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MONTHLY LEGAL REPORT, REGION 12, VENEZIE
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

12 January 1946.

TO : Chief Legal Adviser,
Legal Sub-Commission H.Q., A.C.,
(for Italian Branch).

SUBJECT: Report for December 1945.

FILE : RXII/LE/Misc/77.

1. No General Court cases have been tried during this month. Ninety-nine (99) Summary Court cases have been tried in the Province of Udine and two (2) Superior Court cases and six (6) Summary Court cases have been disposed of elsewhere in the Region.
2. The work of the Italian Ordinary and Extraordinary Courts and of Committees of Epuration has proceeded normally and calls for no special comment.
3. Regional Orders No 21 and No 22 dealing with the curtailment of electricity supply were published during the month.
4. There are no unpaid fines outstanding in respect of convictions by A.M.G. Courts other than those where a term of imprisonment is being served in default of payment.
5. All sentences of one (1) year and over imposed by A.M.G. Courts in the Region have been reviewed in the light of changed conditions and substantial reductions were ordered in twelve (12) cases. (List attached).

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LIST OF SENTENCES WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR REDUCTION.

Province of VENEZIA

NAME OF ACCUSED	DETAILS OF CHARGE	SENTENCE	RECOMMENDATION
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BOSCARO Bruno	Possession of Allied property (17 Mil. coats 250 jackets)	18 months	Remit last 6 months
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NAUER Nicolò	1) Violation Proc. I para 5-Possession of 1 loaded revolver. 2) Conduct contrary to public order. "Trifling" "Long live Austria" on walls.	4 years, 3 months	Remit last 3 years
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FELTRIN Federico	Violation Proc. I para 5-Possession of I auto pistol, 6 cart., I machine-gun, I American pistol, I hand-grenade	2 years	Remit last 1 year
	I39 cart; for mach. gun.		

Province of UDINE.

NAME OF ACCUSED	DETAILS OF CHARGE	SENTENCE	RECOMMENDATION
OLLIVOTTO Antonio	1) Violation Proc. I Art. 9-assisting Ger- man soldier to evade capture. 2) Violation Proc. I Art. 39-making false statement in connection with an official mat- ter.	2 years	Remit last 1 year

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 104

8 November 1945

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, Hq. AC.

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FILE : R111/LW/Reg/C/OI.

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REGION XII AMG

Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for October 1945

CONVICTIONS

Province of	Curfew and Pass violations	Theft and Poss. of All. Prop.	Black Market and Drive Viol.	Looting	Poss. of Arms and Ammun.	Viol. of It. P.O.
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Bolzano	8	9	-	-	2	-
Padova	Report not yet received					
Rovigo	-	1	-	-	5	-
Trento	Report not yet received					
Treviso	-	1	-	-	1	-
Udine	19	56	-	-	19	-
Venezia	-	32	-	-	35	-
Verona	No cases tried					
Vicenza	Report not yet received					
TOTAL	27	113	-	-	53	-

CASES TRIED AND FINDING

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		TOTAL	Transmission to Italian Courts
	H.G.	G.	H.G.	G.	H.G.	G.		
Belluno		Report not yet received						
Bolzano	3	10	2	9	-	-	5	19
Padova		Report not yet received						
Rovigo	5	22	-	1	-	-	5	23
Trento		Report not yet received						
Treviso	2	2	-	1	-	-	2	2
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2	-	1	-	-	2	2	-----	4
80	-	10	-	-	17	90	-----	107
12	8	56	-	-	11	68	-----	79
Cases tried							-----	
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APPENDIX "2"

Region XII - A.M.C.

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Death			4
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30 years			7
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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIE REGION
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APG 384

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LEGAL DIVISION

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TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission,
HQ. A.C.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for September 1945

FILE NO : PXII/LE/Reg/G/OI

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PERSONNEL

Major Backhouse left on September 22nd, and handed over to Major G.I.P. Gilheenan who had previously been relieved as P.I.O. Trento by Lieut. Scacian who also assumed responsibility for the post of P.I.O. Folzano vice Lieut. W.H. Orago admitted to hospital. The position in regard to P.I.Os. is now as follows:

UDINE	: Maj W.D. STUP
BOLZANO	: Lieut J.J. SCANIAN
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VICENZA	: " " "
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8 October 1945

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission,
HQ. A.S.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for September 1945

FILE NO : RXII/LE/Reg/G/OI

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The sentence was confirmed by the Court of Cassation shortly afterwards but sentence has not yet been carried out and this has caused much outspoken criticism in Verona amongst the population and has been the subject of a rigorous protest in at least one newspaper "Il Nuovo Adige".

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I am making special enquiry into the position here and will write you further on the matter.

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Copy to:

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CONVICTIONS

REGION XII AMG
Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for August 1945

Province of	Curfew and Pass violations	Theft and Poss. of All.Prop.	Black Market and Prive Viol.	Looting	Poss.of Arms and Ammunit.	Viol.of It.P.C.
Belluno	-	6	-	-	3	-
Bolzano	-	8-	-	-	12	2
Padova	-	11	-	-	23	-
Rovigo	-	Report not yet arrived	-	-	-	-
Trento	-	" "	-	-	-	-
Treviso	-	-	-	-	-	-
Udine	24	19	-	-	18	-
Venezia	-	58	-	-	7	-
Verona	-	14	-	-	1	-
Vicenza	-	Report not yet arrived	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	116	-	-	64	2

CASES TRIED AND FINDINGS :

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		TOTAL		Transmission to Italian Courts
	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	
Belluno	9	11	-	-	-	-	9	11	-
Bolzano	1	18	3	10	-	-	4	28	-
Padova	13	33	2	21	-	-	15	54	-
Rovigo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trento	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treviso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Udine	9	81	-	4	-	-	9	85	-
Venezia	12	65	-	7	-	-	12	72	-
Verona	5	16	-	-	-	-	5	16	-
Vicenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	49	224	5	42	-	-	54	266	9

CVL... Signature *W. G. V.* Rank
Regional Legal Officer, Region XII,

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Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for August 1945

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	6	-	-	3	-	2	11
	8	-	-	12	2	6	28
Report not yet arrived	11	-	-	23	-	20	54
" " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	19	-	-	18	-	24	85
	58	-	-	7	-	7	72
Report not yet arrived	14	-	-	1	-	1	16
	116	-	-	64	2	60	266

GS :		Superior Court		General Court		TOTAL		Transmission to Italian Courts	TOTAL CASES
Court	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.		
11	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	-	20
18	3	10	-	-	-	4	28	-	32
33	2	21	-	-	-	15	54	-	69
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Report not received.-
81	-	4	-	-	-	9	85	-	94
65	-	7	-	-	-	12	72	-	84
16	-	-	-	-	-	5	16	9	30
224	5	42	-	-	-	54	266	9	Rep.not received
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APPENDIX "B"

Region XII - A. M. G.

Convictions by special Courts of Assize

SENTENCES		NUMBER CONVICTED	
Death	.	.	3
Life imprisonment	.	.	1
30 years	?	.	7
27 "	.	.	1
26 "	.	.	2
25 "	?	.	1
24 "	.	.	5
20 "	.	.	6
18 "	.	.	3
17 "	.	.	2
15 "	.	.	2
14 "	.	.	5
13 "	.	.	4
12 "	.	.	5
11 "	.	.	2
10 "	.	.	15
9 "	.	.	6
8 "	.	.	11
7 "	.	.	2
6 "	.	.	17
5 "	.	.	12
4 "	.	.	15
3 "	.	.	4
2 "	.	.	6
1 "	.	.	4
TOTAL GUILTY		.	141

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SENTENCES		NUMBER CONVICTED									
Death	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Life imprisonment	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
30 years	.	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
27	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
26	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
25	"	.	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
24	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
18	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
17	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
15	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
14	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
13	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
12	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
11	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
10	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
9	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
8	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
7	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
6	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
5	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
4	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
3	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
2	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
1	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
TOTAL GUILTY		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	141

NUMBER ACQUITTED IS. . . 116
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

6 September 1945.

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C. ✓

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August 1945.

File No: RXII/LE/Reg/G/01.

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A good many Superior Court cases have been heard, the great majority of which continue to be in respect of possession of arms. No less than 25 cases are now due to be heard in the Province of Venice as the result of raids made on the northern border of that Province. There is no doubt that the people are realising that it does not pay to be caught in possession of arms, and they are abandoning them by throwing them away. Sentences for improper possession of arms have stiffened considerably.

Summary Courts have dealt with roughly the same number of cases as in July. Wrongful possession of Allied property continues to hold the field.

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EXTRAORDINARY COURTS OF ASSIZE

Here there has been a definite improvement during the month, but much dissatisfaction has been expressed as to the length of time that elapses from the lodgement of appeals to the Ministry of Justice to the final decision. This is sometimes as much as two months, and is considered to be six weeks too long. It is of great importance that cases should be disposed of quickly in these Courts, and that death sentences should be carried out without delay.

The statistics of cases tried during the month are set out in Appendix "B".

V

Political Prisoners

The situation has been somewhat eased by the release of many persons against whom no charge could be brought, and who, after this lapse of time, could no longer be considered to be politically dangerous.

The question of fresh arrests has been considered, and Provincial Commissioners have been instructed to set up Commissions under D.L.L. 419 of 1944 to prepare lists of persons who both for their own safety and in order to avoid public disturbances should be placed in "confinio" immediately prior to the hand over to the Italian Government. It is considered that the danger of disturbances is most likely during the few weeks immediately following such transfer.

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APPENDIX "A"

REGION X-1 AMG

Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for August 1945.

A. CONVICTIONS

Province of	Curfew and Pass violations	Theft and Poss. of All. Prop.	Black Market and Price V.	Looting	Poss. of Arms and Ammunit.	Violation of It.P.C.	Others
Rovigo	-	1	-	-	2	-	3
Padova	-	8	-	-	9	1	2
Venezia	-	76	-	-	8	-	8
Treviso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Udine	10	25	-	-	6	-	13
Belluno	-	-	Reports not yet received		-	-	-
Bolzano	-	38	-	-	11	-	22
Trento	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Vicenza	-	-	Reports not yet received		-	-	-
Verona	-	6	-	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	10	155	-	1	38	1	51

B. CASES TRIED AND FINDINGS.

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		TOTALS		Transmission to Italian Courts		
	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.			
Rovigo	1	4	1	2	-	-	2	6	-	-	-
Padova	2	10	6	10	-	-	8	20	-	-	-
Venezia	12	80	2	12	-	-	14	92	-	-	-
Treviso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Udine	18	46	3	8	-	-	21	54	-	-	-
Belluno	-	-	-	-	Reports not yet received		-	-	-	-	-
Bolzano	3	58	1	13	-	-	4	71	-	-	-
Trento	3	5	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-
Vicenza	-	-	-	-	Reports not yet received		-	-	-	-	-
Verona	3	8	-	-	-	-	3	8	-	-	-
TOTAL	42	211	13	45	-	-	55	256	-	-	-

Jackson

Signature

Major

Rank Region

APPENDIX "A"

REGION X-1 AMG

Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for August 1945.

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	8	-	-	9	1	2	20
	76	-	-	8	-	8	92
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25	-	-	6	-	13	54
	-	Reports not yet received			-	-	-
	38	-	-	11	-	22	71
	1	-	-	1	-	3	5
	-	Reports not yet received			-	-	-
	6	-	1	1	-	-	8
	155	-	1	38	1	51	256
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ry Court G.	Superior Court N.G.	General Court N.G.	General Court G	TOTALS N.G.	TOTALS G.	Transmission to Italian Courts	TOTAL CASES
4	1	2	-	2	6	- - -	8
10	6	10	-	8	20	- - -	28
80	2	12	-	14	92	- - -	106
-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	-
46	3	8	-	21	54	- - -	75
-	-	Reports not yet received			-	- - -	-
58	1	13	-	4	71	- - -	75
5	-	-	-	3-	5	- - -	8
-	-	Reports not yet received			-	- - -	-
8	-	-	-	3	8	- - -	11
211	13	45	-	155	256	- - -	311

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Signature

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APPENDIX "B"

Region XII - A.M.G.

Convictions by Special Courts of Assize

SENTENCES	NUMBERS CONVICTED
Death.....	14
Life imprisonment.....	4
30 years.....	16
26 "	1
25 "	1
24 "	2
21 "	1
20 "	4
18 "	5
16 "	5
15 "	8
14 "	2
13 "	1
12 "	7
10 "	9
8 "	8
7 "	1
6 "	23
5 "	16
4 "	9
3 "	4
2 "	5
1 "	5
TOTAL GUILTY.....	151

NUMBER ACQUITTED IS..... 66

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

13A
7 August, 1945.

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July 1945.

FILE NO : RXII/LE/Reg/G/Ol.

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Summary Courts have dealt with approximately the same number of cases as last month. The commonest type of offence has been that of wrongful possession of Allied property, particularly in the Provinces of Venezia and Udine, where the largest concentration of troops is to be found, and also in the Province of Bolzano, where a certain amount of crime has resulted from the existence of large dumps of ex-enemy material. I find that cases of possession of W.D. rations and goods from P.X. and N.A.A.F.I. are always difficult to handle, but I think that a fair balance has been maintained between the need to stop illicit trade in Allied goods and the necessity for protecting bona fide purchasers for value.

Schedule of Allied Military Courts cases is attached hereto.

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* Your signal No. 3224 of 6 August since received.

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REGION XII AMGConsolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for JULY 1945.

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Padova	-	15	-	-	8	-	11
Venezia	-	53	-	-	9	-	15
Treviso	-	7	-	-	3	-	-
Udine	9	30	-	-	6	-	12
Belluno	1	2	-	-	2	-	1
Bolzano	2	41	-	-	4	-	2
Trento	-	14	-	-	4	-	-
Vicenza	1	7	-	-	-	-	-
Verona	-	20	2	-	1	-	3
Totale	13	191	2	-	38	-	44

B. CASES TRIED AND FINDINGS.

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		Totals		Transmis. to Italian Courts
	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	
Rovigo	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Padova	6	31	-	3	-	-	6	34	-
Venezia	12	75	-	2	-	-	12	77	-
Treviso	1	8	3	2	-	-	4	10	-
Udine	18	51	1	6	-	-	19	57	-
Belluno	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Bolzano	11	49	-	-	-	-	11	49	-
Trento	5	18	-	-	-	-	5	18	-
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Verona	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	26	-
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31	-	3	6	34	40
75	-	2	12	77	89
8	3	2	4	10	14
51	1	6	19	57	76
6	-	-	-	6	6
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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394

5 July 1945.

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3. ITALIAN COURTS

The ordinary work of the Italian Courts is beset with difficulties. Judges are in short supply, partly owing to unfilled vacancies (as to which a detailed report on those requiring to be filled most urgently has already been submitted), and partly owing to the calls on judicial time made by the extra work involved in the running of the Extraordinary Courts of Assize. In order to make the best use of the available material a number of temporary and provisional appointments and transfers have been made by order of the regional Commissioner. These have been reported to you in detail as and when the orders were made. As already reported to you I consider the time has now come when future appointments and transfers can be left for the Minister. The Primo Presidente and the Procuratore-Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal are actively engaged in preparing a detailed list, for the information of the Minister, of all judicial personnel actually present and available. Some of this information has already been forwarded through you. In addition to these difficulties, the shortage of transport is a constant cause of embarrassment, and slows up the work of the Courts. Many cases are of course held up for absence of parties, witnesses, etc., due to War causes. Having regard to these difficulties, I consider the Courts are getting on with their work as well as could be expected. The magistrates whom I have met impress me favourably and I receive the same report from all the Provincial Legal Officers. I am particularly pleased with the work of the Primo Presidente and the Procuratore-Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal, both of whom are temporary stop-gaps appointed by the Regional Commissioner, and I should like their good work to be brought to the attention of the Minister.

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Detailed pro formas showing cases tried have been submitted by each Province, and are available at this Headquarters. They can, if desired, be forwarded to you for the information of the Minister.

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- Nº 7 - Prices for Grain Amassed during the 1945 Harvest:
- Nº 8 - Status of Persons electing for German Citizenship:
- Nº 9 - Prices of Monopoly Articles (Amendment of Regional Order Nº 3).

Not all these have yet been published. Nº 8, for instance is at present before H.Q., A.C., for approval. Nº 2 has recently had to be re-drafted in the light of a change in policy. A separate report will shortly be rendered with regard to Regional Orders actually published, copies of which will be supplied.

8. PROVINCIAL ORDERS

Three Provincial Orders were also submitted to this Division for approval and have been passed for publication. These related to (a) Methane Gas Containers, (b) Transportation Rates, and (c) Hemp Control. These Orders have been, or will be, published in the Provinces affected.

9. GERMAN DESERTERS AND ESCAPED ALLIED POW. STILL AT LARGE

In some Provinces, notably in Padova and Vicenza, a number of cases have been reported of deserters from the German

Armed Forces, who have for months past been sheltering with Italian inhabitants, and in many cases performed good work with the Partisans. There are also a number of escaped Allied P.O.W., who after their escape took refuge with Italian families, and in many cases have settled down there, sometimes becoming engaged to Italian girls. These men show a natural reluctance to give themselves up. The matter, both of the German deserters and of Allied P.O.W., has been taken up with 210 Sub-Area, and at their request instructions have been issued through this Division to all Provincial Officers to report any cases that come to their notice, and in the case of Allied P.O.W., to do what they can to persuade the men concerned to give themselves up voluntarily. The questions came to the notice of this Division having regard to the possibility of prosecuting in Allied Military Courts the persons concerned in harbouring the German deserters and Allied P.O.W. It is felt to be most undesirable to institute prosecutions, seeing that the Italians who harboured and cared for these individuals during the German occupation undoubtedly made a valuable contribution to the Allied cause, and at considerable risk to themselves, and it is thought preferable to exhaust first every possibility of getting these individuals to give themselves up voluntarily. If this does not work, the question of instituting prosecutions will have to be further considered.

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Province of	Curfew and Pass Violations	Theft and Poss. of Allied Prop.	Black Market & Price Vic.	Looting	Poss of Arms and Ammunition	Violation of Italian Penal Code	Other
Rovigo	2	--	--	--	1	--	--
Padova	--	4	--	--	7	--	10
Venezia	--	47	--	--	9	--	16
Treviso	--	8	--	--	--	--	--
Udine	53	26	--	--	--	--	--
Belluno	--	--	--	--	5	--	36
Bolzano	15	2	--	--	--	--	--
Trento	--	--	--	--	--	--	19
Vicenza	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Verona	--	2	--	--	--	--	1
Totale	70	89	--	--	23	--	83

B. Cases tried and findings.

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		Totals		Trans. to Italian Courts
	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	
Rovigo	1	3	--	--	--	--	1	3	--
Padova	3	15	--	2	--	4	3	21	--
Venezia	13	71	--	1	--	--	13	72	--
Treviso	6	8	--	--	--	--	6	8	--
Udine	23	112	--	8	--	--	23	120	--
Belluno	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bolzano	3	36	--	--	--	--	3	36	--
Trento	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Vicenza	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
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3	15	-	2	-	4	3	21	----	24
13	71	-	1	-	-	13	72	----	85
6	8	-	-	-	-	6	8	----	14
23	112	-	8	-	-	23	120	----	143
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	----	-
3	36	-	-	-	-	3	36	----	39
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Considerable progress has been made in the setting up of these Courts. Except in the Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, where delay has occurred owing to the great difficulties of communication, they are already set up and either functioning or ready to function. In Verona and Venice the first cases have already been tried. It is expected that rapid progress will now be made with these Courts in Trento and Bolzano as a result of a conference which I was able to arrange yesterday with the Primo Presidente and Procuratore-Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal, the Avvocato-Generale of the Trento Section of the Court of Appeal, and the two P.L.Os. concerned. It was thereby possible to work out details with regard to nomination of officials for the Courts which would otherwise have entailed weeks of correspondence.

It may be of interest to you to know the difficulties which arise in practice in the setting up of these Courts. The first is the fact that the powers of appointment are centralized in the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal officials, being new men, were not altogether familiar with the personnel available in the Provinces, and this has involved a good deal of correspondence, which in a Region of this size and the difficulties of communication takes a great deal of time. It may take anything up to a week, for instance, for a letter to get from Venice to Bolzano. Another difficulty has been the extreme slowness of the C.L.N. in producing their lists of proposed assessors. This slowness has been experienced in every Province, and I attribute it to the fact that the different parties represented on the C.L.N. found difficulty in arriving at an agreed list. Some difficulty has also been caused by frequent attempts on the part of unofficial bodies - sub-committees of the C.L.N., etc. - to usurp the functions of the Office of the Pubblico Ministero. Every effort is being made to curb these activities and, so far as possible, to canalise them into official channels. In the very early days of

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Some apprehension is caused by the possibility of delay in the execution of sentences imposed by the Extraordinary Courts of Assize, in the event of the right to appeal to the Special Section of the Court of Cassation being exercised.

I fear that the fact that this delay may occur is one that must be accepted, having regard to the provisions of D.L.L. 142 of 1945. I do, however, most earnestly request that every possible provision should be made for speediest possible hearing of appeals. Otherwise I fear that in some centres, notably Venice, where public opinion is clamouring for Justice, it may be difficult to restrain public disorders.

3. POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The number of persons put in gaol by the Partigiani is very large indeed. In the Province of Padova alone, for instance, there are upwards of 2,000. Many of these will, of course, be persons for trial by the Extraordinary Courts of Assize. The sifting of these individual cases presents an enormous problem. With the personnel available I doubt whether it will ever be possible to bring to trial all the persons who should be tried within the time limit imposed by D.L.L. 142 of 1945. Moreover, it is inevitable that a large number of innocent persons will be kept in gaol for a considerable time before they are released, simply owing to the time necessarily occupied in sifting the individual cases. It is hoped that, by directing the efforts of various unofficial bodies into official channels, it may be possible to help the staff of the Office of the Pubblico Ministero and speed up the sifting of the cases and the preparation of cases for trial. The situation is complicated by the fact that the persons in gaol include persons, such as members of the Brigata Nera, who are prima facie entitled to the privileges of prisoners of war. I have issued instructions, in the absence of guidance from higher authority, that all persons who belonged to any sort of organised military formation, who surrendered to the Allies, are entitled to be treated as prisoners of war, are not amenable to the jurisdiction of either Allied Military or Italian Courts, and are to be handed over as quickly as possible to the appropriate military authority for evacuation through the proper channels. This, it is hoped, will result in a considerable measure of gaol clearance. I have also done my best to impress on P.L.Os. the vital importance of proceeding with as much speed as possible in the investigation of the individual cases, so that innocent persons are not kept in gaol for one moment longer than is absolutely necessary.

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I have nothing but praise for the manner in which the new Primo Presidente and Procuratore-Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal are tackling the onerous task which has been thrust upon them. They are the first to recognise, as I recognise, that they are only "stopgaps", and that their present appoint-

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A number of Orders have been made by the Regional Commissioner, suspending certain officials, and making temporary and provisional appointments. Copies of all these Orders have been supplied to you. Owing to suspensions of certain Court of Appeal officials the Court of Appeal now finds itself short-handed. On the suggestion of the Primo Presidente, I am requesting the Regional Commissioner to approve a temporary order compressing the present set-up of the Court of Appeal into two Sections instead of three, so as to make the best use of the available magistrates. This is only intended as an emergency measure, for actually, as the Primo Presidente has pointed out to me, the Court of Appeal ought really to be reinforced by a new Section, now that the three Tribunali of Udine Province have been brought under its jurisdiction. I am at present awaiting his recommendations, but I expect that he will ask for new magistrates of the grade of Consigliere d'Appello to be appointed to Venice.

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There are a number of vacancies, some of which ought to be filled without delay, but nowhere is the work of the Courts being crippled for lack of personnel. This is a matter which I am discussing with the Primo Presidente and the Procuratore Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal. I hope to let you have in the course of a few days particulars of the vacancies, the filling of which is regarded as a matter of immediate urgency. A certain number of magistrates from Trieste have been found in the Region as refugees, and it is proposed to make temporary use of these until such time as their services may be required by the Trieste Court of Appeal, if and when that is re-opened. I had intended to make a detailed return

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be able to make their reports to the Minister in the course of a very short time. I shall, of course, discuss the whole matter with them before their report is sent in. It is thought that special consideration is due to the shortages of personnel in the Province of Vicenza, where a great deal of extra work is entailed by the destruction of the Palace of Justice, with all the Court Records.

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I refer to AC/4039/4/L of 20 February 1945, particularly paragraph 3 thereof. In my judgment, in view of the healthy state in which the Courts generally have been found, and having regard to the improved communications now available with Rome, as soon as the returns asked for have been furnished by the Primo Presidente and the Procuratore-Generale of the Venice Court of Appeal ~~to the Minister of Justice~~ to the Minister of Justice, the normal procedure for making judicial appointments can be resumed.

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8. IMPLEMENTATION OF ITALIAN LEGISLATION.

Italian legislation has now been implemented in all Provinces in the terms of the Special Orders made by the Vice-President of the C.A. Section and published in the Special Supplement to Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 51 of 1945. The whole territory from the Po to the Alps has therefore been brought into line so far as Italian legislation is concerned.

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No. 29 is now with the printer, and will be published in all Provinces in a few days. On the advice of the Hemp Control Section G.O. No. 36 will not be published, but Provincial Orders are being prepared to take its place, for publication in the Provinces of Padova and Rovigo. G.O. No. 39 has now been posted in the ~~Province~~ Province of Bolzano - it has no relevance elsewhere in this Region. Copies of G.O. No. 39-A have just been received, but I have not yet been informed as to where or when this will be posted. G.O. No. 40 is not after all being published in this Region. Instead authority has been requested for the immediate implementation of the recent Italian Decree, published in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 53 of 1945, dealing with the subject of grain collection.

10. REGIONAL ORDERS.

Regional Order No. 1, bringing the Tribunale in the Province of Udine temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal of Venice, has already been published. Regional Orders Nos. 2 and 3, dealing respectively with Declaration of Essential Commodities (replacing G.O. No. 29) and control of the price of tobacco, cigarettes, matches, salt, etc., have already been approved and are in the hands of the printers. These Regional Orders have been duly certified by me in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 68. A fourth Regional Order dealing with travel restrictions is in contemplation.

11. PROVINCIAL ORDERS.

A number of Provincial Orders have been published by all Provinces. Copies of these are now being collected at this Headquarters, and will be sent to you for your information in the course of a few days.

12. PROVINCE OF BOLZANO.

As you will appreciate, this Province has a number of problems peculiarly its own. I have not yet succeeded in visiting it myself, but I have succeeded in meeting the P.L.O. on two occasions elsewhere. Fortunately the Italian Courts have been found to be in surprisingly good shape, and have now been opened. As you are aware, the population is largely German speaking. The P.L.O. has wisely arranged for all Proclamations, General, Regional and Provincial Orders to be translated into German before publication. He has also arranged for a German translation of every charge-sheet in the Allied Military Courts.

13. VENEZIA GIULIA.

With the formation of the Provinces of Venezia Giulia into a separate Region my responsibility for the legal officers in that area comes to an end.

been posted in the [redacted] Copies of G.O. No. 39-A relevance elsewhere in this Region. I have not yet been informed as have just been received, but I have not yet been informed as to where or when this will be posted. G.O. No. 40 is not after all being published in this Region. Instead authority has been requested for the immediate implementation of the recent Italian Decree, published in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 53 of 1945, dealing with the subject of grain collection.

10. REGIONAL ORDERS.

Regional Order No. 1, bringing the Tribunale in the Province of Udine temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal of Venice, has already been published. Regional Orders Nos. 2 and 3, dealing respectively with Declaration of Essential Commodities (replacing G.O. No. 29) and control of the price of tobacco, cigarettes, matches, salt, etc., have already been approved and are in the hands of the printers. These Regional Orders have been duly certified by me in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 68. A fourth Regional Order dealing with travel restrictions is in contemplation.

11. PROVINCIAL ORDERS.

A number of Provincial Orders have been published by all Provinces. Copies of these are now being collected at this Headquarters, and will be sent to you for your information in the course of a few days.

12. PROVINCE OF BOLZANO.

As you will appreciate, this Province has a number of problems peculiarly its own. I have not yet succeeded in visiting it myself, but I have succeeded in meeting the P.L.O. on two occasions elsewhere. Fortunately the Italian Courts have been found to be in surprisingly good shape, and have now been opened. As you are aware, the population is largely German speaking. The P.L.O. has wisely arranged for all proclamations, General, Regional and Provincial Orders to be translated into German before publication. He has also arranged for a German translation of every charge-sheet in the Allied Military Courts.

13. VENEZIA GIULIA.

With the formation of the Provinces of Venezia Giulia into a separate Region my responsibility for the legal officers in that area come to an end. The position with regard to legal officers at the time when the new Region was formed was as stated in my Interim Report of 20 May 1945. My suggestions for the future have already been conveyed to you privately. It has always been my view that legal officers could in due course be spared from the more settled Provinces of this Region, so as to make personnel available for Venezia Giulia. I should like to assure you that if and when you

may find it necessary to call for further legal officers to make up the strength of Venezia Giulia, I shall always try to co-operate and will not raise any unreasonable objections.

14. LEGAL OFFICER PERSONNEL.

The position with regard to Legal Officers remains as it was at the time of my Interim Report of 20 May 1945, except that Lieut. Leaning has now been ordered to report to Ancona. The Province of Rovigo will henceforth be looked after, together with the Province of Padova, by Major Stewart, P.L.O. of Padova.

H.L. Leaning

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer,
A.M.G., Venezia Region,
and
Senior Legal Officer,
A.M.G., 5th and 8th Armies.

Copies to:-

Regional Commissioner, A.M.G., Venezia Region:
S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th Army:
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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION	
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C. I. S.	

REGION XII AMG.Consolidated Report on Allied Military Courts for May 1945.A. Convictions

Province of	Curfew and Pass Violations	Theft and Poss. of Allied Prop.	Black Market & Price Vio.	Looting	Poss of Arms and Ammunition	Violation of Italian Penal Code	Others
Bolzano	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trento	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Verona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Vicenza	---	1	---	---	---	---	---
Padova	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Rovigo	66	2	---	---	---	---	---
Venezia	---	5	---	---	6	---	---
Treviso	---	---	10	---	4	---	2
Belluno	---	---	---	---	---	---	6
Udine	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Totals	73	9	10	---	10	---	10

B. Cases tried and findings.

Province of	Summary Court		Superior Court		General Court		Totals		Trans. to Italian Courts
	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	
Bolzano	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	8	---
Trento	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Verona	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Vicenza	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Padova	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---
Rovigo	6	76	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Venezia	2	25	---	---	---	---	6	76	---
Triveso	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	25	---
Belluno	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Udine	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Totals	8	112	---	---	---	---	8	112	---

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Rank

forRegional Legal Office
Region XII.

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7	---	---	---	---	---	1	8
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Findings.		Superior Court		General Court		Totals		Trans. to	Total Cases
Military Court	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	N.G.	G.	Italian Courts	
8	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	8
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2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
76	---	---	---	---	---	6	76	---	82
25	---	---	---	---	---	2	25	---	27
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112	---	---	---	---	---	8	112	---	120

WRCates

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Mapes

Rank

forRegional Legal Officer
Region XII.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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31 May 1945.

AC/4001/3/L.

SUBJECT : Procuratore del Regno, Prospero Giuseppe.
TO : H. E. The Minister of Pardon and Justice.

1. Enclosed for Your Excellency's consideration is an extract from a report of Provincial Legal Officer, Verona Province.
2. It would be appreciated if the recommendations made by the PIO could be given immediate attention.

Deef.

A. R. THACKERAY,
Lt. Col.,
Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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 HEADQUARTERS
 VENEZIE REGION
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394

HGW/lp
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28 May 1945.

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, HQ., AC.

SUBJECT: Attached Report from Provincial Legal Officer,
 VERONA Province.

FILE No: RXII/LE/VER/A/08.

1. I happen to have an extra copy of attached report, and I therefore forward it to you for your information.
2. It is certainly not proposed to send to you copies of every report which I receive from Provincial Legal Officers. But this one, I thought, happens to be an extremely complete report, and will give you a very full picture of the conditions prevailing in one of the Provinces of this Region.
3. I would add two observations. The first is that the Province of Verona is probably the one in which most progress has been made and which is now in best shape, and it would be unfair to judge the position in the Region as a whole by reference to the conditions prevailing in Verona. The second is that although the report is signed by Captain BOONE, and he is entitled to full credit for the making of such a complete report, the main credit for what has been achieved in Verona must go to Major AULISI. Major AULISI only handed over to Captain BOONE on 21 May 1945.

LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION	
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Italian	
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18 MAY 1945	

H. C. Liskner

Colonel,
 Regional Legal Officer,
 Venezia Region.

Such action as you
 consider necessary.

File Ref/Ver/11/3

To: Senior Legal Officer - 5th Army

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VERONA PROVINCE
Venezia Reg.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

SUBJECT: Monthly Legal Report.
TO: S.O.A.O., A.M.G., Fifth Army.
25 May 1945

MONTHLY LEGAL REPORT - 27 April to 25 May 1945

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(c) Superior Courts: " " : None

(d) Summary Courts: " " : None

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2. ITALIAN COURTS.

(a) General. All Italian Courts were immediately re-opened upon occupation, after screening of key personnel. The U.L.M. had named, and there was functioning, a Commissione di Giustizia composed of a Presidente and 6 members and the functions of this commission are to gather facts and information, on which denunciation could be based, as to persons detained in prison on political charges. This commission can serve a useful function and will be retained as long as its work expedites the functions of the prosecutor's office of the Special Court of Assize.

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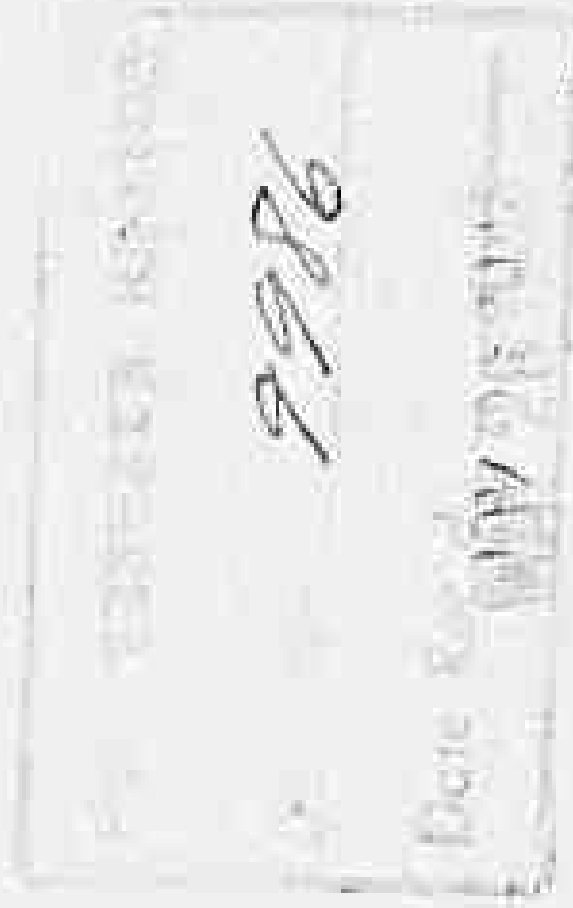
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the Courts are adequately staffed and the personnel qualified and clean politically. All of the Courts are scheduling audiences but rapid progress cannot be achieved until a postal service or a substitute means of communication is re-established.

(b) Tribunale of Verona.

1. Location and condition. Located in the Palazzo del Tribunale, in Piazza Dante. The Court building is in good condition and the only war damage is broken window glass and minor damage to plaster.

2. Constitution. The Court operates in two sections and the organic and present structure is as follows:

Organic

1 Presidente

1 Presidente di Sezione

11 Giudici

Present

BARRA CARACCIOLO Comm. Dr. Giuseppe, Grado V

DE GIROGOLI Cav. Uff. Giovanni , Grado V

1) PIETRAROTA Cav. Uff. Dr. Domenico , Grado VI

2) CRACCO Cav. Uff. Dr. Francesco , Grado VI

3) CORDIN Cav. Uff. Dr. Pompeo , Grado VI

4) CALVELLI Dr. Giovanni , " VII

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6) BUTTA Dott. Salvatore , " IX

7) DASSIOTTI Dott. Raffaele , " IX

8) MARTINI Cav. Uff. Dr. Giovanni , " VI

(refugee at Ponte Arche (Trento))

9) DALLA TORRE Cav. Dott. Sigismondo , " VI

(refugee at Bressano (Trento))

10) PACCHIANO Dott. Augusto , " VII

(refugee at Roverbella (Mantova))

11) Vacant.

11 Cancellieri ed Aiutanti:

1 Capo Cancelliere

Primo Cancelliere

1) RAINERI Cav. Uff. Carlo , Grado VII

2) GALANTE Cav. Francesco , Grado IX

3) ROSA Cav. Luigi , " IX

4) VINCI Cav. Reg. Amedeo , " IX

5) DI MARTINO Cav. Reg. Pasquale , " IX

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8) TROZZI Oreste , " XI

Aiutanti di Cancellieri:

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Ufficiali Giudiziari 1) ZORRIA Francesco

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Cancellieri	7) TEBUQUINO Tomaso, " XI 8) TINDI Ottavio, " XI
Aiutanti di Cancelleria:	9) CHIAVATTO Dario, " XI 10) Vacant 11) Vacant
Ufficiali Giudiziari	1) LONIA Francesco 2) BRIGLIA Roberto
Uscieri	1) PERAZZA Giuseppe 2) GERNAT Elisa

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The court, with the return to duty of the 3 absent Giudici, (arrangements are being made) will be adequately staffed. Complete organic strength will not be required.

Procura del Regno - Verona -

- 1 Procuratore del Regno
 - 1) Comm. Dr. PROSPERO Giuseppe, Grade (not on duty--see "Remarks" below.
3. Sostituti Procuratori del Regno 1) MINICI Dr. Cav. Filippo, Grade V (acting Procurat. del Regno)
 - 2) Vacant
 - 3) Vacant

5 Segretari

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| Primo Segretario | 1) GIUGO Cav. Antonio | Grado IX |
| " | 2) BERTASI Cav. Luigi | " IX |
| Segretario | 3) MARCHICA Dr. Vincenzo | " X |
| Aiutante di Segreteria | 4) AULETTA Ferdinando | " XII |
| Cancelliere della Pretura di Verona - applicato. | 5) CLARI Luigi | " X |

1 Uciore

- 1) POCIANI Vincenzo.

Remarks: The Procuratore del Regno, PROSPERO, was on duty until 23 April 1945. When he was promoted Consigliere di Cassazione, with seat in Brescia. He then left his office to take up that duty. As provided by D.L.L. 5 Oct 44 No. 249, such appointment is no longer applicable and he can now legally resume his position as Procuratore. While he is living in Verona, it has not been considered advisable, solely because of local feeling, to have him as Procuratore and that office is being temporarily handled by Sostituto Minici, a competent magistrate. A separate report is being made this date in which it is recommended that Prospero be transferred to some other court in the region and that he be replaced by another Procuratore del Regno. Action on this matter is urgent because the Sostituto is the only magistrate in the office of this Procura.

3. Pending cases.

<u>Penale</u>	a) Suspended because of war	183
	b) In giudizio	590
	c) Istruzione	135
<u>Civil</u>	a) Suspended because of war	94
	b) Istruzione	335

PRETURA (unificata) di Verona.

1. Location and Condition. Located in Cortina Marzotto, Verona.

3. Sostituti Procuratori del Regno 1) MINIOI Dr. Cav. Filippo, Grade V
(acting Procurat. del Regno)

- 2) Vacant
3) Vacant

5 Segretari

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1. Location and Condition. Located in Cortina Mercato Vecchio in Verona. The Court building is in excellent condition and suffered only minor damage.
2. Constitution. The Court has jurisdiction in the Town and Comune of Verona and 29 other communes. It also has a seat in Villafraanca to which in normal time a Magistrate goes twice monthly. The organic and present structure of this court is as follows:

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Organic

- 1 Primo Pretore Dirigente
- 1 Primo Pretore
- 5 Pretori Aggiunti

Present

- 1) Albertacci Dr. Comm. Alberto, Grade V
- 1) Girotto Dr. Cav. Giuseppe , " V
- 1) Balice Dott. Michele , " IX
- 2) (
- 3) (
- 4) (
- 5) (

vacant

12 Cancellieri

- Cancelliere Capo
- Primo Cancelliere
- Cancelliere

- 1) Cecchiopinti Cav. Pietro , Grado 8°
- 2) Bettilli Cav. Mario , " IX
- 3) Pini Aldo , " X
- 4) Sotis Gabriele , " X
- 5) Della Donne Francesco , " X
- 6) Bartesaghi Antonio , " X
- 7) Amoroso Michele , " XI
- 8) Pavalezza Mario , " XI
- 9) Motelese Giuseppe , " XI
- 10) Deanni Vladimiro , " XII
- 11) vacant
- 12) vacant

Aiutante di Cancelleria

5 Ufficiali Giudiziari

- 1) Duin Arcangelo
- 2) Marchi Mario
- 3) Jacopini Jader
- 4) Zerlotti Dario
- 5) vacant

1 Usciere

- 1) Giacchetti Augusto

Recommendations: This court normally handles about 2500 penal cases and about 2500 civil cases a year and it is thought that it will be necessary to have two additional pretori assigned to the court.

3. Pending cases.

<u>penale</u>	a) suspended because of war	93
	b) giudizio	134
<u>civil</u>	a) suspended because of war	22
	b) istruttione	41

Pretura di Legnago

- 1. Location and condition. Located at Legnago. The Court building is in good condition but the court-room needs to be repaired because of rather extensive damage to the ceiling.
- 2. Constitution. The court has a Sede Distaccata at

vacant
4
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12 Cancellieri

Cancelliere Capo

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Cancelliere

- 1) Cecchiopinti Cav. Pietro , Grado 5*
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1 Usciere

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Recommendations: This court normally handles about 9500 penal cases and about 2500 civil cases a year and it is thought that it will be necessary to have two additional pretori assigned to the court.

3. Pending cases.

penale	a) suspended because of war	93
	b) giudizio	194
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Pretura di Legnano

1. Location and condition. Located at Legnano. The Court building is in good condition but the court-room needs to be repaired because of rather extensive damage to the ceiling.

2. Constitution. The court has a Sede Distaccata at Sanguinetto where hearings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, and also at Montegnia (Padova). The organic and present structure of the court is:

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Organico

1 Pretore

1 Vice Pretore

Vice Pretore Onorario
" "

2 Cancellieri

Capo Cancelliere
Aiutante di Cancelleria 2)

1 Ufficiale Giudiziario

3. Pending casespenale

a) istruzione 20

b) giudizio 10

civil

20

Pretura Isola della Scala

1. Location and Condition. Located at Isola della Scala. The building in which the court is located is badly damaged but fortunately there is no damage to the part occupied by the court.

2. Constitution. The organic and present structure of the Court is:

Organico

1 Pretore

Present

1) Rodini Dott. Cav. Aldo , Grade VII
(not on duty because appointed to
Pretura Court di Mestre-Venezia)

Vice Pretore Onorario 1) Lizzari Dr. Arnaldo (on duty)
2) Saghamoso Dr. Cav. Monello

1 Cancelliere (Primo)

1 Ufficiale Giudiziario

1) Candiani Cav. Mario , Grade IX

1) Pusi Battista

3. Pending cases:Penale

a) giudizio 20

Civil

a)

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Pretura di Capri

1. Location and Condition. Located at Capri. The building is in excellent condition, undamaged by war. The Court has a "sede distaccata" at Bardolino, and in normal times hearings are held there 3 times each month.

2 Cancellieri

Capo Cancelliere 1) Vicentini Cav. Luigi , Grade IX
Aiutante di Cancelleria 2) Bolzon Luigi , Grade XII

1 Ufficiale Giudiziario -1) Rocca Giovanni

3. Pending cases

Penale a) istruzione 20
b) giudizio 10

civil 20

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Present

Vice Pretore Onorario 1) Lizzari Dr. Arnaldo (on duty)

2) Sagramoso Dr. Cav. Idonello

1 Cancelliere (Primo) 1) Candiani Cav. Mario , Grade IX

1 Ufficiale Giudiziario 1) Pusi Battista

3. Pending cases:

Penale a) giudizio 20

Civil a) 7

Pretura di Capriano

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2. Constitution. The organic and present constitution of Court is:

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- 6 -

Organic

1 Pretore

Vice Pretore Onorario

- 1) ANTONIOLI Dr. Cav. Giovanni, Grado VI
 1) AVV. SCALABRINI Augusto (a prisoner of war in Germany)

2 Cancellieri

Primo Cancelliere

- 1) LACORIO Umberto, Grado IX

Aiutante di Cancelleria

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3. Pending cases:Penale

- a) Suspenddd because of war 9

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Pretura di Tregnago

1. Location and Condition. Located at Tregnago. The Court is temporarily located in a communal building while the Municipio is being repaired of war damage. Its accommodations are satisfactory.

2. Constitution. The organic and present constitution of the Court is:

Organic

1 Pretore

- 1) Vacant (the Pretore of Soave Pretura normally served as Pretore of this Court)

Vice Pretore Onorario

- 1) AVV. Zamboni Dr. Cav. Virgilio (on duty)

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1 Cancelliere

- 1) Ercole Ferruccio, Grade X

1 Ufficiale Giudiziario

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Recommendations: An appointment of a Pretore for this court will not be necessary because of limited number of cases it has to handle.

3. Pending cases.Penal

- a) Giudizio

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Pretura di Treggiato

1. Location and Condition. Located at Treggiato. The Court is temporarily located in a communal building while the Municipio is being repaired of war damage. Its accommodations are satisfactory.

2. Constitution. The organic and present constitution of the Court is:

Organic

1 Pretore

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Recommendations: An appointment of a Pretore for this court will not be necessary because of limited number of cases it has to handle.

3. Pending cases.

Penal a) Giudizio 10

Civil 7

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Pretura di SOAVE

1. Location and condition. Located at Soave. The building is in excellent condition, undamaged by war.
2. Constitution. The organic and present constitution of the court is:

Organic

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1 Pretore | 1) Caribba Cav. Dr. Giuseppe -Grade VII
(in concentration camp in Germany) |
| 2 Vice Pretori Onorari | 1) Avv. Perrazzana Dr. Giovanni
(in concentration camp in Germany) |
| | 2) Avv. Fiorini Dr. Paolo |
| 2 Cancellieri | |
| Primo Cancelliere | 1) Marchi Cav. Gino -Grade IX |
| | 2) Vagant |
| 1 Ufficiale Giudiziario | 1) Nordinio Vincenzo. |

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Recommendation. This is an important pretura court and needs a Pretore. The Vice Pretore Onorario, available for duty lives at Caldiero and cannot devote full time to Court. A Pretore should be temporarily assigned to this court until the return of the regular Pretore.

3. Pending cases

<u>Penale</u>	a) Istruzione 16
	b) Giudizio 86
<u>Civil</u>	a) 11

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D.L.L. 5 Oct 44 No. 249 and D.L.L. 28 April 1945 No. 142 were implemented in Verona on 8 May and the Special Court of Assize constituted. It is composed of:

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BARRA CARACCIULO Comm. Dr. Giuseppe, President of Tribunale of Verona

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To date 19 cases are in the course of instruction and the first case in which the former Questore of Verona is the defendant will be heard on 1 June 45.

Political prisoners. There are approximately 850 persons

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detained in jails in the province, facing political charges. These cases are being investigated by C.L.M. and if sufficient facts to warrant prosecution are developed, then denunciation are filed with the Prosecutor's office of the Special Court of Assise. If not, then the individual is released. The importance of prompt investigation is strongly urged.

3. LAWYERS ASSOCIATION. One meeting was had with about 75 lawyers on 14 May 45 at which an Advisory Committee was named. This Committee will call a meeting of the bar for 4 June 45, at which time an organization will be formed in accordance with Italian law.

4. DEPARTMENTS. General Order No. 35 and 35a were posted on 15 May 45 and a Provincial Order (No. 7) posted constituting the Provincial Evacuation Committee as follows:

- President - CALVARELLI Giovanni (Judge of the Tribunale)
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 MAIN HEADQUARTERS
 VENEZIE REGION
 Allied Military Government
 APO 394

3 May 1945.

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, HQ, AC.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April 1945.

FILE No: RXII/LE/Reg/G/O1.

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7. I have so far received no reports back from any of the Provincial Legal Officers, who have gone forward. I myself have been tied to Regional Headquarters by my duties as Deputy Regional Commissioner, and Major Oates has similarly been tied by Administrative duties of a temporary nature.

It has not, therefore, been possible to go forward to reconnoitre the position in the newly occupied territory, and as a result I am unable so far to report on the conditions which have been found. I do not know what judicial officials have been found at their posts, nor have I any knowledge as yet as to the state of business in the Italian Courts. No records of cases tried in Allied Military Courts have so far reached this Headquarters.

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20 May 1945.

To: Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, HQ, AC.
Subject: Situation Report as at 20 May 1945.
File No: RXII/LE/Reg/G/O3.

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Lt. Col. Dawson (B), Captain Boone (A) and 1st Lieut. Miller (A) have now reported at this HQ, and have been posted as follows:-

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There have still been very few cases tried in A.M. Courts, and there is little to report on this branch of the work. It is expected that in a short time a certain amount of work may develop when (a) a serious attempt is made to call in the arms still held by the Patriotti, and (b) there has been time to see the effect of the posting of certain General Orders which have now been ordered to be posted. It is contemplated that if and when Allied Military Government is set up in the city of Trieste there will probably be a considerable body of work for A.M. Courts, and for this reason it is desired to build up as strong a team of legal officers as possible for this area.

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The new Primo Presidente and Procuratore Generale of the Court of Appeal of Venezia have taken up their work with enthusiasm, and their work so far is such as to inspire confidence that they will soon be able to get the machine running smoothly once more. The difficulty with regard to the three Tribunali in the Province of Udine, which in normal times are dependent on the Court of Appeal of Trieste, has been solved by the publication of a Regional Order placing them temporarily under the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal of Venezia.

This step was taken after consultation and by agreement with the Primo Presidente of the Court of Appeal of Venezia. In Venezia Province itself the Courts had been closed owing to the unsatisfactory records of some of the senior officials. These, as already reported, have now been suspended by order of the Regional Commissioner, new appointments have been provisionally made, and the Courts in the Province have been re-opened. The re-opening of the Tribunale, on 15 May, was made the occasion of something of a ceremony, when the Regional Commissioner attended in person and met the more important judicial officials, leading members of the Bar, and other civic dignitaries. It is thought that this ceremony was much appreciated by the public of Venice City and should have a good effect. In Udine and Belluno Provinces the Courts had been closed by order of 8th Army, but orders have now been issued to have them re-opened forthwith, and no difficulty is expected as most of the magistrates are present and of unexceptionable record. In the Provinces of Trento and Bolzano the Courts had been closed by order of 5th Army. These provinces are still in Army Area, and authority has been requested from SCAO, AMG, 5th Army, to have the Courts re-opened forthwith. There appears to be no reason why they should not be immediately re-opened. I have myself met the President of Section and the Avvocato-Generale of the Trento Section of the Court of Appeal, both of whom impressed me favourably. In Bolzano Province, contrary to expectations, it was found that Italian Courts had been functioning right up to the time of the Allied occupation. They are abreast of their work; the magistrates (other than certain German magistrates, who were appointed to a special German section of the Tribunale, now abolished) are practically all present, of good record, and ready for work. Unlike other provinces, Bolzano was never subjected to the Fascist-Republican legislation, the only new legislation being by way of German Proclamations and Orders, all of which have now of course been abrogated. In the remaining Provinces the Courts were never really closed, but have more or less carried straight on with their work.

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been done in those cases where the appointment was one made during the Fascist-Republican regime, and it was thought desirable to clarify the position of the magistrates concerned, having regard to the terms of D.L.L. 249 of 1944.

6. "EPURAZIONE".

Orders for the implementation of D.L.L. 142 of 1945 and D.L.L. 249 of 1944 have been issued to the Provinces of Rovigo, Padova, Venezia, Treviso, Udine, Verona, Vicenza, Belluno and Trento. These Provinces have also been ordered to post forthwith G.Os. 35 and 35-A. In most of these provinces this has already been done. Authority is being sought from SCAO, AMG, 5th Army, to take the same action in Bolzano Province, since the PIO reports that the Province is quite ready to proceed forthwith with the process of "Epurazione". In the nearer provinces the Special Courts of Assize have already been set up, and it is hoped that it may be possible to make a start with the trial of the first cases during the course of the present week. In the case of the more remote provinces there has been some unavoidable delay, due to transportation and communication difficulties. It will be appreciated that appointments have to be made by the Primo Presidente and the Procuratore Generale of the Court of Appeal of Venezia, and this has necessitated some correspondence between the Court of Appeal and the provinces, as the Court of Appeal officials are not completely au fait with the personnel available in the provinces - this is of course particularly the case with the Province of Udine, which is now brought under the Court of Appeal of Venezia for the first time. However, I have urged upon the officials concerned the supreme importance of speed, and the making of the necessary appointments is being pressed on within the limits imposed by transportation and communication difficulties.

7. ITALIAN LEGISLATION.

Instructions have been issued to the Provinces of Rovigo, Padova, Venezia, Treviso, Udine, Verona, Vicenza and Belluno for the immediate implementation of Italian legislation in the terms of the Special Endorsements of the Vice-President, CA Section, contained in the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 51 of 1945. Here again the only limiting factor has been transportation, and it has not yet been possible to deliver the necessary copies of the Gazzetta Ufficiale to all provinces. It is expected, however, that implementation will be complete in all the above provinces within the course of a few days. All PIOs have been carefully instructed in what is required of them. Authority is being sought from SCAO, AMG, 5th Army, to carry out implementation in the Provinces of Trento and Bolzano also, as both the PIOs concerned report that their respective provinces are quite ready for it. It appears undesirable that these two

D.L.L. 249 of 1944 have been issued to the Provinces of Rovigo, Padova, Venezia, Treviso, Udine, Verona, Vicenza, Belluno and Trento. These Provinces have also been ordered to post forthwith G.Os. 35 and 35-A. In most of these provinces this has already been done. Authority is being sought from SCAO, AMG, 5th Army, to take the same action in Bolzano Province, since the PIO reports that the Province is quite ready to proceed forthwith with the process of "Epurazione". In the nearer provinces the Special Courts of Assize have already been set up, and it is hoped that it may be possible to make a start with the trial of the first cases during the course of the present week. In the case of the more remote provinces there has been some unavoidable delay, due to transportation and communication difficulties. It will be appreciated that appointments have to be made by the Primo Presidente and the Procuratore Generale of the Court of Appeal of Venezia, and this has necessitated some correspondence between the Court of Appeal and the provinces, as the Court of Appeal officials are not completely au fait with the personnel available in the provinces - this is of course particularly the case with the Province of Udine, which is now brought under the Court of Appeal of Venezia for the first time. However, I have urged upon the officials concerned the supreme importance of speed, and the making of the necessary appointments is being pressed on within the limits imposed by transportation and communication difficulties.

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8.

POSTING OF GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

The following instructions have now been issued to the Provinces already under Regional control, i.e. Rovigo, Padova, Venezia, Treviso and Udine. The Regional Commissioner is to-day

conferring with SCAO, AMG, 5th Army, with a view to ascertaining the policy to be followed within the Provinces under control of 5th Army, and it is hoped that it may be possible to pursue something in the nature of a common policy throughout all the provinces other than those of Venezia Giulia.

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G.O. 41 is being posted in all Provinces, but instructions have been issued to P.C., Udine Province, to publish with it a Provincial Order excepting the price of bread and pasta from the provisions of G.O. 41 within his Province.

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 1st Lieut. Miller) - Trieste Province.

Major Gold - Gorizia Province.

Lt. Col. Troxell - Fiume Province.

Lieut. Becker - Pola Province.

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for these provinces will in due course be required, having regard to the conditions likely to be encountered. Major Davis (at present working with Emilia Region) should be available, and will be requested when required. For the rest, I hope it will be possible after a short while to thin out the legal officers now working in the more settled provinces of the Region, ~~and~~ putting one officer to two provinces, and thus relieving a few officers for duty in Venezia Giulia. At the same time, if any more legal officers are available anywhere in Italy, I would earnestly request that they be assigned for duty in Venezia Giulia, which I regard as the area of first priority.

If you have any special instructions to give as to the policy to be followed in Venezia Giulia in relation to legal affairs, I should like to have them as early as possible, as it seems not unlikely that events may move swiftly.

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TRANSPORTATION.

As indicated in the foregoing paragraphs, transportation is an ever present difficulty. The R.L.O. has to rely on a not too reliable requisitioned civilian vehicle for visiting provinces - and in view of the great distances involved this is by no means satisfactory. There are not sufficient military vehicles at Regional H.Q. to allow one for each Division, and the Legal Division is not one which has a military vehicle. The same is true of the P.L.Os. Most provinces are short of transport, and few P.L.Os. have yet been able even to visit the Pretor~~a~~ in the communes remote from Provincial H.Q. After over a fortnight of occupation this, it will be agreed, is by no means satisfactory.

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VENEZIE REGION
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10 May 1945.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

SUBJECT: Situation Report as at 10 May 1945.

FILE No: RXII/LE/Reg/G/03.

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appointments have now been to the office of Primo Presidente, Procuratore Generale and Procuratore del Regno. It is hoped that with these new appointments made it will be possible to get all Courts operating at an early date. In no Province does there appear to be any great ~~amount~~ ^{amount} of work.

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Outlook of Judicial Personnel

I find evidence, more particularly in Venezia, of a general reluctance to accept orders from Rome or to receive additional magistrates from the South. It is obvious that Italian Courts will be short-handed for the time being, both because of the "Epurazione" of certain of them, and also because of the additional calls on the time of judicial personnel resulting from the establishment of the Special Court of Assize. For the time being, however, I think it is better to accept this position, rather than seek to import additional personnel from the South.

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Restrictive Orders

Comments have already been made on the absence of any at empt to enforce curfew and travel restrictions. I am far from saying that in present conditions they should be enforced. On the contrary, in many localities where conditions are more or less normal, it would obviously be most undesirable to do so. I do consider, however, that restrictions which it is not intended to

to enforce should be withdrawn, as I regard it as detrimental to the prestige of AMG to allow open violation of orders posted under the authority of AMG. I recognize that conditions vary as between different provinces, and for that reason I suggest that authority be delegated to Provincial Commissioners to make local orders relating the present restrictions where the situation warrants such a course.

H. G. Willmer

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394.

1 February 1945.

To: Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.
Subject: Monthly Report for January 1945.
File No: RXII/LE/Reg/C/01.

1. With the move of Main Headquarters from Pesaro, the office of the Legal Division was moved to Cattolica, where a convenient room has been found in the Municipio which is shared with the Provincial Commissioner, Venezia Province.
2. During the month I have prepared an amendment to my "Legal Instructions", to bring these up to date in the light of the latest directives from the Legal Sub-Commission, A.C. Copies of the amendment are not being distributed at the moment, while Provincial teams are scattered, but are being held here for immediate distribution as soon as the teams mobilize.
3. I have myself been engaged intermittently during the month presiding over General Military Courts for A.M.G., 8th Army, and also for Abruzzi-Marche Region. Several more cases are in view, which should be ready for trial during the next few weeks.
4. The remaining officers of the Division are employed as follows:

1st. Col. Ainslie	-	Abruzzi-Marche Region:
Major Bates	-	A.M.G., 5th Army:
Major Franklin	-	Abruzzi-Marche Region:
Major Cotes-Freedy	-	Abruzzi-Marche Region - recently
		Southern Region:
Major Lupton	-	Southern Region:
Major Little	-	A.M.G., 8th Army:
Major Aulisi	-	Southern Region:
Major Davis	-	A.M.G., 5th Army:
2/Lieut. Crago	-	A.M.G., 8th Army.
5. Pvt. De Lu, of the staff of this Division, has been assisting in the office of the Regional Legal Officer, Emilia Region, where he has obtained useful experience.

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H. G. Wimmer
Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer.

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1 February 1945

FILE NO. : RXII/LE/Reg/D/07.
SUBJECT : Legal Instructions.
TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.

Herewith copy of Legal Instructions, Amendment No. 2,
which are being issued to the Provinces.

H. L. Winner

Colonel
Regional Legal Officer
Venezia Region.

Incc: As above.

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LEGAL INSTRUCTIONS
Amendment No. 2.

PART I, Paragraph 2.

Add at end of Sub-Paragraph (b):-

"(iii) in the case of charges under Proclamation I, article IV, Section 44, in respect of infringement of any Italian law regulating or controlling the sale, purchase, distribution, allotment, rationing or transporting of any commodity or article, it is essential that the charge specify the precise section of the Italian law alleged to have been infringed and the manner of its infringement."

PART II, Paragraph 19.

Add at end of Sub-Paragraph (a):-

"Subsequent decrees have been published by the Italian Government, amending the original decree in certain respects, and creating the administrative machinery for putting it into effect. English translations of these further decrees have been furnished to all Provincial Commissioners for the information of Provincial Legal Officers."

Add fresh Sub-Paragraph, as follows:-

"(d) In areas in which Italian legislation has not yet been implemented it may be necessary to publish General Order No. 35, which however will be done only on the order of the S.C.A.O. of the Army A.G. or the Regional Commissioner. This General Order provides for epuration to be carried out along similar lines by Commissions of Italians working under the supervision of A.M.G. in advance of the time when the Italian decrees are put into effect."

PART III, Paragraph 42.

In Sub-Paragraph (b) delete "Notices I and 2", and substitute "Notices I, 2, and 3".

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(b) As soon as his Province comes under regional control, or earlier if so ordered by the P.C.A.D. of Army A.D.C., the Provincial Legal Officer will see that the reprint of Decrees referred to (Raccolte Ufficiali), together with all copies of the Gazette Ufficiale subsequent to No. 39 of 1944 received to date, are delivered to the Prefect as soon as possible. He will see that the Prefect signs the necessary receipts in triplicate, and that these are disposed of as required by the Directive, one copy being forwarded to the Regional Legal Officer for transmission to the Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.

(c) Thereafter the Provincial Legal Officer will see that issues of the Gazzetta Ufficiale reaching Provincial Headquarters are duly passed on to the Prefect, and that the procedure laid down in the Directive is strictly complied with on each occasion.

PART III, Paragraph 45.

Add at end of Sub-Paragraph (a):-

"Subsequent amplifying and amending decrees have been published by the Italian Government, English translations of which have already been furnished to Provincial Commissioners for the information of Provincial Legal Officers."

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"It will further be observed that these Italian decrees are not applicable in Army Areas. In such areas the procedure laid down

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
A.P.O. 1944.

3 January 1945.

To: Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region.
Subject: Monthly Report for December 1944.
File No: EXH/LE/Reg/6/C1.

1. During the month of December 1944 all the officers of this Division were engaged in working for other Regions and organisations.
2. The following table shows the legal officers so far assigned to this Region, their proposed designations, and their present whereabouts.

NAME	PROPOSED DESIGNATION	PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
Col. Wilmer	Regional Legal Officer	Att'd 8th Army
Major Gates	Deputy R.L.O.	Att'd 5th Army
Lt. Col. Finsias	Trieste Province	Att'd Abruzzi-Marche
Major Franklin	Novara Province	Att'd Abruzzi-Marche
Major Lupton	Verona Province	Att'd Southern Region
Major Little	Padova Province	Att'd 5th Army
Major Cotes-Breedy	Venezia Province	Att'd Southern Region
Captain Milisi	Vicenza Province	Att'd Southern Region
Lieut. Grago	(not yet designated)	Att'd 8th Army

3. During the month a new 8th Army directive for C.A.Os. has been prepared by R.L.O. Emilia Region, dealing with the organisation and administration of Allied Military Courts. This was submitted to me, and I proposed certain amendments which I understand will be adopted. These amendments were designed to bring the proposed 8th Army directive into line with instructions that I have already prepared for Provincial Officers of this Region. It is thus hoped to avoid any major change of method and procedure when the Region takes over from the Army A.P.O.

H. L. Wilmer

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

3 November 1944

TO : Chief Legal Adviser, Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

FILE No: RXII/LE/Reg/G/OI.

1. There is nothing to report for the month of October, except in relation to the personal activities of the Legal Officers assigned to this Region.

2. The following officers are with their provincial teams at the disposal of their respective Provincial Commissioners :-

Lt. Col.	Ainslie	- Trieste Province :
Major	Little	- Padova Province :
Major	Lupton	- Verona Province :
Major	Cotes-Preedy	- Venezia Province.

3. The following officers are on temporary loan to Abruzzi-Marche Region, on 48 hours notice, and are employed as under :-

Major	Franklin	- C.A.O., Pesaro :
Major	Oates	- C.A.O., Fossombrone.

4. Captain Aulisi is on temporary loan to Lazio-Umbria Region and is working with the Legal Division in Rome.

5. I myself am remaining for the time being at Regional H.Q., at the disposal of the Regional Commissioner, but I have informed the Regional Legal Officer of Abruzzi-Marche Region that I am available to assist him with court work when required.

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H. C. Wickner

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer,
Venezia Region.

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Venezia Region

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new fileHEADQUARTERS REGION 12
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

5 September 1944.

TO : Chief Legal Officer,
Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

FILE NO: R 12/LE/Leg/6/01.

During the past month this Division has consisted for most of the time of the A.I.C. and P.R.I.C., and they have been occupied in the preparation of the new Regional Legal Directives sent to you under cover of letter of to-day's date.

Plans have been made for the new Region, and the proposed distribution of Legal Officers is attached here-to.

The following Legal Officers have reported to date:

Lt. Col. Mercer
Lt. Col. Ainslie
Major Cotes-Presdy
Major Franklin
Major Lupton

H. C. Linnner

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer
Region 12.

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REGION XII.PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF LEGAL OFFICERS.ROVIGO

Will be administered by L.O., Padova.

PADOVA

Lt. Col. Mercer.

VERONA

Capt. Aulisi.

VICENZA

A.N. Other. When required, this officer will move forward to take over Trento and Bolzano, and Vicenza will be administered by L.O., Verona.

VENEZIA

Major Cotes-Preedy.

TREVISO

No provision considered necessary at present. When required, this Province can be taken over by L.O.,

Venezia.

BELLUNO

No provision considered necessary at present. Can probably be dealt with by L.O., Venezia, if necessary.

TRENTO

No provision necessary at present. When required,

BOLZANO

these provinces will be taken over by L.O., Vicenza.

UDINE

No provision necessary at present. When required, this province will be taken over by the second L.O. at Trieste.

GORIZIA

Will be administered when required by L.O., Trieste.

TRIESTE

(Lt. Col. Ainslie.

(A.N. Other.

NOTE. These officers will become responsible in due course for Gorizia and Udine. The province of Trieste includes the Tribunale District of Capodistria geographically within the Province of Pola.

FIUME

Major Franklin.

POLA

NOTE. The Tribunale District of Capodistria will be excluded from this Province and placed under L.O., Trieste.

If the above is approved it is suggested that Lt. Col. Mercer be sent forward early, as soon as the Army nears the boundaries of Region XII, in order to act as liaison officer with 8th Army, dealing

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SUMMARY

Col. Willmer) Regional H.Q.
Capt. Oates)

Lt. Col. Mercer - Liaison Officer with 8th Army; will administer Rovigo while passing, and will drop off at Padova as L.O. of Padova and Rovigo.

Lt. Col. Ainslie - With another officer to be selected will take over as L.O., Trieste. Between the two of them they will be responsible for the Tribunale District of Capodistria (within the Province of Pola), and also later, when required, for the Provinces of Gorizia and Udine.

Major Cotes-Predy - Venezia. Will be prepared to take over later, if required, the Provinces of Treviso and Belluno.

Major Lupton - Pola, less the Tribunale District of Capodistria.

Major Franklin - Fiume.

Captain Aulisi - Verona. Will be required to take over later the Province of Vicenza in addition. If required by the circumstances this officer might go forward early as liaison officer with 5th Army.

A.N. Other (1) - Vicenza. Will go forward later to take over Trento and Bolzano, handing over Vicenza to L.O., Verona.

A.N. Other (2) - Second officer at Trieste. Will probably be required later to take over Udine.

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