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Movement Control.

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(b) Both categories will be permitted to move freely within the Allied occupied area, if their entry into this area of presence therin has been approved by the Allied authorities. The same principle will apply to the Yugoslav occupied area.

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13. The foregoing movement restrictions will be enforced by the establishment of check posts, supported by patrols, along the Western boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA and along the MORGAN and POLA demarcation lines. The control of the demarcation lines will be carried out by Allied personnel only, but Italian personnel may be used to assist in the control of the Western boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA. The control posts will be empowered to take such measures as are necessary to enforce the restrictions outlined above, including identity checks, interrogation, and examination of vehicles and baggage. They must, however, carry out such duties with the maximum tact and discretion. In addition, they will be required to compile statistics concerning the number and types of individual moving in and out of VENEZIA GIULIA and across the demarcation lines.

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13 Corps (40)

AFHQ
15 Army Gp
PMC AMG UDINE)with a copy
HQ AMG VENEZIA Region) of original
HQ Allied Commision,ROME)instruction.

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(signed) J.B. HITCHINS, Brig.
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3. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Italian Armed Forces

13 Corps

(i) Arrest of Italian soldiers of FOLGORE Gp by JUGOSLAV troops

At 1600 hrs on 28 May, Sgt RAMAZOTTI Alfredo di Arnaldo, Compagnia Complemento, PM 146, and Tenente DALL'ORO Alberto, of the Compagnia Minatori of the FOLGORE Gp, were arrested by the JUGOSLAV road block on the R. ISONZO (H.560920). Both men were taken to MONFALCONE where they were interrogated. Subject of interrogation was strength and armament of Italian Divisions; of the Indian Division (presumably 10 Ind Div), and its complement of armoured cars; number of Divisions in the Eighth Army; information on the transfer of Allied units to TRIESTE; evasive answers being given to these questions. RAMAZOTTI was taken from the prison at MONFALCONE to the Comando Difesa at RONCHI under armed escort. Here he was issued with a travel permit and set at liberty. RAMAZOTTI believes DALL'ORO was transferred to a prison in TRIESTE. The motorcycle on which they had travelled from MILAN was confiscated. Both men had been given passes by their units permitting them to travel to TRIESTE. Source - RAMAZOTTI.

(ii) Return of Italian PW

On 29 May approx 600 Italian PW who had been in German hands passed through 13 Corps refugee camp. As most of the men were evacuated immediately, complete checking and interrogation of the whole party was not possible. Information from those questioned indicated that they had been employed by the Germans as forced labour in CROATIA, under extremely bad conditions. On the cessation of hostilities, the Germans abandoned them with instructions to return to the Allied lines. Some set out to contact the JUGOSLAV forces in the direction of LJUBLJANA. They were in fact stopped by JUGOSLAV troops and their personal possessions removed. Eventually they were taken by train from LJUBLJANA to TRIESTE. Their reception both by JUGOSLAV troops and the civilian population (who called them "BADOGLIANI") at LJUBLJANA was extremely cold and unfriendly. In TRIESTE, on the other hand, they were given a kindly and sympathetic treatment by the civil population. It was reported by a number of these PW that Italian partisans who have fought with TITO's command are being encouraged to remain under arms in the JUGOSLAV army.

(iii) LEGNANO Gruppo

Forty-five members of this formation given leave to visit their homes in JUGOSLAV occupied ITALY apparently before this practice was forbidden have not yet (4 Jun) returned to their units. It is considered most improbable that all these men have deserted, as percentage of desertions from the Gruppo of those who went on leave to other areas in ITALY is reported (by GOC Gruppo) to be extremely small.

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1 GENERAL

At 0000B hrs 9 Jun Field Marshal ALEXANDER and Marshal TITO signed an agreement about the adm and mil occupation of VENEZIA GIULIA. Among other things, a boundary between the Allied and JUG forces was laid down; JUGOSLAV forces were allotted an area EAST and SOUTH of, and excl TRIESTE, and 2,000 of their troops were to remain under Allied comd in the Allied area, which included TRIESTE. Provision was made for Allied Mil Government to be established in the Allied area, continuing to use existing civ adm if it was found to be satisfactory.

JUG mil forces started moving night 9-10 Jun and by 1000B hrs 12 Jun with some difficulties the above was more or less effective. AMG was esteblished in TRIESTE.

Local time was advanced from A to B time on 12 Jun.

2 CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

Consiglio di Liberazione Nationale

(a) Late 11 Jun the CLN (SLOVENE) expressed a wish to confer with Comd 13 CORPS, who delegated Comd 55 (ARMY) AREA to meet four reps of the CLN that evening.

At this conference the CLN declared their fear that Fascists would be troublesome as soon as AMG assumed control and asked what instructions should be given to the Guardia di Popolo to suppress the Fascists. When asked why all Fascists had not already been arrested the delegation said it was due to the benevolent attitude of the JUG adm. The CLN said that the Guardia di Popolo was composed entirely of Italians.

(b) The CLN (SLOVENE) ordered on 12 Jun the Guardia di Popolo to continue their "police" duties (see para 3 below) and ordered on 13 Jun newsagencies not to print without their approval. AMG immediately informed CLN of the necessity to consult AMG before giving any orders.

3 GUARDIA DI POPOLO

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

It comes under the control of the civ adm and is not therefore reckoned as part of the 2000 JUG tps left behind in the Allied controlled area.

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agreement fixed the adm and mil occupation of VENEZIA GIULIA. Among other things, a boundary between the Allied and JUG forces was laid down; JUGOSLAV forces were allotted an area EAST and SOUTH of, and excl TRIESTE, and 2,000 of their troops were to remain under Allied cond in the Allied area, which included TRIESTE. Provision was made for Allied Mil Government to be established in the Allied area, continuing to use existing civ adm if it was found to be satisfactory.

JUG mil forces started moving night 9-10 Jun and by 1000B hrs 12 Jun with some difficulties the above was more or less effective. AMG was established in TRIESTE.

Local time was advanced from A to B time on 12 Jun.

2 CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

Consiglio di Liberazione Nationale

(a) Late 11 Jun the CLN (SLOVENE) expressed a wish to confer with Comd 15 CORPS, who delegated Comd 5B (NZ) AMG to meet four reps of the CLN that evening.

At this confere[illegible] the CLN declared their fear that Fascists would be troublesome as soon as AMG assumed control and asked what instructions should be given to the Guardia di Popolo to supress the Fascists. When asked why all Fascists had not already been arrested the delegation said it was due to the benevolent attitude of the JUG adm. The CLN said that the Guardia di Popolo was composed entirely of Italians.

(b) The CLN (SLOVENE) ordered on 12 Jun the Guardia di Popolo to continue their "police" duties (see para 3 below) and ordered on 13 Jun newsagencies not to print without their approval. AMG immediately informed CLN of the necessity to consult AMG before giving any orders.

3 GUARDIA DI POPOLO

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

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It comes under the control of the civ adm and is not therefore reckoned as part of the 2000 JUG tps left behind in the Allied controlled area.

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As of 1000 hrs 12 Jun Mil Pro Service assumed all police responsibilities in the city, APM working in cooperation with PSO of AMG.

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4 THE PEOPLES COURT

The Peoples Court held its first sitting on 11 Jun. A BRIT mil rep was invited to attend. Two cases were heard, both concerned with charges against "criminal Fascists". Prosecuting counsel started by assessing the sentence which in his estimation should be awarded. In the first case five years imprisonment was ultimately awarded. In the second case the suggested punishment started at 5 years imprisonment but due to strong pressure brought by the tribunal sitting, the death sentence was finally awarded.

The BRIT offr attending the court requested deferment of the execution of the sentence and his request was granted.

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

5 MATISONE DIV

Some of the GARIBALDI Partisans of the MATISONE Div did not move away from TRIESTE with the JUG mil tps.

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12 Jun. Early on the morning of 12 Jun, people started to congregate in the PIAZZA DEL UNITA. By 1100B hrs there were approx 5000 people spontaneously expressing in various ways their approval of the morning's events, symbolised by the replacing of the JUG flag with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack on the PREFETTURA where ANG HQ had been established. ITALIAN flags were thrust into the hands of AMERICAN, BRIT and DOMINION tps, some of whom allowed personal sympathies with the donors to overcome the formal neutrality which their uniform signified. On this day many flags, the majority of which were ITALIAN (House of SAVOY), were hung. Late in the afternoon and in the evening the COMODIA DEL POPOLO made an organised "sot" at ITALIAN (SAVOY) flags and emblems, tearing them from windows and from civs who carried them. Later this hooliganism was taken up by odd parties of ruffians. Late in the afternoon also, a rough and tumble broke out between two opposing political elements in a suburb said to be communist. This disturbance was soon dispersed by the AP and the use of a P.B broadcasting van.

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13 Jun. Fewer ITALIAN flags were displayed. Gangs of ruffians attacked certain civ visitors to AMG. Two arrests were made by PSO and a BRIT major.

7 PROPAGANDA

(a) Propaganda in the period immediately preceding 12 Jun, when PWB took control of the press and broadcasting in TRIESTE, was significantly silent on the coming changes and only the formal announcement as used by the BBC was made.

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Criticism of the Allies and AMG, which was a marked feature during the previous weeks ceased. At the same time preference for RUSSIAN methods of government was openly expressed.

The final edition of "IL NOSTRO AVVENIRE" appeared 8 Jun with an announcement that normal city life had returned (meaning that JUG mil authorities had completely handed over to SLN (SLOVENE) and presumably that the tailor had completed his large contract for the supply of civ clothes to JUG offrs and men). The announcement continued that the press must now proceed on new lines. The title of the new prose (9 Jun) is "IL CORRIERE DI TRIESTE" (CORRIERE is the title usually employed by PWB).

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During the period in which exact and details of an agreement between Allied and JUG Mil Comds were being worked out no spectacular changes in local government could be expected. The civ population, however, is a little impatient for the proclamations for which they have hoped, and are disappointed that rations have not immediately become normal. In addition the citizens are very sensitive to the

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

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

Tps off duty now move about without arms. There is no civ censorship and no restrictions are imposed on civ movement.

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1. GENERAL

In TRIESTE during the period 31 May to 6 Jun 45 there were no major incidents and no important announcements concerning the future. During this period the main activity in the city showed an unisguised intention to continue with all speed the change over of the system of local government to Communist principles. The local press quoted PRAVDA in support of JUGOSLAVIAN claims to the disputed territory.

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

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

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

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

5 DEMONSTRATIONS

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

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

6 PROPAGANDA

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7 ARRESTS AND LOOTING

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

8. FOOD.

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

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

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

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

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

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9. CURRENCY

It is estimated that existing sups of bank notes are unlikely to last more than approx 5 weeks. Few people are sufficiently confident now to deposit money with the banks, on the other hand money continues to be drawn from the banks by individuals, commercial undertakings and at the order of the JUG authorities. (The JUGS removed 60,000,000 lire from the Banco d'Italia on 28 May).

In order to relieve the situation the Cassa di Risparmio has been ordered to print 500,000,000 lire for the use of the Municip ality. There is no evidence of the securities behind this issue.

It is reported that lire and kuna with a red star are being printed at SELVA TORRENOVA J.1965.

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(a) The JUGS have taken special precautions to ensure that TRIESTE receives a certain amount of food, and are prepared to do this even at the cost of causing great distress elsewhere. Consequently the civs in TRIESTE are NOT starving but a degree of hunger and nerve strain has induced amongst the civ population an abnormal capacity for accepting and believing rumours.

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

/(c) The following

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(c) The following rumours, both concerning 6 Jun, were widely circulated:

(i) That on 6 Jun the BRIT Army would officially take over control of TRIESTE.

(ii) That on 6 Jun the JUG Army intended to take offensive action against the Allies.

12 RELATIONS BETWEEN BRIT ARMY AND JUG ARMY

(a) Normal friendly relations between the armies continued but recently the JUG attitude has become more challenging, particularly when their ops are requiring recon.

(b) An Association football match arranged by HQ 13 CORPS between representative teams from each army was played on 3 Jun in TRIESTE.

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1 GENERAL

The tension which characterised the week ending 26 May was somewhat relaxed following Mr CHURCHILL's message to Marshal TITO on 26 May. In this message, the Prime Minister of GREAT BRITAIN recalled the prowess of the Jugoslavian peoples against the German Army and continued: "I wish with all my heart that our cordial collaboration will go on and that our two nations will have an important part in the creation of conditions able to ensure a long-lasting peace in EUROPE through normal discussions and agreements".

On 28 May, in a public speech, Marshal TITO referred to "our Slovenian littoral" and added: "We do not need to take with force that which represents our rights". The speech alleged an injustice in

(a) accusing Marshal TITO of violent occupation, and
(b) failing to acknowledge Jug rights on the disputed territory.

No other official announcements were published, but a BBC commentator hinted at the probable form an agreement might take.

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

2 City Sector Adm

(a) The city seems to have been divided up into at least four sectors, each with a Consulta - which in its turn elects a Sector Council of Liberation. The area of Sector IV is known, viz: SERVOLA - COLOMBOVEZ - S ANNA. Sector III is also mentioned and is probably adjacent to and NE of Sector IV. If this assumption is correct, the remainder of the built-up area of the city may constitute Sectors I and II, eg: North and East-Central respectively. In that event, also, the outlying village areas of the "autonomous" city may be/ have been organised into further "sectors". On the other hand, they may have concentrated on the built-up areas only for sector org, leaving the hinterland to the general adm of the City Council of Liberation.

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The tension which characterised the week ending 26 May was somewhat relaxed following Mr CHURCHILL's message to Marshal TITO on 26 May. In this message, the Prime Minister of GREAT BRITAIN recalled the prowess of the Jugoslavian peoples against the German Army and continued: "I wish with all my heart that our cordial collaboration will go on and that our two nations will have an important part in the creation of conditions able to ensure a long-lasting peace in EUROPE through normal discussions and agreements".

On 28 May, in a public speech, Marshal TITO referred to "our Slovenian littoral" and added: "We do not need to take with force that which represents our rights". The speech alleged an injustice in

(a) accusing Marshal TITO of violent occupation, and
(b) failing to acknowledge Jug rights on the disputed territory.

No other official announcements were published, but a BBC commentator hinted at the probable form an agreement might take.

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

2 City Sector Adm

(a) The city seems to have been divided up into at least four sectors, each with a Consulta - which in its turn elects a Sector Council of Liberation. The area of Sector IV is known, viz: SERVOLA - COLOMBOVEZ - S ANNA. Sector III is also mentioned and is probably adjacent to and NE of Sector IV. If this assumption is correct, the remainder of the built-up area of the city may constitute Sectors I and II, eg: North and East-Central respectively. In that event, also, the outlying village areas of the "autonomous" city may be/ have been organised into further "sectors". On the other hand, they may have concentrated on the built-up areas only for sector org, leaving the hinterland to the general adm of the City Council of Liberation.

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3 Provincial Economic Org

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

/(a) 48 hour

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

4 City Council of Liberation

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

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

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

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

8 ACQUISITION OF GOODS

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

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

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12 GENERAL RELATIONS

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

13 PORT WORKING

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

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

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1. GENERAL

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During the past week the Jug authorities continued their propaganda to popularise their occupation of TRIESTE; for this purpose they made full use of the press and wireless and several political meetings were reported. Throughout, the methods employed were reminiscent of the German plebiscites in Central Europe before the war. If the Jugs were able to dispose ofenough Italians and import sufficient Slavs into TRIESTE, together with an exterior political campaign and popular adm, they could produce a pro-Jugoslav majority. This they are trying to do. On 17 May large firms were ordered to produce reps to attend a Guild meeting in the evening. Members of the Consiglio di Liberazione first visited these firms and spoke of the liberation by the glorious Jugoslav Army and of the prosperity of belonging to JUGOSLAVIA.; in most cases these meetings ended in chaos, one finished in a fight, in

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

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

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

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(ii) The District of TRIESTE is the old Province of TRIESTE with slight Southern extensions to incl PIRANO, CAPODISTRIA and VILLA DEL NEVOSO.

(iii) The District of GORIZIA to be the same as previously with the addition of territory WEST of ISONZO, GRADISCA, CORMONS, TARGENTO, TARVISO.

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9. CITY ADM

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

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

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PART II. RELATIONS BETWEEN BRIT ARMY AND JUG ARMY.

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

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

/16. Jugs started

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

17. The GARIBALDI (Partisan) DIV which entered TRIESTE on 21 May and took part in a mil demonstration that day, remained in the town. Recent reports indicate a tendency for some GARIBALDINI to fraternise with Brit tps, and some of the partisans are said to be opposed to fighting again for TITO.

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55 (ARMY) AREA REPORT NO 1

TRIESTE - 2 - 16 MAY

19 May 45

1. General

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

2. Background

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(f) 13 MAY - Public meeting and speeches on the occasion of the formation of CLAIS (Italian-Slav Anti Fascist Executive Committee) - civil local govt authy.

6. Propaganda

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

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

7. Arrests

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

A few of those arrested were later released.

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10. Mobilisation

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

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

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11. Food

Before the conclusion of the first week of Jug occupation, well-informed Italians hinted at the probability of food shortage; this became a general complaint two days' later. On 11 May a small qty of food is said to have been brought in.

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

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

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

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

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

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details being agreed locally.

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

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

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19. Between 2 - 10 May, Jug attitude was one of non-cooperation and obstruction.

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APPENDIX "A"

JUGOSLAV ARMY

Order No. 1

1. All powers in the city of TRIESTE will be taken over by HQ TRIESTE City which has been declared a state of war.

2. Until further notice civilians are allowed to circulate only between 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs, military between 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs. (Comment :- 1100 - 1600 hrs and 0800 - 2000 hrs B Time).

3. Motor cars may circulate in the town only if provided with special permits issued by the Commandant of the City.

4. All vehicles must be declared within 5 days.

5. Tomorrow 4 May, at 1300 hrs all watches will be put back one hour to conform with the time of the remainder of Jugoslavia.

6. Anyone attempting to evade this order will be punished by Jugoslav Military Tribunals.

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

JUGOSLAV ARMY

GENERAL STAFF SLOVENIA

Order No. 2

1. All members of the German Army of occupation and troops in the employ of the army of occupation as well as all other armed forces who are not in the Jugoslav Army must report with all arms and equipment within 24 hours after the publication of this order, either in groups or singly, to the nearest Jugoslav Military Unit of HQ TRIESTE City. They will be treated according to international laws.

2. The population of TRIESTE is invited to report in 24 hours to the nearest Jugoslav Military Unit of HQ TRIESTE City on the whereabouts of such groups of persons. This also applies to the concealment of arms, supplies and other military equipment. Anyone with knowledge of such stores is to guard them until they have been taken over by the military authorities.

3. Any concealment of the above stated persons or equipment is strictly forbidden and will be punished by Jugoslav Military Tribunals.

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JUGOSLAV ARMY

Order No. 3

1. All arms, both serviceable and unserviceable, all ammunition, explosives and component parts for them must be handed over within 24 hrs at the latest, from the time of publication of this order.

2. Any military equipment, vehicles, informal machines, wheeled conveyances, motor fuels and lubricants, office records and equipment, all money and valuables, rations, live-stocks, supplies of tobacco and any other articles formerly the property of the enemy army of occupation and its auxiliaries is the war booty of the Jugoslav Army

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

3. Any person, who in the last few days, has taken arbitrary possession of any object of military or state property of public or private interest, must hand over such objects in their entirety within 3 days to the City HQ. Failure to do this will incur punishment under military law.

4. Any person apprehended in the act of rape or theft will be summarily shot.

5. All non-military arms must be given into the temporary custody of the nearest military HQ by their owner.

6. In cases where the nature and quantity of the arms, ammunition, explosives and other stores are such as to prevent transportation or removal, the owner, or person aware of their location must report it within the period stated above to the nearest military HQ.

7. In TRIESTE handing over of such stores will be effected at the centres indicated below :

Sector 1	-	In the Elementary School, ROIANO
Sector 2	-	Via S. CILINO, 27 SAN GIOVANNI
Sector 3	-	Ex-CCRR Barracks, Via dell ISTRIA
Sector 4	-	NARDIN Restraunt, COLONLOVEZ

8. Any cases of failure to apply with the a/m orders will be punished by Jugoslav military courts.

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Order No.4

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

Water services (electricity and gas)
Hospitals, sanitary institutions
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2. All banks and insurance Coys will remain closed pending further orders. Deposits and branches will be sealed by functionaries of the Townhall. Directors and administrators will be held personally responsible for the currency situation.

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

4 May 45.

/Order No. 6.....

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Order No. 7.

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6 May 45.

Order No. 8.

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JUGOSLAV ARMY

ORDER NO 9

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

This has particular reference to the following concerns:

(i) The port together with all buildings and port installations hitherto under the adm of the MARITTIMI GENERALI.

(ii) All installations and industrial undertakings (incl the iron industry, chemical industry, industries concerned with food supp, also with mineral oils, printing presses and all firms which come under the general classific ation of industrial undertakings).

(iii) All existing commercial, economic and tn firms. All maritime enterprises (naval industries), navigati nal and fishing bodies, salvage firms which are under the control of the TRIESTE Coastal Command to cater for the needs of the Jugoslav Fleet.

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

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

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

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

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TRIESTE, 10 May 45

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HQ TRIESTE CITY

ORDER NO 10

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

1. The delegates of HQ TRIESTE CITY is to control every economic and social organisation within his sphere.

2. The delegate will, on the one hand, protect the interests of the organisation controlled and, on the other hand, those of the authorities until such time as the struggle for national liberation is concluded.

3. In order to obtain these ends, the organisation under control will give the delegate all available information to enable him to understand the detailed working of the organisation. He thus has the right of control over all activity and means employed.

4. Judicial and legal acts carried out by the said organisation have legal value only with the consent of the delegate. Documents are valid only with the delegate's counter-signature.

5. A similar sphere of activity is established for the delegate appointed by the Naval HQ for the TRIESTE coastal area.

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JUGOSLAV ARMY
HQ TRIESTE CITY
ORDER NO 11

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YOUGOSLAV ARMY
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Order No 15

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Order No 13

In the area under the judicial control of HQ TRIESTE CITY all those laws, enacted by the defunct Fascist and Nazi regime, which established racial, national, and social inequality for members of semitic and other non-Aryan races, are hereby abolished.

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TRIESTE, 12 May 45.

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Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
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25 May 45

AMIA,
Rear Eighth Army.

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GENERAL SURVEY

(1) 1-15 Apr. US. V 13 CORPS

1. At the end of the period under review 13 Corps moved into the PO Valley. Security responsibilities in the area (including 1 officer and 52 [illegible] of 2 Sec 4 Bty 522 Gd Bn for movement control duties) were handed over to GSI(b) 10 Corps.

2. During this rather uneventful period two enemy agents were caught. Both agents were women on espionage missions - one case was interesting as the first such case handling by SSM FOLGORE while the other agent confessed to the completion of previous missions and to giving information which resulted in the heavy shelling of CASTEL DEL RIO in December 44.

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3. No "incidents" were reported during the fortnight in which troops of Gruppo FOLGORE were concerned. Relations between Italian and Indian troops in the area of CASTEL DEL RIO have been notably cordial. The SSM continued to function with enthusiasm. The agent was handled with efficiency and discretion.

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(d) Control of Movement

1-15. Apr. 45 13 CORPS

(i) At Appendix "A" to GSI(b) Eighth Army only are details of static posts, mobile patrols etc maintained during period under review.

(ii) COZZI Mauro of PISA.
BERTELLI Franco of VARLIANO DI GUINCUGNANO (LUCCA).
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1-15 Apr 45
2 POLCORPS

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

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Sec. Report No 4
10 CORPS

PART III - MISCELLANEOUS

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a) Italian Armed Forces

i) Morale of GRUPPI remains high. The population of RIOLO gave the FRIULI an especially delighted welcome.

ii) SSI of both GRUPPI are working well but are heavily handicapped by lack of transport. The approved WE, which includes a Jeep, has not yet been implemented and consequently moves and security work other than on main roads have been badly slowed up.

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b) Security of Personnel Sec. Report No 4. 1-15 Apr. 45. to CORPS

Radio and pamphlet attacks on the morale of both IULI and FOLGORE Gps were made again during this period. The themes were as usual, "Better to live for Italy than die for the Allies", and "Better spend a few weeks in hospital than be killed". The second theme was used in conjunction with malingering prescriptions, similar to those previously sent to other Allied troops in match-booklet form. The originals have been forwarded by FOLGORE SSM to 13 Corps. They explained most thoroughly that "the prescriptions are guaranteed by well reputed University professors". 352

The reaction of Italian troops to them is reported as derisive.

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b) Important Individual Cases

i) FRASCINO, Domenico
ZANETTI, Giovanni

10 CORPS

Both of En BERSAGLIERI, 10 Flot MAS. Captured 1 Apr by forward troops of FRIULI Gp. They were both in possession of paybooks taken from FRIULI dead. They were wearing Fascist Republican uniform under camouflaged parachutist overalls, and were armed.

They had two missions: firstly short range observation for the Germans and secondly to parley with the FRIULI Gruppo and to suggest at least a gentlemen's 'go slow' agreement. This secondary mission they claim was given them by their Coy Comd; it included arranging a meeting with a FRIULI Staff Officer. It seems highly unlikely however, and the men did not give the impression of telling the whole truth.

They were evacuated as PW, for detailed interrogation at Army PW Cage 351. The results have not yet been received.

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d) Subversive Movements and Pol. Movements of Security Interest (A) IX Corps

Political situation in FRIULI did not present any problems. SSM FRIULI established a close working agreement with the CLN.

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1-15 Apr 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Italian Armed Forces.

Morale continues high, and the Italians continue to laud their own valour in the present fighting. Some differences of opinion have arisen between fighting tps and tpt coys, but no serious incidents have occurred.

The prestige of the CCRR is being lowered as the population comment on their inefficiency and their bedraggled appearance when compared with other Italian tps. Their loss of prestige lowers their morale.

Unarmed, dressed often in motley fashion, they inspire little confidence in those citizens who look to them for the enforcement of law and order. Fear of reprisals when the Allies relinquish control of Italy, the uncertainty of their future, and the openly jeering attitude adopted towards them by the population, together with the implications of the word "Reali" itself are further factors contributing to their extremely low morale, which in turn is reflected in their work.

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(c) Rumours.

1-15 Apr 45

(i) An [illegible]-American pact has been signed with Germany to fight against RUSSIA. (RONTA DI CESENA, civilians, 11 APR 45.)

(ii) In the POLISH Sector in the current offensive, Poles in large numbers hoisted the white flag and went over to the Germans. (Civilians, CESENA, 10 APR 45.)

(iii) British planes bombed British tps by mistake, causing 500 deaths. (Civilians, CESENA and FORLIMPOPOLI, 11 APR 45.)

(iv) Attacking Italians tps were cut off from WT comm and advanced too far, thus being hit by British shell fire (or bombing) which caused several deaths. (prevalent amongst Italian tps. Heard in CESENA, source believed to be Italian Hospital.)

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5 CORPS SECU TY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 14.

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4. Control of Movement.

Once the advance began, systematic control of movement was not feasible. FS Sections arranged road checks with the assistance of the Italian military as opportunity offered. Close liaison was maintained with OC 1 Coy 522 Gd Bn who strove hard to overcome the difficulties of lack of transport in order to keep his troops well forward. Useful help was obtained in the various centres, from local partisan sources. Several hundreds of wanderers were screened by

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Main 5 Corps,
14/12/GSI
7 May 45.

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G.S.I.(b). MAIN 2 POLISH CORPS.

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT N°.26.

Period from 15th to 30th Apr.45.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

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a) Italian Armed Forces.

Despite arrangements made with the Commando Gruppi in accordance with Army instructions to route to them all Italian deserters and stragglers from the Gruppi, difficulties were encountered by the Sections sending men to the Commando who refused to accept them for onward transmission to their Units, under plea of administrative difficulties. It has not been possible for FS to take any alternative action as it is not materially possible to send each individual case to base at PESARO or RIMINI.

b) Civil Population

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Subject:- Italian Armed Forces

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 346 I(b)
13 Apr 45

MMIA,
Rear Eighth Army.

14 APR 1945
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Extracts from Security Intelligence Reports covering the period 1 - 31 Mar 45, which concern Italian troops, are forwarded for information.

Reports consolidated for period ending 24/6

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Lt.Col.
G.S.I.

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Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF
Tel:- Ext 65
M 308 I(b)

28 Apr 45

Subject:- Evasion of Censorship

189 Arty Gp

#0117

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MMIA, Rear HQ Eighth Army
Copy to:- 50 BLU

1. The following is an extract from 2 Polish Corps Security Intelligence Report No.25, dated 19 Apr 45:-

> "Pte PICCI Piero was apprehended on 10 Apr 45 in DOVADOLA 99/310057, AWOL from 3 Coy, 87 Reg. Fanteria, 10 Btg. FRIULI and in possession of 12 letters and 29 postcards; all uncensored and from men of his Unit who were apparently aware of his intentions prior to his departure. The mail contained a lot of military information, e.g. location of Unit, details of battle casualties, details of impending moves, etc... The man was handed over to 50 BLU and his unit informed, with the request that disciplinary action be taken."

2. In view of the fact that the practice referred to is a grave danger to security, it is felt that severe disciplinary action would be justified in such cases.

R Jaffa Capt RA
for Lt.Col.
G.S.I.

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SUBJECT:- Moves of ITALIAN Tps.

Main HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
M 1202 G.

Tele Extn: 48

10 Jun45.

11 JUN 1945

5 Corps.
13 Corps.
2 US Corps.
86 (Army) Area.
201 Sub Area.
2 AA Bde.
12 AA Bde.
170 CE Wks.
20 AGRE (Airfds).
51 BLU.

Copy to: Main: C of S : Brig A/Q : G(SD) : GSI : GSI(b) : GSI(CL) : A : AFV : RA : E X : Camp : MLO.
Rear: Q : Q(Mov) : ST : REME : Ord : Med : Sal : Lab : Pro : V & R : Camp : MMIA LO.
MG AUSTRIA (c/o AMG MAIN ARMY).

Ref this HQ M 1202 G dated 25 May 45.

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2. ITALIAN units will NOT move fwd of CORPS rear bdys without authy from this HQ, but may now move freely in rear of this line without prior authy.

Maj-Gen,
Chief of Staff.

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H.K. Bullock Maj
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Chief of Staff.

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H K Bucknall Maj
for Maj-Gen,
Chief of Staff.

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2 US Corps.
66 (Army) Area.
201 Sub Area.
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170 CE Wks.
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Maj-Gen,
Chief of Staff.

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TO:- 15 ARMY GP DISTONE
Infm WESTMOVES EASTMOVES MOV NEAR EIGHT ARMY
ALCOM MOV LO MMIA

FROm:- FREEDOM FX 9 JUN 45 071737

ONE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY FOR OTHER PARTS OF ITALY IT IS PROPOSED TO SET UP THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN MOVEMENT CONTROL AREAS WITH STAFFS AS SHOWN AGAINST EACH. BOLOGNA COVERS FLORENCE LEGHORN AREZZO OFFRS 20 ORS 52. MILAN COVERS TURIN AND GENOA OFFRS 15 OR 40. VENICE COVERS ANCONA PADUA UDINE OFFRS 14 ORS 38.

TWO. THESE TPS WILL CONTROL ITALIAN ARMY MOVEMENT AS LAID DOWN CUR G41 (MOV 8) C/RO DATED 7 FEB 45. LATER WHEN AC TAKE OVER THESE TPS WILL ALSO HELP IN CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF AC AND CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.

THREE. DESIRED THEY BEGIN WORK 15 JUN.

FOUR. DO YOU AGREE ENTRY THESE TPS AREAS GIVEN ABOVE

DISTN:- MOV MMIA LO IMPORTANT

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FROM MAIN EIGHT ARMY 201130B

TO 291 FS SEC (TREVISO)

INFO: MMIA REAR EIGHT ARMY

419 FS SEC (UDINE)

47 PS SEC (VENICE)

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REF I 1710 OF 19 CANCEL PARA 3 (.)

AGREED WITH MMIA OWING PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION

N.O RPTD N O DEMOBILISED ITALIAN TPS

TO MOVE E A S T OF SECURITY CONTROL LINE

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~~REPTN 28 126 QVR2 201130B 291 TREVISO~~

~~MMIA 419 47 I 1713~~

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SIGNAL IN MESSAGE

SEC. 171/16.

FROM. MAIN 8 ARMY

TO. 5 CORPS 13 CORPS 2 POLCORPS 5 ARMY 15 ARMY GP 51 BIU AFHQ
INFO. NEAR ARMY

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CONFL. ONE. FOLL CONTROL LINE FOR MOVES OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL OPERATIVE AS FROM 20 MAY. PIAVE RIVER TO G 6494 THENCE RD B 6712 - B 7562 - B 8875 THENCE DUE NORTH TO AUSTRIAN BDY.

TWO. NO MOVES EAST OF THIS LINE FOR ANY ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WITHOUT PERMISSION 15 ARMY GP OR 8 ARMY.

THREE. DEMOBILISED PERSONNEL MAY MOVE TO EAST OF LINE WITH PROPER DOCUMENTS FROM ROMA

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Subject:- curity Control Line

21 MAY 1945

Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF
Tel:- Ext 65
M 312/5 I(b)
20 May 45

"A" Branch, Rear HQ Eighth Army

Copy to:- MMIA, Rear HQ Eighth Army
AMG, VENEZIA REGION(PADOVA)
FSO, 291 FS Section

this HQ M 312 I(b) dated 18 May 45 refers

Ref this HQ M 312/5 I(b) dated 18 May 45.

1. Please amend the SECURITY CONTROL LINE as follows:-

delete all after "VITTORIO VENETO B 6712"

insert "to PIEVE DI CADORE B 7562 - S STEFANO DI CADORE B 8875 thence due NORTH to the ITALO-AUSTRIAN frontier."

JC

for Lt.Col.
G.S.I.

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RESTRICTED

Subject:- Control of Movement - Civilian

19 MAY 1945

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Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF
Tel:- Ext 65
M 312 I(b)
18 May 45

FSO, 291 FS Section

Copy to:- AMG VENEZIA REGION (PADOVA)
MMIA Rear HQ Eighth Army

1. The REAR ARMY SECURITY CONTROL LINE, which will henceforth be known as the SECURITY CONTROL LINE, will be ajusted forthwith to the following:-

R PIAVE from mouth to road-river crossing G 6494, thence road VITTORIO VENETO B 5712 - PIEVE DI CADORE B 8875 thence due NORTH to ITALO-AUSTRIAN frontier. Roads and towns thereon EXCL to ARMY ZONE and check posts to be cited just EAST of this line.

2. 291 FS Sec will be responsible for the Eighth Army commitment with regard to this SECURITY CONTROL LINE, which is as follows:-

Incl rd junc B 6734 to the coast.

3. (a) A belt 25 Kilometers in depth extending along the FRENCH, SWISS and AUSTRIAN frontiers will be declared a PROHIBITED FRONTIER ZONE.

(b) Civilian movement within this zone will be restricted to 10 Kilometers.

(c) Movement by civilians into or out of this zone will be prohibited unless in possession of an AMG travel permit issuable at point of departure.

4. Free movement will be permitted throughout ITALIAN territory, NORTH of the Restricted Line, excluding the Army Zone and the Prohibited Frontier Zone.

5. Responsibility for organisation of control on the restricted line from the WEST Coast to 1 DISTRICT WESTERN boundary has been assumed by PBS, control of the remainder being a 1 DISTRICT commitment.

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6. It is emphasised that all civilian movement

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Copy to:- AMG VENEZIA REGION (PADOVA) 18 May 45

MIA Rear HQ Eighth Army

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6. It is emphasised that all civilian movement restrictions within the area bounded in the SOUTH by the Restricted Line, in the EAST by the Security Control Line and in the NORTH and WEST by a line 25 Kilometers from the AUSTRIAN, SWISS, FRENCH frontiers are now rescinded. Inter-provincial restrictions also cease to apply within the same area.

Lt.Col.
for G.S.I.

JC

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM**

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ABC . THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator | Date - Time of Origin | OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No.

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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10 Year p-th Army

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Control of Movement

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

LT/101/1

14 May 45.

16 MAY 1945

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The Rear Army Security Control Line, now renamed Security Control Line, has now been moved to the following line :-

River PIAVE from mouth to road - river crossing G6494 thence road VITTORIO VENETO B6712 - PIEVEDI CADORE B7562 - S. STEFANO DICADORE B8875 thence due North to Italo-Austrian frontier. Roads and towns thereon are exclusive Army zone.

2. A belt twenty-five kilometres in depth extending along the French Swiss and Austrian frontiers is a Prohibited Frontier zone.

3. Italian Military in uniform on DUTY ONLY may now travel as far as the Security Control line and the Prohibited Frontier Zone with "Foglio di Viaggio" and Identity Documents. NO MMIA pass will be required.

4. The above regulations govern DUTY travel only. Leave Policy is under consideration and you will be informed of changes as soon as the new Policy is determined.

EMG

Agcd

for Major-General
MMIA

Copy to : MMIA LOG

Internal: 'A' Branch
Interpreters Section

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SECRET

Subject:- Disposal of GERMAN Civilian Nationals in ITALY
Amd No.7 to Security Instruction No.78

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 321/1 I(b)
11 May 45

12 MAY 1945

Distribution as for
List No.1 dated 3 May 45.
DPW, Rear HQ Eighth Army.
AMG, Rear HQ Eighth Army.
"A" Branch, Main HQ Eighth Army.

Para 7.(c) of Appx "A" to Security Instruction No. 78 is amplified as follows to provide for disposal in ITALY of civilians of GERMAN nationality after the surrender of the GERMAN Armed Forces.

The procedure as set forth below is without prejudice to any treatment to which civilians referred to may be subject under any other clause of Security Instruction No.78, or who may be liable to other treatment under the terms of any other relevant Security Instruction, war criminal guilt, AMG proclamations or the laws of ITALY.

1. Civilians employed by the GERMAN Armed Forces ("Camp Followers"):

(a) If apprehended before the date of surrender (4 May 45) will be treated as PW and disposed of through PW channels. Documentation as for military PW.

(b) If encountered after the surrender, will be treated as displaced persons and evacuated through AMG displaced persons camps.

2. Government and Consular employees:

Provided such employees do not have diplomatic or consular status, will be disposed of through AMG displaced persons channels whether apprehended before or encountered after the surrender.

3. Civilians holding diplomatic or consular status:

Disposal remains as specified in para 10.(i) of

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Sta. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A), Originator: MMIA LO REAR EIGHTARMY

Date - Time of Origin: 051430 B

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

MMIA ROMER

TO

(W) For Information (PNEO)

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Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

MM 611 RESTRICTED (.) ref your MT 203 dated 04 (.) GROVES RAINS has all main details (.) report follows when I become static

This Message must be sent AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS except WIRELESS	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
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FROM RMTA 041600B

TO REAR FIVE ARMY REAR EIGHT ARMY FIVE ARMY BR INCR

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FOR RMTA LO ALL ADDRESSEES . REF OUR 3/1/106/1

DATED 7 DEC 44 OT IG RMTA LO DISTWO .

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~~SENT DESK~~

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SECRET

Subject:- Friendly German Prisoners of War
Amdt No.5 to Security Instruction No.78

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 321/1 I(b)
25 Apr 45

Distribution as for
List No.1 dated 15 Feb 45

102.

Further to this HQ Security Instruction No. 78, ref M 321/1 I(b) dated 6 Nov 44, Appx "A", para 3(e).

1. Partisans are encouraged by the "Italia Combatti" programme in the name of the Supreme Allied Commander to recruit German deserters. On several occasions recently German deserters have been encountered in Partisan bands. They are normally dressed in civilian clothes.

2. Germans who are made PW after having served with a Partisan band are segregated from other PW in PW Camps, and on arrival at Base Camps are given preferential treatment.

3. In all cases of German deserters who have earned the privilege of being put into this category, a committal order will be sent with the PW to the PW Camp. This order will contain a brief statement to the effect that the PW has genuine claims to be considered as friendly, and giving an outline of the case.

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Distribution as for
List No.1 dated 15 Feb 45

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M 321/1 I(b)

25 Apr 45

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for Lt.Col.
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SUBJECT: Security Telephones.

Main HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
M 1180 G.

Tel Extn : 48.

19 Apr 45.

5 Corps
10 Corps
13 Corps
2 Polish Corps
12 AA Bde
25 Armd Engr Bde
2 Indep Para Bde
86 (Army) Area
16 AGRE
20 AGRE (Airfds)
"G" AGRE
170 CE Wks
1 SWS
2 SWS

Adv AHQ DAF

26 BLU

All Branches Main and Rear Army.

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4. Rules for the use of physical circuits, which now apply equally to the Radio telephone circuit were set out in my M 1180 G of 8 Dec 44. Briefly they are:-

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5. At times when only the Radio telephone circuits are available for speech to Tac Army, or to Corps, the CSO will advise all concerned of the degree of security that can be expected from their use.

/L Smith
14.12

for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Subject:- Security Intelligence Organisation
and Training of Italian Combat Groups

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 361/2 I(b)

19 Apr 45

GSI(b), HQ 5 Corps
GSI(b), HQ 10 Corps
GSI(b), HQ 13 Corps
GSI(b), HQ 2 Polish Corps

Copy to:
MMLA, Rear Eighth Army.
HQ 26 BLU
HQ 50 BLU (2)
HQ 51 BLU (2)
HQ 52 BLU (2)
HQ 53 BLU (2)

Ref M 361/2 I(b) dated 22 Feb 45 and 3 Mar 45.

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GSI(b), HQ 13 Corps
GSI(b), HQ 2 Polish Corps

Copy to:

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EIGHTH ARMY

Il titolare e membro di una Forza di Paracadutisti operando dietro la linea nemica per gli Alleati. I membri delle FF. AA. Alleate e Co-belligeranti sono tenuti a prestare a questa persona ogni possibile assistenza e farlo andare con i mezzi piu celeri all'Unita o Comando piu vicino per farlo ritornare alla sua Unita.

Rank and Name (in BLOCK letters) .....

Personal No. .....

Valid from ..... to .....

Signature of Holder .....

Thumbprint of Holder	Signature and Stamp of Issuing Officer
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Bearer is a member of a Parachute Force operating behind the Enemy Lines for the Allies. All Allied and co-Belligerent Troops are enjoined to give him every assistance and succour and to pass him, by the quickest possible means, to the nearest Unit or Formation H.Q. for return to his Unit.

Okaziciel jest członkiem Odzialu Spadochronowego, dzialajacego poza Linjami Nieprzyjaciela na rzecz Aljantow. Wszystkie Aljanckie i wspolwalczace Odzialy sa obowiazane udzielic mu wszelkiej opieki i pomocy oraz przekazac go mozliwie naiszybszymi srodkami do najblizszej Jednostki lub Dowodetwa Odzialu w celu powrotu do jego Jednostki.

Boyd

SECRET

Subject:- Special Identity Cards -
Italian Parachute Tps (No.1 ISAS)

103.
15 APR 1945

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 311 I(b)
14 Apr 45

Distribution as for
List No.1 dated 15 Feb 45.
DPM, Rear Eighth Army.(20)
AMG, Rear Eighth Army.(20)

1. Italian parachutists who are dropped in enemy territory ahead of our troops will carry a printed identification card as per attached specimen.

2. It will be noted that to guard against forgery a special sign in the form of the dots (ringed in red on the specimen) has been incorporated in the card.

3. After completion of the operation the personnel of the ISAS will make their way back to our lines and make contact with our troops by the best means available at the time and will present their identity card.

4. Forward Units will be informed when the operation takes place and will ensure that ISAS personnel are passed back by the quickest available means, to the nearest Allied Formation or Unit HQ, who in turn will pass them back to No.1 ISAS.

5. If there is any doubt as to identity of any individual, he will be passed through PW channels to the RIP at the Army PW Cage for identification.

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Encl

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MMIA, Rear Eighth Army
GSI(CL).
SFSS.
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SUBJECT:- LE[illegible]I, Bruno

CONFIDENTIAL

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

51 B.L.U.

MM/105
4 Apr 45

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3. The correspondence in question is forwarded for information and any action considered necessary.

Bgcd

Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Italian Armed Forces

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
G-346 I (b)
19 Jun 45

MMIA
Rear Eighth Army.

20 JUN 1945
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I. The attached cutting from 13 Corps Security Intelligence Report No 50 (Ref: 55/6/GSI - II, period 1 May to 31 May 45) is forwarded for your information.

2. There are no other references to Italian Armed Forces of interest in the May Reports.

Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

AFJ
Encl.

BIF for weekly report

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CONFIDENTIAL

Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF
Tel:- Ext 65
M 302 I(b)

2 Apr 45

Subject:- LELLI, Bruno

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Rear HQ Eighth Army

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JC

Encls

Fwd verbatim to SI BLO Agcy 4/4

C. Hutchison
for Lt.Col. Capt
G.S.I.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Security of Information

Liaison Officer,
Allied Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/105
3 Apr 45.

51 B.L.U.

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Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

2 APR 1945

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Tel:- Ext 65
M 301 I(b)

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MEMIA
Rear HQ Eighth Army

31 Mar 45

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322.

R. Ingrao Capt RA
Lt. Col.
for G.S.I.

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Encls

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JC

Encls

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I agree
Bgen.
2/4

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SUBJECT:- Security Report (period Feb/Mar 1945)

Liaison Officer.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
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MM/105
2 Apr 45

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Enemy Propaganda

Attached are specimen leaflets delivered to Combat Gps. They are of the normal type and play on the same old themes - are considered by all and sundry to be quite innocuous.

Also attached is a copy of a special document intended for consumption by FOLGORE Gp, found during night 10/11 Mar. It has not been possible to discover what effect this type of propaganda has on the parachutists.

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The Italian troops involved were reinforcements awaiting assignment at 806 Transit Camp.

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(i) The most prevalent breach is speeding by Italian drivers, (often coupled with dangerous driving) and such misdemeanours as unauthorised carriage of civilians.

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(iii) A case was recently discovered of a demobilised soldier of Cremona Gp carrying fifteen letters. The letters contained no breaches of security except occasional disclosure of location, but it has been found that this way of getting letters home quickly has been developed in some units into quite a "racket".

Miscellaneous

(i) A desire on the part of civilians and troops to see the Tricolor flying side by side with the Allied Flags outside Government buildings has been expressed.

(ii) "Ladies' hairdressers are still prevalent amongst the "Italian Fighting Men". Attached to Army copy are one printed and

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one handwritten bill exhibited in the FOGGIA area (99/191154) by men of the Friuli Gruppo. The printed bill endeavours to draw the attention of the "signorine" to the fact that the defloration of virginity should be a purely national industry. The Italians are quick at forgetting their own behaviour or that of their compatriots in other countries." (2 Polcorps F.S. Summary)

(iii) "A certain tendency has been noticed lately to bring influence to bear on Italian Armed Forces in this area.

On one occasion a group of five civilians broke into the strains of the "Red Flag" before a group of Italian military outside a canteen; this was followed by a short speech vilifying the Monarchy and all royal armed forces particularly the Carabiniere. The troops were urged not to fight to restore a Royal Government. Other similar small incidents have been reported.

Those responsible are youths of a rowdy type on the fringe of the Partisans. Action such as this receives no support from the Partisan command who have warned all their men to take no part in incidents of this kind.

This particular case was brought to the notice of the provincial commissioner mainly because it occurred underneath his window. A conference was called by him at which FS were represented. It was decided that to drive underground expression of thought would do more harm than good, and the Partisan representatives agreed to issue fresh orders forbidding participation in demonstrations.

It is improbable that such action has much effect on the morale of Italian troops since few have any interest in maintaining a Monarchy (or anything else). It may well however have an adverse effect on their discipline, for the maintainance of which Carabinieri are largely responsible, and may breed an even greater dislike for their own officers. Open disrespect both by Partisans and military towards CCRR has been noticeable." (47 Pol Security Sec Summary)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
MAIN HQ. EIGHTH ARMY
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16 MAR 1945

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To:
P.W.B.,
H.Q., 15 Army Group.

B/4 .
of
15 Mar 45

SUBJECT :- Enemy Propaganda to Italian Troops

1. Herewith copy of an enemy leaflet addressed to the Folgore Group and found at CASA RIO DELL' OLLO (074247) during night 10/11 March.

2. No original has yet been obtainable.

In The Fd.
+++JES.+++

C Beamish. Lt.-Col.,
O.C., P.W.B., EIGHTH ARMY .

Copy to :- M.M.I.A., ✓
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For Security Reports.

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Translation

HQ MAIELLA PATRIOT GROUP

26 February 45

TO:- HQ 2 Polish Corps

INFO:- HQ EIGHTH Army
HQ 5 Corps
HQ 228 Italian Inf Div

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It was therefore once again emphasised that, in order to clarify the situation and avoid any differences arising, the Italian Command of the Brigade should be allowed the fullest possible freedom in organising and carrying out the various services of what is, after all, an Italian unit; Major HOPE-C, or any officer under him, would, as has always been the case in the past, have purely tactical duties, i.e. be responsible for the employment of the unit in action.

It would in fact be absurd to have a duplication of command which would only create confusion, or that an Italian combattent unit should be subject completely to a non-Italian command.

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It was therefore once again emphasised that, in order to clarify the situation and avoid any differences arising, the Italian Command of the Brigade should be allowed the fullest possible freedom in organising and carrying out the various services of what is, after all, an Italian unit; Major MORRIS, or any officer under him, would, as has always been the case in the past, have purely tactical duties, i.e. be responsible for the employment of the unit in action.

It would in fact be absurd to have a duplication of command which would only create confusion, or that an Italian combattent unit should be subject <u>completely</u> to a non-Italian command.

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(The last paragraph is "blah" about what the MAIELLA Bde has done.)

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3. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Italian Armed Forces

Cases continue to occur of Italian soldiers employed in Fifth Army Area being sent on leave into Eighth Army Area without proper authority. These soldiers have been evacuated through 373 PW Cage as per Security Instruction No 70, Para 11 (b) (ii).

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(c) Security of Material & Installations.

(1) Rear Army HQ. At the request of Camp Commandant R.35 the Italian military personnel allotted for guard duties have been vetted. The request was made following a report by the Italian officer in charge that the men were from North Italy and were unreliable for guard duties. Enquiries made do not bear out this suggestion and it is understood that the men are carrying out their duties satisfactorily.

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(a) Italian Armed Forces

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Various incidents are being reported of friction between Italian and Allied troops - chiefly at local dances. During the course of a dance at BORELLO DI CESENA (FORLI) on 13 Feb45 a shot was fired by a Pole and an Italian soldier was wounded. At another dance in CESENA on 31 JAN 45 it is reported that a Br. soldier blew his nose on the uniform of an Italian soldier. The orchestra, composed of civilians, is alleged to have left the room in protest.

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5 CORPS SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.11

(For period 1. - 28 Feb.45)

Area covered : (a) 1 - 15 Feb. as for Report No.10.

(b) 16 - 28 Feb. CERVIA - CASAL BORSETTI 6353 - BAGNACAVALLO 3938 - FAENZA - FORLIMPOPOLI - BERTINORO 5108

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have been arranged with the local Police.

(ii) On 4 Feb an Italian soldier, CHIECO Francesco, of 2C Reg FRIULI Div, reported to CC FSS that an Italian civilian of FORLI had endeavoured to persuade him to desert. The civilian in question, a certain ZANELLI Primo, Corso Garibaldi 59, admitted expressing certain personal opinions to the soldier in the course of a conversation but denied having offered the soldier any civilian clothing, as the latter alleged. ZANELLI, a teacher of Italian and History at the Institute Tecnico, FORLI, said he was afflicted by the prospect of Italians fighting each other. He denied having had any contact with the Germans during the occupation, although from enquiries made it appears that he was a staunch Fascist before the fall of the Regime, there being however no evidence of later pro-Fascist activity. The case is at present in the hands of AMG.

(iii) On 2 Feb, Lieut. HEWETT, R.A., of 506 Fro Coy, CMP, reported to FSS that on the previous afternoon, just before the close of an ENSA show at the Esperia Theatre, FORLI, a British Officer (Capt. ERVIL of 100/13 A tk Regt, RA) had been liquid, believed to be sulphuric acid, thrown into his face by three individuals in British battledress. He was also struck on the back of the neck by one of these men. The incident took place in a corridor of the theatre alongside the auditorium, where the assailants set fire to curtains. FS NCOs at once proceeded to the theatre but were unable to find any witness or any clue on which to base any further investigations. NCO in charge of the theatre was of the opinion that culprits were disgruntled Italian soldiers who had been turned away from previous performances owing to lack of seating accommodation.

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PART II.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

a) Security of Information.

On arrival at its new H.Q., the Friuli FSS found the town marked up with notices giving the name of the Gruppo and of the particular Coy or Unit on every door where billets had been reserved. The FSO contacted the Town Major who had the notices removed.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a) Italian Armed Forces.

Wanderers fr the Italian Forces are s ll being found in forward areas. The usual lack of disciplinary control seems to exist in the Gruppi in Eighth Army area. All the men so checked were dealt with in accordance with Army instructions. From Fifth Army area, three cases were discovered. All had plausible stories. In one case the man concerned had three different documents (one with alteration) permitting him to come into our territory. (Attached to Army copy). The men were returned to their Units.

Ladies' hairdressers are still prevalent amongst the "Italian Fighting Men". Attached to Army copy are one printed and one handwritten bill exhibited in the FOGNANO area (99/191154) by men of the Friuli Gruppo. The printed bill endeavours to draw the attention of the "signorine" to the fact that the defloration of virginity should be a purely national industry. The Italians are quick at forgetting their own behaviour or that of their compatriots in other countries.

It had been reported to the FSO "Friuli" that a certain MONTANARI Matteo, a soldier in the Gruppo MAIELLA Brig, had been an active Republican Fascist. The man was placed in preventive custody in the CCRR barracks whilst his case was being investigated. On 19 Feb 45 at 2030, a platoon of men from No.4 Coy, MAIELLA Brig. under command of S/Ten. SCIARRA Mario broke into the barracks at MODIGLIANO, used pick and axe to force open the detention room and took the detainee away. Strong representations were made to MAIELLA HQ, the man being returned and placed in custody of CCRR at BRISIGHELLA.

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Italian Armed Forces (cont)

In particular, bitter complaints are heard about lack of canteen facilities. Girls working in the Allied Forces NAAFI canteen have been threatened by some Italian troops as a protest against Italians not being served there. There are similar complaints in FIRENZUOLA area. There has also been grumbling about inadequate clothing.

(ii) Cases of misrouting of Italian personnel present a certain difficulty. In one instance, two Italian soldiers reported to FS CASOLA VALSENIO, stating that they were unable to find their unit, which had left the area at least three weeks before. Cases have also occurred of Italian personnel arriving in FARRADI from FLORENCE to join units in the FORLI or RAVENNA areas, with only the destination on their foglio di movimento. A more accurate routing of Italian military personnel would lessen the possibility, which exists at the moment, of enemy agents arriving in forward areas posing as wrongly routed Italian soldiers.

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Security Int. Report No 44

3. MISCELLANEOUS PERIOD 1-15 Feb 45 13 CORPS

(a) Italian Armed Forces

(i) Reports from BORGO SAN LORENZO show considerable discontent among Italian forces regarding material matters.

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PART II PERIOD 16-28 Feb 45 Security Int. Report. No 45

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1. MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information

(i) Knowledge of the impending arrival of Italian troops in the Corps area has been general among civilians for some days. It is reported that this fact was known in the PESCARA area also on 18 Feb. Members of 14 Italian Pack Transport Coy have taken a large share in spreading the news in the CASTEL DEL RIO area. Suitable action will be taken when individual culprits are discovered - meanwhile general representations have been made to the unit authorities.

The actual formation that was taking over the area does not appear to have been generally known in advance, though the arrival in MARRADI on 28 Feb of two trucks marked SAN MARCO REGT in large chalk letters assisted those interested in getting a definite identification.

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Security of Information (cont)

The attention of the OC of the Gruppo SSM has been drawn to the above points and it is hoped that useful security lessons will be learnt as a result.

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3. Miscellaneous.

a). Italian Armed Forces.

A certain tendency has been noticed lately to bring influence to bear on Italian Armed Forces in this area.

On one occasion a group of five civilians broke into the strains of the 'Red Flag' before a group of Italian military outside a canteen; this was followed by a short speech vilifying the Monarchy and all royal armed forces particularly the Carabiniere. The troops were urged not to fight to restore a Royal Government. Other similar small incidents have been reported.

Those responsible are youths of a rowdy type on the fringe of the Partisans. Action such as this receives no support from the Partisan command who have warned all their men to take no part in incidents of this kind.

This particular case was brought to the notice of the provincial commissioner mainly because it occurred underneath his window. A conference was called by

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him at which FS were represented. It was decided that to drive underground expression of thought would do more harm than good, and the Partisan representatives agreed to issue fresh orders forbidding participation in demonstrations.

It is improbable that such action has much effect on the morale of Italian troops since few have any interest in maintaining a Monarchy(or anything else). It may well however have an adverse effect on their discipline, for the maintainance of which Carabinieri are largely responsible, and may breed an even greater dislike for their own officers. Open disrespect both by Partisans and military towards CCRR has been noticable.

ii). The threats against Italian women who consort with Allied soldiers have begun to circulate with the arrival of Italian tps. Significant gestures have been made at women in the streets by Italian soldiers in the presence of Allied military.

iii). It has been found that the carriage of mail by Italian military to Italian civilians is operating on a large scale. It has not been possible as yet to trace a bearer to any particular soldier. It is suggested that the Cremona HQ be ordered to circulate to their tps the regulations governing this matter.

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d) Other Matters.

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i). RAMBELLI Ludovico Luciano.

Living in Via Agnello Istorico; RAVENNA is the mother of the a/m. She has recently received three letters from her son by the hand of an unknown youth. The last of the three letters places him at BARI on 1Feb 45, having previously been living at Via Po 45, ROME. He is a Captain in an un--designated Italian unit.

RAMBELLI has the blackest political record of anyone in RAVENNA, having been in the PNF since 1922, head of the squadra d'Azione, Squadrista, vice-Federale and in 1940 Federale. He lost his job through embezzlement of funds.

It seems absurd that a man of this type should be allowed to serve in a force that is, on paper at any rate, on our side. It maybe considered justifiable to order his arrest.

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c) Rumours.

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A rumour that at the beginning of Feb 45 two girls one of whom was named Silvia, were shot near SAN ALBERTO by Italian troops when found interfering with telephone wires, has been investigated.

It was stated that 'Silvia' lived at Corte alle Mura X 10, RAVENNA. This house has been bombed to the ground, but at No 3 of the same street lived LOMBARDI Amedeo fu Emilio who has a niece by the name of LOMBARDI Silvia. The uncle now lives in Via Ravegnana 56. He states that Silvia left with a friend of unknown name three or four months prior to the arrival of the Allies for MEZZANO and then worked in the office of the commandant of the Marina Fascista there, and wore the uniform of the Marina. Since then nothing has been heard of her.

Beyond this no further infm has so far been obtainable.

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While the morale is not very high in the rear, the morale of front-line troops is quite good.

a) Rear Areas

The causes of discontent here are more evident than in the front-line. The lack of NAAFI Supplies (soap, razor blades, cigarettes, etc.,) gives the Italian soldier an inferiority complex. He well knows that all Allied troops, including Poles, are entitled to and draw NAAFI and he cannot understand why, now that he is fighting at the side of the Allies, he should not be treated on an equal footing. Stronly resented is the shortage of cigarettes - 5 very inferior cigarettes a day are issued free and an additional 5 can be bought but not with any regularity. The mail situation is critical and it is very difficult for soldiers who have their families in liberated Italy to maintain a regular correspondence. Several complaints on this subject have already been forwarded to the people concerned in the Italian Government.

b) Forward Areas

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3. VISIT TO THE S. FAUSTINO BDE

The S Faustino Bde was a partisan bde of the Umbrie, which voluntarily joined the regular army and was attached to the Cremona Gruppo. The Bde was allowed to remain as a whole under

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the command of its former leader, Capt Pierangieli. The morale of the bde is rather higher than that of the regular soldiers. The former partisans are delighted that their desire to remain as a unit has been respected. The only sore point is that relations with regular units are not as good as they might be.

Former partisans are considered outlaws, especially by the regular officers of the Cremona Gruppo who do not think much of them and try, by all possible means, to hamper their work. Former NCOs in the partisan bde were not allowed to retain their rank.

This picture of the situation was given confidentially to a PWB officer by the leader, Capt Pierangieli, who was very depressed and said that he hoped the Allies would help them and support them. All the partisans were envious of the privilege, given to the Bulow Band, to fight the Germans without joining the regular army, although they are now under command of the Gruppo. (NOTE: Politically, the S Faustino Bde was not a partisan bde of Communist leanings - Pierangieli is a Liberal and in general they are a mixture of all parties without any very strong political feelings.).

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[illegible] the Armistice, the Fascists remained into power throughout Italy and the Sommarinesi, during violence, asked that the Consiglio draw up a pact of reconciliation which was signed by nearly all the leaders pro and anti-Fascist alike. The Fascists, however, didn't long respect the pact and [illegible] the back of German SS detachments began a reign of terror.

Following the liberation of the Republic, a special Sindacato di Governo was created to investigate crimes committed by Fascists who had betrayed the Patto di Riconciliazione. The Sindacato is made up of three members - Avvocato Corradini of Cesena, a Friulano and a citizen of the Republic. They are currently reviewing all activities of the Fascist Government from its inception in 1922 until the liberation and in particular charges against 143 Fascists of San Marino. Of these, 10 of the more dangerous Fascists have been arrested. Five of them are former Capitani Reggenti (Chief Executives). In this connection it was noted that the entire electorate of the Republic numbers only about 3,500. The findings of the Sindacato will be turned over to the new Consiglio dei Dodici (a legislative body) which will be elected in March. At the ensuing trial, the Sindacato will act as Attorney General.

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OCCUPATION

1. LOCATION OF VERONA (Source A.I.B. [illegible])

The following report on conditions in and around Verona is given by [illegible] TOLETTO Dario, a confessed Italian agent who worked for some months at the Direzione Ferroviaria Adriatica in Verona. In spite of the fact that he is an Italian agent, it is considered that the information may be considered to be of reliability value.

a) Civilian Population

There is a considerable amount of civilian movement between liberated territory and the battle area. One of the agents on January 5, 1945 was said that some 600 to 700 persons left in a few minutes said, at the end of which the military time of passed to [illegible] their effect. Casualties are estimated to be all over a thousand.

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OCCUPIED ITALY

1. POLITICAL SITUATION (Source A.I.B. [illegible])

The following report on conditions in and around Verona is given by a TRATTO Dario, a confessed Nazi spy who worked for some months at the "Direzione Ferroviari" Restaurant in Verona. In spite of the fact that he is unreliable, it is considered that the information may be accepted as being of reliability "C".

a) Civilian Population

There is a bad feeling against the civilian population caused by the Allied indiscriminate bombing of non-military targets. One of the worst of these bombings was on 4 January 45, which was said that more than 200 civilians lost their lives and, at the end of which no military target had been touched by their attack. Casualties are estimated to be well over a thousand.

For reasons which are not known the order cease fire, was given to A.A. Btys defending the city long before the raid ended.

The population had great hopes last summer of the Allied successes in liberating the whole of Italy, this idea however, has depreciated quite a lot, and with recent Russian successes, public opinion is that the war will end in Germany, before any further advance by the Allied armies in Italy. This has given the Germans and Fascists ground for a new kind of propaganda, of the poor

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quality of the Anglo-American armies, and in general to cause anti-Allied feeling amongst the civilian population.

Broadcasts from London are still listened to, especially the 2045 hrs broadcast, and recent events on the Eastern front gives them hope that the war will soon be over. Not many comments are made from broadcasts in Italy whether Allied or Italian.

b) Economic Conditions

The ration system still works fairly well, in spite of the black-market which exists on a large scale. Although the food can be bought in the black-market at a comparatively small increase in price, these prices are not exaggerated.

With "Tessera"

Bread:	250 gms per day at 3 lire a kg
Flour:	2 to 3 kg per month at 6 lire a kg
Meat:	100 gms per week at 30 lire a kg
Fat:	60 gms per month at 80 - 100 lire a kg

Black market goods

White Bread:	24 lire per kg
Flour:	20 lire per kg
Meat:	150 lire per kg
Butter:	500 lire per kg

c) Economic Conditions

Most of the clothing comes from Milan in exchange for food. This traffic is not permitted by law, but as this is done also by the Germans, no one takes much notice.

d) Patriots

Many acts of sabotage have occurred on the following railway routes:-

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The ration system still works fairly well, in spite of the black-market which exists on a large scale. Although the food can be bought in the black-market at a comparatively small increase in price, these prices are not exaggerated.

With "Tessera"

Bread:	250 gms per day at 3 lire a kg
Flour:	2 to 3 kg per month at 6 lire a kg
Meat:	100 gms per week at 30 lire a kg
Fat:	60 gms per month at 80 - 100 lire a kg

Black market goods

White Bread:	24 lire per kg
Flour:	20 lire per kg
Meat:	150 lire per kg
Butter:	500 lire per kg

c) Economic Conditions

Most of the clothing comes from Milan in exchange for food. This traffic is not permitted by law, but as this is done also by the Germans, no one takes much notice.

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e) Railway Organisation in EOT

The entire working and organisation of the railway system has been taken over by the Germans.

Most of the Italian technical personnel has been sent to Germany, others have been dismissed but still draw their salaries. The time-table and graph system has been abolished by the Germans, this is due to the constant disruption of communication. line. The train is left entirely to the look out by the engine-crew to reach its destination.

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f) Rail Transport for Civilians

There are no trains either to or from Verona - Milan.

There is no scheduled service from Padova to Verona or vice-versa, except every two or three days the Germans allow 2 or 3 coaches to be coupled behind a military train.

From Verona - Brenner Pass, from 2 to 3 trains per day are allowed for civilians.

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Amn, 60 mm, rds	150
Sub-machine guns, Berrettas	29
MGs, cal 30	6
Amn, cal 30, rds	25,000
Mags, Sten	30
Amn, 9 mm, rds	9,750

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Boots, prs	25
Gum Boots, prs	10
Safety fuze, ft	225
C Rations, cases	7
Socks, prs	50
Trousers, prs	50
Drawers, Woollen, prs	50
Vests, prs	50
Shirts	50
Caps	50
Hand Grenades	100
Jackets, Field	15
Blankets	15
Gloves, prs	25
Pistols, .38	2
Ammn, .38, rds	200
Automatics, .45	2
Ammn, .45, rds	200
Knives	2
Coshes	10
Cigarettes, cartons	25
Stens, M3, (American)	30
Flashlights	24
Batteries	96
Bazookas	2
Stens	113
Rocket, Bazooka	48
Shoulder pads	2
Sten clip loaders	100

b) Material supplied, 4 Dec - 31 Jan 45.

Food. Rations drawn on full British scale (less rum): average ration strength approx 550. This catered for operational average 300, sick 60 (high at first after privations before our arrival), resting and HQ 120. Partisans on miscellaneous non-military guards and other duties 70.

Cigarettes:	at 50 per week on the above figure, in 8 weeks	220,000
Additional cigarettes purchased from GSI(CL) funds		32,000
Present at Xmas by 1 Cdn Corps		20,000
Bought with CLN funds		22,000
	Total	294,000

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Blankets	15
Gloves, prs	15
Pistols, .38	25
Amn, .38, rds	2
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Miscellaneous. Almost everything asked for was produced; medical chest (standard RAP equipment), candles and paraffin, mess tins and cutlery, PWB literature, razor blades and soap, mobile bath services, attendance of MO and dental officer, while partisans were concentrating.

Wounded were evacuated automatically through normal British medical channels.

Weapons. list very incomplete, but estimated:- 301

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	From GSI(CL) after 4 Dec 44	1 Cdn Corps release to Major Healy
Brens		25
TSMGs		60
Stens	65	
Rifles(Br)	10	300

c) Material supplied since 31 Jan 45.

Pists	2
Mortars	2
Brens	16
Brownings	5
Rifles	50
D.5 Telephones	6
Cable, miles	15
Shirts, Angola	40
Belts, web	30
Blankets	15
Boots, prs	20

IN THE FD.
6 Mar 45.
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SUBJECT:- RAIBELLI, Lodovico Luciano

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comd, AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

G3I(b),
Main Eighth Army.

MM/105
9 Mar 45.

Ref your M 321 I(b) of 22 Feb 45.

1. Herewith copy of Ministry of War letter 1/08310/Mov dated 5 Mar 45, for what it is worth.

2. Please keep us informed of any further developments which come to your notice.

Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT: RAMBELLI Lodovico Luciano

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/I/106
7 Mar 45

TO : MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army

Ref your MM/105/1 dated 24 Feb.

1. Herewith copy of Ministry of War letter 1/08310/Mov giving information on Capt Rambelli.

2. Will you please keep us informed of any developments in his case.

T.R. Selby.
Lt. Col. G.S.
M.M.I.A.

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Roma 5/3/ 45

Ministero della Guerra

Divisione Movimento

Prot No. 1/08310/Mov

Alla Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

Oggetto: Capitano RAMELLI Lodovico Luciano

Il Capitano RAMELLI Lodovico Luciano abita in Roma via Pompeo Ugonio n. 9 presso la famiglia Quargnali.

Egli fruisce attualmente di licenza rinnovabile di gg. 30 rilasciatagli dal Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli - Forza assente 4 Zona Aerea Territoriale, Ufficio Personale, in data 12 febbraio 1945.

L'ufficiale e in attesa da parte degli alleati del nulla osta per raggiungere la famiglia a San Alberto di Ravenna.

p. IL MINISTRO

(Gen. di Div. G. FALUGI)

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SECRET

Subject:- Security Intelligence
Organisation and Training
of Italian Combat Groups

Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF
Tel:- Ext 65
M 361/2 I(b)

3 Mar 45

HQ, 5 Corps
HQ, 10 Corps
HQ, 13 Corps
HQ, 2 Polish Corps

Copy to:- GSI(CL), Main HQ Eighth Army
MMLA, Rear HQ Eighth Army
HQ 26 BLU
HQ 50 BLU (2)
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GSI(b), HQ 15 Army Group

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SEGRETO

GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO

DELLA SICUREZZA MILITARE E SUA SFERA D'AZIONE FORMAZIONE DELLE SEZIONI DI SICUREZZA MILITARE NOMINA DEGLI UFFICIALI DI SICUREZZA D'UNITA'

A.-INTRODUZIONE:

1°)-Addestramento, organizzazione, e applicazione delle norme di sicurezza militare nelle Armate Alleate sono radicalmente diverse da quanto in uso nell' Esercito italiano.=

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1°)-Le Sezioni F.S.S. fanno parte della Intelligence Branch (Ufficio "I") dell'armata e la loro attività é diretta dall l'Ufficio "I"(b) (controspionaggio) dello Stato Maggiore Generale ai vari Quartieri Generali.=

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2°)-Su questo teatro di guerra la scala gerarchica del I(b) é graduata come segue:

AFHQ Quartiere Gen. Forze Alleate	MGGS "I" (Maj-Gen.General Staff Intelligence) Maggior.Gen.Stato Magg.Gen.Uff."I" Col I(b) Colonnello I(b) Staff incl FSOs Personale comprendente ufficiali di sicurezza militare
ARMY GROUP Gruppo Armate	BGS "I" (Brigadier, General Staff Intelligence) Generale Brig. GSO.1 I(b) Ufficiale di Stato Magg.n.1. I(b) Staff incl FSOs. Personale comprendente Ufficiali di sicurezza militare.
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Army GROUP Gruppo Armate	BGS "I" (Brigadier, General Staff Intelligence Generale Brig. GSO.1 I(b) Ufficiale di Stato Magg.n.1. I(b) Staff incl FSOs. Personale comprendente Ufficiali di sicurezza militare.
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LA SEZIONE FSS E' COSI' SUDDIVISA:

a)-PERSONALE

Un ufficiale (capitano o tenente)
Un maresciallo capo
Nove sottufficiali

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Un autiere-attendente

b)-VEICOLI:

1 autovettura 1/4 di tonnellata 4 ruote motrici
3 autocarri 7 quintali e mezzo due ruote motrici
6 motociclette.=

5°)-Ciascuna Sezione FSS é autosufficiente e munita di completo equipaggiamento ed autoamministrata.=Le Sezio possono anche avere aggregate unità ausiliarie di controspionaggio prese in luogo incaricate di controlla il movimento dei civili.

6°)-Nonostante che le funzioni di una sezione FSS siano quelle di un agente investigativo, l'FSS non si occupa praticamente di polizia militare ed é indipendente dal Corpo della polizia militare stessa e forma una entità a parte.=E' considerato principio basilare, sempre strettamente osservato, che il personale della FSS non svolga funzioni di polizia nel campo disciplinare.= Ciò per incoraggiare e guadagnare la fiducia dei militar nei confronti del personale della FSS abituandoli a vedere in loro specialisti preoccupati solo di salvaguardare l'incolumità comune dalle insidie dell' attività nemica.=

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11°)-Detto personale in materia di sicurezza militare ha veste di dare consigli alle unità combattenti agli ufficiali comandanti le stesse ed anche agli ufficiali di sicurezza d'unità.=

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12°)-Unica funzione esecutiva del personale FSS é quella di occuparsi di indagini e fermo di persone civili o militari considerate pericolose agli effetti della sicurezza delle Forze Armate.=L'FSS non fornisce guardie, non effettua scorte e neppure ha incarico di indagare circa crimini,delitti, mercato nero ecc. a meno che attraverso all'una o l'altra delle varie forme di reato non emergano sospetti di pericolo per la sicurezza delle Forze Armate.=

C.-<u>UFFICIALI DI SICUREZZA D'UNITA'</u>

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2°)-Detti ufficiali di sicurezza d'unità saranno a loro volta riuniti periodicamente all'Ufficio "I" dei comandi superiori che li terrà al corrente nel campo della sicurezza, richiamando la loro attenzione su ogni particolare quando é necessario.=

3°)-L'ufficiale con l'incarico d'ufficiale di sicurezza d'unità può rivestire in seno al proprio reparto un grado qualunque, ma é desiderabile che esso sia sufficientemente anziano per poter esercitare la propria autorità su tutti i componenti del reparto.=Normalmente l'ufficiale di sicurezza sarà il secondo in grado nel proprio reparto e potrà essere assistito eventualmente da un ufficiale più giovane preferibilmente da un ufficiale "I".=

4°)-Gli ufficiali incaricati della sicurezza d'unità per il Gruppo di combattimento italiano sono elencati nell'Appendice "A".=

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2°)-Detti ufficiali di sicurezza d'unità saranno a loro volta riuniti periodicamente all'Ufficio "I" dei comandi superiori che li terrà al corrente nel campo della sicurezza, richiamando la loro attenzione su ogni particolare quando é necessario.=

3°)-L'ufficiale con l'incarico d'ufficiale di sicurezza d'unità può rivestire in seno al proprio reparto un grado qualunque, ma é desiderabile che esso sia sufficientemente anziano per poter esercitare la propria autorità su tutti i componenti del reparto.=Normalmente l'ufficiale di sicurezza sarà il secondo in grado nel proprio reparto e potrà essere assistito eventualmente da un ufficiale più giovane preferibilmente da un ufficiale "I".=

4°)-Gli ufficiali incaricati della sicurezza d'unità per il Gruppo di combattimento italiano sono elencati nell'Appendice "A".=

D.-<u>ORGANIZZAZIONE E ADDESTRAMENTO DI SICUREZZA NEL GRUPPO</u>

1°)-Una sezione di FSS sul tipo delle sezioni inglesi sarà formata nel Gruppo di Combattimento italiano e sarà denominata "SEZIONE DI SICUREZZA MILITARE".=Essa funzionerà come le analoghe sezioni FSS.

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Alleate con quelle modifiche che, se necessario, verranno di volta in volta emanate.=

2°)-Essa sarà costituita dal seguente personale ed equipaggiamento:

A. PERSONALE

1 ufficiale comandante (capitano o tenente)
1 maresciallo capo
9 sottufficiali (i gradi dei quali saranno specificati quando gli organici saranno stati approvati).
1 cautiere attendente.=

B. TRASPORTI

1 vettura da 1/4 di tonnellata-quattro ruote motrici
2 autocarri da 7 quintali e mezzo due ruote motrici
6 motociclette.=

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4°)-Sulla formazione del nucleo di sicurezza militare vedi appendice "B".=

5°)-Il personale già scelto e che ha ricevuto a cura dell' 8ª Armata la necessaria istruzione verrà, come già detto, adibito alle funzioni di sicurezza militare.=

6°)-Ogni assistenza dovrà essere loro fornita dai comandi militari del Gruppo per mettere il personale adibito alle funzioni di sicurezza militare nelle condizioni di assolvere il compito a loro devoluto.=

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di attacco da parte di agenti nemici contro il materiale o il morale delle truppe combattenti.

2°)-SICUREZZA DELLE INFORMAZIONI:

Bisogna impedire al nemico la raccolta di utili informazioni raccolta che può essere dal nemico effettuata con metodi/ osservazione diretta (osservazioni /di aeree, terrestre, prigionieri di guerra ecc.) o metodi indiretti, (spionaggio, infiltrazioni dovute a conversazioni poco accorte, incuria della custodia di documenti, infrazioni di altro genere ai regolamenti di sicurezza).=

3°)-SICUREZZA DEL PERSONALE

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4°)-SICUREZZA DEL MATERIALE E DEGLI IMPIANTI

La protezione del materiale di guerra e dei rifornimenti da occulte azioni nemiche (sabotaggio).

5°)-SICUREZZA DELLE OPERAZIONI

Le misure necessarie onde applicare quanto sopra ad un particolare movimento o operazione militari.=Questo comprende tutto il lavoro "I" inteso ad assicurare l' integrità dei nostri piani ed anche inteso di ingannare il nemico.=

6°)-Deve essere chiaramente compreso che le misure di sicurezza militare non si limitano al lavoro che interessa i soli specialisti ma sono materia che deve interessare e coinvolgere la responsabilità di tutti senza distinzione di grado.=Solo la completa, incessante cooperazione di ognuno é requisito essenziale per annullare gli attentati della organizzazione "I" nemica che tende a raccogliere le notizie riferentisi alle nostre

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F.-ORDINI PERMANENTI DI SICUREZZA DI UNITA'

I sottoelencati ordini di sicurezza saranno pubblicati in tutte le Unità e gli ufficiali comandanti tenuti responsabili che essi siano attentamente osservati dai soldati di ogni grado.=Questi ordini non é necessario che vengano emanati in un solo documento ma possono essere riuniti in separati istruzioni da dare alle sentinelle, alle cariche speciali, alla polizia reggimentale ecc.:

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2°)-Visitatori al Quartiere Generale al campo od ai reparti.= Stabilire speciali punti di entrata e di uscita e un posto idoneo ove esaminare le carte personali.=

3°)-Accertarsi che le guardie sappiano come devono essere esaminati i documenti dei visitatori e come regolarsi in caso di dubbio sulla loro autenticità.=

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10°)-Avvisare tutti circa i pericoli di imprudenze nel parlare o diffondere voci, ed incoraggiare a troncare detti colloqui o dette voci non appena se ne viene a conoscenza.=

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Procedura da seguire per riferire subito il tal caso.=
Procedura circa lettere comunque ricevute da stranieri ecc.=

12°)-Istruzioni al personale addetto ai collegamenti sui pericoli derivanti da inutili chiacchiere agli apparecchi di trasmissione, sulla importanza del conservare assoluto silenzio quando viene proibito l'uso delle radio trasmittenti.=

13°)-Istruzioni sulla salvaguardia delle armi, delle munizioni, degli equipaggiamenti e dei magazzini.=

14°)-Proibizione di comunicare con la stampa.=

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MILITARY SECURITY POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION - FORMATION OF FIELD SECURITY SECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF UNIT SECURITY OFFICERS

A. INTRODUCTION

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4. Now that the Groups are under Allied command, a measure of re-organisation and specialised training have been effected in the case of a small nucleus of personnel in each Group under the auspices of the Eighth Army in order to disseminate and supervise the implementation of the Allied Security policy.

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1. Field Security Sections form part of the Intelligence branch of the Army and their activities are directed by the I(b) (Counter Intelligence) staffs of the "I" Branch of the General Staff at the various HQs.

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2. In this theatre the I(b) chain of command is as follows:-

AFHQ:	MGGS "I" (Maj-Gen., General Staff Intelligence) Col I(b) Staff incl FSOs
ARMY GROUP:	BGS "I" (Brigadier, General Staff Intelligence) GSO.1 I(b) Staff incl FSOs
ARMY:	GSO.1 "I" GSO.2 I(b) Staff incl FSOs
CORPS:	GSO.2 "I" GSO.3 I(b) FSO
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Each FS Section consists of:-

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3 NCOs
1 Batman/Dvr

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1 - 1/4-ton truck 4 x 4
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5. Each FS Section is a self-supporting unit, is in possession of a full scale of S.1098 and is capable of administering itself.

Sections may have attached to them auxiliary units for Counter Espionage duties and for running a civilian movement control system drawn from forces of the territory occupied by the Allies.

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6. Although the functions of a FS Section are basically those of the detective branch of a police force they are completely independent of the Corps of Military Police and form a quite distinct entity. It is considered, as a cardinal principle which is strictly observed, that security personnel should not be associated with any disciplinary function, as in the enforcement of military security reliance is placed on the spontaneous aid of the individual soldier, who is encouraged to regard Field Security personnel not as police but as specialists in a task which is designed to safeguard him and his comrades from the covert activities of the enemy.

7. Field Security personnel are empowered to carry out arrests of military and of civil personnel in the zone of operations for offences calculated adversely to affect the security of the Allied Forces.

8. Arrests of the civil population are carried out whenever deemed advisable in conjunction with the civil power.

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10. They carry an authority which entitles them to assistance from all persons subject to military law in order to enable them to carry out their duty.

11. They act in an advisory capacity to Formation and Unit Commanders and Unit Security Officers in matters of security.

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C. UNIT SECURITY OFFICERS

1. The other executive arm of the Field Security Service is represented by the Unit Security Officers. In every unit, HQs, or establishment one officer will be detailed as security officer. This officer will be responsible for imparting and explaining to all ranks of the unit, HQ or establishment their share in the security work of their unit, etc, and their responsibilities in relation to the rest of the armed forces.

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2. Security officers will be instructed in their turn by the security intelligence staff of higher formations, who from time to time will assemble the security officers and explain to them their share in current security work, and any points of detail that require their special attention.

3. The officer appointed as security officer may vary according to the unit, HQ or establishment, but it is desirable that he should be sufficiently senior in rank to exert his authority over all ranks. In a unit, the security officer will normally be the second in command; he may, however, be assisted by a junior officer, preferably the intelligence officer.

4. Unit Security Officers appointed in the Group are shown at Appendix "A".

D. SECURITY ORG and TRG IN THE GROUP

1. A Field Security Section on the BRITISH model is to be formed in the Group, and is to be known as "Sezione di Sicurezza Militare".

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2. It is to be composed of the following personnel and equipment:-

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3. Initially the personnel and equipment will be drawn from the Carabinieri Sections (also from other units when/ intended to obtain a separate War Establishment for these Sections as soon as possible and to recruit suitable volunteers from any unit of the Group.

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4. A nucleus for a Field Security Section consisting of the personnel shown at Appendix "B" has been selected and appointed.

5. This personnel has received a short course of instruction under Eighth Army and will assume the functions of Field Security forthwith as set forth herein.

6. Every assistance will be given to them by all ranks of the Group to enable them to carry out their duties.

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The protection of war material and supplies against covert enemy action (e.g. sabotage).

5. Security of Operations

The action necessary to develop the above measures as applied to a particular move or operation. It includes intelligence arrangements not only to ensure the integrity of our own plans; but also to mislead the enemy.

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SUBJECT:- Security Report (period 25 Jan - 25 Feb 45)

Liaison officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R C M S.

IBI/105
25 Feb 45.

General

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Major,
AMLO to, Rear Eighth Army.

NOTE: It is hoped in subsequent reports to include extracts from F.S. and other reports, dealing with matters of interest.

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SUBJECT:- RAMBELLI Lodovico Luciano

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

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24 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
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Capt.

Major,
MMIA LO, Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

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Subject:- RAMBELLI Ludovico Luciano

Main HQ,
Eighth Army, CMF.
Tel: Ext 65
M 321 I(b)

22 Feb 45

MMIA,
Rear Eighth Army.

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C. Hutchen Capt
for Lt.Col.
G.S.I.

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Main HQ
Eighth Army, CMF

Tel:- Ext 65

M 361/2 I(b)

22 Feb 45

Subject:- Security Intelligence Organisation and Training of Italian Combat Groups

HQ, 5 Corps
HQ, 10 Corps
HQ, 13 Corps
HQ, 2 Polish Corps

Copy to: GSI(CL), Main HQ Eighth Army
ITEA, Rear HQ Eighth Army

HQ 26 NLG
HQ 50 NLG (2)
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Appendix "A"
To H 361/2 I(b) dated 22 Jul 45

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MILITARY SECURITY POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION - FORMATION OF FIELD SECURITY SECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF UNIT SECURITY OFFICERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The training for, and organisation and implementation of, military security in the Allied Armies is radically different from the system in the Italian Army.

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3. In this theatre the I(b) Chain of command is as follows:-

AFHQ: HQGS "I" (Maj-Gen., General Staff Intelligence)
Col I(b)
Staff incl FSOs

ARMY GROUP: BGS "I" (Brigadier, General Staff Intelligence)
GSO.1 I(b)
Staff incl FSOs

ARMY: GSO.1 "I"
GSO.2 I(b)
Staff incl FSOs

CORPS: GSO.2 "I"
GSO.3 I(b)
FSO

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FSO

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4. Each from HQ down to Div has Field Security Sections directly under command as an executive force, on a scale which, in the case of AFHQ, Army Group and Army, is governed by the circumstances, with a minimum of one Section for each of these HQs.

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Each FS Section consists of:-

(a) Personnel

One Officer (Capt or Lieut)
One FSO II
2 NCOs
1 Batman/Dvr

(b) Vehicles

1 - 1/4-ton truck 4 x 4
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2 - M/c's.

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5. Each FS Section is a self-supporting unit, is in possession of a full scale of S.1098 and is capable of administering itself.

Sections may have attached to them auxiliary units for Counter Espionage duties and for manning a civilian movement control system drawn from forces of the territory occupied by the Allies.

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6. Although the functions of a FS Section are basically those of the detective Branch of a police force they are completely independent of the Corps of Military Police and form a quite distinct entity. It is considered, as a cardinal principle which is strictly observed, that security personnel should not be associated with any disciplinary function, as in the enforcement of military security reliance is placed on the spontaneous aid of the individual soldier, who is encouraged to regard Field Security personnel not as police but as specialists in a task which is designed to safeguard him and his comrades from the covert activities of the enemy.

7. Field Security personnel are empowered to carry out arrests of military and of civil personnel in the zone of operations for offences calculated adversely to affect the security of the Allied Forces.

8. Arrests of the civil population are carried out whenever deemed advisable in conjunction with the civil power.

9. They are also empowered in the execution of their duty to be in possession of Top Secret information and to penetrate into places and installations which are prohibited, for whatever reason, to military personnel.

10. They carry an authority which entitles them to assistance from all persons subject to military law in order to enable them to carry out their duty.

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C. UNIT SECURITY OFFICERS

1. The other executive arm of the Field Security Service is represented by the Unit Security Officers. In every unit, HQs, or establishment one officer will be detailed as security officer. This officer will be responsible for imparting and explaining to all ranks of the unit, HQ or establishment their share in the security work of their unit, etc, and their responsibilities in relation to the rest of the armed forces.

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2. Security officers will be instructed in their turn by the security intelligence staff of higher formations, who from time to time will assemble the security officers and explain to them their share in current security work, and any points of detail that require their special attention.

3. The officer appointed as security officer may vary according to the unit, HQ or establishment, but it is desirable that he should be sufficiently senior in rank to exert his authority over all ranks. In a unit, the security officer will normally be the second in command; he may, however, be assisted by a junior officer, preferably the intelligence officer.

4. Unit Security Officers appointed in the Group are shown at Appendix "A".

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4. A nucleus for a Field Security Section consisting of the personnel shown at Appendix "B" has been selected and appointed.

5. This personnel has received a short course of instruction under Eighth Army and will assume the functions of Field Security forthwith as set forth herein.

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The denial to the enemy of information which may reach him either by direct intelligence methods (e.g. aerial and ground observation, prisoners of war, etc), or by indirect methods (e.g. espionage, leakages due to indiscreet talk, carelessness with documents, or other breaches of standing security regulations).

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3 Feb 45

HQ, 10 Corps (2)
2i BLU LUCIANO Gruppo

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MANTOVA.

Two of the three British FS NCOs now attached each Gruppo will accompany the parties.

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(e) Passport

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(e) Transport

Each party of students will be self contained for transport.

5. Dispersal

Course will disperse 0800 hrs Tuesday 20 Feb 45.

A.F. Le Fleming
Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

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411 PS Trg School

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Appendix "A"

EIGHTH ARMY
411 ITALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE TRAINING SCHOOL

SYLLABUS of WORK and TIMETABLE

	SATURDAY 10	SUNDAY 11	MONDAY 12
0900 hrs to 1000 hrs	Opening address by G2 I(b) Army	How to train soldiers in Security - Appointment of USOs	Censorship
1015 hrs to 1115 hrs	Scope of IS in Army, and in Gruppo	Duties of USOs - See list and new IS can help	Detailed explanation with examples of Unit Security Standing Orders
1130 hrs to 1230 hrs	Meaning of Security of Material Information Personnel Ops and Trg	Explanation of Aide - Memoir for USOs	Detailed explanation with examples of Unit Security Standing Orders
1400 hrs to 1500 hrs	Security - the responsibility of individual soldier and not solely of IS	Careless talk and rumours - cause and effect	Complete revision of work up to date
1500 hrs to 1600 hrs	Students take notes on Memo 1. See chart on sub-divisions	POW procedure	Written test

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1015 hrs to 1115 hrs	Scope of TS in Army, and in Group	Duties of USOs - See list and how TS can help	Detailed explanation with examples of Unit Security Standing Orders
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	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15
0900 hrs to 1000 hrs	Explanation of test questions	Practical demonstration of how to contact a USO. What to say. How to act etc	Visit to a Corps and a Divisional PW Sec
1015 hrs to 115 hrs	Security of Material. Reason and method:- Guards Perimeter Civil empl Enforcement of regs	Practical demonstration of how to contact a USO. What to say. How to act etc	
130 hrs to 1230 hrs	Security of Communications -Reason -Suggested methods)) L of C) Dumps) Signals	Practical demonstration of how to act as PW	
230 hrs to 3 0 hrs	Security of Communications -Reason -Suggested methods)) L of C) Dumps)	Civil Security -meaning and reason for	Visit to CREMONA Gruppo PW Sec

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1015 hrs to 115 hrs	Security of Material. Reason and method:- Guards Perimeter Civil empl Enforcement of regs	Practical demonstration of how to contact PSO. What to say. How to act etc	
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00 hrs to 00 hrs	Complete Revision	Explanation of various controls organised by PS. See table	

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	FRIDAY 16	SATURDAY 17	SUNDAY 18
0900 hrs to 1000 hrs	Controls of identity and residence- Identity cards ration cards travel permits etc	Control of Movement Memo No.3 Reason Method-eg organisation of block posts, and disposal of the arrested persons	Demonstration of Movement Control - run road block in School, with test on disposal of various categories
1015 hrs to 1115 hrs	Controls of identity and residence- Identity cards ration cards travel permits etc	Control of Movement Memo No.3 Reason Method-eg organisation of block posts, and disposal of the arrested persons	Memo No.4 How to deal with various types of arrested persons, and their disposal
1130 hrs to 1230 hrs	Control of Photography Memo No.5	Control of Movement (cont) Various types of passes encountered. Civilians in MT transport. Carrying of mail by civilians	Complete revision of civilian security. Examples, questions and explanations
1400 hrs to 1500 hrs	Control of Civilian employees. Memo No.6 Control of public places	Memo No.2 organisation of MT office -files -Army directives Hand-over etc	Tour of road blocks in operation near town, for practical demonstration

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1500 hrs to 1600 hrs	AMG proclamations, or parts of them of security interest	Memo No.2 organisation of FS office -files -Army directives Hand-over etc	Tour of road blocks in operation near town, for practical demonstration

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	MONDAY 16
0900 hrs to 1000 hrs	Recapitulation of Military Security. Insistence on importance of this aspect of the work. Request for suggestions for Security slogans in Italian, on lines of "Careless talk" posters. "Do's and Donts" for each soldier. Any new suggestions
1015 hrs to 1115 hrs	
1130 hrs to 1230 hrs	
1400 hrs to 1500 hrs	Security Intelligence Report - explanation.
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21 Jan. 45.

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MMIA - Rome.

Security Intelligence Report No 2.

25 Dec. 44 — 25 Jan. 45.

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Nothing particular to report apart from the usual crop of illegal entrants into Army area ~~on~~ on leave or ~~on~~ duly passes. Among these, Navy + Air Force are especially prominent.

Arthur Hill

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Commanding

Adjutant

MHIA. LO.
Rear HQ & Army.

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SUBJECT:- Security Intelligence Report. SECRET

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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23 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M M I A) Roma.

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Nil.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Amn.

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4. Political Activity.

No reports.

5. Relations with Allied Tps.

On the whole good, and nearly all British units speak highly of Italian tps working under their command. 86 Area reported a certain reluctance to cooperate of C.O. 516 Gd. Bn. (Magg. A.Montini), and the Div Vice Commander has cautioned him.

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6. Discipline.

Satisfactory. Two minor incidents are reported.

(a) A dozen men of 204 I.P.Coy., who disobeyed an officer's order to go to work after having been refused admittance to a cinema, are being court martialled.

(b) A fracas took place between some Italian soldiers and civilians at Gambettola, in which two hand grenades were thrown (it is not known by whom). It is reported that the trouble was over women, and AMG has cautioned the sindacs.

7. Rumours and Indiscreet Talk.

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Lt-Col. G.S.
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SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Reports - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/I/106/1
7 Dec 44

TO : All M.M.I.A. L.O's

Ref our I/106 of 10 May 44 not to all.

1. You are requested to submit a Monthly Security Report on matters as listed in attached appendix "A".

2. Reports will be classified "SECRET" and will on no account be sent through Italian channels.

3. Reports should reach this H.Q. by 25th of the month, and should be consolidated by Senior M.M.I.A. L.O's in areas where applicable.

L.M. Jones
Lt Col
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Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation.....Area Covered.....

Report No..... Period from ..... to.....

A. GENERAL SECURITY

1. Morale - Include details of unrest, complaints, undealt with grievances, desertions. Any seditious or subversive influences likely to undermine morale.

2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED activities or trends.

3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS & AMMUNITION.

4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - Propoganda, monarchism.

5. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops.

6. DISCIPLINE

7. RUMOURS and indiscreet TALK - Breaches of Security.

8. SUMMARY of MILITARY SECURITY situation including any other matters that cannot be correctly listed under 1 to 7. above.

B. PERSONALITIES

1. Information (white) on higher leaders.

Note 1*

2. Information (BLACK) - ditto.

Note: 2

SOURCES It is essential to give source and assessment of reliability of each item of information i.e. personal observation, visit, interview, second-hand from....., repeated by ..... etc. Sources considered reliable, doubtful etc.

Note 1* Rank, appointment, age. Information co-operative negative - obstructive - political attitude - efficiency - energy.

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