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WILL REPORT TEMPORARY DUTY ABLE MIKE GEORGE FIVE ARMY ABOUT FIVE
SEPTEMBER

cc: Col. Hancock - RC - Reg. XI.
Col. Farren

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1st Lt., AGO,
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 AMG EIGHTH ARMY
 OPERATION ORDER FLORENCE

1. The city of FLORENCE will be administered in the early stages by a team of 3 Army AMG offrs who will later hand over to the offr designated as PC, FLORENCE (Lt.-Col. ROLPH). This arrangement applies only to FLORENCE City; the administration of the rest of the Province will proceed as usual.

2. The AMG 8 Army team will form part of the "S" force formed by 86 AREA.

INT 3. To administer the city of FLORENCE for 48 hrs from its first occupation and hand it over to the PC FLORENCE at the end of 48 hrs or at such later date as SCAO FLORENCE may decide.

4. In carrying out this intention the present civilian administration will be interfered with as little as possible provided it is functioning properly. This principle will be qualified by the overriding necessity of maintaining law and order and of assisting the military authorities. RULES regarding removal of FASOISTS will be strictly complied with.

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6. ASSEMBLY. AMG MAIN 8th ARMY will signal LOS 10 and 13 Corps the location of "S" force assembly pt; LOS will then be responsible for ensuring arrival of detailed offrs.

SCAO and SCAPO will move from Rear 8th Army to ORVIETO to collect Region VIII offrs and the Carabinieri and continue to the assembly pt.

7. FOLLOW UP PARTY. This is divided into the following :-
(1) Party to arrive at the end of 24 hrs after occupation and report to SCAO.

LT. COL. SPENCER	S SUP O	
LT. COL. FARINCCI	SPHO	
LT. COL. ELVES		Liaison with ecclesiastical authority
CAPT. WHALEN	Finance	Property.
Offr detailed by RC Region VIII		Custodian of Allied A
"	"	" Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
CAPT. LONMON		CAO from Region VIII
Chief Clerk AMG 8th Army Rear.		

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- (ii) The FLORENCE Provincial party who will enter the town to take over Provincial Adm NOT before 48 hrs have elapsed since original entry.

NOTE: VIII Region will NOT set up its HQ in FLORENCE until authority is given by E.C.A.O. AMG Eighth Army.

8. Except for the offrs specified in 5 and 7 (i) and (ii) above, no personnel of AMG/ACC may enter FLORENCE without a pass signed by SCAO AMG 8th Army until further notice. The CMP will enforce this ruling and have received orders to arrest any offr or OR found in FLORENCE without a pass.

9. ORIGINAL OPERATIONS

- (i) Police. The CAPOs will come under orders of SCAPO and will operate as detailed in the police plan (att appx A).
- (ii) SCAO, SCAPO and CAOs will proceed to PALAZZO VECCHIO in PIAZZO SIGNORIA to take over the municipal govt. Special immediate duties as follows :-
- (a) MAJOR GRIZZARD. Price control (see price lists at appx B) and its immediate enforcement, provision of warehouses for 1,000 tons supplies and handling labour, selection of suitable restaurants (see Police Plan), supervision of lighting and water supplies.
- (b) MAJOR ZERVUDACHI. Relations with civic authority and Committee of Liberation (under SCAO).

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- (c) to provide and operate 4 loudspeaker vans which will broadcast the manifesto (inter alia). These vans will enter FLORENCE with Police Parties.

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11. Finance. Banks, Post Offices and other financial institutions will be closed on entry and remain closed only for the shortest possible time. SFO will advise as to their immediate reopening for restricted business and posting of General Order No. 2 which will NOT be posted on entry.

12. Supplies.

(a) Regardless of what is found there, S Sup O will move 500 tons of mixed supplies into FLORENCE ex ORVIETO at the earliest possible moment.

(b) S Sup O will be informed of warehouse and labour facilities by Major GRIZZARD

13. Partisans. SCAG, AMG 8th Army directive on dealing with partisans is att at Appx C.

14. Hand over.

At the conclusion of 48 hrs from the time of first occupation or at such later time as SCAG FLORENCE may decide, the following changes will take place :-

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- (i) Lt.Col. DEWTON JONES will hand over the city to PC FLORENCE.
- (ii) Capt LONMON and Maj HARRIS will take over full duties as CAO and CAPO FLORENCE, responsible to PC FLORENCE.
- (iii) Specialist offrs from AMG 8th Army will hand over to the specialist offrs on PC's staff.
- (iv) The CAPOs and Maj ZERVUDACHI will remain under Cmd PC until such time as their services are required by AMG 8th Army for operational purposes, or the PC has no further need of them.
- (v) While Maj ZERVUDACHI remains in FLORENCE he will act as Liaison offr between AMG 8th Army and PC FLORENCE to ensure that PC FLORENCE is at all times cognisant of SCAO 8th Army intentions.

ADMIN

- 15. (a) SCAO will carry (i) 100 sets of proclamations, (ii) supply of manifestos and price lists, (iii) flags.
- (b) All vehs will carry POL for at least 300 miles, and 7 days rations for all ranks (including Carabinieri).
- (c) S Sup O, AMG 8th Army, will provide from 100L GT Coy, tpt for Carabinieri. No's to be notified by SCAPO.

INTER-COMM.

16.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

- 1. AMG Rear Eighth Army
- 2. LO 10 Corps
- 3. LO 13 Corps
- 4. HQ Region VIII
- 5. SCAO FLORENCE

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Appx "A" to Operation
Order FLORENCE.

POLICE PLAN

1. The City of FLORENCE will be divided into 4 police districts with dependent stations as follows:- (map att for CAPOs only).

(i)	NE District HQ, GNR Barracks, VIA FOSCARI
(ii)	SE " " CCR Caserma, S. Giovanni, VIA DEI NERI
(iii)	SW " " CCR, Scuole Centrale, VIA DELLA SCALA
(iv)	NW " " Caserma Rifredi, near PIAZZA DALL'AMAZZIA

2. On entry into the city, the ALL Police Force available will be divided and will proceed immediately to the various district HQs to take over existing police functions in substitution of whatever police force remains.

The Guardia Nazionale Repubblicana will be disbanded.

3. Force is allotted as follows :-

	Offrs	NCOs	Carabinieri	Total
SCAPO Major PUELEN	-	-	-	-
District. Major HARRIS	1	3	35	39
" Capt TAYLOR	-	3	35	38
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" Major SAUNDERS	2	5	58	65
				<u>180</u>

* Includes 1 offr, 2 NCOs and 23 Carabinieri for general supervisi...; guard duties at PALAZZO VECCHIO, Despatch-riders and CCR Reserve of 11 Carabinieri.

4. The above CAPOs are responsible for all police duties in their districts (under Comd SCAPO) and in particular for

- (i) Disarming of civilians and collection of arms.
- (ii) Enforcement of curfew from 2100 hrs to 0500 hrs.
- (iii) Keeping all civilian vehs, carts and bicycles off the main routes as marked by CMP (except for essential civilian traffic on AMG authority).
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- (v) Placing check posts round town to prevent all civilian movement in and out.

- (vi) Providing guards for the following as far as numbers permit 425
 - (a) Museums and Art Galleries as detailed by M & PA offr.
 - (b) Banks
 - (c) Supply dumps and warehouses

- (vii) Posting proclamations, notices, manifestos and General Order No.1.
- (viii) Implementing provisions for the sale of wines and spirits, and closing brothels.
- (ix) Reporting immediately to SCAPo existence of UX bombs, mines, etc.

5. CMP posts will be established, and their locations notified as soon as possible to CAPOs.

CAPOs will keep constantly in touch with the posts in their districts.

6. Passes will be kept to the absolute minimum but will include

- (a) Curfew passes for doctors and mid-wives,
- (b) Vehicle passes for essential civic authorities.

7. 8th Army policy for occupation of FLORENCE contains the following provisions :-

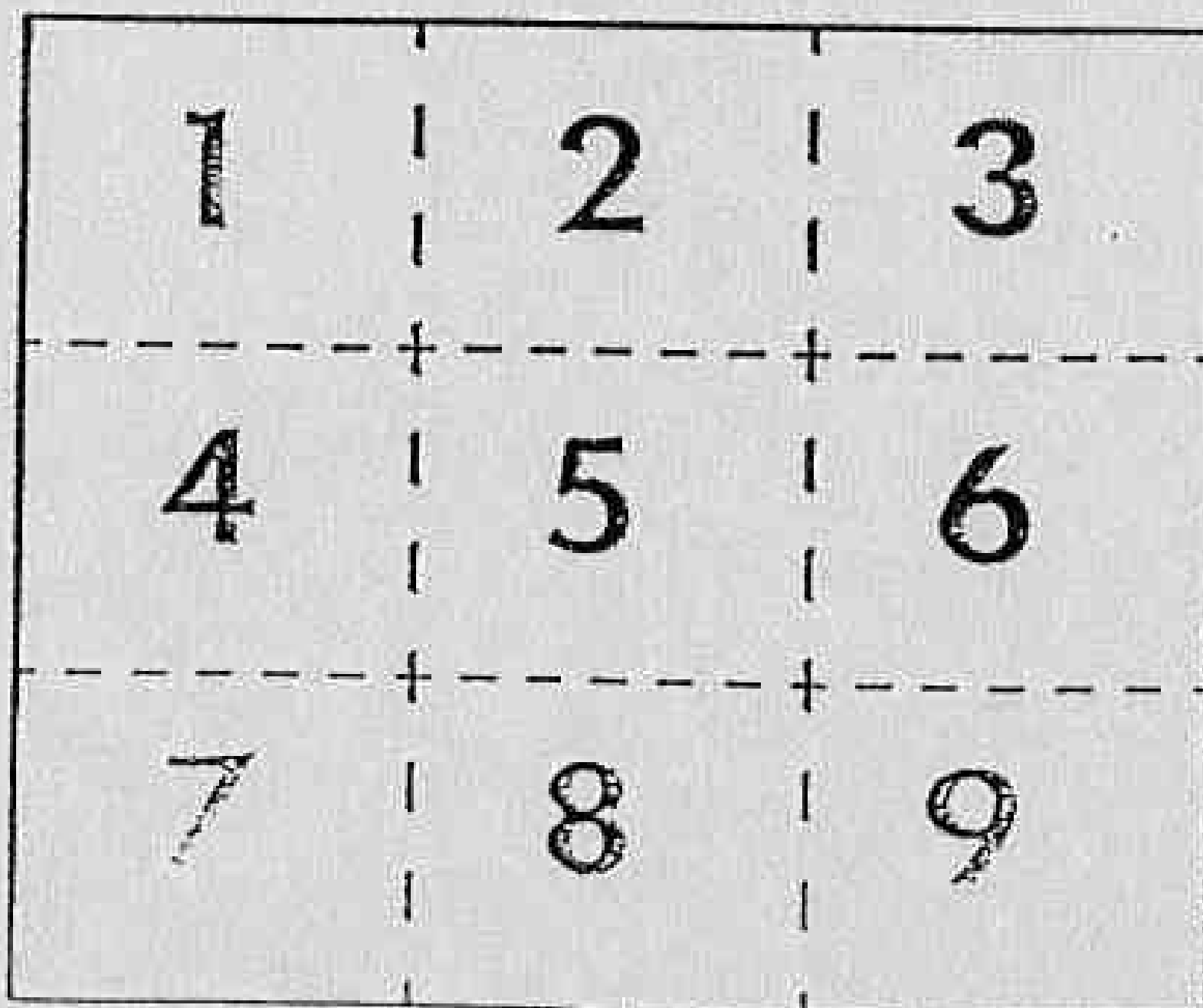
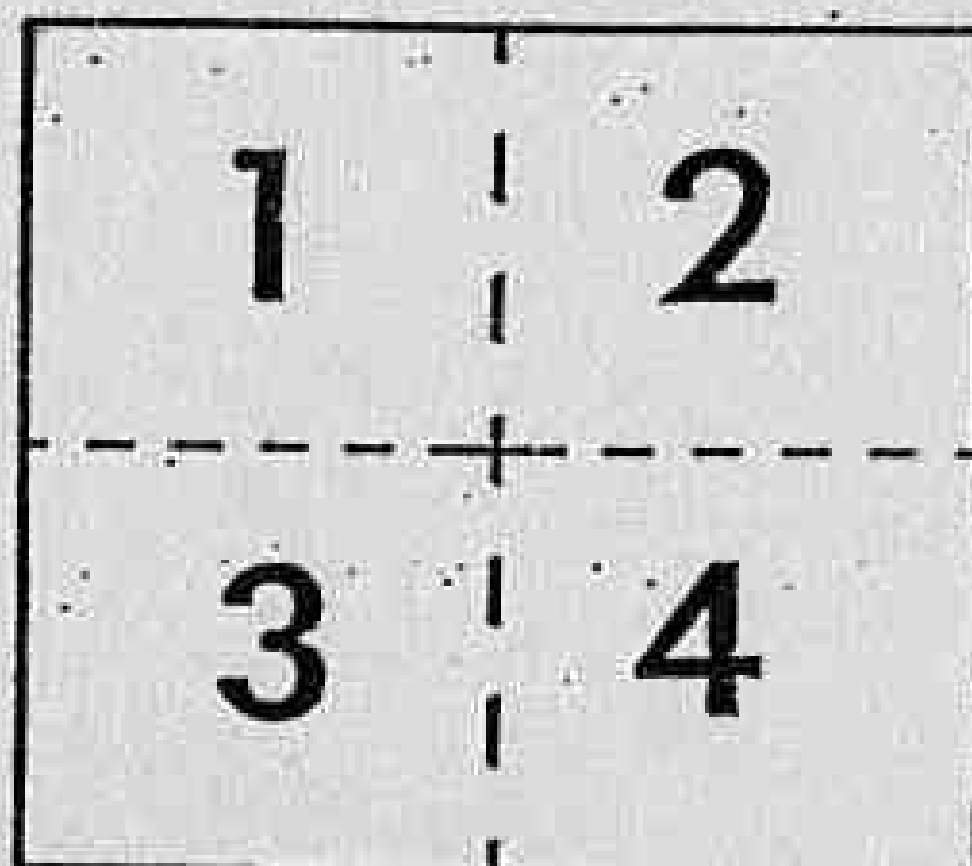
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- (a) Out of bounds for troops not on duty for at least 48 hrs.
- (b) Wine shops will be closed initially. No wine stalls allowed.
- (c) Brothels will be closed and prostitutes kept inside.
- (d) Restaurants will be of 3 classes :
 - (i) Those operated by Army Welfare,
 - (ii) Civilian restaurants supplemented as to supply by NAAFI.
 - (iii) All other restaurants out of bounds to all ranks.
- (e) Leave parties : none will enter for first 48 hrs.
- (f) Rd plans which will be given to C&POs.

These provisions have been agreed by SCAO, AMG 8th Army, and will be strictly implemented. Every possible assistance in carrying them out will be given.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



Appendix B

PREZZI

Pane
Farina di Frumento
Farina di Granturco
Zuccherio
Pasta
Grusca
Sale

Olio di Oliva Soprafino
Latte di Vacca

Vino

Produzion della
Provincia

(Per vino fino a 12 gradi; per vino di gradazione
minore ridurre di due lire per grado)

Vermouth

(Per vino fino a 12 gradi; per vino di gr
minore ridurre di due lire per grado)

80. - Vermouth

Lire per Kilo.

10. - Patate
10. - Verdura

(Cavolfiore, Finocchio, Lattuga etc: 1. Qualità

40. - Sapone di toilette
24. - Sapone da bucato

Lire la Scatola.

2. - Piammiferi

Lire per Kilo.

25. - Aranci
25. - Fichi secchi
25. - Mandorle in guscio
80. - Mandorle sgusciate

Lire per Quintale.

80. - Legna da ardere

80. - Mandorle sgusciate

Lire per Quintale.

80. - Legna da ardere
250. - Carbone vegetale

Lire per Litro.

13.50 Benzina
11.50 Gasolio
12. - Petrolio
35. - Olio lubrificante

First Class
1^a Categoria

7.-
10.-

Second Class
2^a Categoria

6.-
7.-

BARBIERI
Barba
Taglio capelli
(Servizio Completo)

First Class
1^a Categoria

100.-

Second Class
2^a Categoria

75.-

RISTORANTE

Per un pasto di Pasta
torno: Un quarto di
compreso.

Mandorie sgusciate

Quintale.

**Legna da ardere
Carbone vegetale**

Litro.

**Benzina
Gasolio
Petrolio
Olio lubrificante**

cond Class
Categoria

6.-

BARBIERI

7.-

Barba

**Taglio capelli
(Servizio Completo)**

cond Class
Categoria

5.-

RISTORANTE

Per un pasto di Pasta o Minestra: Piatto di con-
torno: Un quarto di vino: frutta locale: servizio
compreso.

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