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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Tel: 478421
Ext: 533

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10 July 47

OC 5 ELM

Subject: Handover to the Italian Army.

Ref your letter 6/1/4 dated 28 June 1947 addressed to GIK(SD) GHI and the answer thereto (GHI 5816/4 of 4 July).

It appears that GHI do not in any event require the retention of Lt. Col. Gibbon in Padua after R + 30 when GHI at GHI will deal with any question which may arise.

This raises the question of whether or not it is necessary to keep Lt. Col. Gibbon in Padua from now until R + 50. If GHI at GHI could assume the responsibility forthwith Lt. Col. Gibbon could be recalled to Rome where he can be usefully employed with the Italian Control Schools.

Will you please give your comments.

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Ta Major General
Director.

Copy to: 'A'

SUBJECT :- Handover to Italian Army.

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Copy to :- IIFB AFHQ
HQ 86 Area
GSI

Reference your G/144 of 28 Jun 47.

1. It is agreed that your unit will remain in UDINE till approx R + 30.
2. It is also confirmed that your unit will be disbanded commencing R + 30.
3. In view of the necessity to make every economy in manpower and the advanced state of the evacuation plans it is regretted that paras 3 and 4 of your letter cannot be agreed.

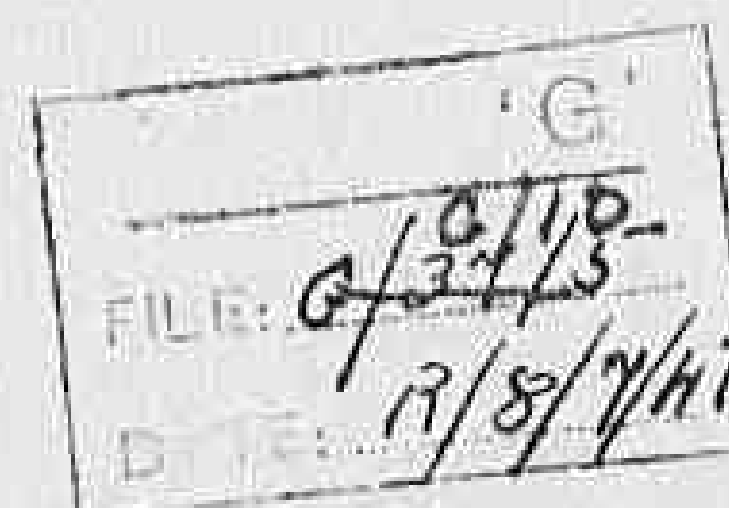
It has been decided that dealings on minor points with Territorial command, when it moves to PADUA, will be handled by GSI at CHQ. In the event of any major points arising you will be requested to send down an officer to deal with them.

Problems in 86 Area will also be handled by GSI CHQ.

Mr. Bid R Col
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT :- Handover to Italian Army.

5 British Brigade Units
Tel : UDINE MIL 1555
G/144.

28 Jun 47.

G. (S.D.)
GHQ COM.

NO 3 ACIA (SU) (Ref Jour G 29/3 dated 27 Jun 47)
I.L.P.B. A.F.H.Q. ROME

Ref tele conversation (MILITARY (?) - MILITARY on 28 Jun.)

1. It is agreed that there should be no further use for this Unit as such, after R + 30, and that disbandment can commence on that day - see para 4 below.

2. HQ 5 Terr Comd are expected to move to P.D.M. in the near future. However it has been agreed with G (Ops) GHQ and Terr Comd, that the B.L.U. should remain at UDINE until the MANCOV. Div are thoroughly established in the Frontier Zone. It was further agreed that during the time that the B.L.U. was at UDINE and the Terr Comd at P.D.M. that Lt Col A.W. GIBSON OBE A & S H would be available at P.D.M. to act as a direct link between HQ and Terr Comd (MIL letter G/35 dated 22 Apr to G (Ops) refers). No definite "Posting Order" for Lt Col GIBSON has been received. He is at present on the strength of 12 B.L.U. which is due to disband on R Day.

In view of the above there would appear to be no necessity for the B.L.U. to move to P.D.M.

3. Major E.R. LLOYD ... will be taking over from Major A.E. WHEAT (as for P.D.M.) as the B.L.U. representative at HQ 86 Area on or about 1 July 47 (GHQ 2612/4/43 dated 4 Jun refers)

4. It is considered that both Lt Col GIBSON and Major LLOYD should be retained, the former so long as HQ still exists and the latter until the 86 Area disbands. It is thought that there will be a good many minor points which can be sorted out by Major LLOYD, whilst Col GIBSON will be available to deal with any higher level problems.

5. If para 4 is agreed to, a vacancy will be required on some ME for Lt Col GIBSON as from R Day and for Major LLOYD as from R + 30.

BGS

(C) Fletcher

G.(S.D.)
GUY CES.HQ 5 AFHQ (FH) (ref your G 29/9 dated 27 Jun 47)
L.L.F.B. A.T.H.Q. RMK

Ref tele conversation (WHITWELL (?)) - WENTON on 28 Jun.)

1. It is agreed that there should be no further use for this Unit as such, after R + 30, and that disbandment can commence on that day - see para 4 below.
2. HQ 5 Terr Comd are expected to move to P.D.U. in the near future. However it has been agreed with G (Ops) GHQ and Terr Comd, that the D.L.U. should remain at WEIN until the MANTOVA Div are thoroughly established in the Frontier Zone. It was further agreed that during the time that the D.L.U. was at WEIN and the Terr Comd at P.D.U. that Lt Col A.W. GIBSON and 4 & 5 H would be available at P.D.U. to act as a direct link between GHQ and Terr Comd (LHM letter 4/35 dated 22 Apr to G (Ops) refers). No definite "Posting Order" for Lt Col GIBSON has been received. He is at present on the strength of 12 D.L.U. which is due to disband on R Day.
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GSO 4 (GP)	
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Lt Col
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian 1st Army Group

Ref : 470421

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Ref : 397

3 June 47

AFHQ G-5 (Logistics) Section.

Subject : Re-issuance of Memorandum.

Ref your G-5: 975.72 dated 2 June 47.

1. The needs of the Italian Army as regards accommodation on taking over frontier positions on the ratification of the Peace Treaty are well known to G.H.Q. G.H.S. Complete liaison exists between G.H.Q. and the Italian Army Authorities both with the Local Territorial Command through the 5 British Liaison Unit and with the Ministry of Defense through this Branch.

2. The statement made to the US - British Embassy in your G-5: 975.72 dated 6 May 47 (in consequence of G.H.Q. 5913/9 dated 29 April 47) are still correct, as are those in my G/10 dated 6 May 47 to which there is nothing to add.

3. This branch is of the opinion that the matter can well be left to the Allied and Italian Military Authorities on the spot and that no useful purpose will be served by you referring the matter to G.H.Q. G Branch.

Copy to : G.H.Q.

Colonel.
 A/C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 (IACAB) Section
Rome APO 794

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G-5 : 975.72

2 June 1947

SUBJECT : De-requisition of Barracks.

TO : Italian Land Forces Branch.

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Reference your G/10 dated 8 May.

1. Forwarded for your further consideration is letter form U.S. Political Adviser, this Headquarters, dated 23 May.
2. Can you please supply the answer to this renewed application? Please also state whether this Section should, at this instance, refer the matter to G.H.Q. "Q" Branch.

A. L. Hamblen

A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

May 23, 1947

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MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section

SUBJECT: Accommodation for Italian troops in the Veneto

With reference to your letter G-5:975.72 of May 13 addressed to the British Embassy, a copy of which you provided me, the American Embassy at Rome has now received a formal communication from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of which the following is a translation:

"The Ministry of Defense, as the Allied Military authorities know, has had to plan for the transfer into Venezia Giulia of the Italian Divisions "Mantova" and "Folgore"; the Allied Military authorities, however, are putting up certain difficulties in turning over the barracks which are necessary for quartering the troops in question.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in setting forth the above, has the honor to seek the usual courtesy of the American Embassy, and to ask it to be good enough to use its good offices with the competent American military authorities so that they will accept the requests of the Ministry of Defense regarding hand-back of the aforementioned barracks."

Although the substance of your memorandum of May 13 has been communicated informally to the Secretary General of the Foreign Office, I understand that the Foreign Ministry desires to have an official reply to its note. I should, therefore, be grateful to know whether you have any additional comments at this time.

Joseph N. Greene, Jr.
Acting U. S. Political Adviser

cc to G-3 Section
US POLAD, Trieste

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SUBJECT:- Occupation of Barracks at VENICE and
MESTRE by ITALIAN Police Forces.

AFHQ - ITALIAN Land Forces Branch ✓

Copy to:- G-5 Section AFHQ ROME

'Q' CHQ, CMF

G (Ops) CHQ CMF

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27 May 47

Tele No. 22153

Ref your G/10 of 12 May 47.

1.

It is considered that the number of ITALIAN police presently in the VENICE - MESTRE area are still required and should be maintained, in spite of any increase in the strength of ITALIAN troops in that area.

2.

It is pointed out that there are in fact three bks in the VENICE - MESTRE area occupied or partly occupied by ITALIAN police. These are:-

MANIN Bks.	VENICE	130 ITALIAN police. Rest of bks occupied by ITALIAN army.
CORNOLDI Bks.	VENICE	120 ITALIAN police. Rest of bks occupied by ITALIAN families and refugees.
REGINA ELENA Bks.	MESTRE	180 ITALIAN police.

It is regretted that no alternative accommodation in this area is yet available for handing over to the ITALIAN army or Police, but in this connection CMF is releasing six barracks in neighbouring areas during May and June.

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San D. J. P.
Lt Gen.

Lt Gen,
GOC in C.

ITALIAN Land Forces Branch

Copy to:- G-5 Section AFHQ ROME

'Q' CHG, CMF

Ref your G/10 of 12 May 47.

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San D. J. P.
Lt Gen,
GOC in C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 (LACAB) Section
Rome APO 794

14 MAY 1947

G-5: 375.72

13 May 1947

SUBJECT: Derogation of Barracks.

TO : British Embassy
Rome
(Attn: Mr. Hankey)

Reference this Headquarters letter dated 6 May 1947 which we duly asked you to cancel.

1. Further consultation with AFHQ Italian Land Forces Branch discloses that since the date when War Ministry letter, quoted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was written the Deputy Chief of the Italian General Staff has been conducted round Venezia Giulia and has personally been given the complete picture of the accommodation being released to the Italian Army.

2. It has been made clear to the Deputy Chief of the Italian General Staff that all available accommodation is being released to the Italian Army as and when it is vacated by Allied Troops.

3. A very large quantity of British Tentage released from British Depots in AUSTRIA is now in the hands of the Italian Territorial Command at UDINE, and is, therefore, available if required to supplement Barrack accommodation.

4. It is suggested that the above facts may serve as the basis of your reply to the Italian Government.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

A. L. HANSEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:

U.S. Political Advisor
(Attn: Mr. Green)-reference
your letter of 9 April

Italian Land Forces Branch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 489084
Ext: 400

— 6/10 —
12 May 47.

G.H.Q. (3 Copies)

Subject:- Occupation of Barracks at VENICE and
RESTORE by ITALIAN Police Forces.

Ref attached copy of a letter from Ministry
of National Defence - Army, addressed to this Branch.

Please state whether you still consider it
necessary to maintain increased Police Forces at VENICE and/or MESTRE,
or whether in view of the coming influx of ITALIAN Troops these police
forces can now be allowed to revert to normal size, thereby releasing
to the Ministry of National Defence the ITALIAN Army Barracks at
present occupied by Police Forces responsible to the Ministry of the
Interior.

Alternatively please consider whether the barracks
in question can in any case now be released and alternative accommodation
provided for the Police.

ARCS/ter

Approved
Major General. *W.C.C.*
Director.

Copy to:- G-5 Section,
G-1 Branch.

Ministry of National Defence - Army.

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of National Defence.

210627/II

To: AMHQ, Italian Land Forces Branch

26 April 47.

Subject:- Occupation of Barracks at VENICE and MESTRE by
ITALIAN Police Forces.

On request of the ALLIED Commands concerned the ITALIAN authorities increased the normal police forces at VENICE and MESTRE. These forces occupied with the approval of the appropriate ALLIED authorities, and are continuing to use, for accommodation, the REGINA ELENA Barracks at MESTRE and the "CORNICOLI" Barracks at VENICE both belonging to the Army.

As is known, the Army is posting its own forces to VENETO in place of ALLIED Troops and requires for the general plan of organisation of its units the two a/m Barracks, which however the Police Forces cannot release for lack of other accommodation.

In view of the increase taking place of Army Forces and the evacuation of ALLIED Troops from VENETO, we would be grateful to your AMHQ if you would kindly examine the possibility of authorising the Ministry of Interior to withdraw the said Police Forces, which would facilitate the organisation of Army Units.

(Sgd) SUPINO General.

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From: Ministry of Defence

Ref: 210627/11

To : AFHQ ILFB.

Date: 26 April 1947

Subject: Occupation of barracks at Venice and Mestre by Italian police forces.

On the request of the Allied commands concerned the Italian authorities increased the normal police forces at Venice and Mestre. These forces occupied with the approval of the appropriate Allied authorities, and are continuing to use, for accommodation, the Regina Elena barracks at Mestre and the "Cornoldi" barracks at Venice both belonging to the Army.

As is known, the Army is posting its own forces to Veneto in place of Allied troops and requires for the general plan of organisation of its units, the two a/m barracks, which however the police forces cannot release for lack of other accommodation.

In view of the increase taking place of Army forces and the evacuation of Allied troops from Veneto, we would be grateful to your AFHQ if you would kindly examine the possibility of authorizing the Ministry of Interior to withdraw the said police forces, which would facilitate the organisation of Army units.

R.A.C.

See log xvii
SUSSgd. SUPINO
Gen.

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TRANSLATION(19) for action
(for. Pinsky)

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FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 210890/II

TO: I.L.F.B.

DATE: 5 May 1947.

SUBJECT:- Organisation of Italian troops in Veneto.

This Ministry has approached the Presidency of the Council of Ministers in order that a part of the requisitions made for the Allied forces in Veneto be transferred - on the departure of the latter - to the Italian forces.

The a/m Presidency of the Council has agreed in attached letter.

We would therefore be grateful if your A.F.H.Q. would kindly give orders to the Allied authorities in Veneto in order that the places which concern the organisation of the Italian forces are not returned to the owners, but be directly handed over to the Italian military authorities.

We would appreciate if your A.F.H.Q. would kindly give instructions that ~~that~~ warning is not to be given to the owners of the date of release of the individual places on the part of the Allies, but that said warning be given only to the military engineer offices for Allied requisitions.

This Ministry will at the same time issue instructions to Udine Military Territorial Command to approach the Allied authorities in Veneto to specify which are the places concerned and agree on the other administrative matters.

sgd. SUPINO
Gen.

R.A.G.

* See Q001/LE of 10 May 47.

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FROM: Presidency of Council of Ministers. REF: 104048/94886/1.2.2

TO: Ministry of Defence.

DATE: 30 April 1947.

SUBJECT:- Accomodation for troops in Veneto.

Reply to letter 209464 of 15 April 1947.

With reference to a/m letter, in order to reach a practical timely solution of the problem relative to the accomodation of troops, which will replace Allied troops in the area of the eastern frontier, it is suggested that your Ministry immediately contacts the Allied authorities concerned in order that, as already took place in similar cases, at the time of transfer they avoid derequisitioning those buildings which, according the attached lists of your letter, are indispensable for the organisation of Italian units.

We would assure you that in the meantime this Presidency will directly approach the Allied G.H.Q. to further the reaching of agreements as stated.

sgd. CAPPA

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

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Ref: 489081
Ext: 400

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5 May 47.

S-5 Section, AFHQ.

Subj: - Relinquishment of Barracks.

Ref conversation JAMES - ROSE on

7 May.

Since the date when War Ministry letter, quoted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was written (presumably in March 47) the Deputy Chief of the ITALIAN General Staff has been conducted round VENIZIA CURIA and has been given the complete picture of the accommodation being released to the ITALIAN Army. It has been made clear to him that all available accommodation is being released to the ITALIAN Army as and when it is vacated by ALLIED Troops.

A very large quantity of BRITISH Tentage released from BRITISH Depots in AUSTRIA is now in the hands of the ITALIAN Territorial Army at UDINE and is therefore available if required to supplement Barrack accommodation.

MMH/ter

M. W. H. BGS

Major General.
Director.

for 4/27

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-2 (LACAB) Section
Rome APO 794

6 May 1947

G-5: 975.72

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Barracks.

TO : British Embassy
ROME
(Attn: Mr. Hankey)

See *encl*
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1. Copies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs letter reference N. 11/10154 of 1 April 1947 on the above subject, forwarded to this Headquarters under cover of your memorandum of 9 April, were passed to G-1, G-2 and Commanding General MRUSA.

2. It will be noted from the attached copy of G-1 letter reference 5816/G of 29 April 1947, the policy of which is in accord with that of the SS (US) Division, that where possible, all accommodation which can be spared, has already been put at the disposal of the Italian Army. Furthermore, all accommodation which the Italian Army may require will be available for occupation by it at the latest by R plus 10 and that in the interim period, tentage can be made available from British stocks.

3. It is suggested that the above facts may serve as the basis of your reply to the Italian Government.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

RGS	X
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Copy to:
U.S. Political Adviser
(Attn: Mr. Green)-ref your
letter of 9 April

DMAS ✓

A. L. HADLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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G-5 (LACAB) Section,
 AFHQ, ROME

Italian Land Forces Branch,
 (LACAB) ROME

5 EDU

Q (HQ) CAMP

With reference to your letter G-5, 975-72 dated 16 Apr 47 (not to information addressees).

1. The policy of this HQ, in conjunction with 88 (US) Division, has been to place at the disposal of the Italian Army in NE ITALY :-
 - (a) As much accommodation as possible, subject to Allied requirements, in the interval between the signing and the ratification of the Italian Peace Treaty,
 - (b) Accommodation for at least one Italian division not later than ten days before the date of ratification of the treaty,
 - (c) All accommodation in the frontier areas not later than ten days after the date of ratification.
2. Appendix 'I' to this letter shows the barracks which have been requested by the Italian Army through 5 EDU, and the barracks which will be, or have been, made available, with the dates of availability. You will note that certain specific demands have not been met, for one, or both, of two reasons: either the entry of Italian troops into the areas nearest the frontier has not been deemed desirable on political grounds, or it has not been found possible to vacate accommodation which will be required by Allied troops up to the date of ratification, in fulfillment of their operational role. 5 EDU have been instructed to liaise closely with 88 (US) Division to ensure that plans are made for a smooth take-over of all such accommodation by the Italian Army on or about the day of ratification.
3. It would appear that the statements made by the Italian Ministries are the result either of misunderstandings on the part of the Italian Government, or of misrepresentations on the part of the Italian Land Forces Branch, AFHQ. In direct contradiction of individual statements in the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the following points are brought to your notice :-

(a) The barracks have been handed over at the disposal of the

Italian Land Force Branch,

(LACAB) ROLE

5 EUU

3 GHQ CMA

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- (a) Three barracks have already been placed at the disposal of the Italian Army,
- (b) Sufficient permanent accommodation will be placed at the disposal of the Italian Army, as from, at the latest, ten days before the date of ratification of the Peace Treaty, to house the whole of the MANTOVA Division less 1600 men. Dependent on circumstances, it appears very probable that between now and that date further accommodation may be allocated which will cover the full total.

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- (c) The Italian Land Forces Demand, 1972, as represented by 5 MLU, have been told on more than one occasion that tents will be made available from BRITISH stocks if it is required for the 1600 men mentioned in (b) above, or in order to make the permanent accommodation already earmarked more elastic. So far no request for tents has been received.
- (d) If 'camp equipment' be taken to mean accommodation stores as well as tents, very large quantities of such stores, of which only a fraction would meet the needs of ITALIAN troops in the frontier region, if the Italian Government saw fit to divert it for the use of the Ministry of Defence, are being disposed of from surplus British stocks to the Italian Government agency, ARMR.
- (e) Only one barracks under British requisition in NE ITALY is unoccupied, or occupied by 'a very small number' of British troops. This is at VICENZA, and is being held as an emergency reserve of transit accommodation.
4. From the above you will realise that the statements of the ITALIAN Ministries are lacking in basis of fact.

J. A. S. Jones
J. A. S. Jones
 Lieut. General,
 GOC in C GDF.

TJ/lpb

Annex 1A.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ITALIAN REF.

Serial	Accommodated by Italians	Accommodated by Allies	Available by	Remarks
1	BARVISO for ALPINE Bn	Barracks at BARVISO	Now	Numbers limited to 100 until R Day.
2	PONTERRA for ALPINE Bn	Barracks at PONTERRA	R-10	
3	POLLAZZO for ALPINE Bn	Barracks at POLLAZZO	1 May	To be handed over through 5 May.
4	T. ROVERO - G. CHA area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	Barracks at T. ROVERO for 500 men. Delivered at G. CHA.	R-10	
5	CLIVALLE area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	Barracks at CLIVALLE for 500.	R-10	
6	CORRONE area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	W. CORRONE area. For approx 800 men.	R-10	For use of INF & US troops in transit after R Day.
7	CAVALLI area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800).	ITALIAN barracks at CAVALLI.	R	Holding party only until R Day.
8	UDINE. Adv Div HQ (approx 150)	PLANE barracks UDINE	15 May	May be earlier. To be handed over through 5 May.
9	COMOLFO. Signaling area	Barracks at COMOLFO	Now	Italians already in occupation.
10	GORIZIA. For Carabinieri, Finance etc etc & stores			No men in the area can be occupied by Italians before R Day.
11	ITALIANA. For Carabinieri Finance etc etc, and stores	Barracks at ITALIANA.	Now	Italians already in occupation.
12	S. GIORGIO for Carabinieri	Barracks at S. GIORGIO	Now	Italians

2	FORNIA for ALPINE in	Barracks at FORNIA	R-10		
3	TOLIOZZO for ALPINE in	Barracks at TOLIOZZO	1 day		To be handed over through 5 MU.
4	TARONTO - CH. CH. area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	Barracks at TARONTO for 500 men. Balance at CH. CH.	R-10		
5	CIVIDALE area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	Barracks at CIVIDALE for 500.	R-10		
6	CORMONS area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800)	W. CH. CH. area. For approx 600 men.	R-10		For use of RDT 2 US tys in transit after R Day.
7	GRADISCA area. For Inf Bn Gp (approx 800).	ITALIAN Barracks GRADISCA.	R		Holding party only until R Day.
8	UDINE. Adv Div HQ (approx 100)	FLAVI Barracks UDINE	15 day		May be earlier. To be handed over through 5 MU.
9	CORNOLTO. Staging area	Barracks at CORNOLTO	Nov		Italians already in occupation.
10	CORIZIA. For Carabinieri. Finance gds etc & stores				No seen in the area can be occupied by Italians before R Day.
11	LATISANA for Carabinieri. Finance gds etc, and stores	Barracks at LATISANA	Nov		Italians already in occupation.
12	S. GIORGIO for Carabinieri	Barracks at S. GIORGIO	Nov		Italians already in occupation

(15)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces BranchTel : 489031
Ext : 400

G/10

3 April 1947.

To : Ministry of National Defence - Army.Subject:- Redeployment of Italian Forces in North-East Italy.

1. I forward for your information, a copy of a letter recently sent by 5 BLD and 5 Territorial Command.
2. This letter shows the latest information regarding handover of Barracks in the vicinity of the frontier, to the Italian Army.
3. On the assumption that R day will not be before 15 April at the earliest, and more probably will not be before 1 May it would appear that the majority of the accommodation required by Italian troops that are to be deployed in the immediate vicinity of the frontier will be available by R day.

DETH/cov.

M.W. N.H. B.S.
Major General,
Director.

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SUBJECT: - Handover to Italian Army

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DEF G. HQ	
GSO II (HQ)	
GSO III (HQ)	
GSO IV (HQ)	
GSO V (HQ)	

3 Territorial Division

Italian Land Forces Troops
HQ (not your HQ/3 (not 25 100))3 British Division Unit
Tel: 100 1333
4/14

25 Apr 47

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1. The following, which is the latest information from the receiving available, of accommodation is forwarded to you for information and action.

- (i) VARVIA. All Italian Army barracks are at least as well as your accommodation level. It should be noted however that the maximum number of Italian troops allowed in VARVIA before 1st Jan 47 was 100.
- (ii) ROMANIA. With the exception of the accommodation occupied by the small British Unit - all military barracks are now in your hands.
- (iii) VARVIA. Accommodation should be available by 1st June 47.
- (iv) ROMANIA - VARVIA. The only existing military barracks in the area will be available to you by 1st June 47.
- (v) VARVIA. A barracks holding approximately 500 men will be available to you by 1st June 47.
- (vi) ROMANIA. All the barracks will be free by 1st June 47.
- (vii) VARVIA. The barracks which it was thought would be free shortly are not now likely to be available for some time.
- (viii) VARVIA - ROMANIA. Now held by you.
- (ix) VARVIA - ROMANIA. (Part occupied at present by Unit 4/14) will be available for you by 1st June but cannot be occupied until 1st June.
- (x) VARVIA. ROMANIA - VARVIA and VARVIA - ROMANIA will be available by 1st June 47.
- (xi) VARVIA. The barracks will be handed over to you on 3 or 4 June 47.

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4 April.

(xii) ADDITION. Small barracks available as from 1 April but as RODENT is in Zone "A" occupation cannot be affected until 8 May.

2. Owing to the lack of accommodation in the RESEARCH - CIVILIAN areas OR are prepared to loan you tents. Will you please say if you wish to take advantage of this offer, and if so give early information of your requirements.

Adhwalter

Lt Col.

y. Since the above was typed it we have heard that 700 tons of tentage etc Australia is expected on 3rd or 4th May

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Land Forces Group

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Ref: 489084
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22 March 47.

2. British Liaison Unit.

Subject: Deployment of 202nd Air Bn
in H.E. Force.

Ref your G/144 of 26 Feb 47, para. 3.

1. The Ministry of Defence - Army are anxious that troops should not go into tents previous to their occupying their permanent locations in case 'A' say the following reasons:-

- (a) Although such tents are being made available in ALGERIA for the 202nd Air Bn (para. 2(c) of our G/10/14 of 26 Feb refers), it now appears doubtful if this will become available for use in time. If it is not available the 202nd Air Bn would have to use their own baggage tents which, apart from being an unnecessary waste, is all old and scarcely useable. There is a serious lack of accommodation stores for troops.
- (b) For political reasons the Ministry of National Defence - Army are anxious that their troops, arriving in case 'A', should go on in the best possible condition and that they know that this will not be possible if they have had to sleep in ill equipped canvas. They are also anxious that the local population should not see the troops having to put up with makeshift conditions.

2. All our defensive plans increase your efforts to obtain from (a):-

- (a) Temporary accommodation outside case 'A' or
- (b) Permission for English troops to move into vacant accommodation in case 'A' use as they provide to 'A' day as that they can be ready to occupy these responsibilities on 'A' day.

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Subject: Deployment of military forces
in the north.

Ref your O/S of 24 Feb 47, para 3.

1. The Ministry of Defence - Army are realizing that troops should not go into towns previous to their occupying their permanent locations in zone 'A' for the following reasons:-

- (a) Although much tentage is being made available in ALGERIA for the 1st Air Army (para 2(d) of our O/S of 24 Feb refers), it now appears doubtful if this will become available for use in time. If it is not available the 1st Air Army would have to use their own bivouac tentage which, apart from being on an austere scale, is all old and scarcely serviceable. There is a serious lack of accommodation nearer our Camps.
- (b) For political reasons the Ministry of National Defence - Army are anxious that their troops, arriving in zone 'A', should do so in the best possible condition and train out and that that this will not be possible if they have had to stage in ill equipped camps. They are also anxious that the local population should not see the troops having to put up with makeshift conditions.

2. Will you therefore please instruct your officers to obtain from (a):-

- (a) Temporary accommodation outside zone 'A' or
(b) Permission for 1st Air Army troops to move into nearest accommodation in zone 'A' one or two days previous to 'A' day so that they can be ready to assume their responsibilities on 'A' day.

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Copy to: Ministry of National Defence - Army (ref your O/S of 12 March 47.)

MMH/1355
Major General,
Algiers.

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TRANSLATION

G/10/LF. 12

(12)

FROM: Ministry of Defence.

REF: 1400/Op.

TO: I.M.A.S. L.F.S.S.

DATE: 12 March 1947.

SUBJECT:- Location of Italian forces in N.E. Italy.

Reference information given by 5 B.L.U. referred to in letter G/10/LF dated 28 February 1947.

1) - Request no. 3:

The utmost should be done to avoid the encampment of units owing to the scarcity and bad condition of the material on issue, and owing to the dangerous repercussions, also of an economic nature, which the placing under canvas would have.

2) - Request no. 4:

It is not possible to fix the minimum number of Italian troops who will be on the spot before "R" day owing to the precariousness of their accommodation. After the complete evacuation of the Allied troops and H.Q.s, the posting to Veneto is foreseen of two divisions (three bdes each) and mixed mountain units.

sgd. MARRAS
Gen.

R.A.G.

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*Spoke to [unclear] on 21 March
Ref Para @ letter [unclear] to J. [unclear]
Ref Para @ explained that we were not asking
MofD-A for a reply in our Table (S) [unclear] but were
just giving them a B.L.U. reply to G.H.Q.*

Notes on Communications in Northern Italy.

With the exception of a few cabled routes which were built by Signals, all trunk and local circuits are owned by TELVE, MARTSPO or Railways.

As circuits are now used by British Army against rental, they will be handed back to owners when ceased.

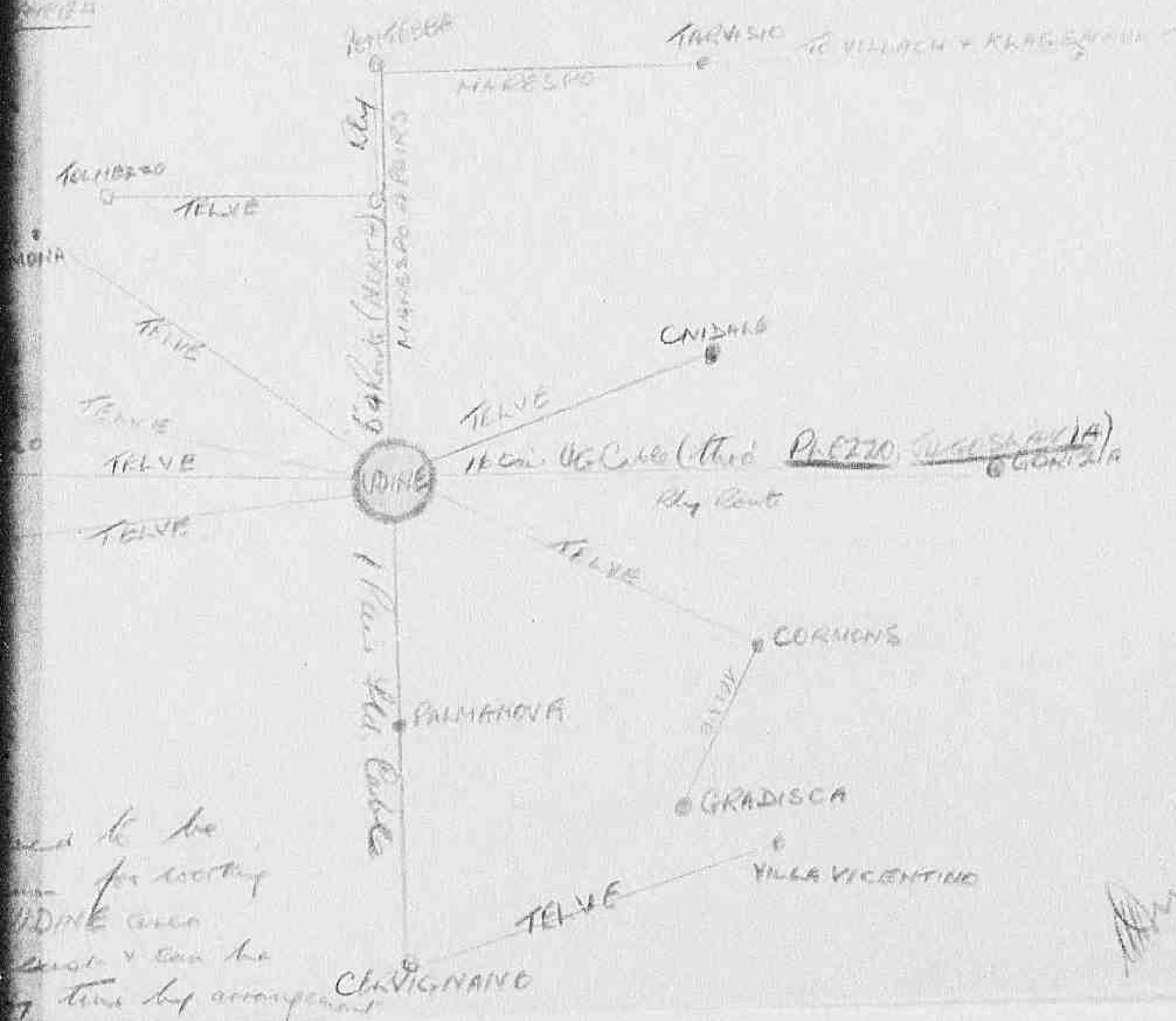
Signals built routes will be left in situ; it is not economical to recover cable etc.

Barracks in Udine are completely wired from exchanges to offices, stores etc.; this wiring will be left installed.

As the Italian Army will only occupy barracks and military buildings, it will be necessary to install switchboards etc., except in cases where British exchanges exist.

Attached is a circuit diagram showing existing communications, and it is considered a bare minimum for working Army traffic.

Amun Major,
S.O. R. Signals.



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Subject: Handover to Italian Army.

5 British Liaison Unit
Date: 12/12/1953
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25 Feb 47.

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Ref: appx to the minutes of the conference held at CACWA on 31 Jan 47.

As a result of a memo by the 2nd i/c the following amendments to the deployment plan of the 12th Div have been notified.

- (i) 12th Div will not be redeployed to the 12th Div
- (ii) 12th Div will not be redeployed to the 12th Div
- (iii) The Army Div will not be redeployed to the 12th Div; it will continue to be grouped with the 12th Div and be redeployed to the 12th Div.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
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Telo: 489084
Ext: 400

Ref: C/10/LF

26 Feb 47

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY

Subject: Redeployment of ITALIAN
Forces in North West ITALY

Ref this Headquarters letter C/10/LF of 20 Feb 47.

The following information has been received from
5 BUJ in answer to questionnaire forwarded with the above
quoted letter :-

Question 1

No decision has yet been made by GHQ but
see Question 4 below.

Question 2

Accommodation at PONTERRA is available now
and is in fact occupied by holding parties of
L'AQUILA Battalion. The BRITISH are
retaining a small portion of the Barracks as
a Snow Post.

Question 3

This has been referred to GHQ and no answer
has yet been received. It is thought
that units could be accommodated in tented
camps outside Zone 'A' prior to 'R' Day.

Question 4

GHQ have asked 5 BUJ to give them an estimate
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5 DIV have given CHQ the following estimate
in reply :-

(a) Carabinieri and Finance Guards

Detachments where roads cross the
frontier, with accommodation for
Headquarters, Stores etc at :-

GORIZIA LATISANA (H 2388)
S. GIORGIO (H 3994)

(b) ALPINI Battalion - TREVISO

(c) ALPINI Battalion - PONTERRA

(d) ALPINI Battalion - TOLMEZZO

(e) Infantry Battalion (strength
approximately five hundred) and
Field Battery (approximately two
hundred) plus detachment of Signals
and Engineers (approximately one
hundred) in :-

TARCENTO - GORIZIA Area

(f) As in (c) above CIVIDALE Area

(g) As in (c) above CORMONS Area

(h) As in (e) above VILLA VICENTINA Area.
TREVISO Barracks has been offered
and accepted in lieu (C 5304)

(i) Advance Divisional Headquarters,
Signals, Engineers etc and Advance
Headquarters Infantry Regiment
(Approximate strength one hundred
and fifty) in :-

UDINE

(k) Barracks at CODOIPO as transit and
staging area.

(l) Advance Headquarters Infantry Regiment
in :-

PALMANOVA

Detachments were posted across the frontier, with accommodation for Headquarters, stores etc at :-

CORZIA LATISANA (H 2388)
S. GIORGIO (H 3994)

- (b) ALPINI Battalion - TARVIEIO
- (c) ALPINI Battalion - PONTERRA
- (d) ALPINI Battalion - TOLMEZZO
- (e) Infantry Battalion (strength approximately five hundred) and Field Battery (approximately two hundred) plus detachment of Signals and Engineers (approximately one hundred) in :-

TARCENTO - GEMONA Area

- (f) As in (e) above CIVIDALE Area
- (g) As in (e) above CORMONS Area
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UDINE

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- (l) Advance Headquarters Infantry Regiment in :-

RAIMONOVA

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M. W. H. B.S.S.
Major-General,
Director.

Subject :- Handover to Italian Army

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele : WINE 1553
G 144/

24 Feb 47

Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub-Section

Ref your G/10/LF dated 20 Feb 47.

1. CODROROPO No definite answer has yet been received - copy of my letter to GHQ dated 20 Feb attached.
2. PONTIERA accommodation is available now and is in fact occupied by holding parties from L'AQUILA Bn. The British are retaining a small portion of the Bns as their SNEW POST.
3. ZONE 'A' I will refer this to GHQ, the only Bns which at present would appear to be free before 'H' Day is TREVISAN. TREVISAN is, however, in ZONE 'A' and objections may be raised. GHQ will undoubtedly mention tents.
4. OUTSIDE ZONE 'A' Yes I think so, my attached letter explains the latest situation.
5. NOTE REGARDING AUT CORRESPONDENCE

Letter 1 Addressed to GHQ as a result of a visit by Col TARRANT to this HQ - unfortunately I was out at the time.

Letter 2 Received from G (Ops) Obviously crossed my letter 1.

Letter 3 My answer to letter 2.

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5 British Liaison Unit
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24 Feb 47

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5. NOTE REGARDING APT CORRESPONDENCE

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Letter 2 Received from G (Ops) Obviously crossed my letter 1.

Letter 3 My answer to letter 2.

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Letter 1 COPYSubject :- Re-deployment Italian ArmyTOP SECRET

5 British Liaison Unit
 Tele : UDINE 1553
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19 Feb 47

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Q Branch
 CHQ CEF

1. The following are the answers of the War Ministry to the queries raised by Lt Col TARRANT on his recent visit to this HQ.

(a) The phasing "in" programme of the MANICOVA Div. War Ministry state that this is almost entirely dependant on the phasing "out" programme of the Allies.

(b) Minimum number of tps required to safeguard the frontier on R Day

(i) Carabinieri and Finance Guards. Dets where roads cross the frontier, with accommodation for HQ, Stores etc at GORIZIA LAVISANA (H 2538) S GIONGIO (H 3994)

(ii) ALPINI Bn at PAVISIO

(iii) ALPINI Bn at PORTERBA

(iv) ALPINI Bn at TOLMEZZO

(v) Inf Bn (Strength approx 500) and Pz Bty (approx 200) plus dets Sigs and Engrs (approx strength 100) in TREVISO area

(vi) As in (v) above CIVIDALE Area

(vii) As in (v) above CORMONS Area

(viii) As in (v) above VILLA VICENTINA area
 TREVISO Bks has been offered and accepted in lieu. (05804)

(ix) Adv Div HQ, Sigs, Engrs etc (approx strength 150) in UDINE.

(x) Bks at CORMOPO as transit and staging Area.

(xi) Adv Bn in Manicova
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CHQ OMP

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Letter 2

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Subject :- Take over by Italian Army

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G (Ops) GHQ UKF

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20 Feb 47

Tele No. 22253.

5 BLU
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G (SD)
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There will only be a limited amount of accon in UDINE province vacated by Allied tps before 1 day. This accon will be insufficient for the greater part of the Italian forces scheduled to garrison this area and the new frontier. (Appx A to the minutes of a meeting held at GHQ on 31 Jan 47 and issued under 5848/G of 2 Feb 47 refer.)

In view of this, you are required to estimate the essential minimum Italian tps who will have to be in position before 1 day. Your estimate should show formation HQs and units in order of priority for occupation of accon in UDINE province as it becomes available.

Based on your order of priority and minimum requirements of units etc required to be in situ before 1 day, plans will be made by this HQ to make the accon available.

Lt Col
for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

TJ/Lpb/tw

Subject :- Handover to Italian Army

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tele : UDINE 1553
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24 Feb 47

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FILE: 5/10/6F
DATE: 27.2.47

G (Ops)
G/144 C/144

Ref your 5043/G dated 20 Feb 47.

1. Can it be taken that my letter no as above dated 19 Feb, addressed to 'U', copy to you, is an adequate answer?

2. It is difficult to state an actual order of priority by units, as provided they are all in position by 'R' Day it is immaterial in which order they arrive.

3. MINICOVA Div has also asked for accommodation to be made available for the HQ of the Inf Regts at UDINE and PALMANOVA. I have told them that only a Tac HQ would be necessary, in the case of the Inf Regt at UDINE accommodation could be shared with the Adv Div HQ. As regards the Inf Regt HQ at PALMANOVA could some suitable accommodation be made available, preferably in UMBERTO I Bks, as this is the final location of the Regt HQ.

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ALLIED FORCE WAR MATTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Ref: 1237081
Date: 1230

Ref: 6/10/47

24 Feb 47

2. 121

Subject: Development of Italian Forces
in the Middle East

Ref your 6/144 of 17 Feb 47.

1. Information contained in para 1 of your letter is noted.
2. As regards para 2 the following action is being taken:

(a) Sub para (i).

1. Avoids any taking up with Ministry of National Defence - Army.

(b) Sub para (ii). as for sub para (i).

(c) Sub para (iii) & (iv). as for sub para (i).

Col. FUSCHINI will also discuss this with staff on 24/26 Feb as the situation disclosed does not appear so helpful as indicated at the conference on 31 Jan or in para 5 of Notes issued by staff on 9 Feb.

(d) Sub para (v). as for sub para (i).

Such contacts from staff are being released to the Italian Army shortly. This contact will be assigned to staff for any further disposal. You should advise any further contact to put in a bid to our industry for it.

(e) Sub para (vi).

Further information regarding date of meeting requested if the attendance of Director or S.I.C. is to be ensured.

(f) Sub para (vii).

Our industry already informed.

Reg Out
24/2/47

Ref your 6/14/47 of 47 Feb 47.

1. Information contained in para 1 of your letter is noted.
2. In regards para 2 the following action is being taken:

(a) Sub para (1).

Branch are taking up with Ministry of National Defense - neg.

(b) Sub para (12) as for sub para (1).

(c) Sub para (14) & (20) as for sub para (1).

Col HINDLEY will also discuss this with us on 15/26 Feb as the affidavit disclosed does not appear as helpful as indicated at the conference on 31 Jan or in para 5 of letter issued by (1) on 9 Feb.

(d) Sub para (5) as for sub para (1).

Sub paragraph (5) is being released to the British very shortly. This paragraph will be assigned to HINDLEY for an Ministry disposal. You should advise 3 Territorial Command to put in a bid to the Ministry for it.

(e) Sub para (11).

Relevant information regarding date of arrest requested in the attachment of HINDLEY on 11/11/47 is to be attached.

(f) Sub para (11).

for Ministry already informed.

Reg Out
24/2/47

M.W.H. BGS

Major General
Director.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tele : UDINE 1553
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17 Feb 47

Allied Force Headquarters
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

1. The following is submitted to keep you informed as to the general situation.

i) G.O.C. MANTOVA Div is visiting the area on 19-20-21 Feb. No applications for detailed recon have yet been made.

ii) Italian Adv parties are in occupation of Bks at TREVISO, Treviso and VICENZA. As regards the latter this is only a temporary measure as the Area are not yet certain whether they can finally relinquish or not. VICENZA is well situated as an adv base for FORLIFE Div.

iii) Ref para 2(o) of Minutes of Meeting held at GHO on 31 Jan 47 - CORDOPO. Nothing further has come of this.

iv) REVISAN Bks near GRADISCA and West of IZONZO should be available for Italian Army by middle of March. Although REVISAN is not included in the Italian "layout" it will be readily accepted in lieu of accommodation at PULMANOVA and VILLA VICENTINA which is not likely to be available for some time.

v) Close and friendly liaison is being maintained with GHO, 1 Arm'd Div etc.

vi) Gen HARDING and Gen ARCELLINI met at the funeral of the late Brig de WINNIE and had a short friendly talk.

vii) You will know that Gen ARCELLINI has relinquished his Comd. His successor has not yet arrived.

2. It is requested that you give what assistance you can on the following.

i) Press the War Ministry on the necessity of requisitioning property in areas where no Gasurnas are available - e.g. TAGGIAMO GAZONA.

ii) Inform the War Ministry that WOODWARD CAP UDINE (a hutted Camp for approx 1,000 men, erected by the British) will in accordance with normal policy be disposed of through Chief Disposal

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- i) Press the War Ministry on the necessity of requisitioning property in areas where no Casermas are available - e.g. MARCONTO GEMONA.
- ii) Inform the War Ministry that WOODWARD CAMP UDINE (a hatted Camp for approx 1,000 men, erected by the British) will in accordance with normal policy be disposed of through Chief Disposal Officer and will not be handed over direct to the Italian Army. In view of bomb damaged barracks etc, it is thought essential that the Italian Army should have WOODWARD CAMP at least as a temporary measure.
- iii) Ref GHQ 5018/G dated 9 Feb, Para 5 Acen Stores. It is understood that the stores in question will be extremely few. War Ministry should be told this and recommended to ensure that a minimum scale at least should be made available to equip all their Bks.

iv) Until disillusioned by me Terr Comd undoubtable expected the British to leave behind quite a considerable amount of stores, equipt etc. This is not so, the British will take everything possible that they can, with them, disposing of the rest through WRA. Barracks on handing over will be almost completely bereft of moveable articles. Perhaps this point should be made clear to War Ministry.

v) Terr Comd were obviously surprised at the lack of accommodation which will be available to them on R Day. Tents will I think be useful to them, they do not seem to have many. Can War Ministry help?

vi) It will be noted in para 7 of GHQ 5319/0 of 9 Feb that G.O.C. in C. wishes to have a personal meeting with the Italian Comd. No details have yet been arranged but it is presumed that the meeting will be with the new Comd. It would be of great assistance to me if the Director or R.G.S. could also be present at this meeting.

*Will go
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vii) Ref GHQ 5319/0 of 9 Feb, Para 1. It is presumed that you will inform the War Ministry. 5 Terr Comd has been informed.

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Italian Military Affairs Section
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20 Feb 47.

5. British Liaison Unit.

Subject: Redeployment of ITALIAN Forces
in N.E. ITALY.

Ref minutes of Conference held

at GHQ on 31 Jan 47.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a list of questions received from the Ministry of National Defence - Army, in connection with the Redeployment of ITALIAN Forces in North East ITALY.

2. Will you please investigate the various points raised, referring to GHQ where necessary, and forward answers to this HQ as soon as possible.

3. Please say if you consider the intervention of this HQ with GHQ will be necessary in any of the matters raised.

RM/ter

M. W. H.

for

Major General
Director.

Copy for Ministry of National Defence - Army.

Appendix 'A' to
Joint Forces Sub Section
Letter G/10/12 dated
9 Feb 47

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Dispersive on ITALIAN Deployment.

Ref Para 2 (a) and 2(c)

That progress has been made in finding temporary accommodation for the ITALIAN Division pending availability of final accommodation in HOLLAND.

NOTE: The suggestion for making the barracks at Camp LID available for this purpose has not been accepted you should press ON for alternative accommodation to become available at an early date.

Ref Para 2 (c)

Ministry of National Defence - May, report that accommodation in VERTICES is not yet available.

(a) When will it be available?

(b) Can you do anything to speed things up?

Ref Para 2(a) and 2 (c)

NOTE 'A'

The ITALIAN are responsible for the transfer from 'R' to 'A' but they cannot move troops into Camp LID (VERTICES and GAZZARA) until 'R' is.

It will be necessary for the ITALIAN troops destined for these places to be held in readiness near by so that they can move in directly.

(a) Can any temporary accommodation be found for these troops outside zone 'A' prior to 'R' day from which they can make a quick move into their ultimate locations?

(b) Could it be arranged for the ITALIAN to take over responsibility for the transfer in zone 'A' on day R + 1 or R + 2 in order to allow them a day or two for reconnaissance and nothing in?

NOTE 'B'

(a) All permanent units of the ITALIAN Division and ALLIED must be able to get into their allotted areas before 'R' day so that they will be ready to receive responsibility on 'R' day.

(b) It is in my opinion this will not be possible, what is the proposed for transfer responsibility in these areas during

Ref Para 2 (c) and 2 (d)

What progress has been made in finding temporary accommodation for the MARINA Division pending availability of final accommodation in UREN.

NOTE:

In the suggestion for finding the MARINA at CAMPBELL available for this purpose has not been accepted you should press (M) for alternative accommodation to be made available at an early date.

2.

Ref Para 2 (d)

Ministry of National Defence - Army, report that accommodation in UREN is not yet available.

(a) When will it be available?

(b) Can you do anything to speed things up?

Ref Para 2 (e) and 2 (f)

3.

Ref Para 2 (g)

The INFILTS are responsible for the reaction from 'g' day but they cannot move troops into zone 'g' (CAMPBELL and CAMPBELL) until 'h' day.

It will be necessary for the INFILTS troops destined for these places to be held in readiness near by so that they can move in directly.

(a) Can any temporary accommodation be found for these troops outside zone 'g' prior to 'h' day from which they can make a quick move into their ultimate locations?

(b) Could it be arranged for the INFILTS to take over responsibility for the reaction in zone 'g' on day 'h' + 1 or 'h' + 2 in order to allow them a day or two for reconnaissance and settling in?

4.

Ref Para 2 (h)

(a) Will all forward units of the INFILTS Division and ALLIED Regt be able to get into their allotted areas before 'h' day so that they will be ready to assume responsibility on 'h' day?

(b) If in any places this will not be possible, what is the proposal for Frontier responsibility in these areas during the period of hiatus?

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Ref: 489034
Ref: 489030

C/10/12.
14 Feb 47.

War Ministry

Subject: Redeployment of Italian Troops
in N.E. Italy.

1. I forward herewith the minutes of a conference held at GHQ PADUA on 31 Jan 47 and some further notes issued on 9 Feb 47.

2. Copies of these papers have been sent to 5 BLU whose Commander was present at the conference on 31 Jan. It can therefore be taken for granted that all information contained in these papers is known to 5 Territorial Command.

3. In these attached papers reference is made to "S" Day and "R" Day. "S" Day is the day on which the treaty was signed and is therefore 10 Feb 47. "R" Day is the day on which the treaty will be ratified and is at present unknown.

4. As these minutes and notes were made for the benefit of officers who attended the conference they may not be quite clear to any officers who were not present.

If your Ministry has any doubts which they wish to clear up, will you please get in touch with B.G.S. MILA who was present at the conference.

MHE/ter

M. W. H. /m
Major General.
Director.

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in N.E. ITALY.

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M. W. H. M.
Major General.
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Visit from top of War Ministry with
certain questions 19 Feb 47
Questions forwarded to 5 BLU at 15 Feb 47.

SUBJECT: Redemployment of ITALIAN TAs
in NW Italy

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it as being 4 are instructions in amplification of the minutes of the Chief of Staffs Conference on the Redeployment of TROOPING Tps in NE THEATRE, held at GPO CMB 31 Jan 47.

2. Will addressees concerned please be prepared to discuss details of work at: at the Chief of Staff's next Staff Conference at Windsor on 12 Feb.

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At as per 4 are instructions in amplification of the minutes of the Chief of Staff's Conference on the Redeployment of Infantry Bns in the IMA, held at HQ USAF 31 Jan 47.

Will addresses concerned please be prepared to discuss details of same etc at the Chief of Staff's next Staff Conference at WRIGHT on 12 Feb.

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Appx 'A' to 5012/G of Feb 47

NOTES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY
IN THE FRENCH

The following points which were brought up at the Conference on the 31st Jan have now been confirmed by the GOC in C GAF.

General

1. It must be clearly understood by all concerned that any Italian troops who are allowed into UNICE Province or Zone A before R Day must be amenable to Allied Control.

Recon

2. The Italian Army may carry out recon as outlined in para 7 of the Conference Minutes subject to provision of para 1 above. In addition recon and small adv parties may move up to the FRENCH Line ARDENN S Day provided NO Italian Army personnel remain permanently in Zone A until after R Day. Movement West of the TACLIAMANTO may take place at any time.

ReferenceMinute
Ref
Para 7The FRENCH Line

3. With the exception of the MONTE-ISCONE area NO Allied troops will be on the FRENCH Line after R Day and NO troops will be allowed East of the R ISCONZO (ag Route 55).

All tfo posts will be set to prevent such movement.

Accon

4. (a) Subject to 83 (US) Div control, small adv parties will be permitted to visit GANVISTO.

Ref Minutes

para 2(a)

- (b) 23 (US) Div will provide the accon requested by R Day; small adv parties may move in before R Day.

para 2(f)

- (c) The accon at PALMAMONTE will be made available as soon as possible.

para 2(h)

- (d) In general the Italian Army is NOT permitted to requisition civilian property. When however they do receive special permission to do so (as possibly at GEMANO, TACLIAMANTO) the Italian Army will take over such accon direct from their own civil authorities, after 3 Day.

para 3(a)

Accon Stores

General

1. It must be clearly understood by all concerned that any Italian troops who are allowed into UMBRE Province or Zone A before R Day must be amenable to Allied Control.

Recon

2. The Italian Army may carry out recon as outlined in para. 7 of the Conference Minutes subject to provision of para 1 above. In addition recon and small adv parties may move up to the FRENCH Line AFTER S Day provided NO Italian Army personnel remain permanently in Zone A until after R Day. Movement West of the FACILITAMENTO may take place at any time.

References

Minute
Ref
Para 7

The FRENCH Line

3. With the exception of the FACILITAMENTO area, NO Allied troops will be in the FRENCH line after R Day and NO troops will be allowed East of the R ISOLZO (as Route 55).

All troops will be set to prevent such movement.

AccnRef Minutes

4. (a) Subject to 6B (US) Div control, small adv parties will be permitted to visit TRIVISIO. para 2(d)
- (b) 6B (US) Div will provide the accn required by R Day; small adv parties may move in before R Day. para 2(e)
- (c) The accn at PALLANOVIA will be made available as soon as possible. para 2(h)
- (d) In general the Italian Army is NOT permitted to requisition civilian property. When however they do receive special permission to do so (as possibly at GEMMA TRACENGO) the Italian Army will take over such accn direct from their own civil authorities, after S Day. para 3(c)

Accn Stores

5. All available accn stores which can be spared will be handed over to the Italian Army. para 3(e)

Communications

6. As for 4(d) above, where the Italian Army receive permission to take over civilian circuits, they will take them over direct from the civil authorities.

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We need not be too rigid in a distinction between the Italian civil and military authorities, provided we incur NO financial liability.

C in C's meeting with Italian Comd

7. As soon as is convenient after 5 Day the GOC in C will have a personal meeting with the Italian Comd and his Chief of Staff at which he will make clear his policy and impress upon the Italian Comd the need for harmonious relationships during the evacuation period.

SUBJECT:- Handover to Italian Army

"G" Ops
GMA CAF

Herewith a statement showing the names of the Barracks which the Italian Army proposes to re-occupy on re-deployment. Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution to Pms, Town Majors etc as you consider necessary.

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5 British Liaison Unit.
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6 Feb 47.

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List of Accommodation at present occupied by the Allies, which the Italian Army proposes to occupy on evacuation of N.E. ITALY by the Allies.

Serial No.	Unit or Formation	Location and Name of Barracks	Unit at present in occupation
1.	HQ 5 Terr Cond Incl certain stores Depots etc	PADUA (a) S. GIUSTINA Bks (b) Ex ARMANI " (c) M. GRAPPA " (d) P. ANDEO " (e) CATERMELATA " (f) Ex CAMERINI " VENICE (g) St GEORGE'S ISLAND TREVISO (h) DOSSON Bks	CHQ Car Coy ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
	Artillery Directorate M.F. Depot		
	NOTE (i) Some of the above, may not in fact be occupied by Allied Hqs. (ii) For further requirements in P.D.O.V.A see serials 40 - 52.		
2.	B3 BENTONIA DIV	UDINE (a) CATHOLIC BUILDING (b) 22 Via SAVORIGLIA	HQ 3 40th (Pd) HQ 5 Terr Cond
3.	IM G. A. D. L. (G)	UDINE Definite location not yet decided	
4.	INT REGT 1st	UDINE V. FIORI. MANUTEN III	4 Med Regt
5.	1st Bn	UDINE FUNCTION 1st Bks (NEW)	Air HQ ITALY
6.	PO. P. R. Coy	UDINE V. F. III	4 Med Regt
7.	1st Bn 1st Regt Gen. one 1st Regt	UDINE FUNCTION 1st	Air HQ
8.	1st Bn 1st Regt Gen. one 1st Regt	UDINE FUNCTION 1st	Air HQ
9.	1st Bn 1st Regt	UDINE FUNCTION 1st	Air HQ
10.	AIR Bn	UDINE	

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2.	<u>HE PAVLOV DIV</u>	<u>UDINE</u> (3) GANTOCE PULLING (b) 22 Via S. M. GIAN	HQ 3 AGA (FU) HQ 5 Terr Cond
3.	<u>HQ GANTOCE PULLING</u>	<u>UDINE</u> Definite location not yet decided	
4.	<u>INT RABAT HQ</u>	<u>UDINE</u> VICTORIA. ELABORATE III	4. Red Regt
5.	<u>ENG Bn</u>	<u>UDINE</u> FUNCTIONAL RES (ACT)	Air HQ ITALY
6.	<u>ARMED Coy</u>	<u>UDINE</u> V.E. III	4 Red Regt
7.	<u>HEADQUARTERS and one M.F. Bty</u>	<u>UDINE</u> FUNCTIONAL	Air HQ
8.	<u>HEADQUARTERS and one M.F. Bty</u>	<u>UDINE</u> FUNCTIONAL	Air HQ
9.	<u>HEADQUARTERS and one M.F. Bty</u>	<u>UDINE</u> FUNCTIONAL	Air HQ
10.	<u>ENGINEER Bn</u>	<u>UDINE</u> SPAGNOLA	American Hospital
11.	<u>SIGS Bn</u>	<u>UDINE</u> SPAGNOLA	ROUTE
12.	<u>INT Sec</u>	<u>UDINE</u> SPAGNOLA	TRANSIT CAMP
13.	<u>Two FA Hospitals</u>	<u>UDINE</u> SPAGNOLA	X O.D STORES

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Serial No.	Unit or Bn	Location and Barracks	Unit at present in occupation
14.	<u>SUPPLY Sec</u>	UDINE SP. OCC. AREA	ADOS Dump
15.	<u>ORANGEPOINT Coy</u>	UDINE SP. OCC. AREA	27 Coy RASO
16.	<u>MOBILE MISC</u>	UDINE SP. OCC. AREA	
17.	<u>Nine L. and S.</u>	Accommodation not definitely decided	
18.	<u>ORD Fd Pk</u>	UDINE SP. OCC. AREA	
19.	<u>Fd Bakery</u>	UDINE SP. OCC. AREA	
20.	<u>In Cabinets</u>	GORIJA Accommodation not finally decided	83 Div
22.	<u>Recco Hq</u>	GORIJA OSLA Bks	88 Div
23.	<u>One IIF Bn</u>	CIVIDALE PRINCIPAL U-BEATO	83 Div
24.	<u>One Fd Arty Bty</u>	CIVIDALE ZUCCHI E LANFRANCO	88 Div
25.	<u>One IIF Bn</u>	CEMONA EX MILITIA Bks	?
26.	<u>One Fd Arty Bty</u>	EX MILITIA Bks	?
27.	<u>One IIF Bn</u>	CORRONS PADIO Bks	33 Div

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16.	<u>MOBILE WAGO</u>	<u>UDINE</u> <u>SPACCALELLA</u>	
17.	<u>Nine L.A.D.s</u>	accommodation not definitely decided	
18.	<u>OLD FA PK</u>	<u>UDINE</u> <u>SPACCALELLA</u>	
19.	<u>FA BATTERY</u>	<u>UDINE</u> <u>SPACCALELLA</u>	
20.	<u>Bn Carabinieri</u>	<u>GORIZIA</u> accommodation not finally decided	83 Div
22.	<u>Recco Rept</u>	<u>GORIZIA</u> <u>OSP's Bks</u>	83 Div
23.	<u>One INF Bn</u>	<u>CIVIDALE</u> <u>PRINCEPO</u> <u>UDIZIO</u>	83 Div
24.	<u>One PA Arty Bty</u>	<u>CIVIDALE</u> <u>ZUCCHI E LANFRANCO</u>	83 Div
25.	<u>One INF Bn</u>	<u>GEMONA</u> <u>Ex MILITIA Bks</u>	?
26.	<u>One PA Arty Bty</u>	<u>Ex MILITIA Bks</u>	?
27.	<u>One INF Bn</u>	<u>CORRONS</u> <u>ALDIO Bks</u>	83 Div
28.	<u>One PA Arty Bty</u>	<u>CORRONS</u> <u>ALDIO Bks</u>	83 Div
29.	<u>One INF REGT HQ</u>	<u>PALMANOVA</u> <u>UDIZIO 1</u>	?
30.	<u>One INF Bn</u>	<u>PALMANOVA</u> <u>UDIZIO I</u>	?

Serial No	Unit or Bn	Location and Barracks	Unit at present in occupation
31.	<u>HOATER Coy</u>	<u>PALANOVLA</u> <u>LIBERTO I</u>	?
32.	<u>HO Pd Arty Bnt</u>	<u>PALANOVLA</u> <u>PIAVE</u>	4 R.T.R.
33.	<u>One Pd Arty Bty</u>	<u>PALANOVLA</u> <u>PIAVE</u>	4 R.T.R.
34.	<u>Two /TK Btys</u>	<u>PALANOVLA</u> <u>PIAVE</u>	4 R.T.R.
35.	<u>One INF Bn</u>	<u>VILLAVICENTINA</u> <u>IZONZO</u>	576 Pd Hq Coy RE
36.	<u>One Bty Pd Arty</u>	<u>VILLAVICENTINA</u> <u>ROSSINI</u>	2 JTD Bde WKSPs
NOTE: The barracks listed in Serials 29 - 36 appear to have various different names.			
37.	<u>HO 3 ALPINI REGT</u> and one Mortar Coy	<u>POMERBA</u> <u>G. & P</u>	?
38.	<u>One ALPINI Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>POMERBA</u> <u>BORGOLOTTI</u>	Snow Post
39.	<u>One ALPINI Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>TORREZZO</u> <u>CANTONE</u>	G.I. Coy RSG
32.	<u>One ALPINI Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>TREVISO</u> <u>LIVIGNO</u>	88 Div
33.	<u>HO POLGOLO Div</u>	<u>TREVISO</u> Location not yet known	?
34.	<u>One GROUP</u> <u>CAVALIERI</u>	<u>TREVISO</u> Location not yet known	?

34.	<u>12th / 1st Div</u>	<u>PALLANOWA</u> <u>FLAVE</u>	4 R.T.R.
35.	<u>One Div Bn</u>	<u>VILLAVICENTINA</u> <u>IZONZO</u>	576 R.T. Coy HE
36.	<u>One Div Bn</u>	<u>VILLAVICENTINA</u> <u>ROSSINI</u>	2 and 8th WILPS
NOTE: The Divs listed in Series 29 - 36 appear to have various different divisions.			
37.	<u>1st 3 ALPINE REGT</u> <u>and one mortar Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>G. & F</u>	?
38.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>DOLOLOTTI</u>	Snow Post
39.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>CLANONE</u>	G.T. Coy MSC
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42.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>DOLOLOTTI</u>	?
43.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>CLANONE</u>	?
44.	<u>1st 3 ALPINE REGT</u> <u>and one mortar Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>G. & F</u>	?
45.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>DOLOLOTTI</u>	?
46.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>CLANONE</u>	?
47.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>CLANONE</u>	1 and 7 R.T.R.
48.	<u>One ALPINE Bn</u> <u>One Sec Mule Coy</u>	<u>PONTERBA</u> <u>CLANONE</u>	1 and 7 R.T.R.

Serial No	Unit or Bn	Location and Barracks	Unit at present in occupation
38.	HQ INF REGT three Bns and Mortar Coy	MESSEME FUNCTIONALE	?
39.	<u>Div Recce Regt</u>	CODROITPO "29 OCTOBER"	Tank Tpt Coy
40.	HQ Pz Arty Regt and three Btys	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE SOUTH (new)	GHQ Camp
41.	HQ 2/TK Regt and four Btys	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE SOUTH	" "
42.	HQ L.A.M. Regt and two Btys	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE SOUTH	" "
43.	<u>One ENGR Bn</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	" "
44.	<u>One SIGS Bn</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	" "
45.	<u>One Medical Sec</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	" "
46.	<u>Two Pz Hosp</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	" "
47.	<u>One Supply Sec</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	GHQ
48.	<u>One Tpt Coy</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	"
49.	<u>One Div Hosp</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	"
50.	<u>2 L.A.D.S.</u>	P.DOV4 FUNCTIONALE NORTH	"

40.	<u>HQ Rd Arty Regt</u> and three Btys	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE SOUTH (new)</u>	GHQ Camp
41.	<u>HQ 2/TK Regt</u> and four Btys	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE SOUTH</u>	" "
42.	<u>HQ L.A.A. Regt</u> and two Btys	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE SOUTH</u>	" "
43.	<u>One ENGr Bn</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	" "
44.	<u>One SIGS Bn</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	" "
45.	<u>One Medical Sec</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	" "
46.	<u>Two Rd Hosp^y</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	" "
47.	<u>One Supply Sec</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	GHQ
48.	<u>One 1st Coy</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	"
49.	<u>One Div Eksp^s</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	"
50.	<u>9 L.A.D.S.</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	"
51.	<u>One O.F.E.</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	"
52.	<u>One Bakery Sec</u>	<u>P.DOV_A</u> <u>FUNZIONALE NORTH</u>	"

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SUBJECT: Re-deployment of ITALIAN
Tps in NE ITALY

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Attached are the minutes of a conference held at GHQ
on 31 Jan 47, on the re-deployment of ITALIAN Tps in NE ITALY.

Ack.

John J. ...

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT 1430 HRS
31 JAN 47 AT GHQ CMT 10 DISCUSS THE RE-
DEPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN TPS IN NE ITALY.

Present

Brigadier EM ARCHERD, CME, ISO, Chief of Staff, GHQ CMT

Brigadier AS MORRISON, OBE
Lt-Col T de V JAGO, OBE
Lt-Col JHB LAMONT, OBE
Major KAT HORNEI

Provincial Commissioner
ANG UDINE Province
ANG UDINE Province
Rep 88 (US Div)

Brigadier AW MOFF, ISO
Lt-Col ANG WATKIN

Major RIM SAMERS,
GSOII (Org/Plans)
GHQ CMT

Minutes

1. PSS MIA stated that the ITALIAN War Ministry had made their plan for the re-deployment of ITALIAN tps in NE ITALY.

The proposed lay-out is shown in appx 'A' attached.

The ITALIANS are faced with two major problems in the re-deployment of their tps, namely :-

- (a) the dates on which they can move them tps into the area.
- (b) in EMIL/VS tps were to soon before the ITALIANS are ready to take over, the UKA will be taken over by civs, DP's etc, and stripped of all their equipment and fittings.

To overcome the second of these problems, they wish to move small sub parties into area before the allies leave.

The Chief of Staff stated that the allies themselves had had to contend with exactly the same problems and fully appreciated them.

The GOC in C's policy is for the handover by EMIL and VS tps to the ITALIAN Army to be carried out in the same way as would be done between ourselves.

Lt-Col HM BRIGGS

Major PJ RUSSELL
Major RUSSELLBrigadier MW HOPKINS, DSO
Lt-Col AHG WATKINS

Secretary: Major RMY SAKERS

Provincial Commissioner

4MG UDINE Province
4MG UDINE Province
Rep 88 (US) Div2CS, MILA
CSOL, 5 BDUCSOL (Organizations)
GHQ CMFMinutesAction

1. US MILA stated that the Italian War Ministry had made their plan for the re-deployment of Italian tps in NE ITALY.

The proposed lay-out is shown in appx 'A' attached.

The ITALIANS are faced with two major problems in the re-deployment of their tps, namely :-

- (a) the dates on which they can move their tps into the area.
- (b) in some US tps vacate soon before the ITALIANS are ready to take over, the bks will be taken over by cive, DM's etc, and stripped of all their eqpt and fittings.

To overcome the second of these problems, they wish to move small adv parties into each before the allies leave.

The Chief of Staff stated that the Allies themselves had had to contend with exactly the same problems and fully appreciated them.

The GOC in C's policy is for the handover by DMF and US tps to the ITALIAN Army to be carried out in the same way as would be done between ourselves.

As regards dates, our plans for the area are made, but they are generally the responsibility of the GOC in C of the date of ratification of the treaty.

2. Handover

Handover
- 1st Div

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The conference then discussed the acch situation in each area:-

- (a) In general - WEST of Route 13, if acch is not required by the Allies, the ITALIANS can move in now.
- (b) TOMEZZO - ITALIANS can move in at the beginning of March. The RASCO tps now there will have completed their task by then.
- (c) PONTERA - can be occupied now, except that the rec post must stay and keep its acch.
- (d) RAVENSIO - 88 (US) Div to inform GHQ when and how much acch is going to be released.
- Chief of Staff stated that this town was too near the frontier for ITALIANS to move in until 1 May. A ruling from the C in C would be required.
- (e) UDINE - would be clear by about R + 50.

Random Committee,
in conjunction with
3 AGRA, to review with
view to obtaining earlier
release of acch
in the UDINE area for
ITALIAN tps.

.....Q to investigate.

CSOL. 5 ELLI stated that a Carabinieri HQ was also going into UDINE.

- (f) CHUTALE - now 88 (US) Div stated that the acch would be required until late as it is being used as an ord dump.

265 LATA pointed out that as from 1 May the ITALIANS are responsible for manning the frontier and must therefore, be given somewhere to live.

Chief of Staff said that this was agreed and directed that 88 (US) Div investigate the possibility of putting 500 ITALIANS into this area.

- (g) COMBES - No difficulty

Vacant by S + 20. Possibility that 1 Arm'd Div might hold acch prior to R day along the border.

88 (US) Div

Q

1 Arm'd Div

of March. The above is being exploited their task by them.

- (c) POMPEBA - can be occupied now, except that the road must stay and keep its road.
- (d) MANUSIO - 88 (US) Div to turn GRV when and how much soon is going to be released.
- Chief of Staff stated that this town was too near the frontier for ITALIANS to move in until R day. A ruling from the C in C would be required.
- (e) UDINE - would be clear by about R + 50.
- PCS MIA stated that as UDINE is the future location of the HQ 44th Div, it was essential for the ITALIANS to find some other place where Div HQ could be set before R day until UDINE was clear of the Allies. Suggested PORDENONE.C to investigate.

Random Comment:
in conjunction with
3 AGRA, to review view
view to obtaining earlier
release of UDINE
in the UDINE area for
ITALIANS.

GSOL, 5 BLN stated that a Carabinieri Bn HQ was also going into UDINE.

- (f) CRIVALE - 88 (US) Div stated that the town would be required until late as it is being used as an ORA camp.

PCS MIA pointed out that as from R day the ITALIANS are responsible for manning the frontier and must therefore, be given somewhere to live.

Chief of Staff said that this was agreed and directed that 89 (US) Div investigate the possibility of putting 500 ITALIANS into this area.

88 (US) Div

- (g) COMONS - No difficulty

Vacant by S + 20. Possible that 1 ArmA Div might hold some advice to R day with Div C tails ex ITALIANS.

Acen will hold one Bn and one 3ty.

- (h) PALEMANOVA - 4 R the move out by R + 10.

BLNS move out by R + 20. Other such now occupied by RAVO etc, may be clear earlier.

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4 ArmA Div

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- (4) VILLA VICENTINA area - being used as an 1 Arm'd Div
LA Vek px by 1 Arm'd Div. Q

The main bks will not be clear very early. CHQ and 1 Arm'd Div to investigate if it is possible for ITALIANS to move in by R Day.

- (H) GORIZIA - MANNA Div Recon Regt is going to occupy GORIZIA.

Rep 88 (US) Div stated that at least three Casermes would be available by R day. 88 (US) Div would hold these until R day for the ITALIANS.

Chief of Staff stated that the ITALIANS could not move in until R day and should then do so in strength.

- (K) GENOVA } - No Casermes in this area.
TARGENTO }

Spies will be available before R day for 500 men. ITALIANS can save in on R day.

- (L) GRADISCA and } - are in use by BRIT until R + 30.
TRUVISAN Bks }

- (M) PADUA - would be free about R + 50.

- (N) PIREISO - would be free about R + 80.

- (O) CODROIPO - would be free by R + 35. Possibility of 14 Tytr unit evacuation before R - 7 and moving closer to 1 Arm'd Div to be examined.

- (P) Remaining areas - EGS JSLs stated that we need not worry about the FOLGORE Div as it was planned to move up later.

All that was necessary was for the Div not to miss any Accn as it became available.

Chief of Staff said that a rep must be with 86 Area to find out when Accn was becoming available. 5 HLU
86 Area

3. Handling over Accn and Accn stores

- (a) AGMG stated that we can only hand over bks to the ITALIAN army. Other Accn must be handed back to the civil authorities.

1 Arm'd Div

Rep 88 (US) Div stated that at least three Casemates would be available by R day. 88 (US) Div would hold them until R day for the ITALIANS.

Chief of Staff stated that the ITALIANS could not move in until R day and should then do so in strength.

(4) SELVA } - No Casemates in this area.
TARCENTO }

Space will be available before R day for 500 men. ITALIANS can move in on R day.

(1) GRADISKA and } are in use by MUR until R + 30.
TREVISO (Eks) }

(m) PADUA - would be free about R + 50.

(n) TREVISO - would be free about R + 60.

(o) CODIGOIO - would be free by R + 55. Possibility of 1x Pztr unit evacuating before R - 7 and moving closer to 1 Armd Div to be examined.

(p) Resolving areas - EGS MILIA stated that we need not worry about the POLICOM Div as it was planned to move up later.

All that was necessary was for the Div not to miss any area as it became available.

Chief of Staff said that a rc. must be with 86 Area to find out when area was becoming available.

3. Handing over area and soon stores

(a) ACMG stated that we can only hand over bks to the ITALIAN army. Other area must be handed back to the civil authorities.

(b) EGS MILIA stated that the ITALIAN army would be very grateful for any soon stores not being taken away by the Allies.

4. EO's from 5 BLU

(a) EGS MILIA stated that Brit IC's from 5 BLU would be located with 1 Armd Div, 88 (US) Div and 86 Area. 5 BLU would also liaise with 5 Armd.

Chief of Staff stated that CHQ would continue to deal with 5 BLU direct.

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1 Armd Div

5 BLU
86 Area

5 BLU

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MIA

- (2) CSO asked if Sig Offr new at MIA could move up to GHQ after 3 day to set as LO between DFP and ITALIAN Sig rep.

- (c) It was agreed that it would be necessary for MIA 5 MIA and a small party in ROME to continue until R + 90 to set as links between GHQ and ITALIAN formations.

5. Sign

CSO stated that only a few local mil lines would be left on the ground when we were.
All trunk lines are civil and are now manned almost entirely by civil.

CSO

MIA

The Allies want a proportion of the exchange in certain localities.

Civil circuits cannot be handed over to the ITALIAN army. They must be handed back to the civil authorities.
Line diagrams could be obtained from either AG ROE or the ITALIAN civil telephone manager in URGENT.

6. Int

CSO MIA stated that ITALIAN PD Security Secs would not be moving in with the troops.

7. Recess by ITALIANS

Chief of Staff stated that the dates on which ITALIANS could carry out recess would be :-

- (a) Until 3 day - No action outside MIA.
No dates of allied plans to be communicated to ITALIANS.
- (b) After 3 day - Subject to C in C's approval, no objection to recess provided they were pronounced and co-ordinated with the int concerned. This does NOT include Zone 'A', ie CORFUS and CORIOLA.
- (c) As soon as governmental agreement on the mode of the provisional frontier is received, ITALIANS may recess in Zone 'A'.
- (d) Recess WEST of R T4-DIAMANTO can be done at any time.

Holding Parties

- (e) Behind Zone 'A' - ITALIAN army holding parties can move in after 3 day.

5. Since

CSO stated that only a few local mil lines would be left on the ground when we enter.
All trunk lines are civil and are now manned almost entirely by GIs.

The allies want a proportion of the exchanges in certain localities.

Civil circuits cannot be handed over to the ITALIAN army. They must be handed back to the civil authorities.

Line diagrams could be obtained from either AG ROE or the ITALIAN civil telephone manager in DMLE.

6. Int

AGS DMLE stated that ITALIAN PD Security Secs would not be moving in with the troops.

7. Recess by ITALIANS

Chief of Staff stated that the dates on which ITALIANS could carry out recess would be :-

- (a) Until 8 day - No action outside DMLE.
No dates of Allied plans to be communicated to ITALIANS.
 - (b) After 8 day - Subject to 7 in C's approval, no objection to recess provided they were prearranged and co-ordinated with the FBI concerned. This does NOT include Zone 'A', ie CORMANS and CORIELA.
 - (c) As soon as governmental agreement on the recess of the provisional frontier is received, ITALIANS may recess in Zone 'A'.
 - (d) Recess WEST of R TALLAMANTO can be done at any time.
- Holding Parties
- (a) Behind Zone 'A' - ITALIAN army holding parties can move in after 8 day.
 - (b) Zone 'A' - No ITALIAN troops allowed in until 8 day, except recess as in 7 (c) above.

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Minutes9. HQ 5 TERRITORIAL COMMANDAction

Provincial Commissioner UDINE Province states that the ITALIAN HQ now in UDINE wishes to move to PADUA as soon as possible.

Chief of Staff stated that GAG would let them come as soon as possible. In the meantime 5 BDU was to let GAG have a copy of the proposed ITALIAN lay-out in PADUA. 5 JUL

10. MONTALONE and CORTELA

Chief of Staff wished those concerned to ensure that there were plenty of Carabinieri in both these places on it day as they were trouble spots.

CIVILIAN
UDINE

PALMANOVA

CORSON'S
VILLA VIGNETTINA
PALMANOVA

UDINE

GRADIS
CIVILIAN

PALMANOVA

CORSON'S
VILLA VIGNETTINA

UDINE

PALMANOVA

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CORSON'S
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UDINE

Regt HQ
1 Bn
11 Bn
111 Bn
Morton Coy

1 Infantry Regiment
Regt HQ
1 Bn
11 Bn
111 Bn
Mort X Coy

1 Field Artillery Regiment
Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery
111 Battery

1 Field Artillery Regiment
Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery
111 Battery

1 Artillery A/Tk Regiment
Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery
111 Battery
IV Battery

1 Artillery A Regiment
Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery

1 Divisional Survey Battery
Regt Eng Bn

1 Divisional Recon Regt Eng Bn
1 Eng Regt Bn
1 Signal Bn
1 Medical Section
2 Field Hospitals
1 Supply Section
1 Transport Unit
1 Mobile Workshop for Div HQ
9 LAb
1 Mobile Park
1 Bakery Section

1 308 ALPINE REGIMENT

Appendix B: (Page 2)8TH ALPINE REGIMENT

Regt HQ
1 Alpine Bn
1 Alpine Bn
1 Alpine Bn
Mortar Coy

8th Back Transport Unit

HQ
1 Section
1 Section
1 Section

POMERIA
TARVISO
POMERIA
TARVISO
POMERIA

POMERIA
TARVISO
TARVISO

NOTE: The Infantry Bn and the Field Artillery Battery which will be stationed at GEMMA (or TARGEMO) will be located at UDINE until such time that it will be possible to station them in their proper places. The Divisional Recon Regt which will be stationed at GORLIZIA, will be temporarily located at UDINE.

LOCATION OF AN INFANTRY DIVISION WEST OF THE TAGLIAMENTOUnitLocationPOLCORE Infantry Division

Div HQ
1 Carabinieri Coy

1 Infantry Regiment

Regt HQ
1 Bn
11 Bn
111 Bn
Mortar Coy

TARVISO

POMERIA

1 Infantry Regiment

Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery
111 Bn
Mortar Coy

VERBIA

1 Field Artillery Regiment

Regt HQ
1 Battery
11 Battery
111 Battery

TARVISO

NOTE: The Infantry Bn and the Field Artillery Battery will be located at ULINE until stationed at GILGUA (or PAROQUITO) will be located at station then in their proper place. The Divisional Recon Regt which will be stationed at GORICIA, will be temporarily located at ULINE.

LOCATION OF AN INFANTRY DIVISION WEST OF THE TACUAMAYO

Location

Unit

MOLGORA Infantry Division

Div HQ
1 Cavalry Bn

1 Infantry Regiment

Regtl HQ

1 Bn

14 Bn

14 Bn

Mortar Coy

1 Infantry Regiment

Regtl HQ

1 Battery

14 Battery

14 Bn

Mortar Coy

1 Field Artillery Regiment

Regtl HQ

1 Battery

14 Battery

14 Battery

1 Field Artillery Regiment

Regtl HQ

1 Battery

14 Battery

14 Battery

1 4th Artillery Regiment

Regtl HQ

1 Battery

14 Battery

14 Battery

IV Battery

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TESSALSO

POWELLGAL

LESTICE

TESSALSO

POWELLGAL

PIDUA

Appendix 'A' (page 3)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
1 AA Artillery Regiment } Regtl HQ 1 Battery 14 Battery	PADUA
1 Divisional Survey Battery	PADUA
1 Divisional Recon Regiment	CODROIPO
1 Engineer Bn	PADUA
1 Signal Bn	PADUA
1 Medical Section	PADUA
2 Field Hospitals	PADUA
1 Supply Section	PADUA
1 Transport Unit	MONFESIO
1 Mobile Workshop for Div HQ	PADUA - MONFESIO
9 LADs	PADUA - MONFESIO
1 Bakery Section	PADUA

Extracts from Notes on Conference at JCS's Branch 2.11. on 10 Jan 1947

"Roll-up" from South.

B... 1 Arm Div, #2 ACIA, 2 Arm Div to U.S. on 10 Feb.

Reminder 1 Arm Div to U.S. early March.

2 + 30 Base closes.

24 24 to R + 50 VICTIMS closes.

R + 50 C.I.I. to VICTIMS.

R + 50 80 R + 70 PAMIA closes.

R + 70 86 Area closes.

REMARK (British Elements in "Private Force") responsible for deaths, etc.

Notes to 1012 must be sent.

A U.S. Admin Inst. No 54 (in print) gives full information on all points.

15 Mo. to 1014 on 27 Jan.

1014 Mo. to 1014

All ranks with 6 months to serve as at 1 April '47, 1014.
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TRANSLATION

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DATE: 24 February 1947.

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1. - Further to letter 28/Op. dated 21 January 1947.
2. - Further to a recce carried out by the Commander of the "Folgore" Inf Div, we forward the following amendments to attachment 3 of the letter referred to above, regarding the proposed preliminary location of the a/m division:
- a)- 1 inf regt:
- regt H.Q.)
- I bn (Pordenone
- II bn)
- III bn Conegliano
- mortar coy Pordenone
- b)- engr bn: Vittorio Veneto
- c)- signals bn: Treviso
- d)- div mobile workshops: Mestre
- e)- mobile park: Treviso.
- FILE: 9/13
28/1/47

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R.A.G.

Q80 I (SU)	X	X
Q80 II (SU)	X	X
Q80 III (SU)	X	X
Q80 IV (SU)	X	X
Q80 V (SU)	X	X
Q80 VI (SU)	X	X
Q80 VII (SU)	X	X
Q80 VIII (SU)	X	X
Q80 IX (SU)	X	X
Q80 X (SU)	X	X
Q80 XI (SU)	X	X
Q80 XII (SU)	X	X
Q80 XIII (SU)	X	X
Q80 XIV (SU)	X	X
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Q80 XLV (SU)	X	X
Q80 XLVI (SU)	X	X
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23 Jan 47

5 BUUSubject :- Redeployment of ITALIAN
Formation in NE ITALY

Ref our G/10 of 24 Jan 47.

1. GHQ cannot give permission for any move to be carried out by ITALIAN Officers, and are not prepared to start discussions with them prior to the signing of the Peace Treaty.

GOC MANTOVA Division's tour is therefore cancelled.

2. HES MIA will, however, visit GHQ, as previously arranged, on 31st Jan to discuss the ITALIAN plans and Lt-Col WATSON should be present.

3. Lt-Col WATSON is requested to meet HES at TREVISO Airfield at 1240 hrs on 31 Jan as previously arranged and bring him on to PADUA.

MMV/cell

Copy to :- GHQ (for c(ops) cell)

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M. W. Hope

Major-General,
GOC, M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 28/Op.
Date: 21/1/47

Subject: Reoccupation of Italian Military Establishments
(at present occupied by the Allies) on departure
of the Allied troops from Italy. -

1. - Reply to para 5 of letter G/10 dated 30/12/46.--
2. - We forward the preliminary plan requested.
3. - Regarding the discussions with the Allied Command we have appointed the Second i/c of the SM of the Udine Military Territorial Command - Artillery Lt.Colonel PIACENTINI -

sgd. Liuzzi
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PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE REOCCUPATION OF MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS
IN THE VENETO AT THE DEPARTURE OF THE ALLIED TROOPS. -

I. - TROOPS:

a) - General Location:

- ~~One~~ 1 Alpine Regiment: Val Fella Valley -Upper Tagliamento;
- ~~One~~ 1 Carabinieri Battalion: East of Isonzo (Gorizia)
- ~~One~~ 1 Infantry Division: between Isonzo and Tagliamento;
- ~~One~~ 1 Infantry Division: West of Tagliamento.

b) - Detailed location:

See enclosures. The location is of a temporary nature and can be altered in accordance with the reconnaissances, which will be carried out by the Commanders of ~~Large Units~~, in relation to the state of the billets left by the Allies. *formations*

II. - ARRIVALS:

- a) - The Italian troops will arrive gradually in Veneto as the Allied troops gradually leave. If possible there should be no interruption in the occupation of the military premises.

- b) - For this purpose, should the Allies permit, the Military Territorial Command of Udine, through 5 BLU, will arrange *advance parties* that ~~small parties of Large Units~~ - formed of 1 officer, 4 Senior NCOs, 4 Junior NCOs and 12 men for each locality to be reoccupied, - be immediately stationed with the Allied troops in order to take possession of the establishments at the moment of the departure. *units*

- c) - The troops foreseen to arrive will do so gradually in accordance with the orders that the Military Territorial Command of Udine will issue, through the SMC, to the ~~Large Unit~~ HQs concerned. - *Formations*

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LOCATION OF A DIVISION EAST OF THE TAGLIAMENTO AND OF THE
8th ALPINE REGIMENT.

Units	Location
A) - "MANTOVA" INFANTRY DIVISION	
- Div. HQ	Udine
- 1 Carabinieri Company	
- 1 Infantry Regiment	
. Regtl HQ	Udine
. I Bn.	
. II Bn.	Gemona (or Tarcento)
. III Bn.	Cividale
. Mortar Company	Udine
- 1 Infantry Regiment	
. Regtl HQ	Palmanova
. I Bn.	
. II Bn.	Cormons
. III Bn.	Villa Vicentina
. Mortar Company	Palmanova
- 1 Field Artillery Regiment	
. Regtl HQ	Udine
. I Battery	
. II Battery	Gemona
. III Battery	Cividale
- 1 Field Artillery Regiment	
. Regtl HQ	Palmanova
. I Battery	
. II Battery	Cormons
. III Battery	Villa Vicentina
- 1 Artillery A/Tk Regiment	
. Regtl HQ	Udine
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
. III Battery	
. IV Battery	Palmanova
- 1 Artillery A/A Regiment	4190
. Regtl HQ	Udine
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
- 1 Artillery Tradesmen Unit Div Sewing Bk	Udine
- 1 Divisional Recce Group Regt	Gorizia

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UNITS	Location
- 1 ^{Engineer} Pioneer Bn.	Udine
- 1 Signals Bn.	Udine
- 1 Medical Section	Udine
- 2 Field Hospitals	Udine - Palmanova
- 1 Supply Section	Udine
- 1 Transport Unit	Udine
- 1 Mobile Workshop for Div. HQ	Udine
- 9 LADs	Udine - Palmanova
- 1 mobile Park	Udine
- 1 Bakery Section	Udine
B) - <u>8th Alpine Regiment</u>	
- Regtl HQ	Pontebba
- 1 Alpine Bn.	Tarvisio
- 1 Alpine Bn.	Pontebba
- 1 Alpine Bn.	Tolmezzo
- Mortar Company	Pontebba
- 8th Pack Transport Unit:	
. HQ	Pontebba
. 1 Section }	
. 1 Section	Tarvisio
. 1 Section	Tolmezzo

NOTE :

- The Infantry Bn. and the Field Artillery Battery which will be stationed at Gemona (or Tarcento) will be located at Udine until such a time that it will be possible to station them in their proper place.
- The Divisional Recce Group which will be stationed at Gorizia, will be temporarily located at Udine. -

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LOCATION OF AN INFANTRY DIVISION WEST OF THE TAGLIAMEN TO

"FOLGORE" Infantry Division	Location
- Div. HQ	Treviso
- 1 Carabinieri Company	
- 1 Infantry Regiment	Pordenone
- . Regtl HQ	
. I Bn.	
. II Bn.	
. III Bn.	
. Mortar Company	
- 1 Infantry Regiment	Mestre
. Regtl HQ	
. I Bn.	
. II Bn.	
. III Bn.	
. Mortar Company	
- 1 Field Artillery Regiment	Treviso
. Regtl HQ	
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
. III Battery	
- 1 Field Artillery Regiment	Pordenone
. Regtl HQ	
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
. III Battery	
- 1 A/Tk Artillery Regiment	Padua
. Regtl HQ	
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
. III Battery	
. IV Battery	4197
- 1 A.A. Artillery Regiment	Padua
. Regtl HQ	
. I Battery	
. II Battery	
- 1 Artillery Tradesmen Unit Div Survey Bk	Padua
- 1 Div. Recce Group Reg.	Codroipo

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Unit	Location
- 1 Pioneer ^{Engineer} Battalion	Padua
- 1 Signal Battalion	Padua
- 1 Medical Section	Padua
- 2 Field Hospitals	Padua
- 1 Supply Section	Padua
- 1 Transport Unit	Treviso
- 1 Mobile Workshop for Div. Hq	Treviso
- 9 LADs	Padua - Treviso
- 1 Bakery Section	Padua

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Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG.
(R. H. T. A.)

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21 Jan 47.

21 Feb 47

General Headquarters (G.O.C.).

Subject: Redeployment of ITALIAN Formations
in E.E. ITALY.

In confirmation of telephone conversation of 21 Jan

1. Anderson - Hays,
Chetani

2. Permission is requested for GOC LANCIA Division, his chief of staff and AG to carry out a reconnaissance of the area in which the LANCIA Division will be deployed after the day. The reconnaissance should include visits to barracks and installations at present occupied by ALLIED troops. An officer from 5 HLI will accompany the party throughout the recon. If permission is granted for the recon., will you please arrange for the issue of the necessary AGG permits to enter VENEZIA GIULIA.

Particulars are as follows:-

(a) Composition of Party.

General Alberto COSENZO di MONTECASSALE,
GOC LANCIA DIV.

Major F. LIA
Chief of Staff

Capt BRAD
AGC

(b) Area of Recon.

COMBRI (C. 33144) - CIVIGNANO - GALLICIA -
VILLA VIGNONIA (H. 3492) - LANCIA - VENEZIA -

(c) Date of Recon.

Starting MONDAY 4 FEB 47.

(d) Accommodation etc.

Under ITALIAN military arrangements.

NOTE is now in possession of the tentative ITALIAN proposals for the deployment of it

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1. Under (M - Home).
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2. Personnel is requested for LCO LAMONA Division, his Chief of Staff and ADO to carry out a reconnaissance of the area in which the LAMONA Division will be deployed after 17 May. The reconnaissance should include visits to barracks and installations at present occupied by ALLIED Troops. An officer from 5 May will accompany the party throughout the recon. If permission is granted for the recon, will you please arrange for the issue of the necessary ABG permits to enter VA SUEZ CANAL.

3.

Particulars are as follows:-

(a) Composition of Party.

General ALBERTO CARRARO di MONTESANTO,
COO LAMONA DIV.

Major MIRA
Chief of Staff

Capt. MARI
ADO

(b) Area of Recon.

CAIRO (C. 3344) - OTMILIA - GHERIA -
VILLA VERGINE (H. 5452) - TAMARA - H. 5452.

(c) Date of Recon.

Starting 25/1/41.

(d) Accommodation etc.

Under ITALIAN Military arrangements.

4. This is now in possession of the tentative ITALIAN proposals for the deployment of:-

(a) LAMONA Division in the area given in para 3 (b) above.

(b) 3 Infantry Regt in the area, TAMARA - GHERIA - OTMILIA.

(c) MILANO Division in the area, TAMARA - GHERIA - OTMILIA - TAMARA - TAMARA.

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It is suggested that SCS MILA and Colonel HANSEN 5 FEB should come to TAVU on 31 JAN and discuss these proposals at (34) with pertinent references to dates of take over of administration, take over of mixed communications, etc., etc.

5. If this conference is arranged at CRO, it is proposed that Lt. Col. HANSEN and SCS MILA at TAVU airport at 1240 on 31 JAN and bring him on to PAVU, the conference to take place in the afternoon. Accommodation for SCS MILA and Lt. Col. HANSEN for night 31 JAN/1 FEB is requested.

6. SCS MAHINA Division and his party will be returning from CANVA on 31 JAN and SCS MILA has arranged a provisional conference with him in PAVU at 1000 hrs that evening.

It is thought that it might be desirable to have a short conference at CRO on the morning of 1 FEB at which SCS MAHINA Division could be present and at which any points of doubt arising out of the conference on 31 JAN could be cleared up.

It is suggested that accommodation in PAVU for SCS MAHINA Division and his party be arranged by CRO for the night 31 JAN/1 FEB.

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M. W. HAN 855

Major General,
CRO,
P.V.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 201680/II

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 20 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Reoccupation of military installations in possession of the Allies on the departure of Allied troops from Italy.

Further to letter 200142/II dated 2nd inst.

Your M.M.I.A. has been informed in a/m letter of the intention of this Ministry to move the "Mantova" division, at present stationed in Liguria and Piemonte, towards the Eastern frontier (to the East of the Tagliamento).

We would inform you that, in order to be able to safeguard the military ~~establishments~~ which will be vacated on the departure of the Allied troops in the locality of Lower Veneto (to the West of the Tagliamento), it is considered necessary to move the "Folgore" division, temporarily stationed in Tuscany, to same zone.

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SECRET

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 200142/II

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 11 January 1947.

SUBJECT:- Reoccupation of military installations in possessions of the Allied on the departure of the Allied troops from Italy.

Reference letter G/10 of 30 December last.

In addition to the 8th Alpine Regt, already stationed in the zone of Udine Military Territorial Command, it is the intention of this Ministry to move the units of the "Mantova" Division, at present stationed, as is known, in Liguria and Piemonte, towards the Eastern frontier.

The reoccupation of the military installations and billets which will become available on the departure of the Allied troops will be carried out by the units of the "Mantova" Division.

I have approached Udine Military Territorial Command in order that, in agreement with 5 B.L.U., the military installations and barracks which will be left free by the Allied troops be reported in advance, to assure coordination of the plan of evacuation of the Allied troops with that of reoccupation of the Italian troops.

sgd. FACCHINETTI

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IMPORTANT DTG 121000A

FROM; GHQ CMF

ACTION; MMIA

INFO; 1 ARMD DIV 88US DIV 86 AREA

TOPSECRET. G0482.

SUBJECT IS ITALIANS TAKING OVER ON JUGO-SLAV/ITALIAN FRONTIER
ON OR ABOUT R DAY.

FIRST. IT IS UNDERSTOOD YOU WISH TO ATTACH OFFICERS OF 5 BLU
TO 1 ARMD DIV AND 86 AREA.

SECOND. PLEASE CONFIRM THIS. WILL THESE OFFICERS BE IN
ADDITION TO EXISTING WE OF 5 BLU. SUGGEST ATTACHING BEGINS
SOONEST.

THIRD. IT IS INTENDED ATTACHING OFFICER FROM 5 BLU TO 88 US DIV 191.

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5 BLU REQUESTS STRENGTHENING DURING HANDOVER PERIOD
RECOMMENDING OFFICER REPRESENTATION FOR LIASON AT
86 AREA 1 ARMD DIV AND 88 DIV (.) AMERICAN OFFICER
FOR 88 DIV ALREADY ARRANGED HERE (.) REQUEST ATTACHMENT
TWO ITALIAN SPEAKING BRITISH OFFICERS EACH WITH CAR
AND DRIVER TO 5 BLU BE AUTHORISED (.) RECOMMEND MAJOR
JOHNSTONE FROM 4 BLU AND MAJOR THURP FROM 2 BLU
BE SELECTED

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M.W. HOPE, Brigadier C.S.

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Ref: L-10001
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Land Forces (L) (Continuation of L-10001)

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Ref: L-10001

Ref: L-10001

Subject: Reorganization of Indian Military Installation
Ref: L-10001 (Ref: L-10001)

During the 1 month that follows the date of notification of the Indian Peace Treaty, Indian Troops in India will be progressively withdrawn.

At the same time certain portions of the Indian Army will, no doubt, be redeployed, not only in order to ensure responsibility for the defence of the Indian but also in order to make use of such accommodation in other parts of India as may become available on the departure of Indian troops.

This Headquarters considers that one of its most important functions during the next few months will be to give you every available assistance in the case of the Indian Army of the responsibilities and the accommodation of troops held by the Indian, and at the same time, it will be available throughout the transition period to assist in the transition of the Indian Army.

It is also to be of the greatest assistance this Headquarters requires information from the Government.

(a) When the Indian Army is redeployed, the dates at which the various Indian troops are redeployed, at present in Indian occupation, will become available for return to the Indian Army.

(b) When the Indian Army is redeployed, the dates at which the various Indian troops are redeployed, at present in Indian occupation, will become available for return to the Indian Army.

As regards paragraph 3(a), this Headquarters has already received this information but it is not expected that it can be made available immediately or that all information will become available at one time.

As regards paragraph 3(b), it is expected that it will be difficult for your Ministry to make a firm plan for the redeployment without knowing the dates at which the redeployment in the various places become available.

It is suggested, however, that you should complete and forward to this Headquarters at an early date so possible a preliminary

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1. During the 3 months that follow the date of ratification of the ILLIN Peace Treaty, ILLIN troops in ILLIN will be progressively withdrawn.

At the same time certain portions of the ILLIN Army will, no doubt, be redeployed, not only in order to ensure responsibility for the defense of the frontiers but also in order to take use of such concentration in other parts of ILLIN as may become available on the cessation of ILLIN troops.

2. This has certainly ensured that one of the most important functions during the next few months will be to give you every possible assistance in the task over by the ILLIN Army of the reorganization and the reconstruction of present held by the ILLIN, and at the same time, I will be available throughout the transition period to ensure a beneficial outcome.

3. In order to be of the greatest assistance this Memorandum requires information from two sources:

(a) From the ILLIN. The action in which the various periods and military installations, at present in ILLIN occupation, will become available for return to the ILLIN Army.

(b) From the ILLIN. All pertinent information regarding the plan for the reorganization of military installations now occupied by ILLIN troops.

4. As regards paragraph 3.(a), this Memorandum has already presented this information but it is not expected that it can be made available immediately or that all information will become available at the time.

As regards paragraph 3.(b), it is appreciated that 416) be difficult for your Ministry to make a firm plan for the reorganization without knowing the dates at which the reconstruction in the various places becomes available.

5. It is suggested, however, that you should complete and forward to this Memorandum as early as possible a preliminary plan for the reorganization of your troops. This plan could then be discussed with the ILLIN Headquarters with a view to seeing how it can be best be co-ordinated with the plan for the withdrawal of ILLIN troops.

Colonel,
Military Commission,
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