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SUBJECT: Personnel of the Fascist Republican Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. N. I. A.)
R O B E
INT/102
October 1945.

TO : HQ AC. Civil Affairs Section.

Ref. your letter INT/3.20/CR of 27 Oct. 45.

We will inform you of the reply from 13 Corps to our letter INT/102 of 24 Oct. should your section not already be included on the distribution list.

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R. S. H. K.
for Major General
MHA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: DF/320/CR
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Oct
27 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Personnel of the Fascist Republican Army
TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission

Will you please inform this Section in due course of the action taken by 13 Corps in consequence of your letter to them DFT/102 of 24 Oct.

S.H. White
S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for VP CA Section

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Subject: Personnel of the Fascist Republican Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.G.
(M. M. I. A.)

ROME.
DHF/102.

24 Oct 45.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference your letter ^{123907/1/1} 110-1-16. of 17 Oct 45.

Your letter quoted at reference has been forwarded to
XIII Corps who are the competent authorities to deal with this matter.

LMJ
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Personnel of the Fascist Republican Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)

INT/102.

24 Oct 45.

To: 13 Corps for G-5 Section.

1. As a result of certain enquiries concerning the Italian Military personnel employed in the Distretti Militari of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA which were set up by A.M.G. for the purpose of dealing with the families and dependents of Italian Army personnel, this M.G. approached the Italian Ministry of War with a request for more precise information. A translation of their reply is attached.

2. As the Italian Ministry of War has no authority in these areas we are forwarding this translation of their letter to you for your information and possible action.

[Signature] Lt.-Col
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: M.G. A.C. (for Civil Affairs Section)
A.P.M.G.
MMA LG c/o 201 Sub Area.

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COPY - TRANSLATION

From: Min of War
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 123907/1/1.
Date: 17 Oct 45.

Subject: Personnel of the Republican Army.

In reply to your INT/102 of 31 Aug 45 and further to letter 122546/1/1 of 29 Sept 45.
The enquiries which have been carried out following the information given in the letter to which we reply have shown the following results:

TRIESTE DISTRICT: Personnel listed hereunder served as sworn adherents for the whole of the Republican period. From 1st May 45 they passed to the control of the Yugoslav authorities from whom they have received identity cards with the title of "Comrade".

Some of the NOCs are in State billets:

1. Col. 1st ftr. s.p.e.	Angelo
2. Ten.Col. ftr. s.p.e.	Filiberto
3. Ten.Col. art. s.p.e.	
4. MAGS.amm. s.p.e.	Gastano
5. MAGS.amm. s.p.e.	Lucio
6. Cap. amm. s.p.e.	Francesco
1. Mareo. C.O.	Efrem
2. Mareo. C.O.	Giovanni
3. Mareo. C.O.	Mario
4. Mareo. C.O.	Oswaldo
5. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
6. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
7. Mareo. C.O.	
8. Mareo. C.O.	Manlio
9. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
10. Mareo. C.O.	Gastano
11. Mareo. C.O.	
12. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
13. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
14. Mareo. C.O.	Giuseppe
15. Mareo. C.O.	
16. Mareo. C.O.	
17. Mareo. C.O.	
18. SORG. MAGS. C.O.	
19. SORG. MAGS. C.O.	
1. Mareo. C.O.	Adamantino
2. Mareo. C.O.	Antonucci
3. Mareo. C.O.	Biagiotti
4. Mareo. C.O.	Bernabini
5. Mareo. C.O.	Capriulo
6. Mareo. C.O.	Cipolletti
7. Mareo. C.O.	D'Auria
8. Mareo. C.O.	De Palma
9. Mareo. C.O.	Di Salvo
10. Mareo. C.O.	Di Girolamo
11. Mareo. C.O.	Di Pace
12. Mareo. C.O.	Marinichardo
13. Mareo. C.O.	Platenotti
14. Mareo. C.O.	Prato
15. Mareo. C.O.	Rivieri
16. Mareo. C.O.	Toma
17. Mareo. C.O.	Vlachioni
18. SORG. MAGS. C.O.	Gini
19. SORG. MAGS. C.O.	Di Giorgio

POLA DISTRICT: The following are serving:

1. MAGS ftr. s.p.	Danielli	Giorgio) have served for the Erasio) whole of the
2. Ten.Col. amm. s.p.	Angelo	

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|--------------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| 1. Angelo | 1. Maresco. | 1. C.O. | 1. ALAMANTINO |
| 2. Piliberto | 2. Maresco. | 2. C.O. | 2. ANTONUCCI |
| 3. Gastano | 3. Maresco. | 3. C.O. | 3. BLAGIOTTI |
| 4. Lucio | 4. Maresco. | 4. C.O. | 4. BARNESCHI |
| 5. Francesco | 5. Maresco. | 5. C.O. | 5. CAPRIULO |
| 6. Efram | 6. Maresco. | 6. C.O. | 6. CIPOLLINI |
| 7. Giovanni | 7. Maresco. | 7. C.O. | 7. D'AURIA |
| 8. Mario | 8. Maresco. | 8. C.O. | 8. DE PINA |
| 9. Osvaldo | 9. Maresco. | 9. C.O. | 9. DI SAURO |
| 10. Giuseppe | 10. Maresco. | 10. C.O. | 10. DI GIROLAMO |
| 11. Giuseppe | 11. Maresco. | 11. C.O. | 11. DI PANE |
| 12. Manlio | 12. Maresco. | 12. C.O. | 12. MANTICOMARDO |
| 13. Giuseppe | 13. Maresco. | 13. C.O. | 13. PLATONOTTI |
| 14. Gastano | 14. Maresco. | 14. C.O. | 14. PRATO |
| 15. Giuseppe | 15. Maresco. | 15. C.O. | 15. RIZZI |
| 16. Giuseppe | 16. Maresco. | 16. C.O. | 16. TOMA |
| 17. Giuseppe | 17. Maresco. | 17. C.O. | 17. VINCIGLIANI |
| 18. Giuseppe | 18. Maresco. | 18. C.O. | 18. GIMBI |
| 19. Giuseppe | 19. Maresco. | 19. C.O. | 19. DI GIORGIO |

POLA DISTRICT: The following are serving:

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| 1. Maresco. | 1. C.O. | 1. BOSCHI | 1. Maresco. | 1. C.O. | 1. BOSCHI |
| 2. Maresco. | 2. C.O. | 2. BOSCHI | 2. Maresco. | 2. C.O. | 2. BOSCHI |
| 3. Maresco. | 3. C.O. | 3. BOSCHI | 3. Maresco. | 3. C.O. | 3. BOSCHI |
| 4. Maresco. | 4. C.O. | 4. BOSCHI | 4. Maresco. | 4. C.O. | 4. BOSCHI |
| 5. Maresco. | 5. C.O. | 5. BOSCHI | 5. Maresco. | 5. C.O. | 5. BOSCHI |
| 6. Maresco. | 6. C.O. | 6. BOSCHI | 6. Maresco. | 6. C.O. | 6. BOSCHI |
| 7. Maresco. | 7. C.O. | 7. BOSCHI | 7. Maresco. | 7. C.O. | 7. BOSCHI |
| 8. Maresco. | 8. C.O. | 8. BOSCHI | 8. Maresco. | 8. C.O. | 8. BOSCHI |
| 9. Maresco. | 9. C.O. | 9. BOSCHI | 9. Maresco. | 9. C.O. | 9. BOSCHI |
| 10. Maresco. | 10. C.O. | 10. BOSCHI | 10. Maresco. | 10. C.O. | 10. BOSCHI |
| 11. Maresco. | 11. C.O. | 11. BOSCHI | 11. Maresco. | 11. C.O. | 11. BOSCHI |
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| 16. Maresco. | 16. C.O. | 16. BOSCHI | 16. Maresco. | 16. C.O. | 16. BOSCHI |
| 17. Maresco. | 17. C.O. | 17. BOSCHI | 17. Maresco. | 17. C.O. | 17. BOSCHI |
| 18. Maresco. | 18. C.O. | 18. BOSCHI | 18. Maresco. | 18. C.O. | 18. BOSCHI |
| 19. Maresco. | 19. C.O. | 19. BOSCHI | 19. Maresco. | 19. C.O. | 19. BOSCHI |

Other officers are serving but as yet their names have not been ascertained.

CORNELIA DISTRICT: The following are serving:

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|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| 1. Maresco. | 1. C.O. | 1. BOSCHI | 1. Maresco. | 1. C.O. | 1. BOSCHI |
| 2. Maresco. | 2. C.O. | 2. BOSCHI | 2. Maresco. | 2. C.O. | 2. BOSCHI |
| 3. Maresco. | 3. C.O. | 3. BOSCHI | 3. Maresco. | 3. C.O. | 3. BOSCHI |
| 4. Maresco. | 4. C.O. | 4. BOSCHI | 4. Maresco. | 4. C.O. | 4. BOSCHI |
| 5. Maresco. | 5. C.O. | 5. BOSCHI | 5. Maresco. | 5. C.O. | 5. BOSCHI |
| 6. Maresco. | 6. C.O. | 6. BOSCHI | 6. Maresco. | 6. C.O. | 6. BOSCHI |
| 7. Maresco. | 7. C.O. | 7. BOSCHI | 7. Maresco. | 7. C.O. | 7. BOSCHI |
| 8. Maresco. | 8. C.O. | 8. BOSCHI | 8. Maresco. | 8. C.O. | 8. BOSCHI |
| 9. Maresco. | 9. C.O. | 9. BOSCHI | 9. Maresco. | 9. C.O. | 9. BOSCHI |
| 10. Maresco. | 10. C.O. | 10. BOSCHI | 10. Maresco. | 10. C.O. | 10. BOSCHI |
| 11. Maresco. | 11. C.O. | 11. BOSCHI | 11. Maresco. | 11. C.O. | 11. BOSCHI |
| 12. Maresco. | 12. C.O. | 12. BOSCHI | 12. Maresco. | 12. C.O. | 12. BOSCHI |
| 13. Maresco. | 13. C.O. | 13. BOSCHI | 13. Maresco. | 13. C.O. | 13. BOSCHI |
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1.	Maresco.	c.c.	MAZZARELLA	Patito	} have served for 1 whole of the Repu period.
2.	Maresco.	c.c.	ATZONI	Giovanni	
3.	Maresco.	c.c.	BERTANO	Matteo	
4.	Maresco.	CCc.RR.	CECCHETTI	Eugenio	

All the a/m personnel have been retained in service by the Allied authorities and thinking therefore that have evaded separation, they behave impudently to their colleagues, who are not compromised with the fascist pseudo Republic and are still waiting to be re-employed, in such a way as to cause feelings of just resentment.

This Ministry can take no action in the matter as a result of instructions given by M.H.I.A. in letter ED/34 dated 6 Oct 45; it is felt, however, that it would be advisable if all personnel, compromised in any way whatsoever, were discharged and replaced as soon as possible.

Your reply on the matter would be appreciated.

(sgd) LOMBARDI Col C
Chief of Cabinet.

TRANSLATION

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From: M.of.W.
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 123907/1/1
Date: 17/10/45

Subject: Personnel of the Republican Army.-

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The enquiries which have been carried out following the information given in the letter to which we reply have shown the following results:

TRIESTE DISTRICT: Personnel listed hereunder served as sworn adherents for the whole of the Republican period: From the 1st of May 1945 they passed to the control of the Yugoslav authorities from which they have received identity cards with the title of "Companion". *Comrade*

Some of the NCO's are in State billets:

1)- Col. Inf. Reg.Army	PESCATORI	Angelo
2)- Lt.Col. Inf. Reg.Army.	BENEDETTI	Filiberto
3)- Lt.Col. Inf. Reg.Army.	CERRETTI	
4)- Maj. Admin. Reg.Army.	MANTESE	Gaetano
5)- Maj. Admin. Reg.Army	CLEOPE	Lucio
6)- Capt. Admin. Reg.Army.	CURCIO	Francesco
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1)- W.O. Reg.Army	ADAMANTINO	EFREM <i>Efrim</i>
2)- W.O. Reg.Army.	ANTONUCCI	Giovanni
3)- W.O. Reg.Army.	BIAGIOTTI	Mario
4)- W.O. Reg.Army.	BERNESCHI	Oswaldo
5)- W.O. Reg.Army.	CAPRIULO	Giuseppe
6)- W.O. Reg.Army.	CIFOLETTI	Giuseppe
7)- W.O. Reg.Army.	D'AURIA	
8)- W.O. Reg.Army.	DE PALMA	Manlio
9)- W.O. Reg.Army.	DI SALVO	Giuseppe
10)- W.O. Reg.Army.	DI GIROLAMO	Gaetano
11)- W.O. Reg.Army.	DI PANE	
12)- W.O. Reg.Army.	MASTRONARDO	
13)- W.O. Reg.Army.	PLATEROTTI	Giuseppe
14)- W.O. Reg.Army.	PRATO	Giuseppe
15)- W.O. Reg.Army.	RIZZIERI	Giuseppe
16)- W.O. Reg.Army.	TOMA	
17)- W.O. Reg.Army.	VECCHIONI	
18)- Serg. Reg.Army.	GIZZI	
19)- Serg. Reg.Army.	DI GIORGIO	

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POLA DISTRICT: The following are serving:

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| 1)- Maj. Inf. Reg. Army. DANIELI Giorgio | } have served for the whole of the republican period. |
| 2)- Lt. Col. Admin. Reg. Army. AMERIO Erisio | |
| 3)- Lt. Admin. Res. LUXORO Pier Franco | } commenced duty on the 15th Sept. 1945, having come from German concentration camps. |
| 4)- Lt. Inf. Res. BICIUCHI Ferdinando | |

- 1)- W.O. Reg. Army POSCHI

Other officers are serving but as yet their names have not been ascertained.

GORIZIA DISTRICT: The following are serving:

- 1)- Maj. Subs. Res. BONARDO Giacomo - remained on duty until the 30th November 1943 but does not appear to be compromised with the pseudo Republic.-

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| 1)- W.O. Reg. Army. MAZZARELLA | Patito. | } have served for the whole of the republican period. |
| 2)- W.O. Reg. Army. ATZONI | Giovanni | |
| 3)- W.O. Reg. Army. BERTANO | Matteo | |
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This Ministry can take no action in the matter as a result of instructions given by M.M.I.A. in letter SD/34 dated 6/10/45: the opinion is expressed, however, that it would be advisable if all personnel, compromised in any way whatsoever, were discharged and replaced as soon as possible.

Your reply on the matter would be appreciated.

O. Danin Cpl

(Sgd) Lombardi Col C
Chief of Cabinet

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OGGETTO: Personale militare italiano nell'Italia Nord-Orientale.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA)
ROMA - SD/34 - 6 OTTOBRE 1945

Riferimento vostro foglio 215406/II del 13 luglio '45
222.5.42

1. L'A.F.H.Q. ha disposto non essere desiderabile che l'Esercito Italiano effettui qualsiasi attività nella Venezia Giulia ad ovest della linea Morgan, fino a che non sia stato concluso il trattato di pace, ed ha ritenuto analogamente non desiderabile in questo momento di prendere contatti con il Governo Jugoslavo allo scopo di trasferire reparti dell'Esercito Italiano da quella parte della Venezia Giulia ad oriente della linea Morgan.
2. Si è pertanto spiacenti che le domande contenute nella vostra soprannotata lettera non possono essere soddisfatte.
3. Tuttavia l'ufficiale di collegamento MMIA ad Udine è stato pienamente informato circa la situazione ed ha ricevuto ordini di dare al Comando Territoriale la massima possibile assistenza, nell'ambito delle sopraportate istruzioni dell'AFHQ.

P. IL MAGGIORE GENERALE MMIA
P.to Colonnello P. Kerr

S.M.R.E. - SEZ. AUTONOMA COLLEGAMENTO ALLEATI- C.A.

TRADUZIONE N.8106/C

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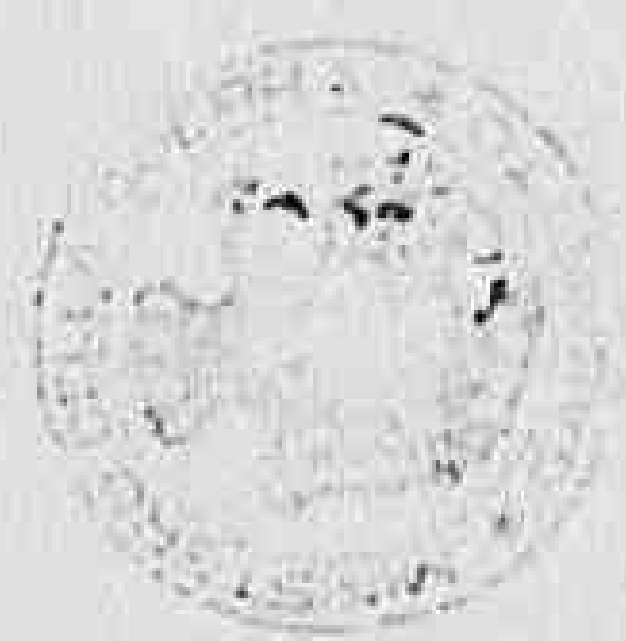
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TRADUZIONE N.8106/C

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
B A R I

REF : LB/21

10 October 1945

SUBJECT : Political activities of
SAN MARCO Regiment of Marines

TO : HQ Allied Commission
for Civil Affairs Section

1. The SAN MARCO Regiment of Marines is now stationed in the BARI Area and, apart from the CC.MR, is the only Italian military unit available for the preservation of law and order in the event of civil disturbances.
2. It is desired to point out that this Regiment is not an unbiased instrument. It is strongly monarchist and anti-communist. Its members when off duty, have more than once disturbed the peace by assaulting Communists and raiding local Communist Headquarters. The attached translation of a report from the Commander of the Carabinieri at BARIETTA is a typical example of these activities.
3. There is no doubt that this Regiment is extremely efficient and will maintain order in this Area, but the principle of using a military unit tainted with politics for the purpose of preserving law and order is so contrary to Democratic ideas that the matter is brought to your notice.

HSH/cb

W. S. Martley
H. S. Martley, Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARI

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Liaison Officer
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COPY TO : Navy Sub Commission

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Land Forces Sub Commission ✓

Public Safety Sub Commission

HQ. 52 Area

HQ. 54 Area

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LEADER DEL MONDO DEI CAPANININI REALI DI ANI
COMPAGNIA DI RAGUSTA

Def. No.: 156 / 49

SUBJECT: Phonograms

Barletta, 8 October 1945

To the Military Territorial Command of
 To the Command of the Legion of the CC.NR.
 To the R. Prefettura of
 To the R. questura of
 To the Command of the Group of the CC.NR.
 To the Allied Commission

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At about 1900 hrs on 8 instant at Barletta (Bari), few marines of the Santeramo Battalion stationed in the a/m town, having noted on the outside of the Socialist Party Youth Hq a picture with the caricature of H.M. The King, asked the boy who was inside to take it off giving him ten minutes time. A little later, the a/m marines seeing that their request has not been complied with, destroyed the picture and devastated the premises and took with them a red flag abandoning it later in the street. After that they went to the contiguous Communist Party Youth Hq, destroying the sign, the entrance and the windows. After the incident, representatives of the Communist and Socialist Parties threatened they will start a general strike as protest. The Commander of the a/m battalion intervened and deplored the incident assuring necessary steps for the identification of the responsible. The representatives of the a/m parties and those of the Chamber of Labour held a meeting later and decided to limit the protest by sending telegrams to the Ministry of War and to other political authorities. The public order is again normal.

Certified a true copy

The Captain Adj Major in 2

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-Franzose Marce-

(and) Capt. Chingperso

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~~SECRET~~

From Lt. Colonel LEV SUKACHEV

Circonvallazione Clodia 129

Tel. 368.043

ROMA

To: Major-General L. BROWNING

Allied Sub-Commission for the Army

Allied Commission

ROMA

1) After the occupation of Albania by Italy on April 7, 1939, the Albanian armed forces, against their will, were incorporated into the Italian army. The nationality and military ranks of the persons thus transferred have not been changed. Thus, a part of the Albanian Army (always against the will of the persons interested) has been transferred to Italy and incorporated into various Italian regiments. *W M do
Nationality
Not agree*

2) There is actually in Italy a small group of Albanian military personnel: officers, sergeants and other ranks with their families.

At the same time as Italy capitulated on September 8, 1943, Albania was occupied by the armed forces of Hitler.

The above mentioned group of Albanians who refused to serve with Germans, also refused to return to Albania, although the German authorities insisted when they organized

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Notionally agree

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The above mentioned group of Albanians who refused to serve with Germans, also refused to return to Albania,

although the German authorities insisted when they organized the repatriation of Albanians.

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3) After the Germans left Albania in September 1944, the general situation created in Albania does not appear clear or settled. There is no legal Government in Albania, the

authorities that rule the country are not recognized by the Allies; there is no regular army, there exist only irregular formations of partisans (who wear the "red star") and are not commanded by regular officers of the Albanian army.

4) In such conditions most of the members of the Albanian army in Italy are not disposed or cannot return to their country for political or ideological reasons, which are obvious. As soon as the Italian government was created (after Italy's capitulation) the Italian authorities carrying out the instructions received from the representatives of the United Nations, gave orders that the Albanians who were incorporated in the Italian army in Italy, should remain in the Italian army and receive their military salaries, in full.

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6) The Albanians in Italy realise that the present situation, of which Italy must be considered fully responsible, cannot

be prolonged indefinitely, and when they leave the Italian army they want some compensation as they will have to face the following difficulties:

- a) the impossibility of an immediate return to Albania though they have been transferred from their country against their own will;
- b) as citizens of a foreign country they cannot easily find employment of any kind in Italy;
- c) they lack any possibility of getting financial help from Albania;
- d) the general situation in Italy is difficult and the cost of living is high. (Many of the members of the group have big families to maintain.)

7) In order to satisfy the requirements of the above mentioned group of Albanians in Italy, it is suggested that

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- b) the cost of repatriation to Albania for the members of the group, their families, baggage etc.

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8) General CHATRIAN, Italian Under Secretary of State for War, has been dealing with this case.

I am an Albanian national, and the Senior Officer of this group, hence I am writing as their representative. I was head of the Royal Albanian Guard in Tirana and have served there as a regular officer since 1924.

Rome, August 1945.

See further

Spoke Mr Col SUKACEV by phone
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Subject:- Report on Conditions at 'R' Internee Camp.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

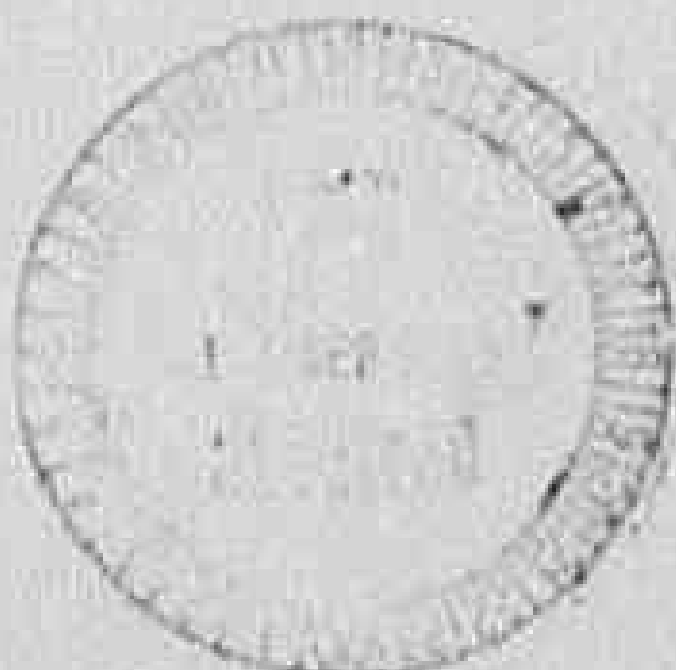
Land Forces Sub Commission
MIA

G1(BF)/3524/A2

15 Sep 45

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1. Reference your LFE/102 dated 27 Aug 45 enclosing complaint by Carlo DEL BONO of conditions at 'R' Civilian Internee Camp, a report has been received from the Camp Commandant, which clearly shows that conditions at 'R' Internee Camp are not unsatisfactory.
2. This report bears out the reports of various inspecting bodies who have visited the Camp on several occasions, and have reported favourably.
3. Further investigation is being made into an accusation by DEL BONO that he was interned for 9 months without being able to discover the charge against him.
4. You will be informed of the result of this investigation.



WAG/nm.

A.S. BAPSDORF
Lt Col AAC
for Major General
DAG G-1(Br)

Copy to: Allied Commission, ROME.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MHA)

ME/102

31 AUG 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. A report has been received at this HQ to the effect that all the officers on the staffs of the District HQs of THIMPHU, GOR-
-MHA and POLA which at present are operating on a skeleton staff, are reputed to be ex-Republican Army collaborators of the worst type.

2. In view of the above you are directed to make immediate investigations, reporting action taken to this HQ as soon as possible.

Major General,
M. H. L. A.

Copy to: MHA LD c/o Rear HQ 13 Corps (ref your ME/105 of 18 Aug 45.)

Interval: 'A'

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

SUBJECT: Republican Army pers.

(37)
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC
(MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ 13 Corps.

MM/105.
18 Aug 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC
(MMIA)
ROME.

1. It is reported by 5 Comd Territorial, UDINE that at TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA skeleton Distretti Militari are at present in op.
2. The distretti, which function solely for the benefit of families and dependants of It Army pers, were set up for this purpose by AMG upon occupation of these towns.
3. The It offrs employed at these distretti are all reputed to be ex-republican army collaborators of the worst type and it is thought that they are now endeavouring to re-establish their good names and to reduce thereby any liability they might have to trial by War Crimes Commission etc.
4. The above is for your information.

(sgd) THRUPT Major
MMIA LO rear HQ 13 Corps.

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SUBJECT: "R" In Prison Camp - TERNY

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

INT/102

27 AUG 45

TO : Allied Force Headquarters

Ref your G1 (NR)/3524/A2 of 23 Aug 45.

1. The report forwarded to you with our letter INT/102 of 21 Aug 45, was dictated to our Interpreter sergeant in this HQ by Mr Carlo Gol Bone in person. Subject is now resident in Rome.
2. A second copy of the report is attached.


Major General,
M. H. L. A.

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STATEMENT REGARDING CONDITIONS PREVAILING ' THE
 "R" CIVILIAN INTERNEES CAMP - THE VI

by
 Carlo Del Bono, an ex-internee

1. The internees are given the impression that they find themselves inside a detention camp rather than an internee camp.

2. On arrival at the camp internees are ill-treated both morally and physically (pushed around and at times even kicked around). All objects of any value in their possession are taken away from them and a receipt is given for same, but in many cases when an internee is released such objects of value are not found and the internee is forced to leave the camp without them.

3. Sanitary conditions. At the beginning of August the camp was holding 1100 internees, 900 of which occupied one block. This block was provided with 8 latrines which were always devoid of water. There were 20 wash bowls for the 900 internees and water was only provided during 3 hours during the day and at night. For over a month there has been no soap issue with the exception of about 15 grams issued at the last moment as a consequence of a collective protest. About 300 internees are totally devoid of clothing. All they have is a home made slip and apart from this walk about naked and bare-footed.

During the six winter months the internees had to sleep with no palissades, 3 blankets and at least a 50% of the window panes missing. At the moment 500 internees sleep on bed boards, with no palissades and only 2 blankets. Nevertheless there are many horses in the stables of the camp for which a very ample supply of straw is provided.

As far as exercise is concerned, the only available space is a barbed-wire enclosure measuring about 60 meters by 20 with no shade and a path about 5 meters wide around the block. At 1900 hrs. the internees are forced to re-enter the block which they cannot leave again until the following day.

4. Food. Food is definitely insufficient. The lack of vegetables, and fruit is much felt. No control is exercised over the issue of rations. As a rule a lorry drives in and dumps rations which are stated to be for a determined number of days. There are no scales or measures or any other means of properly dividing these rations.

There are hardly no cooking utensils and of those existing the majority consist of improvised material made by the internees out of empty cans.

5. Medical arrangements. Many of the internees are suffering from skin diseases due to lack of vitamins, but the sick bay is almost devoid of medical stores (this refers to the first aid post inside the compound). A roll call is held at 0700 hrs. and at 1800 hrs. Nobody is excused from the morning roll call and the British Sgt. in charge stated that even old men though they might be ill and suffering with a fever would have to attend the roll call first and then report sick at 0800 or 0900 hrs. but on no account could they any sick internee remain in bed however ill he might feel.

In fact it is often possible to see an internee attending roll call wrapped up in blankets and held by other internees he being unable to stand by himself.

6. EXERCISE. There is no possibility of the younger internees indulging in any form of sport for the sake of exercise owing to lack of space, footwear and good will on the part of the organizers of the camp.

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7. EDUCATION AND PRACTICE OF RELIGION. There is no library or any other facilities for those internees wishing to expand their knowledge or carry out any studies. There is no issue of writing paper even PW cards and papers must be bought the canteen by those who can afford to do so.

A corner of one of the rooms has been transformed by the internees into a sort of chapel. Recently when a new chaplain arrived he suggested that some sort of a railing or veranda should be built in front of the little altar for communion purposes. Some volunteers among the internees, as the camp is full of building materials lying around the all over the place, built a little veranda about 3 feet high in front of the altar. On the following Saturday, only day being during which the Col. Commanding the camp arrives carries out an inspection, said Col. ordered the veranda to be demolished as it had not been previously authorized. This was taken by the internees to be tantamount to an act of sacrilege. The measure seemed particularly unjust since it had been built at no expense to anyone and by voluntary labour. Further on, as from Aug 5th, the Col has cut off all facilities for the chaplain to bring into the camp the thin wafers used for the Catholic Communion.

8. GENERAL. No attempt has been made to organize the sleeping quarters in order that internees of different kinds or ages are kept comparatively separate. Everyone is mixed up regardless of social standing, activities, suspected crimes, etc.

The camp chief is a German, appointed by the Col. against his will and against that of all the Italians in the camp.

All the 1100 internees are under the control of one Sgt. who, at night, is represented by a Cpl.

It was suggested that a billet orderley be left in each billet during roll call but the Sgt. refused to grant this request with the result that thefts are very frequent, carried out by internees to the detriment of others.

Many internees have been held at the camp for over 10 months now without ever having been accused of anything or ever having been questioned by anyone.

In contrast to the regulations prevailing in other internee camps external visits are only allowed once every month whereas in other camps they are allowed every week.

Internal visits (such as between man or wife or close relations) allowed every day in other camps are only permitted once per week for half an hour in this camp.

The black market thrives in the camp particularly as regards cigarettes (price of which reached 50 lire per cigarette). The reason for this is that any protest is good enough to punish the whole camp by suppressing the cigarette issue for any number of days. This punishment applies not only to the normal issue of 5 cigarettes per day but also to any cigarettes which may be sent in parcels to the internees from the outside.

No emergency lighting is kept at night in passages, latrines, etc so that after 2200 hrs; the whole camp is left in total darkness. This, of course, facilitates thefts, vicious practices, etc.

Pioneers are entitled to pay at the rate of 300 lire per month the pay to come out of the profits of the canteen and Maafi. Now as the Maafi has been suppressed and the canteen, owing to the frequent punishments which entail the closing up of the canteen for so many days, there are no profits with which to pay the pioneers. In addition the internees sacrifice one of their daily issue of 5 cigarettes to the benefit of the pioneers who are supposed to have 20 cigarettes per day to compensate them for their labour. Nevertheless though they may have been working all day, when the camp is punished with no cigarettes these labourers are also deprived of their ration.

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The internees are forced to purchase brooms : their expense to clean up the camp because no brooms are issued by the camp authorities but the internees are punished if the camp is not swept. Disinfectants for latrines, etc, are insufficient to meet the requirements of a camp holding 1100 men.

Washing soap is issued direct to the camp laundry, which is free, and it is forbidden for the internees to do their own washing. However many internees have only the one clothing item they stand in and consequently cannot send it in to the laundry and remain in the nude. These are forced to merely rinse such garments in the washing bowls while unobserved and stand beside them until dry enough to put on again.

As regards the female block, although the practice no longer exists, it is worth while pointing out that at one time the women were forced to take shower baths in the nude in the presence of the British sentries. However the practice still exists that during medical inspection of the women by the British M.O. two sentries are present even if it is necessary for the women to undress.

The same mix up exists in this block as in the male block. Women of high social standing and high morals, who may be interned for their political views are forced to share their whole life in internment with prostitutes who are former inmates of brothels.

The cookhouse of the female block owing to defective construction is often flooded with refuse water.

A wave of the hand in salutations between internees in different blocks even in the case of husband and wife renders the "offender" liable to 14 days solitary confinement cells. There is no separate cell department for the women so that these, if punished, are sent to cells guarded by male sentries. Particularly on Saturdays, at night, it is often the case that men, NCOs and even officers, under the influence of drink go into the cells occupied by the women with the normal ensuing results.

Clothing, soap, etc. The situation can be said to be same in female block as described above for the male block.

Writer wishes to point out that he has also held at the Padula camp before going to the "R" camp and did not find there the inconveniences reported above. He wishes to point out, as well, that he does not make this report as a personal complaint but with the idea of, if possible, improving the conditions of the camp for those who are still there and avoid that more people should acquire an erroneous of what the British Army is and always has been.

The writer believes himself entitled to make this report since he has suffered internment for 12 months without ever having been questioned, without any charge ever having been preferred against him without ever knowing what he was supposed to have been arrested for and with a perfectly clear conscience.

This is a copy.

Typed by: js 27 Aug 45.

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SUBJECT:- "R" Internee Camp - TERNI.

Headquarters,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3524/A2.

25 Aug 45.

1. Reference your INT/102 dated 21 Aug 45 enclosing copy report by Carlo Del Bono on conditions at the above mentioned camp.
2. In order that investigations may be made it is requested that you inform this Headquarters in what circumstances and from whom you received Del Bono's report.
3. If you have a second copy of the report it would be appreciated if you would forward it with your reply.

26 AUG 1945

ALLIED COMMISSION

W.A. Goss.

W.A. GOSS,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
or Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

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Subject: Report on the GARIBOLDI Regiment.

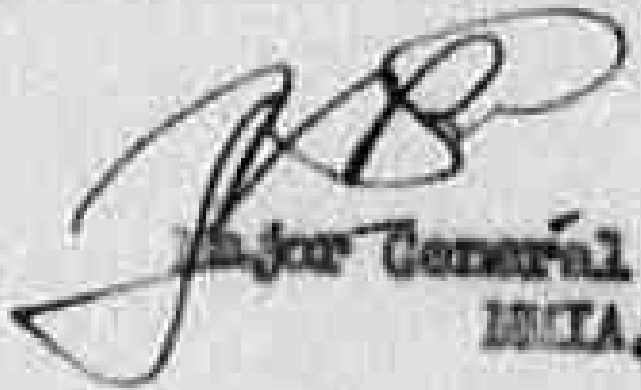
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

REF/102

19 Aug 45.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR (for attention Col. LOMBARDI - Chief of Cabinet)

1. Attached please find a few extracts from a report on the 'GARIBOLDI' Regiment submitted to this H.Q. by our Liaison Officer.
2. It is considered that the report embodies several interesting and important points.


Major General
LOMBARDI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 478201

Ref: 825/216/EC.

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Liaison Officers,
CATANIA
PALERMO
BARI
SARDINIA (Through NMIA) ✓

*Copy for War file
original forwarded to
Col Arthur on 4 Aug.*

1. On 25 July letter 825/212/EC was sent to Regional Commissioners on the above subject with a copy to you for information and compliance. It is fully realised that with your small staff you will not be able to submit such a detailed report as Regional Commissioners in areas under the administration of AMG, and therefore the subject headings listed at para 2 (a-p) need not be followed in compiling your report. Information contained in your reports is, however, of great value and is included in the A.C. Monthly Report which is sent to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee in WASHINGTON. For this purpose a general picture of conditions existing in your area is required. Domestic or staff matters should not be included in this report but should be submitted separately. Reports should be written in Parts I and II, as laid down in the above mentioned letter, the whole to be not longer than about FIVE single pages with Part I not exceeding ONE page in length.

2. The Executive Commissioner is anxious that a copy of your reports be sent to the Italian Government, local District, Area and Naval Headquarters. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would in future send a copy direct to your local area and Naval Headquarters and send two extra copies to this office (making eight copies in all) for onward transmission to the Italian Government and the appropriate District Headquarters.

Seen COS 6-1
/s/ ?
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

HSC/3045
26 July 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
General Officer Commanding, M.M.I.A. ✓
Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub-
Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Report of Italian Naval Activities.

1. The attached copy of POTALI's report of Italian Naval proceedings for the month of June is forwarded for your personal information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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C O P Y

Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
Area Combined Headquarters,
TARANTO.

No. T.A. 764

5th July, 1945.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1st JUNE to 30th JUNE, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward my report of proceedings in my capacity as Flag Officer Liaison, Italy for the period 1st June to the 30th June, 1945.

EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN NAVY.

2. Information has been received from the Admiralty that it is intended to return to Italian control, all Italian submarines now used for anti-submarine exercises by the British and American Navies. It is anticipated that the transfer will take place during the course of the next few months.

3. There has been no change in the employment of cruisers, destroyers and corvettes during the month. The Italians are being given every encouragement to press on with the minesweeping programme which has been planned for Italian mine sweepers.

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of my last letter of proceedings Admiral DA ZARA has returned from his visit to the battleships in the Bitter Lakes. On his return he declared himself well satisfied with the appearance of the ships and the morale of the crews.

DOCKYARDS.

5. The Commodore Superintendent's report of repairs carried out at Taranto, Brindisi and Bari during the month is attached. There have been no labour troubles in Taranto Dockyard and work continues smoothly.

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7. Large numbers of Italian Naval personnel with families in North Italy have been sent on leave during the month and I have allowed destroyers and escort vessels to be sent to Venice for this purpose.

8. In spite of my orders that no more naval personnel were to be sent on leave through Ancona until further instructions, the Italian Torpedo Boat "ORIONE" arrived at Ancona on the 14th June and landed about a 100 naval ratings and civilians including women and children. This was particularly disgraceful as the "ORIONE" was escorting a troopship carrying 962 officers from Brindisi to Ancona and her duties were to act as escort, navigational guide and rescue ship. After full investigation I elucidated that the blame for this flagrant contravention of orders rested entirely on Admiral I PARONA, the Commander-in-Chief, Ionian and Lower Adriatic. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has conveyed an expression of his severe displeasure to Admiral PARONA through the Minister of Marine.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copy to: Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, Rome).

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(Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy's No. T.A. 764 dated 5th July, 1945)

BRITISH NAVAL LIAISON PARTIES.

9. During the month it has been possible to reduce the liaison pool at Taranto to 4 officers and 12 ratings.

POLITICAL.

10. The new Italian cabinet under the premiership of Signore PARRI, appears to have been well chosen and has, in my opinion, met with the general approval of the Italian people. Admiral DE COURTEN retains his place in the cabinet as Minister of Marine.

11. The agreement reached with Marshal Tito on the administration of Venezia Giulia during the interim period before the peace conference, has come as a great relief to the Italians. While the majority realise that the final disposal of Trieste and Venezia Giulia will probably not be in their favour, they feel that they will now at least receive a square deal.

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Sir,

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VICE-ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-

Commodore Superintendent's Report

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Enclosure:-

Commodore Superintendent's Report
of Repairs (6/E/1712).

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
(Attention Captain Selby)

Date: 25th July 1945

Ref: AFSC/INT/2/I 496

The attached report by Colonnello TREVISANI
is passed to you for information and return to this
Sub Commission.

T.G.N. Pearce
T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission.
To: Land Forces Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
(Attention Captain Selby)
Date: 25th July 1945
Ref: AFSC/INT/48/I 482- 525

The two attached documents - "Questioni Jugoslava" and "Situazione di Trieste" - are passed to you for information. It is requested that they be returned in due course.

T.G.N. Pearce
T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Force Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission. 28

To: Land Forces Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.
Attention Capt. Selby.

Date: 17th July 1945

Ref: AFSC/INT/48/ I 445

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1. The attached report is passed to you for information and for subsequent return to this Sub Commission.

*Report returned to
AFSC/INT/48/ I 445
19 July 45*

T.G.N. Pearce
T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Minister Jacini's statements on the reforming of the General Staff.

We have asked the Minister for War, Stefano Jacini, his opinion regarding the recent *controversies* ^{round} the General Staff Corps.

- What have you to say regarding the recent press attacks on the General Staff ?

They are attacks which, if they could have had some justified inspiration in the past from certain points of view and to an extent greatly different from that submitted by the press, have no foundation today.

Actually, because of a succession of Fascist regime laws which were irrational - when not downright iniquitous - the General Staff became an inflated organisation. Moreover, excessively disproportionate career advantages - as for instance those of the ^{will} known law of 1940 - permitted a certain bloc of privileged persons to attain ranks - mainly that of Lieut. Col. - with giddy rapidity, without officers thus favoured by the law having their fundamental capabilities and qualities tested by actual command of troops.

Under democratic conditions this serious negligence must appear in all its gravity and was followed by the radical measure (November 1944) of disbanding the General Staff Corps; the only measure, basically, fit to remedy the situation compromised by the past.

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Actually, because of a succession of Fascist regime laws which were irrational - when not downright iniquitous - the General Staff became an inflated organisation. Moreover, ^{excessively} disproportionate career advantages - as for instance those of the ^{known} law of 1940 - permitted a certain bloc of privileged persons to attain ranks - mainly that of Lieut. Col. - with giddy rapidity, without officers thus favoured by the law having their fundamental capabilities and qualities tested by actual command of troops.

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With the disbandment of the General Staff Corps all career ³²¹⁶ advantages connected with the existence of the Corps naturally disappeared.

It is obvious that we could not - as we can not - suppress the functions of the General Staff since its technical activities are essential to the existence of all Armies.

It was, therefore, arranged to continue it - while waiting for a definitely established arrangement to be dictated by the future requirements and organisation of the Army - by the employment, "on General Staff duties", of a certain number of rigorously selected

officers, chosen for their honesty in the past, high degree of training and capability, with the required experience of troop command.

I can tell you that both at the H.Q. and at the Higher Formations, the General Staff, purified, simplified, and enervated, today functions efficiently, employing to the maximum of their energies the few personnel comprising it, and meeting all the requirements of the Army.

The work of perfection continues.

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It is, however, necessary to point out immediately that, as a whole, the officers of the General Staff carried out their duty with enthusiasm, dash, and a high spirit of sacrifice.

There have been exceptions, there have, in other words, been officers of the General Staff who have received more than they have given, who have gained personal advantage from their position "near the sun",

but such officers are few and all identified, and forming, however, an exception; their negative qualities cannot, because they must not, reflect on the whole of a Corps which has worked so energetically, honestly, and valiantly, in peace and in war.

As against so much infamous work which is today brought up in certain sections of the Presse, it is ^{necessary} to recall to the Italian people the memory of the 52 of the General Staff who have fallen in this war (16 Colonels, 12 Lt. Cols., 17 Majors, 7 Captains), and its five Gold Medals; its 100 missing officers; it must also be remembered that the General Staff, during the underground movement period, offered ~~such~~ noble, heroic, figures to the Country who had no selfish sentiments but only considered the supreme good of the Nation; shining among these is the Gold Medallist Giuseppe Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo together with the numerous other officers of the General Staff murdered in the Ardeatine Caves such as Lt. Col. Ercolani and Major Alroldi, and, elsewhere, such as Colonel Mario Romagnoli and Luigi Lusignani and Major Ebat.

- What are your future intentions ?

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I definitely agree with some of the matters dealt with by the Press; I mean by that, all the material relative to the career advantages conferred on officers for holding the War College certificate and being transferred to the disbanded General Staff Corps, which advantages must now be examined and resolved with principles of equity and having the aim of the general interest of the Army.

There is no doubt that certain advantageous positions must be revised in order to eliminate unjustified disparities of treatment

caused through the effect of laws which are today commonly condemned.

I promise to attain this object with the necessary measures
which I shall soon have placed under study.

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1. SUMMARY

The important events of the period 21 - 27 Jun were:

- (a) the public disbandment of the Difesa Popolare on 25 Jun
- (b) a strike on 26 Jun
- (c) the apparent return of normal city life on 27 Jun.

2. DIFESA POPOLARE

On 23 Jun IAC ordered the disbandment of all city police forces in Trieste and handed a letter to the chief of the Difesa Popolare, requesting attendance of the force as a parade on 25 Jun when arms would be handed in to the Allied authorities.

Fourteen hundred and twenty members, of an estimated total of three thousand paraded in TRIESTE on 24 Jun. Genl 55 Area inspected the parade and, amongst other things mentioned, asked for volunteers to form a new ADP police force. These not wishing to join the new police force were given the option of not to take them over the Morgani Line into Yugoslav controlled VENETIA GIULIA, or returning to their homes unarmed. Fifty five chose to go over the Morgani Line, six hundred and sixteen volunteered to join the new ADP police force. All except those who had elected to return over the Morgani Line were disarmed.

While the parade was in progress, Allied troops took over and searched all known HQ and locations of the Difesa Popolare, and removed the few remaining men and arms. It is thought that many ex ADP army members of this force may have evacuated TRIESTE on the night 23/24 Jun.

3. STRIKE

Late on 24 Jun a strike was called involving shipbuilding, docks, tramways and shops but not electricity and water. The strike was effective throughout 25 Jun and was said to have been organized by the Committee of the Suburban Workers Union. The strike was well organized with liberal use of pickets but there were no demonstrations nor incidents of a violent nature.

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4 PARADES

On 26 Jun a pipe band of the ~~ARMIA ALLE~~ Regt, and on 23 Jun a NZ unit band, played in the Piazza del Unite before a crowd of approx three thousand people. On both occasions there was limited applause, which indicated a feeling of greater confidence by the people than on 18 Jun when no one dared to applaud.

5 STRIKE FROM 26 JUN

26 Jun was the first day since the Allied occupation of ~~TRISTE~~ on 2 May 45, on which it could be said:

- (a) all Jug tps in uniform had evacuated the city
- (b) all police forces, except Allied mil police, had ceased to function
- (c) there were no demonstrations or strikes
- (d) most shops were open and the city appeared to be functioning peacefully and normally.

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6. ON OPERATIONS

(a) Within the city there is a strong communist element, both Italian and Yugoslav. In addition there is a number (estimated by SIOK, political commissar, as 12,000) of arms and in city clothing. The normal commercial functions of the city are almost completely paralyzed; there is much unemployment, and food is not likely to be plentiful at any time. At the present time all is quiet on the surface; whether this situation is a matter of speculation or not is not fully operative and has been taken over the city and, consequently, the 35 (SIOK, SIOK) reports on operations will be discontinued.

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Mayor
General Staff

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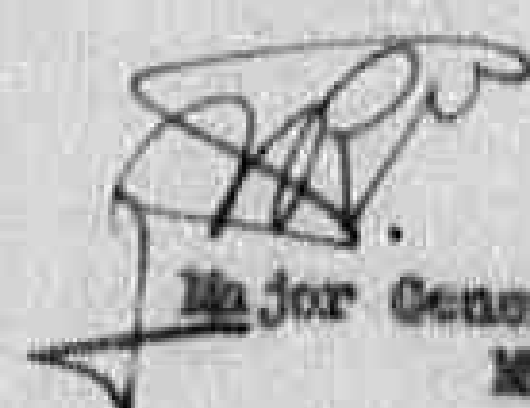
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29 June 45

TO : NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

1. Ref your verbal request for a brief summary of the activities of the "San Marco" Regt, herewith report as forwarded to MMIA from the Ministry of War.


Major General,
MMIA.

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29 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR 23

Ref your 3553/Op of 28 June.

The report submitted with your above quoted letter
is acknowledged with thanks.


Major General,
MMIA.

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20th June, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Chief Commissioner, Hq., Allied Commission.
The General Officer Commanding, Military Mission
to the Italian Army.
The Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub
Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.

Subject: Report of Italian Naval Activities.

The attached copy of the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic
and Liaison, Italy's report of Italian Naval proceedings for the
month of May, 1945, is forwarded for your personal information.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
Area Combined Headquarters,
TARANTO.

5th June, 1945.

No. T.A. 764.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1st MAY to 31st MAY, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward my Report of Proceedings in my capacity as Flag Officer, Taranto and Liaison, Italy for the period 1st May to 31st May, 1945.

EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN NAVY.

2. There has been a considerable reduction in the employment of Italian ships generally, on British Services during the month, except for the cruisers, three of which continue to be fully employed in transporting large drafts of British Personnel. One cruiser has been used to carry large numbers of refugees from North Italy to Sicily.

3. The number of Italian Submarines in use for Anti Submarine training have been reduced. The CORRIDORI has returned from the Red Sea, DIAMPRO from Malta, while JALKA and NICHELLO are expected to return to Taranto shortly from Gibraltar.

4. With the end of the war in Europe, there are now more British Destroyers available to assist in the working up of Aircraft Carriers and Cruisers at Malta, and two of the Italian destroyers which had been used for this purpose have consequently been returned to Taranto. The destroyer GARABINIERE has sailed to Colombo for duties on the East Indies Station.

5. Convoying is practically at an end, though since the opening up of the port of Venice, convoys Ancona - Venice have been escorted by two pairs of Italian corvettes owing to the constant danger from mines in those waters. Otherwise, the Italians have been allowed, in the main, to use their escort vessels for their own purposes, which have centred in the transportation of sailors going on leave to the North, until this was temporarily suspended on the East Coast owing to congestion at Ancona.

6. As regards the battleships in the Bitter Lakes, the end of the war in Europe and the complete liberation of Italy must be calculated to have lowered, rather than raised, the morale of their crews, since they have now much more incentive than heretofore for wishing to proceed on leave and regain contact with their families. For this reason, the Minister of Marine has ordered Admiral DA ZARA to proceed to the Bitter lakes and address the ships' companies, with a view to improving morale.

This visit

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This visit has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean and is expected to take place early in June.

DOCKYARD.

7. The Commodore Superintendent's report of repairs carried out at Taranto, Bari and Brindisi during the month of May is enclosed.

8. The complete liberation of Italy and cessation of hostilities in Europe has not so far had the unfavourable effect on work in the Taranto dockyard which had at first been feared. Work is continuing at the same standard as before and, in fact, the workers have put in some overtime to make up for the time lost during the various fiestas which took place on and after V.E. Day. I continue to hear reports from Commanding Officers of British ships refitted in Taranto dockyard that they have had a better or as good a refit as they have ever had in any dockyard.

9. The situation regarding clothing for dockyard workmen has eased slightly and advice has recently been received that 5,000 overalls are to be supplied.

PERSONNEL.

10. During the month Italian Port Parties have been sent to Venice, Spezia, Manfredonia, Porto Corsini and Ravenna. The British Port Party has been withdrawn from Manfredonia and the Port turned over completely to the Italians. It is intended to hand over Porto Corsini and Ravenna to the Italians on the 10th June.

11. A large number of personnel are now being sent on leave to North Italy in order to visit their families. They have been transported by destroyer to Leghorn and in corvette to Ancona. In spite of assurances received from the Commander-in-Chief, Ionian and Lower Adriatic that these personnel would in no way inflict themselves on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Ancona, I received a report from him towards the end of the month, that they were in fact an encumbrance on him, since the Italians had no organisation capable of dealing with them. I have consequently issued instructions that no further personnel are to be sent to Ancona for leave in Northern Italy for the present.

BRITISH NAVAL LIAISON PARTIES.

12. In view of the reduction in the numbers of Italian ships employed on British services, it is hoped to be able to effect further economies in British Liaison Parties during June.

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MINESWEEPING.

13. There has been considerable discussion during the month on the subject of minesweeping by Italian Sweepers. A force of Italian Minesweepers is being formed to carry out organized sweeping in the Bay of Naples. The Minister of Marine endeavored to explain the non-arrival of Minesweepers at Naples by alleging that I had opposed their transfer from Taranto. This was completely untrue since I had never been approached on the subject and, had I been, I should have been only too glad to allow Italian Minesweepers to leave my area where I have yet to see them do any material value. I have been my experience that Italian Minesweepers, which are for the most part converted fishing vessels, are very much more interested in fishing than minesweeping.

POLITICAL.

14. With the termination of hostilities in Europe there is now a feeling of nervous anticipation in the Italian air. Their future is uncertain and they undoubtedly view with growing concern the approaching departure of the Allies from Italy, which will leave them to their own devices under a Government in whom they have no great confidence for some time to come.

15. The situation in Venezia Giulia, and particularly in Trieste, is most disturbing for the Italians, many of whom have near relations in that area. The firm attitude adopted by the Allies has been received with acclamation and has helped to reassure the people that the Yugo-Slavs will not be allowed to dictate the future ownership of Trieste and Venezia Giulia.

GENERAL.

16. Now that the Naval War in the Mediterranean is over the Italian Navy feels that its task of assisting the Allies has come to an end. I think it can truthfully be said that they have little or no interest in the war in the Far East and the general attitude is to obtain demobilization and return to their families at the earliest possible moment. I doubt whether there would be any great response to a call for volunteers to serve in the Far East.

17. Nevertheless it will be admitted that during the past 18 months, the Italian Navy has co-operated to the fullest possible extent and rendered valuable, though unspectacular, service to the war effort. The lack of sabotage or veiled resistance to Allied orders has been most encouraging and the Italian Navy has in my opinion shown real desire to co-operate with the Allies as best they were able. Their "best" has not always been very good, but this is due to their national characteristics rather than any lack of desire to co-operate.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) C. E. MORGAN
VICE ADMIRAL.

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27 agosto 1945

UNA NUOVA ORGANIZZAZIONE ARMATA DEL PARTITO DI SINISTRA

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(SIM refers to SMRE)

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At the present time they are gathering arms which
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TO : A.F.H.Q. for G-2

We forward to you a copy of a SIM report to the SMRE on
a secret organization of left wing parties in Rome.

[Signature]
Major-General
MMIA

Copy to: Security Division, Allied Commission

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1 GENERAL

At 0645 hrs 9 Jun Field Marshal Alexander and Marshal Tito signed an agreement about the arm and all composition of VERBIA GIULIA. Among other things, a boundary between the Allied and JUC forces was laid down; JUC forces were allotted an area 2500 and 3000 of, and excl TRIESTE, and 2,000 of their troops were to remain under Allied command in the Allied area, which included TRIESTE. Provision was made for Allied All Government to be established in the Allied area, continuing to use existing city name if it was found to be satisfactory.

JUC and JUC forces started moving night 9-10 Jun and by 1000 hrs 12 Jun with some difficulties the above was more or less effective. JUC was established in TRIESTE. Local time was advanced from 1 to 2 time on 12 Jun.

2 CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale

(a) Late 11 Jun the CLN (SLOVENS) expressed a wish to confer with Comd 13 OARS, who delegated Comd 55 (JUC) JUC to meet four reps of the CLN that evening.

At this conference the CLN decided their four reps that JUC should be given 2000 in JUC and asked that instructions should be given to the Guardia di Popolo to suppress the fascists. Then asked why all fascists had not already been arrested the delegation said it was due to the benevolent attitude of the JUC. The CLN said that the Guardia di Popolo was composed entirely of Italians.

(b) The CLN (SLOVENS) ordered on 12 Jun the Guardia di Popolo to examine their 'police' duties (see para 5 below) and ordered on 13 Jun JUC to examine their duties without their approval. JUC immediately informed CLN of the necessity to consult JUC before giving any orders.

3 GUARDIA DI POPOLO

The Guardia di Popolo is a police force established by the JUC in TRIESTE for the 'security of the people', and is dressed in JUC Army uniform.

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Local time was announced from 4 to 5 time on 12 Jun.

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Before 15 Jun, the force was conspicuous for its armed patrols in the streets, but when it was found that these soldiers were concentrating on the destruction of any ITALIAN (House of SAVOY) flag or symbol carried by citizens or displayed in buildings, and beating up individual citizens as opportunities arose, AMG ordered the force to be disbanded to barracks. The Genl of the GUARDIA DI POPOLO then admitted that he had lost control of his men. Consequently some members of this body continued their terrorizing activities.

After 15 Jun the 12 Jun Military Service assumed all police responsibilities in the city, and in cooperation with FBI of NY.

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4. THE PEOPLE'S COURT

The Peoples Court held its first sitting on 14 Jun. A BRP cell was invited to attend. Two cases were heard, both concerned with charges against "criminal fascists". Prosecuting counsel started by accusing the sentence which in his estimation should be awarded. In the first case five years imprisonment was ultimately awarded. In the second case the suggested punishment was imprisonment but due to strong pressure brought by the tribunal sitting, the death sentence was finally awarded.

The BRP cell attending the court requested deferment of the execution of the sentence and this request was granted.

On 12 Jun 48 ordered cessation of the sittings of this court.

5. THE PEOPLE'S COURT

Some of the CHURCHILL supporters of the HILLISLEY DIV did not move away from TRUSTED with the BRP cell.

6. THE PEOPLE'S COURT

8 Jun 1948. A crowd of approx 6000 attended a JUS Enquired meeting in FLEET STREET. There were ten speakers in FLEET and one in SLAVIC, expressing a determination to go on fighting against fascism and international reactionaries, and a desire to continue the present war. None of the speakers was anti-allied and there was little reference made to the status of TRUSTED.

9 Jun. Having heard on the broadcast from LONDON that an agreement on the VEZELI CHURCH situation was about to be signed, a large number of citizens collected spontaneously in the FLEET STREET.

11 Jun. The Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, NORTH Army Command 13 CORPS (NAC) was spontaneously applauded in the street when they visited Area 14.

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5. REMARKS

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7. REMARKS

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Criticism of the

Continuation of the Allies and Axis, which was a marked feature during the previous weeks covered. At the same time the preference for Russian methods of government was greatly expressed.

The final edition of "IL KOSTER IVZIM" appeared 6 June with an announcement that normal city life had resumed (sounding that JUC all authorities had completely handed over to CIN (ELWZIC) and presumably that the tailor had completed his large contract for the supply of civ clothes to JUC office and men). The announcement continued that the people must now proceed on their lines. The title of the new paper (9 June) is "IL KORNIKI DI TRUSTE" (CORNIKI is the title usually employed by FVE).

(b) FVE. FVE entered Ljubljana on 12 June and took over control of broadcasting and press. In both these organizations JUC office and staffs have remained but now wear civ clothes. Two civ employees at the broadcasting station have recently completed 15 years in RUSSIA.

3. ARRESTS AND LOOTING

Arrests of civs by JUC all continued up to 11 June. About 20 victims were six unarmoured members of SAN LARS Shipbuilding Coy and a few journalists. Looting reached the peak on 10 - 11 June. The Fiat and Blazhki garages were completely stripped of the value of machinery and accessories taken from the Fiat garage is estimated at 50,000,000 lire. Several bookshelves, large hotels and private houses were emptied. The limiting factor seemed to be lack of time.

9. FOOD

Up to the end of each week the JUCS maintained a daily civ bread ration of approx 170 gm and other staples in the proportions mentioned in previous reports. On 6 June a conference on 11 June their ration each containing approx 6 tons potatoes arrived at the port and the vegetable was immediately sold to the public. The first 400,000 were served at once in the city within two hours of JUC taking control. Since that time a daily bread ration of 210 gm has been distributed.

In anticipation of the civ prison in which the JUCS left behind about 180 prisoners revealed that prisoners had been fed as well as the civ population.

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In all, 260,000,000 lire was removed by the JUCS and claimed as booty of war from the Bank of Trieste. 15,000,000 lire remains in this bank. Only 20,000,000 lire remains in all other banks. There is a full official printed by the JUCS on the staff of every bank in TRIESTE.

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During the period in which exact addition of an agreement between Allied and Axis soldiers was being neglected but no spectacular change in local government could be expected. The city population, however, is a little higher for the presentations for which they have myself, and am disappointed that ratings have not immediately become normal. In addition the citizens are very sensitive to the

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influence of the JUV Army still in TRIESTE, but disguised as "GUARDIA DEL POPOLO" and as cives.

Not only the GUARDIA DEL POPOLO have assaulted ITALIAN flags, Fascists and so-called Fascists in the streets and in their homes. The opportunity to pay off old sources has not been overlooked.

The off duty men move about without arms. There is no civil ownership and no restrictions are imposed on civil movement.

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1. GENERAL

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4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

(a) In 55 (ARCY) AREA REPORT 1, para 9 (a), reference is made to Doctor ZORATTI, Chairman of CELAIS. Doctor ZORATTI has now moved to UDINE having failed to persuade the JUG authorities to accept his resignation from the office of Chairman. SCHIFFNER, a member of the underground CIN, has also moved out of TRIESTE.

(b) CUSTINICH, Vice President of the Liberation Committee (SLOVENE), is reported to have said that in a month a plibisite in TRIESTE would produce a SLOVENE majority. From available info it appears that no stone is left unturned to ensure that this will be true.

- (i) It is reported that on 30 Apr all employees in the City Registration Office were displaced by JUGOSLAV females. Identity cards are invalid after 15 Jun unless stamped with a red star.
- (ii) Daily, large parties of civs arrive by sea and rail, each carrying a bundle of personal belongings. Some of these parties are conducted to billets by JUG soldiers, others seem to know their destination without a guide.

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It is not yet confirmed whether these new arrivals are the families of soldiers of the JUC garrison or merely "visitors". The JUC Army has made strenuous efforts to accommodate the new arrivals by billeting on householders.

(c) The Liberation Committee has ordered the Questora to recommence work.

5 DEMONSTRATIONS

There have been no large organized open air demonstrations during the period covered by this report. On 1 Jun a deputation of ex policemen and their families gathered together outside the Prefecture demanding pay.

IL LAVORATORE, the local Communist newspaper, initiated a missionnaire to demonstrate ITALO-SLOVENE friendship.

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Several cases of looting have been reported, among them, that of a man who advertised the sale of his furniture in the papers. On the next day the JUGS arrived and removed it, saying that as he had no further use for it they would take it. Reports have also been received that JUG soldiers have followed people home from the market and taken everything away except bread.

It is reported that an order from HILGERE forbids the requisitioning of motor cars, and further states that a report in writing will be submitted on each veh already requisitioned, and that if there is no adequate reason for the requisition vehs will be returned to their respective owners. One car has already been returned.

8. FOOD

(a) Knowing that TRIESTE is one of the principal "shop windows" of the disputed territory now occupied by them, the JUG authorities are taking precautions, at the expense of other places not so prominently in the public eye and not occupied by other Allied forces, to ensure that the food problem has an appearance of being solved. Reports from FINE indicate a very acute shortage of bread, and in the villages and towns EAST and SOUTH of TRIESTE the SCHOOL Youth Org is

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expended to pool all available food for redistribution. Grain has also arrived by rail from POLA. UNRPA ships are sent from SPLIT. A schooner arrived with 16 tons of potatoes.

(b) Other sources of food which assist in maintaining the emergency ration include:

- (i) 120 tons from the Archbishop of MILAN 30 May distributed by the Bishop of TRIESTE.
- (ii) a limited sup of fish caught in the sea.
- (iii) BRIT Army rations in the black market.

The repatriation of large numbers of ITALIAN PW from JUGOSLAVIA also helps to ease the food situation over the whole of the country.

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- (b) Generally speaking, in the eyes of the civ population, the prestige of the Allies has deteriorated. Give say the Allies are indifferent to the flagrant breaches of those principles for which the United Nations have been waging war.

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(c) the following rumors, both concerning 6 Jun, were widely circulated:

- (1) That on 6 Jun the BRIT Army would officially take over control of ~~the area~~.
- (2) That on 6 Jun the JUG Army intended to take offensive action against the Allies.

12 RELATIONS BETWEEN BRIT ARMY AND JUG ARMY

- (a) Normal friendly relations between the armies continued but recently the JUG attitude has become more challenging, particularly when their are remaining soon.
- (b) An association football match arranged by HQ 13 CORPS between representative teams from each army was played on 3 Jun in TRIESTE.

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HQ 55 (ARMY) AREA REPORT 3

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5 Provincial Zoonotic Outbreaks

In the event a new economic institution became known, viz: the Comitato of the Union of Workers and Employees for the District (in Province) of TRIESTE (Il Comitato Circondariale Sindacati Operai e Impiegati). As the city of TRIESTE has been styled "autonomous", and is said to be separate from the Province (Circondario), it is interesting that the above mentioned body addresses the following resolution to the employees of the city:

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- (a) 48 hour week working must be maintained, with no possibility of reduction.
- (b) They are obliged not to dismiss or suspend labour.
- (c) They are obliged to reengage all persons previously called up for mil service, as well as those taken as slave workers by Nazis and Fascists.
- (d) They are obliged to pay all workmen for the first week of May, incl those reemployed from labour services.
- (e) All deductions for syndicate payments will be suspended. (NOTE: This is something in the nature of our National Insurance Scheme.)

4 City Council of Liberation

This body produced in the press on 25 May a decree of its own - a thoroughgoing measure of registration for both permanent and temporary residents within 48 hrs.

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The employees of one commercial firm in TRIESTE were obliged to sign, against their will, a statement saying that there is plenty to eat and that they are very happy under the Jug regime.

TRIESTE radio frequently reminds the population that the local committees are freely elected.

A prominent Italian was surprised to read in the local paper a pro-Jug speech purported to have been delivered by himself.

7 ARRESTS

Reports of arrests continue to be received. Victims are now being drawn from the teaching profession, Carabinieri, supporters of the CLN (Italian), in addition to Col BLOM, CLN President.

8 ACQUISITION OF GOODS

Following a few days lull, the JUCS recently resumed systematic house to house searches by armed soldiers.

9 FOOD

(a) For the month of May the value of the average daily civ ration per head is estimated as being from 500 to 750 calories.

Food issued in TRIESTE during May consisted of:

Bread	150 gms per day	(The majority of people failed to obtain bread on four or five days)
Meat	200 - 300 gms in all	
Liver and Lights	50 gms in all	
Rice	300 - 550 gms in all	
Beans	200 - 500 gms in all	
Soya Flour	200 - 350 gms in all	
Jan	300 gms (limited issue)	
Oil	50 gms in all	
Flour	250 gms in all	

(b) On 28 and 29 May the Bishop of TRIESTE received from the Archbishop of MILAN approx 150 tons of food (rice, maize, powdered milk) for distribution to the most needy.

At the Bishop's request a Brit pro escort conducted the Vatican vans to and from the R ISONZO and TRIESTE. The Jug all cons was so informed.

JAG authorities complained that this relief was not necessary. Up to the present, difficulties between the Bishop and Jug Supra authorities have prevented any distribution of the food. Owing to these difficulties the Bishop has requested the Archbishop of MILAN not to send any more food until further notice. A report received on 1 Jun stated that the difficulties had been overcome and that distribution of the food would start very soon. **3197**

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Bread	150 gms per day	(The majority of people failed to obtain bread on four or five days)
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Liver and Lights	50 gms in all	
Rice	300 - 550 gms in all	
Beans	200 - 500 gms in all	
Soya Flour	200 - 350 gms in all	
Jan	300 gms (limited issue)	
Oil	50 gms in all	
Flour	250 gms in all	

(b) On 26 and 29 May the Bishop of TRIESTE received from the Archbishop of MILAN approx 150 tons of food (rice, maize, powdered milk) for distribution to the most needy.

At the Bishop's request a Brit Pro escort conducted the Vatican vans to and from the R ISONZO and TRIESTE. The Jug oil card was so informed.

Jug authorities complained that this relief was not necessary. Up to the present, difficulties between the Bishop and Jug Supral authorities have prevented any distribution of the food. Owing to these difficulties the Bishop has requested the Archbishop of MILAN not to send any more food until further notice. A report received on 1 Jun stated that the difficulties had been overcome and that distribution of the food would start very soon. **3197**

10 RED

Lack of med sups is hampering considerably the local doctors. Reports continue to be received of med sups being removed from the town. Reports have also been received of cases of pernicious anemia and of typhus.

11 RED CROSS

Reports continue to be received from the Italian Red Cross org alleging Jug interference. Their work is virtually at a standstill through lack of sups and tp4. They are making efforts to do what they can, and are keeping careful records of any displaced persons who are applying to them.

On 27 May they were told by the JUCS to paint out their international signs and substitute the red star and the letters RCT. They have also been informed that they are to be sovietised and that none of their offers will be required.

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12 GENERAL REACTIONS

After one month of meagre rations, persecution or the threat of it, and uncertainty of the political future in TRIESTE, the civ population shows signs of despair.

13 PORT WORKING

There were no difficulties from Jug authorities in operating the port.

Relations between the Brit and Jug forces in TRIESTE continued on a friendly basis.

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TRIESTE 17 - 23 MAY

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1. GENERAL

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another everyone left the hall, leaving the speaker talking to himself. Few Italians attended the meeting at the POLIARMA ROSSINI in the evening of 17 May which had very little more success, even though three quarters of the audience were Slavs imported from the suburbs and the surrounding country, and guards were placed on the doors to prevent anyone from leaving before "closing time".

The outstanding feature of the publicity campaign was the disappearance of Jug flags and IFO's photograph from the streets. Jug flags now fly only from buildings occupied by Jug mil and all slogans have been taken from trains and in a few cases replaced by small Italian Communist flags pasted on the windows.

In general this campaign may be said to be a failure due to the food situation and the present "Reign of Terror".

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(b) A decree from the Regional Committee dated 21 May made several interesting additions to the above mentioned orders of 12 May:

- (i) The "autonomous" city of TRIESTE is defined as incl the suburbs and also the villages of SANTA CRUCE, PRATECO, CORTOVELLO, OPICINA, PAURICIANO, DUME, TRERICIANO, GROPPE, BASOVIZIA and LIPICIA, probably as a Slovene counterweight to the Italian population.
- (ii) The District of TRIESTE is the old province of TRIESTE with slight Southern extensions to incl PIRANO, CARPISTRIA and VILLA DEL NEVOSO.
- (iii) The District of GORIZIA to be the same as previously with the addition of territory WEST of ISONZO, GRADISCA, CORMONS, TARVENTO, TREVISO.

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9. CITY ADM

Within TRIESTE a new consultative body ("CONSULTA GENERALE") whose function seems rather obscure, has been set up. This body was appointed by acclamation at the meeting in the POLITEIA ROSSINI mentioned in para 5, its no vote was taken!

The latest local development (22 May) is the appointment of a "People's Court" by the CONSIGLIO DI LIBERAZIONE "in the presence of the Consulta". The Consulta itself on the instructions of the "Constituent Assembly" has established an Execution (Purge) Commission, which is intended to denounce all Fascists to the People's Court. The People's Court is empowered to pass death sentences.

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The population of TRIESTE is waiting for a settlement of the present sit. They are subdued by the Jugs and are continually applying to the Brit for protection. The Jugs on their part are making very little apparent effort to help matters.

TRIESTE is virtually under a full dictatorship, a reign of tyranny is operating against the Italian community, and the majority of the civil population is very hungry.

PART II. RELATIONS BETWEEN BRIT ARMY AND JUG ARMY.

14. The period of tension covered by this report passed without incident between soldiers of the two armies concerned. The behaviour of all was at all times correct.

15. Part working by Brit continued without interruption from Jug's interference. In matters concerning dock working the Jugs cooperated excellently but difficulties in obtaining coal continued.

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16. Jugs started to tow away a floating crane from the harbour but it was compelled to return. Afterwards it was agreed locally that the crane would not be moved away from the port pending a declaration of policy from higher authority. Nevertheless on 23 May, Jugs attempted to remove the ferry "TIBULLA" from the port and again had to intervene and ensure a safe return of the craft.

17. The CARIBLIDI (Partisan) DIV which entered TRIESTE on 24 May and took part in a mild demonstration that day, remained in the town. Recent reports indicate a tendency for some CARIBLIDI to fraternize with British troops, and some of the partisans are said to be opposed to fighting again for Tito.

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55 (ARMY) AREA REPORT NO 1

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TRIESTE - 2 - 16 MAY

19 May 45

1. General

Adv Party HQ 55 (Army) Area arrived in TRIESTE 2 May, shortly after the entry into the town of 9 NZ Bde; 9 NZ Bde were the first Allied formation advancing from the general direction WEST - EAST, to enter TRIESTE.

2. Background

In order that the following summary may be properly understood it is mentioned that before 1922 TRIESTE belonged to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY; from 1922 to the present time the city has been ITALIAN and, until 3 Sep 1943, under FASCIST control. Italian immigration was encouraged during the FASCIST period and at the same time many SLOVENES were compelled to leave TRIESTE.

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- (d) 6 MAY - Jug demonstration to celebrate GERMAN collapse - usual speeches and singing followed by Banquet in the evening.
- (e) 9 MAY - ceremonial funeral for EIGHT Jug soldiers killed in recent fighting for TRIESTE.
- (f) 13 MAY - Public meeting and speeches on the occasion of the formation of CEAS (Italian-Slav Anti Fascist Executive Committee) - civil local govt authy.

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6. Propaganda

Jugs made no official territorial claims but in every other way inferred that TRIESTE was part of JUGOSLAVIA. In order to counter the depressing effect these inferences appeared to have on the Italians, the newspapers then stressed the numerical superiority of Italians over SLOVENES in TRIESTE. Later the newspapers, Jug mil and civil spokesman announced the formation of C.E.A.L.S. and added an invitation to TRIESTINES to take part in the construction of an autonomous township.

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Possibly, to show a flavour of Allied solidarity, the Jugs then decorated the town with posters in ITALIAN and SLOVENE "LONG LIVE OUR ALLIES ENGLAND, SOVIET UNION AND AMERICA".

7. Arrests

During the period under review Jug authorities arrested many Italian civilians; no reasons have yet been published. The first victims were amongst these public and business officials who had assisted the New Zealand and Br forces on their arrival and in their occupation. Later, other prominent men disappeared. Some of those arrested may have been FASCISTS, but the underlying motive was certainly to remove Italian influence from high places.

A few of those arrested were later released.

In order to lessen the probability of "incidents" British occupying forces forbade the entry of Italian Army Officers into the town.

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(c) In a speech on 13 May, Maj Gen KVAER admitted that a majority of public opinion in the town was against him.

10. Mobilisation

On 11 May there were rumors that all males between the ages 17 and 50 were to be mobilised into the Jug Army. A few days later the appropriate Army Order was printed but NOT published.

In the villages near TRIESTE the order has been implemented. In TRIESTE, the order is to a certain extent, being implemented. Some men, usually young, are being taken from their homes, and others are arrested at random in the streets in daylight.

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11. Food

Before the conclusion of the first week of Jug occupation, well-informed Italians hinted at the probability of food shortage; this became a general complaint two days' later. On 14 May a small qty of food is said to have been brought in.

Few families have reserves of any foodstuffs; lack of tpt and prohibitive prices are killing the black market.

At present, the bread ration is 150 grms per head per day; bread queues are sometimes turned away owing to lack of stocks. Oil, fats, sugar and milk are practically unobtainable. Vegetables are in reasonable supply. There has been one issue (100 grms per person) of meat during the past 6 weeks.

12. General Reactions

The reaction to what is described above has been influenced by individual racial and political backgrounds. After a fortnight of Jug rule there are however signs that, whether a man is of the LEFT or of the RIGHT, whether he is Italian or Slovene, Austrian or TRIESTINE, the existing methods of LIBERATION are not up to expectations.

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15. On 4 May, DQMG AFHQ arrived and subsequent negotiations were carried out by him in conjunction with 13 Corps. Meetings being held at Corps HQ on 5 May and at TRIESTE on 6 May. After this it was decided that negotiations must continue on a high level and DQMG returned to AFHQ.

16. On 7 May CENZI was replaced as mil Governor by Gen KVADR and a meeting took place between him and Comd 55 (Army) Area. He was pleasant but stated clearly that his orders were not to be co-operative with Br or allow any fraternization.

17. On 9 May, on instructions from 8 Army, Comd 55 (Army) Area was ordered to endeavour to arrange with Jugs for port facilities for unloading 600 tpd immediately.

At a meeting with KVADR on that day he stated the matter must be referred to BELGRADE but anticipated the answer would be in the affirmative. On 10 May an answer was received from BELGRADE saying facilities were to be given, subject to

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details being agreed locally.

Discussions regarding details continued on 10 and 11 May and thereafter in a most friendly manner and all facilities have been granted and all Jug reps have been most co-operative throughout. Further small port facilities asked for recently have also been granted.

18. On 4 May it was made clear by Jugs that Br would get no soon unless they were consulted. The obtaining of soon has been one of the hardest problems and only after long delays and much hard work have they agreed to a very limited amount.

The majority of buildings now occupied were either taken on 2 or 3 May or having been found empty and unguarded, have been occupied without asking.

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APPENDIX "A"

YUGOSLAV ARMY

Order No. 1

1. All powers in the city of TRIESTE will be taken over by HQ TRIESTE City which has been declared a state of war.
2. Until further notice civilians are allowed to circulate only between 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs, military between 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs. (Comment :- 1100 - 1600 hrs and 0800 - 2000 hrs 5 time).
3. Motor cars may circulate in the town only if provided with special permits issued by the Commandant of the City.
4. All vehicles must be declared within 5 days.
5. Tomorrow 4 May, at 1500 hrs all watches will be put back one hour to conform with the time of the remainder of Yugoslavia.
6. Anyone attempting to evade this order will be punished by Yugoslav Military Tribunals.

The City Commandant's office is located in the Town Hall.

YUGOSLAV ARMY

CENTRAL STAFF SLOVENIA

Order No. 2

1. All members of the German Army of occupation and troops in the employ of the Army of occupation as well as all other armed forces who are not in the Yugoslav Army must report with all arms and equipment within 24 hours after the publication of this order, either in groups or singly, to the nearest Yugoslav Military Unit of HQ TRIESTE City. They will be treated according to international laws.
2. The population of TRIESTE is invited to report in 24 hours to the nearest Yugoslav Military Unit of HQ TRIESTE City on the whereabouts of such groups of persons. This also applies to the concealment of arms, supplies and other military equipment. Anyone with knowledge of such stores is to guard them until they have been taken over by the military authorities.
3. Any concealment of the above stated persons or equipment is strictly forbidden and will be punished by Yugoslav Military Tribunals.

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LIBRARY TO THE PEOPLE!

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Political Commissioner

(SIGNED) Franc STOKA

TRIESTE, 3 May 45

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(SIGNED) JOSIP CERH

Maj-Gen
City Command

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JUGOSLAV ARMY

Order No. 3

1. All arms, both serviceable and unserviceable, all ammunition, explosives and component parts for them must be handed over within 24 hrs at the latest, from the time of publication of this order.
2. Any military equipment, vehicles, informal machines, wheeled conveyances, motor fuels and lubricants, office records and equipment, all money and valuables, rations, live-stocks, supplies of tobacco and any other articles formerly the property of the enemy army of occupation and its auxiliaries is the war booty of the Jugoslav Army

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and must be handed over in accordance with the conditions laid down above or as ordered by the City HQ.

3. Any person, who in the last few days, has taken arbitrary possession of any object of military or state property of public or private interest, must hand over such objects in their entirety within 5 days to the City HQ. Failure to do this will incur punishment under military law.
4. Any person apprehended in the act of rape or theft will be summarily shot.
5. All non-military arms must be given into the temporary custody of the nearest military HQ by their owner.
6. In cases where the nature and quantity of the arms, ammunition, explosives and other stores are such as to prevent transportation or removal, the owner, or person aware of their location must report it within the period stated above to the nearest military HQ.
7. In TRIESTE handing over of such stores will be effected at the centres indicated below:

Sector 1	-	In the Elementary School, MOLANO
Sector 2	-	Via S. GIULIO, 27 SAN GIOVANNI
Sector 3	-	EX-ORR Barracks, Via Goli ISTRIN
Sector 4	-	MADEIR Restaurant, COLOMBOVIZ
8. Any cases of failure to apply with the a/m orders will be punished by Yugoslav military courts.

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FRANC STOKA
Public Commissioner

TRIESTE, 4 May 45

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(Signed) JOSIP CHERI
Maj-Gen
City Credit

Order No. 4

1. HQ TRIESTE City orders that all workers and employees of the following :-

Water services (electricity and gas)
Hospitals, sanitary institutions
Harbour authorities and maritime services
Railways, postal, telephone and radio services
Industrial and other services

Military HQ.

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Maj-Gen
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Railways, postal, telephone and radio services
Industrial and artisan workers
Shops and commercial firms
as well as all other institutions

WILL RESUME WORK IMMEDIATELY AND CARRY ON WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

2. All banks and insurance Coys will remain closed pending further orders.
Deposits and branches will be sealed by functionaries of the Townhall. Directors and administrators will be held personally responsible for the currency situation.

3. Attempts to evade this order will be prosecuted by JUGOSLAV military tribunals.

4 May 45.

/Order No. 6.....

Order No. 6.

Civilians may circulate in the town, until further notice between 0700 hrs and 1800 hrs (Comment :- 0800 and 1900 hrs B Time).

(SIGNED) FRANK STOKI
Political Commissioner

(SIGNED) JOSIP CERNI
Maj-Gen
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YUGOSLAV ARMY

Order No. 7.

1. All demonstrations of national sentiment, of whatever origin, are strictly forbidden.
2. Until further notice all gatherings in the streets or in public places are prohibited.
3. Any person found to be in possession of arms without a special permit issued by the Yugoslav Military authorities will be punished by a Yugoslav Military Tribunal.

6 May 45.

(SIGNED) JOSIP CERNI
Maj-Gen
City Commit

Order No. 8.

All financial institutions in TRISTE will open at 0800 hrs 11 May 45 and from then on will work at the normal office hours.

The working of such institutions will be subject to the orders made by the Presidency of the SNOS (Financial Branch) for the Slovene Coast area.

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(SIGNED) DUSAN KVEDER
Maj-Gen
City Court

/Order No. 9.....

JUGOSLAVY .JBY

ORLEN NO 3

With effect from today the JUGOSLAV Army assumes control of all economic and industrial concerns located within the area of the TRIESTE CITY COMMAND.

This has particular reference to the following concerns:

- (i) The port together with all buildings and port installations hitherto under the command of the MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
- (ii) All installations and industrial undertakings (incl the iron industry, chemical industry, industries concerned with food stuffs, also with mineral oils, printing presses and all firms which come under the national classification of industrial undertakings).
- (iii) All existing commercial, economic and financial enterprises (naval industries), navigational and fishing vessels, salvage mater for the needs of the Jugoslav Fleet.

All special arrangements which exceed the usual sphere of activity of the firms control will be permitted only if they have the approval of the representatives of the City Command or of the representative of the TRIESTE Coastal Command.

Notwithstanding the present order all existing judicial rights of the firms controlled as well as property rights, remain valid.

All property transactions effected since the liberation of TRIESTE are hereby declared null and void. Any transfer or alteration in the value of non-portable goods or means of sea borne transport is forbidden.

Until the nomination of its delegates by the TRIESTE City Command, all concerns will function as hitherto.

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(SIGNED) DUSAN KVERNER
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City Court

TRIESTE, 10 MAY 45

JUGOSLAV ARMY

HQ TRIESTE CITY

ORDER NO 10

With reference to HQ TRIESTE CITY's Order No 9 dated 10 May 45. The following sphere of activity has been laid down for the delegates appointed under that order:-

1. The delegates of HQ TRIESTE CITY is to control every economic and social organization within his sphere.
2. The delegate will, on the one hand, protect the interests of the organization controlled and, on the other hand, those of the authorities until such time as the struggle for national liberation is concluded.
3. In order to obtain these ends, the organization under control will give the delegate all available information to enable him to understand the actual workings of the organization. He thus has the right of control over all activity and means employed.
4. Judicial and legal acts carried out by the said organization have legal value only with the consent of the delegate. Documents are valid only with the delegate's counter-signature.
5. A similar sphere of activity is established for the delegate appointed by the Naval HQ for the TRIESTE coastal zone.

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(SIGNED) DESER KOTTER

Major-General
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JUGOSLAV ARMY
HQ TRIESTE CITY
ORDER NO 11

Until further orders, the curfew for the civil population is in force from 2000 hrs to 0500 hrs. (Comment: 2100 hrs to 0600 hrs 3 times)

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YUGOSLAV ARMY
HQ TRIESTE CITY
Order No 12

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In the area under the judicial control of HQ TRIESTE CITY all those laws, erected by the defunct Fascist and Nazi regimes, which established racial, national, and social inequality for members of hostile and other collaborating troops, are hereby abolished.

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TRIESTE, 11 May 45.

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Maj-Gen
City Court

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REPORT ON VISIT OF G III 'M' LIAISON TO
A.F.H.Q. & 3 DISTRICT

20 - 21 JUNE 45

I.

POSSIBILITY OF G II CIVIL LIAISON, 8 ARMY, AND STAFF WORKING
FOR MIA

A.F.H.Q., Maj REDFERN, G-2 EXEC. BR.

The situation at the moment is that GII Civil Liaison (Maj Colquhoun) and 3 British Intelligence officers will probably remain with 8 Army. The remaining 4 British Intelligence officers will probably be posted to MIA.

These officers will have to be posted on MIA W.E. and will not be extra to W.E. It is unlikely that they will have transport. A.F.H.Q. will shortly inform MIA definitely.

II.

ABOLISHMENT OF ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE UNITS

A.F.H.Q., Maj MACDONALD, G-2 EXEC.

Ref MIA letter SD/18/2 of 1 June, AFHQ letters AG 09L 711/073 GRI - 0 of 14 and 17 June.

- (a) The Central Int. Office, S.M.G., cannot be discontinued because it is required for organization and centralization of information.
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- (c) 4 Section I.A.I. is solely responsible for codes and ciphers in the Italian Army. In the event that the Italian Army is to be continued this unit cannot be disbanded.
- (d) 863 Increment to C.S.D.I.C. This unit should not be disbanded because it is felt that as long as there is an Italian Army a nucleus of Interrogators will be required.

Furthermore, it is considered desirable to keep these Intelligence units in being as we have trained them, and know the

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III. INTELLIGENCE POLICY

A.F.H.Q., Lt. Col. EYRES-MUNSELL, G-2 (CI EXEC)

Counter-Intelligence at this stage is chiefly interested in Italian Army from the point of view of morale, whether for example it can be relied upon should there be, say, cases of civil disturbances etc.

IV. CENSORSHIP POLICY

A.F.H.Q., Lt. Col. LOVEGROVE, C-2 (CC)

Lt. Col. LOVEGROVE has been extremely anxious to get the policy settled but has had to await the approval of 15 Army Group. He had hoped to be able to discontinue internal censorship in the whole of Italy but 15 Army Group have insisted that both civil and military censorship be maintained in the Provinces of GORIZIA, TRIESTE, UDINE, BOLZANO, TRENTO, COMO, ACOSTA, TORINO, CREMA. However, the military mail will be read on the spot by Allied Civil Censorship units thus obviating the need to send the mail to 7 and 9 Base Censors in Naples and Rome.

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Major RICE of 9 Base Censor, ROME, will call on CI, MILA, during the afternoon of 22 June to clear up the whole matter.

V. FOGGIA CALL-UP AND MAAP

A.F.H.Q., Maj STONEY, C-1 (Br)

The AG of S G-1 (Maj. Gen. WHITE GSC) on 18 June instructed AG to send a letter to CG/AAF/MTO to the following effect :-

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- (1) Attempts to call up personnel of 1915 - 25 classes in the FOGGIA area for the Italian Army have been abortive.
- (2) The reason for this failure is reported as being the apparent protection granted by AAF units to Italian personnel who do not possess authenticated exemption certificates.
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Maj. STONEY feels that this letter will settle the matter.

VI. MORALE AND DESERTIONS

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Morale is fairly satisfactory among the Italian Troops and desertions have not been excessive. Generally speaking the Army is found more attractive now for two reasons :

- (a) The War is over.
- (b) Living conditions in the Army are, on the whole, better than in civil life.

The two main grievances are :

- (a) The Leave scheme to the North is being very slow.
- (b) Mail is slow.

On the whole new recruits into the Army appear to find it better than they expected.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MIA)

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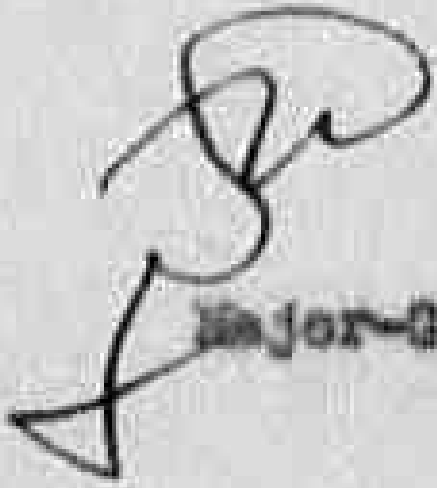
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Will you please forward a short report on the activities of the "San Marco" Marine Regt. covering the period from the time it was incorporated into the "Polgore" Combat Gp up to the end of hostilities.

Special reference should be made to operations and the report should include short accounts of Coy or Bn actions and cases of individual bravery.

2. The above report requested by Navy Sub-Commission, A.O., should be submitted as soon as possible.

cgl.


Major-General
MIA

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission, A.O.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports on Activities
of Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA)

INT/102

19 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

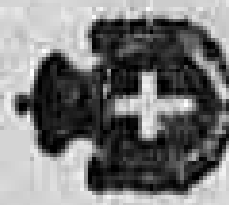
Ref your 3403/OP of 14 June.

1. Your monthly report on the activities of the Italian Army for the month of April is acknowledged with thanks.
2. It is requested that you continue to send this HQ copies of your report as data contained therein is both useful and interesting.

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M. Selby
Major-General
MMIA

R.I/DG.



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

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14 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Contributo operativo dato agli Alleati nel mese aprile '45 da parte di unità e reparti del R.Esercito.

AL GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

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- G. Linzi -

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IL GENERALE ADDDETTO

- G. LIGUORI -

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Subject: Recruitment for Communist Party from Army.

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission (ISCLA).

Attached please find for your information a report from a secret source on recruitment for Communist party from the Italian Army.

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Sir: My view is that (i) There is nothing the allies can or should do about subversive activities of political parties unless they are directly affecting allied military interests. Action should be taken by the Italian Army through the Govt for the Communist party. (ii) In any case ENCL-2. This "usually reliable source" stuff is a waste of time and unless specific data can be produced the army had better be kept quiet.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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POLITICAL.

RECRUITING FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY FROM THE ARMY.

1. A usually reliable source who has a contact in the Communist Party reports that the Communists are now approaching a number of N.C.Os in the Italian Army with the object of recruiting them for the party.
2. According to a statement made by one of the NCOs to source the Communists are offering all interested in their proposition the equivalent of their Army pay as an additional income against a promise of secrecy and clandestine registration on the part of the NCOs.

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MEMO

Politics.

No. 2

6th. June, 45.

Senior Officers of 231 Div HQ are becoming more and more apprehensive of the influence of Russian Communism in Italy.

They are convinced that the only reason Britain and America did not take more decisive action against Tito was the fact that he has the full support of Russia.

They advocate the permanence of an Allied Control Commission in Italy for at least five years. (I have also heard civilians express this hope).

Churchill's recent invective against Socialism was hailed with delight in the Mess at 231 Div HQ - but I pointed out that he spoke now less as the National leader than as the Conservative leader.

a.m. newton

Capt.
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British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4188/1/L.

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia.

TO : See distribution.

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8 June 1945

1. Replies have now been received to this sub-commission's letter AC/4188/1/L of 25 May 1945.
2. Attached hereto is a draft directive prepared on the basis of these replies which it is suggested should be issued for the guidance of HQ. Venezia Giulia.
3. Sub-commissions will notice that some of their suggestions have not been incorporated. The reason for this is that, in some cases, the laws proposed for re-issue are out of date, while in others they are beyond the jurisdiction of an occupying power, e.g., there is no authority to require national courts to try new offences or award increased penalties. In some cases the suggestions do not refer to laws but to directives issued by sub-commissions. These will no doubt be modified by the sub-commissions themselves.
4. Will you please forward to this sub-commission by 13 June 1945 your comments on this draft.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. E. HENRENS.
Colonel.
Chief Legal Advisor.

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June 1945.

SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Venezia Giulia and Venetio Regions,
SCAO 8th Army.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government it has been decided that the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this Region.

The sole exception to this policy is that D.L. No. 142 of 22 April 1945, which constitutes the Special Courts of Assize, will be implemented in the usual way, since under international law an occupying power has no authority to constitute national courts which are contrary to the existing law of the occupied territory. To confer jurisdiction upon these courts it will be necessary also to implement portions of D.L. No. 159 of 27 July 1944. Arrangements are being made for the supply of the necessary documents for this purpose.

2. The absence of this Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the Region, which are not filled by the current Proclamations or General Orders of AMG and which will necessitate the issue of separate Regional Orders. The Proclamations and General Orders will continue to be published in accordance with the general policy of this AMG and the following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special subjects upon which Regional Orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue by the Regional Commissioner of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

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4. Commerce. A Regional Order is required for the blocking of all essential non-subsistence materials as listed in AG Manual on Materials, Section 3, categories 1, 3 and 4 as amended by Monthly Supplements for April and May 1945. This Order will replace Ministerial Decrees of 21 Oct 1944 (G.U. No. 73 of 26 Oct 1944) and of 12 Dec 1944 (G.U. No. 15 of 3 Feb 1945).

5. Communications. Current Italian decrees provide for Internal Postal Rates, Internal Telegraph Rates and Urban Telephone Rates (all in G.U. No. 39 of 31 March 1945), Foreign Postage Rates (Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945 in G.U. No. 56 of 9 May 1945), and International Telephone Rates (D.L. No. 247 of 5 April 1945 in G.U. No. 65 of 30 May 1945). As and when these various services are available in the Region, Regional Orders should be issued so that the rates conform with the

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6. Finances. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It will be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees, of which details will be supplied.

RIL No. 127 of 2 Dec 1943, RIL No. 18 of 24 Jan 1944, RIL No. 74 of 2 Mar 1944, RIL No. 84 of 10 Mar 1944, RIL No. 108 of 6 April 1944 (all in Raccolta Ufficiale), RIL No. 165 of 3 Aug 1944 (G.U. No. 43 of 5 Aug 1944), RIL No. 233 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), RIL No. 380 of 9 Nov 1944 (G.U. No. 98 of 23 Dec 1944), RIL No. 234 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), RIL No. 301 of 19 Oct 1944 (G.U. No. 64 of 14 Nov 1944), RIL No. 595 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U. No. 36 of 24 Mar 1945).

7. Food. If and when required, Regional Orders should be issued to control the amassing of olive oil, the slaughter of animals, the manufacture and sale of sweets and the operation of eating houses on the basis of the following

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decrees :- IM 7 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 54 of 12 Sept 1944), IM 19 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 59 of 23 Sept 1944), IM 16 Oct 1944 (G.U.No. 71 of 20 Oct 1944), IM 3 Nov 1944 (G.U.No. 78 of 7 Nov 1944), IM 4 Jan 1945 (G.U.No. 1 of 16 Jan 1945), Decree of the High Commissioner for Alimentation of 20 March 1945 (G.U.No. 36 of 24 March 1945 P.367), D.L. No. 345 of 12 Oct 1944 (G.U.No. 90 of 5 Dec 1944) and D.L. No. 99 of 1 March 1945 (G.U.No. 41 of 5 April 1945).

Prices will be controlled under General Order No. 41 or further orders issued thereunder.

A Regional Order should bring into operation the official ration scales.

8. Labour D.L. No. 505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U.No. 36 of 24 March 1945) extended Italian Social Insurance to Allied Force Employees. The Italian Government accepted this liability by reason of their armistice obligations to make Labour available. A similar arrangement should be made locally and the appropriate Regional Order issued.

9. Legal The policy of autonomy involves the suspension of appeal to the Court of Cassation in all cases, whether under the normal Italian law or under D.L. No. 142 of 22 April 1945. A Regional Order is required.

10. In drafting Regional Orders in accordance with the above policy care must be taken to ensure that all references to and duties of Italian Central Governmental bodies are excluded.

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Introp number 30. Up to 1700 hours 7 June.

1. Jug Army. Small parties of Yugoslavs at HELL952 have prevented our movement east toward point (501 HELL95 ?). THIRTE night 6/7 June. Much movement at railway station Hotel METROBLE evacuated by 150 (190 ?) troops. No other signs of movement and Yugoslavs continue to requisition more flats.

2. Repatriates. 1200 Italian and 180 (120 ?) French on RV arrived by ship at MURIA H 85 6 June reportedly from GERMANY and evacuated to Corps refugee camps 7 June. Yugoslavs state total of 5700 arriving including 1600 8 June.

3. THIRTE. Approximately 400 civilians believed Slovaks arrived railway station H 6 June and conducted into town in small batches. Further reports of pressure brought to bear on factory workers to sign declaration desiring incorporation in YUGOSLAVIA. FRIDERSKI NEWIX states Yugoslav Army signals completed repairs of all outgoing telephone lines within 20 days of liberation of THIRTE which now has communications with FIVE PARTIA LJUBJANA BACHES and BEZARANE.

4. Press. Friend DON CARLOSKI active member of liberation council quoted by IL NOSTRO AVVENIRE 6 June as stating at meeting he personally ascertained at UHNE that 300 assembled THIRTE were dissuaded from returning home and that mass shooting took place at UHNE. IL NOSTRO AVVENIRE 7 June quotes BEZARANE article demanding return of Yugoslav war criminals now in Allied concentration camps in ITALY

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and expressing confidence Allies will assist. Also reports meeting of TITO and delegation of Catholic clergy in CROATIA.

5. Propaganda. Anti Italian leaflets distributed 6 June by a civilian GARRIA H67921.

6. Security. New Zealand telephone line cut with stones at HOOKING H 805829 7th June line at H670955 also cut each night between 2nd and 5th June. Notebook showing sketches New Zealand Unit signs dispositions headquarters and numbers of motor transport tanks and personnel in area 9 New Zealand Infantry Brigade taken from Slovene girl seen making notes. All informed.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

Ref: 151/EC.

SITREP Number 6.

PIEMONTE REGION.

31 May 45.

Political:

Mrs CHANOUX as Honorary President of pro-annexation committee, Aosta Province, interrogated re proclamation poster. Denied all knowledge. Agreed to make a statement on her position. French reported promising early delivery of salt etc. to various communes. AMG supplies urgently needed.

CLN presented resignations. Party names submitted for Provincial Advisory Assembly.

Food:

Food Division was contacted on 31 May by Intendant Rene Deslandes, Quartermaster of the French 27th Division under General Molle, with regard to the purchase or requisition of locally produced hay and foodstuffs for use by the French troops of the 27th Division now at Susa, Torino. He was indefinite with regard to his authority to purchase or requisition local resources. He was told that instructions in the matter would be requested. A separate letter is being addressed to IV Corps HQ in this matter.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

31 May 45.

Regional Order No.1 setting forth precisely the relationship between the National Committee of Liberation and A.M.G., has been reproduced in all newspapers of MILAN. 23,000 copies have been distributed in the Region for posting throughout Lombardy. The Committees of Liberation now have only advisory powers.

A meeting was held yesterday by the Regional Patriots Officer with the chief Patriot heads of the Region. They have all agreed to cooperate in seeing to it that the provisions of the orders to consign arms and cease patriot activities as such be carried out throughout the Region. There was full agreement at the meeting.

The Patriot situation in Milan City is very satisfactory. The order is being obeyed and seven barracks have been established for those patriots who do not have a home in Milan. In the meantime they are vacating all posts, stations, and apartments. They will be processed as soon as possible.

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LIGURIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

Situation quiet. Flour situation taxes all transportation to the limit to maintain long supply line to Leghorn. Provinces report difficulty transporting food from Genoa to Savona and Imperia. Large industrial firms threatened with closure in near future unless financial aid forthcoming. HQ Alcom informed and Italian representatives are leaving to discuss situation with appropriate Italian ministries.

LOMBARDIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

The plan for collecting work horses for farmers deprived of them by the Germans is working out very well. Horses are also being provided for the city of Milan to help in the clean-up programme.

A vast programme for Public Works for the city of Milan has been approved. This will not only help in reconstructing the city and relieving the housing shortage, but will also be the first step against threatened unemployment.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

SUBJECT: Situation Report as of 2359 hrs 3 Jun 45.

TO : HQ Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. The general situation west of the ISONEO continues to be satisfactory, although some incidents are still reported. The partisans are becoming somewhat unpopular with the population owing to their continued living off the country, and there has been some desertion and voluntary disarmament among both the OSOPIO and GARIBOLDINI.
2. Plans are now being prepared for the general disarming of all partisans west of the TACELLINNO River at an early date. The greatest obstacle is the provision of employment for the men when disbanded. PC UDINE has already taken on over 600 as Civil Police.
3. The Communist Minister SOCCOLARDO visited UDINE on 28 May. As he was in the area without permission he was asked to leave at once, and did so. There have been no visible repercussions from his visit.
4. 18 officers from MG Austria are at present on loan to UDINE Province as well as three others eventually assigned to TRIESTE Province. The provision of substitutes for them, which was discussed with the Executive Commissioner on his visit on 30 May, is now an urgent matter, as withdrawal of loaned officers for duty in AUSTRIA has already had to begin.
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7. Various questions of policy in the administration of Allied Military Government in VENEZIA GIULIA were discussed with Field Marshal ALEXANDER on his recent visit here: detailed administrative instructions from AFHQ are still omitted, as are also the revised versions of Proclamations 2-4.

(Signed) 22222 Major

for Air Commodore

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

57 May 1945.

STREET Number 5.

LITERATURE:

28 May 1975.

Situation quiet. Continued holdup of landing of supplies over beaches due to bad weather has reduced flour reserves to marginal level. Haulage by civilian transport from LIVORNO has become necessary. Understand that due to technical reasons there may be unexpected delay in opening port of GENOA. TOCELLIATTI and NENZI appeared at CIN Congress Genoa on morning 27 May. All officers were present and speeches by visitors were permitted.

PLENARY

28 May 1945.

Pollition:

Lengthy meeting held with the Prefect and all members of the CLN in VERCELLI Province. After meeting with the President of the CLN and the Prefect separately it was thought advisable to call the Prefect and the full Committee together in order to let them all know what AMs expected of them, respectively. It is apparent that the President of the Committee is ruling both the Committee and the Prefect and it will not be an easy matter to work the Committee out of exercising governmental functions. Whilst it is being requested that the appointment of the Prefect be approved, it is done so because it is believed that the sooner matters in suspense be settled the better, but it is done with the full knowledge that behind the scenes, at least, he is going to be dominated by the Committee. An order has been issued suspending the payment of the so-called "liberations" bonus.

Level:

Two special Courts of Assize for trial of alleged fascists have been organized in ALESSANDRIA Province, one for Alessandria Tribunale and one for Casale Monferrato Tribunale. Presiding Judge for each Court, President of Court of Appeal and prosecuting staff have been appointed. The CLN has made up a list of jurors for each Court. 200 POWs in custody of partisans and CLNs have been arranged to Brazilian Provost Marshal who will transfer them to POW cages at MOIRA.

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Partisans:

Following arms surrendered from 10 May to 26 May 45: Large guns 34, Mortars 94, Machine Guns 241, Automatic Rifles 576, Muskets 9,648, Stems 619, Badbrooks 191, Pistols and Revolvers 488, Bomb throwers 12.

Agriculture:

250 horses and mules arrived in Asti Province and appropriated by public.

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PLEDGE:

29 May 1945.

Political:

Further reports of a Fascist band in the Southern part of Asti Province are being investigated.
Decision on Partisan Command in Asta Province to be settled by Col. W. A. PALCK IV Corps 30 May 45.
Two incidents reported at Lione in Cuneo, one involving the death of French soldier. Further incident reported at BOVES. Investigation proceeding and detailed report will follow.

Displaced Persons:

Arrangements made to establish Refugee Centre at CHATILLON, Asta Province.

LOWHARDA:

30 May 1945.

Situation under control, nothing to report.

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LONGHILL: 30 May 1945.

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5 June 1945.

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SUBJECT: IV Corps Sitrep.

TO : Distribution below.

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Following information has been received from IV Corps:

27 May 1945.

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Political

Small band of armed fascist bandits located in Asti Province.
Action underway.

Provincial CLN Verucelli Province is going far afield of its proper
function. Efforts are being made to check this, not too abruptly.

Legal

Special Courts of Assize to open Asti Monday 4 June 45.

28 May 1945.

LANZARUOLA

Situation under control, nothing to report.

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for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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26 May 1945.

Reference is made to paragraph on Political Activities in Piemonte Region, 23 May, SITREP Number 2:

Commune reported was that of VIMADIO in Cuneo Province and report was submitted by Sindaco of VIMADIO to Provincial Commissioner Cuneo Province.

MACURIA: 25 May 1945
Situation quiet. Two hundred fifty patriots encountered South today.

PIEMONTE: 24 May 1945
Political

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Public Safety

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General Order No. 39 (Closing of Frontier) being posted.

Curfew for military personnel having been set at 2400 by the local Commander in VERCELLI Province, arrangements were completed for the Prefect to proclaim the civilian curfew at 2400 to 0400 hours so that early morning trains may be caught.

Partisans.

Efforts being made to reduce unemployment of Partisans in Alessandria Province through IV Corps engineers by employing them on reconstruction of roads and bridges.

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Partisan arms cleared from CALICLIO and VERZUOLO, Cuneo Province.
9 lorries were employed clearing arms all day 24 May.

Industry.

Owing to blocking of cement, owners of factories of by-products of cement in Alessandria Province finding it difficult to pay employees.

Question of directorship and management of COGME steel factory in Aosta Province raised and being investigated. Intrusion of politics evident.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

Subject: Sitrep up to 2359 hrs 28 May 45

HQ Allied Commission, APO 394

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29 May 45

1. The situation west of the ISONZO River is considerably improved, and in the main the Yugoslavs have gone. Where possible, additional CMOs are being put into the more outlying communes to "show the flag".
2. The patriot position is the same as it was, and it is still considered not the right time to disarm them. When this is done it will have to take place on a broad basis under military control, particularly in the northern areas in the hills.
3. The VENEZIA Sub-Region HQ is now set up in UDINE with the following officers:

Lt.Col.	SCHOLTZ	
Lt.Col.	DAWSON	(Legal)
Capt.	GRARLINO	(Legal)
Lt.Col.	MARSHALL	(Medical)
W/Comdr.	LECH JONES	(Finance)
Major	FODEN	(Utilities)
Capt.	L.P. COO	(Supply)
Capt.	RYFAR	(Admin)
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Prov Comm
Legal

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Lt.Col. AINSWIE
Lt. MILLER

GORIZIA

Lt.Col. ARMSTRONG
Major GOLD
Capt. WELLEY

3. The VMEZL Sub-Region HQ is now set up in UDINE with the following officers:

Lt.Col. SCHULTZ	(Legal)
Lt.Col. DAWSON	(Legal)
Capt. GRALIANO	(Medical)
Lt.Col. MARSHALL	(Finance)
W/Comdr. LECH JONES	(Utilities)
Major FODEN	(Supply)
Capt. L.F. AD	(Admin)
Capt. HYPER	
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Police Offrs.

Capt. HANBURY

Supply Offr.
C/Os.

Major LOCKWOOD-TATHAM
Major PALLOTTI
Major HANFORTH
Capt. ATCHBY
Lieut. MILLICH

Attd CSO 8 Army --

GORIZIA

Lt.Col. ARMSTRONG
Major GOLD
Capt. WHITLEY
Lieut. BECKER
Major MAYFORTH
Capt. JONES
Capt. TUNKS
Major SHEEHAN
Lieut. SOKOLOV
Capt. SMART

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6. In order to provide against the time when either Military Government is set up, or it is necessary to feed the TRIESTE - GORIZIA area, 1800 tons of supplies have been called forward and have already started to arrive by sea into Port of TRIESTE, at the rate of 150 tons per day. These supplies are being handled by the military, as military supplies are being taken by truck to 13 Corps FM near CERVIGNANO, where they will remain until needed.

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Arrangements have been made with 13 Corps, and Army transport to distribute them at a moment's notice. It is considered important that as much display as possible should be made when the time comes to feed whatever proportion of VENEZIA GIULIA coming under M.G. control.

7. The emergency Proclamation which was sent down by signal to ROME (M.10 37 of 22 May refers), has been translated into Italian and Yugoslavian and has been printed by Army Field Printing Press, and has been distributed to II U.S. Corps and the TRIESTE Provincial Hq. The Proclamation No.1 flown up by air and agreed by ROME and AFHQ is now being printed and will take the place of the emergency one which has been issued.

The emergency Proclamation will only be used if the other one is not ready in time, but it is not anticipated that this will take place.

Pending the arrival of the Administrative Instruction as regards the method of handling VENEZIA GIULIA, which it is understood is coming from AFHQ, instructions have been got out to meet an emergency, but have not been distributed, and will not be, unless the Administrative Instruction referred to has not arrived.

In the meantime, various pertinent points have been signalled down to ROME which require an answer. I am well aware that the correct answer to most of these questions would be, that the whole of VENEZIA GIULIA, whether occupied by Allied troops or by the Yugoslavs is a country "held in trust", until the final settlement is arrived at round the Peace Table. I am, however, equally sure that the Yugoslavs will consider that portion in which they are, and in which they are to remain, as a de facto annexation whatever may be the de jure situation to be.

(Sgd) C.E. HENSON

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Ros., 4 Giugno 1945

PRO-MEMORIA

In alcune zone delle provincie di Ravenna e Bologna - e particolarmente, nei Comuni di Massalombarda, Conselice, Imola, Medicina, Molinella - si è venuta creando una situazione estremamente grave, dovuta alla mancata presenza sul posto di autorità militare Alleata e italiana.

L'ordine pubblico è in balia ad elementi estremisti. Gli stessi comitati di liberazione sono spesso esautorati, e talora gli elementi intellettuali, che ne fanno o ne facevano parte, si tengono appartati o si sono dimessi.

Sono tuttora numerose le persone scomparse dalla circolazione, prolevate o assassinate da individui mascherati.

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SUBJECT: Italian Troops in CRETE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

Int/102

27 APR 45

TO : G-2 AFHQ

The following has been received from Ministry of War and is passed to you for information:-

ITALIAN TFS - CRETE

Already at TARANTO (Camp 'A')

III Bn (less 1 Coy) Legione Volontari
Italiani 3 offrs 600 GRs

Still in CRETE:

1 Coy III Bn Legione Volontari (about 200 all ranks)	)	operating
I and II Bn Legione Volontari (1400 all ranks)	)	with the
141 Bn Guardia Repubblicane (700 all ranks)	)	German

In concentration camps in German hands:

2000 all ranks belonging to various units.

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Major General
MMIA

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