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PORT OF VENICE
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18 May 45

SUBJECT: Opening of VENICE

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4. Attached at Appendix 'B' is a summary of accommodation required for certain specific units, which will be located in the VENICE Area.

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for Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer.

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G-3	1	QM	1
G-4 (A)	2	Coal Sec	1
G-4 (B)	1	Tn (B)	1
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G-4 (Nov & Tn)	2	D IRS	1
G-5	2	Labour	1
Q (Joint)	1	AG Records	2
Q (AE)	1	Stores	2
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MAJOR INSTALLATIONS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ON KEY PLAN

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APPENDIX "A".

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ce	Installation	Peak Tonnage	Storage Accommodation		Remarks
			Covered sq ft (e)	Open sq yds (f)	
		(d)			(g)
<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>					
	Transit Camp	To accommodate 2,000	-	-	In buildings if possible, barracks at 625585 would be ideal.
	PW Camp	To hold 2,000	-	-	
	ESD	15,000	14,000	120,000	Accommodation for Workshop & Park Coy RE required in same area. Strength Offrs 9 WCs & Sjts 16 ORs 198 Vehicles 20
	Tn Stores Depot	20,000	12,000	100,000	
	BSD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Military supplies.
	BSD	10,000	72,000	5,500	For Civil supplies on Austria account
	DID	500	3,000	250	} One may be in VENICE } One may be in TOWN AREA MESTRE
	DID	500	3,000	250	
	Bakery	To utilise available civilian Bakeries			
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
12	ST	Butchery	2,000	Existing cold storage accn		Store exists at 625553 and w if in working order or repair
13	ST	Two BFSS	For available Bulk Oil Installations			
14	ST	Petrol Depot Type 'A'	20,000 It should be possible to reduce this figure when bulk storage and pipe lines are avail- able.		484,000 sq yds or 15,000 yds of road	Good internal road circuits, rail fed or near suitable sid
15	Med	1,200 Bed Gen Hosp	N.A.	196,000		Site stated to be available
16	Med	Med Stores Depot	200	40,000		Initially unit will be an Adv will later be replaced or cor Base Depot.
17	Ord	Ord Transit Sheds	1,000	100,000	20,000	
18	Ord	AAD	20,000	15,000	20 miles of good road stacking	
19	Ord	Vehicle Park	2,000 vehicles	6,000	100,000	
20	Salvage	Base Salvage Depot combined with Veh Disposal Depot		12,000	100,000	
21	P & SS	Mobile Stationery Section	100	15,000	5,000	To be sited in TOWN AREA MES
22	EFI	Base Canteen Depot	2,000	20,000	1,500	To be allocated by Siting Bo
23		Bulk Issue Store	500	6,000	250	To be allocated by Siting Bo

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1,200 Bed Gen Hosp	N.A.	196,000		Site stated to be available in MESTRE now.
Med Stores Depot	200	40,000		Initially unit will be an Adv Depot but will later be replaced or converted to a Base Depot.
Ord Transit Sheds	1,000	100,000	20,000	
AAD	20,000	15,000	20 miles of good road stacking	
Vehicle Park	2,000 vehicles	6,000	100,000	
Base Salvage Depot combined with Veh Disposal Depot		12,000	100,000	
Mobile Stationery Section	100	15,000	5,000	To be sited in TOWN AREA MESTRE
Base Canteen Depot	2,000	20,000	1,500	To be allocated by Siting Board.
Bulk Issue Store	500	6,000	250	To be allocated by Siting Board.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
24	+ Postal	Mails Centre (One)		10,000	200 (Parking space)	To function as APO for US Forces in NE ITALY.
25	+ Postal	Army Post Office (One)		3,500 Office accn	100 (Parking space)	To provide APO for units in VENICE

+ It is desirable that the two installations should be accommodated in adjoining premises if possible.

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(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Mails Centre (One)		10,000	200 (Parking space)	To function as Adv Base APO for Br Forces in AUSTRIA and NE ITALY.
Army Post Office (One)		3,500 Office accn	100 (Parking space)	To provide APO facilities for units in VENICE area.

able that the two installations should be accommodated in adjoining premises if possible.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
US MILITARY REQUIREMENTS						
1.	Engineer	Engineer Depot	3,000	12,000	13,000	To be allocated accommodation RES AREA if US tonnage is to handled through VENICE.
2	Signal	Signal Depot	3,500	17,000	4,000	
3	Medical	Medical Base Depot	200	6,000	-	
4	Ordnance	Base Depot	500	14,000	1,500	
5	Ordnance	Ammunition Depot	4,500	10 miles of roadside storage, flat, well away from towns but near railway.		
6	QM	Storage Depot	4,500	18,000	1,400	In addition following cold storage: Freezer 22,000 cu ft. Chill 9,000 cu ft.
AC ITALY REQUIREMENTS						
1		Civil Supplies Warehouse	25,000	165,000	5,000	AC request allocation of the Ma Generale in the Old City or for FA Warehouse.

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MENTS				
Engineer Depot	3,000	12,000	13,000	To be allocated accommodation in a RES AREA if US tonnage is to be handled through VENICE.
Signal Depot	3,500	17,000	4,000	
Medical Base Depot	200	6,000	-	
Base Depot	500	14,000	1,500	
Ammunition Depot	4,500	10 miles of roadside storage, flat, well away from towns but near railway.		
Storage Depot	4,500	18,000	1,400	In addition following cold storage is required Freezer 22,000 cu ft. Chill 9,000 cu ft.
Civil Supplies Warehouse	25,000	165,000	5,000	AC request allocation of the Magazzino Generale in the Old City or failing that the FA Warehouse.

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RAF REQUIREMENTS				(a)	(e)	(r)	(r)
(a)	(b)	(c)					
1	RAF Mov	Embarkation Unit	1		5000		Dock offices, Transit shed, or in same building or adjacent
2	Air Transport Services	Major Staging Post	1		5000		
2A	RAF Transport Cnd Wing HQ	To be allotted by HQ 249 Wing	1		5000		
3	RAF HQ Adv	Adv HQ DAF	1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Car
3A	RAF HQ Rear	Rear HQ DAF	1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Car
4	Hospital	Mobile Fd Hospital	1				100 beds. 80 staff.
5	MT Repair	MFLRU	1		2400	125000	Covered area suitable for work
6	RAF Stores	Air Stores Park	2		4800	250000	Covered area suitable for storage
7	MATS ADV HQ	MATS ADV HQ	1				Offices, billets and Garages.
8	Adv Maint Gp	Adv HQ 214 Gp	1				Offices, messes and billets.
9	Area Stores	To be nominated by 214 Gp	1		50000	11000	} To be called forward by H
10	MT Repair & Maintenance	"	1		5000	20000	
11	Vehicle Pool	"	1		10000	200000	
12	Returned Eqp	"	1		50000	22000	
13	Supply & Tpt	S & T Column	1				Hard standing near road.
14	Leave Officers	Leave Hotel	1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate maximum of 200
15	Leave Ssr NCOs.	Leave Hotel	1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate maximum of 300

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	(a)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Embarkation Unit 1		5000		Deck offices, Transit shed, officers billets in same building or adjacent to Port Authority.
Services Major Staging Post 1		5000		
And Wing To be allotted by HQ 249 Wing 1		5000		
Adv HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Garage
Rear HQ DAF 1				Offices, Messes, Billets, Garage.
Mobile Fd Hospital 1				100 beds. 80 staff.
MPLRU 1		2400	125000	Covered area suitable for workshops
Air Stores Park 2		4800	250000	Covered area suitable for stores.
MATS ADV HQ 1				Offices, billets and Garages.
Adv HQ 214 Gp 1				Offices, messes and billets.
To be nominated by 214 Gp 1		50000	11000	} To be called forward by HQ 214 Group.
Maintenance " 1		5000	20000	
" 1		10000	200000	
" 1		150000	22000	
S & T Column 1				Hard standing near road.
Leave Hotel 1		Hotels & Flats		To accommodate maximum of 200.
Leave Hotel 1		Hotels & Flats		To accommodate maximum of 300.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
16	Leave ORs	Leave Hotel 1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate maximum of
17	Mobile Signals	Mobile Sigs Unit 1		2000	1000	Enclosed open space for vehicles.
18	MACAF	Transit Depot			Covered accommodation for 150 Officers and 850 ORs (Maximum)	To accommodate : 150 Off 100 Sme 750 ORs
19	Provost & Security Det	DAFM 1				Offices and billets for 20 ORs
20	RAF Base Administration	Base Area 1				Offices and billets for 60 ORs.

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	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Leave Hotel 1			Hotels & Flats	To accommodate maximum of 400
Mobile Sigs Unit	1		2000	1000	Enclosed open space for specialised W/T vehicles.
Transit Depot				Covered accommodation for 150 Officers and 850 ORs (Maximum)	To accommodate : 150 Officers
Security Det	DAFM 1				100 Srr NCOs
Base Area	1				750 ORs
Offices and billets for 4 officers and 20 ORs					
Offices and billets for 12 officers and 60 ORs.					

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BIDS FOR ACCOMMODATION VENICE NOT INCLUDED IN KEY PLAN

Serial	Service	Installation / Unit	Requirements	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
BRITISH MILITARY				
1	Pay	Field Cash Office	Bank facilities	Already established.
2	Welfare	Details already settled, 624/10/1(Maint) dated 14 May 45 refers. In addition accommodation for CVW Canteens, SSATA and Legal Aid will be required.		
3	Ord	Base Laundry	Laundry facilities and accommodation	Preferably near hospital
4	Ord	Officers Shop	30,000 sq ft covered shops and store rooms.	
5	ST	Mob Pet Filling Centre	14,500 sq yds with good road approach	To operate local Petrol
6	Med	One CCS	To be sited in VENICE	
7	Med	One Fd Hyg or Fd San Sec		
8	Med	Two PAC		
9	Med	Two Fd Dental Centres		
10	Med	One Fd Dental Lab		
11	Med	Two Malarial Control Units		
12	Tn (PORT)	Hq Port Op Coy	Officers 13 ORs 62	
13	Tn (PORT)	Four Port Op Coys	" 32 " 1,464 (total 4 Coys)	
14	Tn (PORT)	One Port Maint Coy	" 7 " 200	

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BIDS FOR ACCOMMODATION VENICE NOT INCLUDED IN KEY PLANSECRETAPPENDIX "B".

Installation / Unit (c)	Requirements (d)	Remarks (e)
Field Cash Office	Bank facilities	Already established.
Details already settled, 624/10/1 (Maint) dated 14 May 45 refers. In addition accommodation for CVW7 Canteens, SSAFA and Legal Aid will be required.		
Base Laundry	Laundry facilities and accommodation	Preferably near hospital.
Officers Shop	30,000 sq ft covered shops and store rooms.	
Mob Pet Filling Centre	14,500 sq yds with good road approach	To operate local Petrol point .
One CCS	To be sited in VENICE	
One Bd Hyg or Bd San Sec		
Two PAC		
Two Bd Dental Centres		
One Bd Dental Lab		
Two Malarial Control Units		
HQ Port Op Coy	Officers 13 ORs 62	
Four Port Op Coys	" 32 " 1,464 (total 4 Coys)	
One Port Maint Coy	" 7 " 200	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(e)
15	Tn (PORT)	HQ IWT Gp (det)	Officers	4	ORS 20
16	Tn (PORT)	IWT Wkspc Coy (less det)	"	5	" 100
17	Tn (PORT)	IWT Port Op Coy (Br) (less det)	"	2	" 104
18	Tn (PORT)	Two IWT Port Op Coy (Italian)	"	8	" 416
19	Tn (PORT)	Z Craft Coy	"	4	" 100
20	Tn (Rly)	One Rly Constr Coy	"	7	" 270
21	Tn (Rly)	One Rly Op Coy	"	8	" 360
22	Pro	One Provost Coy Traffic Control SIB Regt Police Guard Room Staff	A central site near to the Questura or CORR HQ.		Total accommodation for
23	And other units on ORBAT for operation etc of port.				

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) Two IWT Port Op Coy (Italian)	" 8	" 416	
) Z Craft Coy	" 4	" 100	
One Rly Constr Coy	" 7	" 270	
One Rly Op Coy	" 8	" 360	
One Provost Coy	A central site near to the Questura or CCIR HQ.		Total accommodation for 250
Traffic Control			
SIB			
Regt Police Guard Room			
Staff			
And other units on ORBAT for operation etc of port.			

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ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS
19 MAY 1945

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Meeting board VENICE.

1. AFHQ party total 1 Maj Gen, 3 Brigs, 4 Cols incl ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND
Rep 3 Lt Cols, 2 CR's plus those already in VENICE.
2. Of above 2 Brigs, 1 Col, 1 Lt Col, 2 CR's arrive by air TREVISO Eta
1115 hours 20 May. Request you arrange transport to meet and as required thereafter.
3. Request you also arrange accommodation for whole party 20 until 22 May

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55 AREA, DISTONE, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND, REAR MACMIS, ALOOM

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Subject is policy for use of ports TRIESTE and VENICE. This cable is broad outline primarily for information and to enable authorities affected to plan in accordance with AFHQ policy. Fuller and more comprehensive instructions follow.

1. Both ports to be seaheads.
2. TRIESTE primarily for maintenance 13 CORPS and for civil supplies if any to VENZIA GIULIA. Initially forces in AUSTRIA may receive part supplies through TRIESTE but ultimately AUSTRIA will be maintained as in third below.
3. VENICE primarily for maintenance 8TH ARMY less 13 CORPS and secondly as alternative for TRIESTE should use of latter become impracticable.
4. Reserve stock will not be held at TRIESTE or VENICE. Small maintenance stock details to be notified will be held as below.
5. TRIESTE. To be held west of river ISONZO in respect of forces ultimately based on TRIESTE.
6. VENICE. To be held in area PORTO MARCHERA - MISTRE.
7. Initially control of both ports vested in 8TH ARMY. Subsequently 8TH ARMY responsible supplies clearance from docks to depots UNITED STATES tonnages for maintenance 91 Division.

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8. No formal sittings board for TRIESTE but AFHQ representative will visit earliest. VENICE formal sittings board instructions follow.

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