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TROOPS IN BOLZANO
SEPT. - DEC. 1945

147

Ex. 100

Ex 146 for if

17/12

PA

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If you can please obtain another copy of 146

W/156

every claim
is filed at
146 + 146
to 146 1/2

133.

Capt Braybrooke.

With the exception of Page 132 it appears from the minutes and folios of this file that the intention is to withdraw the Folgore Div from the Bolzano area and replace it with British troops. Can you find out if the Folgore Div has actually moved, as Page 132 casts a shadow of doubt over the whole thing. In any event it is the intention that there should be some Italian troops stationed in the Bolzano area and perhaps you can obtain from Land Forces S/C details of what Italian troops it is proposed should remain.

16/11

No - Folgore Div - a limited security (Ref 13) (and) 12,300 in all (including) other troops

135.

SO - CC.

Opposite is letter of 13 Nov (ref: 8277/EO) and enclosures thereto which you loaned me from CC's file. I spoke yesterday with Brigadier Parsons, G-5 - AFHQ, who knows all about the troop dispositions in Alto Adige; he has seen all the signals that have gone from AFHQ to Distwa concerning the movement and disposition of troops and is sending us copies of those which had not been sent to us.

ERS 20/11

17/11

Noted

ES. 10

140

See also folio 139 for info

ERS 5/12

11/12

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(143)

2464

ES. 10

See 142 & 141 for info

ERS 8/12

(127)

ESD
Pre see P (126) for info: copies sent
to Land Forces SF & CAsce.

ESD 7/11

128

ESD B
I seem to have heard that the move of
the Tolgona Dis. has been cancelled.
Is this so?

ESD 7/11

(129)

ESD
According to SD. MHA the move of Tolgona 2963
still on, starting approx 15 hrs. There has been
some difficulty regarding their new location
for training area, but, at the moment, that should
mean merely a possible delay. ESB 8/11

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ESD

Pre see 130: an interesting first
squawk - see para 2 of file 122.
I will submit draft reply. ESB 10/11
on return to file. ESB 11/11

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ok. If this was recd. on 17 Oct how come
that it was passed to me on 23.

DRB 23/10

122C

~~CSG~~ 24/10

See also 122B for info

23/10

(109)

Ex. Com. P. 1 submitted for info.

~~Trans~~ 12/10.

(112)

But when is the basic letter — that is

important. Mr. [unclear] (104)

C.S.O.

(113)

Copies of Bui Dunlop's two letters of 6 & 10 Oct should go to Land Force Sub Com. (for GOC)

(See 117) Mr. [unclear] (131x)

~~114~~

Ex. Com. C.S.O.

(119)

Re see 115 & 118 on the same subject. The matter seems to be getting a little clearer. 2.61

722 ~~Trans~~ 15/10. 2.61

imminent

Mr (mla)

104

C.S.O.

(113)

(111)

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(See 117)

MS (13/12)

~~117~~

Ex. Com

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(119)

Para see 115 & 118 on the same subject:
The matter seems to be getting a little clearer.

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TO: Executive Commissioner

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Please see folios 115 and 118.

I have spoken with Colonel Pidsley, who is in entire agreement. He also tells me that a signal has been received from AFHQ ordering the FOLGORE Division to move down and concentrate in the VERONA area for training.

I will chase up this signal on the return of the file.

17 Oct 45.

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Final C.S.O.

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Due

Good. Letter to GOC No 2 & R.C.V.R. to issue

Copy of them of 118 to GOC Land Forces Then
to me for CC

MS (13/12)

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Ex Comm

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OUTGOING MBS 363

FROM : MGL
TO : DISTRO
DISTRIB

DATE TIME
19 1230 J 6/6965

INFO : GEN CMT FOR 9 (ED)
GUG CMT FOR 9 (MAY)
REF : ED3099

~~SECRET~~ DEC 28 1965

SUBJECT MATR OF POLGORE (.)

(.) OFFICE RECORD OF REL BY REAR BATTIES OF POLGORE
WITH REFS FROM MMLI. CMA BOME TERRITORIAL
CMA AND POLGORE TERRITORIAL CMA
COMPLETED EVENING 18 (.)

(.) LUNONY RECOMMENDED IN MY ENJO3 DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1965
BY POLGORE ENJO3 MAT POLGORE DIV CMA
REFERS LOCALS DIV CMA AND SERVICES LESS DIV WORKSHOPS AND OFF
IN AREA FLORENCE (.)

(.) MMLI. JONES RECOMMENDED LOCATING HQ AT FLORENCE (.)
(.) POLGORE RECOMMENDED REVISION LAURE DIV WAGES AND CMT
IN PRESENT LOCUS TILL APPROX 9 JAN 66 WHEN FLORENCE
TERRITORIAL CMA ANTICIPATE JOE AVAILABLE FOR POLGORE
ON GROUNDS LARGO NUMBER OF VHS AT PRESENT B L R AND

AWAITING REPLY IN POLGORE DIV WAGES MMLI.
SUPPORT THIS REQUEST (.) MMLI. LAURE POLGORE
O F P RECOMMENDING FLORENCE LOCUS BUT DO NOT SUPPORT REQUEST IF
PRESENT LOCUS URGENTLY REQUIRED BY DISTRO FOR ALLIED

TTC (.)

(.) REQUEST DISTRO OFFICE FULFILL DESTINATION OF

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ONE
SUSPECT MOVE OF FOLGORE (.)
(.) QUIN HIDE OF F... BY RESE PARTIES OF FOLGORE
WITH RIES FROM M.M.I.A. OLD. ROME TERRITORIAL
OONO AND FLORENS TERRITORIAL OONO
COMPLETED EVENING 18 (.)

TWO
(.) LAYOUT RECOMMENDED IN IN EDJOS DATED 13 COMPLETED AGRED
BY FOLGORE LICKET IN FOLGORE DIV COM
DISTRICT LOCAL DIV HQ AND SERVICES LESS DIV MEMBERS AND OFF
IN AREA PLANNING (.)

THREE
(.) M.M.I.A. AGREE THAT ANTI-ITY LOCATING HQ AT FLORENS (.)

FOUR
(.) FOLGORE REQUEST PLANNING LANE DIV WARS AND OFF
IN PRESENT LOONE TILL APPROX 9 JAN 66 BEEN PLANNING
TERRITORIAL COMD ANTICIPATE NOW AVAILABLE NEAR FLORENS
ON GROUND LANE NUMBER OF THIS AT PRESENT B.L.R. AND
WELTING REP. IN FOLGORE DIV WARS M.M.I.A.
SUPPORT THIS REQUEST (.) M.M.I.A. AGREE FOLGORE
O.F.P. REMAINING PRESENT LACK BUT DO NOT SUPPORT. REQUEST IF
PRESENT NOW URGENTLY REQUESTED BY D.I.S.T.V.O. FOR ALLIED
TIG (.)

FIVE
(.) REQUEST D.I.S.T.V.O. OFF IN DETAILED DISSEMINATION OF
UNITES FROM FOLGORE AND CHANGE MOVE DIRECT WITH
D.I.S.T.V.O. AND G(MV) CHQ

LOCAL DISTIN: HQ...
MINISTRY OF WAR

PRESENCE

IMPOSSIBLE

INTERNAL DISTIN: FILE: CD/43/1

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IMMEDIATE.Subject:- Move of POLCORE Div.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RMT.
SD/43/1
5 December 1945.

To:- G.H.Q. (for C. of S.)

In confirmation of telephone conversation on the above subject, Brig. TATES - General BROWNING, a.m. 15 December.

1. I had my first interview with the new Minister for War, BROSIO, yesterday evening and amongst other things he raised the matter of the move of POLCORE.
2. He requested that the move should be postponed a fortnight until the first week in January, for the following reasons:-
 - (a) That there had been so many changes since POLCORE was first told it would move in October last that morale had suffered.
 - (b) That the move would be taking place just before Christmas, and in fact, might continue over Christmas in view of the weather, the shortage of drivers, etc.
 - (c) That Christmas is an important festival and looms large in the eyes of Italians; consequently the move at this moment would cause wide-spread discontent and probably desertion or A.W.O.L.
 - (d) The Minister's own position. He has just taken over, and his first act would be to order an unpopular move with possible trouble at the very start of his regime.

The Minister was very reasonable in the way he put forward this request, and asked me to represent the above to you, which, by the terms of my charter, I am bound to do.

3. I pointed out to the Minister that:-

- (a) There had been continuous and considerable Italian opposition from the start to any move of POLCORE from the BOLZANO area.
- (b) There was no political significance in this move. The Ind. Regt. would be remaining in the BOLZANO area, with elements of Priuli farther south. It was solely a matter of freeing POLCORE from guard commitments so that they could be withdrawn for training and that there was

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Not enough accommodation in the area to cope with the relieving Allied Troops and POLGORE as well.

(c) The whole matter was on train and that I very much doubted if A.F.H.Q. could see their way to upsetting arrangements already very far advanced, particularly as in a few weeks' time POLGORE, owing to the weather, might not be able to move at all.

(d) It was very late in the day for the Italians to ask for this postponement when they had known for many days past that this move was intended at once and the reconnaissance for accommodation south of the Apennines had been completed and agreed to by the Ministry of War representative in conjunction with M.M.I.A. and 3 District without any protest.

4.

I await your decision on the matter.

A. Browning

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

P.S. Since writing the above I have been informed by Brig YATES on the telephone that you cannot agree to postponement of the move and I have informed the Minister of War accordingly.

Copy to:

H.Q. A.C. (for Executive Commissioner)
H.Q. 2 District.
Re. 4 B.L.V. BOLZANO.

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Ex Conn
 G/5543.

OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : 1071A

TO : 4 BLU - 5 BLU - 7 BLU

INFO : AFTER - 13 CORPS - DISTRO - DISTANCE
 1 BLU - 2 BLU - 3 BLU - 6 BLU
 8 BLU - 9 BLU - 10 BLU - 11 BLU
 12 BLU

REF : SD/3093

DATE 13 1945
TIME A

DEC 14 1945

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AS REQUEST MADE POLICORE FROM DISTRO TO
 DISTANCE PERSONNEL OF BLU WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS (.)
 ONE (.) ALL PERSONNEL OF 4 BLU LESS GSO II CIVIL DAMAGING AND
 MOTIVATION (.) OTHER DAMK AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SHALL TO BE OF B TYPE
 BLU CIVIL POSTED TO 7 BLU IF FLORENCES (.) GSO II
 CIVIL DAMAGING AND OPS ABOVE REMAIN SOLZANO (.)
 TWO (.) ALL PERSONNEL 5 BLU LESS GSO II CIVIL DAMAGING AND MOTIVATION
 OF OTHER DAMK AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SHALL TO BE B TYPE BLU WHICH
 WILL REMAIN AT UDINE CIVIL POSTED TO 4 BLU AT
 SOLZANO (.)
 THREE (.) EMPLOYE COLON NO 5 BLU (UDINE) REMAINS 3 BLU
 BLU CIVIL NO 4 BLU (SOLZANO) REMAINS 1 BLU
 BLU CIVIL NO 7 BLU (FLORENCES) REMAINS 1 BLU
 BLU (.)

FOUR (.) DEVIIL TO BE ASSIGNED ACTUALLY EMPLOYE COMES OF BLU
 OPERATIONS AND THIS HQ INFORMED (.)

FIVE (.) CIVILIAN TO BE CONTINUED BY 2400 HRS 31 DEC (.) ACTION

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ROUTINE

60 SUB AREA

DISTWO

DEC 7 1945

INFO : DISTTHREE, 217 AREA, MMIA, ALCON, NORTHMOVES, MOV BOLOGNA
GHQ CMF FOR GSD

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Ref your SD1/2443 undated. Folgore now relieved of commitments and are ready to move. Details of dispersal points and detraining STNS will be notified after Recce completed. Strengths Mobile and non Mobile parties already in your possession.

AG DIST.

INFO ACTION : LAND FORCES SG

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EXEC COMMR 2

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HEADQUARTERS
7 DEC 45
A. C.

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[Signature]

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DNC 060925A

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DEC 8 1945

DISTWO

ACTION: 60 SUB AREA

INFO: DISTHREE.

217 SUB AREA,

EMIA,

ALCOM,

NORTHMOVES, MOV BOLOGNA, GHQ CMF FOR GGD

~~SECRET.~~

1. FOLGORE GP will move soonest to training area in Northern portion of DISTHREE to be selected by DISTHREE in consultation with Italian Ministry of War and EMIA.
2. Details of RECC parties required from FOLGORE GP will be notified to you soonest.
3. Notify this HQ soonest details of move of main bodies including dates ready to move and details of mobile and non mobile parties.
4. Move orders will be issued ^{by} to GHQ.
5. On arrival in training area in DISTHREE FOLGORE GP will come under control of Italian Government.

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INFO ACTION: LAND FORCES S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EMIA COMMISSIONER
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IMMEDIATE

G (SD) GHQ GMP

ACTION MMIA DISTWO DISTHREE
INFO ALCON NORTHMOVES

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DEC 5 1945

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1. Folgore Gruppo will move soonest to training area in Northern portion of Distthree to be selected by distthree in consultation with Italian Ministry of War and MMIA.
2. MMIA will notify direct to distwo details of Recce parties required from Folgore Gruppo.
3. MMIA in consultation with distwo will notify this H.Q. soonest details of move of main bodies including dates on which ready to move and details of Mobile and non Mobile parties. Move instructions will then be issued by this H.Q.
4. On arrival in training area in distthree Folgore Gruppo will come under control of Italian Govt. This H.Q. letter AG 091.7116 (SD)-0 of 2 November refers.

AG DIST.

ACTION : LAND FORCES SO 2
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMR 2
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5 DEC 1945

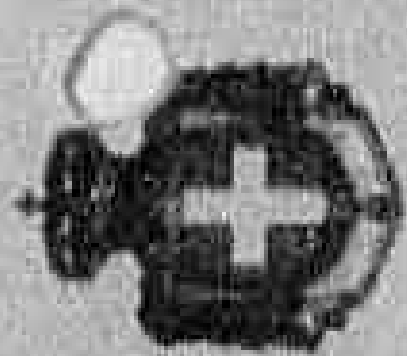
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

rough translation

n° 16/23145/74

Rome, November 28th, 1945

DEC 1 1945

Dear Admiral Stone, ¹³⁴

I wish to express to you my best thanks for the letters n° 8277/EL dated 13 November and n° 8277/134/EL dated 17 November, which the Allied Commission has kindly addressed to me on the matter of the dislocation of Italian troops in Alto Adige, the subject of my letter n° 16/25392/64 dated November 7th, 1945. ¹³² ¹³⁰

I am particularly grateful for the assurances received and for the interest evinced by the Allied Commission in realizing how great is the Italian Government's concern in connection with the permanence of Italian units in Alto Adige.

Please accept, dear Admiral Stone, the expressions of my heartfelt greetings.

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner

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Rome, November 28th, 1945

DEC 1 1945

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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etc. Please copy to Sec.?

yes
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Copy to: Lord Forster

(copy to) 1/12

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma, 26 NOV 1945

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Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio sentitamente per le due lettere n. 8277/33 del 13 novembre e n. 8277/134/33 del 17 novembre, che la Commissione Alleata ha voluto farmi conoscere in merito alla questione della dislocazione delle truppe italiane in Alto Adige, oggetto della mia lettera n. 16/25392/64 del 7 novembre 1945.

Le sono particolarmente grato per le assicurazioni fornitemi e per l'apprezzamento che la Commissione Alleata dimostra per l'interesse che il Governo italiano annette al mantenimento dei nostri reparti in Alto Adige.

La prego di voler accogliere, caro Ammiraglio, le espressioni della mia viva cordialità.

R. Rinaldi

Ammiraglio Ellery V. STONE
Chief Commissioner

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Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio sentitamente per le due lettere n. 8277/57 del 13 novembre e n. 8277/134/53 del 17 novembre, che la Commissione Alleata ha voluto farmi tenere in merito alla questione della dislocazione della truppe italiane in Alto Adige, oggetto della mia lettera n. 15/25392/54 del 7 novembre 1945.

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Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

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ROUTINE

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AFHQ, CITE FIRST INFORMATION MEDIA ALCON

NOV 16 1945

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Ref your FA 5-775 of 11th NOV and confirming conversation FOSTER - BROWNE.
There is now in BOLZANO Number 4 Italian Military Territorial Command HQ and
one Guards Battalion. Request that this may count as the ITALIAN Unit which
your signal requires to be located BOLZANO as siting of another Battalion
there will cause great accommodation inconvenience. There would be no need to
place it under operational command of Local Allied Command.

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INFORMATION & ACTION :

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INFORMATION:

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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HEADQUARTERS

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CSO.
(CAPT BRAYBROOK) EOB 20/11

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From: Lt Col F.H. McIlroy, Chief Staff Officer,

Ref: 8277/15A/30

17 November 1945

My dear Mr Pruno,

I feel I should enlarge upon my letter 8277/30 of 13 November which was in reply to your letter 16/2532/64 of 9 November 1945.

As you are no doubt already aware it has for some time past been the intention to withdraw the Folgore Gruppe from the Bolzano area. This move was to take place on the 15 November and the Gruppe should now be on its way to the Braccia-Gardone area for training. It was, however, never intended that all Italian Forces should be withdrawn from the Bolzano area and guard battalions are being maintained in the Bolzano-Fronte and Brennero areas. In addition to these guard battalions, there will be also one combat battalion.

I trust that the above now makes the position quite clear. If there is any further information you require please let me know.

Very truly yours,


Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Dott Renato Pruno,
Ministro Plenipotenziario,
Segretario Generale degli Affari Esteri,
Ministero degli Esteri,
ROME.

Copy to: Land Forces S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

1349

16 November 1945

To: Chief Commissioner

FOLGORE Division was scheduled to and started to move on 15 November to the Brenoia-Gardone area. Move was scheduled to be completed in approximately two weeks.

Italian Forces left in Bolzano area:

the 505 Guard Battalion	(Bolzano and vicinity)
508 " "	(Trento and vicinity)
514 " "	(Bressano and vicinity, due to arrive in area in ten days).

The above troops to be supplemented by one combat battalion to be selected by No. 2 District. Battalion strength (guard and combat) 800 men -- total troops, it expected to remain in area: 3200.

Folgore Division strength, 9000.

Above information received from Lt Col Southby,

MMIA.

/s/ LWS.

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COPY INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED
TO : DISTWO
INFO : MMIA: ALCOM
REF : FX 52775 CITE FHGOT

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PARA 1. THE IMMINENT WITHDRAWAL FOR TRAINING OF THE POLCORE GRUPPO FROM BOLZANO COUPLED WITH RETENTION OF AMG IN BOLZANO PROVINCE HAS CAUSED SPECULATION AND MAY CREATE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF UNITED NATIONS INTENTIONS.

PARA 2. YOU WILL THEREFORE ARRANGE WITH MMIA FOR ONE WELL DISCIPLINED BN FROM ANY OF FIVE GRUPPI TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN BOLZANO. BN SELECTED WILL BE UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF LOCAL ALLIED COMMANDER AS LONG AS AMG IS RETAINED IN BOLZANO.

PARA 3. IT IS TO BE EMPHASISED THAT ABOVE IN NO WAY PREJUDICES THE HAND BACK OF 'INTERIM' ITALIAN ARMY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTROL. THE BN SELECTED WILL BE REGARDED AS ON LOAN TO AFHQ AND MAY BE RELIEVED FROM TIME TO TIME.

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13 November 1945

My dear Dr. Prunas:

In reply to your letter 16/25392/64 of 9 November 1945, the Chief Commissioner has asked me to say that he has been informed that certain British troop units are presently being transferred to the Alto Adige to replace American formations which have been in that area since the German surrender. The Commission is not aware as yet that any change has been made in the deployment of Italian troops presently in that area, but should some relief take place it is most probable that it shall be by other Italian formations.

I appreciate the importance that the Italian Government attaches to the maintenance of Italian formations in the Alto Adige at this time and assure you that it is not the intention of the Allied authorities to take any action which would prejudice the existing situation.

Very truly yours,

N.E.F.
NORMAN E. FINEK
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Dott. Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale degli Affari Esteri
Ministero degli Esteri
Roma

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Copy to: Lord James 3/c (15/11/45)

see 7/133 2/11/45



Ministero degli Affari Esteri

San Tommaso
BOUGH TRANSLATION
n 8/35392/84

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Rome, November 7th, 1945

NOV 9 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

It is reported that units of British troops have been transferred to Alto Adige from other regions of Northern Italy. Such movements are probably connected with the recent departure from Alto Adige of some American formations. However, in certain quarters of that region the strengthening of British garrisons is being interpreted and explained as preliminaries to the removal of Italian troops now stationed there. The aims of such interpretation are obvious, just as it is obvious that it contributes to render still more acute the deplorable state of anxiety and restlessness, which I had the occasion to point out to you.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs is acquainted with the contents of a note the President of the Council of Ministers addressed to you on July 20th, 1945, to present the advisability of replacing units of the "Folgore" division with other Italian troops. Since then, the "Folgore" regiment "San Marco" was replaced with another Italian formation. Such substitution did not alter, but rather stressed the principles already established by the Allied Authorities, right after the liberation, that Italian troops share in the various tasks entrusted to Allied units in Alto Adige.

While on the subject of these rumors which are spread by propaganda hostile to Italy, I take the opportunity to draw your attention to the importance that the Italian Government - mainly for reasons of a moral character - attach to the presence of formations of Italian troops in Alto Adige. I shall also appreciate it greatly if you will see fit to take up the matter with the Allied

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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See # 102

For the
11/10/45

Action taken
(Retained by Office of the Liaison)

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replaced by other Italian formations.

I shall be very grateful if you will let me know whatever information may be in your possession on the subject and the decisions the Allied Military Authorities will take in the matter.

Please accept, dear Admiral Stone, the expression of my friendliest regards.

Very sincerely yours
(Signed) R. PRUMAS

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma, li 7 Novembre, 1945.

Caro Ammiraglio,

Viene segnalato che contingenti di truppe britanniche affluiscono in questi giorni da altre regioni dell'Italia Settentrionale verso l'Alto Adige. Trattasi di movimenti probabilmente connessi con la partenza dall'Alto Adige, avvenuta di recente, di alcuni contingenti di truppe americane. Tuttavia in taluni ambienti dell'Alto Adige tale rafforzamento della guarnigione britannica viene interpretato e spiegato come preludio all'allontanamento delle truppe italiane di stanza in quella regione. Gli scopi di siffatta interpretazione sono evidenti, come è evidente che essa rende più acuto quell'increscioso stato di preoccupazione e di irrequietezza che ho già avuto occasione di segnalare.

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All' Ammiraglio
Ellery W. STONE
Comissario Capo
Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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Colgo perciò occasione dalle voci propalate dalla sur-
riferita propaganda a noi ostile per attirare la Sua cortese at-
tenzione sull'interesse, soprattutto per motivi di ordine morale,
che il Governo Italiano annette alla presenza di contingenti di
truppe italiane in Alto Adige, e per pregarla di voler segnalare
la cosa al Quartier Generale delle Forze Armate onde far sì che,
nella eventualità che fossero previsti movimenti delle truppe
italiane ora di stanza in Alto Adige, queste siano rimpiazzate
da altri reparti nazionali.

Grato se Ella vorrà farmi cortesemente conoscere quan-
to Le risulti in proposito e le decisioni eventualmente adottate
dalle autorità militari Alleate, La prego di gradire, caro Ammi-
raglio, le espressioni della mia viva cordialità. -

R. Tassinari

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

6 NOV 1945

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TO : Allied Commission
Attn: Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT : Bolzano - Troop Movements

FILE NO : RXII/850.12

1. I have to report that I had a conference on this subject on Saturday 3 November with Colonel A.J.L. Purves Commander 60 Sub Area and with Colonel S.W. Miller MC Provincial Commissioner Bolzano.

2. The withdrawal of Folgore Division to the Brescia Region for training will commence next week. Garibaldi Regiment will be the first to be relieved by a British Artillery Regiment in the Silandro area. Nembo will then be relieved, also by a British Artillery Regiment, in the Brunico area. Finally the divisional troops of Folgore will be withdrawn.

3. I also interviewed Colonel De Luca commanding the Bolzano Legion of Carabinieri. He is shortly receiving a reinforcement of 500 men. Thanks to very helpful cooperation on the part of Major General Heydeman G.O.C. No.2 District, cloth for uniforms has been made available so that the Carabinieri in this most important Province can appear well turned out.

4. The number of road blocks in the Province has been reduced from over forty to nine. These nine are operated by Carabinieri. Italian military personnel are also present to deal with Italian military vehicles.

[Signature]
Regional Commissioner

Copy to: P.C. Bolzano Province
R.P.S.Q. Venezia

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Ex. Com's Dist - 7 Nov.

Info: Admin - Ex Com
Info - Land Force &
CA SEC

Copy to file 8273/EC 'Allied Troops in Italy'

(CARTERBROOK) *[initials]*

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Ref: 8277/124/83.

18 October 45.

SUBJECT: Palgore Division.

TO : Polad (A)
Polad (B)
VP, Civil Affairs Section,
GOC, Land Forces S/USIA

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Reference 505/83 dated 3 October and 8277/117/83 dated 15 October 45.

Copy of letter from GOC No. 2 District, Ref. 2915/G(9a) dated 12 October 45 is passed to you for information.

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File
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8277/123/20.

19 October 45.

SUBJECT: BOLZANO - Folgore Division.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
FOLGORE Region.

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1. The contents of your RMIL/850.12 dated 13 October 45 are noted with satisfaction. I have since received Gen. HAYDONIAN's letter 2045/G(Cps) dated 12 October 45, copy attached, and AFHQ order for the transfer of the FOLGORE Division.

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2. I appreciate your pertinacity and tact in handling this matter.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission (1945)

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Ref: 8277/122/RO.

19 October 45.

SUBJECT: Situation in and around BOLEANO.

TO : G.O.C.,
No. 2 District.

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1. I have noted the contents of your 2015/G(Ops) dated 12 October 45 and am grateful to you for the action taken in sending Allied Troops to BOLEANO and arranging to transfer the Folgore Division to an area more suitable for training.

2. We will try to take care of any reactions on political grounds which may arise with the Italian Government when the transfer becomes known to them, but my impression is that they will be entirely favourable. In fact, some months ago the Prime Minister himself asked for the removal of the Division. The Minister for War may not be so amenable, but G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) will, I am sure, make satisfactory explanation to him.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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W. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)

Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8277/103/NO

16 October 1945

SUBJECT: Conduct of Volgere Gruppe

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces Subcommittee

1. Reference is made to 585/EC dated 10 September 45 in which Subcommittees were requested to investigate the practicability of implementing two quoted recommendations.

2. It is requested that a recommendation may be given in order that a reply may be sent to AFHQ.

C. R. BRAYBROOKS

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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FROM : MILA

TO : DISTWO

INFO : MILA LO MILAN, CHQ, CEF

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SUBJECT:- Situation around BOLZANO8274
SECRET**EXCOMMISSIONER**Hq No 2 District, CMF.
2015/G(ops).

12 Oct 45.

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Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

Ref your letter No. 585/EC dated 2 Oct 45.

1. I have just had a long talk with Brigadier DUNLOP and we are both in complete agreement regarding the BOLZANO situation. I have had this matter under consideration for some time and since my recent visit there have arranged for the following to take place:

(a) 60 Sub Area from GENOA will proceed immediately to BOLZANO and take over all military responsibilities in VENEZIE TRIDENTINA.

(b) I am sending up to that Region, the following additional troops:-

Copies to - as in H7.

- 1 Bn Brit Inf
- 2 Regts Arty
- 1 Coy Pnr (available for gd duties)
- 1 FS Sec.

2. I am in full agreement about the FOLGORE Div and have spoken to Gen WARD, Deputy Chief of Staff, on the subject. The FOLGORE Gp do not wish to leave BOLZANO Area for various reasons, political and otherwise, and I feel certain that the best way to have them removed is to say that they should be concentrated for retraining so as to be under the closer observation of their Commander. Unfortunately, before they are withdrawn, I must either take over the guarding of the 150 dumps which they are now guarding or remove from the dumps all articles of value which are required by the British Army and destroy all the German weapons therein. These two matters are being attended to as rapidly as possible, but will certainly take some time. I hope that the British troops available will be able fairly rapidly to take over the most important dumps from the FOLGORE Gp and free the greater portion of that Group.

3. I understand that Brigadier DUNLOP is writing to you fully on the subject. I am certain that Colonel PURVES and the new Regional Commissioner, Colonel MILLER, will work in close concert, as they had a long talk together in my office this morning.

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P. A. Heydeman
Major-General,
Comd. NO 2 District.

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Ref: 8277/117/EO.

15 October 1945

SUBJECT : Folgore Division.

TO : Polad (A)
" (B)
V.P. Civil Affairs Section
GOC., Land Forces S/O (MMA)

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Reference 585/EO of 3 October 45.

Copies of the following letters from R.O. Venetia
Region are forwarded for information :

RMIL/850.12 dated 6 October 45
RMIL/850.12 dated 10 October 45
RMIL/850.12 dated 13 October 45

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E. R. BRAYBROOK
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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15th October, 1965

Ref: 82277/52
To: Brigadier J.K. DUNLOP,
Regional Commissioner,
Veracruz Region

I have received your letter reference XII/650.12 dated
13th October 65 and am taking up this matter with G-5 and GOC,
Land Forces Sub Commission.

PER THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

15/10/65
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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13th October 45

To :- Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(Attn. Executive Commissioner)

Subject :- Bolzano, Folgore Division.

File No :- RXII/850.12

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 - One Battalion (D.L.I.)
 - One Pioneer Company (7 Officers and 180 men)

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VENEZIA REGION
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(c) He is also sending up an P.S. section and S.I.B.

5° The above mentioned Regiments are fairly weak, you will see however that they do constitute a very substantial assistance.

6° As you will also see, none of the above moves affect the 6th (British) Arm'd Division which therefore remains a mobile reserve.

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Copies To: (15 Oct 45) J.M. DUNSTON

Bolzano (A) Brigadier

Bolzano (A) Regional Commissioner
Venezia Region

Copy to: H.Q. No 2 District.
Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano.

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Subject: FOLGONE Combat Group, BOLZANO.575 Boq WASH
PERSONAL.Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.)
R O M B.

12 OCT 1945

A 052 10 Oct. '45.

My dear

1. The above Group has been in the BOLZANO area for some months and during the period GARIBOLDI Regt. have replaced SAN MARCO Regt. The other Regt. is PIAZZO (parachutist). The war-time G.O.C., MORICI (who let the Group get out of hand) was replaced by a strong disciplinarian, FALCONE, who has made a considerable improvement.

2. The inevitable aftermath of war was reaction, resulting in indiscipline on the part of these tough, highspirited troops, particularly PIAZZO, though the rather vague charges have never been really substantiated.

3. There has been a lot of correspondence over the last few months on whether FALCONE should not replace PIAZZO, the idea being that FALCONE is a steadier Group.

4. Though I personally would not have sent PIAZZO to the BOLZANO area originally, I was against replacing it by FALCONE and despite a recurrence of the agitation for this change I still am against it for the following reasons:

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(ii) FRULLI would in fact be little better

(iii) the discipline of VOLGONE is on the up-grade and might get a set back if removed from what they consider to be a point of honour

(iv) the change would be a blow to the Italian Army prestige, which they are trying to build up

(v) a change would cause an administrative upheaval (apart from the transportation problem) at a difficult time when they are starting to run their own administration themselves. As you know, VOLGONE are guarding a very large number of dumps.

I agree with the War Ministry.

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5. I understand that political pressure is being brought on JACINTO by the Cabinet to effect a change. But if there is a change for political reasons, through it is not my business, it seems to me that that is playing straight into the hands of the Tyrolean population, who will have scored a victory and whose "appetite" in consequence may be whetted by success!

6. It is really a matter for 2 District (subject to your approval) at present, but

(a) as I am charged with making known the War Ministry's view on matters

(b) in view of possible future developments

I think you will like to have the above angle on this matter before coming to a decision; and I send it to you personally for such action as you think fit.

Yours

L.B.

Brig. J. D'A. ANDERSON, D.S.O.,
C.J. Org.
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C.3 Org.
A.P.N.Q.

Copy to : Brig. M.B. LACK, O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

10 October, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Att'n: Executive Commissioner) **OCT 11 1945**

SUBJECT : Bolzano - Folgore Division

FILE NO : RXII/850.12

With reference to my letter, RXII/850.12 of 6th October, Jr. Commander Lawrence has now returned from Milan having delivered my letter to Headquarters, No. 2 District. It appears that Major General Heydeman has not yet issued definite orders for the move of Folgore and wishes to have a discussion on the matter with me.

I am, therefore, proceeding to Milan tomorrow afternoon.

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[Signature]
Regional Commissioner

Copies To: (15 Oct 45)

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HEADQUARTERS
 VENEZIE REGION
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
 (Att'n: Executive Commissioner)
 6 October, 1945
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SUBJECT : Bolzano

FILE NO : RMII/850.12

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In view of the fact that Lt. Col. Thompson had copies of all my letters, and that we were in complete agreement, I thought it more correct not to intervene in this morning's conference already fixed between Major General Heydemar and Lt. Col. Thompson. My own impression is that General Heydemar has already made up his mind to move Folgore.

Now that I have received your letter I shall send a staff officer to Milan with a letter to General Heydemar to ask if he would wish a further conference.

15 OCT 45

Regional Commissioner

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POLAD (B)

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
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6 October, 1945

850.12

To: G.O.C. No. 2 District

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1. G.O.C. No. 2 District will, I think, have now received a copy of a letter from Headquarters, Allied Commission, reference 585/EC of 3rd October.
2. At the time of my meeting with Major General Heydeman at Bolzano on the evening of Friday 5th, I had been away from my Headquarters for two days. As a result, I had not received the copy of the Allied Commission Headquarters' letter which had been addressed to me. In the absence of authority from my Chiefs I did not therefore feel at liberty to discuss the question of moving Folgore.
3. I was, however, very glad to gather from General Heydeman's observations that he had himself come to the conclusion that such a move was necessary.
4. I should be very glad to come across to Milan to discuss the matter - from the point of view of the Allied Commission - if Major General Heydeman considers such a visit now necessary.


Regional Commissioner

Copy to:- H.Q. Allied Commission
Att'n: Executive Commissioner

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Allied Military Government
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TO : HQ Allied Commission
Attn. Executive Commissioner
Rptd. Public Safety Sub Commission

3 October 1945

SUBJECT : Bolzano Province

FILE NO : RXII/850.12

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1. With further reference to my 850.12 of 30 Sept. Replying to your 585/EC of 27 Sept and AC/14191/4/PS of the same date.
2. I should like to call your attention to the second sentence in the first paragraph of Pastor Michael Damper's memorial. It quotes a "Recent Allied Publication". This refers without doubt to an article which appeared in the "Stars and Stripes", itself a repeat of a Roman news item. No doubt this copy of the "Stars and Stripes" was widely known in the Sud-Tirol owing to the presence there of American troops. The Dementi which later appeared did not clearly deny the implication that some special treatment would be accorded to Bolzano, Belluno and Trento. I think it well to call this matter to your attention. There is no doubt that to many Italians, the "Stars and Stripes" and "Union Jack", are officially inspired Allied publications. We may have to hear more about this "Recent Allied Publication".



[Signature]
Regional Commissioner

Spoke Pub. Relations

who are endeavoring to find
appropriate copies of "Stars & Stripes"

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Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano.

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IL PREFETTO DI BOLZANO

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Bolzano, September 20th 1945

LT.Col. WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY
Provincial Commissioner A.M.G.
Bolzano.

Re: Carabinieri Battalion.

Considering the situation I believe it is advisable to insist with General Dunlop that the Carabinieri battalion, now in preparation at Padua and which is at the disposal of the Tre Venezie, be sent, for provisional service of long duration, to Bolzano.

Col. Chapman of the Allied Police in Rome, General Brunetti, Chief Commanding Officer of the Carabinieri and also the Presidency of the Council of Ministers have all personally confirmed to me the necessity of this disposition, which depends from General Dunlop.

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/s/ B.de Angelis

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