said to be in the region 15,000 tons of hemp, a large amount of which has already been located but there is no transport to move it to warehouses, to NAPLES and to MILAN. Bids have been made to Transportation Sub-Commission but so far with no result.
3. Cattle Manure. To save their cattle, farmers for miles around BOLOGNA drove their cattle into the city where thousands have been retained for the last six months. There are very large quantities of cattle manure which is now a menace to health on account of flies. It is estimated that there is no less than 10,000 cubic yards awaiting removal. Transport is the problem but none is available for the purpose. If transport could be made available mechanical loading equipment would also accelerate removal.

E. Talbot

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Committee

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2. Wamp. There is said to be in the Region 15,000 tons of hemp, a large amount of which has already been located but there is no transport to move it to warehouses, to NAPLES and to MILAN. Ideas have been made to Transportation Sub-Commission but so far with no result.

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To Executive Commissioner

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(Notes by Maj. Munson)

Points from Visit to ESTLIA REGION - 27 MAY 45.

I. ECONOMIC & SUPPLY.

1. Methane Fuel. Methane gas is produced from natural sources at 8 lire per cubic litre. Its selling price has been fixed by PERSEC, ANM at 154 lire per cubic litre. It will be seen, therefore, that there is scarcely any difference in the price and therefore no inducement to transport operators to convert their vehicles to use the methane fuel. If its use could be popularised it would result in a great saving of POL. Methane is already piped from the source of supply to BOLOGNA and FLORENCE. ANM should be approached to fix a more advantageous price.
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3. Public Health.
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Shirley Ray

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27th May 1945

EMILIA REGION - BOLOGNA.

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4. Brigadier Dawley is anxious that the disbanded army should grow their own vegetables, etc and Lt. Col. KENNEDY from Toscana Region has been sent to EMILIA Region. Arrival should be expedited in every way.
5. There is difficulty in providing transport for the Genio Militare who are helping Claims and Hirings. We must take the line that all transport in connection with the German disbanded army should be provided by AFHQ through No. 1 District. This should be taken up with AFHQ direct.
6. I am writing a letter to General Heydeman to clear up any misunderstandings owing to telegrams of protest, etc.
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- ~~has gone on this subject.~~
9. Canadian Officer, Capt. SEGUIN, should be removed from the Region. ~~Telegram also on this subject.~~
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10. Major ELAIR, Regional Transport Officer from TOSCANA, has been applied for to deal with railway affairs in connection with the BOLOGNA railhead which will open on June 1st.

11. Release. 11 British officers are entitled to go under Group 1: 5 have asked to stay: 4 have asked to go for special reasons. I have instructed Colonel HARTLEY to give the Regional Commissioner's recommendations on each case.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

28 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes of Tour - EMILIA REGION.

TO : Distribution below.

1. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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2. The R.F.S.O.'s chief problem at the moment is the quality of the CC.RR. They have not yet got confidence in themselves and are unwilling to stand up to physical violence.

3. One of the main reasons for this is the inadequate state of their equipment. They are badly clothed and badly shod. Some of them cannot go on duty for lack of shoes. The RPSO was particularly disappointed to find that the CC.RR brought up from the South came totally unequipped.

4. If we can repair this, and we must repair it, then the RPSO has confidence that he can get the CC.RR really to do their job.

5. He suggested that it might be wise to introduce into this Region some of the Sicilian CC.RR who are used to dealing with physical violence.

6. The RPSO is not yet fully satisfied with Colonel COTSA, the Regional Commander, but is satisfied with his Italian junior officers. He would very much like to raise the confidence of the CC.RR by having a Regional inspection on the lines of Field Marshal Alexander's inspection in Rome.

7. The BOLOGNA Questora is of doubtful quality but the RPSO is not yet prepared to condemn him at present. RPSO is quite satisfied with the metropolitan police and the CC.RR who are adequate in quality and quantity.

8. RPSO told me the interesting fact that where there are Poles very few red sarves appear among the partigiani.

9. The immediate help which HQ can give this Region is to equip their CC.RR adequately with clothing, shoes, and arms.

10. See also notes by Major MORDEN.

11. AGRICULTURE.

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11. AGRICULTURE.

Major Hough is doing an excellent job of work and his Regional Commissioner strongly recommends him for promotion. He obviously has a firm grasp of his problem. He tells me that land tenure is one of the chief problems here. There is considerable political pressure emanating from BOLOGNA and other cities to carry out a reform of the "mezzadria" whereby the "contadini" would receive 70% instead of the present 50%. Absentee landlordism is a pressing problem. Major Hough recommends heavy taxation on absentee land and is surprised that Gulli has not yet introduced this. He does not think that the pressure on agricultural reform comes from the "contadini" themselves but is being worked up in political circles in the city.

12. In this vast agricultural Region the question of land tenure is bound to come to the fore. It will be interesting to know the views of the Agricultural Sub-Commission and the Italian Ministry on this problem throughout Italy. It may vitally affect Italian local production for as is the case in POLOMIA Province, some of the landlords are afraid to go out to their estates.

13. Major Hough is not dissatisfied with the ~~present~~ state of the grain harvest and does not think that we shall lose the 40% predicted locally. There will be a drop in rice production owing to irrigation difficulties.

14. 6000 horses have been brought into the Region and more are to come. They have been loaned to communes. Their arrival brought down the price of local produce by nearly 50%. A quantity of them were rightly slaughtered and have been used for meat. There is a cattle surplus and Major Hough is trying to arrange distribution both of horses and cattle to other Regions. He is most anxious that the Ministry should give directions as to the movement of livestock throughout Italy and clearly the Agricultural Sub-Com should encourage this.

15. Major Hough has persuaded the Ministry to advance the sum of 6 million lire for the purchase of motor transport for agriculture inspectors.

16. Major Hough is disturbed at the high price of grain ^{fixed in South}. He would prefer a differential in the North and would like to see the price of grain fixed at 700 to 750 lire.

MSL/JC.

MSL. Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Letter No.1

HQ. VENEZIE REGION.

Sunday 20 May 45

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Dear Maurice,

1. This letter is a brief resume of my doings and record of my impressions of EMILIA REGION. Attached are Appendices (those on Patriots, Local Government and Mine Clearance, prepared by Dick Cripps) shewing action which I desire to be taken as soon as possible by my C.S.O. Will you please pass the second copy of my letter and Appendices to him for action as indicated.

2. Dick and I arrived BOLOGNA by air just after 1100. The Italian airplane was fast and very comfortable and I am sure the courier service will fulfill "a long felt want" with much success.

Behrens and Doherty went straight on by air to Milan, being joined at Bologna by Hannaford.

3. Fortunately I found Bowman holding a conference of all his PCs and staff; this is for the time being going to be a weekly function at Bologna on Saturday mornings; you may care to make a note of it. Unfortunately they had finished their discussions on the CA side and were discussing economic matters, (I have picked up one or two matters to check with the Econ. Sec.), but I saw all PCs from 1100 - 1700 hrs. and then after dinner last night and this morning met all the Regional HQ. Specialist Officers, Public Health, Law, Patriots, Refugees, Education, Monuments and Fine Arts, Public Safety.

4. Bowman runs a very good and happy team and he secures results by team work rather than the individual brilliance of any officer. I have increasing confidence in him every time I visit him.

5. POLITICAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (See also Appx. "E"). All PCs reported somewhat similar experiences with the Provincial CLN, namely that they are all reasonably honest, well-meaning and serious bodies who have the restoration of their country at heart. At the same time every PC has had a "brush" with his CLN over the giving of direct orders both to the Prefect and to other bodies. Some of them had offended a number of times but they were now realising what AMG meant and that they were advisory only.

I formed the clear view that all PCs were on the whole happy with their CLNs and the latter were reasonably cooperative but the marriage, so to speak, was one which PCs would not like to continue for too long. Of course, there were isolated instances of bad faith, e.g. when the FERRARA CLN ~~secretly~~ ^{secretly} organised a strike of students because they did not like our appointment as Provvedetore. The strike was instantly put down and the CLN lost face.

On the whole I regard the situation as satisfactory. You will observe from the Appx. that although the CLN candidates have always been appointed, there is a fair representation of all parties. With regard to Questore, PCs have rightly been less affected by political considerations and in several cases are demanding career men from Rome to replace non-career CLN appointees.

/Bowman takes the view.....

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Bowman takes the view that in a surplus producing Region he can afford to put politics before economics (I agree with him) and he is doing a good job.

Nearly everyone volunteered the information that the provincial administration was much better in EMILIA than in the South and purely from that point of view the Region could be handed over to the Italian Government at a much earlier date than you and I have been discussing.

6. PATRIOTS (See also Appx. "C") This has gone very much better than I had anticipated. Patriot Centres are closing down rapidly and except at PIACENZA where the situation is not so good, all camps should be closed well before 10 June (when the ration comes to an end unless we get a further extension).

Disarmament Parades have all been completed, except in RAVENNA, and large quantities of arms handed in. (In RAVENNA the disarmament of the Bulow Division is taking place today).

The Italian Military Patriot Representatives are doing a good and careful job. There is a lot of documentation to be done in connection with patriots and it will be necessary for Patriot Office/s to remain open for some time after the Centres are closed and in connection with such offices they may continue to run Patriot Clubs, I see no harm in this.

A large number of patriots have undoubtedly found employment but figures are almost impossible to obtain. The Education Officer is also arranging courses at the four universities in the Region for about 10,000 young patriots.

Broadly speaking, patriots have ceased to be any problem in the Regions; see, however, under heading Public Safety.

7. LAW AND EPURATION. There has been practically no need to hold any AMG Courts; there have only been a dozen or so in BOLOGNA. You can't, for instance, prosecute for curfew offences in what is the most brilliantly lit city; Dick and I have not seen such lighting since 1939. It is almost like daylight at midnight!

There are sufficient Italian personnel to man the Italian Courts in spite of considerable Epuration.

Col. Levit has made a good job of setting up People's Courts. All presiding judges and prosecutors have been appointed and it only remains for CLN to select their nominees. The Procuratore Generale is working very hard on this.

G.O. 35 has only been posted in PARMA and FERRARA, as PCs have found some difficulty in persuading CLNs to nominate Commissions. In truth everyone screams for epuration but no one likes doing it.

I urged PCs to get on with this work.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH. There are no Public Health problems except the need for Chlorine for various areas short of water who are compelled, faute de mieux, to drink a solution of dead horse from the Po and the need for DDT to overcome the fly nuisance in RAVENNA itself, caused by the accumulation of large quantities of valuable compost in BOLOGNA itself.

9. EDUCATION. In BOLOGNA itself, of the 65 Elementary Schools, 41 are damaged and 23 are occupied by refugees, but apart from this there are no problems.

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BOLOGNA University will open this week and those at MODENA, PARMA and FERRARA within a short time.

Nearly all the BOLOGNA buildings are available and the University Authorities are planning courses for 13,000 students (including partisans) as against 3,000 during the German Occupation.

10. MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS. Col. de Wald reported that they have found nearly all the remaining Tuscan art treasures in BOLZANO. There are no particular problems in EMILIA.

11. REFUGEES. There is a lull at the moment and in marked contrast to Dick's last visit, we saw no refugees on the PADOVA-BOLOGNA road. At the moment we have:

1,500 in MODENA
3,000 in BOLOGNA
7,000 in FORLI

The last is the only bad spot but transport is available and FORLI can be emptied within a week if there is no further rush.

The CREMONA Division have cooperated 100% in giving us the soldiers we desire but 8 Army, for some unaccountable reason, have not yet given the necessary clearance.

Col. Oldfield wants to set up 4 big camps at MODENA, BOLOGNA, REGGIO and RICCIONE with a total capacity of 28,000 to deal with the next rush and I think this is an excellent idea.

12. MINE CLEARANCE (See Appx. "D")

13. PUBLIC SAFETY. I keep the pill to the last. This is undoubtedly the big problem. There have been a number of disappearances and murders in all provinces but they have died down a good deal in the last week. The general view is that they are caused : a) by partisan communists who have clandestinely remained together; b) by bands of the bad criminals released by the Germans before their withdrawal, and c) by those wishing to pay off old scores.

The problem is one of law enforcement and NOT for action by the Patriots Branch and can only be solved by energetic police methods and an increase in the police. They are beginning to tackle it and only last night raided a secret arms dump. 1513 OCRR have been found and when they have been screened and incorporated into the force the position should greatly improve. This is the biggest problem facing the Region but I think they will be able to deal with it.

The prisons are very full as so many were thrown into jail by CLNs, and others are serving sentences imposed by illegal CLN Courts before our arrival. I have told them to try and let this simmer for a few weeks until tempers have subsided.

14. GENERAL. The position is much better than I anticipated in the Region and I cannot hope to meet with the same situation in other Regions. Bowman also tells me that they are now proposing to put German surrendered troops in cages.

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I had a very long interview with the Prefect of BOLOGNA who begged for an interim slight increase in wage rates to meet the cost of living.

15. VENEZIA. I lunched at ROVIGO on my way to PADOVA. The PC was away but I saw a number of officers.

Puxeddu (Liberal) has been appointed Prefect. He is the CLN appointee.

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There are no MG Courts being held and they are literally no problems except full prisons - they all said so.

I am going to advise Dunlop, if he complains of shortage of personnel, to strip this province down to one CAO and one PSO in 14 days.

16. Do not expect another report from me on these lines as I cannot expect to have the luck again of meeting all PCs, nor shall I have the time.

I am seeing Dunlop tonight (he has not yet returned from 5 Army) and go on to 5 Army tomorrow afternoon after seeing various HQ. officers here in the morning.

Everyone in EMILIA, and those I have already seen here, complain of the Mortmain of 5 Army.

Yours sincerely,

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.

Brigadier M. S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC.,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
ROME.

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Appendix "A" to Report of

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

SERIAL	PROVINCE	Prefect	Party	Apptd.	INFORMATION V.P.s	Attitude of CLN.	Remarks and	AO
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	BOLOGNA	BORGHESE Giaguide Dott.	SOCIALIST	YES	V.P.V. apptd. V.P.I. Required	Cooperative on an advisory basis. PC does NOT give a daily interview to them.	Get nominated V.P.I. good co P.C.	
2.	FERRARA	HIRSCH Renato	IND. SOC.	YES	V.P.V. Required V.P.I. Apptd.	After a little difficulty are now cooperative.	Press Italian for whom a req URGENT. See n	
3.	MODENA	TACOLI	NON POLIT. (C.D.?)	YES	Both V.Ps apptd. Non career men.	CLN cooperative.	V.P. are both making fair he require (at a man if the pre make out satis	
4.	PARMA	FERRARI	COMMUNIST	NOT YET COMPLETED	V.Ps apptd. on temporary basis	Somewhat difficult at first, but after interview with R.C. & P.C. thoroughly understand their posi- tion and are cooperative.	See notes	
5.	PIACENZA	NINDIA Vittorio	C.D.	YES	V.Ps both apptd. non-career men.	CLN difficult to handle at first, now under control.	P.C. has a o Prefectural C V.P.I. as soc	
6.	REGGIO EMILIA	PELLEZZI Vittorio	ACTION	YES	V.Ps both apptd.	CLN cooperative. They have come under some criticism by Pats, 2 of whose number have now been apptd. to the Committee. There is now no further trouble.	Both VPs are VP VICARIO i who was rem	
7.	ROVIGO	PUXEDDU Luigi Dott.	LIBERAL	YES	Both apptd.	CLN cooperative	Very few pol Patriots to in each comm all groups o No parade or	

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Appendix "A" to Report of V.P.C.A.S. 20 May 45.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

City	Party	Apptd.	INFORMATION	Attitude of CLN.	ACTION
			V.P.s		Remarks and Action Required by L.G.S.C.
	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
SE do	SOCIALIST	YES	V.P.V. apptd. V.P.I. Required	Cooperative on an advisory basis. PC does NOT give a daily interview to them.	Get nominated and send forward at once a V.P.I. good career official. Report to P.C.
I to	IND. SOC.	YES	V.P.V. Required V.P.I. Apptd.	After a little difficulty are now cooperative.	Press Italian Govt. to get forward V.P.I. for whom a request has already been made. URGENT. See notes para. 2.
I	NON POLIT. (C.D.?)	YES	Both V.P.s apptd. Non career men.	CLN cooperative.	V.P. are both non-career men and are making fair headway. This P.C. may require (at a later date) one career man if the present incumbents do not make out satisfactorily.
I	COMMUNIST	NOT YET CONFIRMED	V.P.s apptd. on temporary basis	Somewhat difficult at first, but after interview with P.C. & P.C. thoroughly understand their position and are cooperative.	See notes para. 2
rio	C.D.	YES	V.P.s both apptd. non-career men.	CLN difficult to handle at first, now under control.	P.C. has a completely non-career team in Prefectural Office. He requires a career V.P.I. as soon as possible. ACTION LGSC.
ZI orio	ACTION	YES	V.P.s both apptd.	CLN cooperative. They have come under some criticism by Pats, 2 of whose number have now been apptd. to the Committee. There is now no further trouble.	Both VPs are very satisfactory. VP VICARIO is an old career official who was removed by Fascist Govt.
VI	LIBERAL	YES	Both apptd.	CLN cooperative	Very few police in this Province. Patriots to the number of 10 being used in each commune. Arms being held of all groups of Pats. in armouries. No parade or disarmament yet held

APPENDIX "A"ACTION BY1 LAW & ENFORCEMENT

(a) Col. Levit wants to know what provision is being made for payment of prosecutors in the Peoples Courts. They are naturally reluctant to appear without fee.

Legal Sub-Commission

(b) Delegates under DML 159 for World and Revenue not yet appointed. This is most urgent.

Lt. Col. White.

2 PUBLIC SAFETY

(a) 500 CC.RR. arrived at Cesena last night (Sat.) from Bari. No one had had any notice of this move. What is their intended destination?

Public Safety S/C

(b) 1,513 CC.RR. have been found locally and Maj. Bond wants to take them in as soon as possible. A few have, in fact, already been taken in.

Public Safety S/C.

His present position is:

Brought in - 1,720
Recovered - 1,513

3,233

He understands a further 400 are due from Florence. When will they arrive?

(c) Fire Brigades and Municipal Guards are all in excellent condition.

(d) Maj. Bond would like some mobile Patriots. What is his allotment under the Public Safety scheme?

Public Safety S/C

(e) He requires a further 10,000 motor circulating permits as soon as possible.

Public Safety S/C

(f) Questore are required for the following provinces:

- (1) Bologna Province,
- (2) Ferrara Province,

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- (3) Did Warar leave for Piacenza on 17 May as promised?

- (4) Before taking Pizzuto for Reggio, Maj. Bond would like further particulars of past history signalled to him.

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(5) Several deserters from Cremona Division are awaiting trial by Court Martial in a civil prison. Can they be moved?

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- (b) Delegates under DLM 150 for Perli and Ravenna Lt. Col. White.
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3 EDUCATION

- Is Tilroe still only attached, or will he remain permanently? EducationS/C

4 PUBLIC HEALTH

ACTION BY:

- (a) Regions urgently require 500 lbs DDT to spray compost heaps in Bologna City. Even if transport available it would take too long to move.

Suggest Mr. Xhine send up a spray team from Macerese or at any rate the equipment.

Public Health
S/C

- (b) Water chlorination Chlorine is urgently required for chlorination of the water supplies of Ferrara and Forli. This is very urgent. Brig. Parkinson tells me there is plenty in Rome.

Public Health
S/C

5 DISPLACED PERSONS

- (a) Please arrange for copies of sitreps on refugees from 5 and 8 Armies to be sent to Emilia Region (Col. Oldfield).

Dis. Persons.

- (b) In view of strict limitations on number to be carried, train guards should be provided. Fixed bayonets have already been used at Forli.

Dis. Persons
& Public Safety.

6 ECONOMIC SECTION

- (a) ARHQ are insisting on reduction of armed forces wage rate from 115 lire to 85 in Bologna. This is well below 3 Apr 45 rate.

CSO to see
VP Economic
Section.

- (b) G.O. 40 is about to be posted in Emilia and Venezia Regions. I understood from the Deputy Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission that this was contrary to their latest policy.

- (c) CINA are still giving instructions to growers in Emilia Region re hemp, which are contrary to AC/AUC orders.

ditto.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- 1 Attached proforma gives the information gained and action required by Local Government Sub-Commission as far as the provinces of Emilia are concerned and of one province of Venezia, this being the area visited during May 19th-20th. Additional information or further explanation is given below.
- 2 Renato HIRSCH has been appointed by R.C. as Prefetti Regenti VERONA. He is a non-career man and the VPI that he has requested must be got off from Rome forthwith.
- 3 At PARMA the CLN nominee FERRARI was not impressive at first and the P.C. and R.C. considered that the Government nominee would be better. MICHELE, however, arrived and indicated that he did not want the appointment, (he had been strongly recommended personally by the P.M.), on the grounds that as he had not come forward with the spearhead troops it was too late to take up the work. He did not wish to push another man out. P.C. and P.C. have received further indications from the CLN that FERRARI is the man for the job, and the PC is much inclined to the view that he is better than he at first thought and after a short period of further probation he will probably be appointed.

APPENDIX "C"

to Report of VP CAS.

PATRIOTS EMILIA

- 1) In Emilia Region as a whole the disarming of patriots has gone well, parades have been held in all provinces. In general all have handed in one arm; this probably leaves about 25% yet to be discovered and collected.
- 2) The attached proforma indicates the position at 12 May 45 excluding FORLI and RAVENNA which are treated separately below. PIACENZA has a considerable number still bearing arms and difficult to disperse. Regional Office has not yet received much information as yet. The Regional Patriot Officer is to visit at an early date and take steps to allimate the situation, he has however a parade of a special detachment to attend at Ravenna on Sunday when the remainder of the BULOW UNIT (operational) will "stand down".
- 3) Clothing is required in some areas, V Army will be contacted on this during this tour.
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Up to date it does not appear that additional IMFIS are required, unless specifically requested i.e. those that have just reported to BOLOGNA. There is however plenty of work for IMFIS to do and while PATS CENTRES for holding residents should be closed as early as possible, there should be no undue hurry to close the offices after disbandment as there is a considerable amount of documentation to be done.
- 9) Feeding As far as it is necessary is being carried out satisfactory, but it may not be possible to discontinue completely w.e.f. 10 June, 45, in view of the cases still in hospital. In other respects practically all centres will be closed by that date for living purposes, in this region. It is estimated that they will be still some 600 pats requiring rations after June 10.
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The first parade is to be held on Sunday May 27, when some certificates will be presented.

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SITUATION IN EMILIA REGION AS AT 12 MAY 1945

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PROVINCE	Pat. Prov. L.D.A.	Arm Surrendered	Pat. at Centre	Pat. at Hosp.	Pat.enlisted in to Army	Patriots re-employed	Pat.returned home	Pat.not y disperse
BOLOGNA	4,000	2,188	567	14	-	-	346	155
MODENA	9,000	10,000	142	-	-	-	-	69
REGGIO	5,000	3,899	-	74	-	8	5,050	1,000
PARMA	8,000	4,850	520	150	-	-	7,000	500
PIACENZA	5,000	5,338	-	-	-	-	-	-
FERRARA	90	315	-	-	-	60	-	-
FORLI'	1,500	Liberated in October 44						
RAVENNA	1,700 (-1,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "D"

(TO VP, CA's Report
of 20 May 45.)

MINE CLEARANCE.

BOLOGNA.

- 1 Lt. McKee arrived BOLOGNA 19 May 45. He reports that 462 and 563 Italian Companies are on the way to RAVENNA area. 50 men only will report to PESARO. 50 will report to CESANO. He has all matters in hand with regard to these companies and will assist Zone 5 to collect any necessary equipment for instructors.
- 2 He reports the presence of 200 fleil tanks at ANCONA; this matter requires investigation on return of Director to AC Hq.
- 3 Lt. Niuitta, commanding Zone 5, BOLOGNA, reports that 90 civilians started training on 10 May and will start work on 6 June 45. He will eventually be able to train up to 300 a month, provided he gets two good instructors; he particularly requires Lts. RAMPI and GAROLO.
- 4 At present there is no immediate requirement of AC over policy other than that connected with the BASIC WAGE RATES which are at present under discussion. Those set out in recent MINE CLEARANCE directives are too low and will not attract workers, in fact, the total day's pay, including danger money should be in the region of 170 lire.

ACTION BY MAJOR REAITS.

- (a) Ensure that any correspondence arriving in Local Government Sub-Commission for Ministry of War (Mine Clearance) is vetted and forwarded. (I agree this as NIUTTA has no means of correspondence.)
- (b) Ask Ministry of War for Lts. RAMPI and GAROLO, now at CAPUA, to proceed forthwith to BOLOGNA and report to NIUTTA.
- (c) Prevent further Italian Mine Clearance Officers going forward to Regions without uniform and proper equipment.
- (d) Request Ministry of War to provide and send to BOLOGNA some safety fuse of which the school is very short.

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Letter No. 4.

HQ, LOMBARDIA Region.

24 May 45.

Dear Desmond,

For M.S.L. please.

A brief report to complete my MILAN impressions:

1. A long conference with Col. WALKER this morning. His main problems are:-
 - (a) The French question. This is bad as IV Corps learnt yesterday that the French have appointed a Military Governor in VAL D'AOSTA. Crittenberger is NOT going to stand for this. WALKER has borrowed 116 Officers from Combat Troops and has a C.A.O. in all the Communes along the border.
 - (b) Disarmament of Patriots - Crittenberger is going to use military force to disarm patriots if they carry them after 7 Jun 45; I hope it will work this way. They have got behind hand and I believe this is now the only way out.
 - (c) IV Corps want to bring in Phase II as soon as possible, subject only to settling the French and Partisan problems. They suggested 7 Jun 45 as the date but if so, how can they carry out (b) above?
 - (d) IV Corps and POLETTI get on quite well; the trouble lies between IV Corps and 5 Army.
2. I then saw LONGHIE (with A. HANCOCK) who has some rather peculiar proposals for carrying on the Fascist Ministry of Finance and other Ministries in the North. I gave nothing away and will discuss fully on my return.
3. Then a long Police Conference with DOWNTY (who bears this), BYE and the R.P.S.Os.; we discussed a large number of problems of technical interest and the only matter of general interest were my proposals for incorporating partisans into the permanent police forces. All R.P.S.Os. are going to get on with this.

A question also arose about internment camps for reception of Fascists.

4. Off to TURIN - ROME on Sunday.

(Sgd) G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.

Lt. Col. BONHAM-CARTER.

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Letter No. 3

Headquarters Lombardia Region

23 May 1945

Dear Desmond,

1. I am sending this by the hand of Colonel Behrens; please type and send to Brigadier Lush.

2. I left PADOVA on Monday afternoon en route for 5 Army HQ, called in at VICENZA and found everyone out but found that engaging rascal Blackwood running VERONA rather well. I was shown the famous bedroom in which Dante, General Hume, and Sir Clifford Hesketh Smith have slept. He gets on well with the CLN and illicit shootings have now stopped. He is employing 400 Patriots as police quite successfully. He reports no real problems.

I then visited the refugee centre run by Miss Baker. They are only receiving a trickle for the time being and have ample accommodation. She reports that the local authorities are doing an excellent job in catering for refugees and they use a lot of partisan transport for evacuating refugees.

The EAST-WEST refugee movement in this area is very noticeable but is well under control and proceeding in an orderly fashion.

3. I arrived at 5 Army HQ at SALO just in time to take part in a farewell dinner to David Lynors who left next morning for 8 Army.

Next morning I had long talks with Sutherland, Bye (FS), Dean Keller (MFA). Chaos reigns; they have no idea as to what is going on in their area and apparently IV Corps are exercising independent powers rather to the annoyance of 5 Army. No one knew what is the area of IV Corps. The whole picture was unsatisfactory. I had much difficulty in making Sutherland understand the truth about the restricted line. He still thought that a pass signed by an ANG Officer was required to cross the restricted line and has sent back an unfortunate signal in reply to our signal saying he does not understand. I think the only thing to do is to get onto 15 Army Group and get them to clear up the mess.

4. After lunch Dick and I departed for BRESCIA (Lt.Col. Robinson). He has a number of small problems, e.g. unintelligent requisitioning and de-requisitioning of industrial premises, difficulty in drawing rations for refugees and so on but nothing of a major character. Then on to BERGAMO. Morley Fletcher was out but I had a useful chat with Major Hill, the Legal Officer who is a very sound chap.

Here the industrial picture was beginning to present itself and he was worried about the expropriation of private concerns and so on. The picture as a whole however was fairly bright.

5. I reached MILAN about 18.30 and fell in with Behrens, Doherty, Palmieri who has brought up Boeri, Hannaford, Henry Hopkinson (long talk), Arthur Hancock, Brigadier Parkinson and Colonel Parr (long talk). Today I saw Poletti and Hancock for 1½ hours, Behrens and Dickie, Refugees (Bertzell), Education

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(Openshaw) and I had a long talk with Boeri. Tomorrow I have summoned a conference of all R.P.S.Os and Patriots Officers and am seeing Walker and, I hope, Crittenberger.

6. Herewith a brief resume of my impressions of MILAN.

a) The organisational muddle is quite appalling. No one quite knows what powers Poletti has got. Most things have to be cleared with IV Corps and 5 Army so you can imagine the speed and efficiency of the outfit. This is without doubt the most immediate and pressing problem. We must get back to Regional control.

b) The atmosphere in MILAN is much more tense. The CLNAI and local CLNs persist in issuing their own orders but Poletti has scored a signal victory, in that he has made Morandi sign a letter to CLNs which will be published tomorrow pointing out that they have no powers to issue orders; however, he is under considerable pressure and I believe the only real solution is the constitution of a strong Government which can control the CLN and its dependents.

c) CLN prefects and questore have been appointed in every case but there is no undue preponderance of the left. A list is being prepared for me but is not yet ready.

d) Behrens has prepared and I have approved a form of Regional order providing for a simple form of expiation of private concerns; this is solely to prevent the present system of wholesale sackings of employees by illegal committees who are in the main merely paying off old scores.

e) A number of difficult problems over the setting up of Military Courts; the trial of republican soldiers by Military Courts and Assize Courts; the proposed internment of members of the Brigata Nera and other bodies have arisen but Behrens can give you a complete account of these matters which I have discussed with him at great length.

f) The patriot problem fills me with some alarm. Crittenberger and Cadorna handle this together and no one appears to know what the policy is; patriot officers are in the dark and orders and counter-orders are given. Very little disarming has taken place but the setting up of Allied Military patrols has greatly reduced the killings. Cadorna has been allowed to put out one or two very unsatisfactory circulars. I hope to be able to straighten out one or two things with Walker in the morning but I frankly say that in my view the position is most unsatisfactory. It is said that Hume and Crittenberger have had a frightful row over the handling of patriots and I believe Hume is right.

One of the objects of my police conference tomorrow is to arrange for the incorporation of substantial numbers of the patriots into the police (not CCRR). The position, at the best difficult, would be much eased if we had only one authority (the RC) and not 3 handling this matter.

g) Poletti thinks that unemployment will make matters very difficult later on and his one cry is COAL.

h) Generally summing up the position, however, I believe ~~there is~~ ^{there is} no cause for undue despondency; the attitude of the CLNs and the patriot

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problem requires tactful and firm handling but I think can be surmounted in time. The unemployment problem later on will be the real bugbear.

i) There are no educational problems and the public health position is excellent. With very little assistance MILAN can start up the manufacture of substantial quantities of medical supplies and a deputation is going to ROME on 1 June to discuss ways and means with the Government.

7. Tomorrow I go to TURIN and on FRIDAY to GENOA, returning to ROME on Sunday.

Yours

(Signed) G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier.

Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter,
Civil Affairs Section,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

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Letter No. 2

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HQ, VENEZIA REGION,

21 May 45.

Dear Desmond,

1. I have now realised there is no hope of my getting anything typed so I must burden your office again to decipher my scrawl, type it out and dispatch to M.S. Lush.

2. I had a long talk with Brig. DUNLOP and Col. WILMER (Legal) last night, also a few words with Brig. PARKINSON and Col. PAGE (S.P.H.O.). This morning a further long talk with Brig. DUNLOP, Col. ROWLESON (S.P.S.O.) and talks with Maj. GREGORY (Education) and Capt. BLOOMFIELD (Displaced Persons). I could not find Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives representative. Dick CRIPPS had a very long talk with Capt. ELMS (Patriots) and I had a few words with him.

3. The situation here is very different from EMILIA. One sees all the advantages of an Hq. which has worked together for some months in the field and which has merely had to move its Hq. to a more central position with a beautiful road connecting all Provincial Hqs., except one. In contrast, VENEZIA, after months of planning, has been hastily put together; officers arrive late from other Regions, communications are long and difficult, transportation is insufficient. In short, officers at Hq. have not settled down; they are scarcely in the picture and have received few reports except purely preliminary ones. I have no doubt that in 14 - 21 days time the whole situation will have completely changed, and a very different picture presented. If I am to be permitted one criticism, I think J.K. spends too much time looking to the east and too little organising his Hq.. That, however, is the background on which this report is written.

4. Political and Local Government.

Prefects have been appointed as shown in Appendix "B". They are all CLN appointees but markedly of the right, and all appear to be good men. It is really too early to judge accurately of the attitude of the CLN to A.G. They appear to be serious-minded and co-operative but the marriage has not yet been consummated. I see no reason to anticipate any real trouble, however. No doubt there will be a few clashes as in EMILIA.

Brig. DUNLOP is meeting all the presidents of CLNs on Wednesday to discuss a number of points.

It will probably be necessary to import a number of career questore to supplant some of the CLN appointees but this is a somewhat needle point and Brig. DUNLOP is rightly letting the problem simmer for a few days longer before reaching any decision.

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5. PUBLIC HEALTH I spent only a few moments on this as Brig. PARKINSON was here. However, there are no problems except purely local ones and Col. PAGE is distributing 3 months' medical supplies to all the Medici Provinciali this week.

6. LAW AND ENFORCEMENT This is going along very well considering the difficulty of communications. Decrees have been implemented in all provinces except TRENTO and BOLZANO and Col. WILMER is trying to persuade 5th Army to let him do this. The Popular Courts decree has been implemented in all provinces except BOLZANO and presidents have already been nominated in most.

G.O. 35 has been posted in all provinces except BOLZANO.

A census of judicial officials is being carried out to see what requirements are.

Very few ABC Courts have been held. The Administration of BOLZANO has not been found to be German but Italian with the Germans posting up proclamations as we do. This, no difficulty has been encountered on this score.

7. EDUCATION PADOVA University has had a good year and will only open for examinations.

Only one problem has presented itself - namely, in the East of UDINE the populace will not allow Italian to be taught. I have told Maj. GREGORY to keep these schools closed pending a decision by Hq., AC.

8. DISPLACED PERSONS. They are reduced to the merest trickle and all camps in VENEZIA (except provinces under 5 Army) have ample accommodation.

Their biggest problem is organisation of the EAST-WEST traffic but this is in hand through local civilian agencies.

9. PATRIOTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY These are the most complicated problems and difficulties have been greatly increased by the deaths of CORBIN and SNEE. The latter has been succeeded by ELMS.

No centres are open and no rations are being drawn and arms have been called in in all provinces except BELLUNO, BOLZANO and TRENTO, where the situation with German soldiers is somewhat delicate. I receive the impression that we are going to have a good deal more trouble before the situation is quiet. Although few reports of crimes by bands have been received, there can be no doubt that a large number of bands, mainly Communist, are operating and they have a lot of transport.

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Many Patriots want their own police force and in many provinces we are using Patriots in conjunction with the police. ROWLESON is reluctant about this but says that until he can have more CC.RR. it is essential.

The whole Public Safety and Patriot situation is slightly confused and wants careful watching.

10. Generally this Region really consists of two parts - (a) TREVISO, VENEZIA, PADOVA, ROVIGO, VERONA and VICENZA, which, subject always to para 9, can be handed back to the Italian Government at an early date and (b) TRENTO, BOLZANO, UDINE and BELLUNO in which the problems are more difficult and longer term.

11 I am in some haste as I want to get to 5 Army this afternoon. Attached are Appendices "A" and "B".

Yours,

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.

Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter,

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APPENDIX "A"(to Report of VP CA Sec.,
of 21 May 45.)ACTION BYLAW

Arrange for G-1(B) to post Lt. Leaning from
Venezia Region to Ancona as soon as possible.
Agreed with Venezia.

Legal S/C
G-1 (B)

EDUCATION

Maj. GREGORY does NOT want an Italian Advisor
sent up from Rome.

Education S/C.

He does want an archivist from the Ministry of
Public Instruction as soon as possible to go through
Education archives of F.R. Government.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Essential to send up biography of NARDONE, proposed
questore of UDINE.

Public Safety S/C

Would like biographical details of other Government
nominees as questore. Can Maj. HARVEY spare Pfc Torrin
Case for Maj. Here.

Public Safety S/C
Security.

APPENDIX "B"

to VP CAS report dated 21st May, 1945.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. Visit to RC. VENEZIA reported that the following prefects all nominees of the CIN had been appointed:

ROVIGO Province	FUXEDDU Luigi	Liberal
BELLUNO "	DOZZI Antonio	C.D.
PADUA "	SARADIN Gavino	C.D.

2. In the remaining provinces CIN nominees were acting under a period of probation until RCs had had an opportunity of assessing them and confirming their selection to R.C.

3. In BOLZANO Province the name of the CIN nominee is DI ANGELIS and Independent left centre.

4. The CIN generally our co-operator and friendly, much depends on the situation in VENEZIA JULIA, the Allied occupation and SAC MED's recent statement have been well received.

PATRIOTS.

5. The situation in this Region is somewhat delicate, and the work of documentation and payment requires pushing. The death of Majors Corbin and Snee have unsettled the work considerably. Captain ELMS is acting as Regional Patriot Officer.

6. The drawing of cash for payments to Patriots was not thoroughly understood, but will now be improved by Capt. ELMS who has been briefed by the Director.

7. Col. Calzavara is unacceptable to many Venetians owing to his reputed fascist background. Pats.Branch to take immediate action to get forward a substitute and inform Ministry of Occupied Italy that RC approves of his release.

8. If Sgt. JAKIS has not yet been ordered to report to VENEZIA region, this shall be done at once. The patriot officer is very urgently in need of his services.

9. The Under Secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Italy was met in Regional HQ where he was contacting I.M.P.R.S. He advised that the bonus paid to Patriots on disbandment is to be increased. It was agreed that a circular giving this information both to Prefects and Provincial Commissioners must be issued jointly by Minister of Occupied Italy and Patriot Branch, AC. A suggestion by CURRIO that an interim advice should be issued by CINAI from MILAN was vetoed by Director, who pointed out that orders for prefects in AMG can come from Italian Government only through AC HQ or with its concurrence.

10. CERTIFICATES. Estimated that there are 50,000 patriots in the Region.

9,000 certificates issued.

20,000 certificates in stock

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 30,000 certificates in stock.
 10/12,000 are possible future requirements.

R.R. CRIPPS.
 Colonel.

6th - 19th May 1945

1. Pending more detailed information which is being collected in Milan by Major Tooley of the Economic Section of this Headquarters and which should be available by the end of the month, this Report will deal with preliminary information as to the possibilities of the Industrial North in the rehabilitation of the economic life of this country.

2. The cities of Bologna, Ferrara, Padova, Venice, Milan, Turin and Genoa were visited and there is abundant evidence to show that 80 to 85% of the Industrial plants are practically undamaged and able to resume production provided the necessary raw materials can be made available.

3. Contact was made with a committee of technicians and industrialists of the Central Economic Commission of the C.M.I.A.I. in Milan and the following inquiries were made:

1) Is the Industrial North able to provide the essential needs of finished goods for the population of Northern Italy.

2) Is the Industrial North able to provide the essential needs of finished goods for the population of Southern Italy.

4. The unanimous reply was emphatically in the affirmative provided the necessary raw materials could be made available.

5. First priority is coal of which the average pre-war consumption was over 4,000,000 tons per month.

6. The Committee was informed that the amount of coal available for Northern Italy would not exceed:

24,000 tons for June
42,000 " " July
69,000 " " August.

7. Railway and military hospital needs were not included in the above quantities and provision had been made by Coal Division to meet their requirements from an additional 11,000 tons per month.

8. The Committee expressed their disappointment and urged that investigations be made as to the possibility of increasing the amounts scheduled for the coming quarter by importing coal from Germany by rail through Switzerland.

9. Transportation and all that is connected therewith ^{has} been given as second priority.

10. Some 16,000 railway trucks are available out of 80,000 pre-war, 400 electric locomotives out of 2,000 pre-war, 800 steam engines out of 2,500 pre-war. The condition of this rolling stock in Northern Italy is considered fair.

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11. Some 25,000 motor trucks are available of which 5,000 were of $\frac{3}{4}$ ton capacity and the balance from 1 to 5 tons capacity.

12. Given necessary raw materials the Italian motor industry could produce over the period June - August 200 motor trucks of 6 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons capacity and 2,200 motor trucks of $\frac{3}{4}$ tons.

13. Thereafter possibilities of production of Italian motor industry 1,500 $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks per month, 500 6 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks also per month.

14. Tyres are in short supply and practically non-existent.

15. Chemical industries is 70 to 80% efficient. Fertilizer in great demand. Details of requirements in raw materials are being listed and will be included in Major Tooley's Report.

16. Textile industry is 90 to 95% efficient, require raw materials.

17. Tanneries and shoe factories 90% efficient, require raw materials.

18. Steel industry eventually able to meet greater part of Italian requirements.

19. Possibility of production of steel:

June - August 50,000 tons ingots
= 40,000 " finished steel
with existing electric ovens but require
15,000 tons of coal per month.

September - November 100,000 tons ingots
= 80,000 " finished steel
require 35,000 " coal per month
30,000 " scrap.

December - February 200,000 tons ingots
require 70,000 " coal
60,000 " scrap.

20. Paper industry able to produce all Italian requirements requires cellulose and coal.

21. Timber. Able to meet only 1/3 of Italian requirements. Usual source of supply lower Austria and Slovenia.

22. Rubber. The Synthetic Rubber Factory at Ferrara, Societa per Azioni Industria Gomma Sintetica, was visited. The Company was founded in March 1940 and started production in April 1942 until July 1944.

23. Average production 600 tons per month. Cost of production (1944) Lire 60 per kilo.

24. Raw materials used:

Alcohol	
Benzol	
Catalyst. (Imported from Germany, sufficient for two years production)	
Coal consumption	110 tons per day
Goke	27 tons per day
Electric consumption	2,500 - 3,000 kw daily.

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25. Alcohol reservoirs were damaged by bombing also 2 transformer stations.

26. Production could be resumed in 4 months provided alcohol reservoirs and transformer station are repaired and certain parts of plant restored from the town of Sesto San Giovanni (near Milan).

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27. All synthetic rubber produced by this firm was sold to Pirelli Co. who ceded part of it to the Michelin Factory in Turin.

28. Tyres. Possibilities of production at the Pirelli Factory, Monza, Milan are given in attached report.

29. Possibility of production at the Michelin factory, Turin will be given in Report from Industry Subcommittee representative Cent. Bullock. Present production was approximately 2,700 per day. The plant is in good condition and could go into production provided necessary raw material can be furnished. Sufficient raw material on hand to manufacture 3,000 tyres but Michelin Co. prefer not to start work until sufficient raw material is on hand to go into full and continuous production.

30. From this brief outline of the industrial conditions in Northern Italy there is sufficient evidence to show that a revision of the Program of Essential Italian Imports 1945 is necessary. Major Nooby of the Economic Section is in close contact with the working committee of the C.M.I.A.I and a complete detailed list should be available by the first half of June.

31. No mention is made in this report of socialization or nationalization of industry as it is presumed that this will be dealt with in the Labour Subcommittee report, together with such questions as Factory Management, (Cassigli di Gestione), Factory Committee (Comitato di Fabbrica) etc.

32. In closing this report mention must be made of the economic barrier between North and South. No effective control has been established and as a matter of fact no trace of any attempt to check or control traffic between North and South or viceversa was seen throughout the trip.

33. The Central Economic Council members expressed divergent views on its utility. Industrialists were in favour of maintaining it until production was in full swing, labour advocates free trade.

W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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REPORT ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY COL. GREEN REGARDING THE MANUFACTURE OF TYRES.

PERSONNEL (Clerical staff and workmen)

1939 about 2500
April 1944 " 200

ACTUAL PLANT EFFICIENCY - BIGOCCA WORKS

about 100 %

MACHINERY REMOVED BY THE GERMANS

nil

PRODUCTION OF TYRES AND INNER TUBES

	1939	1944
Tyres - daily production up to	3000	about 775
Inner tubes daily production up to	2000	" 900

PRODUCTION TYPES OF PRODUCTION

Tyres for lorries	-	about 792	about 498
Tyres for passenger cars	"	1315	" 227
" " Motor cycles	"	206	" 37
" " aeroplanes	"	20	" 13
Total production	"	2333	" 775

Inner tubes - about the same proportion

The average daily production for the various sizes of most current use is given in the attached table. Unfortunately the date for 1939 are not available; in Milan at the moment as they are decentralized; they will be forwarded as soon as possible.

STOCK OF RAW MATERIALS

Synthetic rubber for tyres

We have sufficient for the manufacture of 1200 tyres which will be made during this week. ⁴¹³⁵
We have also about 15 tons of synthetic rubber of various qualities which we would like to reserve for the manufacture of electric cables.

Natural rubber

We have also about 43 tons, six of which we would like to reserve for the manufacture of electric cables. We have besides 22 tons of natural rubber contained in master batches.

Carbon black

Active	-	about 119 tons
Semi active	"	30 "
Inactive	"	17 "

Textiles

Rayon cord	"	100 "
Cotton cord	"	50 "
Special cotton cloth	"	18 "

RAW MATERIALS THE LACK OF WHICH PREVENTS FURTHER MANUFACTURE

Coal - The amount we have in stock will be consumed in a few days

Plasticizers

Synthetic rubber

Natural rubber

Dope for dipping the cord

Cellulose for the manufacture of rayon cord

Carbon black

Solvents - (benzole and petrol)

PLANTS

The number of our machines is sufficient even for the production using synthetic rubber.

We have the following extruding machines:-

For tread	-	one 6 in. already installed
	"	3 "
	"	10 " ready to be installed

For inner tubes - Three 6 in. machines

We can cede one 6 in. machine to our Tivoli works.

RECEIVED RUBBER

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Maximum monthly production reached about 400 tons.

Future monthly output of the plant is uncertain owing to the fact that we will have to use an always increasing proportion of synthetic rubber.

Active - about 119 tons
 Semi active " 30 "
 Inactive " 17 "

Textiles

Rayon cord " 100 "
 Cotton cord " 60 "
 Special cotton cloth " 18 "

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For tread - one 6 in. already installed
 " 8 " "
 " 10 " ready to be installed

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RECOILABLE RUBBER

Maximum monthly production reached about 400 tons.

Future monthly output of the plant is uncertain owing to the fact that we will have to use an always increasing proportion of synthetic rubber.

BICOCCA - 14 May 1945.

APPENDIXSTOCK OF RAW MATERIALS

In addition to the raw materials given on page 2, which are the property of the Pirelli Company, we have in our warehouse also the following raw materials which are held at the disposal of the CURGON (Centre for Distribution of Rubber):

Natural rubber: about 16 tons

Active carbon black - about 740 tons

Semi-active carbon black - about 2.6 tons

Inactive carbon black - about 14 tons

Naptholene - about 170 tons

Cerosine - About 17 tons

DAILY COAL CONSUMPTION

1939	:	abt. 45 tons
1944	:	" the same quantity

APPROXIMATE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY:

1939	:	abt. 2 millions KWh
1944	:	" 1,5 " "

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8.25 - 20	15
9.75 - 20	17
32 x 6	75
34 x 7	24
36 x 8	9
42 x 9	15
210 x 20	115
270 x 20	13

SMALL GIANTS

6.00 - 16	11
6.00 - 20	18
6.50 - 20	14
7.50 - 20	37

TYRES FOR PASSENGER CARS

4.00 - 15	15
5.00 - 15	32
5.00 - 16	14
5.25 - 16	30
5.50 - 15	48
5.50 - 16	15
6.00 - 16	12

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LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF CURRENT PRODUCTION OTHER
TYRES

A) RAMO GOMMA

Lastre per suole
Suole e Tacchi
Cinghie trapezoidali industriali
Cinghie trapezoidali auto
Nastri trasportatori e accessori
Cinghie piane
Tubi a stampo

Tubi a tela

Tubi a spirale
Tubi trafilati tecnici e sanitari

Tubi canapa
Foglie per guarnizioni
Rivestimenti
Accessori auto (giunti flessibili,
volanti, ecc.)
Accessori velo (Pattini per freno,
gomme per pedali, ecc.)
Pere e schizzetti
Borse per ghiaccio
Borse per acqua calda
Filo elastico
Guanti per chirurgia
Tettarelle
Anelli crudi
Anelli vulcanizzati (per vasi di
conserva)
Tessuto sanitario
Tessuto per usi tecnici
Nastro isolante
Impermeabili gommati
Impermeabili non gommati
Mantelle
Mantelline
Articoli tecnici stampati (para-
colpi, guarnizioni, ecc.)

A) RUBBER BRANCH

Rubber Sheets for soles
Rubber soles and heels
Industrial V-shaped belts
Motor car fan belts
Conveying and elevating belts
Transmission Belts
Long length hoses (High-pressure
hoses, pneumatic tool hoses, etc.)
Delivery Hoses (for water, wine,
beer, etc.)
Hoses with incorporated wire
All-rubber extruded tubes for
technical and sanitary purposes
Fire hoses
Insertion sheetings for packings
Rubber linings and coverings
Motor car accessories (flexible
joints, steering wheels, etc.)
Cycle accessories (brake rubbers,
pedal rubbers, etc.)
Bulbs and Syringes
Ice bags
Hot-water bottles
Elastic thread
Surgem gloves
Teats
Unvulcanized rings
Vulcanized rings (for preserve
jars)
Bed sheetings
Sheetings for technical purposes
Insulating tape
Rubberized waterproof overcoats
Waterproofed coats
Waterproofed cloaks 4/03 adults
Waterproofed cloaks for children
Moulded rubber goods for techni-
cal purposes (Buffers, washers,
etc.)

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Ganti per usi industriali
 Materiale protettivo per uso industriale
 Vestiti da palombaro
 Articoli di ebanite per accumulatori elettrici
 Articoli di ebanite per applicazioni tecniche
 Articoli di ebanite per uso sanitario
 Docchini
 Gomme per cancellare
 Antivibranti e supporti elastici di qualsiasi tipo (per autoveicoli, aviazione, marina, macchinario, etc.) in tutta gomma o con attacco gomma metallo

Rubber gloves for industrial purposes
 Protective materials for industrial purposes (Masks, respirators, etc.)
 Divers' dresses
 Ebonite articles for accumulators
 Ebonite articles for technical applications
 Ebonite articles for sanitary purposes
 Pipe stems
 Erasers
 Elastic supports, vibration and shock-absorbing devices (for motor cars, ships, airplanes, machinery, etc.) in all rubber or with direct adhesion of rubber to metal

B) RAMO CONDUTTORI

Cavi di energia isolati in carta impregnata
 Cavi telefonici isolati in carta
 Cavi telegrafici e telefonici sottomarini
 Conduttori e cavi isolati in gomma, di tutti i tipi
 Fili smaltati
 Fili per avvolgimenti

B) CABLE BRANCH

Impregnated paper & insulated lead covered cables for power transmission
 Air spaced lead covered telephone cables
 Submarine telegraph and telephone cables
 Rubber insulated wires and cables of all types
 Enamelled wires
 Dynamo wires

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF NORMAL PRODUCTION
THE MANUFACTURE OF WHICH IS AT PRESENT IN ABEYANCE

RAMO GOMMA

Camere d'aria per palloni calcio
 Palle da tennis
 Palle da giuoco
 Spugna di gomma
 Gommapiuma
 Crine gommato

RUBBER BRANCH

Football bladders
 Tennis balls
 Playing balls
 Rubber sponges
 Gommapiuma (Dunlopillo)
 Rubberized hair (Hairlock)

Note - The list includes only the principal articles we produce.
 A complete list of them will be submitted on request.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: Northern Regions.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

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As regards (d), I am not quite sure what the difficulty is as G.O. 35 is working, the Courts of Assize are set up and receivers can be appointed for private concerns and fascists sacked. I will investigate when I am up there.

- (e) This matter is already in hand and Colonel BEHRENS has arranged to go to MILAN on SATURDAY.

3. My own itinerary for next week is as follows: Colonel CRIFFS accompanies me.

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Executive Commission

4. Col. Talbot's report is at ~~18~~ ¹⁷. In addition to the distribution wanted extracts for Economic & Establishment sections have been made as at ~~18~~ ¹⁸ & ~~19~~ ¹⁹. Major Hynes' report (at ~~15~~ ¹⁵) though sent Fifth Army, has already been submitted to you on another file. 15/EC.

D.H.

14/5/45

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Very good.

D.H. 15/5.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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13th May 1945.

MAY 15 REC'D

Chief Commissioner.

(17)

The attached report received last night from
Lieut.Colonel Talbot is passed to you for information.

TFL

An excellent report - (Report rec'd
tamed by
CC's clerk)
EW
CC
(see 1743)
PA
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Ref: 805/42/EC.

Tel: 735

14 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports on Northern ITALY.

TO : Establishment Section. (17)

The following extracts are forwarded for your information:

From report by Lt.Col. Falbot dated 10 May 45."VAL D'AOSTA.

To help deal with the situation Fifth Army have lent
 AMB 96 officers who are all going up to VAL D'AOSTA. This
 is interesting as an indication of the help we can expect
 from the Army in an emergency now that the fighting has
 stopped."

From signal from IV Corps dated 10 May 45.

"73 combat officers transferred on temporary duty to serve
 as GAOs in French border territory, nearly all have reported.
 Still request personnel of Provincial teams not as yet up to
 strength."

for Chief Staff Officer,
 To Executive Commissioner.

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~~TOP SECRET~~

(18)

Tel: 735

14 May 1945.

Ref: 305/41/EC.

SUBJECT: Report by Lt.Col. Talbot on NE ITALY.

TO : Economic Section.

(17)

The following extract from a report dated 10 May 1945 by Lt.Col. Talbot is forwarded for your information:

"POLZANO and TRIESTE.

It is thought that the area has six months supply of petrol."

for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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MILAN.

10 May 45.

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A. TRIESTE.

The New Zealanders are in the port area and the Yugoslavs in the main town. Another division - I believe British - has been ordered up there. It is very tricky but the general feeling up here is that there is a lot of bluffing going on by the Yugoslavs who have only got three rather weak straggling Divisions in VENEZIA GIULIA. It very much depends on the behaviour of our troops. If their behaviour is really good it would have a tremendous effect in contrast to the rather ragged behaviour of the Yugoslavs. They are operating in TRIESTE a very tough Military Government which practically amounts to Martial Law.

B. VENEZIA.

Completely normal and not a tile loose or a gondola damaged. Prices are definitely lower for articles like shoes, stockings, artificial jewellery, woollen goods etc. Antolini will report on this fully. The economic barrier cannot work since the Armies have set up NO repeat NO road blocks.

C. People's Courts.

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D. BOZANO and TRIESTE.

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F-C DIST - 13 MAY 45

CHIEF COMM
POL ADV (A)
POL ADV (B)
ECONOMIC SECT (PARA.B)
C.A. SECT (MAG. C.D.F. & J)
P.R.B.

WITH
RECOMMENDATION
REPORT FROM
C.S. FINANCIAL

Patriots.

They are being disarmed quite well in the big towns but there are hundreds roaming about the Country with arms and much is hidden. They do NOT appear to be a problem at the moment and in fact in BELLUNO, Northern TRIESTE, Northern VIGONZA and UDINE they are performing an excellent service. This particular lot are very well disciplined and are keeping order and rounding up scattered German armed groups and Republican Fascists. The latter have mostly melted into the countryside but some of the leaders are being hunted out. Brig. DUNLOP said that when he becomes responsible for the Northern Provinces in his Region he will leave the patriots there with their arms until the Germans are all moved up. DUNLOP is on very good terms with the local Patriot Commander who was in his office in PADUA yesterday. The Commander said he would see to it that the Patriots did not walk about with arms in the Southern Provinces, even if he couldn't guarantee that all the arms would be handed in.

Refugees.

Everyone with whom I talked - SUTHERLAND and DUNLOP and TREVOR BEER in particular - were emphatic that so long as we can keep them moving and avoid checking on them or sorting them until they are South of the PO and across the Army line there is no real problem. Food points are being established but they are not real camps and the refugees are pressed to move on to the next point. They all know where they want to go so no sorting is necessary. They are mostly able-bodied men without women or children. Many of them are expected to swing West towards MILAN, TUMIN and GENOVA. It is again strongly urged that the Dispersal plan be implemented immediately but the slogan must be "Keep them moving; feed them on the road but keep them moving." Don't interfere and the problem will solve itself.

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28.12.1945 - 12.12.45
Chief Commissioner

Pol. Adv. (4)
9 (B)

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
G-5 SECTION
APO 464 US ARMY

DHL:hdp

10 May 1945

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

TO : S.C.A.O. AND FIFTH ARMY.

I - REFUGEES.

1. From Verona I proceeded up to the west side of Lake Garda to Torbole (45803) thence to Rovereto (47104) and north to Bolzano on Route 12. There were large numbers of refugees on the road walking home; all were fit young men and there were no carts or movement of a character to cause any disturbance to military traffic except at the Bailey Bridges and tunnels at the north-west corner of Lake Garda. The Provost Marshal of the 10 Mountain Division stated that in order to make the movement as orderly as possible he had issued instructions for all empty trucks proceeding south in the divisional area to stop at the collecting points at cross-roads on the main supply routes and carry refugees as far south as the trucks were going. In this area there is said to be no feeding problem as individuals manage to live on what they can pick up at wayside farms and at simple communal kitchens run by the G.I.'s in the communes. The CAG, 10th Mountain Division stated that the daily flow of refugees through Rovereto was estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 2,000 per day.

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

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

4. North of Trento the roads were again almost clear but on arrival in Bolzano I was told that there are many hundreds in Bolzano itself and in Merano (48391) and in the villages in the valley of the Upper Adige.

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

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

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

7. North of Trento there were hardly any persons on the road moving south but a few small groups were moving northwards towards the Brenner Pass. I called on the Provost Marshal of the 349th Infantry in Vipiteno (89515) who told me that he had no problem of civilian refugees at all: he estimated that about 50 people per day passed through the village in each direction and he thought that a few of these succeeded in crossing the pass. In general however there was no movement across the Pass as the frontier had been sealed for 48 hours. This was confirmed by the Regimental Executive of the 339th Infantry stationed at Robbiano (86495) who also stated that they had the frontier completely closed and civilian refugees were not presenting him with any problem at all.

8. My conclusions were as follows:

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

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

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

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

II - POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN BOLZANO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

III - "THE GERMAN CITADEL"

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

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

In addition there are in the area the following:

(i) Art Deposits.

There are numerous deposits of art treasures notably in Bolzano, Gludern, (A3993) and in German military Depots. Between the two places the Acting Prefect in Bolzano has full details of the location and inventories of each deposit which he will hand over to the Fine Arts Officer. I visited the Deposit in a fine 16th Century Schloss at Campo Tures (W4817) which contains works by Rembrandt, Michael Angelo, and others and a large quantity of sculpture including works by Michael Angelo and Donatello. This Deposit is guarded by a Company of the 339th Infantry and is in excellent condition: the most valuable pictures are well crated and those that are not crated are carefully labelled: each room has a notice on the door in German "These articles are under the custody of the Commanding General of the German Armed Forces in Italy having been brought to safety from battle areas." The deposit at Campo Tures has already been visited by two Italian superintendents from Venice: an inventory of the deposit is with the CP of the 339th Infantry.

(ii) Gold Reserves.

The gold bullion and coin from the Bank of Italy estimated at about 25 tons in weight, is located in the vaults of La Fortezza, (W1803) a fortress beside the main road a few miles from the Brenner Pass. The upper part of the fortress was used by the Germans as a shell filling factory and ammunition dump. Immediately above the gold are a large quantity of 170 mm and 88 mm shells. This deposit is under the guard from the 349th Infantry: the Guard Commander told me that of the three keys to the vault, one is at the Regimental CP, one at the Bank of Italy in Brinzen and the third he did not know about. I was also informed that the deposit has been visited by the Commanding General of II Corps amongst others and that the Allied Financial Agency has already been given details of the deposit.

(iii) Political Hostages.

The political hostage camp south of Welsberg (25597) is being cleared through command channels and the Regimental Executive of the 339th Infantry informed me that although our interest in the matter is appreciated no help from AMG is required in this connection.

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IV. - OTHER POINTS

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

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

D.G.S. MONROE,
Major, Scots Guards,
Operations Officer.

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Cols POLSTRI and HANCOCK moved into MILAN CITY today with AMG approval. Will report fully on Monday. Meeting of yesterday with Prefect LOMBARDI of MILAN Province and Economic Council of CLNAT was explanatory and introductory but showed satisfactory desire to cooperate with AC/AMG. Detailed opposite number discussions are taking place today and coordinating conference will take place Monday morning.

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Report on EMILIA Region from Lt. Col. E. TALBOT,
1 May 1945.

Refugees.

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Refugee problem is expected to develop in two or three days. It is reported about 300,000 refugees are north of VERONA mostly from GERMANY and AUSTRIA, only 2% of these are women which indicates that they are labourers. Well clothed and in good shape. Italian Red Cross, priests and local Italians giving assistance. BOLOGNA expected to be bottlenecked - is now handling 1000 per day and getting rid of about 500, but if above situation develops influx might be 3000 per day.

Immediate implementation of Disper plan for large influx across frontier is very strongly urged.

Partisans.

About 15,000 have laid down some sort of arms. Known that large numbers have not. In Region estimated 20 - 25,000 partisans, large numbers settling down. No information about recruiting into armies.

Prefects.

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Gov't or CLN</u>
BOLOGNA	Borghese	-	CLN
FERARRA	Hirchi	Jew CD	CLN Supported by Church
MODENA	Marchese Alfonso Tracchi	CD	CLN
PARMA	No app't yet.		
PIACENZA	Avv. Vittorio Minaia	CD	

Col. Bowman wants Gov't nominee
MICHIELS sent up at once?
CLN maintains resistance activities -
factory (Com).

Local government generally excellent and from that point Col. Bowman could hand over short time.

CC. RR.

So far as railway found as were brought up. Expect truces as many. Well equipped and strictly disciplined.

Medical.

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HIRSCH	Jew	CLN
MARCHESI ALIBONDI	CD	supported by Church
TRACOLI	CD	CLN
PARMA	No app't yet.	Col. Bonzan wants Gov't handles MIRABEL sent up at/through? CLN maintains receiving facilities - factory (Osm).

PLACENZA AVV. VITTORIO CD
Admiral

Local government generally excellent and from that point Cal. Bonzan could hand over short time.

CC. BB.

So far as ^{many} ~~my~~ found as were brought up. Export twice as many. Well equipped and ~~strong~~ disciplined.

Medical.

Definitely short and in view of refugee influx situation considered urgent.

Mines.

Little to be done.

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Courts.

Virtually no work for ASE Courts. Italian Courts mostly open and functioning well.

Col. Bowen against any alteration at this stage in investigations. Peoples' Courts decree being implemented and is popular.

Evacuation.

General Order No. 35 used.

Personnel.

Though inevitably short Col. Bowen is satisfied but wants as soon as possible 30 recently assigned. Expects 5 way to delay. Wants them for refugee problem, which looks largest. Also wants two or three experienced officers to deal with large surplus food and get it away to non-surplus area.

Prices lower than thought.

VENICE tomorrow.

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1 Executive Commission

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Chief Commissioner

I think, if you have time, you should read this. (4)

It gives a good idea of how Local Gov is handled in the early days.

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Very good report
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REPORT ON VISIT BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION TO EMILIA REGION AND SGAOs 6 AND 5 ARMIES ON 28TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY, 1945.

CENTRAL.

1. As the result of the tour which lasted 5 days, the main purpose of which was to deliver the directive on the relations of this Commission with the Committees of National Liberation and to explain this to SGAOs and Regional Commissioners, I am satisfied that all those officers visited are in agreement with the principles set out and understand the position with regard to considering the Italian Government nominees before official selection of Prefects and Questore are made.

2. There is in my mind however, as a result of this visit, some concern over the setting up of Allied Military Government in the Northern Regions in view of the strong position and well organised mechanism set up by the GIN. As PCs appear to be very short of the necessary staff to set up Provincial AMG they rely very largely on the existing Italian organisation. This in nearly every case is in fact a GIN organisation. In many instances everything is controlled either by the GIN or Patriots, even to such items as transport, and PCs find themselves in the position of having to accept this organisation and in fact by so doing confirm to some degree that they accept the nominees set up by the GIN. Unless however, officers can be found to expand the AMG organisations within the Provinces, PCs will rely very largely on the organisation of the GIN and so to some degree be dependant on it instead of in control.

3. In general the parts visited, which were practically confined to EMILIA Region, seem to be well supplied with food for immediate needs. The population was in good spirits and on May Day were officially or unofficially holding meetings to celebrate.

4. In general there was a very obvious relief at the liberation of the North, particularly in the countryside where farming was being carried on quite normally. The remainder of the report is divided into three parts: (1), Local Government, (2) Patriot matters and (3) Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

5. On arriving at AMG 5 Army HQ, the directive was delivered and discussed. It was approved by the officers present (Col. STURTELLAD and Major LINTON). The names of the Prefects nominated by the Italian Government for seven Provinces in 5 Army area

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GENERAL.

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2. There is in my mind however, as a result of this visit, some concern over the setting up of Allied Military Government in the Northern Regions in view of the strong position and well organised mechanism set up by the CIN. As AGs appear to be very short of the necessary staff to set up Provincial AG they rely very largely on the existing Italian organisation. This in nearly every case is in fact a CIN organisation. In many instances everything is controlled either by the CIN or Patriots, even to such items as transport, and AGs find themselves in the position of having to accept this organisation and in fact by so doing confirm to some degree that they accept the nominees set up by the CIN. Unless however, officers can be found to expand the AG organisations within the Provinces, AGs will rely very largely on the organisation of the CIN and so to some degree be dependant on it instead of in control.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

5. On arriving at AGC 5 Army HQ, the directive was delivered and discussed. It was approved by the officers present (Col. STRECHLAND and Major MENDO). The names of the Prefects nominated by the Italian Government for seven Provinces in 5 Army area were handed in and discussed. In one instance, that of DM, GUIDICE for the Province of MASSA and CARARA, the name put forward by the CIN was the same as that of the Italian Government and it is most probable that this individual will be appointed. The remainder were under consideration, but it was intimated that with the probable exception of the Provinces containing very large cities, such as BOLOGNA, General MENDI would delegate the official decision to the Regional Commissioner concerned.

6. The directives for LOMBARDA Region were handed to Col. POLETTI who was present in the office at this time. Those for

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LIJURIA were handed to Mr. VALLORE who was intending to go to GENOA the following morning. The directive was discussed with Mr. HOPKINSON and he was informed that the directives for PIEDMONT were delivered through PIEDMONT HQ direct and that those for LIGURIA were also in the hands of Col. POLVER.

7. On Sunday 29th April I visited SIAO 8 Army and discussed the directive with him. His one requirement was that the names of Prefects selected for the Provinces with which he is concerned should be furnished by this HQ forthwith. This has now been done. He pointed out that he had already issued a directive on the lines of Mr. HOPKINSON's speech at the PC's meeting held in this HQ on 9th April, and that it was not in fact in conflict with the present directive. A copy of the directive had been handed to Major WILLIAMS on his recent visit to SIAO 8 Army. The Directive however, does NOT contain any paragraphs which deal with the matter of considering the Italian Government's nominees for the appointments of Prefect and Governor. SIAO 8 Army stated that for FERRARA Province he did not intend to make the appointment too quickly and that the nominees put up by the CIN were as follows:

For Prefect: Avv. BICOZZO, Ivo. - Political Party: Christian Democrat.

For Questore: ALLEGRETTA, Nicola

For Vice Prefect: TRUSSI, Mario - A Career Prefect already in office.

8. At the present time the Giunta Provinciale was presided over by one HIRSH, who is non Political. Only three parties, i.e. Christian Democrats, Communists and Socialists, are represented in the Giunta. Three other parties were taking shape.

9. During the evening the Regional Commissioner VALLELLA Region was visited. The directive was discussed in the presence of the SIAO 8 Army and agreement over the close working and the collaboration in the appointment of Prefects and Questure was reached.

10. On Monday, 30th April, the Regional Commissioner, AVILA Region was visited and the directive discussed. Accompanied by the PC I visited the PCs of GENOVA, REGGIO EMILIA and PARMA. The question of the Prefect for BOLOGNA was also discussed with the PC. Ing. ROCHENSE is the CIN nomination for Prefect at BOLOGNA. He is very strongly recommended by the PC who did not consider that the Italian Government's nominee, MORNI, would be acceptable, nor was he personally impressed by him. He did not feel it satisfactory to have a professional Prefect in the circumstances, considered him rather old (58 years) and not being a local man, unsuitable for the post.

11. At REGGIO EMILIA the PC was working with the CIN and 4704 wished to nominate their candidate for Prefect. He is a lawyer, young, virile and had so far, in his position as acting Prefect, filled the position very satisfactorily. It was agreed that before taking a decision the Italian Government nominee, MORIANI, who is a local man, and believed to be at present in the Province, was to be located by the Provincial Commissioner and considered.

12. At PARMA the CIN nominee for Prefect is one FERRARI

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For Prefect: Avv. DIOLAZO, Ivo. - Political Party: Christian Democrat.

For Questore: ALBERTINI, Nicola

For Vice Prefect: TRUSSI, Mario - A Career Prefect already in office.

8. At the present time the Giunta Provinciale was presided over by one MISCH, who is non political. Only three parties, i.e. Christian Democrats, Communists and Socialists, are represented in the Giunta. Three other parties were taking shape.

9. During the evening the Regional Commissioner VINELLA Region was visited. The directive was discussed in the presence of the S240 6 Army and agreement over the close working and the collaboration in the appointment of Prefects and Questure was reached.

10. On Monday, 30th April, the Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region was visited and the directive discussed. Accompanied by the PJ I visited the PCs of MODENA, REGGIO EMILIA and PARMA. The question of the Prefect for BOLOGNA was also discussed with the PJ. Ing. BORGHESE is the GLN nomination for Prefect at BOLOGNA. He is very strongly recommended by the PJ who did not consider that the Italian Government's nominee, FORNI, would be acceptable, nor was he personally impressed by him. He did not feel it satisfactory to have a professional Prefect in the circumstances, considered him rather old (58 years) and not being a local man, unsuitable for the post.

11. At REGGIO EMILIA the PJ was working with the GLN and 4709 wished to nominate their candidate for Prefect. He is a lawyer, young, virile and had so far, in his position as acting Prefect, filled the position very satisfactorily. It was agreed that before taking a decision the Italian Government nominee, MORILLI, who is a local man, and believed to be at present in the Province, was to be located by the Provincial Commissioner and considered.

12. At PARMA the GLN nominee for Prefect is one PERAZZI of the Communist Party. In a short interview with him he did not impress me very much. He did not appear to have sufficient personality for the office of Prefect and I doubt whether he would be satisfactory. The Italian Government nominee, MIGNOLI, was proposed to the PJ who was not prepared to make a decision immediately. In view of the situation with regard to the Patriots who are still armed and the fact that numbers of the army are still in the countryside and have not yet surrendered, it was decided that MIGNOLI would be infiltrated to the Province at an early opportunity with a view to giving the PJ a chance of seeing the local reaction and of judging his capabilities.

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13. At MONTE the President of the CNI is one COPEL, he is not nominated as Prefect, but is President of the CNI. The proposed Prefect is the Marquese MACOLI, who has been trained as a lawyer and is a Christian Democrat. He was the original founder of the CNI which was conducted in his own house. The Marquese MACOLI is at present acting in the capacity of Prefect and seemed to have matters well under his control and extremely well organized. He is popular, with the backing of all parties; he is a local gentleman prepared to act in public office out of public spirit, he does not at present wish to remain permanently as a Prefect but is prepared to do so for a period until conditions are more settled. The position of the store has not been settled and the Provincial Commissioner has asked his higher HQ if a questore can be furnished.

PATRIOTS.

14. In Florence the Patriot Centres are holding very much reduced numbers. Some of these were found to have made their way to BOLOGNA, where they were attempting to be housed in a Patriot Centre which is being organized there. Officers were instructed that Patriots would not be allowed to take up permanent residence in BOLOGNA if their homes were available to go to.

15. I visited MODENA, where a large parade was taking place. The numbers were estimated as being 10,000. My own estimate is more in the region of 8,000. The Patriots were given a great ovation and laid down their arms at the end of the Parade when ten truckloads were collected, mainly rifles, some German captured vehicles were also collected, together with one piece of ordnance.

16. The local Emergency Military Hospital was visited in which 150 sick and wounded Patriots are being cared for. This is in excellent condition and medical treatment was being given and all possible aid to the Patriot wounded. General HUBB inspected the wards and talked with most of the men. One ward contained approximately 20 German wounded soldiers which were guarded by the Patriots. General Hume personally presented certificates to all the Band Leaders present at the Parade, which numbered some 20, and a speech was made by the President of the CNI which showed a keen appreciation for the Allied effort and the statement that the Patriots worked not only for the freedom of Italy but for the freedom of the world from aggression was made; it was, in fact, a sensible and well balanced speech and was received with acclamation by those present.

17. In REGGIO CALABRIA the Patriots have not yet been disbanded, but it was anticipated that a parade would be held in a few days.

18. At PARMA Patriots are also still armed and are likely to be so for a short period in view of the fact that there are German parties at present in the area who are not prepared to surrender to Patriots. Under the direction of the British Liaison Officer, contact is being kept with them and it is anticipated that when an Allied officer or Allied troops are available to call upon them to surrender they will do so.

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19. The situation over Patriots in this city seemed a little difficult. They were mostly Communist or left in political outlook and were requiring very tactful handling. The BLO, Major Holland, was giving assistance to the Regional Commissioner in these matters. The Italian Military Patriot Officer had already reported to the PC, PAVIA, and was ready to start work.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PEOPLES COURTS.

20. A decree establishing Peoples Courts for the purposes of Mouration was received at various H₁ during the period of the tour. Most Regional Commissioners were very glad to receive this and were starting to implement its functions immediately. It was a matter giving concern to Regional and Provincial Commissioners as there was some pressure by the Italians to start operating Peoples Courts.

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R.R. GRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION.

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Remarks:

Will pass to Ex Commissioner when you have seen. (R) 4707

