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SITREP Number 6.

- 8 JUL 1945

PIEMONTE REGION.

31 May 45.

Political:

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

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

Food:

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

LOMBARDIA REGION.

31 May 45.

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

A meeting was held yesterday by the Regional Patriots Officer with the chief Patriot heads of the Region. They have all agreed to cooperate in seeing to it that the provisions of the orders to consign arms and cease patriot activities as such be carried out throughout the Region. There was full agreement at the meeting. 1758

The Patriot situation in Milan City is very satisfactory. The order is being obeyed and seven barracks have been established for those patriots who do not have a home in Milan. In the meantime they are vacating all posts, stations, and apartments. They will be processed as soon as possible. 4454

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LIGURIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

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

LOMBARDIA REGION.

1 June 1945.

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

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

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

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

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TO : HQ Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. The general situation west of the ISONZO continues to be satisfactory, although some incidents are still reported. The partisans are becoming somewhat unpopular with the population owing to their continued living off the country, and there has been some desertion and voluntary disarmament among both the OSOPPO and GARIBOLDINI.
2. Plans are now being prepared for the general disarming of all partisans west of the TAGLIAMENTO River at an early date. The greatest obstacle is the provision of employment for the men when disbanded. PC UDINE has already taken on over 600 as Civil Police.
3. The Communist Minister SOCCIMBERO visited UDINE on 28 May. As he was in the area without permission he was asked to leave at once, and did so. There have been no visible repercussions from his visit.
4. 18 officers from NZ Austria are at present on loan to UDINE Province as well as three others eventually assigned to TRIESTE Province. The provision of substitutes for them, which was discussed with the Executive Commissioner on his visit on 30 May, is now an urgent matter, as withdrawal of loaned officers for duty in AUSTRIA has already had to begin.
5. Col MONTFORT has now taken command of the VENEZIA GIULIA Sub-Region, and is himself living at HQ 13 Corps. The provision of additional officers, EM/OR and transport for this party is now an urgent matter, and has been taken up separately with HQ Allied Commission.
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(Signed) ????? Major

for Air Comodore
Officer Commanding,
AUG EIGHTH ARMY.

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SITREP Number 3.

26 May 1945.

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

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

LEIGURIA: 25 May 1945

Situation quiet. Two hundred fifty patriots evacuated South today.

PIEMONTE: 24 May 1945

Political

Second French Colonel arrived to take over command of French troops in valley of AOSTA Province. Number of recantations of members of pro-annexation committee now reach five. Remainder, required for questioning, disappeared and being traced. No incidents of interference with establishment of AMF in French Border territory. In District 2 of VERCELLI Province some French troops came into the town of CAVALLA to trade one bag of salt for 20 bags of straw. However the trade was not made and the French have not returned. No disturbance.

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Policing in Asti City now done by usual peacetime agencies. Partisan police in smaller communes are beginning to be replaced. A force of regular Carabinieri has been established in NIZZA where some minor disturbances occur. Carabinieri strength of 117 is quite inadequate. Vehicle movement is coming under control.

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

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

Partisans.

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

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

Industry.

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMYSubject: Sitrep up to 2359 hrs 28 May 45

HQ Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The situation west of the ISONZO River is considerably improved, and in the main the Yugoslavs have gone. Where possible, additional CAPs are being put into the more outlying communes to "show the flag".

2. The patriot position is the same as it was, and it is still considered not the right time to disarm them. When this is done it will have to take place on a broad basis under military control, particularly in the northern areas in the hills.

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

Lt.Col.	SCHOLTZ	(Legal)
Lt.Col.	DAWSON	(Legal)
Capt.	GRARIANO	(Medical)
Lt.Col.	MARSHALL	(Finance)
W/Comdr.	LECH JONES	(Utilities)
Major	FODEN	(Supply)
Capt.	LAFAO	(Admin)
Capt.	RYPER	
J/Cdr.	PENRITH	

If this Sub-Region is to function in the future as a Region under Col Nelson MONFORT, it will be necessary to supply additional officers and staff. The whole question will be discussed when the Executive Commissioner arrives at this HQ tomorrow.

4. The TRIESTE Provincial HQ is now in TRIESTE attached to 55 Area, where it is making plans for an eventual take over of Military Government, when and if the time comes.

5. The GORIZIA Provincial HQ is set up in GRADISCA under Lt Col ARISTON, who will be taken out of TRIESTE and will be put in charge. This HQ is being put under command of II US Corps, and will be called forward by them at the appropriate moment. The officers in these two Provincial HQ are at present as follows:

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Capt.	GRAPLANO	(Medical)
Lt.Col.	MARSHALL	(Finance)
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Supply Offr.	Major	LOCKWOOD-TATHAM
CAOs.	Major	PALLOTTI
	Major	HANFORTH
	Capt.	ATCHEY
Attd CSO 8 Army	Lieut	MILLICH

GORIZIA

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

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

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

7. The emergency Proclamation which was sent down by signal to ROME (M.1037 of 22 May refers), has been translated into Italian and Yugoslavian and has been printed by Army Field Printing Press, and has been distributed to II U.S. Corps and the TRIESTE Provincial HQ. The Proclamation No.1 flown up by air and agreed by ROME and AFHQ is now being printed and will take the place of the emergency one which has been issued.

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

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

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

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22 MAY 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 147/EC.

21 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

22 MAY 1945

TO : Distribution below.

Below for your information is copy of cables today received from 40 Political Advisers in N. ITALY:

No. 4029 of 19 May 45

CLMUI yesterday passed resolution in which it claimed that political parties represent not only their own members but all national public opinion and called for urgent constitution of a government with necessary powers and prestige and embodying genuine democratic elements in this country and in particular those who have been engaged in struggle in the North.

Resolution states that present situation gravely prejudices the solution of pressing problems of Italian labour and of the whole nation and makes the following specific review:

1. That new Government should be nominated by Central Committee of National Liberation substitute for Parliament by virtue of the pact between the anti-Fascist parties and as repository of constitutional rights. (Text corrupt).
2. That the resistance movement in the North should be adequately represented in the Government.
3. That CLMUI on governmental legislation should be integrated, with suitable modifications, into measures passed by local with particular reference to rapid expuration and social legislation (Text corrupt).
4. That patriots if they so desire should be accepted in Italian army and police.
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5. That the new government, in agreement with the central CLN, should immediately arrange for establishment of a provisional representative as assembly to undertake forthwith the proper administration of the electoral law of the constituent (Text corrupt).
6. That the President of the Council and other members of the government should give concrete affirmations and guarantees regarding the above principle.

No. 4030 of 19 May 45
Ref No. 4029. I understand that moderate character of resolution was largely due to pressure of Christian Democrats who are determined not to be stampeded into violent action. It should be noted that leading article of *'Avanti'* today specifically states that article 1 means that government would be nominated by CLN and not by Luogotenente. SCOCIALORO who arrived here unexpectedly last night with TOGLIATTI said in a press interview that the pre-Fascist Democracy still existing in the South would move to evolve in a progressive direction in which the North had already led the way. The North could not go backwards and the change of Government must involve not only a change of ?? (text corrupt) but above all a structural transformation of Italian state.

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Left Wing Parties are complaining about ban on public meetings and sarcastic article in 'Unita' today asks whether this is the sort of liberty which the Allies have brought with them and whether it is merited in view of sacrifices of the North. I understand, however, that Christian Democrats are greatly relieved as they feared incidents if public meetings were allowed. Left Wing Parties will probably try to get ban removed and if they fail must be expected to improvise meetings during visits to factories, etc.

General Crittenberger intends to take no chances but is asking for formal written orders on the subject which he has thus far never received. My own impression is that no attempt will be made to secure final solution of Government issue while Ministers are in North but that every effort will be made to convince them of strength of progressive forces and futility of trying to resist these tendencies.

No. 4032 of 19 May 45

All principal Party leaders including NENZI, de GASPERI and RUSSI have now arrived in MILAN. MONTENARI informed me last night that BOMMI has not yet finally made up his mind whether to come or not. If so it would be purely private visit. TOGLIATTI and SOCCOCHIERO yesterday called on General CRITTENBERGER to ask for removal of ban on public meetings. General Crittenberger replied that it had been imposed by higher Allied military authority and reminded them that they had been aware of the ban when they left ROME. He invited them to collaborate in seeing that it was made effective to which they agreed. TOGLIATTI in a short statement to press hinted that BOMMI was responsible for imposition of ban.

NENZI in interview with 'Unita' strongly endorsed CLMFI resolution of May 18 and asserted that if principle enunciated in resolution that CLN alone had the power to designate Government is adopted the governmental crisis would be easily solved.

TOGLIATTI and NENZI seem to be going out of their way to emphasize identity of views of themselves and their parties.

Unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday by unknown persons to kidnap ALPAZZI, Christian Democrat representative of CLMFI. Assassins ran away when he got tough with them. 'Unita' at once labelled them Fascist criminals but it is much more probable that they were extremist partisan hot-heads annoyed by ALPAZZI's firm attitude on CLMFI. Town remains quiet. Small number of murders per night still continue but further intensification of measures by Allied military authorities should eliminate this except for isolated cases. General Crittenberger is also intensifying measures for collection of arms.

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No. 4034 of 19 May 45

BONOMI asks that you should be informed that he is now in Mantova and will be returning to Rome on Tuesday.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

2 MAY 1945
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Summary Sitrep
on North Italy
Up to 1100 hrs 2 May 1945.

Venice City completely undamaged. Power, water and food
o.k. 100,000 refugees among 400,000 population. CLN-prefect
appointed.

(Source: Venezia Region telegram)

110 tons transformer oil stored by Partisans in Piedmont Region.

A representatives meeting with CLN in Milan.

20-ton motor ferry working across PO at Pavia.

Surprising cooperation with AMG in Genoa.

(Source: Special Force telegram)

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Summary Sitrep

on North Italy

Up to 1100 hrs 1 May 1945.

The FIAT works, in Turin, seem to be in condition to restart working as soon as some raw materials are provided.

Renato Ricci killed himself.

About 200 hierarchs executed in Milan so far.

Other arrests: Ezio Maria Gray Terruzzi, Calcasano, Osvaldo Valenti, Luisa Terzia, Enzo Grossi, Rachela Mussolini and her two youngest children Romano and Anna Maria.

The socialist Passono has been appointed Prefect of Turin and Giovanni Rovoda - communist - mayor of the town.

Tagliani, regional delegate for the fascist republic in Romagna and Emilia, executed.

Order of arrest has been issued against Donegani, Pirelli, Marinotti of the "Montecatini" and "Smla Viscosa" and against other directing members of many industrial plants.

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(Source: ROME PRESS)

American troops driving toward Trento. 8th Army troops before the Piave. Yugoslav troops in Pola.

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(Source: INFORMATION DIVISION, PRE RADIO MONITORING).

Milan water and power o.k. Trams operating. Food situation in hard but will need attention. City considerably damaged. CLN not yet agreed on nominees for offices. 40 Fascists executed.

(Source: IV CORPS TELEGRAPHIC BUREAU).

Nazi Admiral Doenitz had revoked naval search orders April 18.

(Source: SPECIAL FORCE TELEGRAPHIC BUREAU).

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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Summary sitrep
on North Italy

AVANTI : 1. Message of the Socialist Party to the population of the North. The Direzione of the Party met yesterday and passed resolutions, asking formally 1. that all powers be retained by the Northern C.I.N. and their appointments be confirmed, 2. that partisan formations keep their organization, arms and banners and be allowed to continue to wage war against the Germans, 3. that a C.I.N. congress be summoned immediately in Rome to receive the message of the North and to designate the new government, 4. that no "sanitary cordon" or line of demarcation be allowed to divide the provinces of Italy - exception made only for the necessities of war.

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The patriots treat German prisoners according to international conventions, waiting to hand them over to the Allies.

Turin strikers and workers have occupied all the works, plants and industrial firms; patriots and population are fighting against the last naz-fascists.

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The Province of Apuania has a partisan as Prefect.

The Socialist leader of the Milan C.L.N. asks the General Govt to resign; "We want an entirely renovated Govt - he said - formed by representatives of the truly democratic forces, by men who can prove that they have always fought against Fascism and for the well being of the working classes".

Radio Milano Libera sent a message to Tassanini asking him to return to Milan.

Rachele Mussolini and her suite were refused entrance into Swiss territory.

The Directing board of the C.L.N. of northern Italy is formed by: Pami, Vaghianni - Action party; Marotti, De Gasperi - Christian Democrats; Arcesani, Jachini - Liberals; Lomani, Pertini - Socialists; Longo, Scerri - Communists; Commissioners for the town and province of Milan, Riccardo Lombardi - Action party.

Padua, Treviso, Vercelli, Vercelli, Brescia, Como, and Alessandria, reported liberated by the patriots.

Source: Italian Newspapers

General Humbert in Verona. MG functioning. Situation satisfactory despite severe shortage. No bridges on Adige River. Communications with civilians on north bank established by ferry and a second railroad bridge. Enough electricity for immediate needs. Limited water supply expected ready shortly. Food O.K. City and provincial towns on ground.

Source: Telegram

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Source: 19 4 3 Telephone call

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Val D'Aosta: German garrison asked permission to retreat without

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Source: Italian Newspapers

General Humm now in Verona. MG functionaries. 8 tonner satellite factory despite severe damage. No bulging on Adige River. Communications with civilians on north bank established by ferry and damaged railroad bridge. Enough electricity for immediate needs. Limited water supply expected ready shortly. Food O.K. City and provincial towns OK.

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Source: Special Force Radiogram

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SITREP
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Received: 1205 hrs 1 May 45.

VENICE entered. City undamaged. Electricity working.
Water alright. Population said to be 400,000 of which
100,000 are from surrounding country and N.W. Food sufficient.
CLN appointed Dott. Camillo Matter Prefect. Signal Government
views.

SITREP 1 MAY 45.

Received 1135 hrs on 1 May 45.

Milan entered by Allies about 1600 hrs on 30 Apr 45.

Water and Power on. Tremways operating.

5 - 10,000 Partisans, well organised.

Food situation not critical but will need attention.

City suffered considerable damage.

CLN in control but have not agreed on nominees for Government.

About 40 fascists executed by Partisans.

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