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Based on periodical reports from ELUS att to
ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 31 Dec 46

1. GEORGE SUMNER

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4. RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS.

TURIN - Feeling between troops and civilians remains good and between Police and civilians, has improved. The CC, have always been held in esteem and general opinion would like to see their numbers increased. The behaviour of the troops at NOVARA recently, when the HQ of the U.Q. was damaged, was favourably reported upon in the Press. An adverse article directed against 7 Army Regt, accusing them of Fascist sympathies which appeared in "STAMPARE AVANTI" was most unfavourably received by the troops. In VERCELLI area, soldiers are induced to frequent communist clubs where entertainments are organised for them.

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5. MORALE (continued)

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- GENOA - Morale amongst troops remains good, and there is no evidence of subversive activities. Genuine efforts are being made to improve welfare. There is however no change in morale of officers and NCOs and it is not likely to improve until salaries are raised and cost of living drops.
- BOLZANO - Morale of the troops remains good. Quite a lot was done in units to give these soldiers who could not get home on leave, a decent Christmas.
- UDINE - Good.
- TRIESTE - Morale satisfactory considering the high cost of living.
- ROME - The inopportune propaganda of a certain section of the Press against the army is causing depression, particularly at this particular time when everyone should be helping to rebuild the nation.
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7. PUBLIC SECURITY

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TURIN - Has improved.

DOLZANO - Crimes in the area are on the increase, especially those committed by some ex-partisans who still hold arms and ammunition.

BOLOGNA - Continues to improve in this zone and murders decrease mainly because there are less committed for political reasons. The strength and activity of the police and CC in the area keeps public disorder well in hand.

BARI - CC report continued agitation in MATERA Province. The following crimes statistics for REGGIA are reported for Dec.

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- 4 Heavy BREDA MG
- 1000 Hand Grenades
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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (ALIA)INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 12

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to
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1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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UDINE - On 7 Nov (Anniversary of RUSSIAN Revolution) a red flag was hoisted at CROSTU SAN LEONARDO and leaflets were distributed. Local inhabitants removed the flag and destroyed the leaflets. Incidents between BRITISH Tps and ITALIAN military and civilians are decreasing, but the housing of BRITISH and AMERICAN Families is causing trouble.

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2. POLITICAL FRICTION (Contd)

BOLOGNA - Communist party continues to be the most favourite the most active and best organised. It has gained an ascendancy over the "Camera di Lavoro" (Trades Unions) so that workers are often faced by the alternative of remaining idle or asking for the Communist membership card. The Socialist party is said to be undergoing an internal crisis, whilst friction appears evident so actual political disturbances have taken place

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When the President of the Republic visited GENOA on Nov 3/4 units of the Territorial Command marched past with units of the Partigiani. The people were impressed by the bearing, turn-out and discipline of the tps but were not enthusiastic and the Partigiani received the greatest applause.

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4. Relations Between Troops and Civilians (Contd)GENOA (Contd)

- The press gave prominence to this parade which is the first large scale one held in GENOVA. It appears that the Sindaco of GENOA (Socialist) requested a few tips to take part, to which the Partigiani objected, whereupon the Sindaco stated they would parade with the Army and requested the Territorial Command to organise as large a parade as possible.

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BOLZANO - Relations between civilians and Carabinieri remains good. Their morale increases daily and so does the respect of the civilians for them. Contrary to what has been previously reported the press if most uncooperative and the GO. has to pay cash for the articles on the Army to be published.

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FLORENCE - Improving, but worry about the final terms of the Peace Treaty and the continually rising cost of living and shortage of accommodation, tend to have an adverse effect on morale.

Morale (Contd)

FLORENCE (Contd)

- A 7% increase. -- Milan's pay will enable bachelors to live quietly within their means and the morale of those who had a definite boost, but married officers with families complain that the increase is still insufficient.

ROME - Reported to be now owing to political uncertainty.

NAPLES - Morale of junior GOCs and GRC remains good but that of Officers and senior GOCs is still affected by their economic position. The increase in pay has not improved their living conditions as prices have risen at the same time. In many cases married officials have spent their resources, money, commodities and saleable possessions and are getting desperate.

5. Frontier Activity

TURIN - Illegal crossing of the frontier continues unabated mainly by laborers and peasants from VENETO and Southern ITALY. Many arrests were made at BEAULARD.

MILAN - On 4 Nov fifty smugglers from the VAL MALENCO attempting to reach SWITZERLAND with contraband were caught in a blizzard on the SOASCHNER glacier; eight died and thirty were badly frost bitten. A smuggler in the VAL di LANA trying to cross into SWITZERLAND with rice was killed by Finance Gds.

BOLZANO - Large clandestine traffic across the border. On 13 Nov a party of eighty four Gds arrested near BEAULARDPASS became aggressive and had to be forcibly handed back to the FRANCH authorities in AUSTRIA.

UDINE - UCEA and CLARETUSCHIS Control Posts on Western Boundary of VERCELLA GUILLA are frequently attacked as right by unknown assailants. Most of the isolated mountain posts are now equipped with AMERICAN R/T thus improving the frontier control and the morale of the units in the posts.

5. Public Security

TURIN - Although crime has slightly decreased public security has not correspondingly improved. The demonstration of the three hundred ex-Fascist of the MOVIMENTO DI RESISTENZA FASCISTA, REDUCI di MILANO in the VERCELLI district, (reported last month) was disavowed by the ANMI and successfully suppressed by the police.

GENOA - 24 Nov persons, alleged to be monarchists plotting to overthrow the state by force were arrested in GENOA. To date fifty seven persons have been arrested including ten officials connected with the Guardia di Finanza, the ruler appears to

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- UDINE** - UGSA and OLIMPIASIS control posts on Western boundary of VENETIA Giulia are frequently attacked at night by unknown assailants. Most of the isolated mountain posts are now equipped with AMERICAN M/T thus improving the frontier control and the morale of the units in the posts.

5. Public Security

- TURIN** - Although crime has slightly increased public security has not noticeably improved. The demonstration of the three hundred ex-partisans of the MOVIMENTO DI RESISTENZA PATRIOTICA, REDUCI di MILANO in the VERCELLI district, (reported last month) was disavowed by the ANPI and successfully suppressed by the police.
- GENOA** - On 24 Nov persons, alleged to be anarchists plotting to overthrow the state by force were arrested in GENOA. To date fifty seven persons have been arrested including ten officials connected with the Guardia di Finanza, two officers and other bodies. The ring leader appears to be EUGENIO BENZI calling himself "Colonel HENRY SMITH" who was assisted by a GERMAN, RUZAR, and two women. Public security is fairly good. Telephone calls to and from 2 HLU are being tapped.
- MILAN** - Common crime has slightly increased, armed hold-ups have decreased. Articles of BRITISH and AMERICAN Military Equipment are for sale in shops and in the streets now that the BRITISH MPs have 385 MILAN. 5

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5. Public Security (Contd)

- BOLZANO - A considerable number of ex GERMAN Army and SS personnel appear to be in BOLZANO where the dregs of NAZISM and FASCISM have congregated. The population, particularly the students and schoolboys show anti-BRITISH sentiments. ALLIED troops have also caused incidents by their bad behaviour.
- BOLOGNA - Nov was a quiet month. Public security has greatly improved and crime enormously decreased due to tenacity of the Carabinieri.
- RARI - Strikes and present high cost of living have been the main reasons for the calling out of troops and detachments of CO.RR Mob Bn to restore order on several occasions.
- PALERMO - During the month twenty six leading gangsters were arrested by police but numerous bands of brigands are still at large.
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to
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1. GENERAL SUMMARY

The Socialists appear to be launching an anti-military campaign and the Communists, as well as certain members of the Government who are suspicious of BRITISH interest in the Army, wish to free it from BRITISH supervision. Broadcasting Stations in NAPLES and SALERNO are stated to be operating under Communist control. TROIKA, a pro-TITO, anti-ITALIAN organisation, was discovered in NAPLES. CORPO VOLONTARI ITALIANI SPAGNA LIBERA, in GENOA is enlisting Communists to fight in SPAIN and also in GENOA there is reported to be the FRONTE DEL SOLDATO aiming at inducing serving soldiers not to fight against Partisans. Relations between troops and civilians continues good and the press in MILAN and BOLZANO cooperates with the Army. Relations between the press and the Army are improving in the FLORENCE and BOLOGNA regions. Morale of officers and NCOs remains unchanged but that of the troops and recruits is improving due to the increases in pay and interest in their welfare. Discipline is generally good. Smuggling and frontier activity has increased on the whole of the Northern boundary but it has apparently decreased on the ADRIATIC Coast. Except in EMILIA, public security has deteriorated everywhere. Partisans have been troublesome in PIEMONTE and LOMBARDY where the MOVIMENTO DI RESISTENZA PARTIGIANO staged a demonstration. In UDINE and GENOA the Carabinieri recovered considerable quantities of arms, ammunition and warlike stores.

2. POLITICAL FACTION

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- (1) To exploit the anti-military trend of the civilians and to bring it to a political issue;
 - (2) To influence political parties to formulate a programme for demilitarisation;
 - (3) To publish cases of ill-treatment received by serving soldiers as they occur.

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2. POLITICAL FRUITION (Cont'd)GENOVA
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- According to rumors a body known as PRONTE del SOLDATO exists to influence serving soldiers not to fight against the Partisans, if called upon to do so by their officers. Officers of the Territorial Command doubt the truth of the rumor but 85 Port Security Section are inclined to believe that such an organization exists.
- TERRACINI, member of the Directorate of the Communist Party in his speech at one of the meetings connected with the Municipal Elections, said that the only clause in the Peace Treaty which was acceptable was that occupational troops should be withdrawn from ITALY 90 days after its ratification, but the DE GASPERI Government wished the ALLIES to continue their stay after that period, as it was only due to their presence that the existing Government could continue to function.
- The rising cost of living, inadequate bread and pasta ration and the cold weather have dejected the people who are resigned to a very hard winter with little prospect of better living conditions.

BOLZANO

- The people now show little interest in the Italo - Austrian agreement but the plans for autonomy of the region are the subject of keen discussions. The Sudetischer Volkspartei continues to repeat that the above agreement did not satisfy the claims of South Tyrol. The Guedtiroler Demokratischer Verband which represents those who wish to remain in ITALY, aims at uniting all the South Tyrolese regardless of their political tendencies, and is directly opposed to the first mentioned party.
- Gen BETHOUART, GOC of the FRENCH Zone, AUSERL, paid a visit to Gen NEGRONI, Commander of 4 Territorial Bn, and was welcomed with ceremony and cordiality.
- Gen NEGRONI put some barracks in BOLZANO at the disposal of BRITISH units moving from ITALY to AUSTRIA where they spend the night in transit.

UDINE

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2. POLITICAL FRUSTRATION (Contd)

ROME

- People fear that ITALY will become the battle ground for rival forms of Government and that NEELANI will swing ITALY's foreign policy to the left. A military coup against TRIESTE is also feared. It is reported that persons in the ITALIAN Government disapprove of the Army being trained by the BRITISH or of having an Army at all. The Communists in the Government are believed to be anti-Army because they fear a force with anti-Communist leaders, are suspicious of the pro-BRITISH feeling in the Army and of BRITAIN's interest in it.

BARI

- Events in ALBANIA, particularly the mining of BRITISH destroyers caused some excitement in BARI. The action of the UNITED STATES and CANADA in undertaking to back the Lira commitments created a favourable impression. Hostility to foreigners, particularly, YUGOSLAVS, is increasing, but the few ALLIED Troops and Nationals are treated cordially. The 200,000 unemployed in PUGLIA and the ever rising prices continue to aggravate the internal situation. The population is stated to be losing confidence in the Government's ability to cope with the general situation.

NAPLES

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3. Political Activity Among Troops

As a result of the anti-conscription propaganda troops are tending towards left wing politics, although recruits at Bari are unaffected.

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4. Relations Between Troops and Civilians

- TURIN** - Troops are on good terms with civilians and Carabinieri are popular and respected. Although their behaviour in public has improved recently, the Auxiliary Police are not popular, and the majority are members of the left wing party despite orders forbidding this.
- GENOVA** - Troops and civilians are not interested in each other. The Carabinieri continue to secure public confidence but their successful raids on illegal arms dumps have made them unpopular with Partisans and other disaffected parties. The press is apathetic towards the Army and public relations have not improved. The Army was very little affected by the Municipal electioneering campaign and Genovese remained calm.
- MILAN** - Continue good. Newspapers of various political parties recognize the problems of the Army and that its reorganization is necessary.
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5. Morale

- TURIN** - Morale generally low except for that of the recruits. The morale of the Piemonte Alpini recruits is good. The morale of the Carabinieri is good despite the non-payment of allowances due to reputati and Carabinieri returned to service after disbandment, the insufficient lodging allowance, and the lack of bedding. Discipline is very good in the 4 Alpini Regiment, good in other units but slack in the service units.
- GENOA** - Morale of officers and senior NCOs has not improved, whereas that of the troops thanks to the arrival of the CIR-trained recruits and improvements in accommodation is better than ever before. Discipline is slowly improving as the conditions of the service get better. There is room for improvement in both morale and discipline.
- MILAN** - Continues satisfactory and discipline is reasonably so. The smart turn-out and general bearing of the recruits at the CIRs has greatly impressed the civilian population.
- BOLZANO** - The sums paid in advance of the increases in pay have very noticeably improved the morale of troops, and have somewhat eased the financial difficulties of officers.
- UDINE** - Apparently good.
- FLORENCE** - Discipline is definitely improving.
- ROME** - The terms of the Peace Treaty are lowering morale. The continuous press attacks against the Army mainly tending to show that the discipline imposed on the soldiers is still a cover for injustice and abuses are deprecated, and it is felt that the War Ministry should refute unjust charges against the military.
- BARI** - Discipline is improving satisfactorily.
- NAPLES** - Morale appears to be high at 10 CIR and good in 10 Regiment in spite of the uninteresting work of guard duties and the continual uncertainty of the economic situation.
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6. Frontier Activity

TURIN - Frontier activity has increased due to the increased number of daily passes issued to workmen and the greater tourist traffic. CO guards have arrested many persons trying to cross into FRANCE to work. In the CHIIVASSO area, where many labourers have arrived from the VENEZIO, an organisation was discovered for escorting them to the frontier. The CO arrested 5 of the organisers and returned numbers of workers to their home towns.

MILAN - Smuggling is increasing. A Swiss patrol engaged a band attempting to enter Switzerland with yellow flour and rice on 28 Oct '46, killing one smuggler and wounding another. A woman, attempting to smuggle 95,356., 86,750, and large quantity of other currency, was arrested at CHIASSO. At VARESE a Red Cross ambulance belonging to III Autoreparto MILAN was searched and found to contain a large quantity of flour. An ITALIAN Lieut and the driver of the vehicle are under arrest.

BOLZANO - There is intense clandestine traffic across the border particularly in the FRENCH Zone over the PASSO di VESIA. Many were arrested.

BOLOGNA - Carabinieri report that frontier activity is declining.

7. Public Security

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GENOVA - Highway robbery on the BRACCO pass between LA SPEZIA and SESTRI LEVANTE has started again though on a smaller scale than this time last year.

MILAN - Deteriorating; armed hold-ups, thefts and murders are increasing. There were many strikes and the homeless are agitating because of the lack of dwelling. The increased cost of food, scarcity of fuel, and the reduction in the electric current will seriously affect the population in the winter. On 17 Oct '46 at AICURZIO near VIGEVATE a printing press for forging Allied MILITARY CURRENCY NOTES was found. In addition to more than 50 million lire there were also notes, SWISS feed coupons, and

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 is believed to exist in the MARESCARE. Eight
 million lire worth of notes forged at ALVERZIO are
 believed to be already in circulation.

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7. Public Security (Contd)

MILAN
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- The M.A.P. (MOVIMENTO di RESISTENZA PARTISANO) which had its HQ in MILAN staged a demonstration on 18 - 19 Oct '46 by moving to SERRAIO in the BIELLA District, PINOMIE, and organizing there the 1st Division of Labourers (Divisione Partisti). The party was unarmed but defence works had been constructed in the hills and it is known that many dumps of arms and ammunition were hidden in the BIELLA District during the Partisan fighting there. On 21 - 22 Oct '46 other followers from LOMBARDY and EMILIA joined the band bringing the total strength to 300 - 400. On 25th Oct '46 the Questura and CC raided the HQ in MILAN and sent 200 armed police to arrest the ringleaders. The remainder of the band dispersed quietly.

BOLZANO

- The population commented favourably on the immediate assembly of the Military Court of Justice and repressive measures against armed robbery continue.

UDINE

- The local Partisans are reported to be leading a quiet life - partisans more underground than usual. Carabinieri were called in by P.S. at VITTORIA VENETO to assist in the interrogation of 2 RUSSIANS who were alleged to be studying the process of manufacturing silk.

BOLOGNA

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ROME

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PARMA

- No major incidents occurred during the month but the number of crimes committed is still high.

PALERMO

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8. Illegal Arms

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8. Illegal Arms (Contd)

NOTE

- Carabinieri found a considerable quantity of hidden arms near SILENOVA.

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2. POLITICAL FRICTION (Contd)

- UDINE** - 5 Military Territorial Command reported various Pro-YUGOSLAV activities in its territory and states that the stronghold of MONTALCONE is the stronghold of the Pro-SLAV movement and the origin of every anti-ITALIAN activity. The majority of its work people are Pro-SLAV Communist supporters. The UAIS and Unique Syndicates make intense propaganda and Pro-TITO followers, using the Fascist methods of treacherous aggression, ambushes, kidnappings and murder, get the support of local people who fear reprisals. It is alleged that YUGOSLAV agents are purchasing Allied vehicles from ARAR. 5 Territorial Command were greatly relieved that GHQ did not move to UDINE and the relations between this Command and the Allied Units continue good.
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- Population is preoccupied with the international situation and apprehensive of the effects of the Peace Treaty. This unsettled feeling is adversely affecting the domestic political situation and there have been some strikes and demonstrations which, however, have been settled without incidents. Unemployment is serious and will not decrease until there is more enterprise in private business. A few hundreds of workers were recruited for FRANCE but the repatriation of those who previously emigrated to BELGIUM caused doubt and alarm.

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POLITICAL FRICITION (Contd)

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- NAPLES - The left wing newspapers were a little more anti-Army partly on account of VYSHINSKY's remarks and partly as a result of the BALISTRUCCI trial.
- PALESTRO - The numbers of foreign agents is still increasing particularly those of the "AGIT PROF" who are inciting the peasants to occupy the land which the wealthy land-owners have allowed to go fallow.

3. Political Activity Among Troops

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4. Relations Between Troops and Civilians (Contd)

- BOLOGNA (Contd)**
- A Partisan memorial was unveiled and blessed by the local priest at CA'DI GUZZO in the presence of the GOC 6 Territorial Command, BRITISH, FRENCH and SPANISH representatives and the president of the local Communist party.
- FLORENCE**
- Except for some attacks on Officers published in the Communist papers the press has shown little interest in the Army.
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- ORs consider their pay bad but accept their lot resignedly. The Officers are in a more serious position and some are compelled to sell their personal belongings to make ends meet. Discipline in general is good and the Northern recruits who resented being sent to SICILY have now settled down and their bearing, morale and discipline are of a high order.

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6. Frontier Activity

- TURIN - Smuggling continues.
- MILAN - Smuggling chiefly in foodstuffs and cigarettes continues. Several arrests were made by the Finance Guards.
- BOLZANO - Considerable illegal crossing of the frontier continues mostly in the FRENCH Zone of AUSTRIA. During the month 38 persons trying to leave and 120 attempting to enter ITALY were arrested. Jews are the worst offenders.
- BOLOGNA - Smuggling continues and the Carabinieri report that it appears to be aided by the POLES.

7. Illegal Immigration

- TURIN - Emigration into FRANCE and SWITZERLAND continues although a number of people have been caught. Reports state that FRENCH Gendarmerie allow men to enter if they can prove they are skilled labourers.
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8. Public Security

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PALEMO - Politics hamper the police in the execution of their duty. It has been fairly well established that the recent attack on the PALEMO Radio Station was made by not more than 10 well armed Communists possibly to undermine public confidence and bring discredit on the forces of law and order.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 2

Based on periodical reports from MIUS att to
ITALIA Territorial Region up to 31 Aug 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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GENOVA

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2. Political Friction (cont'd)

BOLZANO

The Sud. Tyrolesian Demo-Christian Party at MERANO is attracting new members but the controversy in the German and Italian press has diminished. Pines representing the H.I. Cross were lit on the outskirts of MERANO at MERANO PASSA, the VAL PASSURIA and S. S. POWs released from the camps at BOZENO and LATERINA.

UDINE

The proposed move of Rear Comd HQ caused great discontent nevertheless the relations between British and Italian officers remained as friendly as before. No Italian has yet reported to have taken part in the recent MERANO disturbances. At VALBUTTA there was trouble between US and Italian which was amicably settled by the commanders on the spot. There are fairly extensive underground activities of the political parties in the TRIULI District. Guards on the C. 4.4. Dumps in the Security Line have fired on suspicious persons but no casualties have been reported.

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3. Political Activity among Tps

- TURIN - Tps appear to be non-political and the latest recruits seem to be better disciplined than the previous ones, also the economic situation is causing men to enlist to avoid being unemployed.
- BOLOGNA - The Socialist and Communist parties devote much time to convert tps to their ideas and some people fear a definite threat against the power of the State will be made. Tps are reported to be actively awaiting developments.
- ROME - New recruits reported to be more truly patriotic.
- NAPLES - Some recruits at 1st CAR removed the crown from their cap badge because it was unnecessary as the Army was Republic. The Commander of the CAR stated that if they objected to the King's figure on the 10 Lire note he would cease paying them. Next day all crowns were replaced on cap badge.
- PALERMO - Trouble was caused in the CAR by some recruits cutting the crown from their cap badge. At the MURB Barracks the "over-flow" En from the CAR protested against their bug instructed beds.

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FLORENCE - The local press published several favourable articles on the call-up of the 1925 class.

ROME - Reported good and improving probably due to resentment against the fascist methods adopted by the Partigiani. The new intake of recruits was well and favourably reported on.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians (cont'd)

BARI - Relations between tps and civilians continue friendly and those posted from the Northern C.R.s mix with the local population and are popular. The Liaison Service Army Nation U.C.R.P. is trying to foster interest in the Army by arranging sporting events between military, civilians and allies also by military concerts and entertainments. Although arrangements have been made with the GAZETTA DEL MELOGGIORNO to publish articles of military interest these only appear after the editor has been pressed.

NAPLES - General ROMANO's visit to 40 C.R. and his address to the new recruits was favourably reported in the AVELLINO newspaper and so was the presentation of the Bronze Star to Col MACILLARI-CAVALIERE.

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5. Morale (cont'd)

- BARI - Morale was improved by the arrival of the recruits from the North and discipline is satisfactory.

6. Frontier Activity

- TURIN - Large scale activity on the MONCUESIO and MONGHEVERO Passes where people try illegally to cross into FRANCE and are generally stopped by the Italian Police if they have evaded the CO. Smuggling has increased on VERTON and SIVAS borders particularly drugs, but large quantities of wheat have gone into FRANCE.
- MILAN - There is an active campaign against flour and rice smugglers.
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The Carabinieri have captured all members of the bandit gang in the MATERA province, but there is no decrease in crime.

There is a well equipped and well armed "Celere" unit in the NAPLES area. The army distrust and dislike the "Celere" because it used its arms and was responsible for the deaths in the recent disturbances, for which the army was blamed; no enquiry was held to ascertain whether the seven dead were justly killed.

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7. Public Security (cont'd) MILAN (cont'd)

- Men of the "Celero" who helped to quell the riot received 7,000 each, prize money, and they are better paid than the carabinieri or the army. Although the Italian forces including the "Celero" are increased black market and crime does not decrease.

8. Illegal Arms

- MILAN - At CESANO MADRIO 2 mortars 61mm, 44 rifles, 3 MGs, 1 heavy MG, 26 hand grenades, 4 Russian rifles, 4 German bombs, several hundred cartridges and about 5 1/2 lbs of gelatin were found.

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LAND FORCE'S SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to
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1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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2. POLITICAL FRICITION

TURIN - The pro-French movement in the VAL DI SUSA has greatly decreased.

GENOA - Although there have been no disturbances, nor demonstrations, nor hostile acts a frigid attitude of the people toward men in Allied uniform is noticeable. BLU officers visiting the Territorial Commands are received with cold politeness and the cordial relations which existed hitherto have been temporarily upset by the peace treaty negotiations. The senior officers of Territorial Command are surprisingly ignorant of international affairs. From the trend of remarks made by Italian officers to British on the occasion of pre-announced visits to units it would seem that the attitude of the Italians was governed by a central policy, as when unexpected visits are made the relations are cordial as before. The ORs do not appear to be affected.

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UDINE - The terms of the peace treaty disappointed Italian officers but there was no hostility to Allied personnel. The BLU commander and the G II were warmly welcomed by the Regimental Commander of the 8 Alpini Regiment and by the Commander of the L'AQUILA Bn when they visited these units.

2. Political Friction (cont'd) UDINE

- At PADOA, an anti-Illyria demonstration was organised by students who insulted the Illyrians and burnt "Alexander" certificates. There were no other demonstrations.

- An armed band believed to be JUGOSLAV partisans attacked the guard on the RIO DI LAGO car dump. Several shots were fired but there were no casualties.

BOLZANO - The local German press is still fostering separatist ideas and the return of the district to AUSPRL notwithstanding that the "Sudtiroler Volkspartei" offered to collaborate with the Italian authorities who accepted the offer. The bulk of the population are resigned to the decision of the Foreign Ministers.

BOLOGNA - In EMILIA the people are bitter over the terms of the Peace Treaty and the blame for the harsh terms is placed on the ANGLO-AMERICANS by the Communists and Socialists who predominated in the district. These parties have organised strikes and demonstrations to protest against the peace terms. There is a great deal of feeling against the Illyrians under the surface which is strengthened by the continued occupation of schools and other public buildings by Illyrian troops. The better educated people consider this hostility to be temporary and that ITALY will soon side with the Western Illyrians, both economically and politically. There is a strong feeling against the POLISH because of their behaviour.

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ROME - A marked general "cooling off" towards the Illyrians is apparent.

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TURIN - There is practically no political tendency among troops. On July 12 2 officers and 12 ORs of the 6 GP 7 Arty Regt returned the certificates they received from the 8th Army to the BRITISH Consulate in TURIN and although this anti-BRITISH incident was greatly exaggerated in the press which gave it considerable publicity, investigation showed that only 25% of one GP of the Arty Regt GERMANY had acted in this manner due to the influence of the 2 officers.

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3. Political Activity among Tps (cont'd)

BOLOGNA - Tps are not politically conscious but the recruits at the GAR are rather left and made an attempt to hide their satisfaction over the results of the election. There are still reactionaries in certain units but the activities of the officers have killed the anti-army feeling they tried to foster.

NAPLES - LEGA ASSISTENZA UFFICIALE CONGEDO (LACU), FED NAZIONE ANTI-MONARCHICA FORZE ARMATE (F.F.A.), and OLIVETRO ASSISTENZA REDUCI SOLDATI (OARS), are dying a natural death.

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- BOLZANO - The relations between the carabinieri and the population continue good.
- BOLOGNA - The Carabinieri are respected by the population for their loyalty to the state and the public.
- FIORANCE - The attitude of the press towards the Army is improving and contacts are maintained with it and the civil authorities.
- ROME - The appearance of the new 1st Granatieri Regt in their summer uniform has made a favourable impression in Rome and raised the popularity of the Army.
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5. Morale (cont'd)

- BARI - Morale of tps and Carabinieri is still good, also discipline.
- NAPLES - Discipline and morale of the Carabinieri has been good generally, but there is still some resentment at the title "REALI" being discontinued.

6. Frontier Activity

- TURIN - ITALIAN workers attempt to cross into FRANCE and those in FRANCE are returning to the VAL D'AOSTA to spend their holidays. A great deal of smuggling is reported across the ITALO-SWISS frontier.
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2. Political Friction (cont'd)

BOLZANO - Election period passed without incidents. A new South TYROLESE party the "Democratic Sudtirolese Union" in opposition to the "Sudtirolese Volkspartei" has been formed with the scope of uniting the population of the ALTO ADIGE regardless of racial prejudice to rebuild the life and economy of the TYROL.

The 88 Inf Regt held a celebration at RIVA on 30 June when officers and men lunched together in the same hall and sang together "TRIESTE" at the end of the meal.

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3. Political Activity Long Tps. (cont'd)

BOLOGNA - The effect of the referendum on the Army is difficult to appreciate but it appears that the sympathies of the regular officers and NCOs are equally divided between the monarchy and the republic, whereas the conscript NCOs and tps are mainly republican. The loyalty of the Army to the state does not appear to have been seriously affected and the opinion is that it will do its duty.

ROME - The new Government's assurance that the integrity and traditions of units would be respected and preserved has had a good effect on the Army and CC.RR. Senior Army officers are very concerned about the decisions of the PARIS Conference and the transfer of BRIGA and TENNA to FRANCE has adversely affected ITALO-FRENCH relations.

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4. Relations between Tps and Civilians (cont'd)

BARI - Relations between Tps and civilians continues to be good.

PALERMO - Relations good.

5. Morale

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- PALERMO - Morale of hospital patients is very low and there is no welfare in hospitals. Discipline in Army unit is much below BRITISH standards.

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6. Frontier Activity

- TURIN** - A great deal of movement is reported across the MONC NISIO and MONGINEVO passes by Allied personnel and civilians possessing regular passports. The FRENCH are sending back to ITALY, ITALIANS who have resided less than six months in FRANCE and partisans who had illegally emigrated to that country from the VAL D'AOSTA have returned to their homes.
- BOLZANO** - Owing to desperate food situation in AUSTRIA people are continually illegally crossing the frontier. The POLISH are implicated in this black market frontier traffic and MERRA officials are also alleged to have helped undesirables to cross the frontier. The CC.RR and GUARDIA di Finanza have insufficient personnel to control the frontier. There is no change in sectors controlled by the Allies.

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BOLOGNA - Conditions good and generally improving except in the LODENA and REGGIO EMILIA provinces where the situation is deteriorating mainly for political reasons. The latter province is considered unsafe after dark. It is reported that civilians still hold large quantities of arms and ammunition.

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8. Public Security (cont'd)

- NAPLES - Public Safety has been adversely affected by political situation and there has been no decrease in normal crime. Gangs of robbers are still very active in the MATERA and GARGANO districts.
- PALERMO - A number of kidnappings in broad daylight have occurred recently. Police have adopted stronger measures and successful raids have been made in the PARTINICO, MONTELEONE and ALCAID areas. The MRLA still operates and the EVIS (Voluntary Army of Sicilian Independence) is reported to have been reorganized in Eastern SICILY. Newspaper reports of serious incidents in PALERMO were unfounded.

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3. Political Activity among Troops

TURIN

- Left parties have carried out a violent campaign to obtain soldiers' votes for Republican and Left parties. People are lead to believe that as a result of the election the army will be disbanded. On 8 May an unsuccessful attempt was made to induce the recruits of 2 Bns of No 1 CAR stationed in the CASERME FUNZIONALI at CASALE MONFERRATO to desert. Many of the recruits have civilian clothes as they believe they will be released after the elections.

An incident took place at NOVI between an Army Lieut and the Communist ULISSE, who was once a fascist.

No subversive elements have been reported among the tps.

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3. Political Activity among Tps (contd)

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5. Morale

- GENOVA - ORs apparently believe that they will be absolved from their oath of allegiance to the Army if a republic is formed.
The parades of the MANTOVA Div and the CC.RR Mob Bn have impressed the public and raised the morale of the tps. Discipline is fairly good and there has been no trouble during the election period.
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7. Illegal Immigration (contd)

PALERMO - Reports state that JUGOSLAV agents continue to arrive in SICILY, mainly in CALANIA, arriving in vessels coming from the DALMATIAN Coast. Fishermen confirm having seen recently pocket submarines off the Southern SICILIAN Coast near SIACCA.

8. Public Security

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PALERMO - The "MAFLA" has re-started operations killing nightly four to five known criminals. Whereas the Socialist Mayor of PALERMO was stopped by the "MAFLA" and relieved of everything, a party of Monarchists passing the same place a few minutes before were unmolested.

9. Illegal Arms

MILAN - CC.RR found an arms and amn dump in SONDRIO province of some 80 quintals consisting of 5 Mortars, 18 heavy MGs, 18 LMGs, 70 boxes of amn and 2 wireless transmitters.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5

Based on periodical reports from BLUS att
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1. GENERAL SUMMARY

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3. Political Activity among Troops (Contd) GENOA.

Situation on the FRENCH Frontier is satisfactory. Pro-FRENCH slogans posted on buildings in PIGNI were erased by order of ITALIAN authorities and there was no comment nor incident. The Left Wing Parties are reported to be preparing an armed insurrection in GENOA. Province when the elections take place in June. Arms coming from YUGOSLAVIA are landed on the ADRIATIC coast and among the organisers are RUSSIANS and YUGOSLAVS. This information was given by the investigating squad of the CC.RR. Legion, GENOA.

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GENOVA - There is little political current among tps although some men, among them recruits, visit the Communist Party. Territorial HQ suspect subversive activity within the units and that civilians induce service-men to broadcast their propaganda for them, consisting of the well known grievances on pay, lodging, family allowances etc.

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Political Activity among Troops (Contd)MILAN

On 4 Apr recruits of the C.R. detachments in BRESCIA created a disturbance in front of the HQ of the C.R. demanding:- increase of pay and rations, a laundry service as existed pre-war, better clothing, extension of leave and off duty hours, adequate allowance for families, and to know the reason and duration of the call-up as most men in the 1924 class had already done military service.

On 9 Apr recruits of the COMO C.R. detachment also created a disturbance and made demands similar to the above.

It is suspected that these disturbances are engineered by elements outside the Army as similar incidents have occurred at other C.Rs.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians

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GENOA - Relations between tps and people remains fairly good.

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4. Relations Between Tps and Civilians (Contd)

- MILAN - Relations between tps and civilians continues to be good. The intake of the 1924 Class proceeded smoothly when the anti-militarist propaganda ceased, although unemployment and high cost of living may have induced the men to report. The Army detachment attending the ceremony in the Cathedral Square on 25 Apr was welcomed by the crowd. Military, CC.RR and Police Agencies were criticized for their actions in the S. VITTORE Prison riot but CC.RR continued to be popular.
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5. Morale

- TURIN** - The economical situation of officers and NCOs is getting worse as their savings and funds are almost exhausted. The morale of the officers is still further depressed by the anti-militarist campaign in the press directed particularly against them. They also resent certain individuals who were compromised with the Nazis and Fascists joining the army again. Morale of troops, which was not high, remains the same.
- GENOVA** - There is discontent owing to the impossibility of providing welfare and financial assistance because no funds were received during first quarter of 1946. Inadequate pay and accommodation is affecting morale.
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Morale (Contd)

ROME

On 25 Apr, a public Thanksgiving Mass was held in CAGLIARI in commemoration of Liberation Day which was attended by Generals PINI, MCCARIO, SCIALERINI and POLVERINI, also by the local ex-Partisan leaders. The 59 Inf Regt provided the Guard of Honour and the relationship between the troops and civilians was good. Discipline within the CAGLIARI Division is good. The majority of officers are living near and training their own units and tps are accommodated in barracks outside of the large towns. Some 200 men have been released from prison and returned to their units. They may not affect morale but they are not desirable elements.

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7. Illegal Immigration

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8. Public Security

- TURIN** - Situation still serious. Population fear the Public Safety agents are unable to maintain order and they are not popular.
- GENOVA** - Armed bandits have been active recently, but CC.RR have acted promptly and arrested many wanted men.
- MILAN** - Disturbances occurred in the Civil prisons of PAVIA, LODI, BUSTO, CREMONA, PIZZIGHETTONE and MILAN (S. VITTORE) which was the most serious. The recent reorganization and strengthening of the police forces begins to show results. Common and political crimes are decreasing.
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1. W.e.f. 10 May 46 submission of Progress Reports will be monthly instead of fortnightly.
2. The report previously submitted in the middle of the month will be discontinued.
3. OCs BLUs are reminded that AMENDMENTS only are required to ITALIAN Staff and Location List, unless the basic document has been so amended as to be unintelligible.
4. Above points are all designed to reduce paper work in BLUs.

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19 April 1946

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA),
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

1. Attention has been drawn to the contents and the distribution of the monthly intelligence summary issued by MMIA.
2. The primary purpose of this summary when it was originally instituted was to provide a check on information received from other Italian sources concerning the Italian army.
3. The material included in this summary should therefore be confined to such intelligence as has a direct bearing on the Italian army and should not include political subjects unless they affect the morale or security of the Italian armed forces.
4. Since the information included in these summaries can only be uncollated information, no distribution of the summary other than to G-2, AFHQ, should be made.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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I enclose copy of letter which I have addressed to the Land Forces Sub-Commission on the subject of the Intelligence Summaries emanating from them. The issue of Intelligence Summaries to external formations by a sub-division of a HQ, which is itself responsible for a comprehensive report, transgresses in my opinion all the axioms of the distribution of information.

The Allied Commission produces a monthly report which covers all the political aspects and non-military subjects covered in these Intelligence Summaries produced by the Land Forces Sub-Commission. They should not, therefore, in my opinion be called upon to produce intelligence other than that which is of direct bearing on the Italian Army.

As a result of my letter I have been informed by Col. Kerr that these Summaries have been produced at the request of G-2 AFHQ who wish to use them as a check on information provided through other channels by SOG C. In. If this is so, then this should be clearly stated in the heading of the Summaries and the distribution should be confined to G-2 AFHQ who, presumably, wish to check the information. There should be no external distribution and above all, no distribution to the War Office and the US Embassy. We cannot have reports from Sub-Commissions being given external distribution when they may very well conflict with the views of the Allied Commission as a whole.

I should be most grateful if you would give orders that these Summaries are no longer to be called "Intelligence Summaries" but called exactly what they are, which is presumably a cross-check of other information; that the source should be definitely described and that it should be made quite plain that they are not intelligence reports of the Allied Commission. I should also be grateful if you would give directions that the distribution of these reports is limited to G-2 AFHQ.

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Colonel C.R. Tuff,
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SUBJECT: Reports.

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

Apr 46

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Ref your letter 8281/30 dated 12 Apr 46.

1. The Intelligence Summary under ref was started in Jan on the direct order of G-2 AFHQ, in this case giving instrs to this Hq as MILIA.
2. The headings in the Summary were also stipulated by G-2 AFHQ, incl those on Politics, Political Rendencies, Public Security etc. It was understood that by this means AFHQ wished to cross check the reports recd by them from 308 CS Bn.
3. A copy is sent direct to War Office LONDON by request of MI 4/14 at the War Office and by agreement with AFHQ.
4. A copy is sent to War Dept, WASHINGTON via US Embassy, ROME, as being the appropriate American channel. This is the only reason a copy is sent to US Embassy ROME and not in any way to the exclusion of AR Embassy ROME.
5. No copy has previously been sent to AC because it was understood that all countries represented on AC would have access to any such copy and it was the wish of AFHQ that certain countries should not have access to portions of the Summary which might concern them.
6. The source of the inform contained (Monthly Reports from BLU s) is clearly stated at the head of each Summary. The degree of reliability of the inform is therefore apparent and would of course not enter into competition with that provided by AC Chief Liaison Offrs.
7. It is requested therefore, that the Summary in present form should continue to be sent to the present addressees and the political paras retained as being of major interest under present conditions. The political paras will be kept as short and objective

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2. The headings in the Summary were also stipulated by G-2 AFHQ, incl those on Politics, Political Tendencies, Public Security etc. It was understood that by this means AFHQ wished to cross check the reports recd by them from SOG CH BN.
3. A copy is sent direct to War Office LONDON by request of AM 4/14 at the War Office and by agreement with AFHQ.
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5. No copy has previously been sent to AC because it was understood that all countries represented on AC would have access to any such copy and it was the wish of AFHQ that certain countries should not have access to portions of the Summary which might concern them.
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 - (c) that the inclusion of any inform contained in the Summary in the AC

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Monthly Report be at your discretion.

Major General,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 8281/EC

12 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA).



1. My attention has been drawn to Intelligence Summary No.3 (Int/207/1 dated 15 Mar 46) issued by your Sub-Commission.

2. This summary contains reports or headings on Politics, Public Security, Fascist Activity, and the activity of some (but not all) Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, which have only an indirect bearing on the Italian Army. Such reports which have a wide external distribution should be included in the monthly report of the Allied Commission and should not emanate from a Sub-Commission. It may well be, for instance, that the reports of the BLU's are at variance with those of the Chief Liaison Officers. It is important that we should collate all the information possible but that we should coordinate such information before dissemination.

3. I should be glad, therefore, if you would confine the reports in your summary to matters affecting the Italian Army, e.g., Political Activity among Troops, Relations between Troops and Civilians, Morale, Frontier Activity, and would pass to the Executive Commissioner reports received from BLU's on other subjects of general interest, e.g., Activity of Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, Public Security, for inclusion in the main report of the Allied Commission.

4. I note that a copy is sent direct to War Office, London but not to War Department Washington, and to US Embassy ROME but not to the British Embassy. Finally, no copy is sent to any section of your parent body the Allied Commission. This seems anomalous.

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M. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MST)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4

Based on periodical reports from 1st Att to
 ITALIAN Territorial Region HQ up to 28 Mar 46

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

The Fascist movement which was active in Bologna and parts of Sicily in February appears to have decreased in March. The Communists are gaining ground in central Italy, - Bologna and Florence, - where they are trying to influence troops. In Rome, two organisations for this purpose have been discovered one of which is directed by an ex under-secretary of the War Ministry. An anti-monarchist organisation also exists in Naples which was founded by a dismissed Army General. The pitiable condition of Ps/4 returning from Russia has caused a reaction against the Communists as well as some disturbances in various parts of Italy. In Sicily the Democratic Christian party, which is increasing, is combatting Communism. The Left Wing parties are now becoming less anti-Army but more anti-clerical. The separatist movement in Sicily, which was increasing during the last two months, has died down.

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BOLOGNA - Communist party extremists are offering Officers and NCOs soon to be released, well paid posts as instructors for armed bands, but the response has been slight.

FLORENCE - The Communist Club at Siena, which supplies free beer, wine and dances for Italian soldiers, is reported to be spreading communist propaganda among the recruits of 7 C. R.

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3. Communist Activity (Contd)

ROME - The Communist party have distributed thousands of copies of Stalin's reply to Churchill's Fulton speech thus giving a distorted impression of the matter reviewed.

PAIERMO - Communist party is still increasing and in thought responsible for recent strikes in Palermo and Messina.

4. Left Wing Activity

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- BOLZANO - The report in the foreign press that there is no Alto Adige problem to be solved, is interpreted as meaning that the Austrian claim to the territory has been rejected, and Italy's right recognised which has pleased the people of Italian origin.

- UDINE - Great interest taken by population in Allied Communist's tour of Venezia Giulia. The report of 1500 Ps/W from Russia, some in pitiable condition caused a reaction against the Communists. Some Ps/W held political discussions which lead to Communists among the audience being beaten. Recent demonstrations in Trieste area were markedly anti-Italian.

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6. Political Friction (Contd)

BOLGARIA

The Italian officers are pessimistic about the success of democracy in Italy and state the Allies blundered in granting political freedom too soon. They are cynical about sincerity and exhibition of their political leaders and frequently express forcibly their distaste of the political battle for power and its attendant machinations.

They are also very anti-Soviet, fear the Communist party in Emilia, which is strong and pro-Russian, and feel that the aggressive policy of Russia will bring her into conflict with the Western Powers. To combat this the Western maritime powers should strengthen Italy which they consider the bastion of the Mediterranean flank against Russian aggression.

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- Nevertheless there is much unrest due to the low wages and high cost of living which may cause another bigger general strike very soon.

- Strikes and demonstrations occurred in Messina on the 23 March, during which the Questure building and offices were attacked, and in some cases burnt, stores were looted and records destroyed.

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Political Friction (Contd)PALERMO
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- A Royal Naval truck was also attacked. The 6 Inf Regt took part in restoring order. Bandits ambushed the CORR at Centuripe on the 23 March killing 2 and wounding 2 and on the same day they killed 1 CORR and wounded another at Pertinice also in an ambush attack. On the 27 at Monreale bandits ambushed CORR killing 1 and wounding another.
- At Monteleone a bus was attacked and 1 CORR was wounded. Such incidents, occurring daily promote unrest among the population.
- The Banda GIULIANO is expected to disappear shortly.
- The M.V.L.C. is much quieter and its forces are supposed to consist of bandits only.

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 - It is reported that an Anti-Royalist organisation, Fed-erazione Anti-Monarchica Forze Armate, (F.A.F.A.) exists. It started in 1943 in the Navy and its head is General MATTI dismissed from the Army in 1944 and living in Rome. About 2% of officers in army are supposed to belong to FAF but their names are not known and very few other ranks are included. It uses the communist and socialist parties to further its end. During the past month the 329 (Center Assistenza Reduci Soldati) and CAUC (Centro Assistenza Ufficiali Congedo), organizations, have been discovered.

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Political Activity among Troops (Contd)NAPLES
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- These organisations are branches of the Communist Party. A branch of the Communist Party with HQ in Genoa controls three sub-branches dealing in Propaganda, Information and Penetration respectively.
- Propaganda produces pamphlets, books and slogans which are passed to Penetration and Information. Two such books are:
 1. *Revolte dei Marinai Russi a Kronstadt*
 2. *Aiuti dei Marinai Francesi ai Marinai Russi nel mar Nero.*

The newspaper is "Soldati del Proletto". Information acts as intelligence and reports progress etc of Communism propaganda.

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8. Relations between Troops and CiviliansTURIN

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CENOA

- Troops demonstrated in the Piazza De Ferrari to protest against decision of the municipal transport authority that they should pay fares on trams and buses. CCRR intervened efficiently and prompt conciliatory action was taken by civil authorities. CCRR are on good terms with everyone and the good work they did at the elections increased their prestige; however their outstationing or not created with great respect. Relations of population with Army are good, and have considerably improved recently.

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Relations between Troops and Civilians (Contd)

- MILAN** - Population shows increasing trust in the CC.RR. who are held in high esteem and make some requests for military protection during the elections have been made, it is evident that there is also confidence in the Army. The relations between CC.RR. troops and population are generally very good.
- BOLZANO** - Relations between CC.RR. and population continue satisfactory.
- UDINE** - Owing to the strong feeling against Tito the anti-army propaganda in the press has decreased and the section of the public which was against the army is changing its views as it considers that an army will be necessary when the Allied troops go. The call-up is proceeding well and the recruits are a good type, generally well educated. The building for the soldier's Welfare club at Sacile was presented to the D.A.R. by the mayor and citizens and is very well appointed. The inauguration on 28 March was a great success and General Armellini was excellent with the recruits. The press gave the event a favourable and prominent comment.
- BOLOGNA** - The local Senpai has not agreed to increase the allotment of food stuffs, particularly flour for the canteens. Issues for troops cannot be held for lack of instruments and funds.
- FLORENCE** - Improving. Demonstrations of hearty sympathy and cordiality towards troops of the Folgore Division were given by the population of MONTECATINI. Call-up proceeded satisfactorily and there were no incidents at the elections.
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9. Morale

TURIN - Nothing to report.

GENOA - Morale and discipline of new recruits excellent. Morale should improve generally now that the 1924 class has been released. Morale of officer still poor on account of their accommodation, pay and domestic worries.

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9. Morale (Contd.)

- MILAN - Release of 1924 has had a satisfactory effect on morale. All troops now realize that a release scheme is working and that their turn will come. On 30 March the Soldier's Welfare Centre, Milan was officially inaugurated by a dance which was well attended by all senior Italian officers.
- UDINE - Morale of recruits at Sacile is excellent. Tito's activities have caused a certain keeness among officers and awakened a patriotic feeling among the population which has had a good effect on the recruits.
- FLORENCE - Morale high among recruits who are favourably impressed by the welfare organisation for their benefit at the C.I.R.
- ROME - Morale at the C.I.R. is excellent.
- BARI - Morale of unmarried troops good whereas the married men worried about the living conditions of their families. Most officers are depressed about the very low standard of living of themselves and their families. Discipline has improved particularly in those units undergoing training and where efforts have been made to improve welfare.
- NAPLES - CC.RR worried over cost of living and the inadequacy of their pay.
Morale of recruits is good.

10. Frontier Activity

- TURIN - The frontiers in the Valle d'Aosta, Valle di Susa and Northern Zone of Novare is being crossed by numerous persons the majority of whom have been apprehended and hence they are not natives of the valleys.
Smuggling is increasing in the Southern part of the Swiss Frontier and in the Novare area especially in the Ribellase and Val Canavino passes. Several arrests have been made.
- GENOVA - Posters inciting population to vote for annexation of certain districts by France were displayed in Ventimiglia. Investigations proved that statements on posters were false and that the organised French propaganda agency which is beginning operations is not meeting with success.
- BOLZANO - Contraband agents and political commissaries continue to try to cross the frontier which is only partly controlled by the CC.RR and Finance Guards.
- ROME - There are rumours in Rome that arms and ammunition from the Balkans are coming in on the Adriatic Coast.

11. Illegal Immigration

Nothing to report.

12. Public Security

- TURIN - Crime continues unabated and many crimes are committed by the civilian police. The civilian police failed to prevent

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- Smuggling is increasing in the Southern part of the Swiss Frontier and in the Novara area especially in the Ribellana and Vol Canavino passes. Several arrests have been made.

GENOA

- Posters inciting population to vote for annexation of certain districts by France were displayed in Ventimiglia.
- Investigations proved that statements on posters were false and that the organized French propaganda agency which is beginning operations is not meeting with success.

BOLZANO

- Contraband agents and political commissaries continue solely to cross the frontier which is only partly controlled by the CC.RR and Finance Guards.

ROME

- There are rumours in Rome that arms and ammunition from the Balkans are coming in on the Adriatic Coast.

11. Illegal Immigration

Nothing to report.

12. Public Security

TURIN

- Crime continues unabated and many crimes are committed by the civilian police. The civilian police failed in preventing and quelling the disturbance at the Carignano Theatre and other places of amusement in Turin on 28th. Order was eventually restored by the CC.RR. The people's distrust of the civilian police has considerably increased since this incident.

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Public Security (Contd.)TURIN
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The CC.RR have been frequently called up to maintain public order and on 2nd March their intervention stopped the rioting in the Turin prisons. Armed gangs are still committing robberies but the CC.RR have arrested numbers of armed bandits including the Villarcasse murder gang.

GENOA

Public security remains good, although minor incidents have occurred in outlying districts. Adventitious workers have deserted because Government have decided to reduce their wages w.e.f. from October last and oblige them to refund the excess received. Outbreaks in prisons have increased.

MILAN

Fairly good notwithstanding the recent revelations of dishonesty and crime among the Civil Police. CC.RR are actively combating crime and the percentage of arrests in relation to cases reported is very satisfactory. Common crime has slightly increased. The applications by the Prefects of Bergamo, Brescia and Cremona for troops as a safeguard against possible disturbances during the election was refused by Gen. Maresca as the War Ministry does not wish small detachments scattered about the area. Units sufficiently mobile and suitably deployed are ready to cope with an emergency. However it is intended to bring 2 coy of the 2nd Rn 3 Inf Regt to Milan from Pavia for the elections to be held on 7 April. About 1,000 men are earmarked for the preservation of public order up to end of March. Troops quelled a minor mutiny in Brescin prison. Weapons were used but there were no casualties.

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There is no improvement in Public Security. 325

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13. Illegal ArmsMILAN

On 20 Feb the CC-73 of Milan found 289 cases each containing 1,600 round calibre 8 model 35, 62 musket and 37 miscellaneous grenades in the underground premises of Milan Central Railway Station.

14. Addition to Political Activity

General MORIGI, who at one time commanded the POLICORE Division, has now joined the Socialist Party. General Morigi was released of this command not for his political views but for command prejudicial to military discipline. He now has no appointment under the War Ministry.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (DADA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to
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No increase in activity or interest among tps. Propaganda against the call-up, and the retention under arms of the 1921 and 1922 classes is directed to undermining confidence of tps in officers and higher comd.
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- (c) Morale
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- (d) Frontier activity
Illegal crossing of all frontiers is prevalent.
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No decrease in amount of crime.
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- (f) Traffic in arms
Continues in NOVARA area.

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3. Communist Activity
Nothing to report.
4. Left Wing Activity
Nothing to report.
5. Political Activity of Centre
Nothing to report.

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6. Political Friction

- TURIN** - In the valleys of NOVARA Slav elements are in close touch with ITALIANS of the extreme left parties, and illegal wireless transmission is going on in the area.
- In the VAL DI SUSI active propaganda pro annexation to FRANCE continues. Dissatisfaction caused by the food problem, inefficiency of public services, high taxes and bad economical conditions are exploited. There are twelve known propaganda agents in the VAL DI SUSI.
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- GENOA - Very little political activity is evident. Attempts made to provide an equivalent of ABCA are having a good effect. No outward signs of subversive elements.

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MILAN

- Politics begin to find hearing among tps, but it is chiefly the 1924 and 22 classes who listen to accusations against the Ministry of War and their subordinates, voiced by the extremist Left Wing elements who attempt to undermine the confidence of the tps in their comds. These attempts have recently been successful and only the release of the above classes will rectify the situation.

The daily "UNITA" uses any incident to abuse officers and War Minister in its attempts to upset the confidence of the soldier in his superiors. An unknown party called a demonstration on 5 Mar in MILAN to protest against call-up.

BOLZANO

- Socialist party at VERONA started a campaign against call-up, otherwise no subversive propaganda is evident.

FLORENCE

- Tps are very unpolitically minded. Some posters against the call-up have been exhibited.

ROME

- A Sgt of the 8 Inf Regt who made a speech of a Communist nature at VITERBO was severely punished.

8. Relations between tps and civilians

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- FLORENCE - The de-requisitioning of civilian property by the Italian Army has removed the only source of friction between the Army and the population. Relations between the FOLCORE Div and the civilians have steadily improved.
- ROME - Unchanged.
- BARI - A spectator who loudly made insulting remarks about the Army during a ceremonial march of the 5/9 Inf Regt through BARI was arrested by order of the bn comd and handed over to the CC.BR. The local paper reported the incident as "displeasing behaviour" on the part of the spectator.
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9. Morale

- TURIN - Officers resent the lack of consideration for the Army and are affected by their economic treatment on which they can barely live. The tps are depressed on account of the poor clothing and equipment so far issued and of the negligible progress made in their welfare.
- GENOA - Pay, accommodation and rations continue to affect morale, and the substitution of ITALIAN products for those of ALLIED origin also had an adverse effect. The ITALIAN Army is ignorant of the world shortage of food and of the sacrifices of the United Nations to provide food for the needy peoples of the world.
- FLORENCE - Generally improving. FOLCORE Div, morale good, and GARIBOLDI Regt left for SICILY in excellent spirits.

10. Frontier Activity

- TURIN - People are illegally emigrating along the whole of the FRENCH and SWISS borders. SWISS authorities are concerned about this and the illegal trading carried on by well-armed bands. The SWISS have increased their frontier tps whereas the GUARDIE DI FINANZA are unable to cope with the situation due to lack of men and means.
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BOLZANO - Secret crossing of the frontier continues; many arrests have been made, and organization of Finance Guards is improving.

11. Illegal Immigration

Nothing to report.

12. Public Security

TURIN - Crime is still increasing in PIEMONTE. Another armed robbery has been carried out by auxiliary police agents and public security will never be assured in this region until these bad elements, mostly undesirable ruffians, are removed. The population fears disturbances at the future elections. Two well-known gangsters, arrested for concealing arms dumps in the BAGENO area and now released on parole, are reported to be in the VALLE ANTIGORIO area. An ex leader of the Action Party and a comrade of a Communist Edc have also arrived in the same area.

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13. Illegal Arms

TURIN

- Illegal traffic in arms continues in the NOVARA area, particularly in the VAL SESSARA, VAL GRANDE, PIEVE DEL CONTE, PIEDIPIETRA and VOGHERA, and in those localities without tips or police.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2.

(Based on periodical reports from RLUs att to
ITALIAN Territorial Region HQs up to 31 Jan 46)

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2. Communist activity

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3. Left-Wing Activity

UDINE

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TURIN

Socialist paper "SEMPRE AVANTI" campaign against call-up of conscripts that army not needed. Action newspaper

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TURIN Socialist paper "SLAPES AVANTI" campaign against call-up on grounds that army not needed. Action newspaper "GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA" reports that people are favourably impressed that volunteers have to state their professions, implying that army will be used for reconstruction and army drill will be only a preparation.

VENICE Campaign inciting soldiers to desert and calling on recruits to refuse to present themselves. Arguments used are Royalist Army, Treacherous General Staff.

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4. Political Activity of Centre

MILAN

"OSSERVATORE" the Catholic newspaper opposed forthcoming call-up and attempted to exploit question of conscientious objectors.

BOLOGNA

TSI report that head of Christian Democrat Party stated to them that he was organizing his party on lines to combat the communists, i.e. arming groups of people and making them mobile so that they could be used to neutralize communists pressure during the elections. The man in question is an ex-army officer and may be regarded as having sympathies in the Army.

SICILY

Increase in Democristiani particularly in small villages.

5. Political Friction

NAPLES

On 10 Jan 150 ex PW demonstrated in centre of town demanding employment, armed with sticks.

SICILY

Separatist movement considerably increased in numbers, chiefly in PALERMO province. Confirmed that PISCA brothers and Barone M'AGGI are providing finance. Numerous arrests made including Barone LA MONTA, one of the leaders. Separatists are aided by the bandits of the "BANDA GIULIANO". Main fighting at BELLOLAURO, MONTELEONE (prov Palermo), CALANISELLA and FONDO NOBILE (prov Caltanissetta). Casualties up to 31 Jan are 36 CCRR and soldiers killed and approx 105 wounded. General opinion in SICILY is that these attacks are training for large scale up-ripping led by Separatist Party.

6. Political Activity Among Tps.

TURIN

Troops appear politically apathetic. Only one case reported of soldier carrying out harmful political propaganda.

GENOVA

OC 1/2 Inf Regt has persuaded the majority of his men to stay away from dances and functions held by Communist Party.

ROME

No apparent political activity among tps.

NAPLES

Relations between local political parties and the army are friendly.

7. Relations between Tps and Civilians

BOLZANO

Relations improved. Respect for CCRR appears to have increased.

Interaction through civilians training

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SICILY Increase in Democristiani particularly in small villages.

5. Political Friction

NAPLES On 10 Jan 150 ex-FW demonstrated in centre of town demanding employment, armed with sticks.

SICILY Separatist movement considerably increased in numbers, chiefly in PALERMO province. Confirmed that LASCA brothers and Barone MORABO are providing finance. Numerous arrests made including Barone LA MOLLA, one of the leaders. Separatists are aided by the bandits of the "BANDA GIULIANO". Main fighting at PELLICCIANO, MONTICELLI (prov Palermo), CALLANISSELA and PODO NORTI (Prov Caltanissetta). Casualties up to 31 Jan are 36 CORR and soldiers killed and approx 105 wounded.

General opinion in SICILY is that these attacks are training for large scale up-rising led by Separatist Party.

6. Political Activity Among Pop.

TURIN Troops appear politically apathetic. Only one case reported of soldier carrying out harmful political propaganda.

GENOA OC 1/2 Inf Regt has perounded the majority of his men to stay away from dances and functions held by Communist Party.

ROME No apparent political activity among pop.

NAPLES Relations between local political parties and the army are friendly.

7. Relations between Pop and Civilians

BOLZANO Relations improved. Respect for CORR officers to have increased.

VAL D'OSSOLA Occasional altercation through civilians training partisans at cost of military forces. This is now settling down.

ACQUA Alpine Bn very favourably received.

MILAN Generally good.

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BRESCIA Minor clashes between 3 Inf Regt and auxiliary police units.

TURIN Populace not satisfied with OCRR but this is chiefly owing to lack of equipment and poor organization.

GENOA Fairly good. MANROVA Inf Div creates favourable impression but contrasts with 2 Inf Regt to discredit of the latter because they are not so well clothed. Relations between OCRR and populace are improving because Legion has been very effective lately in rounding up criminals. Civil police are most efficient and civilians take a certain pride in their neatness and good clothing.

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FLORENCE

POLOGNA Army Regt morale extremely high but chief causes for discontent are:-

- i. Delay in discharge from Army.
 - ii. Difficulties experienced by families in obtaining sufficient food.
 - iii. Lack of meat in ration.
- Morale of 7 Inf Regt good.

ROME

Slightly improved. Living conditions of 8 Inf Regt have been improved which has had a direct effect on morale.

NAPLES

Pay in Army is too low to allow men to give adequate allowances to family which has a lowering effect on morale.

SICILY

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ALTO ADIGE

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Good underground courier service into Austria and of late increased crossing into Switzerland. MERANO (48300) in the clearing house for the latter country.

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di SUSA

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Believed that large scale immigration from N Italy through Sicily taking place by people of various nationalities incl Jews and Jugo-slavs. Jews are said to have camped in S Sicily and arrive from BHAI. Said to be well-armed. A number of these Jews and Jugo-slavs are said to help "BANDA GIULIANO" in successful bandit raids.

11. Public SecurityBOLZANO

Noticeable influx of undesirables, chiefly ex-German Army and escaped surrendered Enemy Personnel from SEI centre. Usually form into small groups of 3 or 4 persons for thieving etc. Are causing a considerable problem.

MILAN

Still bad though slightly improving. Auxiliary police have themselves been involved in a succession of crimes.

LOMBARDIA

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EMILIA

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MBIA

17 Jan 46

Dear Young,

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I find herewith one copy of MBIA Intelligence Summary No 1 dated
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It is hoped that future editions of this Summary will be produced
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Yours,

Dick Southby.

COL YOUNG,
G-2 (CI) Sec,
HQ, CEF.

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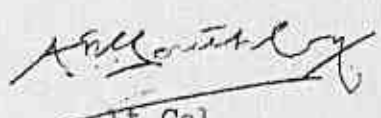
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Jan 46.

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(Based on periodical reports from BLUs att to Italian Territorial Region HQs up to 31 Dec 45.)

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- (a) ALESSANDRIA - Liberals withdrew from CLN but afterwards rejoined.
- (b) PIEDMONT - Active and beginning to assert themselves.
- (c) EMILIA - Organisation spreading rapidly.

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4. Friction between political factions, incl internal friction among tps.

- (a) BOLZANO - Large influx of SOUTHERN ITALIANS. Considerable anti-ITALIAN feeling in ALTO ADIGE. Incidents at High Mass on Christmas Eve when the Bishop of BRESSANONE conducted the service exclusively in GERMAN and LATIN.
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Relations with BRIT tps improving.
- CREMONA Div - Generally fair and in some units good. Mostly dependent on varying living conditions, and on varying exertions of officers over welfare.

(b) INDEPENDENT REGTS

- TURIN Area - Below that of CREMONA Div, chiefly owing to shabby Italian uniform and a general feeling of inferiority.
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- (b) PIEDMONT - Large stocks seized. Illegal arms now being dispersed to avoid large scale confiscation.
- (c) VAL D'OSSOLA - Many dumps discovered.
- (d) GORIZIA - Reported that arms are being supplied to unofficial anti-YUGOSLAV brigade with connivance of local ITALIAN Territorial Region Comd.
- (e) EMILIA - Evidence that arms are being smuggled in from the sea in the lake COMECCIO area.

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