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On 13 Nov a guard of the Criminal Investigation Division was shot by a criminal who attempted to evade arrest in the Piazza Libertà, Trieste; the guard has since died.

On 27 Nov the body of a Uniform guard was found in the canal near S.Polo di Monfalcone. The guard who was stationed at Ronchi had been missing since 25 Nov; the body showed signs of violence and foul play is suspected.

The morale of the Force has not been affected by such incidents and is at a high level. Another satisfactory feature is the large number of applications received at this HQ from young men desirous of joining the Force.

3. PERSONNEL DIVISION

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During this month 261 men joined the VGFF, 12 were dismissed, 15 resigned, 4 died and 2 were re-employed.

The Disciplinary Office dealt with 21 cases during the month.

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The health of the Force continues to be satisfactory. A pleasing feature is the reduction in the number of men whom it is necessary to send to the Civil Hospital for treatment; this has dropped from 60 in the month of July to 11 last month. This is due

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The Medical Board dealt with 32 special cases during the month submitted to them by the various police surgeons.

The Catering Officer has continued his very useful work and has made daily inspections of the

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kitchens at Via dell'Istria and Caserma Belleno where high standards of cuisine and hygiene have been maintained.

The Force Chaplain has done much to comfort the families of the four men who died during the month and has visited many outlying stations. His work is appreciated by all ranks and there is no doubt that his appointment has had an excellent effect upon the discipline and morale of the members of the Force.

There has been continued activity in the field of sport and VGIF teams have had much success in the football and basketball championship tournaments.

Physical training continues at the gymnasium in Via S. Francesco.

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No change.

(b) General

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Basic Training Course No.14 started on Nov 18th with a total of 414 students.

(c) Specialist Courses

(i) Uniform Division Advanced Training Course

Advanced Training Course No.2 for Uniform Division personnel started on Sept 4th with a class of 30 students, ended on Oct 31st with 28 graduates. Twenty of the graduates were selected for appointment as Sub - Inspector.

(ii) CID Advanced Training Course

The first Advanced Training Course for CID personnel which started on Sept 17th with a class of 26

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students ended on Nov 16th with 24 graduates. Eleven of the graduates were appointed Sub Inspectors in the Crim. Inv. Division; seven were promoted to Sgt. 1st Class; and the remaining six were promoted to Sgt 2nd Class.

(d) Health and Welfare

The health of the students has been satisfactory.

A total of 318.541,50 lire was spent for merchandise consisting of beer, wine, liquors and cakes, and resold to the students through the School Canteen.

(e) Discipline

Punishments, ranging from a 1 day confinement to Barracks to a fine of 3 days pay, were given to students who violated disciplinary regulations during the month.

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Searchlight " :	3	53	113
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(c) Discipline

There has been a further decrease in disciplinary action. The Zone Chief Insp dealt with 64 cases and further 9 cases were dealt with by Disciplinary Boards sitting in Trieste.

4 men were dismissed for disciplinary offences and 3 cases have been referred to Chief Legal Officer for consideration of legal proceedings against the 3 men concerned.

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(d) Uniform Branch

This Branch is now under the control of Chief Insp Motta who has been received from the Training School. This Branch has been given priority so far as new entrants are concerned and a special attention is being paid to the personnel situation at all stations in the Monfalcone and Gorizia areas. The need for additional NCOs is also being dealt with as rapidly as possible.

(e) Municipal Guard Branch

This Branch is performing quite satisfactorily its own somewhat limited police duties.

(f) Traffic Branch

The work of this Branch is very satisfactory but the full development of its activities is being restricted by the lack of trained officers.

(g) Mounted Branch

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This has already been put into operation.

(j) Communications Branch

Under the active and able direction of Capt Ritner this Branch is now making rapid progress towards maximum efficiency. All HQ Staff and the Radio Control Room for Trieste City have now been accommodated in the Prefettura and so all W/T services in Trieste are now under one roof.

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Mobile W/T units are being introduced into the Monfalcone area and a school for present and future personnel of the Branch will be started this month.

The shortage of personnel which was one of the factors preventing the full development of this Branch is now being reduced by the transfer of suitable persons from the Uniform Branch.

6. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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HQ	7	21	28	30	86
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Pola	1	4	4	44	53
Totals	55	74	122	443	694
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Total	24	males 13 females

(b) General

The month has been quiet and almost free from political disturbances with a notable decrease in terroristic attacks, abductions and murders.

The CID officers training course ended and from 25 students, 11 officers have been appointed. It is hoped that these newly trained men will improve the efficiency of the various offices of the CID, but there is still a shortage of trained personnel.

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(c) Crime

Crime during last month was within normal limits. The detailed figures are as follows :-

W/E	Crimes rept.	Arr.for crimes	Arr.for prev. police measures
31.10.46	125	35	34
7.11.46	165	66	64
14.11.46	153	35	40
21.11.46	115	22	54
28.11.46	132	22	25
Total	690	180	217

The following cases of political murder were reported :-

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Abduction

Only one case of attempted abduction has to be reported :-

(i) During the morning of the 16th Nov at Vipulzano (Gorizia) pro-Slavs elements attempted the abduction of the lady school teacher appointed by AMG. The intervention of an American Officer frustrated the abduction. Enquiries are being made.

Missing persons

(i) On the 2nd Nov the Piedimonte Colvano Police Station reported that the guard GORKIC Emilio, W/C No.3690, had been missing since 11.30 hrs. Enquiries have been made and it is supposed that the a/m guard is in Zone 'B'. Up to date it has not been ascertained whether he left this territory of his own will or whether he has been abducted.

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(iii) On the 21st Nov a nude corpse of unprecise sex was found on the right side of the river Isonzo in Salcano zone. The body showed signs on the neck so that it is supposed the person have been strangled with a rope. A chain was bound around the waist which appeared to have been used to hang a weight in order to hold the corpse on the river-bed. The death seems to have occurred months ago. Enquiries are being made.

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Explosions

There were 23 cases of the use of explosives for political or personal motives, a decrease of 10 as compared with the previous month.

The following ammunition and explosives were found during the month:-

8 Nov in an air raid shelter at the cross-way of Cattinara and S. Giuseppe della Chiusa

70 anti-tank projectiles m/m 47
400 perforating " m/m 47
55 artillery " m/m 75

12 Nov in the area of the iron-foundry ILVA

20 hand-grenades 'Breda
18 boxes containing 4/5 detonators each
16 tins of dynamite

12 Nov at Campo Marzio Railway Station, near the Control Depot

14 gelatine-tubes
5 TNT tables

(d) Squadra Mobile and Polizia Giudiziaria

The Squadra Mobile and the Polizia Giudiziaria have received 338 denunciations including :-

3 for homicide
2 " assault with arms
34 " injuries during riots
5 " robbery
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1 " attempted robbery
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1 " blackmail
44 " burglary
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357 persons were arrested during the month.

(e) Scientific Branch

The members of this Branch have made several inspections of homicides, accidents etc. Photographs of the human remains disinterred from the common grave at Gorizia (Sella di Montesanto) have been taken. The clothing, shoes and the few objects found on the bodies of the victims have been examined in order to identify them.

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(f) Special Branch - Aliens

Two new officers and one NCO were assigned to the section during the month, in order to relieve the existing personnel of their excessive amount of work.

Many requests for information of a political nature coming from the Italian Questure have been satisfied.

Collaboration has been given to several investigations made by FSS.

Information of confidential nature have been gathered in regard to the various political parties.

The activity of the Aliens Office consisted in the issuing of :-

173 permits of sojourn
264 extention of permits of sojourn
59 enquiries respecting the whereabouts of foreigners

The movement of aliens in the town has been checked daily in cooperation with FSS.

(g) Licensing and Administration Matters

This section has performed the following activities :-

36 licenses for public premises, 17 licenses for transport and 9 licenses for arms have been granted.

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The documents of 52.028 arriving passengers and 46.092 departing passengers have been checked. 56 Istrian refugees coming from Pola and many refugees and prisoners of war have been assisted. Many passengers coming from and going abroad have been checked. Amongst these were a German prisoner of war escaped from the Russian Zone and en route to Egypt, and 5 Portuguese citizens (clandestine passengers).

The patrolling of the harbour waters was commenced as from the end of October by the Harbour Patrol Section. Five launches are at present in running

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order and a programme is being worked out to link their duty with the launches of the Military Police. According to this plan, three launches will be in permanent service by night and three by day.

The weekly returns showing the number of railway waggons found with seals broken are as follows :-

Weekly report for the period 25th Oct - 31st Oct :

Waggons found with seals broken	12
" with goods missing	4
Persons arrested	10
Thefts reported by State Railways Office	--

Weekly report for the period 1st Nov - 7th Nov :

Waggons found with seals broken	13
" with goods missing	--
Persons arrested	15
Thefts reported by the State Railways Office	--

Weekly report for the period 8th Nov - 14th Nov :

Waggons found with seals broken	2
" with goods missing	1
Persons arrested	5
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Weekly report for the period 15th Nov - 21st Nov :

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Weekly report for the period 22nd Nov - 28th Nov :

Waggons found with seals broken	2
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See para (d) Squadra Mobile and Polizia Giudiziaria.

(j) Gorizia Zone

Reports of crimes :-

99 crimes have been reported : 68 thefts, 2 attempted thefts, 1 attempted abduction, 1 arson, 1 aggression, 9 robberies, 7 pick pocketing, 3 violations of domicile with arms in hand, 4 explosions, 1 damaging of property, 3 bodies found.

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170 persons have been arrested and denounced to the Judicial Authorities and Allied Court.

51 persons have been arrested for police preventive measures and repatriated with compulsory travel order.

The Scientific Section has dealt with the description of 183 persons and taken 61 finger-prints. 43 convicted criminals have been photographed and 463 copies have been printed of their pictures. During the month 18 aliens have been registered and 54 declarations of sojourn extended.

Cooperation has been given to the local FSS.

(k) Pola Zone

50 cases of crime have been reported :-

36 thefts, 5 injuries, 6 forged currency, 1 missing person, 2 complaints for threats.

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12 brothels are operating in the town, with approximately 100 prostitutes, who have been submitted to a medical examination three times a week; 8 of these prostitutes were found affected by VD and sent to hospital.

Gorizia : The following activity has been performed by the Vice Squad :

Prostitutes over 21 years stopped during the month		44
"	already issued with sanitary book	6
"	inspected by a doctor	2
"	affected by VD and conveyed to hospital	2

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Prostitutes	stopped pending information	2
"	repatriated with compulsory travel card	7
"	identified and dismissed	30
"	minor of age stopped during the month	24
"	inspected by a doctor	2
"	affected by VD conveyed to hospital	2
"	stopped pendinginformation	2
"	repatriated with compulsory travel card	5
"	identified and dismissed	14
"	denounced to the Judicial Authority	1

Pola : During the month, 32 prostitutes were checked of whom 24 are in possession of a sanitary book. 6 of full age and one of minor age were found infected with VD and hospitalized and 6 were denounced to the Judicial Authorities.

7. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

(i) Effective Strength

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Services performed during the month are as follow :-

	No.
Verifications of War Damage claims	1.671
Verifications of Income Taxes	495
Verifications of tax stamps evasion	16
Verifications of public show taxes	71
Verifications of taxes for radio	70
Verifications of registration fees	116
Verifications Govt Licences	22

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Informations direct imposts	486
Informations of War profit	21
Informations for civil acts	29
Informations for judicial acts	17
Miscellaneous informations	538
Control of factories for 'Imposta di Fabbricazione'	---
Control of custom fees	19
Control and inspections on board ships	93
Ships checked on departure	246
Ships checked on arrival	278
Fishing boats checked on the sea	86
Fishing boats checked in the quay	128
Monopoly shops (salt and tobacco) inspected	211
Control on prices in shops	19
Illegal cultivations of tobacco discovered	22

(iii) Revenue

The total amount of taxes recovered for the State and damage verified during the past 30 days was lire 116.024.753,95 divided as follows :-

Goods sequestrated	L.	3.407.718
Taxes recovered	"	1.052.121,95
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It is sub-divided into :-

a) Claims made on applications of War Damage :

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On subscription dues	L.	241.231
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Manufactured tobacco.....Kg	305,637	val	1.219.888,--
Salt ..... "	40	"	1.000,--
Saccharine ..... "	0,011	"	330,--
Dried figs ..... "	50	"	5.500,--
Raisins ..... "	30	"	4.800,--
Tomatoes sauces ..... "	50	"	8.000,--
Fish ..... "	371.500	"	40.000,--
Iron tubes ..... "	55	"	7.500,--
Grain ..... "	318	"	20.000,--
Matches boxes .....No	339	"	2.000,--
Cigarette paper leaves ..."	126200	"	134.256,--
Truck ....."	1	"	500.000,--
Motor tyres ....."	21	"	450.000,--
Motor spare parts ....."	various	"	- - - - -
Electric torch lights ...."	190	"	15.000,--

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Fishing boats .....No	2		val	35.000,--
Linen ....."	7		"	1.400,--
Alcohol .....Lt	17		"	5.100,--
Foreign currency ..... :				
Jugolire .....No	92397		"	92.397,--
Golden sequins ..."	7			
Golden marengos..."	1			
Golden Turkish Lire"	1		"	809.200,--
Golden Francs ...."	1			
Golden Napoleons.."	98			
Golden ½ Napoleons"	41			
Dinars ....."	13949		"	51.847,--
American Dollars.."	9		"	4.500,--
		Total		L.116.024.753,95

In addition to the above the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 4.397.735,45 and not more than Lire 16.698.405,75 for fines imposed on persons found guilty of offences connected with the above.

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The strength of the Branch is at present 19 men.

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Administration has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

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Administration	4	1
Total	9	35

(b) Clothing and Equipment

4049 new uniforms and 492 greatcoats have been received to date from the contractors; the latter complain that electricity restrictions have decreased their rate of production.

Unfortunately, only 200 of the 1000 helmets promised by 15 Nov have been received from the contractor in Milan; the latter is being pressed to make early delivery.

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Approximately 400 of the new type caps have been received from the local firm who secured this contract.

During the month, 2500 palliasses were drawn from British Army sources and distribution throughout the Force has been completed.

An initial supply of 3000 pairs of leather gloves have been received from American Ordnance sources and a further 2000 pairs are expected in the near future.

(c) Rations

Normal issue of rations continues; some complaints have been received during the month that cooking oil has been found to contain water. All oil so found has been exchanged at the Central Stores and then sent back to the supply point.

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Register of arms held by members of the Force other than the official issue weapon has been completed. Authority is not given for the purchase of ammunition for private arms now that Plain Clothes Policemen have been issued with the Beretta Pistol. Stocks of 9 M.M ammunition for the Beretta Pistol exist at the Central Armoury.

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Normal monthly allotment of ammunition for training has been drawn for all weapons held by this Force.

(e) Buildings and Fixtures

Repair works at ex Carabinieri Barracks - Via Hermet - continue. Repairs needed to the roof found necessary during the recent spell of wet weather have been completed during this month.

Fitting of Heating Stoves in the Caserma has been completed.

The two flats occupied by civilians still hold up the occupation by VGFF Officers.

The project for the building of a garage in Via dell'Istria Barracks has at long last commenced, but that for the stables at Caserma Beleno is still outstanding.

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At check posts on the Morgan Line, Pese and Storje, the huts for the Guards on Duty have been completed.

9. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	ORs
HQ and Trieste Zone	4	158
Gorizia Zone	1	52
Pola Zone	1	19
Total	6	229

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A further 17 driver have been transferred to this Division from Uniform Division.

(b) Vehicle Strength

3 Ton Trucks	-	47
15 cwt Trucks 4 x 2 G.S.	-	43
15 cwt Trucks W/T	-	26
15 cwt Trucks 4 x 4	-	3
P.U.s	-	7
Jeeps	-	45
M/Cs	-	139
Captured & Requisitioned cars	-	14
Staff cars	-	2
Total		326

(c) Vehicle Repairs

Vehicles admitted to Unit - workshops	- 363
Repaired and returned to service	- 295
Admitted to other workshops	- 18
Returned from other workshops	- 8
Remaining in other workshops	- 10
Remaining in unit - workshops	- 50
Vehicles struck off strength	- 4
+ Working personnel present during Nov	- 21
+ Total working hours performed in Nov	-3936
Total vehicle strength	- 326
Monthly percentage of vehicles off road	- 10.40%
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Note : + denotes : Mechanics and electricians only.

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(e) Petrol Receipts

During the month 24,064 gallons of petrol have been consumed.

Total issues as follows :-

Trieste	- 15,033	gallons
Monfalcone	- 1,666	"
Gorizia (Nov 1st to 27th only)	- 6,838	"
Charging motors	- 381	"
Motor - boat Section	- 68	"
Workshops	- 78	"
Total	24,064	"

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Total receipts	-	26,220 gallons
Total issues	-	24,064 "
Stock on hand	-	2,156 "

Stock on hand at 23.59 hrs 28th Nov at
Caserma Belleno - 522 gallons
Stock on hand at 23.59 hrs 27th Nov at
Gorizia - 576 gallons
Stock on hand at 23.59 hrs 28th Nov at
Caserma Via dell'Istria - 1,058 gallons
Total 2,156 "

Deisel Receipts

Receipts	-	442 gallons
Issues	-	442 "
Stock on hand	-	Nil "

Parafin Receipts

Receipts	-	68 gallons
Issues	-	18 "
Stock on hand	-	50 "

(f) Accidents

Police vehicles were involved in accidents during the month as follows :-

Jeeps	-	4
Trucks 15 cwt	-	5
Trucks 3 Ton	-	3
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Total		16

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During the month of November 20 guards were punished for breaches of discipline.

(h) General

On the 12th of November thirty 3 Ton Trucks were withdrawn and returned to 18 RVP Caserma, but the situation has been greatly eased towards the latter half of the month, due to the receipt of the u/m vehicles.

25 M/Cs Solo 500 cc. B.S.A.
14 Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S. BEDFORD

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The GOC Lt General Sir John Harding has approved of the proposed issue to this HQ of 3 Ambulances which are necessary for the efficiency of this Division.

Efforts are being made to obtain and hold surplus to our WE the u/m vehicles, if this is granted it will greatly improve our efficiency and also save much expense and labour.

1 Recovery Vehicle - Tractor B'down heavy 6 x 4 SCAMMEL

1 Machine Shop Mobile Type 'M' 6 x 4

1 Armourer Mobile Repair shop for S.A.

Authority has been received to hold the u/m vehicle; but at present no Vehicle Release Order has been received.

1 200 Gall Water Truck.

10. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

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28 Oct. Strike of 2500 dock workers to protest against employment of 30 Istrian refugees. Ended on 29 Oct.

1 Nov. Doorkeepers strike which commenced on 7 Oct. ended.

5 Nov. Shipyard workers at Monfalcone went on strike from 0800 hrs to 0800 hrs 6 Nov as a protest against the shootings which had taken place on 4 Nov. from the tram proceeding from Redipuglia. No incidents.

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8 Nov. Shipyard workers suspended work from 1230 to 1315 to commemorate anniversary of the Russian Revolution. No incidents.

23 Nov. Tramway workers went on strike for economical reasons. Resumed work 1500 hrs 25 Nov.

(b) Gorizia

14 Nov. All Slav shops closed from 1100 to 1300 hrs as a protest against the requisition of the Casa del Popolo by U.S. Army.

(c) Pola

4 Nov. Yugoslav elements stayed from work as a mark of protest against arrests of Yugoslavs found disturbing the peace on previous day (see under 'Riots and Demonstrations', para 13 (c)).

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4 Nov. - Trieste - 1100 hrs demonstration of about 3000 Italians dispersed promptly by VGIs. At 1230 hrs the workers of Fabbrica Macchine and Shipyards ceased work to hold a counter demonstration. They were dispersed by VGIs. No serious incident. Five civilians slightly injured.

(b) Gorizia Zone

14 Nov. About 200 persons collected in front of HQ 88 Div to protest against requisitioning of Casa del Popolo. Quickly dispersed without serious incident.

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(c) Pola Zone

On 3rd and 4th Nov demonstrations took place after authorized meeting and services. VG Police took adequate steps to keep the peace. Some unrest followed during the week. In all two people were admitted to hospital and several others were injured. Fourteen people mostly pro-Yugoslavs were arrested and dealt with in the AMG Court. One incident occurred on 4th Nov involving an ex VGIF.Guard who has since been sentenced to six months imprisonment.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

Public morale still remains at a level which is far from high. Apart from the uncertain political situation, the unemployment problem, scarcity of living accommodation, the difficulty of fuel supply and the continued rises in the prices of food and other essentia items, give cause for apprehension and dejection amongst the masses of the population.

15. FIRE BRIGADE

(a) Effective Strength

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Officers	2	1	1	4
Under Officers	43	8	6	57
Other Ranks	160	49	29	238
Total	205	58	36	299

(b) Calls

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Fires (civil)	32	19	3	54
Fires (military)	---	4	1	5
Special services	40	3	2	45
False alarms	6	---	---	6

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(c) Noteworthy Fires

(i) Trieste

26 Oct, 1207 hrs, Village of Cergnale. Stable and brick-built store together with contents comprising hay and straw completely destroyed. Cause unknown. Damage estimated at 500,000 lire.

6 Nov, 1950 hrs, Via Soncini No.28, Trieste. Dwelling house. Furniture and personal effects damaged to value of 300,000 lire, caused by faulty chimney construction.

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(ii) Gorizia

12 Nov, 1740 hrs, Technical School, Via Crispi, Gorizia. Part of building, school furniture etc. damaged to extent of 280,000 lire. Cause of fire unknown.

(iii) Pola

Nothing to report.

(d) Loss

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
Total estimated monetary loss	1,012,400	471,600	6,000
" " " " last month	33,930,100	2302,500	151,000

(e) Extra Duties

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
Duties at theatres etc.			
Men engaged	324	150	124
No.of hours engaged	1944	504	480

(f) General

As a result of continued reports from Fire Officers engaged in the inspection of theatres and cinemas that the managers of such premises were not complying with the fire safety regulations and that there was serious overcrowding, these persons were called to police headquarters and given a verbal warning by the Superintendent of the CID that their premises would be closed if there was not an instant improvement in these conditions. This warning has had the desired effect.

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(a) Prison Population

The population of Venezia Giulia Prisons shows a slight decrease during the past month as follows:-

	Current month	Previous month
Trieste Prisons Population	733	768
Provincial Prisons Population. . . .	318	357
Total	1051	1125

(b) General

(i) Personnel

Nothing to report.

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(ii) Prison conditions

Prisons health conditions are quite satisfactory.

(c) Special Information on Particular Prisons

(i) Gorizia Prison

No headway appears to have been made in connection with the proposal for the carrying out of structural works, submitted to Chief Public Works Officer over a month ago. The strengthening of security measures in this Prison is an urgent necessity.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of any outstanding importance to report.

17. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF CURRENCY NOTES

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between Road Post 21 and the Yugoslav Post nearby and verbal agreement has been reached that no persons will be admitted through the Yugoslav Block unless the pass bears an Allied endorsement. This is, of course, only in accordance with the recognised procedure.

Reported movement across Morgan Line during the past month :-

1st Armd Div Sector	Westwards 49088 Eastwards 53778
88th Div Sector	Westwards 40683 Eastwards 37653

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Passes were issued on personal application to 18.108 persons, to enter Italy from Zone 'B'.

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Appendix 'A'

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Major J. Long (A)0188220 - Dep. Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr.
Capt L. Toes (B) 287723 - Executive and Administrative Offr.

HQ Divisions

Major J. Fleetwood (B) 279380 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
Major W. Hare (B) 279374 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
Capt P. Edwards (B) 291688 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt J. Whelan (A)0430616 - Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major C. Mathis (A)0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt A. Brown (B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Major A. Hunter (B) 279410 - Superintendent
Capt A. Baker (B) 291632 - Asst Superintendent
Capt V. Broad (B) 316057 - Asst Superintendent
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Venezia Giulia
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HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

File No : VGP/7/1 2 Nov 46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - October 1946

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(attention : S.C.A.O.)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(attn: Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) GHQ Fwd Ops Sec, c/o 1 Armd Divn (2 copies)

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Efforts have been continued to improve the efficiency and welfare of the Force and the morale of members is excellent.

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3. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the period under review, 205 applicants appeared before the Selection Boards, 16 of whom were rejected as being unsuitable. 47 applications were sent to the FSS for screening of which 10 were NOT recommended for employment.

4 men joined the Force, 13 men were dismissed, 26 resigned and 3 died.

273 men have passed their basic training course and will be posted to the various Divisions within a few days. 400 recruits are ready to be sent to the next course.

The Disciplinary Office with 39 cases during the month.

(b) Medical and Welfare

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The Convalescent Rest Centre at Valbruna was opened on the 7 Oct. Organisation is just in the initial stages but arrangements are being made to equip and run it so that full benefits may be obtained for members of the Force recovering from sicknesses which necessitate rest and a change of air before resumption of active police duty.

Sport has been continued and football and basket-ball teams are in training for the local championship competitions. Physical training for volunteers has been carried out and 'Ju-Jitsu' classes are expected to commence within a few days.

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4. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Civil Police Training School is as follows :-

Allied Personnel

	Establishment	Actual	Surplus	Deficient
Officers	2	2	-	-
Other ranks	12	4	-	8

VCPT Personnel

	Establishment	Actual	Surplus	Deficient
Officers	15	12	-	3
Other ranks	50	36	-	14

(b) General

(i) Basic Training

Basic Training Course No. 13 assembled on 28 Sep. The class started with a total of 306 students. This figure includes 3 students who failed Course No. 12 but were retained at the School for the purpose of repeating the course. Satisfactory progress is being made with the instruction programme and members of this class will be, within a few days, ready for regular police service.

(c) Specialist Courses

(i) Advanced Training Course.

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(d) Health and Welfare

(i) Health

During the past month the Medical Officer examined and prescribed treatment for a total of 105 men attached to the Training School.

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39 of those who reported for examination required no medical attention.

43 were affected with minor illnesses such as tonsillitis, rheumatic fever, abcesses, and other slight infections.

23 were sent to the Ambulatory at Via dell'Istria for examination or treatment not available at the Training School such as x-ray examination, dental work, eye tests, and blood examination.

(ii) Welfare

No special entertainment was provided during the past month, but a total of 244.517 lire was used for the purchase of merchandise, consisting mostly of beer, wines, and liquors for resale to students through the School Canteen.

(e) Discipline

Punishments ranging from a 1 day confinement to Barracks to a fine of 7 days pay were meted out to 19 students who violated disciplinary regulations during the month.

5. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at midnight 30th October 1946 was :

	Offrs	NCOs	Guards
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Munic Guard Br :	6	56	375
Traffic Branch :	2	20	85
Forest Guard Br :	5	15	91
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Effective Grand Total 2519
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(b) General

A new basic course is being held at Police Training School and as soon as personnel will be available 205 men will be assigned to various Branches of Uniform Division.

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(c) Promotions

The following promotions have been made within the Uniform Division during the month under review :

To Sgt 2nd cl 5
" Sgt 3rd cl 7
" Corporal 24

1 Corporal has been demoted to Guard for being inefficient.

(d) Enlistment and Transfers

7 men have been assigned to Uniform Division and detailed to various Branches and Zones.

(e) Discipline

During the month disciplinary action for minor offences has decreased. Chief Inspectors of Zones and Branches imposed 93 punishments.

7 Disciplinary Boards were held in Trieste, 2 in Gorizia and 1 in Pola.

5 men were dismissed for disciplinary offences, 2 for being medically unfit and 7 for other reasons.

1 disciplinary report has been forwarded to SCAPO for consideration.

15 applications to resign were submitted and accepted.

(f) Sickness

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(g) Uniform Branch

Normal police duties have been carried out very efficiently.

A new Police Station has been opened at Dolegna del Collio (Gorizia Zone). Personnel on duty at Duino have been withdrawn.

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(h) Municipal Guard Branch

Municipal Guards have been particularly engaged in the second "Safety First" Campaign and results obtained were excellent. The number of offences in street circulation detected has been very high and it can be said that conditions of street circulation have improved considerably.

(j) Traffic Branch

Traffic Branch has very efficiently co-operated in performing special duties in connection with second "Safety First" Campaign. Further, Traffic personnel have been requested by Transportation Division, HQ AMG to assist them in general check of vehicles circulating in this area.

3 motorcyclists took part in a Reliability Trial held in Trieste and won the first prize.

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Owing to the impending winter season clandestine cutting of timber is expected to increase and control will be intensified in order to meet the situation.

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A separation has been made between HQ Administration and Trieste Zone. S/Insp Doria has been appointed i/c of Communications Trieste Zone.

Officer vacancies will be filled when Advanced Training Course ends.

Difficulties have been met on the Transportation side. This matter will be taken up directly with Transportation Division at the earliest possible moment.

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Additional equipment is being obtained from American and British sources.

6. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	Sgts	Cpls	Guards	Total
HQ	7	20	28	31	86
Trieste	29	39	91	339	498
Gorizia	6	5	9	39	59
Pola	1	2	6	44	53
Totals	43	66	134	453	696
Establ.	55	118	180	487	840
Deficiency	12	52	46	34	144

Civilian employees :

HQ	15 males with rank of S/Insp
	9 females
Trieste	5 males with rank of S/Insp
	4 females
Gorizia	4 males with rank of S/Insp
	1 male with rank of Sgt.
Totals:	25 males 13 females

(b) General

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The question of installing CID personnel at all the five principal Stations in Trieste is now under consideration, but is not possible at the moment owing to lack of accommodation and suitable personnel.

The re-organisation of the CID at Muggia and Sasana is also necessary but, owing to other duties, it has not been possible to attend to this during the past month.

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(c) Crime

There has been an increase in crime during the last month: the detailed figures are as follows :-

W.E.	Crimes rep.	Arrests for crime	Arrests for prev. measures
3/10/46	106	19	25
10/10/46	133	26	46
17/10/46	125	35	25
24/10/46	155	45	48
Totals	519	125	144

The following cases of political murder occurred during the month :-

(i) On the 5th October the body of ZAVADLAV Isidor, parish-priest of Corenje Polje who disappeared on the 15th Sept last, was found. The priest had been killed by a firearm shot.

(ii) On the 11th Oct near the cross road to Spessa, the C.P. guard CORAZZA Fortunato was killed by a shot while bicycling from Cormons to Capriva. The murderer, a cyclist, rode rapidly away in the direction of Roncada. Enquiries are being made and it is hoped that the murderer will be identified.

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Two cases of abduction or attempted abduction were reported during the last month:

(i) On the 14th Oct at 0235 hrs the Central Police Station of Gorizia was informed that a certain DROSGHIG Antonio, aged 21, had been abducted at Via Raful lever crossing, Gorizia, and taken towards Panoviz wood

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by two individuals armed with firearms. The C.P. guard started immediately the chase. At the beginning of the wood, having heard some noises, guard VECCHIATO Mario fired a rifle shot. At 50 meters inside the wood a/m DOSGHIGH was found lying on the ground and showing signs of having been beaten on his head by a stick. It has been impossible to trace the abducters, but investigations are still being carried on. It is supposed that the attempted abduction took place for political reasons, as DROSGHIG stated he never displayed the Slovene flag from his window, as he had been ordered by the Slav-Communists.

(ii) On the 6th Oct at Oslavia, at the conclusion of a dancing entertainment, KUMAR Vladimiro and PRINCIC Teodoro were menaced with firearms and then obliged by three men to follow them into zone 'B'. The Civil Police intervened and arrested two of the three individuals, while the third succeeded in escaping.

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(d) Squadra Mobile and Polizia Giudiziaria

The Squadra Mobile and the Polizia Giudiziaria have received 388 denunciations comprising : 1 for common murder, 1 for manslaughter, 1 for discovery of arms, 1 for discovery of a skeleton, 1 for discovery of a corpse, 1 for discovery of a phoetus, 2 for robberies with firearms, 2 for escape from custody, 1 for unlawful possession of arms, 4 for suicide, 53 for injuries, 139 for theft, 48 for burglary, 72 for pick-pocketing, 19 for robbery and fraud, 1 for attempted murder, 24 for attempts with bombs and 17 for other offences.

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316 persons have been arrested in connection with these crimes.

(e) Scientific Branch

The members of the Scientific Branch have carried out several inspections, in connection with burglaries and other crimes. Photographs and finger-prints have been taken from 59 persons. 24 lessons have been given to student officers at the Training School.

(f) Special Branch - Aliens

This Section is handicapped by lack of experienced officers and it is hoped that when the CID course is finished several changes will take place. During the month of October this Section carried out routine work of formation of a political character concerning persons living in this territory. An individual has been arrested and denounced to the AMG Court for being found in possession of 2 machine-guns (Beretta). Enquiries have been made in order to identify the authors of the various terroristic attempts.

During the period under review the Aliens office issued :-

144 permits of sojourn

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(g) Licensing and Administrative Matters

This office has performed the following

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An individual has been arrested and denounced to the AMG Court for being found in possession of 2 machine-guns (Beretta). Enquiries have been made in order to identify the authors of the various terroristic attempts.

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This office has performed the following activities :- 12 licences have been granted for arms, 43 licences for sworn guards have been either extended or issued. A considerable number of bawdy-houses, hotels and other public premises have been inspected and supervised.

(h) Docks and Railways

This Section has controlled the movement of travellers and goods from and for Pola, the Istrian coasts and some Italian harbours. In this period 71.000 travellers arrived and 65.209 departured. 66 Istrian refugees arrived from Pola and 35 Hungarian refugees arriving from Italy en route to Hungaria were assisted. The harbour patrol is composed of 7 launches:

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five are in working order and are about to start patrols in the harbour waters.

Four wireless sets have been obtained for the launches and already fitted on board. Other sets are expected to be allotted as soon as available.

The weekly returns showing the number of railway waggons found with seals broken are as follows :

Weekly report for the period 27th Sept - 3rd Oct :

Waggons found with deals broken	7
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	1
Persons arrested	4
Thefts reported by State Rlwys Office	-

Weekly report for the period 4th - 10th Oct :

Waggons found with seals broken	9
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	-
Persons arrested	2
Thefts reported by the State Rlwys	1

Weekly report for the period 11th - 17th Oct :

Waggons found with seals broken	8
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	3
Persons arrested	7
Thefts reported by State Rlwys Office	-

Weekly report for the period 18th - 24th Oct :

Waggons found with seals broken	2
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	4
Persons arrested	13
Thefts reported by State Rlwys Office	-

(i) Crime - Trieste Zone

See para (d) - Squadra Mobile and Polizia Giudiziaria.

(j) Crime - Gorizia Zone

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Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	3
Persons arrested	7
Thefts reported by State Rlwys Office	-

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(j) Crime - Gorizia Zone

Reports of crimes : 59 thefts, 5 burglaries, 2 attempted abductions, 4 escapes from prison, 2 attempted homicides, 2 homicides, 8 assaults with weapons, 6 assaults, 5 armed robberies.

The following persons have been arrested and denounced to Judicial Authorities and Allied Court :

12 for theft, 3 for attempted abduction, 4 for house-breaking, 1 for possession of forged currency, 2 for complicity in throwing bombs, 18 for resistence to the authorities and outrage to a public officer, 2

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for receiving stolen goods, 1 for attempted rape, 4 for complicity in abduction, 16 for public safety measures, 17 for Judiciary Police investigations.

(k) Crime - Pola Zone

46 cases of crime have been reported : 32 thefts, 2 lesions, 1 armed robbery, 7 forged currency, 3 complaints for lesions, 1 fire.

30 persons have been arrested for crime and 22 for preventive police measures.

(l) Prostitution

(i) Trieste

A new fight against clandestine prostitution has been started by British and American Military Police, with the co-operation of the VGPF and of the Public Health Division, AMG.

A new centre of detention of women suspected to be infected with VD has been opened in Piazza della Libertà.

In a few days time new premises for VD control will be occupied jointly by British and American Military Police and VGTF in Via XXX Ottobre No.6.

12 brothels are operating in the town with approximately 84 prostitues who submit to medical inspection three times a week. During the month 84 prostitues arriving and departing from the town have been checked. An average of 358 women of age and 147 under age carried out their clandestine activities outside the brothels. 306 of them are in possession of the Sanitary book and therefore have regularly passed the periodical medical examination. 8 prostitutes have been issued with a new sanitary book. During the month 1177 examinations of clandestine prostitutes and suspected prostitutes were

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(ii) Gorizia

During the last month 45 clandestine prostitutes of age and 14 under age were stopped; 7 of them were issued with the sanitary book, 2 were found with VD and hospitalised, 6 were detained pending enquiries, 21 were repatriated and 23 released.

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(iii) Pola

Approximately 60 prostitutes are carrying out their activities outside the brothels; 23 of them are in possession of the sanitary book. 6 have been found affected by VD during the month and sent to Hospital.

7. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guards Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The transfer of 49 men from Uniform Division to Fiscal has raised the total to 482 men. It is however still below our necessary requirements.

(ii) Activities

The results obtained by the Fiscal Guards within the past 30 days have been excellent.

All services and permanent control points, notwithstanding all the difficulties, have been intensified.

Services on investigations have also been intensified.

2215 verifications on War Damage applications have been carried out this month.

20.000 Jugolire and 98 Gold Napoleon coins have been sequestrated.

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Verifications on income taxes	146
Verifications on tax stamps evasion	16
Verifications on public show taxes	61
Verifications on taxes for radio	70
Verifications on registration fees	158
Verifications on tax stamps applied to Gov Lic	15
Informations direct impost	398
Informations on War profit	12
Informations for civil acts	24
Informations for judicial acts	7
Miscellaneous informations	437
Control of factories for 'Imposta di Fabbricaz.'...	15

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Control on custom fees	18
Control and inspections on board ship	84
Ships checked on arrival	384
Ships checked on departure	341
Fishing boats checked on sea	87
Fishing boats checked in the quay	116
Monopoly shops (salt & tobacco) inspected	147
Control of prices in shops	30

(iii) Revenue

The total amount of taxes recovered for the State and damages verified was Lire 143.382.696.70 divided as follows :-

Goods sequestrated .....L.	5.709.872	
Taxes recovered ....."	448.069.70	
Reductions on War Damage:		
claims ....."	137.224.755	
		L.143.382.696.70

It is sub-divided into :

a)Claims made on applications of War Damage :

Reparations requested...L.	366.111.109
Damages verified ....."	228.886.354
Net profit for the State .....L.	137.224.755

b)Amount recovered on taxation:

On subscription dues .....L.	105.474,80	
On bills ....."	198.270,90	
On stamp evasion ....."	20,--	
On registration fees ....."	144.304,--	
Total Lire		448.069,70

c)Sequestrations :

Manufactured tobacco .....Kg	207,850 val L.	820.764,--
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Clandestine cultivation of tobacco .....N°	535	" "	- - - - -
Cigarette paper leaves ..."	17.920	" "	3.176,--
Raisin .....Kg	119	" "	47.600,--
Coal ....."5.200		" "	104.000,--
Fresh fruits ....."	166	" "	3.000,--
Electric torch lights ....N°	36)		
Torch light cases ....."	15)	" "	3.000,--
Torch light lamps ....."	20)		
Surogate of coffee .....Kg	30	" "	3.300,--
Bacon - tins .....N°	23	" "	6.900,--

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Stills .....N°	1	val L.	3.500,—
Sugar .....Kg	30000	" "	4.500.000,—
Sun-flowers seeds ....."	162	" "	9.500,—
Foreign currency :			
Yugolire.....N°	107.768	" "	107.768,—
Dinars ....."	12.634	" "	37.902,—
French francs ....."	12.830	" "	24.377,—
Swiss francs ....."	80	" "	32.000,—
German marks ....."	2.035	" "	2.035,—
Egyptian pounds ....."	1	" "	900,—
Dutch Guldens ....."	6	" "	150,—
T o t a l		L.	143.382.696,70

d) Report drafted .....N° 189
e) Persons denounced ....." 201
f) Persons arrested ....." ---

In addition to the above the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 7.751.699 and not more than Lire 38.146.178 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences connected with the above.

(b) Force Finance Branch

(i) Strength

The present strength is 18 men.

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The administration has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

8. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

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Buildings and Fixtures	2	6

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(b) Clothing and Equipment

Due to delay in receiving cloth, it has not yet been possible to fit the whole of the Force with the new winter uniform; to date 2674 of these garments have been received.

The garments received have been distributed to Zone Quartermasters to enable individual fittings to be made in preparation for the time when the new uniforms will be taken into wear.

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The first consignment of material for greatcoats was collected on 18 Oct and a further consignment will be available in the near future. No completed garments are yet to hand.

An improved type of metal badge has been approved and an order placed for these with a firm in Milan; delivery is expected shortly.

To complete the new police dress, approval has been received for the wearing of police helmets thereby discarding the military type of helmet in use. Material has been obtained and an order for manufacture placed with a firm in Milan; delivery of the first consignment of 1000 helmets has been promised for 15 Nov.

To replace the present black caps at present worn by all Officers and other ranks of the Transportation Division, Traffic Branch and Police Training School, a new type of navy blue cap has been approved and an order for 280 Officer type and 720 OR type placed with a Trieste firm. Early delivery is expected.

Further consignment of equipment have been received from Army sources in the way of accommodation stores, but various items still have to be purchased as they are not included in the list of accommodation stores issued to the British Army.

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50% Derv. Oil-37½% Coal-12% Fuelwood.

However C.R.A.S.C. 1st Armd Divn was approached on the subject and agreed to issue coal in lieu of oil.

It is here pointed out that oil can only be used in two billets for cooking or heating as all cooking and heating apparatus was coverted to coal or wood burners early this year when Derv Oil was ordered to be conserved due to short supplies.

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The wholesale shop continues to be a success but difficulty is now being encountered in getting supplies. During the month 42.143 lire profit was made and handed to the Welfare Divn of the Force.

Arrangements have been made with Monopolio dello State for the supply of 40 cigarettes per week on repayment for each member of the Force. Initial outlay will be 1.504.000 lire which will be recovered when cigarettes are sold through the shop.

(d) Arms

During the month Berrettas have been issued to the C.I.D. and other plain clothes men. Revolvers .38 have been withdrawn and are now in a process of maintenance ready for return to British Ordnance Department.

A number of Carbines .30 MK.I have been returned to store during the month due to broken or damaged stocks caused by guards falling down and breaking the weapon; results of the findings of Court of Inquiry as to whether damaged is considered fair wear and tear is awaited.

(e) Buildings and Fixtures

The repair works at the Ex Carabinieri Caserma in Via Hermet 7 continues. Work on the kitchens of the first and the second floors is progressing well, while work on the third floor is almost completed.

The two flats occupied by civilians still hold up the occupation by VGPF Officers. Ufficio Alloggi has been requested to move the civilian families but so far nothing has resulted.

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During the month, Campo Marzio N°6 has been taken over from a British Unit and is available for Fiscal Divn. therefor freeing XXX Ottobre for the Vice Squad of the C.I.D.

The wooden hut built for accommodating a Searchlight Detachment at 50 R.E. Dump in Feb 46 has now proved useless as winter quarters, therefore an outhouse in the Audace Barracks has been requisitioned through 54 Town Major for sleeping accommodation for the detachment.

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Repairs to the roof of the garage Milano has been completed and will therefore be a big improvement during the winter months.

A building has been requisitioned in Turriaco and is ready for use as a VGFF Station.

Repairs at Corgnale ex Carabinieri Barracks have been completed and the building is now ready for occupation.

At Muggia, the premises previously occupied by Camera del Lavoro have been requisitioned and will be ready for occupation in the near future.

At Gorizia a new Station has been opened at Dolegna del Collio.

9. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	ORs
HQ and Trieste Zone	3	159
Gorizia Zone	2	49
Pola Zone	1	21
	6	229

This Division is about 25% under strength in relation to the new establishment, but this will gradually be balanced by recruiting.

The system of testing recruits on driving ability or mechanical knowledge prior to being posted to this Division will continue.

(b) Vehicle Strength

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15 cwt 4x2 (GS)	-	43
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Jeeps	-	47
M/Cs	-	113
Captured and requisitioned cars	-	13
Staff cars	-	2
		333

(c) Vehicle Repairs

1) Vehicles admitted to Unit-workshops	-	262
2) Repaired and returned to service	-	193
3) Admitted to other workshops	-	33

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4) Returned from other workshops	-	21
5) Remaining in other workshops	-	12
6) Remaining in Unit workshops	-	36
7) Vehicles struck off strength	-	7
8) Total vehicles booked in	-	262
9) Total vehicles booked out	-	214
10) Vehicles-day lost	-	1472
11) Working personnel present during October	-	24
12) Total working hours performed in October	-	4387
13) Monthly percentage of vehicles off road	-	14.20%
14) " " " " " "		
last month	-	10.67%

Great difficulty is being experienced in executing repairs owing to the shortage of spare parts.

(d) Maintenance of Vehicles

Monthly maintenance and monthly inspections still continue to be carried out by trained personnel.

(e) Petrol Receipts

During the month 24,338 gallons of petrol have been consumed.

Total issues as follows :-

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Trieste	15458	"
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Charging motors	385	"
Motor boat section	136	"
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Total receipts	- 26502	
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Stock on hand	- 2164	
Stock on hand at 23-59 hrs 29th Oct at Caserma Belono Barracks	- 522	gallons
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Stock on hand at 23-59 hrs 23rd Oct at Gorizia	-	489	"
Total stock on hand	-	2164	"

(f) Accidents

Police vehicles were involved in accidents during the month as follows :-

Jeeps	-	5
Trucks 15 cwt	-	8

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Trucks 3 Ton	-	1
Cars	-	1
Motor cycles	-	7
Total		22

1 accidents proved fatal.

(g) Bicycles

This Division has issued 6 bicycles to Gorizia Zone.

(h) Discipline

Disciplinary cases numbered 3. One guard driver was suspended for losing his warrant card and later reinstated by a Disciplinary Board, three guard drivers have been fined and suspended from driving by a Disciplinary Board. One guard driver has been suspended from duty awaiting the sentence of a Disciplinary Board, being involved in a road-accident.

(i) General

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12. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

From Sept 25th up to Oct 10th the workers of the Triestino Rope factory went on strike for economic reasons.

On Sept 25th from 1000 to 1015 hrs there was a sit down strike at S. Rocco shipyards as a protest against the Paris Conference decision.

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From Oct 7th there was a sit down strike of doorkeepers for syndical reasons.

Oct 18th. The sit down strike declared by Camera del Lavoro was suspended following SCAO's statement to the representatives of the syndacates that it would be considered illegal.

13. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

(a) Trieste Zone

1 Oct - Monfalcone : at 1400 hrs about 2500 persons demonstrated to protest against the Paris Conference decision. The CAO ordered the crowd to be dispersed which was accomplished in due time by VGP assisted by British personnel. One British soldier injured by a stone which was thrown. Three arrests.

13 Oct - Monfalcone : from 1000 to 1130 hrs the UAIS organized an authorised meeting of about 2000 persons. A wreath was laid on the stone commemorating those who had fallen in the 'War of Liberation'. No incidents.

13 Oct - Santa Croce : a demonstration took place to protest against the decision of the Education Officer, AMG, in ordering the removal of Tito's picture and Jugoslav flags from the walls of the classrooms. No incidents.

16 Oct - Villa Opicina : a demonstration occurred for the same reasons as those which caused the one at Santa Croce on 13 Oct. No incidents.

(b) Gorizia Zone

6 Oct - An authorised Harvest Festival Parade (Jugoslav) was held in Gorizia City. The parade consisted of about 70 decorated floats. The behaviour of the Slavs was excellent but there was

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10 Oct - A public holiday was declared following the announcement of the adoption of the "French Line" by the Paris Conference. In the afternoon crowds of several thousand people made unsuccessful attempts to form a procession. Police eventually dispersed the demonstrators without any serious incident occurring.

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(c) Pola Zone

2 Oct - An authorised ceremony took place at Via Dignano to commemorate the killing by the Germans of 21 persons.

5 Oct - An authorised commemoration service took place in Via della Scaletta. There were no incidents.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

With the exception of Gorizia City, where the news of the adoption of the "French Line" has had a bolstering effect, public morale is not at a high level and in the country areas is rather low. This is due to the continuance of outrages and fear of acts of violence from individuals who come into the area from Zone 'B'. Victims of such acts are known to be afraid to make denouncements for fear of reprisals.

15. FIRE BRIGADE

(a) Effective Strength

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Officers	2	2	1	5
Under officers	43	8	6	57
Other ranks	160	48	29	237
Total	205	58	36	299

(b) Calls

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Fires (civil)	64	30	3	97
Fires (military)	2	4	1	7
Special services	26	4	7	37
False alarms	5	-	-	5
Total	97	38	11	146

(c) Noteworthy Fires

(i) Trieste

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Zone 'B'. Victims of such acts are known to be afraid to make denouncements for fear of reprisals.

15. FIRE BRIGADE

(a) Effective Strength

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Officers	2	2	1	5
Under officers	43	8	6	57
Other ranks	160	48	29	237
Total	205	58	36	299

(b) Calls

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Fires (civil)	64	30	3	97
Fires (military)	2	4	1	7
Special services	26	4	7	37
False alarms	5	-	-	5
Total	97	38	11	146

(c) Noteworthy Fires

(i) Trieste

25th Sept, 1320 hrs. Call received to No.23, Scipio Slataper. A timber building of one floor about 20 ft x 30 ft used as private dwelling. Building and contents comprising furniture and personal effects completely destroyed by fire. Damage estimated at 600.000 lire. Cause of fire unknown.

4th Oct, 2335 hrs. Called to Piazza Oberdan. The contents of the Hotel 'Posta' laundry,

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comprising hotel linen, destroyed and part of building damaged. Loss estimated at 550.000 lire. Cause of fire attributed to an electrical short circuit.

10th Oct, at 1810 hrs. At Railway line near Sesana. Five railway trucks containing empty sacks destined by UNRRA for Jugoslavia completely destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at 7.000.000 lire. Cause said to be due to the roof of one of the waggons being blown by a strong wind in contact with electric overhead wire.

16th Oct, at 1915 hrs. Called to Via Caprin ACEGAT. This proved to be an electric transformer ignited due to overheating of the transforme oil. Loss estimated at 200.000 lire.

19th Oct, at 1345 hrs. Fire at Via Valentinis, Monfalcone. 60 quintals of seed flour and two vats were destroyed in a Sunflower Oil Seed Factory. Cause attributed to spontaneous combustion. Loss estimated at 250.000 lire.

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13 Oct, at 0835 hrs, Valdirose - Via della Mandria No. 41. Stable containing agricultural equipment destroyed. Loss estimated at 200.000 lire. Cause unknown.

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(iii) Pola

29th Sept, at 1735 hrs. Call received to Stanzia Combattenti di Altura. 200 quintals of hay were destroyed within a farm building. Cause was said to be due to a lighted cigarette end. Loss was estimated at 100000 lire.

(d) Loss

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
Total estimated monetary loss	33,930,100	2,302,500	151,000
Total estimated monetary loss last month	1,401,700	134,000	6,000

(e) Extra Duties

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
Duties at theatres etc.			
Men engaged.	261	140	120
No. of hours engaged	1746	440	385

16. PRISONS

(a) Prison Population

The number of persons in Venezia Giulia Prisons shows a slight decrease as compared with the previous month, figures being as follows :

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Provincial Prisons Population	357	450
Total	1125	1173

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The process of building up to the established strength is proceeding rather slowly owing to the length of time taken by FSS in screening new applicants.

(ii) Prison Conditions

Prison health conditions are quite satisfactory.

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(c) Special Information on Particular Prisons

(i) Gorizia Prison

A gaol break took place on 19 Oct and three convicts escaped, aided by conspiracy with a prison guard who has since been dismissed and denounced to the Judicial authority.

A proposal to carry out structural works at this prison in order to increase its security has been submitted to Chief Public Works Officer HQ AMG for approval.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of special importance to report.

17. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF CURRENCY NOTES

34 forged AMG lire notes were impounded during the month. No arrests made and no useful information obtained.

18. SECURITY

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During the month of October movement passes were issued as follows :-

to personal applicants	25.579
to applicants through Questure in Italy	3.247

With regard to interzone travel, 482 passes were despatched from this Office to the Jugoslav Military Mission of which 134 were approved.

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Only two permits were sent to Security Office by Jugoslav Military Authorities for counter-signing.

Movement through Port Control decreased during the past month; the figures were :-

arrived at Trieste	63.983
departed from Trieste	58.106

(c) Security

There has been no change of note in this respect. There has been action on both sides politically in preparation for the eventual election of the Popular Assembly of the free territory.

Yugo Slavshave visited houses on the outskirts of Trieste to get signatures of adhesion to the UAIS who declared themselves to be democratic and to have no contact with either Belgrade or Rome.

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers
with HQ AMG Venezia Giulia as at 2400 hrs 31 Oct 46.

Headquarters

	Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B) 282757 - Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
	Major	J. Long	(A)0188220 - Dep. Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr
+	Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723 - Executive and Administrative Offr

HQ Divisions

	Major	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
	Major	J. Fleetwood	(B) 279380 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
	Capt	P. Edwards	(B) 291688 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
	1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430616 - Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
	Major	O. Mathis	(A)0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
	Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

	Major	A. Hunter	(B) 279410 - Superintendent
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HQ Pola Zone

	Major	R. Bruce	(B) 316063 - Superintendent

Police Training School

	Major	J. Henderson	(B) 218978 - Commandant
	Capt	T. Cawthorne	(A)0468569 - Asst Commandant

Non Police Officers

	Major(QM)	G. Harwood	(B) 358836 - Superintendent, Quartermaster Divn
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Venezia Giulia
(Public Safety Division)

HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

14011/24

File No : VGP/7/1 2 OCT 46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - September 1946 Recd 10/10

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Attn: Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Director Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.H.Q. - G. Ops. Fwd Section
c/o 1st Arm. Div.

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1. Submitted hereunder is a report of Public Safety matters for month of September 46 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by SCAO Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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A road Safety First drive was put into operation at the beginning of September and continued for one week. The result has been better than was expected and the reduction in traffic accidents fully justified the campaign. It is proposed to put these drives into operation at intervals.

3. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the month of September 240 applicants have been examined by Selection Boards; 13 of them were

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found unsuitable, the FSS screened 233 applicants, recommending 213 of them, 20 were not recommended. 208 men joined the Force. 14 men have been dismissed and 26 resigned, 1 died, he belonged to the Uniform Divn, Traffic Branch. 303 men are now at the Police School attending the 13th basic course. 213 men are now ready for the next course, while 350 men are in preparation for subsequent basic courses. The Advanced Training Course, which started on the 3rd Sept will end in October.

Discipline : The records of the Discipline Office shew for the month :-

Cases submitted to Disciplinary Board	14
Cases forwarded to Legal Office of the AMG	2
Cases forwarded to Procura di Stato	1
Cases forwarded to Supt of Trieste Zone	1
Disciplinary cases received at this office from the Commands of Zone, with the punishments awarded by the several Commands	205

and summarised :

Trieste Zone	139
Gorizia Zone	53
Pola Zone	13

(b) Medical and Welfare

Medical : During the month there has been observed a decrease in the number of men undergoing medical examination and of those found temporarily unfit for service. Also the number of patients taken to hospital (60 in July, 35 in August and about 15 in Sept) decreased considerably. This is due partly to the fact that the illness during the current month considerably diminished, but principally to the higher efficiency of the infirmaries in general and Trieste infirmary in particular.

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There has been particular frequency of pulmonary tuberculosis (some cases are slight, others more serious). Arrangements have been made for hospitalization in suitable cases.

The CMO of VGFF is preparing a separate report describing the causes and the necessary suggestions to be taken in order to avoid or to stop any possibility of contagion, spreading and

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aggravation of illnesses of this type.

In Sept the Medical Board dealt with and decided upon 12 cases submitted for examination and decision.

Welfare : During this month the Guards' mess and NCOs' mess of Caserma Via dell'Istria have been repeatedly inspected. Guards' mess : the contribution for rations paid by each guard is 300 lire per month. The quantity of food is not thought sufficient and the preparation not good : also, the variation of the meals is not deemed satisfactory. NCOs' mess : contribution for rations is 1000 lire per month. This situation is being tackled vigorously and an expert catering adviser has been appointed to assist.

On request of the Supt of QM Division, the Welfare Office has purchased 400 plates and 40 meters of linoleum for the mess of Caserma Via dell'Istria. The total sum (which amounts to 53,500 lire) has been loaned to the Command of Caserma Via dell'Istria, and will be reimbursed to Welfare from the profits of the barracks' canteen.

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Assistance : The Assistance Board, which met on Sept 20th, discussed 18 requests for monetary assistance with the following result : 3 refused, 4 pending (waiting for further information), 11 accepted. The total sum assigned to the 11 applicants whose requests have been accepted amounts to 40,520 lire.

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Sports : This month the sport activity recommenced. The representative teams of foot-ball and basket-ball began their trainings last week, in view of the next championships and in which they are authorised to partake.

Foot-ball : 2 weekly training matches are held on the ground at S.Giovanni and are well attended.

Basket-ball : There are two weekly training matches, one on Tuesdays on the ground of Via Pindemonte and one in the gymnasium of Via della Valle, Trieste. These also are well attended.

Physical training : Under the care of Instructor Tanzini Girolamo (Guard of the Municipal Guard Branch) this section continues its activity in the gymnasium of Via S.Francesco. A number of men are partaking to the training afforded by this Section. In Gorizia Zone the sporting activities have been increased in general, but specially in foot-ball and basket-ball circles in view of the forthcoming championship competitions.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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Total at our disposal.....	L.1,712,961	Real net fund.	L. 445,485
Various debtors...	L.1,712,621		
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Subdivision

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Assistance Fund	"	107,272
Welfare Fund	"	279,505
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4. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Civil Police Training School is as follows :-

ALLIED PERSONNEL

	Establishment	Actual	Surplus	Deficient
Officers	2	2	-	-
ORs	12	7	-	5

VGP PERSONNEL

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Officers	15	11	-	4
ORs	50	36	-	14

(b) General

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Basic Training Course No. 12 ended on Sept 13th with a passing out parade of the 224 students who successfully completed the course.

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After two months of specialized instruction, Fiscal Course No.1 ended on 31st August. The course started with a total of 31 students but 4 left the School before the class ended. The 27 who remained to complete the course finished with grades ranging from 88.7% to 35%.

No promotions were made at the Training School but recommendations, based on scholastic records, were made to the Supt of the Fiscal Division.

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Shortly after the completion of the course the Supt of Fiscal Division selected 5 members from the group which finished at the head of the class for recommendation for promotion to rank of Sub Inspector to fill existing vacancies in the Fiscal Division.

(ii) C.I.D.

A special course in Criminal Investigation started on Sept 16th with a class of 26 students. A condensed training program of two months duration has been provided. A number of instructors, who by reason of their experience or training have become specialists in certain phases of criminal investigation, have been obtained to assist the regular members of the School in the carrying out of the program.

(iii) Advanced Training Course

In order to prevent students of this course from getting the impression that they will automatically become Officers on completion of the Course, the name has been changed from "Officers Cadet Course" to "Advanced Training Course".

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20 were sent to Civilian Hospital for x-rays, dental decays and wrist fractures;
2 students were sent to Civilian Hospital for special diagnostical examination.

(ii) Welfare

Special entertainment consisted of a dance organized by the graduating members of the Fiscal Course and a combination concert and vaudeville show given by members of the Basic Training Course.

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A total sum of 232.667,80 lire was spent for liquors, wine, beer, etc., and resold to students through the School Canteen.

(c) Discipline

Breaches of disciplinary regulations brought punishments, ranging from a 1 day confinement to barracks to a fine of two days pay, to 21 students during the month. These figures are not alarming and, as a whole, student body conduct continue to be very good.

5. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at midnight, 28th September 1946 was :-

	Offrs	NCOs	Guards
Uniform Branch :	42	178	1341
Municipal G. Branch:	6	61	384
Traffic Branch :	2	21	89
Forest G. Branch :	5	14	92
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(c) Promotions

The following promotions have been made within the Uniform Division during the month under review :-

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To Chief Inspector ..... -
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" Sub Inspector ..... -
" Sergeant 1st Class ..... -
" Sergeant 2nd Class ..... -
" Sergeant 3rd Class 1
" Corporal 17

(d) Enlistment and Transfers

A total of 200 men have been assigned to Uniform Division during the month and detailed for duty to various Branches. 64 men have been transferred to other Divisions or Branches.

(e) Discipline

During the month of September there is a certain increase of disciplinary action taken. Chief Inspectors of Zones and Branches have imposed 144 punishments, 1 disciplinary report has been forwarded to Discipline Office, for Legal Office, 1 has been forwarded to the Procura di Stato. 4 Disciplinary Boards have been held in Trieste, 4 in Gorizia and 1 in Pola. 2 Corporals have been demoted to Guards. 15 men have been dismissed for various reasons. 12 applications to resign were submitted and accepted.

(f) Sick

Figures of sick personnel are :-

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(g) Uniform Branch

During the period under review personnel have been particularly active. Considerable numbers of arrests have been made and large quantities of property recovered. Commendations have been granted for outstanding achievements.

Discipline is satisfactory. Work is proceeding to complete for occupation the "Caserma ex Ammiraglia to". In the event of strength being brought up to maximum an additional 50 beds will be required for single men.

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(h) Municipal Guard Branch

Municipal Guard Branch has been almost brought up to organic strength. With the additional increases in Uniform Division it is intended to complete the Municipal Guard Branch and apportion the duties of the Branch more in the interest of the Municipality than general duties as hitherto.

(j) Traffic Branch

Traffic Branch have performed various duties of a particular character during the month. One of the most important has been the institution of the initial "Safety First Campaign" results of which were gratifying and earned praise of S.C.A.C.

It is unfortunate that this Branch is handicapped by lack of sufficient and mechanically sound motor-cycles. Owing to lack of efficient lighting it has not been possible to employ as many motor-cycle patrols during the hours of darkness as one would wish.

Lack of office accommodation is another uncomfortable feature and representation as already been made to Transportation Division in reference to the former and Quartermaster Division respecting the latter.

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(m) Mounted Branch

Mounted Branch patrols have been reduced temporarily to furnish instruction to recruits appointed to the Branch. The rest and grazing to the horses is showing good results in improvement in condition.

Application has been made to requisition stabling at the studfarm at Lipizza in lieu of stabling at Gorizia which will obviate horses being transported to Gorizia.

A system of exercising the horses by qualified personnel other than mounted Branch has been instituted and precautions taken to ensure protection to the VGPF in case of injury or damage.

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HQ	7	20	28	31	86
Trieste	30	39	91	341	501
Gorizia	6	5	8	41	60
Pola	1	2	6	45	54
Totals	44	66	133	458	701
Establish.	55	118	180	487	840
Deficiency	11	52	47	29	139

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Civilian employees :

HQ	15	males	with	rank	of	S/Insp	9 females
Trieste	5	"	"	"	"	"	4 "
Gorizia	4	"	"	"	"	"	
	1	"	"	"	"	Sgt.	
Total	25 males						13 females

(b) General

During the month under review the re-organization of the CID has continued and changes made during the last two months have borne fruit.

An inherant weakness however is the delay experienced in reporting crime. The change in the mechanical operation of the system is under consideration, but re-education is the governing factor. As such this point is receiving personal attention as demonstrative opportunities present themselves. A new type of weekly crime and morality return was introduced on 26th Sept.

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(c) Crime

The crime situation is still satifactory. The detailed figures are as follows :-

	Crimes reported	Arrests for crime	Arrests for prev. police meas.
5/9/46	113	45	61
12/9/46	105	67	79
19/9/46	104	85	26
26/9/46	88	62	33
Total	410	260	199

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Typical cases of political crimes are the following :-

i) On the 1st Sept at about 1300 hrs, BONGIORNO Mariano, 46 years old, born in Giarra (Catania), living at No. 234 Strada di Zaule, was killed at the door of his house by pistol shots. He was taken to the hospital by an Allied truck and died at 1800 hrs the same day.

ii) On 6th Sept, 23 years old DEVETAC Edoardo, from S.Michele del Carso, employed by AMG of Comeno, was found dead in a ravine in the wood of San Michele. His hands were bound behind his back and the head covered by a stone.

iii) At about 1430 of the 22nd Sept near the Opachiasella road, MOSETTICH Carlo, living at Doberdò, was found dead. He was murdered by a shot in his neck.

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(d) Abductions

The following abductions have occurred during the month under review :-

i) MEO Vincenzo, living at Gorizia and working in the American stores at San Pietro, is missing since 2245 hrs of the 5th Sept.

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ii) GODJA Francesco, from Valorie Caporetto, was reported missing on the 11th Sept.

iii) Since the 13th Sept FABBRI Guido was reported missing from Plezzo, where he visited for business reasons.

iv) On the 17th Sept a car with 3 persons drove into the neutral Zone, owing to the signposts. The car was stopped by 2 Yugo Slav soldiers and taken to Capodistria. The driver DE POLLI Fioravante, was set at liberty, whilst the 2 passengers MAIONE Carlo and DE LUCA Umberto have been detained for a short time as they were without resident documents, and one of them in possession of a knife. FSS is investigating.

v) The parish-priest of Gorenje Polje, Don ZAVADLAV Isidoro, was reported missing since the 15th Sept. 12 persons have been arrested in connection with this case. Enquiries are being carried on.

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iii) On 5th Sept at 2245 hrs, a bomb was thrown against the osteria 'Guglielmo' in Salita Gretta, Trieste. 3 persons were injured.

iv) On 7th Sept at 0222 hrs, in Monfalcone, a bomb exploded near the house of MINOTTI Umberto, Via 28 Ottobre No.71.

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v) On 8th Sept at 2330 hrs, a bomb was thrown against the wine shop 'Alla Ferriera', in Via Giardini No.67, Trieste. 4 persons were injured.

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vii) On 8th Sept at 2100 hrs, a bomb was thrown against the house of Italian railway personnel in Via Lolitro No.3, Trieste.

viii) On 9th Sept at 0030 hrs, in Via Costalunga No.19, a mine exploded injuring one person.

ix) On 9th Sept at 0200 hrs, a bomb was thrown against the 'Domus Civica', Trieste.

x) On 13th Sept at 0150 at No.191 Strada di Fiume, 3 bombs were thrown against the house of LONZA E. and R., both Civil Police members.

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(f) Squadra Mobile AND Polizia Giudiziaria

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135 for theft
17 for attempted damage with explosives
1 for fire
1 for political murder
3 for ordinary murder
4 for suicide
21 for burglary
1 for embezzlement

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1 for attempted murder
1 for attempted suicide
1 for damage
1 for attempted robbery
1 for letter containing threats
4 for assault
1 for finding of a body

243 persons have been arrested, of which 166 were for police measures.

This section has also dealt with many matters concerning informations and ascertainments requested by several Questure, CC.RR. and Judiciary Authorities from Italian towns.

(g) Scientific Branch

The members of this Branch have investigate murders, fatal incidents, attempts with explosives; thefts and attempted burglary. 52 persons have been checked by photographs and finger-prints. 12 lessons have been given to student officers at the training school on this subject.

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(k) Docks and Railways

This Section received 22 denounciations for theft; 42 persons have been arrested. Enquiries have been made in fatal railway accidents, 2 cases of accidental death, 1 railway accident and 1 of possessing ammunitions.

The weekly returns showing the number of railway waggons found with the seals broken are as follows :-

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Period from 30th Aug to 5th Sept

Waggons found with seals broken	13
" unsealed and goods stolen	2
Persons arrested	7
Thefts reported by State Railway Office	--

Period from 6th to 12th Sept

Waggons found with seals broken	11
" unsealed and goods stolen	--
Persons arrested	16
Thefts reported by the State Railway Office	--

Period from 13th to 19th Sept

Waggons found with seals broken	16
" unsealed and goods stolen	8
Persons arrested	3
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Period from 20th to 26th Sept

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3 RASC launches carrying out regularly the patrolling service in the waters of the harbour by day and by night will be substituted in the next month by 9 launches now allocated to Docks and Railways with VGFF crews on board.

The telephone system connecting all the Police Stations with the Supt's office and the branch lines linking all the operating patrols with each Police Station has been put into operation. At the same time an indent has been submitted for the issue of bicycles to certain patrols and NCOs in charge of police stations thus enabling them to contact the

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men on duty in the various points in a shortest possible time.

The wireless liaison of launches with Control Room is satisfactory.

(l) Crime - Trieste Zone

For these crimes see para 6 Squadra Mobile & Polizia Giudiziaria, page 14.

(m) Crime - Gorizia Zone

The reported crimes were :-

51 thefts
7 armed robberies
1 embezzlement

118 persons have been arrested, of which 58 were for police measures, 31 for offences against Proclamations etc.

(n) Crime - Pola Zone

43 cases of crime have been reported :-

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(ii) Gorizia

One brothel with 5 inmates. About 43 women practice prostitution outside the brothel. 3 have been returned to their place of birth.

(iii) Pola

Only one brothel with 3 prostitutes. About 60 women are practicing prostitution outside.

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31 prostitutes have been found without a sanitary book, 2 of them affected by VD and sent to hospital.

(p) Political Situation

The month has been reasonably quiet. One of the outstanding features being the non authorised demonstration on Sunday 8th Sept. This had been carefully prepared by Slav-Communist propaganda throughout Zone 'A'. Its ending, however, did not improve the Slovene moral, but on the other end this did not help the Italian side, who, at that time considered the stiffening in the attitude of AMG as a sporadic one only.

The declaration of the SCAO not to admit into Zone 'A' the organisors of the illegal strike of July has had no great effect on either of the two groups.

The decision of the Paris conference regarding the Free State has brought a complete change of tactics both sides. The Italians have decided to work for a plebiscite to be held in the contested zone. It is expected that between the end of the Paris conference until the beginning of UNO conference the Italians will try by all means, even through acts of force, to change the situation decided at Paris.

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All services in the month of September have been carried out satisfactorily. The lack of personnel has not retarded the good work of the Branch. All services and permanent control points, notwithstanding all the difficulties, have been intensified and results are satisfactory. Ability and intelligence in discovering fraudolent practices to evade tax payment amounting to 13.327.071 lire has been displayed by the investigative branch of this Division. Wonderful results have been obtained in the discovery of 300 quitals of contraband sugar in transit from Luino to Yugoslavia. The investigations and enquiries on direct tax have been carried out effectively with profits of over 100.000.000

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Services performed during the month are as follows :-

Verifications on application of War Damage.....n.		1000
Verifications on income taxes ....."		128
Verifications on tax stamps evasion ....."		128
Verifications on public show taxes ....."		57
Verifications on taxes for radio ....."		132
Verifications on registration fees ....."		44
Verifications on tax stamps applied to Govt.Lic."		14
Informations on direct impost ....."		325
Informations on War profits ....."		10
Informations on profit during the Fasc.Regime..."		11
Informations for civil acts ....."		30
Informations for judicial acts ....."		17
Miscellaneous informations ....."		499
Control of factories for'Imposta di Fabbricazione"		12
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1) Claims made on applications of War Damage :

Reparations requested .....L.		184.778.545
Damages verified ....."		106.382.590
Net profit for the State .....L.		78.395.955

2) Amount recovered on taxation :

On subscription dues .....L.		232.276
On bills ....."		2.649.866
On stamp evasion ....."		5.227
On show taxes ....."		10.772.482
On registration fees ....."		195.156
On Govt licence ....."		500
Total Lire ....."		13.855.507

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3)Manufacture tobacco seq....Kg.	273,374	val	L.	1.095.117
4)Salt(industrial)seq....."	620,000	"	"	64.000
5)Cigarettes paper leaves seqNo.	619.000	"	"	182.100
6)Oxens seq....."	2	"	"	280.000
7)Rolls of Cleographic paper "	25	"	"	11.000
8)Raw bird lime seq.....Kg.	150	"	"	22.000
9)Canned goods seq.....No.	81	"	"	2.500
10)Toasted coffeebeams seq....Kg.	3,900	"	"	3.900
11)Surrogate coffee - boxes ..No.	15	"	"	750
12)Pieces of soap seq....."	700	"	"	21.000
13)Powder soap seq.....Kg.	92	"	"	18.400
14)Wool stockings seq .....No.	25	"	"	5.000
15)Wool scarf seq ....."	6	"	"	200
16)Fat seq.....Kg.	300	"	"	150.000
17)Petrol seq.....Lt.	700	"	"	16.100
18)Fresh fruit seq.....Kg.	5070	"	"	50.000
19)Soap seq.....No.	151	"	"	5.000
20)Bottle of beer seq....."	45	"	"	1.800
21)Bottle of liquor seq....."	32	"	"	16.000
22)Boxes of evaporated milk..."	109	"	"	4.360
23)Tomatoes souce seq.....Kg	96	"	"	2.880
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27)Khaki linen over all.....No	31	"	""	15.000
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29)Timber seq.....Ql	586	"	"	596.000
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Dollars .....No	74	"	"	16.000
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Yugolire ....."	97798	"	"	97.798
Metallic currency.....Kg	6370	"	"	- - -
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Other than the above the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 7.732.270 and not more than Lire 26.940.900 for fines imposed on persons guilty for the above.

(b) Force Finance Branch

(i) Strength

The present strength of the Branch is 18 men.

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(ii) Activities

General expenses for the month of August 46 is only Lire 3.226.872,50 but in effect it is approx Lire 54.916.724,10 because Lire 51.686.853 belonging to Zones have not been included on account of their cash report not reaching this Headquarters.

Cost of living bonus effective 1st July 46 have been increased by 18% bringing to a total of 163%.

Special Indemnity 'Venezia Giulia' is still in force. In course of payment is the indemnity of 'Presence' applied in the Region w.e.f. 1st April 46.

The morale of all personnel in the Force has been improved with the payment of the above indemnity. Authority for corresponding 'Indennità'di emergenza' already applied in the Italian Govt Territory is still to come and will further more improve the pay status of the members of the Force.

Herewith is a cash statement for the period from 1st of Sept 45 to the 31st of March 46.

Funds advanced by AMG to VCF till 31/8/46.....L.255.525.000		
Cash reserve	L. 3.000.000	
Cash on hand	" 883.646,90	
c/a at Banks	" 88.318.734,60	
Cash to Paymaster of Divn...	" 54.788.039,70	
Cash to Supt(Supts a/cs)....	" 55.333.000,00	
Total expenses up to 31/7/46	" 49.871.706,30	
Expenses for the month of Aug	" 3.229.872,50	
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Clothing and Rations	2	23
Armoury	-	6
Building and Fixtures	2	6
Administration	4	1
Total	8	36

(b) Clothing and Equipment

All outstanding clothing indents have not yet been met, but sufficient clothing has been obtained to equip a further 300 personnel for the next course at the Training School.

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The cloth for the winter uniforms has not yet been received, but representation has been made to Commerce Division of AMG with the view to expediting the delivery. The tailors are confident they will be able to complete delivery as per their contract, by the 31st Oct. 46.

The supply of G 1098 stores continues, but is still very slow.

(c) Rations

The appointment of the Catering adviser has been fully justified and his recommendations, with regard to the messing at the Caserma Via Hermet and Via dell'Istria have greatly improved the standard of messing.

The wholesale shop whereby items are purchased in bulk and sold at almost cot prices to stations and messes continues to be a great success and is much appreciated by Force personnel. An amount of Lire 55,000 arising from profits of this shop has been handed to the Welfare Division of the Force. The facilities of the wholesale shop affords a great improvement in the general messing and shows an average turn-over of Lire 150,000 per week.

(d) Arms

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It is hoped to reach a ceiling of accommodation for 150 Force personnel in the near future.

The occupation of the flats by married officers and their families has been held up due to the fact that the Lodging Office is having a great difficulty in finding alternative for accommodation for the civilian families at present occupying these apartments.

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Projects for a new garage at the Caserma Via dell'Istria and Stabling at the Police Training School have been prepared and submitted to Public Works Divn of AMG. The approval of Finance Division is awaited before the work of the former project can be commenced and a detailed report is awaited with regard to the Stabling.

A bid has been made to No.54 Town Major with a view to securing stabling accommodation in the old Austrian stud farm at Lipizza for twelve horses. If approved horses will be sent to Lipizza in rotation for rest and grazing.

Constructional and maintenance repairs have been carried out at the stations in all three Zones.

9. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Present Establishment of Vehicles showing types :-

3 Ton Trucks	76
15 cwt 4 x 2 Trucks	43
15 cwt 4 x 4 "	4
15 cwt 4 x 2 " (W/T).....	31
Jeeps	47
Motorcycles	116
Captured or requisitioned cars	14
Staff cars	2
Total	333

(b) The following casualties have taken place during the month of September.

Received and taken on charge this HQ.

DODGE	3 Ton 4 x 2 G.S.	2
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30 3Ton Trucks have been inspected by REME and classified; these vehicles will be taken off strength this HQ on receipt of Disposal Instructions and replaced by 15 cwt Trucks, some of which have already been received.

The Car ALFA ROMEO W.D. No.5903914 has been derequisitioned and struck off strength.

(c) The following shows the number of vehicles and types admitted to A Unit workshops, B Repaired and put back into service, C Admitted to other workshops, D Returned from other workshops and put back into service, E Still in other workshops, F Still in Unit workshops.

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	Staff Cars	3 Ton	15 cwt 4 x 2 / 4 x 4	15 cwt W/T 4 x 2	Jeeps	M/Cs	Capt. or Requis. Vehicles	Total	Remarks
A	9	95	48	48	46	59	5	310	
B	9	79	39	39	45	45	2	258	
C	0	12	5	9	0	4	1	31	
D	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	9	
E	0	7	4	6	0	4	1	22	
F	0	4	4	0	1	11	2	22	
Tot Ret to serv.	9	84	40	42	45	45	2	267	

(d) Petrol receipts and issues for 1st - 29th September 1946 inclusive, is as follows :-

Total receipts and amount in pump at midnight 29th Sept 46.

Issues to Gorizia(at midnight 27th Sept)..... 9.082 gal
" Charging Motors ..... 409 "
" to Monfalcone ..... 1.904 "
" to Trieste & HQ .....15.398 "
" to Motor Boat Section ..... 272 "

Remaining in pump at Caserma Beleno 23-59hrs 29th Sept 522 gallons.

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Jeeps 4
Trucks 15 cwt 3
Trucks 3 Ton 4
Motorcycles..... 3
Lancia Aprilia 1
Opel 1

Total 16

Three RASC launches carried out regularly the patrols in the waters of the Harbour by day and night time. Within the next month such patrols will be performed by the launches now allotted to the Dock & Rail Branch with VGF crews only.

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10. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

The behaviour of troops has deteriorated during the month of Sept and this is particularly noticeable in and around Trieste. Consultations with Military Police have taken place and it is hoped conditions will improve with increased Military Police activity.

11. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Excellent relations exist with all Military and Security Services.

12. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

30th Aug - At Trieste - short sit down strike at San Marco shipyards.

19th Sept - At Trieste - at the jute-factory 300 workers suspended work for wages matters. The strike is still continuing.

23rd Sept - At Monfalcone - short sit down strike for political reasons.

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18th Sept - at Trieste - at 1800 hrs about 1000 persons assembled in front of HQ AMG building. Numerous petitions were handed in. Police dispersed demonstrators in short time. Stones thrown.

26th Sept - at Trieste - at 1800 hrs small meetings of political character on the outskirts of the city : S.Sabba, Roiano, S.Giacomo, Servola, S.Giovanni. Police dispersed demonstrators. No incidents. One arrest.

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(b) Gorizia

Information was received that on 8th Sept 1946, Yugo Slav elements intended to hold an unauthorised demonstration in Gorizia to celebrate the 'Defeat of Italy'. Road blocks manned by Allied troops and VG Police, were placed on all roads leading into Gorizia and as a result about 2000 persons were turned back during the day. This undoubtedly prevented the nucleus from forming and in consequence the city remained calm.

The following meetings have occurred during September :-

Gorizia	Brunnschweiler Firm	10.9.1946
Podgora	UAIS	13.9.1945
Gorizia	UAIS	7.9.1945
Gorizia	UAIS	18.9.1946

Commemoration :

Gorizia	UAIS	10.9.1946

(c) Pola

On the 8th of September 46 a meeting was held by pro-Yugoslav elements just over the border in Zone 'B'. On the return into Pola of those attending and making their way to their Headquarters at the Skating Rink one or two small disturbances broke out.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

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Large quantities of furniture are still being shipped out from Pola and it is expected that more will be in the near future. There is very little change in the numbers of passengers arriving, but more are leaving, the majority for Italy proper to endeavour to get living accommodation.

15. FIRE BRIGADE

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(a) Effective Strength

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Officers	2	2	1 1	5
Under Officers	42	8	6	56
Other Ranks	160	46	29	235
Total	204	56	36	296

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(b) Calls

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola	Total
Fires (civil)	44	15	5	64
" (military)	4	3	-	7
Special Services	14	8	9	31
False Alarms	2	-	1	3
Total	64	26	15	105

(c) Noteworthy Fires

(i) Trieste

At 0.25 a.m. on 1st September 46 a call was received to Via S.POLO 147 (Monfalcone). A store was well alight. The contents, a Fiat 1100 car, wood and a bicycle, comprising a large number of wooden boxes ~~was~~ were seriously damaged. Loss was estimated at 445.000 lire and was covered by insurance.

At 12.45 p.m. on 5th Sept a call was received to Ferdinandeo. A wooden barracks occupied by Royal Engineers was burning. The contents, wood, tools and utensils ~~was~~ were damaged. The cause of the fire was believed to be due to overheat ~~of~~ in a boiler. loss estimated at 250.000 lire not covered by insurance.

At 14.30 p.m. on 5th Sept a call was received to Via della Rocca No.1 (Ronchi-Selz). A shepherd stable was completely alight. The contents, comprising 4 qu of wool, hay and straw, ~~was~~ were destroyed. Cause of the fire unknown. Loss estimated at 400.000 lire.

No noteworthy fires at Gorizia and Pola.

(d) Loss

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
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(e) Extra duties

	Trieste	Gorizia	Pola
Duties at theatres etc.			
men engaged.....	106	136	104
Number of hours eng.	785	432	500

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16. PRISONS

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(a) Effective Strength

Venezia Giulia Prisons population shows a slight increase, during the past month.

Trieste Prisons Population	723
Provincial Prisons Population	450
Total	1173

(b) General

(i) Distribution of prisoners amongst the Trieste Penal Establishments has been reorganized and set up as follows :

Via Nizza Prison : 1. All prisoners serving sentence.
2. All female prisoners.
3. At disposition of Extr.Court of Assize.
4. At disposition of FSS, SIB, CIC.

Via Tigor Prison : 1. At disposition of Legal Office.
2. " " " Pretura.
3. " " " Procura di Stato (excepting dangerous criminals).

Gesuiti Prison : 1. At disposition of Ord.Court of Assize.
2. All dangerous cases at disposition of Procura di Stato or other Italian Courts.

(ii) Prisons health conditions continue to be excellent.

(c) Special Information on particular Prison.

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The whole of prison building was immediately surrounded, so as to cut off eventual getaway and Commander of Guards promptly cornered the fugitives intimating their surrender. As no reply was

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forthcoming, he fired a shot into the darkened room where it was presumed they were lurking, with the result that the culprits came out and were recaptured. One of them was wounded in the arm and armpit.

One prison guard has been denounced for collusion. Another suspended, pending further investigations. All four prisoners have been denounced for attempted evasion.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of outstanding importance to report.

17. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF CURRENCY NOTES

During the month of September 46,24 false currency notes were confiscated and 3 arrests made. Enquiries continue.

18. SECURITY

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The aliens population has increased in the following areas during the month :-

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	Eastwards	62.583
On the 88 Div Sector	Westwards	47.833
	Eastwards	50.580

The following is a table showing the number of permits issued by the Security Office during the month :-

to personal applicants	28.854
sent to Questures in Italy	3.554

The position regarding interzone travel is :-

sent to Yugoslav Military Mission	513
returned approved from the Jug.Mil.Mission....	125
returned not approved from the Jug.Mil.Mission	24

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The only permits issued by the zone 'B' Military Authorities received for counter-endorsement during the month were 3, which were brought in by a Lieutenant of the Yugoslav Military Mission.

Port Control is operating satisfactorily.
Number of arrivals at the Port of Trieste 79.552
Number of departures at " " " " 71.303

So as to minimise as far as possible the forgery of travel permits a special type of steel nibbed pen has been introduced at all Offices issuing permits.

(c) Security

The Special Branch of VGPF are fully engaged investigating persons of doubtful character. In order to have some means of testing the reliability of their political reports FSS are continuing their cooperation.

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers
with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of Midnight 30 Sept 46

Headquarters

Lt Col	C. Richardson	(B) 282757	- Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418	- Dep. Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723	- Executive and Administrative Offr

HQ Divisions

Major	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413	- Superintendent, Uniform Division
Major	J. Fleetwood	(B) 279380	- Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 261639	- Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430616	- Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major	W. Wilson	(B) 279423	- Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	O. Mathis	(A)0901703	- Superintendent, Prisons Section
+ Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836	- Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

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% Capt(QM)G.Harwood (B) 358836 - Asst Supt, Quartermaster Division
Capt J. Leno (A)01296545- Superintendent, Fiscal Division

NOTE : % denotes PRIVLEAVE
+ " Compassionate leave to UK and not expected to return.

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13 Corps
(Public Safety Division)
APO 757, U.S. Army

File No : PS/7/1

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SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - AUGUST 1945

TO : (1) Lt. Colonel [illegible]
13 Corps
(ATTN: Civil Affairs Section)

(2) [illegible]
(ATTN: Executive Public Safety O/C)

(3) C.O.I. [illegible]

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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File No : VGP/7/1 3 Sep 46

Subject : Monthly report of activities - August 46

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(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

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Commencing at midnight on 5 August, a large scale raid was made by combined military and civil police in the Doberdò del Lago area following incidents in which military vehicles had been fired upon in ambush.

On 9 August at Gorizia, during a Mass which was being celebrated for Italian soldiers who died in the 1914-18 War, unknown Pro-Slav elements threw two handgrenades amongst the congregation wounding a number of civilians and eight members of the civil police. This provoked several incidents between Italian and Pro-Slav groups during the remainder of the day, but at all times the situation was under the control of police.

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At Vergarolla, Pola, on 18 August a serious explosion occurred when a large quantity of ammunition etc. stored on the sea front exploded. 63 persons were killed, 19 seriously injured and 58 slightly injured. The exact cause of the explosion is not yet known and is the subject of a Court of Inquiry.

On 26 August, following disturbances and intimidations of workers at the Monfalcone Shipyards, it was decided to patrol them continuously and mixed patrols of military and civil police were introduced for that purpose. There has been no trouble since.

This period of respite from 'major operations' has enabled police to turn their attention to an extremely pressing problem, that of enforcement of traffic regulations. Particularly in Trieste City and immediate vicinity the situation is indeed bad; probably deplorable is a more fitting description as during the period 1 Apl 46 to the end of Aug, 19 persons have been killed and over 400 injured as a result of traffic accidents. Both military and civilian vehicles have been involved and unquestionably the majority of these accidents could have been avoided had the drivers observed the ordinary rules of the road. Agreed, pedestrians in this part of the world have rightly earned the reputation of 'jay-walkers" but even so all drivers, military and civilian, are aware of this and should take the necessary precautions. In consequence of the situation a combined military and civil police traffic drive was commenced in Trieste on 31 Aug with the object of 'educating' the public and drivers and issuing cautions and process where appropriate. At the time of 'going to press' the results have been good and in the next monthly report final results will be published.

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3. The following are brief reports on the progress of each Division of the Force :-

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

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During the period under review, 297 applicants appeared before the Selection Board, 9 of whom were turned down as being unsuitable. 517 applications were sent to FSS for screening of which 78 were NOT recommended for employment.

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276 men joined the Force, 12 were dismissed, 40 resigned and 2 died.

The Disciplinary Office dealt with 21 cases during the month.

(b) Medical and Welfare

The general state of health of the Force is very satisfactory and there has been a decrease in the number of days lost through sickness and injury.

No serious diseases or illnesses have been reported. There have been, however, numerous cases of 'Summer fever' but the patients have been cured in a short space of time.

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Guards	22
Total	48 48

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(b) General

(i) Basic Training

After three weeks of instruction Basic Training CourseNo.11 ended on August 10th with a passing out parade on August 12th for the 228 students who successfully completed the course and became members of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

All members of this course, with the exception of three from Pola, were transferred for duty with the various Divisions and Branches of the VG Police Force located in Trieste.

Basic Training Course No.12 started on August 19th with a total of 308 students which included 30 Prisons Guards. After 3 or 4 days during which all applications were given a careful screening, this number was reduced to 232. This was made necessary by the fact that about 20% of the applicants did not meet the physical and residential qualifications required by Police Force regulations. Others were given a negative recommendation by FSS and another small group were dismissed at their own request.

(c) Specialist Courses

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(d) Health and Welfare

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During the period covered by this report, 181 members of Training School Personnel presented themselves to the local M.I. Room for medical examination.

81 were found to be free from any illness and required no medical attention;
35 treated for scratches, bruises, abcesses, tonsillitis and diarrhea;
41 treated for minor ailments and given light duty for a few days;

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20 have been sent to the M.I. Room for treatment and examinations not available at the School (dental work, x-ray examination, blood tests, etc.);
2 sent to the Civilian Hospital as bed patients (gastritis and synovitis);
2 sent to the M.I. Room at via dell'Istria as bed patients (synovitis and contusions).

(ii) Welfare

No special entertainment was provided during the month but a total of 149,465 lire were spent for cakes, wines, liquors, etc., and resold to students through the Canteen.

(e) Discipline

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The Officers Course commencing on 3rd Sept will provide at its termination, it is hoped, an initial sufficiency of officers to fill essential existing vacancies.

The following promotions have been made within the Uniform Division during the month under review :

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To Chief Inspector ..... -
" Inspector 3
" Sub Inspector ..... -
" Sergeant 1st Cl ..... -
" Sergeant 2nd Cl ..... -
" Sergeant 3rd Cl 3
" Corporal 19

(c) Discipline

Position regard disciplinary offences and punishments remains almost static compared to last month. Chief Inspectors of Zones and Branches have imposed 89 punishments, 2 disciplinary reports have been forwarded to Discipline Office, 2 have been forwarded to the Procura di Stato, 6 to SCAPO, 4 Disciplinary Boards have been held in Trieste and 1 in Pola.

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(f) Serachlight Branch

Re-organisation has been effected within the Branch resulting in a reduction in personnel of searchlight crews, alterations in hours of duty and an increase in the number of searchlights and maintenance technicians.

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(g) Communications Branch

A re-organisation of personnel within the Branch has been effected. Qualified personnel have been promoted to NCO rank and 5 suitable men selected to take the Officers' Course with a view to their elevation to commissioned rank.

This should result in increased efficiency.

With the departure of Capt F. Scaife on release, Capt J.A. Ritner (A) of AMG 13 Corps has been appointed Communications Officer in a part-time advisory capacity.

7. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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	Offrs	Sgts	Cpls	Guards	Total
HQ	8	20	27	31	86
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Pola	1	2	5	26	34
Totals	39	72	130	439	680
Establishment	55	118	180	487	840
Deficiency	16	46	50	48	160

Civilian Employees

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Trieste Zone	5 males with rank of V/Insp
	4 females
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The new regulations for the reporting of crime have proved satisfactory on the whole but great improvement is still possible. It is however too early yet to pass judgement on this matter.

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The Headquarters administration of the CID has now been completely divorced from Trieste Zone. This leaves the D/Superintendent more free to devote himself to administrative matters and to study ways in which both the services and the personnel of the CID can be improved. Many of the senior officers of the CID have been transferred in order to bring them into positions for which they were more suited both by temperament and by experience.

Weekly conferences with all senior officers have been instituted and are bringing to light many points which otherwise might never have come to knowledge. In order also that the lower ranks may have a means of bringing their complaints and grievances to notice, a circular has been issued to each man stating that if he feels he has any genuine grievance or complaint he may send a written report to the Superintendent and the matter will be investigated.

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In order to bring about a higher standard of efficiency training courses for new entrants and for those members who seem suitable for promotion to the rank of S/Inspector are now being prepared and it is hoped that the first class will start on the 15th September. It is intended that the classes in basic CID training will become a permanent feature of the training school.

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The opening of CID offices in the four new principal stations of Trieste is also being considered, but at the moment is being held in abeyance as the Uniform Branch are not in a position to provide adequate accommodation.

The shortage of accommodation is proving a problem. Previously in Trieste the CID had 9 buildings, or parts of buildings. At the present they have only part of one. It is realised that they are now functioning under different conditions from hitherto but the fact remains that all the functions previously exercised by 5 Commissariati are now being carried on in part of one building. The matter is now being discussed with the QM Division and it is hoped to obtain ex Questura premises at Via Boccardi.

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The most satisfactory feature of the month has been the marked improvement in the crime in the Docks and Railways yards area. The detailed figures are given in the Docks and Railways Section.

It has been a fairly quiet month so far as political crime is concerned, although there have been a number of cases of the use of explosives and many acts of terrorism in the Monfalcone area.

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A typical case of political crime was the following :

On the morning of the 9th July at 0730 hrs the body of LORUSSO Pietro was found near the cemetery of Trieste. He had been shot during the night, whilst returning home.

During the night of the 4th August, some unknown individuals tried to enter by force the workshop situated at No.11 Via Concordia, belonging to LORUSSO Luigi, the victim's father, on the evident purpose to damage the machinery.

They failed to do so but the next morning two unknown persons persuaded the foreman in the a/m workshop to leave his employment by threatening him with death if he continued.

As the members of the family LORUSSO are known for their Italian sentiments, it is thought that both the murder and the attempt against the workshop, as well as the threats against the foreman, were done by people who carry out a systematic action against persons who are contrary to the annexation of this zone by Yugoslavia.

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During the month there have been 17 cases of the use or attempted use of explosives for political purposes. The most interesting was the throwing of two hand grenades into a crowd at an authorised Italian demonstration at Gorizia on the 9th. 6 VGPF and 43 civilians were injured. No persons were

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arrested but 30 arrests were effected during resultant disorders.

One of the arrested men, a resident of Zone 'B', was taken to Hospital where he drew a grenade out of his pocket and threw it into the surgery injuring two VGFF who were escorting him. He did not escape.

On the 23rd a bomb exploded in the court-yard of the 'Primorski Dnevnik' at No.29 Via Ruggero Manna, Trieste. The pro-Slav press has made much of this 'attack' but the experienced police officers who carefully investigated this matter are of the opinion that the bomb was either thrown down by someone on the premises or exploded as a result of careless handling.

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It is now known that a few minutes before the accident occurred, the car was concerned in an attempted abduction of a Yugo-Slav refugee and that the attempt failed owing to the intervention of an American soldier.

A member of the CID, VGFF, who was concerned in the attempted abduction has been arrested.

The Yugo-Slav authorities at Fiume have written offering to exchange 3 Italians for the driver of the car. One of the Italians is an ex member of the VGFF who was dismissed from the VGFF and was always well known for his very strong communist views. This will illustrate the value of the proposed exchange.

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(d) Squadra Mobile and Polizia Giudiziaria

These two branches received 295 complaints of crime of which 159 were for theft, 34 for burglary and housebreaking and 71 for injuries caused by assaults. 73 persons were arrested for various crimes and 136 as suspected persons etc.

On the 9th August members of the Polizia Giudiziaria arrested 3 persons: 2 from Ferrara and one from Trieste for unlawful possession of 680 sheets of water marked paper used in trinting of 1000 lire Italian bank notes.

The work of these - the two key branches of the CID - is being very seriously handicapped by shortage of trained personnel.

(e) Scientific Branch

The ordinary routine work of this Branch has been carried on in a most satisfactory manner.

On the 13th August members of the Branch assisted by the Vigili del Fuoco extracted 5 decomposed bodies from a 300 ft deep foiba near Sesana. It is practically certain that approximately 30 other bodies were thrown into this foiba during the '40 days' but owing to the use of hand grenades and similar explosives it would not be possible to recover any more bodies. All five bodies have been identified.

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(f) Special Branch - Aliens

This is one of the busiest branches in the Questura. Practically all crimes of a political nature are dealt with by this Branch. At the same time it is responsible for the sifting and collating of all information relating to all political matters, and particularly all matters concerning the Slav-communist movement.

Because of the nature of its work, this is a Branch which requires a very great deal of supervision by an Allied officer, and as there is no Allied officer

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available for this work arrangements have been made for 412 FSS to keep a very close check on the work of this Department.

The Aliens office is one of the few offices which is doing less than in normal time. All the ordinary routine work of the branch is being performed in a very satisfactory manner and opportunity is being taken to prepare for the increasing work which will inevitably take place when the port of Tricste is again functioning normally.

(g) Licensing and central administrative matters

The routine but very necessary work of this section of the CID is being carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

The principal reason for this is that the shortage of trained personnel is nowhere so serious as in the purely police branches.

(h) Docks and Railways

69 reports of theft were received and 28 persons were arrested for crime and 82 as suspected persons etc. In addition to their other services personnel have checked the documents of 75.067 persons arriving in the port and 66.390 leaving the port. The conditions in the Railways yards has definitely improved and the real losses in this area should soon be reduced to very small figures.

The weekly returns showing the number of railway waggons found with seals broken are as follows:-

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Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	14
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Persons arrested	40
Thefts reported by State Railways Office	-

Period from 16th August to 22nd (incl) :

Waggons found with seals broken	28
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	5
Persons arrested	11
Thefts reported by State Railways Office	-

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Period from 23rd August to 29th (incl) :

Waggons found with seals broken	30
Waggons unsealed and goods stolen	2
Persons arrested	7
Thefts reported by State Railways Office	1

In comparison with the figures for June and July they are very satisfactory indeed. During the last month a great deal has been done to stamp out the thefts in the railway yards, and it is felt that the situation is now under control.

Much of the improvement in the Docks and Railways Section is due to the initiative and energy of Capt G.H.D. WILLIAMS, A/Supt Trieste Zone, who is now established in an office in the docks and is devoting himself entirely to matters concerning the Section.

The wall around the Campo Marzio marshalling yards has now been completed and also reinforced with barbed and donnit wire.

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A new system for the locking of waggons has been introduced for all waggons with valuable cargoes and since the introduction of this system only one waggon with the new lock has been found open. Pressure is now being brought to bear on all UNRRA missions in order to obtain the use of this new lock on all UNRRA waggons.

In the early part of the month there were several instances of clashes between VGPF Italian railways men and Yugo-Slav train guards. On two

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occasions the railway men refused to continue work. A great measure of control over the Yugo-Slavs has been obtained but the matter is not yet completely satisfactory, and we are awaiting Corps approval of a scheme for the handing over of Yugo-Slav waggons to take place at Miramare Station instead of the Central Station.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The effective strength of this Branch is 430 men, still far below necessary requirements.

(ii) Activities

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Miscellaneous informations	302
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Control of factories for'Imposta di Fabbricaz.'..	14
Control of customs fees	17
Control and inspections on board ship	98
Ships checked on arrival	520
Ships checked on departure	431
Fishing boats checked on sea	99
Fishing boats checked in the quay	104
Monopoly shops (salt and tobacco) inspected	124
Control on prices in shops	21
Strict control on merchandise in transit	1
Clandestine cultivation of tobacco	2

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(iii) Revenue

The total amount of taxes recovered for the State and damages verified was Lire 79,943,388, divided as follows :-

Goods confiscated	£ 5,766,436
Taxes recovered	£ 1,512,344
Reductions on war damage claims	£72,667,608
Total Lire	79,946,388

It is sub-divided into :-

1)Claims made on applications for war damage :

Reparations requested	£168,450,871
Damages verified	" 95,783,263
Net profit for the State.....	£72,667,608

2)Amount recovered on taxation:

On subscriptions due	£	61,546
On bills	"	1,365,659
On registration fees	"	78,690
On stamp evasions	"	3
On Entertainment Taxes	"	6,446
Total Lire		1,512,344

3)Manufactured tobacco seq.....Kg	322,117	val	1,055,000
4)Raw tobacco seq.....	90,000	"	90.000
5)Salt sequestrated.....	270,500	"	5.410
6)Sugar sequestrated.....	5,930,---	"	766.300
7)Grain sequestrated	1,080,---	"	31.500
8)Pasta sequestrated	197,---	"	29.550
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10)Fat sequestrated	20,---	"	8.000
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15)Raw bird-lime seq ....."	379,---	"	79.590
16)Fresh fish seq ....."	17,---	"	1.700
17)Candy boxes seq ....."	14,---	"	1.400
18)Chocolate seq ....."	31,---	"	9.300
19)Other goods seq ....."	173,---	"	70.781
20)Petrol seq .....Lt	20,---	"	600
21)Local brandy seq ....."	18,---	"	7.200
22)Cigarette paper leaves seq ...No	6,224,900	"	1.858.970
23)Safety matches boxes seq....."	500	"	2.000
24)Furs seq ....."	61	"	38.875
25)Cosmetic seq....."	541	"	500.000
26)Illicit publications seq....."	180	"	8.000
27)Canned goods seq....."	41	"	4.100
28)Worn boots seq, pairs....."	1	"	2.000
29)Worn man overcoat seq....."	1	"	4.000
30)Cotton thread seq....."	366	"	5.000

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31) Foreign currency seq.....			
Yugolire.....	101.504	val	101.504
Dinari	13.782	"	51.356
Algers Franks	600	"	600
Turkish Kurus	50	"	50
		TOTAL	£ 79.946.388

In addition to the above, the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 7.054.027 and not more than Lire 35.470.691 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences in connection with the above.

(b) Force Finance Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The effective strength is 8 officers and 10 other ranks.

(ii) General

The administrative service continues to be carried out satisfactorily.

9. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	ORs
Building and Fixtures Branch	2	5
Ration and Clothing	2	19
Armoury	-	6
Administration	5	1
Total	9	31

(b) General

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Whilst demands have been made for further stocks of clothing, a small number of essential items have not yet been received and it will be impossible to equip a further course of students at the Training School until these are to hand.

(d) Rations

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer efforts have been made to improve the ration scale at present in existence in the Force. Representation has been made to various sources without success. However an alternative in the form of a wholesale shop has been opened at the caserma Via dell'Istria for the benefit of the natives members of the Force.

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Items have been purchased in bulk from outlying areas and sold almost at cost prices to Stations and Messes. This shop is in its very early stage at the moment, but promises to be a great success.

In order to ensure that the best use is being made of the rations supplied a fully qualified Catering Adviser has been appointed to the Force and under his guidance much improvement should be made.

(e) Arms

Arms inspections have been carried out at Opicina, Sesana, Campo Marzio, Via Tigor Prison, Harbour Captancy, Via Coroneo Prison, Gesuiti Prison, Municipal Guards, Grado.

The standard of maintenance remains good.

The supply of a fitted workshop vehicle is still awaited.

(f) Buildings

The work at the ex Carabinieri Caserma in Via Hermet 7, where it is hoped to accommodate some 150 single men and 6 families, is nearly completed.

A project for a new garage at the Caserma Via dell'Istria has been prepared and submitted to the Public Works Division of AMG. The latter have recommended this work and the approval for its commencement is awaited from Chief Finance Officer, AMG.

Extra petrol storage tanks and pumps have been acquired as requested by Transportation Divn and will be installed at the Caserma Via dell'Istria.

Minor constructional and maintenance repairs have been carried out at following places :-

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(a) Force Transportation

(i) Strength

The effective strength is as follows :-

	Offrs	ORs
HQ & Trieste Zone	2	169
Gorizia	1	42
Pola	1	20
Total	4	231

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The Division is about 25% under new establishment but this will gradually be balanced by recruiting.

The system of testing recruits on driving ability or mechanical knowledge prior to being posted to the Division will continue.

(ii) Vehicle Strength

3 ton Trucks	74
15 cwt 4 x 2 Trucks	33
15 cwt 4 x 4 "	4
15 cwt 4 x 2 " (W/T)	31
Light Utility Trucks 4 x 2	7
Jeeps	47
Captured or requisitioned cars	14
Staff cars	2
Motorcycles	115
Total	327

(iii) Repairs to vehicles

Workshops have continued to be extremely busy coping with the demand for repairs as will be noted from statistics quoted below.

There is still an extreme difficulty in obtaining certain types of spares and tyres.

Statistics of vehicle repairs are as follows :-

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Admitted to other workshops	33
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This figure appears high but actually it averages about 3 gallons per vehicle per day. Considering the long hours of working and the distances to be covered, it is not excessive.

(v) Accidents

Police vehicles were involved in accidents during the month as follows :

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jeeps	-	1
3 ton trucks	-	4
15 cwt "	-	2
P.U.	-	1
M/Cycle	-	2
Private Car	-	1
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None of the accidents was fatal.

(vi) Bicycles

A small consignment of 15 pedal cycles has been received without accessories. The machines have been overhauled, repainted and numbered. We are endeavouring to get the accessories as cycles are of little use without them in country districts.

(vii) Maintenance and Inspection

Regular '406' inspections have been carried out and in addition 'snap' checks made by members of HQ staff. The standard of vehicle appearance is good and will be improved by the recent acquisition of an air-compressor and spray gun.

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11. CRIME

(a) Trieste Zone

293 crimes were reported and 71 cases of injuries to persons. The general crimes included 2 cases of murder, 228 of theft (including 69 cases in the Port and Railway Yards), 34 of burglary and housebreaking and 11 cases of damage caused by the use of explosives.

Arrests made included 22 for theft or attempted theft, 6 for robbery, 3 for unlawful possession of paper for the making of forged banknotes and 4 for adultery. A further 16 arrests were made for thefts in the Docks and Railways Section. 218

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persons were arrested as suspected persons etc.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Reported crimes included 1 murder, 35 thefts, 6 cases of burglary and housebreaking, 7 cases of larceny from the persons. 3 persons were arrested for theft, 54 persons as suspected persons etc. and 53 for contravention of AMG proclamations. So far as Gorizia is concerned ordinary crime is completely secondary to political crime. The incidents of the 9th August have already been referred to elsewhere.

There is one other interesting crime of a political nature. On the 8th August Victor TAUCER, a security prisoner being guarded by VGFT guards attached to PSS, was taken away from the civilian hospital by five masked and armed men after his guard had been shot in the neck and overpowered.

(c) Pola Zone

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One case of particular interest occurred on the 3rd August when a 22 years old worker at a local concrete factory held up the wage clek of the factory and took from him 700.000 lire - the wages of all the employees. The man was masked and carried a pistol which he used to intimidate the wages clek and other persons who attempted to arrest him. He was, however, overpowered and arrested by some of the workers who recovered practically all of the money.

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Unlawful traffic of contraband tobacco and cigarettes from Zone 'B' continues but has diminished because of special police observations.

The campaign to put a stop to the illegal sale of white bread has achieved good results, 98 persons having been brought before the Courts and fined in connection therewith and 39 kilos of bread seized.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Apart from the illegal sale of black market cigarettes there is little other activity in this connection.

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(c) Pola Zone

Nothing to report.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste Zone

There are 12 licensed brothels with a daily average of 87 prostitutes submitted to medical inspection during the period under review; 114 prostitutes have arrived and departed from the local brothels.

It is estimated that there are 516 prostitutes working outside the licensed houses and 280 of these have been issued with sanitary books. Altogether 1302 women have been medically inspected and of these 48 were sent to hospital for treatment, 9 were repatriated on compulsory travel permits. 6 dance halls, 118 public premises and 48 boarding houses have been inspected.

(b) Gorizia Zone

A weekly visit has been made to the one licensed brothel in the Zone and the women frequenting same have been submitted to a daily medical examination. There were 23 women found professing prostitution outside the licensed house, have also been examined; amongst these two cases of VD were detected and 5 women were repatriated on compulsory travel.permits.

(c) Pola Zone

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14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED PERSONNEL

The behaviour of troops has been excellent and there have been no reports of clashes occurring with civilians.

15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Relations with all military and security services can only be described as excellent.

Relations with 412 F.S.Section are particularly cordial. Arrangements have been made to inform them of all crimes with any political or

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security significance and they have agreed to check all cases which may have been dealt with unsatisfactorily by CID because of political implications.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

The number of aliens coming into the territory is still increasing; 3967 as compared with 3812 during the preceding month. This figure is comprised chiefly of Yugo-Slavs.

The above figures refer to registered aliens. Cases of aliens illegally entering from Zone 'B' have not been so numerous as in previous months.

Conditions respecting control of the Morgan Line remain the same.

During the month seven people crossing West to East with proper passes were turned back by armed Yugo-Slav guards.

Movement of civilians remains fairly constant.

Passes issued to applicants at the Permits Office	27,583
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Persons continue to leave Zone 'B', the chief reasons for departure being as follows :-

family reasons	(appr. 10%)
to obtain employment	(" 30%)
political reasons	(" 60%)

The latter comprise persons fearing imprisonment by Yugo-Slavs, those not wishing to serve in the Yugo-Slav army, and approximately 75% are persons claiming Italian nationality, among them a small percentage ex Italian POWs who have escaped from Yugo-Slav PW camps.

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17. SECURITY

On the 5th August in connection with recent cases of shooting against Allied personnel using route 55, British and American troops and VGFF combined in a search of the villages of Doberdò, Iamiano and Cave di Selza, and then searched the Carso land between those villages for hidden arms and saboteurs etc. 13 arrests were made, none of particular importance.

Since this raid there has been only one other case of firing on Allied vehicles. At 1800 hrs on the 23rd near Sottostella di Canale (Gorizia), a vehicle of the 88th Division was fired at the windscreen and top of the body were damaged. No casualties. During the month there have been the following cases of finding of firearms.

1) On 10th, at San Canziano d'Isonzo, a large quantity of arms were found by Police in a house. 2 arrests were effected.

2) On 13th, at Monfalcone, BRAINDA Remo and BALDIN Tullio, both school teachers, were found in possession of a sack containing 7 rifles of Italian type, modello 41. In Braida's home 3 more rifles of the same type and 6 hand grenades were found. These persons have already been sentenced to 2 years imprisonment by an AMG Court.

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5) On 22nd, at No.10 Via Corsica, Trieste, VGPF found in the garret 12 hand grenades type 'Breda' and 11 packets of bullets for rifle 91. Enquiries are continuing.

18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

During the early hours of 3 Aug a number of armed and masked men entered simultaneously the tram depots at San Giovanni, Via Margherita and San Sebba, Trieste. They held up tramway personnel by

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menaces and carried away the control handles of all trams thus immobilising them.

This effort to start a strike was not successful; a few trams were running by 1830 hrs the same day and a full service was put into operation the following morning.

On 22 Aug there was a short interruption of work at the Fabbrica Macchine, Trieste, by members of the Sindacati Unici as a protest against alleged bad conditions in the workers' mess.

At 0700 hrs on 26 Aug patrols of mixed military and civil police were introduced into the Monfalcone shipyards for the purpose of preventing possible disorders, intimidations, etc. At 1100 hrs a 'sit-down' strike was proclaimed by the Sindacati Unici as a protest against this action; the strike lasted for the remainder of that day only.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

(a) Trieste Zone

A summary of the more important events not mentioned elsewhere in this report is appended.

On 1 Aug a small demonstration of about 300 women took place at Aurisina. There were no incidents.

On 2 Aug, at Monfalcone, about 60 members of the Sindacati Unici assaulted and injured 8 non-members.

On 3 Aug, a demonstration took place outside the VG Police Station in Via Caprin (formerly the Communist Club). Three VG policemen were injured by stone throwing and 4 arrests were made.

On 4 Aug a VG police patrol was attacked by civilians at Duttogliano. The guards were forced to fire over the heads of the crowd in order to rescue their Sergeant who was being beaten up and who was

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On 7 Aug, at 0120 hrs 2 Italian type hand grenades were thrown into Via Commerciale No. 62 occupied by a pro-Italian family. They exploded without causing injury or any appreciable damage.

On 11 Aug, at Monfalcone there was a demonstration of about 5000 persons against the ceding of the town to Italy. There were no incidents. On the same day, there was a smaller demonstration at Aurisina when demands were made for the incorporation of the whole of Venezia Giulia into Yugoslavia.

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On 16 Aug, approximately 200 people forcibly entered a house in Monfalcone where the police had sequestered a quantity of firearms on the previous day. The house was damaged. Police restored order and made one arrest.

On 16 Aug, six persons were slightly injured when two hand grenades were thrown by unknown persons into the Italian Sports Club known as Villa Revoltella, Via Marchesetti.

On 18 Aug, an Italian owned newspaper kiosk in Via Giulia was destroyed by a bomb explosion. No arrests have yet been made.

On 21 Aug, there was a small demonstration of about 300 women outside HQ AMG (Casa del Popolo) who demanded revocation of the order to arrest the leaders of the illegal strike. Dispersed eventually by civil police no arrests being made.

On 24 Aug, a bomb exploded in Via Correto No.1, Barcola, occupied by an Italian family. The house was damaged but no person was injured.

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(c) Pola Zone

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20. PUBLIC MORALE

No change.

21. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste Zone

(i) Effective Strength

	City	Province
Officers	1	1
Sub-Officers	35	8
Other ranks	126	34
Totals	162	43

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(ii) Discipline

Confined to Barracks 2
Cautioned 2
Resigned 1

Daily drills have been regularly carried out and discipline well maintained.

(iii) Calls

There was a total of 67 calls during the month as follows :-

Fires 48
Special Services 17
False Alarms 2

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This compares with 40 fires and 22 Special Services during the previous month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important fires during the month were as follows :-

At 2010 hrs on 27 th July a call was received to Via Miramare 227 where the ground floor of a three-floor private house was well alight. The contents, comprising a large number of fishing nets, were destroyed by fire. The cause was believed to be due to the filling of petrol lamps used for night fishing. Loss was estimated at 900.000 lire.

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(v) Loss

The estimated total monetary loss was 16,162,500 lire, compared with 13,564,000 lire last month. In addition to the above, an estimated loss of 1,765,000 lire was caused by explosions attended by the Brigade.

(vi) Extra Duties

203 men performed duties at theatres and other places of public entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1494.

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(vii) General

All equipment was maintained in good order and repairs carried out to appliances as necessary. Certain re-decorations were carried out at the Central Fire Station.

(b) Gorizia Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	2
Sub-Officers	8
Other ranks	48
Total	58

(ii) Discipline

Fined	-
Suspended	-
Cautioned	-

(iii) Calls

Fires	15
Special Services	10
False Alarms	1
Total	26

This compares with 18 fires and 10 special services last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important fire during the month was as follows :-

At 1725 hrs on 26th July a call was attended at Montesanto. About 20 barrels of tar stored in the S.A. Lavorazione Bitumi were destroyed by fire. The fire was extinguished by the Brigade using foam. The cause of fire was due to tar boiling over during working operations. Loss was estimated at 100,000 lire.

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(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 680,500 lire compared with 301,500 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

Two theatres were inspected by the Comandante and reported upon. 106 men performed duties at theatres during performances. The total number of hours engaged in this duty was 318. All appliances and equipment was maintained in good order and discipline was well maintained. At the request of the military authorities, the Brigade attends the landings of all transport planes carrying important persons at Merna Air Field.

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(c) Pola Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	1
Sub-Officers	6
Other ranks	29
Total	36

(ii) Discipline

Confined to Barracks	1

(iii) Calls

Fires (civil)	2
Fires (military)	2
Special services	6
Total	10

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important call of the month was to the explosion which occurred at Vergarolla at 1415 hrs on 18 Aug. The Brigade extinguished the fire which followed the explosion and did good work removing the wounded and dead in fire service vehicles before the arrival of the military vehicles. According to the Fire Brigade Comandante there were 63 dead, 69 missing, 19 seriously wounded and 60 less seriously wounded. About 20 small private houses were damaged.

(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 37,000 lire compared with 38,000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

Extra duties were performed at theatres and other places of public entertainment. The number of hours involved in this service was 508.

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All equipment was tested and maintained in good order.

22. PRISONS

(a) Effective Strength

No change.

(b) General

The Prisons population has shown a slight decrease during the month as follows :-

Trieste Prisons population	687
Provincial Prisons population	417
Total	1104

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Instructions have been issued to take effect from 1st September which aim to prevent collective action by inmates of Venezia Giulia Prisons in connection with hunger strikes, petitions and protests by making these offences against the rules and regulations of Penal Establishments.

A programme aiming to improve discipline amongst detainees will be gradually enforced.

Health conditions in the prisons continue to be excellent.

(c) Special information on particular prisons

(i) Via Nizza, Trieste

About 80 political prisoners went on hunger strike as a protest against the non application, in Venezia Giulia, of the amnesty given by the Italian Government some time back. After four days, Prisons Superintendent saw a group of leading strikers and as a result the strike was immediately called off.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of outstanding importance to report.

23. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

Nothing to report.

24. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AMG CURRENCY

15 forged AMG lire notes and 40 Italian forged banknotes were uttered and impounded during the month.

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers
with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of midnight 3 Sep 46

Headquarters

Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B) 282757 - Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418 - Dep Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723 - Executive and Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Major	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
Major	J. Fleetwood	(B) 279380 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
+ Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 291639 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430516 - Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major	W. Wilson	(B) 279423 - Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	O. Mathis	(A)0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section
Major	R. Bruce	(B) 316063 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	A. Hunter	(B) 279410 - Superintendent
Capt	E. Bolter	(B) 291636 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	G. Williams	(B) 149201 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	A. Baker	(B) 291632 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	P. Edwards	(B) 291608 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	V. Broad	(B) 316057 - Asst Superintendent

HQ Gorizia Zone

Capt	A. Barnard	(A)01796565- Superintendent
Capt	G. Brown	(B) 313567 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	A. Landesman	(A)0439007 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	J. Forster	(B) 287345 - Asst Superintendent

HQ Pola Zone

Major	L. Eddings	(B) 279405 - Superintendent

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Capt J. Tough (B) 313960 - Asst Superintendent

Police Training School

Major J. Henderson (B) 218978 - Commandant
Capt T. Cawthorne (A)0468569 - Asst Commandant

Non Police Officers attached

Major J. Cooke (B) 229594 - Superintendent, Quartermaster Divn
% Capt(QM) E. Harwood (B) 358836 - Asst Supt, Quartermaster Division
Capt J. Leno (A)01296545- Superintendent, Fiscal Division

NOTE - % denotes PRIVLEAVE
+ " Compassionate leave to UK and not expected to return.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 Corps
(Public Safety Division)
HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

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SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JULY 1946

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(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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13 Corps
(Public Safety Division)
HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

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Subject : Monthly report of activities - July 46

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

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2. CIVIL POLICE

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Following the declaration of the strike as illegal, the police have been very active in preventing the transport of foodstuffs from Zone 'B' into the Occupied Territory for the purpose of feeding the strikers.

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(b) The morale of the Force has been well maintained during this trying period but it cannot be denied this is principally due to the active participation in operations of Allied officers of the VGPF and perhaps more so to the presence of armed auxiliary police, both American and British, who were called out to assist and who worked in a splendid manner.

There is no reason to fear the ability of the civil police to cope with similar serious situations in the future if they are given this same support.

3. The following are brief reports on the progress of each Division of the Force :-

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the period under review, 425 applicants appeared before the Selection Board, 4 of whom were turned down as being unsuitable. 337 applications were sent to FSS for screening of which 64 were NOT recommended for employment.

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The Medical Board examined 31 special cases during the month.

The British Red Cross made a very kind donation of 23 parcels for guards wounded during the recent emergency.

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The Welfare Assistance Committee considered many cases of applications for monetary assistance; 14 were approved to a total amount of 51,225 lire.

Several radio sets and various indoor games have been assigned to stations which were lacking in this respect.

Organised sport has been severely curtailed by the exigencies of duty but it has been possible to continue with weekly training in boxing, wrestling and swimming.

5. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) Effective Strength

The following is the effective strength of the Venezia Giulia Civil Police Training School as of 25 July 1946 :-

(i) Allied Personnel

British Officers	1	(on leave)
American Officers	1	
British ORs	4	
Total	6	 6

(ii) VG Police Force Personnel

Officers	10	(1 on leave)
NCOs	17	
Guards	28	
Total	55	55

(iii) Miscellaneous

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(iv) Students

Basic Course No.11....	245	
Finance Guards Course No.1	28	
Total ..	273	273

Grand Total 386

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(b) General

(i) Basic Training

Basic Training Course No.11 started on July 22nd with a total of 247 students. All students are from Trieste Zone with the exception of four from Pola and one from Gorizia. From the standpoint of morale, physical condition, and general behaviour the candidates seem to be above the average.

(c) Specialist Courses

(i) Fiscal Course

On July 1st a Specialist Course of instruction was started pertaining to the Fiscal laws, regulations, and procedure of Venezia Giulia.

Special instructors who have acquired considerable knowledge and experience in this work have been engaged to assist the regular School instructors with training program outlined for these students.

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During the month 62 men were treated at the School MI Room for minor injuries and illnesses; a further 27 were sent to the VGPF Infirmary for special treatment such as X-ray examinations, dental extractions etc.

5 men were sent to the Civil Hospital for treatment not available at VGPF Infirmary.

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(ii) Welfare

No special entertainment was provided during the month but a total of 119.683 lire were spent for cakes, wines, liquors, etc., and resold to students through the Canteen.

(e) Discipline

Discipline has been very good and no breaches worthy of mention have occurred during the month.

6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at midnight, 31 July 1946 was :-

	Offrs	NCOs	Guards
Uniform Branch :	45	165	1137
Municipal G. Br :	6	65	324
Traffic Branch :	2	21	85
Forest G. Br :	6	12	92
Searchlight Br :	3	54	114
Mounted Branch :	2	2	24
Communication Br :	1	39	109
HQ Admin :	12	11	1
TOTAL :	77	369	1886

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This makes for closer liaison between Branches and HQ and vice-versa.

A total of 56 men have been assigned to Uniform Division during the month and detailed for duty to various Branches.

163 men have been transferred to other Divisions or Branches.

The following promotions have been made within the Uniform Division during the month under review :

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To Chief Inspector ..... -
" Inspector 2
" Sub Inspector 2
" Sergeant 1st Cl..... -
" Sergeant 2nd Cl..... 2
" Sergeant 3rd Cl..... 9
" Corporal 14

(c) Discipline

The position regarding disciplinary offences and punishments remains almost static compared with last month. Chief Inspectors and Commandants of barracks have imposed 87 punishments, 3 disciplinary reports have been forwarded to Discipline Office, 4 to SCAPO, 3 Disciplinary Boards have been held in Trieste and 2 in other Zones.

13 men have been dismissed for various reasons.

16 applications to resign were submitted and accepted.

(d) Uniform Branch

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Trieste	30	56	114	355	555
	(20 male civilians with "officer" ranks)				
	(14 female civilians as "professional workers")				
Gorizia	6	5	9	36	56
	(4 male civilians with "officer" ranks)				
	(1 female civilian with NCO rank)				

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Pola	Offrs	Sgts	Cpls	Guards	Total
	1	2	5	27	35
				Grand Total	646

(b) General

In view of all the circumstances, the various offices of the C.I.D. are functioning satisfactorily. The main task at the present moment is the streamlining of the various branches and the creation of a better co-operation with the Uniform Branch with regard to the reporting, recording and investigation of crimes. A new Executive Memo - which will be published as quickly as possible - by clarifying the relative functions of the two branches should do much to accomplish the latter.

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The discipline is very satisfactory when all circumstances are considered. During the month 3 guards were suspended, 4 have been fined and 7 admonished. 29 are waiting the results of disciplinary proceedings.

(c) Crimes

In Venezia Giulia we have two distinct types of crime : first, the ordinary actions of the criminal classes such as occur anywhere, and secondly, crimes which have the origin in political activities.

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So far as 'ordinary' crimes are concerned, the situation is satisfactory, particularly when local conditions and the comparative inexperience of the VGP are considered. The crime graphs show a comforting decrease in recorded crimes.

The one very unsatisfactory aspect of the crime situation has been the persisted thefts in the Campo Marzio marshalling yards of Trieste. The improved restriction on access, and the great increase in the number of guards should result in a marked improvement. In fact, an improvement is already noticeable and has been commented upon by the local Railway officials and representatives of the Magazzini Generali.

Although persistent thefts from waggons in the above yards are admitted, the alleged wholesale thefts of UNRRA supplies destined for Yugo-Slavia is very strongly contested and it is believed that a very detailed enquiry which is now being made will show that, if these "thefts" ever took place, they did not take place in VG territory.

Practically, all the "political" crimes occurred during the first few days of the month, and particularly during the time the illegal strike was in progress. They were mostly offences against persons - such as assaults etc. - although some took the form of damage to property.

These political crimes are not at all easy to deal with. Generally, none of the parties concerned will assist the police. This is very often due to fear of reprisals, sometimes due to the fact that the injured persons do not want an investigation into their own activity, and sometimes due to the fact that the injured persons feel that their own "organisations" are in a far better position to punish the persons responsible.

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One of the most dangerous aspects of these "political" crimes is the fact that the local criminals have not been slow to realise they afford an excellent cloak for ordinary "gangster" activities which can be carried on with a greatly decreased risk of arrest and punishment, owing to the fact that both the general public and the VGP have an aversion to becoming mixed up in political matters.

Arrangements have been made for the recovery of 34 bodies from a very deep ravine where they were flung in May 1945. It is quite confidently expected that a number of arrests will be made in connection with this matter and that the resultant

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Court proceedings will prove that much of the "political activity" is just a cloak for rape, murder, theft and similar offences committed by ordinary criminals.

During the period 26/6/46 - 25/7/46 there have been 6 murders.

1) On 26/6/46 at Longera, GROPPAZZI Giuseppe, age 33, of Via Biasoletto 20, Trieste, was killed by his brother-in-law CICK Andrea, during a quarrel. The latter then threw the body of Groppazzi into a quarry to create the impression that death was due to an accident. As a result of excellent work by the Scientific Branch the true facts were discovered. Cick was arrested and confessed that he had in fact killed his brother-in-law.

2) On 1/7/46 Corporal UDOVISI Urbano, age 30, of the Venezia Giulia Police Force, was killed in Trieste when on his way home after duty. He was first shot in the back, then four bullets were fired into his breast.

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6) On 20/7/46 MILANOVICH Mileora, a Yugo-Slav and a fugitive from his country, was shot and killed in Via Corsi, Trieste, by three unknown men who were using a motor-car SP 0243. The enquiries in connection with this murder are still continuing.

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Two other forms of political crime are worthy of special notice, namely the damaging of houses etc. by handgrenades and other explosives, and the activities of the Yugo-Slav elements who abduct people - usually Yugo-Slavs - and take them into Zone 'B'.

These cases of abduction are not flights of fancy but very real and grim occurrences which cause a great deal of concern to many people and have reduced the anti-Tito Yugo-Slavs to a state of terror.

(d) Flying Squad and Polizia Giudiziaria

The above two branches of the C.I.D. received 341 reports of crime (including 6 for murders, 6 for robbery, 26 for burglary, 75 for serious thefts and 174 for injuries caused by assaults) and arrested 156 persons of whom 4 were charged with murder, 3 for complicity in murder, 4 for burglary, 11 for robbery and 4 for attempted robbery.

In addition to their work in arresting criminals, the Polizia Giudiziaria also - as usual - dealt with a mass of correspondence on criminal matters from all over Italy.

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(g) Aliens Office

This office is functioning quite satisfactorily and is working very closely with F33. Aliens dwelling in hotels, furnished apartments etc. are receiving special attention. This has resulted in the arrest of 11 persons.

(h) Docks and Railway Branch

The whole organization of this new composite Branch is under constant review, with special attention being paid to the introduction of measures to reduce both the actual and the mythical thefts. Reports of thefts : number 157 - included 145 for serious thefts - and 98 persons have been arrested. These arrests include 22 for serious thefts. Vast quantities of goods of all descriptions have been recovered and restored to the rightful owners. At the moment this Branch is one of the most important in the VGFF. In addition to its functions of preventing thefts in the docks and railway yards, it also controls the movements of passengers by sea to and from Pola, the Istrian peninsula etc. A typical example of the wide extent of their work was the stopping and detaining of three motor-boats which were illegally carrying flour etc. to the strikers during the illegal strike.

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The threshing campaign has been carried out very satisfactorily. Some incidents occurred in the Monfalcone Area on the distribution of the wheat between land owners and tillers of the soil but these incidents were dealt with and reported promptly to HQ VGP.

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144 quintals of grain were sequestrated from people who tried to evade the 'Ammassi'.

The results of the activities of Fiscal within the past month are as follows :-

	No
Verifications of applications for War damages...	944
Verifications of Income taxes	185
Verifications of tax stamps evasion	185
Verifications of public show taxes	15
Verifications of taxes for radio	112
Verifications of registration fees	34
Verifications of tax stamps applied to Govt.licence	7
Information of direct impost	241
Information of War profit	33
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Control of custom fees	12
Control and inspections on board ship	78
Ships checked on departure	337
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Control on prices in shops	50

(iii) Revenue

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It is broken down into :-

1) Claims made on applications for war damage :

Reparations requested.....	£195.348.934
Damages verified.....	"103.106.853
Net profit for the State.....	£92.241.981

2) Amount recovered on taxation:

On subscriptions due.....	£	557.640
On bills.....	"	913.918
On registration fees.....	"	37.552
Total Lire		1.509.110

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3)Manufactured tobacco seq.....Kg	152.412	val.£		767.462
4)Cigarettes papers leaves seq.No	504.200	"	"	86.340
5)Coffee beans seq.....Kg	249	"	"	168.300
6)Saccharine seq....."	0,0285	"	"	1.555
7)Wheat recovered for'Ammassi'."	7.100	"	"	175.589
8)Bugolire seq.....No	175.589	"	"	175.589
9)Dinari seq....."	3.027	"	""	9.081
10)Alcohol seq.....Lt	22	"	"	6.600
11)Charcoal seq.....Kg	2.350	"	"	23.500
12)Horse flesh seq....."	1.900	"	"	108.000
13)Canned food seq.....No	54	"	"	1.820
14)Tin milk seq....."	275	"	"	27.500
15)Wheat flour seq.....Kg	11.173	"	"	785.000
16)Sugar.seq....."	319	"	"	70.180
17)Cloth seq.....No	3	"	"	900
18)Maizeflour.....Kg	118	"	"	5.900
19)Fat seq....."	300	"	"	170.000
20)Reports drafted .....No	160			
21)Persons denounced ....."	100			
22)Persons arrested ....."	5			
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(ii) General

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9. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

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	Offrs	ORs
Buildings and Fixtures Branch	2	4
Ration and Clothing	2	17
Armoury	-	5
Administration	5	-
Total	9	26

(b) General

The receipt of G 1098 stores recently approved has begun. As yet the rate of supply is extremely slow and it will be some time before the full benefit is felt.

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(c) Clothing and Equipment

With approval of the increase in the strength of the Force to a ceiling of 5000, the sets of personal equipment received to date are 1000 British, and 500 American.

Contracts for the supply of local manufactured winter uniforms for the Force have been completed. Uniforms are to be supplied between 15 September '46 and 31 October '46 and Greatcoats between 15 November 46 and 25 December 46.

(d) Rations

Complaints have been received as to the suitability of the present ration scale during the summer months. These have been investigated by the Chief Medical Officer, whose main recommendation is the substitution of fresh meat for tinned at least once a week. He also recommends that more fruits/ vegetables should be provided. A representation is being made to HQ 13 Corps in this direction.

(e) Arms

Routine inspections continue. The condition of arms on the whole is good. Considerable quantities of miscellaneous enemy weapons, ammunition and explosives have been disposed of, after being rendered innocuous.

The supply of a fitted workshop vehicle is awaited.

(f) Buildings

The Police station at the recently requisitioned building in Via Caprin is now operating.

A contract for the repairs at the CC.RR. Caserma in Via Hermet has been approved and the period required for the work is 50 days.

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10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation

(i) Strength

The effective strength of the Division is now 5 officers, 51 NCOs and 170 guards making a total of 226 all ranks.

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(ii) Vehicle Strength

3 ton Trucks	76
15 cwt 4 x 2 Trucks	33
15 cwt 4 x 4 "	4
15 cwt 4 x 2 " (W/T).....	31
Light Utility Trucks 4 x 2	7
Jeeps	68
Captured or requisitioned cars...	16
Staff cars	2
Motorcycles	116
Total	353

7 Light Utility trucks were received in lieu of 7 Jeeps struck off strength, and 20 Jeeps have been re-classified by REME and are awaiting disposal instructions from Ordnance Directorate; these vehicles have already been replaced by Dodge 15 cwt trucks.

(iii) Repairs to vehicles

Workshops have been at full pressure coping with the demand for repairs and the figures show an increase of over 50% on the number of vehicles admitted.

There is still an extreme difficulty in obtaining certain types of spares.

Statistics of vehicle repairs are as follows :-

Admitted to VGPF workshops	394
Repaired in VGPF workshops	334
Admitted to other workshops	30
Returned from " "	13
Still in " "	17
Still in Unit workshops	30

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Consumption has again risen considerably; this is in part accounted for by the increasing number of vehicles put into use at outlying stations but the position is not considered satisfactory and every effort will be made to effect a reduction during the forthcoming month.

(v) Accidents

VGFF vehicles were involved in 21 accidents during the month, one of which was fatal causing the death of a girl. The driver in this case was a civilian employed by the Force; he has been suspended from duty pending investigations.

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An instruction on the standard of driving expected from members of the Force has been issued and all concerned warned that severe disciplinary action will be taken against drivers guilty of dangerous driving, speeding, etc.

(vi) Maintenance and Inspection

Regular '406' inspections have been carried out in spite of the difficulties caused by the emergency.

Consideration is now being given to the provision of covered accommodation to facilitate these inspections during the winter months.

(vii) General

The demands made upon the Division have been heavy and owing to the extreme difficulty of obtaining spares these have not been easy to fulfil.

During the forthcoming month it is intended to institute a campaign for the more economical use of transport and POL.

(b) Licensing and Registration Branch

(i) The new arrangement for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles by the Automobile Club, under supervision of Commerce Division, AMG, was due to come into effect as from 1 August.

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The disparity between the number of crimes reported and the number of arrests is rather

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misleading, as some of the arrested persons are known to be responsible for several offences. For instance, 7 of the persons arrested for robbery have admitted being responsible for a whole series of robberies which have taken place in the area during the past few months.

By comparison with pre-occupation standards, the crime figures could be considered very satisfactory if it were not for the number of crimes which are directly due to the present extra-ordinary political situation. This fact is particularly noticeable in connection with this month's figures which have been very much affected by the action of politically-minded persons, both during and after the general strike.

As stated previously, the 'crime'situation in the docks and railway, and particularly in the railway marshalling yards, calls for and is receiving special attention. A large amount of merchandise is undoubtedly being taken from railway waggons and a surprisingly large amount is being recovered and handed over to UNRRA. There have been very few large-scale thefts in the yards since the 21st of July, when the number of VGFT personnel employed there was considerably increased.

(b) Gorizia Zone

31 reported crimes with 9 arrests for crime. 3 cases of use of explosives against the houses of political opponents.

(c) Pola Zone

29 reported crimes with 16 arrests for crime. The only interesting case is one of suspected murder of an Italian. Another Italian has been arrested and has admitted responsibility, but maintains the death was due to an accident.

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12. BLACK MARKET

(a) Trieste Zone

Traffic in bread continues and 9 women have been arrested for the unlawful sale of this commodity.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Nothing to report.

(c) Pola Zone

UNRRA supplies in small quantities continue to find their way into Pola from Zone 'B' but no major cases have been reported.

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13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste Zone

There are 12 licensed brothels with a daily average of 65 prostitutes submitted to medical inspection during the period under review; 164 prostitutes have arrived and departed from the local brothels.

It is estimated that there are 528 prostitutes working outside the licensed houses and 164 of these have been issued with sanitary books. Altogether 1184 women have been medically inspected and of these 36 were sent to hospital for treatment, 9 were repatriated on compulsory travel permits. 7 dance halls, 122 public premises and 48 furnished rooms have been inspected.

(b) Gorizia Zone

A weekly visit has been made to the one licensed brothel in the Zone and the women frequenting same have been submitted to a daily medical examination. A weekly average of 20 women professing prostitution outside the licensed house have also been examined; one case of VD was detected, 7 women were repatriated on compulsory travel permits.

(c) Pola Zone

The one licensed brothel with 3 prostitutes has been examined daily; no case of VD has been detected.

There were 120 clandestine prostitutes during the month, 5 were found to be infected with VD and sent to hospital, 1 woman was deported from the Zone and 5 minors handed over to parental custody with cautions as to future conduct.

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Fortunately, there were no serious consequences of this clash between troops and civilians and there can be little doubt that it served a useful purpose because it demonstrated quite clearly - very clearly indeed - that the Allied troops were absolutely tired of the taunts and insults to which they had been subjected and of the attacks which had been made upon them, and would retaliate in a very effective manner if subjected to any further attack. There have not been any further attacks.

15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

This is very satisfactory.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

Control of the Morgan Line can only be stated as fair. Persons are still filtering across with the Yugo-Slav pass unendorsed by us. Protests have been lodged but no results have been forthcoming; most of the cases appear to be from the Fiume area.

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18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

(a) Trieste Zone

A General Strike was called by the Pro-Slav Sindacati Unici on 1 Jul and lasted until 12 Jul when it was 'suspended' after having beer declared illegal by AMG. This suspension was largely an attempt at 'face saving' as the strike had already broken down and showed signs of becoming a complete failure.

During the period of the strike, 3 people were murdered and 93 injured. Summonses were issued against the 11 ringleaders of the strike but service was effected in two cases only, the other defendants are believed to have fled into Zone 'B'.

On 16 Jul the CRDA declared a lockout in their shipyards. The declared reason was the numerous disorders which were taking place in the shipyards as a result of differences of opinion on the strike etc. On 17 Jul AMG took over control of the shipyards and ended the lockout; work is now proceeding satisfactorily.

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Nothing to report.

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(a) Trieste Zone

On 6 July a large number of Pro-Italian residents of Trieste assembled in the Piazza Unità with the intention of organizing a demonstration of protest against the Paris decisions regarding the future of Venezia Giulia. This unauthorised demonstration was dispersed by Civil and Military Police who used tear-gas bombs. No serious incidents or casualties.

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(b) Gorizia Zone

On the 12 July a funeral procession and memorial service was authorised in Gorizia. The

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authorised part of the programme passed off smoothly but later in the evening crowds collected and had to be dispersed by VG Police. This was effected easily.

The following demonstrations took place during the month :-

Canale	- Unauthorised	- 4	July
Caporetto	- "	- 6	"
Gorizia	- Authorised	- 7	"
Canale	- Unauthorised	- 12	"
Gorizia	- "	- 12	"
Caporetto	- "	- 15	"
Quisca	- Authorised	- 21	"
Gorizia	- Unauthorised	- 24	"

(Arrests : 11 - Persons injured : 3 civilians, 3 VG Policemen)

Salcano	- Unauthorised	- 25	July
Gorizia	- Authorised	- 29	"

(c) Pola Zone

27th June : 200 Italian ex-partisans formed procession at 1130 hrs for purpose of preventing unloading of goods SS POLA during Italian General strike. Dispersed by tear gas (one bomb). No arrests.

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20. PUBLIC MORALE

Italian morale is very low due to the rumoured decision as to the international boundary. It is thought that the Yugo-Slav elements will be brought so close to the City of Trieste that trade will be impossible and that there will be an increase of kidnappings and terrorism. Pro-Yugoslavs are also bitter over the recent Court decision acquitting the Civil Police of the Servola shootings. The Paris conference still over-shadows all events in the territory.

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21. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste Zone

(i) Effective Strength

	City	Province
Officers	1	1
Sub-Officers	35	8
Other ranks	126	34
Totals	162	43

(ii) Discipline

Confined to Barracks	1
Cautioned	7
Dismissed	0
Resigned	0
Fined	0

Daily drills have been regularly carried out and discipline well maintained.

(iii) Calls

There was a total of 64 calls during the month as follows :-

Fires	40
Special Services	22
False Alarms	2
	64

This compares with 24 fires and 5 Special Services during the previous month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important fires during the month were as follows :-

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At 1700 hrs on 12th July, a call was received to the motor barge 'Giuseppe' of 31 tons unloading a cargo of hemp at the 'Lido' Grado. The vessel was burning fiercely and sank after about half hour. The cause of fire was thought to be spontaneous combustion. Loss was estimated at 7.000.000 lire.

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At 2355 on 25th July, a call was received to Via S.Francesco No. 58-60. This proved to be a lean-to garage, 'Garage Trieste'. The building was severely damaged, with roof collapsed and contents comprising six motor vehicles (this included AMG vehicles), motor cycle, cycles and tyres were completely destroyed. The cause of fire is inknown but it is reported to have originated with an explosion. The night watchman received minor burns to right arm and was treated in hospital. Loss was estimated at 4.500.000 lre. The Brigade succeeded in preventing fire from spreading to petrol and tyre store, and to about another 42 motor vehicles.

(v) Loss

The estimated total monetary loss was 13.564.200 lire, compared with 992.000 lire last month. In addition to the above, an estimated loss of 1.765.000 lire was caused by explosions attended by the Brigade.

(vi) Extra Duties

216 men performed duties at theatres and other places of public entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1543.

4 places of entertainment and 5 factories and stores were inspected by the Comandante and reported upon.

(vii) General

All equipment was maintained in good order and repairs carried out to appliances as necessary.

(b) Gorizia Zone

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Sub-Officers 8

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(b) Gorizia Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	2
Sub-Officers	8
Other ranks	48
Total	58

(ii) Discipline

Fined	-
Suspended	-
Cautioned	1

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(iii) Calls

Fires	18
Special Services	10
False Alarms	-
Total	28

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This compares with 19 fires and 3 special services last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important fires during the month were as follows :-

At 1740 hrs on 7th July, a call was answered to a hay and straw store at Via Montecucco No 21. The building was damaged and contents comprising 4 quintals of hay and 10 of straw were destroyed. Cause of fire said to be due to lightning. Loss was estimated at 100.000 lire.

At 2330 hrs on 21st July, a call was received to a hay loft at Cerovo di Sotto, Comune di Quisca. The building was damaged and contents comprising 80 quintals of hay was destroyed. Cause of fire is unknown. Loss was estimated at 110.000 lire.

(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 301.500 lire compared with 654.000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

Three theatres were inspected by the Comandante and reported upon. 97 men performed duties at theatres during performances. The total number of hours engaged in this duty was 291. All appliances and equipment was maintained in good order and discipline was well maintained.

(c) Pola Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	1
Sub-Officers	6
Other ranks	29
Total	36

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Suspended	1

(iii) Calls

Fires (civil)	4
Fires (military)	3
Special services	5
Total	12

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(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

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(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 38,000 lire compared with 60,000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

Extra duties were performed at theatres and other places of public entertainment. The number of hours involved in this service was 508.

All equipment was tested and maintained in good order.

22. PRISONS

(a) Effective Strength

No change.

(b) General

The Prisons population has shown a further slight increase during this month as follows :-

Trieste Prisons population	709
Provincial Prisons population	429
Total	1138

Notwithstanding the exceptional heat wave and the increased number of detained persons, which is more than 25% over and above prison's normal capacity, the general hygienic and sanitary conditions continue to be very good.

(c) Special information on particular prisons

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Four guards were dismissed during the month and replaced by other newly-enrolled prison guards.

The personnel of this prison has had to be strengthened owing to the high number of detainees; for the same reason 20 sentenced prisoners were transferred to Via Nizza, Trieste.

(iii) Cormons

Owing to unfavourable reports by PSS and the local Civil Affairs Officer, the jailer of this small prison has been dismissed and replaced by a VG prison guard from Trieste.

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(iv) Pola

All prisoners with long sentences have been transferred to Via Nizza Prison, Trieste.

(v) Other prisons

Nothing of importance to report.

23. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(a) Allied Military Government

Continue to function in a most satisfactorily and extremely efficient manner.

(b) Italian

Zone Superintendents report these to be functioning satisfactorily.

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Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers
with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of midnight 3 Aug 46

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Lt Col	G. Richardson	(D) 282757 - Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418 - Dep Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723 - Executive and Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Major	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
Major	J. Fleetwood	(B) 279380 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 291639 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430516 - Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major	W. Wilson	(B) 279423 - Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	O. Mathis	(A)0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section

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% Major J. Henderson (B) 218978 - Commandant
Capt T. Cawthorne (A)0468569 - Asst Commandant

Non Police Officers attached

Capt J. Cooke (B) 229594 - Superintendent, Quartermaster Divn
Capt(QM)G. Harwood (B) 358836 - Asst Supt, Quartermaster Division
Capt J. Leno (A)01296545- Superintendent, Fiscal Division

NOTE - % denotes LIAP

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 Corps
(Public Safety Division)
HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

File No : VGP/7/1 5 JULY 46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JUNE 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 Corps
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
I.C. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
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(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

1. Submitted hereunder is a report of public safety matters for the month of June 46 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ 13 Corps.

2. CIVIL POLICE

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3. The following are brief reports on the progress of each Division of the Force :-

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the period under review, 441 applicants appeared before the Selection Board, 9 of whom were turned down as being unsuitable. The remainder of the applicants are being screened by FSS: at the time of writing 216 have been recommended and 62 NOT recommended for employment.

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320 men joined the Force, 12 men were dismissed, 11 resigned and 1 died.

The Disciplinary Office dealt with 16 cases during the month.

(b) Medical and Welfare

The state of health of the Force continues to be satisfactory.

One Guard of the Fiscal Division, Pola Zone, died from nefritis and two Guards of Trieste Zone have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis and sent to Hospital.

10 men were wounded, two seriously, during the attack on Monfalcone Prison on 24 Jun.

The Medical Board, composed of the Chief Medical Officer and two other VGPF doctors, meet weekly to examine and report upon special cases.

The Italian Red Cross have kindly made a loan of 30 bed sheets; 20 have been allocated to the Infirmary at Via dell'Istria, Trieste, and 10 to the Gorizia VGPF Infirmary. Arrangements have been made for patients in these VGPF Infirmaries to be given special food during their sickness.

The exigencies of duty have curtailed activities in the realm of sport, but during the early part of the month football and basket-ball matches were played between teams representing Trieste and Gorizia Zones. Swimming, including water polo, boxing and wrestling are sports in which VGPF personnel are now partaking.

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(a) Effective Strength

The following is the effective strength of the Venezia Giulia Civil Police Training School as of 25 June 1946 :-

(i) Allied Personnel

British Officers	1	
American Officers	1	
British ORs	5	
Total	7	 7

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(ii) VG Police Force Personnel

Officers	10	(1 on leave)
NCOs	18	
Guards	20	
Total	48	 48

(iii) Miscellaneous

Civilian employees ...	20
Mounted Branch - civilian personnel.	12
Security Guards (from Uniform Branch) ...	20
Guards (quarters in School barracks but assigned to other Divisions)	227
Total ...	279

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Grand Total 334

(b) General

(i) Basic Training

Basic Training Course No.10 started on 1st June with a total of 298 students of whom 280 were successful in being passed out when the course ended on 19th June.

The physical fitness, bearing, dress and general knowledge of the men comprising this course was below the usual standards.

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(ii) Wireless Course

The W/T Course which started on 23rd May with a total of 15 students, ended on 8th June. All but one of the students passed the necessary tests and were certified as qualified W/T operators.

(d) Health and Welfare

(i) Health

A total of 142 men reported to the MO for examination and treatment during the month; of this number 117 were treated for minor illnesses.

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Twelve men were sent to the Civil Hospital for treatment not available at the school; some of these men were given dental treatment and X-ray examinations, whilst others were treated for scabies and gum infection.

Three men were sent to the Via dell'Istria Infirmary; one suffering from nervous disorder, one with a badly sprained ankle and the other with a serious skin infection.

(ii) Welfare

With the exception of a dance given by the Cadets who successfully completed the Officers Training Course, no special entertainment was provided during the month.

A total amount of 36,894 lire was spent on cakes, wine, beer, etc: for re-sale to students.

(c) Discipline
Continues to be good.

6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at the end of the month was :-

	Offrs	NCOs	Guards
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Traffic Branch	2	14	81
Forest G.Branch	6	11	69
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(b) General

On 25 June, Communications Branch was transferred to this Division; establishment is 6 officers and 155 other ranks. Personnel of all Branches and Zones are being transferred to Communications Branch in bulk and officers are being appointed. Special badges are being supplied. by QM.

A total of 136 men have been assigned to Uniform Division during the month and detailed for

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duty to the various Branches. Railway and Dock Police have been transferred to CID.

The following promotions have taken place :-

To Chief Inspector	1
Inspector	8
Sub-Inspector	23
Sergeant 1st Class	2
" 2nd Class	4
" 3rd Class	23
Corporal	34

(c) Discipline

There has been an increase in the number of defaulters. Chief Inspectors and Commandants of Barracks have imposed 83 punishments, 4 reports have been sent to Discipline Office, Personnel Division, and 3 to SCAPO.

6 men were dismissed for various reasons; 7 applications to resign were submitted and accepted.

(d) Traffic Branch

This Branch is now functioning in Gorizia Zone with 2 NCOs and 8 guards; only 3 motorcycles are available at present.

Arrangements are in hand to operate a Traffic Branch in Pola Zone.

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A total of 10 men were on leave, 3 were sick and 20 were detached for duties in connection with grain ammassing.

26 officers, 146 NCOs and 111 guards were performing plain clothes duty in Trieste Zone; 3

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The work of the Division during the period under review has been excellent and morale and discipline good; no case of discreditable by any member of the CID has been brought to notice since the last report.

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Two other deaths were reported, one being that of CAFAGNA Luigi who was shot by British guards on duty at the Campo Marzio Railway Station who mistook him for a thief. At the time of the shooting, a number of young thieves were carrying

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away stolen property in the vicinity; the other was that of CURETTA Antonia who was run over and killed by a military truck on the Corgnale-Basovizza road.

A case of safe-breaking by means of oxyacetyline flame and electric chisel and the theft of 2,214,500 lire was reported; a number of arrests have been made and part of the stolen property recovered.

In connection with the murder of LIMPEL Filomena, reported last month, five persons have been arrested.

(d) Flying Squad

This Squad has operated satisfactorily in conjunction with the Division in general. Arrangements have been made to co-ordinate the work of the squad with that of Squad of Prompt Intervention, Morality Squad, General Enquiry Branch by bringing them all under one control.

(e) Scientific Branch

This Branch has continued to function satisfactorily. Owing to shortage of photographic material it has not been possible to take full advantage of the Photographic Section, especially with regard to the photographing of all prisoners and the distribution of copies thereof.

(f) Special Branch

This Branch is fully occupied in routine work although no outstanding cases have been handled during the month.

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(h) Aliens Office

This office continues to function efficiently and is fully occupied in the registration and checking of aliens.

Ths number of aliens registered is still on the increase as shown by the following figures :-

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	May	June
Trieste	3582	3652
Gorizia	300	331
Pola	152	153

(i) Dock and Railway Police Branch

On 18 June, the Harbour Police Branch and the Railway Police Branches were disbanded, and a new branch, 'Dock and Railway Police Branch' formed as part of this Division.

The formation of the new Branch has enabled greater supervision to be given to the guarding of UNRRA supplies in transit through the Port of Trieste and it is hoped that as a result there will be a decrease in thefts of this class of property.

Although it has not been found possible to effect repairs to railway property, barbed wire fences are being erected around the most vulnerable points.

The situation in the docks is now considered satisfactory and it is hoped that the same remarks will soon apply to the railways.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The effective strength of this Branch is now 429 men, an increase of 29 over last month but still below necessary requirements.

(ii) Activities

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One case of special interest is disclosed at Gorizia where a woman has been denounced for making a false claim for war damages to the extent of over three million lire.

The following is a record of the services performed by the Fiscal Guards during the month :-

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	No.
Verifications on applications of War Damages.....	1290
Verifications on Income taxes.....	93
Verifications on tax stamps evasions.....	24
Verifications on public show taxes.....	53
Verifications on taxes for radio.....	79
Verifications on registration fees.....	311
Verifications on tax stamps applied to Govt.Licence	5
Informations to check income tax application.....	521
Informations for civil acts.....	82
Informations for judicial acts.....	36
Miscellaneous informations.....	74
Control on factories for 'Imposta di Fabbricazione'	12
Control on custom fees.....	12
Control and inspections on board ships.....	73
Ships checked on arrival.....	414
Ships checked on departure.....	379
Fishing boats checked on sea.....	173
Fishing boats checked in the quay.....	191
Reports drafted.....	164
Persons denounced.....	137
Persons arrested.....	5
Monopoly shops (salt and tobacco) inspected.....	50
Control on prices in shop.....	62

(iii) Revenue

The total amount of income for the state on taxes recovered and damages verified during the past 30 days was Lire 103.897.257 thus divided :

Goods confiscated.....	£.	1.602.054
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Total Lire		103.897.257

It is broken down into :

1)Claims made on applications of War Damage :

Reparations requested.....£.221.563.476
Damages verified....." 120.704.347

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On bill.....	"	1.170.127	
Evasion on stamp tax payment	"	10.537	
On registration fees.....	"	238.750	
Total Lire		£.	1.436.074
3)Manufactured tobacco seq....	Kg.	226.630	" 668.150
4)Tobacco leaves seq.....	"	51.350	" 250.000

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5) Cigarettes papers seq.	No.	170.900	£.	42.725
6) Coffee beans seq.	Kg.	104.000	"	72.000
7) Soap sequestrated.	No.	52	"	2.600
8) Wool blankets seq.	"	7	"	7.000
9) Saccharina sequestrated.	Kg.	65.000	"	8.125
10) Shoes sequestrated, pair.	No.	1	"	2.400
11) Cloth sequestrated.	m.	159.050	"	38.000
12) UNRRA cloth sack seq.	No.	1	"	50.000
13) Boxes other items seq.	"	8	"	240.000
14) Fish sequestrated.	Kg.	78.000	"	10.400
15) Stills sequestrated.	No.	1	"	5.000
16) Yugolire.	"	85.930	)	
17) Dinari.	"	4.138	)	
18) Paper Sterlings.	"	5	)"	204.844
19) French Francs.	"	20	)	
20) Drakme.		5.000.000	)	
T o t a l				£.103.897.257

In addition to the above, the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 2.870.771 and not more than Lire 10.814.693 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences in connection with the above.

(b) Force Finance Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The effective strength is static at the figure of 13 all ranks.

(ii) General

The administrative service continues to be carried out satisfactorily.

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In addition to the above, the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 2.870.771 and not more than Lire 10.814.693 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences in connection with the above.

(b) Force Finance Branch

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The effective strength is static at the figure of 13 all ranks.

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Due to Maj. Howell's return to the U.K. on Compassionate Posting Capt.J.O. Cocke assumed the appointment of Supt with effect from 12 June 46 without a hand over. The latter part is not entirely a disadvantage as efforts are being made to decentralise part of the work to the native personnel.

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With the increase of the ceiling of the Force to 6000 demands are being prepared for the supply of further clothing and equipment.

In accordance with Exec.Memo. No.70 dated 23 June 46 the Communications Branch of this Division was transferred to Uniform Division.

The most important factor of the month has been the report from HQ 13 Corps that the G 1098 stores have been generally approved by AFHQ and issues will be made by AOD.

Arrangements were made with the Staff Capt Army Fire Service at 13 Corps, to send a representative to inspect and advise on fire precautions and store required at the main buildings of the force. This has now been completed and indents for the recommended fire equipment have been submitted and approved by HQ 13 Corps. This Division is now preparing a supplementary G 1098 for the necessary fire equipment throughout the force.

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No change. A considerable number of the 'V' cigarettes supplied to the native personnel are being received in an unsmokable condition and have had to be returned to the supply depot for exchange. Efforts have been made to substitute another brand but without success.

(e) Arms

All rifles have now been moved to the Central workshop. These have been jelly filled in compliance with British Army procedure and will be returned to

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Ordnance.

An inspection of arms by the British Armourer has been made in Gorizia Zone. The condition of weapons of the whole is very satisfactory. It is apparent however that much stripping has been done for the sake of curiosity and small parts are consequently lost.

(f) Buildings

The acute shortage of accommodation still exists and efforts continue to be made for the release of suitable buildings.

Repairs to stations at Grado and Opicina have been completed and these stations are now operating. Repairs to stations at Corgnale and Duttogliano are in hand and nearing completion.

The CC.RR. Barracks in Via Hermet have at last been released to this Force. The repairs required are very extensive and these are being carried out by stages in order that the building can be occupied at the earliest opportunity.

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3 Ton Trucks	77
15 Cwt 4 x 2 Trucks	13
" 4 x 4 "	4
" 4 x 2 " (W/I)	31
Jeeps	73
Motor Cycles	113
Captured or requisitioned cars	16
Staff Cars	2
Total	329

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(iii) Repairs to vehicles

Many of our vehicles were in poor condition when received and keeping them operating becomes more difficult every day.

Spares for certain types are almost unobtainable and in certain cases the vehicles have to be B.L.Rd.

The following is the amount of repairs handled :-

I	Admitted to workshop	243
II	Repaired	220
III	Admitted to other workshops	12
IV	Returned from " "	3
V	Still in " "	10
VI	" " Unit "	20

(iv) Petrol consumption

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Police vehicles have been involved in 17 road accidents. None was serious.

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(vii) General

The demands on the Division are heavy and many requests for transport to be allotted are refused unless it is considered that the service will suffer if not granted.

(b) Licencing and Registration Branch

(i) The new arrangement for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles by Automobile Club,

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Trieste, under the supervision of Commerce Division of AMG, has not yet gone into operation. In consequence it was necessary to extend the permits from 30th June to 31st July. This information appeared in the local Press and it was arranged that an endorsement showing that the permit had been extended would be made in the case of vehicles travelling outside the Zone. It seems that most holders of permits whether they were likely to leave the Zone or not considered it necessary to apply for the endorsement. This delay in change-over has also entailed the preparation of petrol coupons for the month.

(ii) The details of permits issued during the month are as follows :-

Applications received..... 314

Granted :-

Private cars up to 13 HP.....	29
" " over " "	10
Motorcycles.....	34
Doctors car.....	8
Heavy trucks, busses, hired cars...	113
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Total	198

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11. CRIME

(a) Trieste Zone

Please see under CID, paragraph 7 (c). Concern is felt at the facility with which criminals, especially political ones, can secure refuge from justice in Zone 'B'. It will be noted that there were 28 reported cases of persons disappearing.

(b) Gorizia Zone

There is little fluctuation in the number of crimes reported.

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3 arrests were made for armed robbery and 6 for burglary.

38 persons summoned for contraventions of AMG Proclamations.

(c)Pola Zone

No serious crimes have been reported during the month; statistics remain steady.

12. BLACK MARKET

(a) Trieste Zone

Since the sale of Swiss tobacco has been authorised at certain shops, there has been less illegal importation of tobacco from Zone 'B' and less illegal trading.

Traffic in bread continues and 32,500 kilos were sequestrated during the month.

Black market activity in fish is reported from Grado.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Nothing special to report. Attention continued to be paid by Fiscal Guards with satisfactory results in number of sequestrations and denunciations.

(c) Pola Zone

Nothing to report.

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It is estimated that there are 520 prostitutes working outside the licensed houses and 250 of these have been issued with sanitary books. Altogether 1230 women have been medically inspected and of these 48 were sent to hospital for treatment, 10 were repatriated on compulsory travel permits and 3 arrested for various crimes. 11 boarding houses, 183 public premises and 152 furnished rooms have been inspected.

Two fines have been inflicted and 4 warnings given.

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(b) Gorizia Zone

A considerable amount of work has been entailed in checking women who have entered the area to consort with members of the Allied Forces; many of these prostitutes have been deported from the area.

A weekly visit has been made to the one licensed brothel in the Zone and the women frequenting, same have been submitted to a daily medical examination. A weekly average of 20 women professing prostitution outside the licensed house have also been examined. No case of VD has been detected.

In addition to the foregoing, inspection visits have been made to 103 furnished rooms, 52 hotels, 58 cafes, 20 dance halls and 24 restaurants.

(c) Pola Zone

The one licensed brothel with 3 prostitutes has been examined daily; no case of VD has been detected.

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14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

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15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Close cooperation maintained on a harmonious basis.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

Judging by persons applying for permits, the control on the Morgan Line has been effective. There have, however, been some cases of persons crossing with permits issued by the Yugoslav Military Government and not bearing the required counter endorsement. A party of four Hungarians

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bearing a letter of introduction from one military unit to another regarding applications made for the issue of Allied Force Permits managed to enter the zone on production of this letter. They also managed to enter Italy and return on production of an "authority" issued by the Italian C.L.N. in Hungary to enter Italy. Three of this group are arrested and awaiting trial.

Movement across the Morgan Line showed a greater trend to the West. On the 56 (Lon) Div. sector Eastwards 65,996, Westwards 67,282. On the 88 Div. sector Eastwards 34,496, Westwards 34,535. Last month there was an unusual change of a slightly greater trend to the East. This was probably explained by the Yugoslav order regarding sequestration of property of absent residents. The position now appears to have returned to its normal trend.

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Port control continues to operate satisfactorily. There were very few cases of people not being properly documented. Number of arrivals at Trieste : 64,359 ; number of departures : 57,407.

17. SECURITY

People, mainly Italians, still continue to leave Zone 'B'. Some of the reasons given by these people when applying for passes may be of interest. Dismissals for inability to speak Croat,

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five teachers who said in school that Fiume was in Italy, unemployed in search of work, victims of police terrorism, people transferred by their firms, three miners who could not tolerate the government, etc. There is an average of twenty such persons per day. Some groups of refugees have been moved up from Pola through official channels and sent through to Italy.

One case of oppressive conduct towards a Zone 'B' refugee was reported. Whilst working he states he was approached by an unknown young man who demanded his documents and then told him to collect them later from 6, Via Carducci. (The Yugoslav HQ.)

More evidence of the "shadow government"was forthcoming in the shape of a letter dated 6th June from the District Popular Tribunal of Idria to the District Tribunal of Sesana, notifying the death of a partisan who died on the 6th Jan 46, in Kranjka Gora being shot whilst on duty as a sentry.

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18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

(a) Trieste Zone

The Pro-Yugoslav Trade Unions and Organisations attempted to institute political strikes but the results were negative due to preventive measures on the part of the civil police.

On 18 June, in the morning, members of Sindacati Unici suspended work for a quarter of an hour to commemorate the death of a Yugoslav killed three days before.

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(b) Gorizia Zone

Nothing to report.

(c) Pola Zone

On 26 June, the Italian population declared a two-day strike when all their shops were closed. Minor incidents occurred resulting in 10 arrests being made.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

(a) Trieste Zone

On 26th May at 00.40 hrs in Piazza Barbacan, Trieste, about ten people who were cheering Tito were assaulted by an adversary faction.

Fighting took place and a person reported a knife injury in the back. It is alleged that other persons were injured but no reports were made to the Police.

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At 21.00 hrs same day, a lorry loaded with about thrity Yug-communist got out from the court-yard of the building No.6 Via Carducci; the lorry was escorted up to San Giacomo District by members of the Traffic Branch. Three persons reported slight injuries.

On 12th June the C.L.N. organized a demonstration to celebrate the proclamation of the Italian Republic. On the same day the

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population wished to commemorate the anniversary of the Trusteeship Administration of Venezia Giulia. Italian flags were shown from the windows even in the outskirts of the town; Yug-communist parties were reported in the early morning preparing attacks upon the Italian flags.

According to information received, about 300 persons who had arrived from Zone 'B' were located near the Stadium checking documents of civilians and taking record of the Italians who hoisted the Italian flag.

At 1900 hrs notwithstanding the rain, a large crowd gathered in Piazza Unità to hear the speeches organized by the C.L.N.

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About 5000 people took part in the funeral; among them were noticed some carrying truncheons under their jackets, they were not arrested in order to avoid clashes.

On 19 June at 17.30 hrs a crowd of about 60 women called on the AMG in order to make complaints to Col.A.Bowman.

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On 20 June, at 1700 hrs the religious procession of "Corpus Domini" took place attended by the majority of the population which cheered the Bishop.

On 21 June, at 1700 hrs a strong number of pro-Slav demonstrators assembled in Piazza Garibaldi. They proceeded to Piazza Unità and to the AMG building in order to hand in motions of protest to Col. Bowman and Lt.Col. Smuts. The procession was formed mostly of women and the Police succeded in avoiding any serious incident.

On 23 June, at 1000 hrs Mr.Juraga, member of the "Sindacati Unici" held a meeting in Piazza Garibaldi. There were present about one thousand workers of the shipyards and other local factories. He pointed out the serious economic conditions of workers and the responsibility of AMG charging the latter with inability to administer the zone. He stated that AMG allowed all the fascist criminals to secure refuge in Zone 'A'.

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The Civil Police of Monfalcone arrested five persons. Ten policemen were injured, four seriously.

On 2nd June, at Pieris, some 30 pro-Slav people assaulted two VGFF.

On the 5th June at Pieris, the president of the local UAIS was arrested and the meeting he was holding was dispersed because unauthorized.

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About 50 peasants surrounded the Police Station to protest against the arrest. They were easily dispersed.

On June 12, at Monfalcone, about one hundred demonstrators, most of them workers of the shipyards, gathered in the main square. No incidents.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Nothing to report; an exceptionally quiet month.

(c) Pola Zone

On 11 June, 5000 persons assembled in Piazza Foro, Pola, under auspices of C.L.N. to celebrate the declaration of Italy as a republic. This was authorised by AMG.

During the assembly, approximately 300 Pro-Yugoslavs assembled on the east side of the square with the obvious intention of provoking an incident.

Small incidents took place, but were broken up by VG Police.

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The Yugoslavs were outnumbered and sent for reinforcements whereby 200 young men arrived and commenced to form an aggressive mob.

Civil Police were then on the scene in sufficient numbers to deal with the matter, and an order of Superintendent of Police broke the mob up. This was done without violence by Police.

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13 male persons arrested, all pr-Yugoslavs (includes President of Partigiani Giuliani and Secretary of the same party. President found with stone in hand.)

Until 0030 hrs 13th June small incidents began to occur but Police eventually cleared all persons from the various streets and complete order was restored.

No injury to Police. One shop-window broken in Via Sergia by civilian throwing another civilian against same.

The sequel to incident on 12th June caused both parties to assemble small groups of 6 or 7 young men in the main streets of Pola from 2200 to 2400 hrs on 13 June. Total number in groups approximately 300. Both sides were provocative and awaiting for some form of incident to happen.

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On 22 June a permitted public meeting was held by the pro-Yugoslavs in the Piazza del Ponte, Pola to celebrate the entry of Yugoslavia and Russia into the war on the side of the Allies. The meeting commenced at 1900 hrs and terminated at 2000 hrs. Approximately 1300 persons were

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present, rather a poor effort after much advertising. The pro-Italians had boycotted the meeting and no spectators gathered. No disorder, the meeting dispersing quietly.

At about 1630 hrs 26th June pro-Italian elements entered the Tobacco Factory in Pola with the obvious intention of preventing the Yugoslav elements from working. Some fights took place resulting in three persons being admitted to hospital with minor wounds. It was obvious that the Italians were provocative. The whole incident took place in five minutes and by the time Police had arrived order had been restored.

At about 1900 hrs 26th June 1946, in the Largo Oberdan about 1000 persons had gathered and minor scuffles took place, and Police had to intervene. Disorder began to grow and two tear gas bombs were used which had the desired effect. Order was restored. The crowd consisted of both pro-Italian and Yugoslavs. No casualties.

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The Zone Supt patrolled the streets with forces of Civil Police until 0100 hrs 27th June and found all quiet.

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At 1130 hrs 27th June about 200 ex-Partisans, pro-Italian, attempted to prevent goods from being unloaded from the steamship Pola which had docked in Pola at that time.

These partisans formed procession and marched towards the docks. Whilst they were marching in a narrow street, Supt VGPF dispersed them effectively with one tear gas bomb. Results were excellent and no further attempt was made to form any sort of procession.

20. PUBLIC MORALE

During the opening days of the Paris conference, Italian morale was at a low ebb and there was a spate of rumours as to the fate of Trieste. As various agreements were reached at the Conference the Italians recovered and now are sure that America, Britain and France will not, in order to limit Russian influence in Central Europe, cede Trieste. The Yugoslavs think that Molotov will maintain his stand and that eventually all of Venezia Giulia will go to Yugoslavia. There are sections on both sides who believe that no agreement will be reached for some considerable time.

The presence of refugees from Zone 'B' is becoming a factor of influence. The following order was recently enforced in Zone 'B' :-

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This had the effect of increasing the Hate of the Yugoslavs by the Italians.

This hate has also been fanned by the recent attacks on the Prince Bishop of Gorizia at Salcano and on the Bishop of Trieste at Sesana. The Prince Bishop of Gorizia replied by excommunicating the Communist papers "Lavoratore" and "Fronte Unico", in Italian, and the "Primorski Dnevnik" and "Ludski Dnevnik" in Slovene. A number of Italian citizens have applied a political significance to this as a defence of Italianism and thereby feel morally strengthened.

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There was a demonstration in Trieste of women for "Bread and work" organised by the UAIS. The participants in the main were not genuine and it met with no success. Whilst both sides use the "Bread and work" propaganda, whenever there is a 'festa' the number of permits issued to all classes of people increases considerably. There is still the money, the time, the will and the means to go travelling for personal reasons.

Morale this month has been affected by the holding of the Paris Conference, and propaganda. In the closing days of the month the net result seems to be that both sides are confident of success.

21. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste Zone

(i) Effective Strength

	City	Province
Officers	1	1
Sub-Officers	32	7
Other ranks	130	35
Totals	163	43

(ii) Discipline

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Cautioned	7
Dismissed	0
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(iii) Calls

There was a total of 30 calls during the month as follows :-

Fires	24
Special Services	5
False Alarms	1
	30

This compares with 25 fires and 7 Special Services during the previous month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

The most important fires during the month were as follows :-

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At 1635 hrs on 6th June, a call was received to Via Galatti 24. A fire had occurred in the back room of a cycle and accessories shop. The cause of fire was said to be due to an electical soldering iron being left on a work bench with the current on. The building and contents were insured for 2000000 lire. Damage to building and contents was estimated at 350.000 lire.

At 1445 hrs on 13th June, a call was received to Santa Maria Maddalena 40. This proved to be a private house. Part of the building and contents comprising furniture and personal effects was damaged. Cause of fire was said to be due to a short circuit of defective electric installation. Insurance was for 285.000 lire. Loss was estimated at 270.000 lire.

At 1920 hrs on 14th June, a call was answered to Via Carducci, Cinematografo 'Centrale'. A fire occurred in the projection room during a performance. The projection machine and storage cabinet was damaged and two rolls of film destroyed. Insurance for 3.500000 lire. Damage was estimated at 210.000 lire. The cause of fire was due to the jamming of the film in the projection machine and subsequent ignition.

(v) Loss

The estimated total monetary loss was 992.000 lire compared with 837.050 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

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11 inspections were made to workshops and factories and 56 Places of Public Entertainment were inspected and reported upon.

(vii) General

A number of minor repairs were carried out to appliances. All equipment was tested and maintained in good order.

The following uniforms and equipment were obtained from the Ministry of Interior, Rome.

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500 metres of 45 mm hose
142 pairs of Top Boots
311 pairs of small boots with stockings
622 shirts
Summer work uniforms for all "permanent" firemen.

(b) Gorizia Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	2
Sub-Officers	8
Other ranks	49
Total	59

(ii) Discipline

Fined	0
Suspended	1
Cautioned	0

(iii) Calls

Fires	19
Special Services	3
False Alarms	0
Total	22

This compares with 29 fires and 5 special services last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

At 2030 hrs on 22 June, a call was received to Via Brigate Casale, Societa Elettrica Venezia Giulia. Part of a garage damaged by fire. The cause of fire was said to be due to an electrical short circuit of one of the car batteries. Monetary loss was estimated at 360.000 lire.

(v) Loss

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(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 676.000 lire compared with 654.000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

96 men performed duties at theatres and places of public entertainment. The number of hours engaged in this service was 288.

One cinema was inspected by the Comandante and reported upon.

All equipment was kept in order and well maintained.

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(c) Pola Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	1
Sub-Officers	6
Other ranks	29
Total	36

(ii) Discipline

Fined ½ pay	1
Suspended	1

(iii) Calls

Fires (civil)	2
Fires (military)	1
False Alarms	2
Total	5

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 60,000 lire compared with 70,000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

120 men performed duties at theatres and other places of public entertainment. The number of hours engaged in this service was 780.

A number of minor repairs were carried out to appliances. All equipment was tested and maintained in good order.

22. PRISONS

(a) Effective Strength

No change.

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(b) General

The Prisons population has shown a slight increase during this month as follows :-

Trieste Prisons population	641
Provincial Prisons population	374
Total	1015

Arrangements have been made for all prisons personnel to go through the regular VGIF training course. This will be done by groups of 30 guards

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drawn proportionally from each prison, beginning with next term and will so enable this Division to carry on operations normally.

There exists a notable exitement amongst the inmates of the prisons, because the general amnesty conceded recently by the Italian Government, has not as yet been applied in Venezia Giulia.

Reorganization of all medical outfits, prisons infirmary, special treatment to sick detainees and improvements on hygiene and cleanliness of VG prisons has been completed, entailing an increased expenditure, but also giving some excellent returns.

(c) Special information on particular prisons

(i) Monfalcone Prison

An incident occurred at Monfalcone jail on 24 June, when a crowd of demonstrators, forcing the main door of the prison and successively two iron gates, managed to break through the inner court of the prison, with the intention of setting free the detainees, amongst whom there were two peasants, arrested the same day by AMG, for failing to give up the harvest products to the amassing centre. Two prison guards have been suspended from duty for their conduct during the incident pending judgment by a Disciplinary Board.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of outstanding importance to report.

23. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(a) Allied Military Government

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Continue to function in a most satisfactory and extremely efficient manner.

The wisdom of creating a Prosecuting Office has been proved by the expedition with which cases are heard; very close co-operation and liaison is maintained with that office and with Legal Division of AMG 13 Corps.

(b) Italian

Zone Superintendents report these to be functioning satisfactorily.

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24. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AMG CURRENCY

No cases have come to notice of the uttering of forged AMG lire notes.

There is, however, still a considerable number of forged Italian bank notes in circulation. In Trieste Zone alone, the following false Italian bank notes were passed :-

Purported value (lire)	No.
1000	44
500	22
100	20
50	7

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 1st July 1946

Headquarters

Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B) 282757 - Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418 - Dep.Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr.
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723 - Executive and Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Major	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
Major	C. Bolt	(B) 313775 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Division
Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 291639 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430516 - Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major	W. Wilson	(B) 279423 - Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	C. Mathis	(A)0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	A. Hunter	(B) 279410 - Superintendent
Capt	F. Geach	(B) 279409 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	B. Fielding	(B) 287701 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	W. Willis	(B) 294824 - Asst Superintendent

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Capt	D. Roberson	(B) 291659 - Asst Superintendent
Capt	F. Scaife	(B) 291660 - Asst Superintendent (on loan to HQ Communications)

HQ Pola Zone

Major	L. Eddings	(B) 279405 - Superintendent
Capt	H. Landesman	(A)0439007 - Asst Superintendent

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Police Training School

Major J. Henderson (B) 218978 - School Commandant
Capt T. Cawthorne (A)0458569 - Asst Commandant

Non Police Officers attached

Capt J. Cooke (B) 229594 - Superintendent, Quartermaster Divn
Capt(QM)G.Harwood (B) 358836 - Asst Supt, Quartermaster Divn
Capt J. Leno (A)01296545- Superintendent, Fiscal Division

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Appendix 'B'

Month of June 1946

Situation of Dump	Arms and ammunition recovered	Other equipment
Pola - from truck at Pola on route to Zone 'B'	Heavy machine guns 'Breda' make 9 with light spare barrels 22 'Breda' machine guns with 6 spare barrels 11 automatic rifles Beretta 90 Italian make rifles numerous magazines for machine guns approx 20,000 rounds ammunition 5 'Breda' very light pistols	200 red and green very light flares
Plezzo, place Bovsizza		Camp telephone, field glasses, artillery compass, barrel of sub machine, tubes of blasting gelatine and pistol for signalations.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

1400/23

File No : VGP/7/1 4 JUN 46

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - MAY 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 Corps
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY ~~P/S~~)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		6
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		12
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		6
MC & REG.		13
PASSPORTS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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File No : VGP/7/1 4 Jun 46

Subject : Monthly report of activities - May 46

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

1. Submitted hereunder is a report of public safety matters covering the month of MAY 1946 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ 13 Corps.

2. CIVIL POLICE

In spite of increased activity on the part of the rival Yugo-Slav and Italian factions during the May Day celebrations, we consider that from the police standpoint May has been a reasonably quiet month - we have taken advantage of this 'breathing space' to improve efficiency and conditions in all branches of the Service.

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(b) During the last few months the Police Force has been thoroughly tested and has so gained the confidence of higher command and the general public that increased duties have been delegated to it. In view of this and the fact that we must anticipate further public disorder resulting from the general uncertainty surrounding the Peace Conference, on 21 May 46 a report was forwarded to HQ 13 Corps Main seeking permission to increase the indigenous personnel establishment of the Force by a further 1850 all ranks - this would make a total of 5800 all ranks. The report was accepted by the Corps Commander and the proposal was forwarded to AFHQ with the strongest recommendation possible.

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3. The following are brief reports on the progress of each Division of the Force :-

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the period under review, 70 applicants appeared before the Selection Board. 72 applicants were screened by FSS of whom 14 were not recommended for employment.

60 men joined the Force, 8 men were dismissed and 19 resigned. There was one death, Chief Inspector Galante, Fiscal Division, Trieste Zone, who was killed in a motor accident.

The Discipline Office dealt with 15 cases during the month.

(b) Medical and Welfare

The state of health of the Force continues to be good.

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Dances have been held in the various Zones; all were well attended and have served a useful purpose in allowing personnel to become acquainted with each other when off duty.

Several football matches have been played with creditable results to VGIF teams.

Basket-ball training was commenced but had to be suspended on 10 May owing to the ground being requisitioned by the military.

20 season tickets have been allotted to VGIF at the Ausonia bathing establishment, Trieste, and every advantage will be taken of this facility.

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The Welfare Assistance Committee considered many cases of application for grants of which 7 were approved to the total amount of 34,000 lire.

5. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) Effective Strength

The following is the effective strength of the Venezia Giulia Civil Police Training School as of 25 May 1946 :-

(i) Allied Personnel :-

British Officers	1	
American Officers	1	
British CRs	5 (1 on leave)	
Total	7	7

(ii) VG Police Force Personnel :-

Officers	11	
NCOs	19	
Guards	15	
Total	45	45

(iii) Students :-

Basic Training (retainees)..	6	
Wireless Training	15	
Officers Training Course ...	30	
Total	51	51

(iv) Miscellaneous :-

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(i) Basic Training

Nil, although arrangements have been completed to accept 290 recruits into the school on 3 Jun 46.

(c) Specialist Courses

(i) Officers Training Course

The Officers Training Course, mentioned in previous report is almost completed. A few more class-room lectures and a final examination will bring to a conclusion the

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first Officers Training Course of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. After the final examination, scholastic records and all other available information will be presented to a Selection Board, comprised of Allied and VG Police Force Officers, who, after giving each candidate a personal interview, will make the final decision regarding those considered to have sufficient qualifications for a commissioned rank.

(ii) Wireless Course

Of the 18 students who started W/T Course No.3, 15 completed the course successfully. Three students, who had had no previous W/T training or experience, found the course too difficult and requested permission to withdraw.

W/T Course No.4 started on May 23rd with a total of 15 students. Nine of those students are from Pola Zone and six are from Trieste Zone.

(d) Health and Welfare

(i) Health

The Medical Officer examined and prescribed treatment for 50 members of School personnel during the month.

Forty two were treated for minor ailments. Five were sent to the Civil Hospital for examination and treatment by specialists.

One student was admitted to the Civil Hospital as a bed patient, and two were sent to the M.I. room at via dell'Istria for specialized treatment not available at the School.

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(ii) Welfare

Because of the smallness of the student body no dances, shows or other special entertainments were provided this month.

A total of 18.802 lire were spent for merchandise, such as cakes, beer, etc., for resale to students through the Canteen.

(e) Discipline

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Continues to be good.

6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at the end of the month was :-

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	Offs	NCOs	Guards
Uniform Branch	28	183	1292
Munic.Guard Branch	6	63	309
Traffic Branch	1	12	65
Forest G.Branch	4	5	52
Searchlight Branch	2	53	104
Mounted Branch	2	2	25
HQ Admin	11	9	3
TOTAL	54	327	1850

Grand Total 2231
Total authorised establishment 2408

(b) General

Transfer of all W/T personnel to a special Communication Branch under the supervision of Supt QM Division of Supt Uniform Division is still under consideration.

No new personnel have been recruited for Uniform Division during the month. 3 guards have been taken over from other Divisions and one dismissed guard has been reistated.

Certain promotions have taken place as follows :-

To Chief Inspector 1
" Inspector ..... -
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" Sergeant 1st cl 4
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(c) Discipline

Discipline in the Uniform Division has slightly improved. 60 men have been punished by Chief Inspectors and Commandant of barracks, 2 reports have been forwarded to the Discipline Office, 5 to S.C.A.P.O. for consideration and two to the Legal Division, HQ AMG.

2 NCOs have been demoted, a sergeant 3rd cl. to guard (Searchlight Branch) and a corporal to guard (Uniform Branch).

3 Guards have been dismissed for previous convictions and 8 for other reasons.

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The number of applications to resign has considerably decreased (10) and only very few men left the Corps arbitrarily.

(d) Traffic Branch

Traffic Branch is now functioning in GORIZIA Zone.

The Branch still lacks experienced officers.

(e) Mounted Branch

16 trained horses have been handed over by Training School to Mounted Branch. Mounted personnel have been successfully employed during the demonstrations.

(f) Forest Guard Branch

Experienced technical personnel for the Territorial Forestry Office are now being appointed and two forest police stations have been opened in GORIZIA Zone (Canovizza and Cormons).

(g) Extraneous Duties

A detailed examination has been made of the extraneous duties now being performed by members of the Uniform Division as a result of which steps are being taken to reduce them to a minimum and thus release more personnel for police patrol duties.

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Four officers, 15 NCOs and 36 Guards (total 55) were stationed at Gorizia and one officer, 7 NCOs and 27 Guards (total 35) at Pola.

The remaining 310 were performing duty in Trieste area and included 85 employed on HQ administration, Criminal Records and Aliens Records Offices.

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(b) General

During the past month arrangements have been made to transfer C.I.D. personnel to outlying stations in the Trieste Area, and as sufficient numbers of trained and efficient personnel become available, similar transfers will be made throughout Gorizia Area.

With the establishment of C.I.D. in outlying Stations, there is no doubt that a general improvement in relations with the public will ensue. This is amply reflected in Gorizia town, where members of the Division having settled down and surmounted their early difficulties, are performing their various duties in a very satisfactory manner.

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Gorizia Zone	31	"	11	"
Pola Zone	55	"	34	"
Railway Section	81	"	26	"
Harbour Section	6	"	17	"

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The most serious crimes reported during the month involve the death of six persons - two of the deaths being the results of road accidents in which known persons were involved.

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The four remaining deaths appear to be cases of murder and involved :-

1 and 2) Loschi Pietro and Sirotich Paola who were shot and killed by persons (one of whom has been identified) on 5 May 46. The motive is believed to be political.

3) Limpel Filomena, a woman 61 years of age who died of head wounds on 20 May 46 after being attacked in her home at Via S.Nicolò 15. Robbery was obviously the motive.

4) Ravnikar Giuseppe, who died in hospital on 4 May 46 as the result of stab wounds received in a street brawl on the night of the 1st May. In this case Police received no complaint, and it is thought the brawl resulted from a political argument.following upon the demonstration.

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(g) Licensing, Administrative and Miscellaneous Offices

The above offices have not had many abnormal demands made of them, and are functioning normally.

(h) Aliens Office

This office continues to function satisfactorily. 2369

The number of aliens coming into the territory is on the increase. In Trieste city the increase shown is from 3489 to 3582 in which

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the Yugo-Slavs have increased from 1490 to 1535. In Pola there is an increase from 124 to 152. The Yugo-Slavs increasing from 37 to 61. In Gorizia Area there is an increase from 327 to 340. The Yugo-Slavs increasing from 157 to 166.

These figures are of course for aliens actually registered with the police, both permanently and temporarily. The Aliens Office is actively engaged on outside enquiries to trace non-registered aliens.

(i) Harbour Branch

Is still labouring under the disadvantage of having to afford full police protection to miles of docks, in addition to the numerous port security duties, with the small number of uniformed guards which are attached. A new scheme involving re-organisation of duties is being considered which adopted will give a more efficient Police service to the Harbour and Dock areas.

(j) Railway Branch

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8. FISCAL DIVISION

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(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The effective strength is now 400 all ranks; 62 are inexperienced Guards. This number

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is still below necessary requirements and Gorizia particularly is in urgent need of personnel as 40 guards have to be assigned to the special service for the next harvest campaign.

(ii) Activities

During the past month the following services have been performed by the Fiscal Guards :-

Verifications on applications of War Damages..nº		820
Verifications on Income taxes	"	84
Verifications on tax stamps evasions	"	16
Verifications on public show taxes	"	62
Verifications on taxes for radio	"	100
Verifications on registration fees	"	6
Verifications on tax stamps applied to Govt lic	"	3
Informations to check income tax application	"	202
Informations on illegal currency for an amount of Lire 8.102.045.		
Informations for civil acts	"	23
Informations for judicial acts	"	18
Miscellaneous informations	"	439
Control on factories for 'Imposta di Fabbrica'	"	13
Control on custom fees	"	12
Control and inspections on board ships	"	58
Ships checked on arrival	"	341
Ships checked on departure	"	305
Fishing boats checked on sea	"	52
Fishing boats checked in the quay	"	149
Reports drafted	"	132
Persons denounced	"	143
Persons arrested	"	4
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Control on prices in shop	"	10

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Many quintals of wheat, 180 blankets, and other items of clothing stolen from UNRRA have been sequestrated.

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(iii) Revenue

The total amount of income for the State on taxes recovered and damages verified during the past 30 days was Lire 71.069.829 - thus divided :-

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Goods confiscated	L.	3.963.900
Taxes recovered	"	853.982
Reductions on war damage claims....	"	66.251.947
Total Lire		71.069.829

It is subdivided as follows :-

1)Claims made on applications of War Damages :

Reparqtions requested...	L.	145.653.955
Damages verified.....	"	79.402.008
Net profit for the State...	L.	66.251.947

2)Amount recovered on taxation :

On subscriptions due....	L.	74.360
On income taxes.....	"	700.847
On bills.....	"	1.505
On Radio fees.....	"	76.850
Total.....	"	853.982

3)Goods sequestrated :

Manufactured tobacco seq.	Kg.	210,015"	692.410
Tobacco leaves seq.....	"	88,850"	46.300
Salt sequestrated.....	"	20 "	1.000
Coffee beans seq.....	"	130 "	78.000
Saccharine seq.....	"	2 "	20.500
Soap sequestrated.....	"	22,500"	4.500
Wheat sequestrated.....	"	16.833 "	503.000
String sequestrated.....	"	10 "	5.000
Paper sequestrated.....	"	706 } "	
Wool blankets seq.....	"	180 } "	820.000
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Cigarette paper leaves...	"	5.555.300 "	1.666.590
Canned food seq.....	"	25 "	1.500
Cloth for curtains seq...	"	120 "	8.000
Khaki pants seq.....	"	100 "	50.000
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Other items seq....."		"	5.300
4)Foreign currency sequestrated :			
Dinari....."	6.003 }		
Yugolire....."	12.960 }		
French Francs....."	800 }	"	20.000
German Marks....."	348 }		
Paper Sterling....."	11 }		
5)Motor boats seq....."	2		
6)Trucks seq....."	2		
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T O T A L		L. 71.069.829	

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In addition to the above the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 3.315.830 and not more than Lire 18.494.579 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences connected with the above.

(iv) General

Control of the Morgan Line is efficient. Motor boat ML 26 has been repaired and handed over to Grado Sub-Zone.

(b) Force Finance Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The strength remains at a figure of 13 all ranks.

(ii) General

The administrative service continues to be carried out satisfactorily.

9. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	ORs
Buildings and Fixture Branch	4	2
Rations and Clothing	3	9
Armoury	-	2
Communications	1	7
Total	8	20

(b) General

(i) Change of QM Superintendents

On May the 2nd, Major A.B.LEACH completed his hand-over to Capt D.P.HOWELL.

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Unfortunately, administration in the broad sense it not possible in other QM matters, because there is very little to administer.

The function of the Division is very seriously handicapped by the never fully confirmed approval by GHQ of the Force Ref 1098 and the non-arrival of the goods scheduled thereon.

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If the Force was in possession of this solid core of scheduled goods (which would be issued out to Stations, or held in stores for future issue) the extraneous items that have to be purchased through the Local Purchasing Officer would be very small indeed. As the Division is not in possession of this AFG 1098 equipment, it is forced to procure items by Local Purchase. This "penny packet" policy is therefore the only expedient if the Force is to be served - but it is very expensive and soon makes large inroads into our Budget allowance and makes the accounting of purchases very difficult.

(iii) Amendments to QM policy

Certain small changes in policy were effected as a result of the above mentioned change of Superintendents; grouped under separate headings they are briefly.

(1) NAAFI Account

This a/c within the QM Divn has been closed and reopened in the name of the Welfare Officer. Procurement and payment procedure is briefly as follows. The RQMS, with the initial grant, pays in cash at cost to NAAFI for NAAFI items, then he issues this NAAFI to Zones who pay at retail to Welfare Officer.
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(2) Armourer - Assignment of duty

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(3) New Procedure - Local Purchase

Due to a timelag between the initial request for material to be obtained by local purchase and its delivery a certain amount of confusion had arisen at the distribution stores. Difficulties were also occasioned by the inadequate description of material required. These confusions and difficulties have been obviated by a channelised order book system which follow the items through to their

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final destination and is then held as a permanent stock-record.

(iv) Control

During the month of May, detailed Office commitments have precluded the visiting of outlying Stations. Subordinates, however, have made favourable reports on the cleanliness of stations. Complaints have been in the main (1) Sanitation, (2) Accommodation stores, (3) Rations.

(1) Sanitation.
All cases of Sanitation have been dealt with as quickly as possible.

(2) Accommodation stores.
From the slender available stores, pending the arrival of the AFC 1098, these have been met where possible.

(3) Rations.
Fortunately, the local vegetable supply has improved, which has provided an adjunct to the issued ration which is monotonous. Previous attempts to increase the scale have been fruitless, and in view of the present world shortage, recent overtures to Zone 'A' authorities have been unproductive.

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It had been hoped that KD would have been worn on May the 15th. Ordnance difficulties, release authority for Officers KD, and changes in design of uniform were responsible for delaying the date.

The main shortage is that of pantaloons for the Mounted and Traffic Branches; this is being followed up at the moment.

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(iii) Needed so urgently in the winter the raincoats, water-proof and gas-capes have at long last arrived. They have been issued in bulk to Zones and will be issued at the discretion of Zones and checked on the individual scale of issued clothing.

(iv) Saturation point has been reached on the issue of Blue Winter Uniforms. The allocation, with the 10% wastage, has almost been expended. This has been occasioned by the issue of a second suit to all Officers and replacement of dirty, worn out, or damaged uniforms. Once the Force is wearing KD, this Division will review the Blue Uniform question so as to ensure the adequate clothing of the Force, in the coming winter.

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(ii) Assignment of new Duties 2362

The REME Sgt Armourer has been given an Assignment of Duty and due to his energy and ability Station Armouries are being constructed

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and Armourers and Storemen instructed in their duties and responsibilities. A more comprehensive activity report will be issued later.

A Central Registry of Arms is being prepared at the HQ Armoury which will cross check the name of any man with is numbered personal arm.

(f) Buildings

(i) The Force is still in need of more building space. Every effort is being made to gain release of buildings from 56 (Lon) Div and the Town Major.

It is hoped very shortly to be able to commence work at Opicina on a new Station there and also at the Caserma in Via Hermet.

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The Provincia have been approached t2361 give their support to the Commune repair programme.

In POLA the building situation is quite reasonable. Application for the two large Barracks, at Via Flanatica and the Ammiragliato, has been made for their de-requisitioning.

Once they return as State buildings the Provincia will then administer and maintain them in a state of repair.

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(g) Communications

(i) W/T

The Staff of the Communications Branch is now 1 Officer and 124 other ranks. There are 38 stations, mobile and fixed, now operating.

During the month of May, a new station was established at Udine, in the Office of the Provincial Public Safety Officer.

Permit traffic with our Security Section is now being handled between Udine and Trieste.

A motor boat of the Finance Division (on completion of repairs) was fitted with radio and is now in service at GRADO.

A second motor boat at Pola has been fitted with a radio and is in service at that station.

The Trieste patrol car service has been augmented to six vehicles.

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10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation

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(i) Strength

	Insps	NCOs	Guards	Total
Effective.....	3	42	112	157
Wanting.....	6	-	45	51
	9	42	157	208

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(ii) Vehicle Strength

3 Ton Trucks	76
15 cwt 4 x 2	13
" 4 x 4	4
" 4 x 2 W/T	31
Jeeps	70
Motor Cycles	114
Captured or requisitioned cars	16
Staff cars	2
TOTAL	326

The 17 W/T Trucks and 200 bicycles shown as wanting in the report for April are still awaited.

Recently all Units in 13 Corps area were directed to report on the number of Jeeps which could be pooled or released on account of shortage of spare parts.

We considered that provided 15 cwt trucks could be supplied, our strength could spare 27. This number of Jeeps was supplied from British sources. The balance was from U.S. Army sources and no great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining Spares, etc., for them.

(iii) Vehicles Census

The monthly census of Class 'B' vehicles is now rendered to G-4(B) HQ, AC. and not to 13 Corps as in the past. Variations will be similarly dealt with in the future.

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(3) Admitted to other workshops....	16
(4) Returned from " "	9
(5) Still in " "	7
(6) " " unit "	40

(v) Petrol consumption

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Balance from April and received during the month . . . . . 18842 gals
Issued to Gorizia . . . . . 4602 "
" " Motor Boats . . . . . 39½ "
" " Charging Motors . . . . 313 "
" " HQ Trieste Zone . . . . 11995 "
" " Monfalcone 3/Zone . . . 772 "
Balance in pump and on reserve. . 1170½ "

18842 "

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Special attention is being paid to mileage and petrol consumption. A record of the performance of each vehicle is kept and any falling under the average for its particular type is watched closely. Two possibilities are always present; the engine requires overhaul or the driver requires watching. Unfortunately very few of our vehicles have speedometers and our figures can only be approximate.

(vi) Accidents

Twelve vehicles were involved in accidents during the month.

Without damage	5
Slight	6
Serious	1
	12

All damaged vehicles have been or will be repaired in Force workshops.

The vehicle seriously damaged was that involved in the accident in which Chief Inspector Galante sustained fatal injuries. This accident will be the subject of a Board of Enquiry.

(vii) Maintenance and Inspection

The appearance of vehicles continues to improve but activity in this direction is hampered by scarcity of paint. The markings on vehicles have been standardised and, in spite of scarcity of paint, it is expected that they will all conform to the fixed pattern in the near future.

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(b) Licensing and Registration Branch

(i) The following are the figures for Trieste Zone for the month: -

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Applications received	317
Permits issued :	
Private cars up to 13 HP.....	36
" " over "	9
Motorcycles	61
Doctors cars	7
Taxis	1
Heavy trucks, busses	152
AMG - Truck Pool	12
A.I.S.....	3
Total	281

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(ii) The petrol allocation was increased by 2000 litres per month and this allowed for the issue of additional permits for vehicles with high priority which had previously been refused for lack of petrol.

(iii) Action is being taken by Commerce Divn to place the registration and licensing of motor vehicles in the hands of Motorizzazione/ Automobile Club Trieste, and though it is desirable that they should be ready to handle applications for the Quarter Commencing 1st July 1946, it is doubtful if this will materialise.

Present permits will have to be automatically extended and supplementary petrol coupons issued.

(iv) This Division in conjunction with Security Division has dealt with 165 applications by civilians for use of vehicles for travel between Zone A and B and Italy.

(v) To facilitate the checking and registration of motor vehicles registered in Venezia Giulia but located elsewhere 24 temporary permits of short validity have been issued.

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On 26 May in Via Rossetti; a British soldier who was in company with an Italian girl was fired upon by two civilians who escaped; the soldier was uninjured. A similar incident occurred in Via Crispi on the following evening.

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The uttering of forged Italian currency has continued; 33 1000 lire, 21 500 lire and 8 100 lire notes were passed during the month.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Crimes reported show a decrease as compared with last month, and there have been no crimes of violence.

Eight cases of burglary have been succesfully investigated and many cases of simple larceny.

The Zone Superintendent is full of praise for the manner in which the Criminal Investigation Division are carrying out their duties.

(c) Pola Zone

No serious crimes have been reported during the month.

12. BLACK MARKET

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(c) Pola Zone

Nothing unusual to report. Attention is still being paid to the illegal importation of tobacco from Zone 'B'.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

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(a) Trieste Zone

Police supervision over prostitution was increased during the period under review and 1148 prostitutes were detained for examination; 113 were found to be infected and were ordered into hospital. 21 were returned to their homes in Italy. 5 of the 91 women registered in brothels were found to be infected and sent to hospital.

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(b) Gorizia Zone

No increase in venereal disease is reported.

(c) Pola Zone

The drive to check the activities of prostitutes continues.

The following are the statistics for the month :-

Licensed prostitutes arrested	4
" " found infected	3
Clandestine prostitutes arrested	12
" " found infected	6
" " ordered out of Zone	2

14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT.

Judging by persons attending the travel control Office during the month the control on the Morgan Line has shown some improvement. There were, however a few cases of persons coming through on the strength of a Yugoslav "exit visa " alone, similar cases being referred to in the previous report. The big weakness still exists - there is no Order controlling movement across the Morgan Line and therefore no power to bring persons before a court unless evidence can be found of some offence other than that of crossing the Morgan Line without a proper authority.

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The importance of this weakness cannot be over-stressed.

Some confusion appears to exist in the control of the Western Boundary. In the latest instructions issued on 13 Corps it is stated that vehicles from Italy should have an attachment to the Italian licence stating that they are permitted to use their vehicles in zone "A". Five or six cases have occurred where the Italian Guards have passed through vehicles only for the drivers to be arrested by FSS in the Monfalcone area for non complainance with these instructions.

Across the Morgan Line on the 56 (Lon) Div. Sector traffic this month showed a greater trend to the East, i.e. Eastwards 57.394, Westwards 56.721.

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Port Control has operated satisfactorily. The average daily arrivals at Trieste of passengers on coastal craft is 1,747.- The documentation of these people has greatly improved as there are now only very few cases of persons refused permission to land.

17. SECURITY.

See the first two paragraphs under 16 "Control of civilian movement"

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People are still continuing to leave Zone 'B' but the movement has by no means yet attained that of a general exodus. The reasons for this movement are loss of employment owing to Italian sentiment, reorganisation of societies and factories taking into employment Croat ex partisans; the non recognition of Tito's Lire in Italy (e.g. a man working in the Arsia mines with his family living in Italy); political intrusion by the OZNA; a woman said that her husband was killed on the 1st of May 45, but heard of his death only on the 2nd March 46, she was not allowed to see the body and told to take no action in the matter; elderly people moving to Italy so that they may continue to draw their pension; persons transferred by private firms or state-railways etc; refusal of employment to persons not speaking Croatian and some people of Yugo-Slav origin for political reasons. In connection with this movement it has been noticed that people are becoming less and less inclined to give detailed reasons for leaving zone 'B'.

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18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Nothing to report.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

At 1800 hrs on 30 April, in Trieste, there was an authorised pro-Italian demonstration authorised by the CLN. At 2000 hrs the Yugo-Slavs held a torchlight parade which after touring the city finally broke up in the San Giovanni district about 2400 hrs.

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There were no serious incidents and hooligans who attempted to create minor disturbances were dispersed by the Police.

On 1 May; thousands of young Yugo-Slavs who had come from Zone 'B' and Yugoslavia gathered in the Piazza Unith, Trieste, where speeches were made; a gymnastic display was later held in the San Sabba Stadium.

The Italians held a counter-demonstration and when evening approached there were many minor incidents and cases of street fighting. The police dealt with these effectively and 27 arrests were made; five civilians were slightly injured.

An incident of a similar nature occurred on 4th May near the Central Railway Station, Trieste, when about 150 Yugo-Slavs assaulted a group of Italians. The police immediately broke up the fighting groups and arrested 9 persons; several people were injured.

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20. PUBLIC MORALE

The morale of the population of Trieste has been influenced this month by two contrasting factors, the first purely political and the second political-economical.

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The apparent failure of the Paris Conference, the news of continued arrivals of Yugo-Slav troops in Zone 'B' added to the Russian attitude towards controversial points, has brought the Italian population to an excess of pessimism regarding Allied action. They have also in mind the fact that zone 'B' is absolutely beyond any Allied control while in zone 'A' there is the UAIS whose influence is forceably felt in most of the villages. Their spirits are also dampened by the Russian-backed Yugo-Slav declaration that they would never renounce Trieste and the whole of Venezia Giulia.

Their morale was lifted somewhat by Byrnes declaration that Trieste had to be Italian and it would not be ceded under any kind of force.

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The sum total seems to be that after the Byrnes declaration people are expecting an economical improvement especially those in the building trades and small factories.

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21. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste Zone

(i) Effective Strength

	City	Province
Officers	1	1
Sub-Officers	32	7
Other ranks	131	34
Total	164	42

It is with deep regret that the death of the Vice Comandante, Barbieri Ramiro, is reported. He passed away on 22 May whilst undergoing an operation for peritonitis.

(ii) Discipline

Confined to Barracks 3
Cautioned 3
Dismissed 1
Resigned 1

Daily drills have been held and discipline well maintained.

(iii) Calls

There was a total of 33 calls during the month made up as follows :-

Fires 25
Special Services 7
False alarms 1

Total 33

This compares with 42 fires and 4 special services during the previous month.

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Cautioned 3
Dismissed 1
Resigned 1

Daily drills have been held and discipline well maintained.

(iii) Calls

There was a total of 33 calls during the month made up as follows :-

Fires	25
Special Services	7
False alarms	1
Total	33

This compares with 42 fires and 4 special services during the previous month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

2235 hrs 1 May, Via Carducci 34 (Provision Shop). Electric refrigerator motor caught fire due to short circuit. Motor, ceiling and counter of shop damaged. Loss estimated at 110,000 lire.

1920 hrs 3 May, Via Ronchetto 90, Servola. Timber house and garage almost completely destroyed by fire. Cause believed to be a defect in the electrical installation. Loss estimated at 400,000 lire.

12 May. Grass and bush fire at Opicina. Estimated loss 200,000 lire.

2000 hrs 19 May, 'Belvedere' Cinema,

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Via Udine. Fire in projection room. Two electric motors and projection machine severely damaged and film destroyed. Cause was breaking of film. Loss estimated at 10,000 lire.

(v) Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 837,050 lire compared with 355,000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

The fire floats were engaged for 248 hours on stand-by duties during the unloading of petrol ships.

8 inspections were performed of factories and dry cleaning establishments.

193 men performed duties at Theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment.

The number of hours engaged in this service was 1235.

(vii) General

A large number of minor repairs were carried out to appliances and all equipment was tested and maintained in good order. Both fire floats were repainted inside and outside. The Central Fire Station engine room was repainted. Maresciallo Bellani was appointed Fire Inspector for Places of Public Entertainment. A systematic inspection is now being made of the 47 premises licensed for public entertainment in Trieste.

(b) Gorizia Zone

(i) Effective Strength

Officers	2
Sub-Officers	8
Other ranks	49
Total	59

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Other ranks	49
Total	59

(ii) Discipline

Fined	-
Suspended	1
Cautioned	1

(iii) Calls

Fires	18
Special Services ...	2
False Alarms	-
Total	20

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This compares with 29 fires and 5 special services last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

A call was received at 2115 hrs on 30 April, to S.Lorenzo di Mossa, Via Mazzini 45. This proved to be a private house. The flooring, stairs and ceiling was seriously damaged by fire. The cause of fire is unknown. Loss was estimated at 350.000 lire.

At 2130 hrs on 7 May a call was attended at Viale XXIV Maggio 4. A fire occurred in a vehicle garaged in this building. The cause was due to short circuit of the battery. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at 220.000 lire.

(v) Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 654.000 lire compared with 2.513.000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

Two cinemas were inspected by the Comandante and reported upon.

49 men performed duties at Theatres and Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 294.

All appliances and equipment were kept in good order and discipline well maintained.

(c) Pola Zone

(i) Effective Strength

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Other ranks	29
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Cautioned	-
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(iii), Calls

Fires (civil).....	5
Fires (military).....	1
Special Services	2
Total	8

This compares with 3 fires and 2 special services last month.

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(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

(v) Losses

The estimated monetary loss during the month was 25.000 lire compared with 70.000 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

No extra duties have been reported.

22. PRISONS

(a) Effective Strength

No change

(b) General

During the month there has been little change in the prison population; the figures are as follows:

Trieste Prisons	618
Other Prisons	335
	953

There are many prisoners awaiting trial by the Italian Courts, 187 in Trieste and 126 in other prisons, a total of 313 or a third of the total prison population. The arrest of some of these prisoners date back as far as three months.

Owing to the occurrence of several irregularities and also for security reasons, the visits of Trieste prisoners as out-patients to the Central Hospital have been partially discontinued; only exceptional visits in unavoidable cases are now permitted. To counteract this the prison infirmary service has been augmented and improved.

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(iii) Gorizia Prison

Colonel VILLASANTA Mario was appointed Director on 1 May.

On 12 May two prisoners escaped owing to assistance received by a guard. Following an investigation into this and other incidents, 10 guards have been dismissed and replaced by newly selected and enrolled men.

(iv) Pola Prison

On 1 May a hostile demonstration of about 200 people occurred outside the prison. A few pistol shots were fired at the sentries posted on the walls of the prison; four of the sentries, believing that an attempt was being to break into the prison, fired about 6 shots into the air. Disciplinary action has been taken against these guards.

23. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(a) Allied Military Government

Continue to function in a most satisfactory and efficient manner. The newly-instituted Prosecutions Department is proving to be a valuable innovation in the matter of speeding up legal process in criminal cases; close liaison is maintained with the Legal Division of AMG in this connection.

(b) Italian Courts

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 1st June 1946

Headquarters

Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B) 282757	- Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418	- Dep.Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr.
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723	- Executive and Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Capt	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413	- Superintendent, Uniform Division
Capt	C. Bolt	(B) 313775	- Superintendent, Crim Inv Division
Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 291639	- Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt.	J. Whelan	(A)0430516	- Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Capt	W. Wilson	(B) 279423	- Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	O. MATHIS	(A)0901703	- Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836	- Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	A. Hunter	(B) 279410	- Superintendent
Capt	F. Geach	(B) 279409	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	B. Fielding	(B) 287701	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	W. Willis	(B) 294824	- Asst Superintendent

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Capt	F. Scaife	(B) 291660	- Asst Superintendent (on loan to HQ Communications)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 Corps
(Public Safety Division)
HQ VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

File No : VGI/7/1 7 MAY 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - APRIL 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 Corps
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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File No : VGP/7/1 7 May 46

Subject : Monthly report of activities - April 46

To : (1) HQ Allied military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

1. Submitted hereunder is a report of public safety matters covering the month of APRIL 1946 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ 13 Corps.

2. CIVIL POLICE

All reports, statistical and otherwise, indicate a further improvement in the public safety situation in Zone 'A' this month. I feel it is only true to say that such improvement is attributable in a major degree to the increased activities of all ranks of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. Satisfactory progress has been maintained in improving the efficiency, morale and general welfare of the Force and in this connection we owe much to the Allied Military authorities for their continued support and assistance.

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(b) There have been a number of incidents arising out of 'differences of opinion', some cases of intimidation of VG Police and, although to a lesser degree, press attacks on the VG Police.

(c) A press article appearing in the Left Wing newspaper 'Il Lavoratore' on 16 April 46, contained a very inaccurate account of a raid on a Trieste Culture Club (referred to on page 3 of report for Mar 46) and accused the VG Police and AMG of 'openly seconding a new fascism' when referring to arrests effected during the demonstrations in Trieste on 27/28 Mar 46.

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(d) On 14 April 46, a Police Guard of the Uniform Branch in Trieste whilst off duty and in plain clothes was accosted by five unknown persons and told by them to 'abandon his uniform if he valued his life'; he was not otherwise molested.

(e) On 21 April 46, a Police Guard of the Uniform Branch attached to Aurisina Station, Trieste Zone, was assaulted and slightly injured by five unknown persons whilst on leave in Trieste City.

(f) On 22 April 46 a Police Guard of Uniform Branch, Pola Zone, wandered some 100 yards over the demarcation line. He was arrested by Yugo Slav military and was not released until 30 April 46. Whilst in custody he was interrogated by Yugo Slav authorities as to the disposition of the VGF forces also as to conditions etc in the Service.

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3. The following are brief reports on the progress of each Division of the Force :-

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting, Records and Discipline Branch

During the month of April, 30 applicants appeared before the Selection Board.

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219 applicants were screened by FSS of which 30 were NOT recommended for employment.

83 men joined the Force, 50 resigned for various reasons, 11 were dismissed and one died.

In last month's report it was stated that an increase in the number of resignations was anticipated and this has been realised. A large number of the personnel concerned applied to withdrew their applications, but on grounds of discipline and morale these were refused.

In view of the shortage of officers, it was decided to select a number of men from the ranks to undergo a special course with a view to their eventual appointment to officer status.

133 men were interviewed by an Officers Selection Board of which 60 were chosen as being likely candidates; 30 of these men are now attending the first Officers' Training Course - see under heading 'Training School' paragraph 5.

The newly created Discipline Office has dealt with seven cases since its institution on 7 April. Two disciplinary boards have been held during the month, one at Trieste and the other at Gorizia.

(b) Medical and Welfare

The general state of health of the Force continues to be satisfactory.

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15 first-aid boxes have also been obtained and distributed to out-stations.

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As regards sport, football continues to be played regularly with creditable results to VGFF teams.

A new departure is basket-ball, and the use of a ground has been obtained for this game on two days per week.

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An agreement has been reached with the authorities controlling the S.Sabba Stadium, Trieste, whereby the VGFF can hold athletic meetings there; it is hoped to hold the first of these during the month of May.

5. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) Effective Strength

The strength of the training school staff is now 11 officers and 38 NCOs and other ranks.

(b) General

Basic Training Course No.9, which commenced on 15th March with 276 students, ended on 29th March with a graduating total of 260.

Of those who graduated with the rank of Guard, 194 were posted to Trieste Zone, 46 to Gorizia and 20 to Pola.

Brigadier J. Scott Elliott, CBE, DSO, 56 (Lon) Division inspected the graduating class and visited the School premises.

(c) Specialist Courses

(i) C.I.D.

No personnel were selected for special instruction in C.I.D. work during the month of April.

(ii) Wireless

The second W/T Course started on 1 April with 18 men from Trieste Zone, 4 from Gorizia and 1 from Pola.

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(iii) Mounted

On 13 April, 16 men completed a course of instruction in mounted duties; 5 of these men were posted to Gorizia Zone and the remainder to Trieste.

Another class of 12 students started on 15th April.

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(iv) Officers' Training Course

A course of instruction for candidates who have been selected as potential officers commenced on 24 April.

The number of men attending is 30 comprising 22 from Trieste, 5 from Pola and 3 from Gorizia.

This course will continue for 30 days and during the period, by means of intensive training and close observations, it is hoped that a major proportion of the candidates will be found suitable to justify their appointment to commissioned rank.

(v) NCOs Course

NCOs Course No.1 which started on 15 March, ended on 25 April. Results were excellent but the course did demonstrate the fact that technical training of some of the non-career men is necessary. Course No.2 is in course of preparation and will commence at a date yet to be decided.

(d) Health and Welfare

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Sport during the month included a journey to Gorizia for a football match in which the School side played the local VGFF team, and two table tennis tournaments in which Officers, NCOs, Guards and students all competed.

(e) Discipline

While the conduct of the student body as a whole continues to be excellent, there were 11 breaches of discipline which were dealt with as follows :-

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5 guards - tardiness - CB 3 days each
1 guard - AWOL and intoxication - fined 7 days pay
1 " - " " " - " 5 " "
1 " - AWOL - fined 3 days pay
1 " - " - " 2 " "
2 students " - " 1 " " each

6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Uniform Division at the end of the month was as follows :-

	Offs	NCOs	Guards
Uniform Branch :	28	171	1332
Municipal G.Br :	6	50	317
Traffic Branch :	1	12	65
Forest G.Br :	4	4	49
Searchlight Br :	2	54	102
Mounted Branch :	2	2	25
HQ Admin :	12	9	3
TOTAL :	55	313	1893

Total effective strength 2261
Total authorised establishment . 2408

(b) General

Proposals are being considered to transfer all W/T personnel to a special Communications Branch under the supervision of Supt QM Division.

252 men have been enlisted in the Uniform Division, 185 assigned to Trieste Zone, 47 to Gorizia Zone and 20 to Pola Zone.

A total of 128 men has been transferred to C.I.D. strength, i.e. 105 to Harbour Police Branch, 23 to Railway Police Branch.

(c) Discipline

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(b) General

Proposals are being considered to transfer all W/T personnel to a special Communications Branch under the supervision of Supt QM Division.

252 men have been enlisted in the Uniform Division, 185 assigned to Trieste Zone, 47 to Gorizia Zone and 20 to Pola Zone.

A total of 128 men has been transferred to C.I.D. strength, i.e. 105 to Harbour Police Branch, 23 to Railway Police Branch.

(c) Discipline

Generally, the situation of discipline in the Uniform Division is satisfactory. 62 men have been punished by Chief Inspectors of Branches and Commandants of barracks for minor offences, 3 disciplinary reports have been forwarded to Discipline Office, Personnel Division, and 7 disciplinary reports have been forwarded to S.C.A.P.O. for consideration.

2 Guards have been dismissed for previous convictions and 9 for other reasons. (Most of them left the Corps arbitrarily).

There is still a certain number of applications to resign (33). Except for 2 good Traffic Police NCOs, the loss of such men is not considered detrimental.
1 man died during the month.

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(d) Traffic Branch

20 motorcycles have been assigned to Traffic Branch during the month, bringing the total to 47 for normal duties and 4 for training.

There is a lack of experienced Traffic Police Officers.

(e) Mounted Branch

This Branch has reached its effective strength and has shown its usefulness and efficiency during the recent demonstrations. The condition of the horses is excellent.

(f) Forest Guard Branch

The Territorial Forestry Office has occupied the new premises at the 3rd floor of 6, Via Cologna (barracks) and is still functioning with the ex Corpo Forestale personnel who are volunteering pending their appointment with VGPF.

(g) Searchlight Branch

This Branch is still operating in a satisfactory manner. Discipline has slightly improved; one sergeant 3rd cl. has been reduced to guard for disciplinary reasons.

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Much still remains to be done in increasing the efficiency of the Division. Revision classes, an improved system of recording and investigating crimes, the publication of Daily Informations and a form of Police Gazette, and a closer administrative liaison are matters now in hand.

However, having regard to the peculiar circumstances and the youth of the Force, the position is entirely satisfactory when judging it in comparison with other known standards.

(c) Crime

Crime figures for the whole of the Occupied Territory show a decrease for the month whilst the number of crimes detected shows an increase.

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Serious crimes are summarised as follows :-

6 Apr - JEGG Ada, Trieste. Murdered by ELIA Ciro, a former Lt Col of the Italian Army who immediately after the crime committed suicide by shooting.

21 Apr - COSSUTTA Desiderio, S. Croce. Murdered by DI VITA Cristiano who was arrested by members of the Uniform Division.

(d) Flying Squad

The Squad has continued to perform excellent work; 65 reports of crime were received including 2 for murder, 20 for burglary and 11 for aggravated theft.

92 arrests were made including 17 persons for illegal possession of arms.

(e) Scientific Branch

The usual activities have included the taking of fingerprints of 34 persons arrested for crimes, visits to the scenes of the murders mentioned above, and the taking of photographs in connection with serious crimes.

The fingerprint classification of 148 persons have been made.

(f) Special Branch

This Branch has continued to undertake many enquiries on behalf of Italian 'Questure'.

Investigations have also been made on behalf of the Special Court of Assize and 7 persons have been arrested on warrants issued by the former.

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1 pistol 'Beretta', cal.9 short with 4 rounds amm.
Several knives, axes and other dangerous weapons.

Subsequently 17 persons have been denounced to the Allied Military Court.

The Branch also confiscated the following arms found at the 'Arsenale del Lloyd Triestino' :-

1 mitra 'Sten'
2 pistols cal.?2
1 pistol cal. 7.65
2 mitra 'Beretta'
1 heavy German machine-gun
2 heavy 'Breda' mod.38 machine-guns cal.8
3 light Italian machine-guns

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27 Italian carabines with bayonet mod. 91
3 Italian carabines mod. 38
3 German 'Mauser' rifles
13 magazines for mitra 'Beretta'
3 magazines for mitra 'Sten'
51 magazines for light machine-gun
numerous other ammunition for Italian rifles mod. 91 and heavy machine-guns
4 'Panzerfaust' (giant-type)
1 'Panzerfaust' (small-type)
36 hand-grenades 'Breda'
13 hand-grenades 'Sipe'

In Villa Opicina, in a 'bunker' near the Military barracks have been recovered numerous boxes of ammunition for automatic weapons and German hand-grenades.

After long and careful enquiries crates of UNRRA clothing, of a very high value, were recovered.

Hotels, boarding-houses and furnished rooms have been under constant control and in this connection many persons have been cautioned and several denounced.

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Insanes	:	51 certified insane persons have been committed to the Lunatic-Asylum
Fire-arms permits	:	16 have been issued for shot-guns 14 are pending 61 have been issued for pistols 44 are pending
Private-guards	:	130 applications of which : 111 have been granted 13 have been refused 6 are pending

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Passports	:	183 requests for 'no-objection' to the issuance of passports by several Italian Questure have been dealt with, 72 are pending
Prostitutes	:	180 registered in bawdy-houses 1424 stopped and conveyed to medical examination 107 committed to Hospital for VD, 28 deported 9 arrested for various crimes Many bawdy-houses, hotels and dance-halls have been inspected
Poisonous gases	:	6 disinfection permits have been issued
Accidents at work	:	125 claims presented

A large number of requests for licenses for public performances, public agencies, elevators, photographers, watchmen, door-keepers, room-renters, jewellers and dealers in second-hand articles have been dealt with.

(h) Aliens Office

The Aliens Office has dealt with :

1570 aliens sojourn permits
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Much confidential correspondence has been dealt with.
The local presses have been supervised.
Many letters, statements and requests coming and going to the Allied Police HQ have been translated from and into English.
Weekly and monthly statistics have been drawn up.

(i) Harbour Branch

This branch has received :

8 denunciations for theft, and has arrested 10 persons, as follows :-

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2 civilians for theft
2 soldiers for theft (consigned to the British M.P.)
2 American merchant-ship sailors for theft(USA ")
1 civilian for illegal possession of arms
1 civilian for smuggling cigarettes

The Harbour Section has also maintained a dock and harbour patrol, and has controlled the entry of persons into Trieste from the sea.

(j) Railway Branch

This branch has received the following denunciations :-

89 for aggravated theft
1 for burglary
3 for pick-pocketing
1 for incautious purchase
1 for damages

and has arrested :-

12 persons for aggravated theft
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8. FISCAL DIVISION

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Verifications on tax stamps evasion....."	61
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Verifications on taxes for radio....."	121

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Informations on illegal currency for an amount of Lire 57.402.541	
Informations for civil acts....."	27
Informations for Judicial acts....."	20
Miscellaneous informations....."	194
Control on factories for Imposta di Fabbricazione"	13
Control on custom fees....."	12
Control and inspections on board ships....."	72
Ships checked on arrival....."	335
Ships checked on departure....."	220
Fishing boats checked on sea....."	54
Fishing boats checked in the quay....."	141
Reports drafted....."	111

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Persons denounced	n	124
Persons arrested	"	2
Persons denounced by default	"	2
Monopoly shops (Salt and Tobacco) inspected	"	70
Control on prices in shops	"	27

Claims for war damages are dealt with speedily but there is general discontent amongst applicants that advances on indemnities are not paid quickly enough by the Intendenza di Finanza.

In connection with income tax investigations, one firm established after 1 May 1945 was charged with tax evasion to the amount of over two million lire.

Amongst black market cases investigated was one involving a firm denounced for contraband of 180 quintals of salt and another involving the seizure of 341,500 kg of tobacco. The latter investigations lead to the revealing fact that during the period July 1945 to February 1946, 47 quintals of tobacco have been contrabanded from Zone 'B'. As a result of the control posts instituted along the Morgan Line, contraband traffic from Zone 'B' has been greatly reduced.

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Reparations requested.....L.	216.027.742	
Damage verified....."	123.990.683	
Net profit for the State.....L.		92.037.059

b)Amount recovered on taxation:

On bills (stamps & Income tax)	2.135.136	
On Registration fee.....	66.750	
T o t a l....."		2.201.886

c)Manufactured tobacco seq.Kg.	70,722	val.	195.474
d)Tobacco leaves sequestrated	476,900	"	293.500
e)Salt sequestrated.....	860	"	17.200
f)Coffee beans sequestrated..	1,500	"	1.050
g)Sugar sequestrated.....	45	"	9.000

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h)Jam sequestrated.....	30	val	3.000
i)Sacharin sequestrated.....	3,845	"	9.612
j)Cigarette paper leaves seq.n°	853.260	"	192.462
k)Corn beef (cans).....	8	"	800
l)Soap sequestrated....."	8	"	480
m)Currency confiscated:			
Dinari 20.000			
Jugolire 6.141		total	97.321
Kune 200			
Dollars 50			
T O T A L			95.058.884

In addition to the above, the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 8.064.338 and not more than Lire 19.827.702 for fines imposed on persons guilty of offences connected with the above.

The following furniture belonging to ex-Fascist Organisations have been recovered and handed to the Intendenza di Finanza of Gorizia for custody:

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(i) Effective Strength

The strength of the Branch is now 6 officers, 3 NCOs and 4 Guards.

(ii) General

The administrative service continues to be satisfactory. The tightening up of the regulations respecting the issue of travelling allowances would appear to have had the desired effect and no further difficulties have arisen in this connection.

9. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	Offrs	NCOs & Guards
Buildings and Fixtures Branch	5	2
Rations and Clothing	3	11
Armoury	0	2
Communications	1	6
Total	9	21

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Arrangements have been made with Supts, Gorizia and Pola Zones for the transfer of a number of men from Uniform Divn to fill vacancies on QM Establishment.

(b) General

(i) Procurement of stores

No word has yet been received as to whether the draft G.1098 scale of equipment and stores submitted to GHQ at the beginning of March has been approved. It is not therefore known what items still required will be forthcoming from Army Sources. Supply of stores and equipment for new stations and new needs is therefore extremely difficult, without heavy expenditure on Local Purchase.

The policy adopted is to buy such items as are unlikely to be available from Army Sources plus a few indispensable items which cannot be obtained in any other way.

Certain items are being issued on loan through ordnance which has helped to save the situation.

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(iii) Control

Visits made to stations within the last month have shown that in the majority of stations stores and equipment are being carefully looked after and proper records kept of issues and receipts. This is particularly so in the country stations.

The greatest administrative difficulties occur in Trieste City owing to the overlapping of HQ and Zone and the very large proportion of men who live at home. The issue and withdrawal of clothing, control over issue of rations, kit inspections etc are all difficult.

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This Divn is attempting to impress on Officers i/c Branches, Stations etc the administrative responsibilities which they must assume and to establish an administrative system in which it is clearly laid down who is responsible for what. Difficulties will, however, continue until there are more Officers who can take on administrative work in addition to their operational duties.

Instructions have been issued on the exact method of writing-off and charging men for lost or damaged clothing and stores.

This should bring uniformity and also ensure that prompt action is taken in all cases of loss or damage.

(c) Clothing

(i) RAF type blue shirts have been received and issued, but owing to a deficiency in the number received and the increase of the WE since the indent was submitted there are not quite enough for all personnel.

(ii) Waterproofs were received on 27 April and will be issued shortly.

(iii) A considerable number of worn-out uniforms have been exchanged for new.

(iv) Additional K.D. shirts and trousers of good quality have been received and are being issued to all personnel. Each man should be properly fitted by 15th May. Armbands and slip-ons for shoulder straps are being made locally.

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(d) Rations

Nothing to report.

(e) Arms

(i) American Mark I Carbines were received on 30 April and will be issued when possible, and rifles at present held returned to ordnance.

The procurement of suitable pistols for the C.I.D. and plain clothes Police appears to be an insoluble problem.

The 1,000 Colt pistols held are sufficient for Uniformed Police, but are not suitable, nor have we enough for the C.I.D. Unless some other type can be made available authority will have

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be requested for permission to retain the '38 revolvers at present held on loan.

(ii) A British Armourer Sgt. has been posted to this HQ and has already made himself extremely useful in inspecting arms and armouries and disposing of arms and ammunition which have either ~~being~~ been sequestrated by the Police or handed in to them.

(f) Buildings

(i) The number of buildings occupied continues to grow and is now approx 80. Although the figure includes a number of small stations e.g. of the Municipal Guards and S/L sites it gives some idea of the work involved in repairs and equipment.

New buildings taken over during the month include : two large Casermas at Gorizia and one at Pola, and hutting at Rifembergo. The following premises are available for occupation as soon as necessary repairs are completed :-

Corgnale	Caserma
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Barcola	"

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(ii) Major repairs are completed or in progress at :-

Gorizia Caserma
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Caserma Beleno " " " "
Grado Caserma
Monfalcone Dock Station
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Work on major repairs should diminish during the next few months as soon as all buildings required have been taken over, but minor repairs and maintenance will continue. To effect both economy and speed it is intended to set up a mobile workshop in both Trieste and Gorizia Zones, to be manned by VG Police and Civilian Workmen. This development cannot however be effected until tools are obtained.

(g) Communications

(i) W/T

Considerable progress has been made with the establishment of W/T Communications, since the

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appointment of a British Officer as Communications Officer.

The link with Pola and Gorizia Zones has been established.

10 Static Stations are working in Gorizia Zone.

5 Static Stations are working in Trieste Zone.

W/T jeeps operate in Trieste, Gorizia and Pola.

1 boat operating from Trieste is equipped with W/T.

There are considerable problems still to be solved over equipment and personnel, and the Police have still to be trained in the proper use of W/T Communications.

(ii) Telephones and DRLS

New telephones have been obtained for several Trieste Zone Stations and offices and additional extensions obtained for Gorizia HQ.

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Motor Cycles	118
Civilian cars	16
Staff cars	2
Total	328

Delivery is awaited of 17 W/T trucks and 200 bicycles.

During the month 193 vehicles were brought to the workshop for repairs, overhaul etc. This

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figure appears high but it includes 29 Jeeps which were added to the establishment and which were received in very poor condition. Many vehicles were also in need of attention following long hours of service on demonstrations. It is interesting to note that only 24 vehicles were taken to Corps Workshops for major repairs; the remainder have been or will be repaired in our own workshops.

Of the number of vehicles received for repair, all but 36 were returned to service and 14 of these are at Corps Workshops.

Seven vehicles were involved in accidents; one Jeep at Gorizia is BLR but the damage to the others was slight and is repairable in our own workshops.

All accidents are carefully investigated and any negligence suitably dealt with.

The Gazelle Driving and Maintenance School has put 110 of our drivers through a course. All but 13 of them passed successfully. The course has resulted in an improvement in the standard of driving and maintenance (including appearance) of vehicles and is very satisfactory.

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(b) Licensing and Registration Branch

During the month of April permits for motor-vehicles were dealt with as follows :-

Applications received 3503

Permits issued :-

Private cars up to 13 HP. 313
" " over 13 HP and light trucks. . 736
Motorcycle 306 2326

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Doctors cars up to 13 HP and three wheelers....	120
" " over 13 HP	26
Public officials cars up to 13 HP.....	7
" " " over " ".....	19
Taxis.....	55
Heavy trucks, busses - hired cars.....	1300
AMG - Truck Pool No.1.....	203
A.I.S.....	22
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Permits have only been issued for essential needs and the degree of priority was assessed by the various Sections of AMG.

Our allocation of petrol stands at 90.000 litres per month. This is distributed on the following scale :-

Trieste	62.000 litres
Gorisia	18.000 "
Pola	10.000 "
	90.000 "

During the month several applications, which were originally placed in Category 'E' by AMG and therefore not approved, were upgraded. As permits had already been issued within the limits of the petrol allocation these additions could not be approved without an increase to the petrol allowance. Commerce Section was informed of the situation and asked if an increase would be granted. Their reply was in the negative. Any further upgraded applications will be referred to Commerce Section for their information.

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This Division in conjunction with Security Office, has also dealt with 97 applications for use of vehicles for travel by civilians from Zone 'B' to Italy and between Zone 'A' and Italy.

To facilitate checking of the registration of motor vehicles which are registered in Venezia Giulia but situated outside the area we have issued 32 temporary permits. These are made available for the shortest period possible.

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11. CRIME

(a) Trieste Zone

There has been a slight decrease in the number of crimes committed during the month, and the number of detections has been very satisfactory. This is no doubt due to the increasing mobility of the Force rendered possible by additional transport.

There has been one disturbing feature and that is the number of false Italian bank notes which have been circulated in the city of Trieste. The figures are 42 1000 lire notes, 14 500 lire notes and 4 100 lire notes. Available evidence points to individuals masquerading in the uniform of British soldiers operating between Milan and Trieste.

(b) Gorizia Zone

47 reports of crime were received which is a slight decrease as compared with the figures for the previous month.

These crimes included 9 cases of burglary and 15 for aggravated theft. No crimes of violence have been reported.

Arrests numbered 25, including 2 persons for the illegal wearing of Allied uniform, and 2 persons for abandoning their children.

(c) Pola Zone

No serious crimes have been reported during the month and the total number, 65 shows a decrease of 15 as compared with the figures for March. All crimes were of a petty nature.

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There is a slight improvement in this connection and some outstanding work has been done by Fiscal Division - please see under paragraph 8.

A case occurred at Monfalcone when 2 barges loaded with 15 tons of wheat were seized; enquiries are not complete but it suspected that the wheat constitutes part of an UNRRA consignment to Zone 'B'.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Nothing to report.

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(c) Pola Zone

Tobacco from Zone 'B', illegally imported into Zone 'A', is decreasing in quantity; no cases are reported of salt being sold on the black market.

Coffee from Zone 'B' is gradually being introduced and sold at a price lower than the official one.

Police investigations are in progress respecting reports received of UNRRA goods allocated to Zone 'B' being sold on the black market in Zone 'A'.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste Zone

Periodical inspections of public dance halls, hotels, pensions and hired rooms are made by the Vice Squad of the CID. There is a slight increase during the period under review in the number of women medically examined and found to be infected but there is no reason for undue concern and regulations for medical treatment are being rigorously enforced.

Statistics for the month are :-

Prostitutes arrested.	619
" released.	551
" detained.	68

(b) Gorizia Zone

There is no increase in venereal disease in the Zone.

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The drive against clandestine prostitution continues and good work is being performed by the CID in co-operation with the British military police detachment.

The following are the figures for the past month :-

Licensed prostitutes arrested	9
" " found infected	2
Clandestine prostitutes arrested.	26
" " found infected.	12
Prostitutes expelled from the Zone.	3

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14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

This continues to be very satisfactory and a credit to all ranks.

Only one case of indiscreet conduct has been brought to notice and that occurred at Pola on Sat 20 April when six ORs who were visiting to attend a football match were concerned in an incident at the HQ of the Associazione Partigiani Giuliani. These soldiers took down an Italian flag which was bearing the Red star. It is understood that disciplinary action has been taken against the men concerned.

15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

There is a high standard of liaison and a happy state of full co-operation throughout the Occupied Territory.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

Included in 'Security' under paragraph 17 of this report.

17. SECURITY

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(ii) The French attitude with regard to the eventual disposal of Trieste.

(iii) The unfavourable opening of the Peace-Conference from an Italian viewpoint; the disposal of her fleet, colonies, and reparations.

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The 1st May was therefore viewed with a certain amount of apprehension but, consistent with their actions in the last demonstrations the Italians once again put on a bold front and all Parties organised squads and action groups to oppose their opposite numbers.

Squads have also been formed by the Socialist, Action and Christian Democrat parties who have offered protection to shop-keepers in the centre of Trieste who may be ordered to close their shops by strikers.

Another important factor is the growth of the Italian Communist Party and the publication of their paper 'Unità' for VG. Many communists are said to have left Slav organisations and joined the I.C.I. It is expected that membership will increase during the coming month.

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Evidence was forthcoming during the month which suggested that movement control on both the Eastern and Western boundaries was not fully effective. The explanation of the main part of the weaknesses appears to be the operation of frontier check posts by personnel not experienced in this type of control. On the Western side a few cases have occurred where persons have entered the zone on production of a passport which had a transit Italy visa but no authority to enter this Area.

As regards the Eastern side it will be recalled that the full implementation of the Agreement was put into effect as from 7th April. A temporary

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form of pass was instituted to enable those residents of Zone 'B' who were in this zone and holding other than a normal residents card to return to their homes. This temporary scheme operated until 25th April and it was found that according to the information supplied by the applicants some of them had crossed the Line since 7th April. Others were in possession of varying types of pass issued by various Zone 'B' Authorities invariably for travel direct to Trieste. Three of them were issued in Lubiana. All these passes have been forwarded to GSI (B) 13 Corps.

One example of the difficulties existing through lack of diplomatic relations was evidenced in a passport issued by the Croatian Ministry of Interior on the 6th March '46, which did not contain the usual 'Countries in which valid' entry but an insertion which was in effect the rubber stamped imprint of a 'visa' (or authority to leave Yugoslavia?) completed as per attached copy at Appendix 'B'. The holder stated he was sent here to apply for a permit to continue his journey to Rome. He had no authority to enter this area so he was sent back.

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" visitors to Zone 'A'(sent to Questure).	2.592
forwarded to the Yugo Slav Military Mission for endorsement.....	286

No permit is issued to a Yugo Slav subject to enter Italy unless previously authorised by the representative of the Italian Foreign Office with whom close liaison is maintained and no permits are issued for Yugoslavs in Italy to visit this zone.

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This month has seen a considerable improvement in the number of permits returned to this Office by the Yugo Slav Military Mission. The time taken for their return has also been reduced the last batch taking an average time of three weeks. This means that the majority of the permits can now be used by the applicants. Hitherto, in a number of cases, the permits were within a day or two of expiry by the time they arrived here.

Port control has operated satisfactorily. The average daily arrivals at Trieste of passengers on coastal craft is 1.700 from the ports of Muggia, Pola and Grado in Zone 'A' and Capodistria, Pirano, Parenzo; Rovigno, Umago and Isola in Zone 'B'. Almost daily a small number of persons are refused landing owing to lack of proper documentation. The fact that some persons from the outlying island of Lussino were refused landing earlier in the month appears to be having a salutary effect as others have since arrived with proper identity cards.

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(e) Vetting by 429 FS Section showed that 193 Police candidates were dealt with of whom just over 13% were not recommended. A total of 155 were dealt with for the Camp Commandant, ANG 13 Corps, of whom only 4 were found to be unsuitable.

(f) Particulars of arms and ammunition seized are given in Appendix 'C'. From information supplied by the CID of VGP, initial enquiries suggest that the ammunition and grenades deposited at Opicina are connected with the COMCOR.

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(g) The following incidents are of interest from a general security point of view. At 1800 hours on 4th April a fire occurred at Cormons Railway Station involving three railway cars. Flames were seen coming from the inside of one of the cars from material obviously placed there. At subset, 260 meters away, a pile of fagots was found under another car. These bore some traces of burning and the circumstances indicate an attempt to destroy all the cars.

Rumours have been rife of action squads and armed partisans coming into the zone. The only definite case of a squad was near Caporetto at 1500 hours on 28th March. The Police contacted these men, one with a pistol and two with machine guns, and a man and woman both of whom were armed. Their fire was returned by the Police and they escaped into the woods in Zone 'B'.

Evidence of the 'Shadow Government' was also forthcoming. In a letter dated 30th March from the Office of the Interior affairs of the City of Zagreb addressed to 'The Town's Popular Major of Sesana', he was requested to hand an enclosed acceptance of resignation to a 'Comrade' who was living in the town.

Four Yugo Slav deportees arrived from the USA and were dealt with. A total of 33 undesirable Italian persons, were repatriated to various parts of Italy.

The division of the Military Police from the Civil Police at the beginning of the month appears to have had no repercussion from the Security angle.

18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

There have been no general strikes and the few cases of strikes reported have occurred in the various shipyards at Monfalcone. These have been extremely limited in character and a very marked lack of interest has been noted amongst the workers.

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19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

There is very little to report in this connection as all parties are evidently conserving their efforts for the celebrations connected with May Day.

There were two large Yugo Slav demonstrations held in Trieste on the 1st and 2nd April; the one held on the 1st was unauthorised and when the demonstrators had gathered together in the Piazza Unità, they were dispersed by the civil police. Five arrests were made on the 1st April and none on the 2nd.

At Pola, on 25 April, about 1500 persons representing both pro-Italians and pro-Yugo Slavs gathered in the Largo Oberdan. No attempt was made to demonstrate but

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small incidents occurred. It was later decided to clear the street as incidents were growing in number; this was done successfully by a detachment of 40 VG police; 11 arrests were made.

20. POLITICAL SITUATION

See under 'Security', paragraph 17 of this report.

21. PUBLIC MORALE

Public morale shows an improvement as compared with last month. It is pleasing to note the increasing respect with which the civil police is regarded.

22. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste Zone

(i) Effective Strength

	City	Province
Officers	2	1
Sub-officers	32	7
Other ranks	132	35
Totals	166	43

(ii) Discipline

Confined to Barracks. 3
Cautioned 4
Fined 2
Dismissed 1
Resigned. 1

Daily drills have been regularly carried out and discipline has been well maintained.

(iii) Calls

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Fires. 42
Special Services 4
False Alarms 3

Total 49

This compares with 30 fires and 6 Special Services last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

(v) Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 355.000 lire compared with 569.350 lire last month.

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(vi) Extra Duties

The fire floats were engaged for 358 hours on stand-by duties during unloading of petrol ships.

II inspection duties were performed by fire brigade officers to chemists' stores, factories and petrol stores.

192 men performed duties at Theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The number of hours engaged in this service was 1253.

(vii) General

The position as regards transport of petroleum and dangerous spirit within the town leaves much to be desired.

It is understood that practically all of the regulation tank-carts were taken away by the Germans so that the only means of transport is now by improvised vehicles. These vehicles constitute a serious danger but there appears to be no way of improving the conditions at present.

The cinemas and other Places of Public Entertainment are not complying with the rules for safety; overcrowding and blocking of passage-ways and exits is the rule rather than the exception. The attention of the Committee (appointed for licensing of Theatres) is being directed to the necessity of enforcing the regulations.

(b) Gorizia

(i) Effective Strength

Officers.	2
Sub-officers.	8
Other ranks	49
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(ii) Discipline

Fined	1
Suspended	1
Cautioned	2

(iii) Calls

Fires	29
Special Services. . . .	5
False Alarms.	1
Total	35

This compares with 30 fires and 6 Special Services last month.

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(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There was one fire worthy of special mention, viz., at 6 p.m. on 4th April, a call was received to Cormons Railway Station. Upon arrival, the brigade found several others damaged. Loss was estimated at 2.000.000 lire. The cause of fire is 'suspicious'.

(v) Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 2.513000 lire compared with 369.350 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

One dance hall was inspected and reported upon by the Fire Brigade Comandante.

128 men performed duties at Theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 414.

All equipment and appliances were kept in repair and well maintained.

(c) Pola

(i) Effective Strength

Officers.	1
Sub-officers.	6
Other ranks	30
Total	37

(ii) Discipline

Fined	0
Cautioned	0
Suspended	1

(iii) Calls

Fires (civil)	4
" (military).	2
Special Services.	2

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(iii) Calls

Fires (civil)	4
" (military).	2
Special Services.	2
Total	8

This shows a reduction of 2 fires and 3 Special Services compared with last month.

(iv) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

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(v) Losses

The estimated monetary loss during the month was 70.000 lire compared with 508.400 lire last month.

(vi) Extra Duties

One inspection of the Politeama Ciscutti Theatre was carried out by the Comandante.

23. PRISONS

(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Division is now at the ceiling of 8 officers and 240 Guards.

(b) General

During the month the prison population has returned to a normal figure due to the large number of cases dealt with by AMG Courts (over 250), 117 releases following the granting of amnesty and pardon under General Order No.46, and the transfer of 51 long-term prisoners to Italian Penal establishments.

The figures are now as follows :-

Trieste Prisons	613
Other "	349
Total prison population	962

The selection and classification of prisoners is now in progress and will be completed shortly.

A School for juvenile detainees was opened during the month at the Via Nizza Prison, Trieste.

Proper prison attire for convicted prisoners have been ordered from a firm recommended by the Chief Finance Officer, AMG 13 Corps, and it is expected these garments will be ready for distribution at the end of the month of May.

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(c) Special Information on particular prisons

(i) Via Nizza, Trieste

This prison is now operating as the Penal Establishment of the Occupied Territory.

(ii) Via Tigor, Trieste

This prison has been emptied temporarily in preparation to receive persons arrested in demonstrations.

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(iii) Via Gesuiti, Trieste

A Dott. ADOVASIO Domenico has been appointed House Doctor of this newly opened town prison as from 1 April.

(iv) Monfalcone, Gorizia and Pola

With the exception that the work of repair of buildings and 'Spring cleaning' operations are taking place in these prisons, there is nothing of particular importance to report.

24. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(a) Allied Military Government

Continue to operate in a most satisfactory manner. A Prosecutions Department has been instituted in the Trieste Zone located at the Central Police Station. A close liaison is maintained with Legal Division and it is felt that a considerable improvement has been effected in the preparation of cases before the Courts.

(b) Italian.

Nothing to report.

25. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AMG CURRENCY

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Appendix 'A'

Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 1st May 1946

Headquarters

Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B) 282757	- Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A. Mack	(B) 279418	- Dep. Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr.
Capt	L. Toes	(B) 287723	- Executive and Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Capt	R. Hobbs	(B) 279413	- Superintendent, Uniform Division
Capt	C. Bolt	(B) 313775	- Superintendent, Crim Inv Division
Capt	J. Dodridge	(B) 291639	- Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J. Whelan	(A)0430516	- Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Capt	W. Wilson	(B) 279423	- Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Major	O. Mathis	(A)0901703	- Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A. Brown	(B) 279836	- Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	A. Hunter	(B) 279410	- Superintendent
Capt	F. Geach	(B) 279409	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	B. Fielding	(B) 287701	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	W. Willis	(B) 294824	- Asst Superintendent

HQ Gorizia Zone

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Capt	D. Roberson	(B) 291659	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	F. Scaife	(B) 291660	- Asst Superintendent (on loan to HQ - Communications)

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Capt	H. Landesman	(A)0439007	- Asst Superintendent

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Lt(QM)	G. Harwood	(B) 358835	- Asst Superintendent, Quartermaster Divn
% Capt	J. Cooke	(B) 229594	- Asst Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Capt	J. Leno	(A)01296545	- Superintendent, Fiscal Division

NOTES : % denotes - absent in S.A. on LIAP - due for release on return

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Appendix 'B'

Narodna Vlada Hrvatske
Ministarstvo Unutrasnjih Poslava
Government Nationale Croatie
Ministere de L'Interieur

Broj-No. 938/P-333/ 1946

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Vu bon pour voyage en Italie

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passage obligatoire de la frontiere

Zagrebu, 6 marta 1946.

Sef
otsjeka za pasose
Le chef
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Appendix 'C'

Month of April 1946

Situation of Dump	Arms and ammunition recovered	Other equipment
Communist 'Circolo di Cultura Rinaldi'No.7 Via Caprin, Trieste	3 mitra 'Beretta', with 8 magazines(40 shots each) 1 pistol 'Beretta' cal.9 short with 4 bullets	several knives, big knives, axes
Arsenale del Lloyd Triestino, Trieste	1 mitra 'Sten' 2 pistols cal.12 1 pistol cal.7.65 2 mitra 'Beretta' 1 heavy German machine-gun 2 heavy 'Breda' mod.38 machine-guns cal.8 3 light Italian machine-guns 27 Italian carabines with bayonet mod.91 3 Italian carabines mod.38 3 German 'Mauser' rifles 13 magazines for mitra 'Beretta' 3 magazines for mitra 'Sten' 51 magazines for light machine-gun numerous other ammunition for Italian rifles mod.91 and heavy machine-guns 4 'Panzerfaust' (giant-type) 1 'Panzerfaust' (small-type) 36 hand grenades 'Breda' 13 hand-grenades 'Sipe'	
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	1 heavy German machine-gun
	2 heavy 'Breda' mod.38 machine-guns cal.8
	3 light Italian machine-guns
	27 Italian carabines with bayonet mod.91
	3 Italian carabines mod.38
	3 German 'Mauser' rifles
	13 magazines for mitra 'Beretta'
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	1484 cartridges for same
	62 Italian rifles
	6 barrels for Italian rifles and various spare rifle parts
	40 magazines, charged
	6 bayonets
	18 hand grenades
	15 detonators

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

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Venezia Giulia Police Force

1/2011/23.

File No : V3P/7/1 5 APRIL 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - MARCH 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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Allied Military Government
13 Corps

Venezia Giulia Police Force

File No : VGP/7/1 5 April 1946

Subject : Monthly report of activities - Mar 46

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

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The Foreign Secretaries' Delegates arrived in the area on 7 Mar 46 and this resulted in an intensification of propaganda and the staging of authorised and unauthorised pro-Yugo-Slav and pro-Italian demonstrations throughout the Occupied Territory. In consequence it will be appreciated the month has been an extremely busy one for the Venezia Giulia Police Force, but all reports, official and unofficial, indicate that they have passed through this trying period with 'flying colours' - when estimating the true value of Civil Police activity it must be borne in mind that the dissassociation of Military and Civil Police is complete and that at no time was it necessary to call for Military Police assistance in dealing with these demonstrations and processions many of which were on

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During these demonstrations the conduct and reactions of the Civil Police was subjected to close observation by Allied Public Safety Officers - all reports show they behaved well and with commendable restraint and impartiality.

The policing of these demonstrations and the endavours of police to prevent clashes between 'overheated' rival factions have produced the following monthly 'balance sheet' for the whole of the Occupied Territory :-

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Arrests	-	548
Fatalities	-	Nil
Injuries to Police	-	9 (1 serious)
Injuries to Civilians	-	Undetermined but over 150 including several serious

In many cases the arrests were protective detentions whilst the remainder were for various offences such as possession of offensive weapons, assaults on police, breaches of the peace etc. As a matter of interest the offensive weapons recovered have included firearms, knuckledusters, hatchets, knives, lead filled rubber piping, dockers hooks and the like.

The majority of Police injuries were caused by stone throwing and the civilian casualties by police truncheons or assaults by rival elements.

During the major demonstrations police did not resort to firearms, but three reports have been received of firearms being used against police - there were no casualties, however. In one instance one of our Public Safety Officers in a VG Police wireless Jeep was fired upon in the San Giacomo district of Trieste - no arrests have been effected as yet in connection with these incidents.

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After this particular incident the Corps Commander spoke personally to the VGPF Officers on the subject of use of firearms and morale. His words of instruction and advice were passed down to all ranks and the effect on morale was practically instantaneous - at the present moment morale in the Force is excellent.

I feel it is true to say that from the public law and order standpoint this is the best month we have experienced in Zone 'A' since the beginning of our occupation and undoubtedly such condition can be attributed in the main to the return of morale and the increased self-confidence and efficiency of personnel of the Force.

One important 'operation' must not escape mention: Following an armed assault on a member of the CID, a Left Wing Culture Club in Trieste was raided under warrant by VG Police during the early hours of 30 Mar and as a result 25 persons are in custody. The property found at this Centre included :-

3 sub-machine guns with charged clips affixed and 3 spare charged clips
1 pistol with charged clip
9 newly made knives or daggers
4 small hatchets similar to those recovered by police during the demonstrations
26 catapaults
3 axes
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During the month of March, 313 applicants appeared before Selection Boards.

327 applicants were screened by FSS of which 23 were NOT recommended.

620 men joined the Force, 14 resigned for various reasons, 5 were dismissed and one died.

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(b) Police Orders

These continue to be published weekly as heretofore.

(c) Medical and Welfare

Although there has been a slight increase in the number of days lost through sickness, the health of the Force as a whole is still at a satisfactory level.

The Force dentist has now commenced his duties but is attending patients in his own private surgery

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until the equipment for the Force surgery, for which an indent has already been made, is received.

With the long hours of duty which the men have been obliged to perform during the month owing to the numerous processions and demonstrations, there has been a curb on social activities and chief attention has been paid to welfare. Through the co-operation of 55 Area (Army Welfare Service) it was possible to supply hot coffee and cakes to men whose duties prevented their partaking of meals at normal times; this was greatly appreciated by all ranks and had a splendid effect upon morale.

Another factor which will relieve many of the married men from financial worry is the agreement recently entered into with a Trieste Hospital whereby all dependent relatives of members of the VGFF are entitled to free treatment against payment of a small weekly fee.

The VGFF motorcycle team put up an excellent performance in the 13 Corps motor-cycle reliability trial in which some 'crack' military teams were entered.

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On 7th March, a passing-out parade of students who had successfully completed the 8th Course was held on the School Parade ground. Brigadier R.A.F. Eve, CBE, Commander, 55 Area, inspected the graduating class and visited the school premises.

This course started on 21st February with a total of 297 students of whom 283 graduated.

Of those who graduated :-

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38	were	assigned	to	Uniform Branch, Trieste Zone
10	"	"	"	Traffic " " "
8	"	"	"	Fiscal Divn, " "
31	"	"	"	Munic.Guards Branch, Trieste Zone
9	"	"	"	Transport Divn, Trieste Zone
16	"	"	"	QM Divn, Coms.Branch, Trieste Zone
1	was	"	"	C.I.D.
113	were	"	"	Uniform Branch, Gorizia Zone
5	"	"	"	Fiscal Divn, " "
5	"	"	"	Forest Guards Branch, Gorizia Zone
47	"	"	"	Uniform Divn, Pola Zone
283	Total			

The 9th Course commenced on 15th March with 276 students.

(a) Specialist Courses

(i) Wireless

The first wireless and radio training course commenced on the 11th and ended on the 23rd March. This was attended by 16 members of the Force who had had previous experience in the subject.

All students successfully completed the course and were certified to be competent operators.

(ii) Mounted

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In addition, over 100 prison guards have been instructed in the use of the sub-machine gun.

(c) Medical and Welfare

The health of the students has been more normal than during the previous month with a marked decrease in the number of cases of bronchitis.

125 students were treated by the medical officer as follows :-

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34 for bronchitis
12 " diarrhoea
7 " minor skin disease
12 " rheumatic pains
60 " contusions, cuts etc.

In addition 15 men were treated at the hospital, 13 as out-patients and 2 as in-patients (appendicitis and dental infection).

Welfare in the school continues to be very satisfactory. The canteen had a turn-over of 288,082 lire during the month; cakes, wines and liquors accounted for just over 94% of the total receipts.

Entertainment during the month included a dance for Officers and NCOs, a table tennis tournament for students, and a special dinner for graduating students at the end of the 8th Course.

(f) Discipline

As a whole the conduct of the students has been excellent and little difficulty has been caused to the training staff in this connection.

A few breaches of disciplinary regulations occurred during the month and were dealt with as follows:-

4 Guards - overstayed leave - fined 2 days pay
4 Students - late for classes - CB 2 days
1 Student - late for reveille - CB one day

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As stated, a very unfortunate incident occurred in Trieste on 10th March when the civil police fired their sub-machine guns when attacked by a hostile crowd; two civilians were killed and eighteen wounded. This

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has resulted in very strong anti-police propaganda by a certain section of the public which has been counteracted, however, by their fair but firm handling of the people in later demonstrations.

There have been several incidents of policemen having been beaten up by civilians; everything is being done to trace the persons responsible and to prevent further incidents.

(c) Discipline

Continues to be excellent; arrangements are already in hand for the institution of a Discipline Office to be attached to HQ Personnel Division.

(d) Traffic Branch

Functioning very satisfactorily; motor cycle patrols have done good work in controlling crowds during the recent demonstrations.

Two motor cycle patrols have been sent for temporary duty to Pola for the purpose of detecting traffic offences.

The Branch is still about 60 under strength.

There is still a shortage of garage accommodation which it is hoped to overcome shortly.

(e) Mounted Branch

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(g) Searchlight Branch

The Branch is carrying out its duties satisfactorily; the VGFF officer in charge has been promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector.

(h) Promotions

The following promotions have taken place during the month :-

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To Chief Inspector	1
Inspector	1
Sub Inspector	9
SergtMajor	9
Sergt 2nd Class	18
Sergt 3rd Class	26
Corporal	69

7. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

The strength of the Division at the end of the month was 378 all ranks together with 32 male and 14 female civilian employees.

(b) General

The Division has carried out its many and varied duties during the month in a satisfactory manner as will be seen from a perusal of the report of activities of the various branches.

(c) Crime

Serious crimes and occurrences are summarised as follows :-

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(d) Flying Squad

The Squad has performed excellent work during the period under review.

49 reports of crime were received, including 3 for murder, 1 for manslaughter and 19 burglaries.

39 arrests were made and a large amount of stolen property recovered.

(e) Scientific Branch

Activities have included the taking of finger-prints and other personal particulars of prisoners,

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visits to the scenes of crimes and technical examinations.

(f) Special Branch

Many enquiries continue to be undertaken on behalf of Italian Questori respecting the political conduct of persons formerly resident in this area.

This also applies to the investigations made on behalf of the Trieste Extraordinary Court of Assize respecting cases of collaboration with the enemy and four arrests were made in this connection.

9 arrests were made of persons responsible for painting political slogans on walls.

4 persons were arrested and denounced to the AMG Court for violence during the strike of 11/12th March.

The Branch is also engaged in enquiries in connection with the shooting of Major CUNDER Stane mentioned in para (c) above.

(g) Licensing, Administrative and Miscellaneous Office

The following is a summary of the work of this office during the period under review :-

Public Premises	- 12 licences granted, 8 pending.
Explosives	- 12 licences for transportation granted.
Repatriation	- 59 undesirable persons repatriated.
Furnished Rooms	- 725 licences granted and renewed.
Merchant Seamen	- 115 applications for embarkment examined 64 MS Identity documents issued.
Insanes	- 45 certified insane persons committed to Lunatic Asylum.
Private Guards	- 100 issued with firearm permits.
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The Branch is also engaged in enquiries in connection with the shooting of Major GUNNER Stane mentioned in para (c) above.

(g) Licensing, Administrative and Miscellaneous Office

The following is a summary of the work of this office during the period under review :-

Public Premises	-	12 licences granted, 8 pending.
Explosives	-	12 licences for transportation granted.
Repatriation	-	59 undesirable persons repatriated.
Furnished Rooms	-	725 licences granted and renewed.
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In addition to the above, a large number of requests for licences in respect of public performances, public agencies, photographers, second-hand dealers, jewellers, etc. have been dealt with.

(h) Aliens Office

1726 aliens 'soggiorno' permits were dealt with during the month, 22 enquiries made on behalf of the Italian Government in regard to persons desirous of entering Italy and 62 enquiries made respecting the welfare and whereabouts of foreign nationals.

18 enquiries were made respecting the granting of permission to aliens to take up employment in the Occupied Territory.

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(i) Harbour Branch

This Branch received six reports of crime and made ten arrests during the month. Except for one case of suicide, the crime consists chiefly of theft and damage to property.

(j) Railway Branch

This Branch has again had a busy month with 67 reports of crime being received including 56 for aggravated theft and 3 for burglary.

30 persons were either arrested or denounced for various offences, and quantities of stolen goods recovered.

In addition, the Branch has made enquiries into 31 cases of individuals involved in accidents.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

(i) Effective Strength

The strength at the end of March was 316, comprising 11 officers, 106 NCOs and 199 Guards.

(ii) Activities

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The following is a summary of the work accomplished during the past month. Persons denounced numbered 144 including one arrest.

Verifications on applications of War Damage	No	70
Verifications on Income tax cases	"	103
Verifications on tax stamps evasion	"	91
Verifications on Public show taxes	"	48
Verifications on taxes for radio	"	94
Verifications on registration fees	"	31
Informations for verifications on income tax	"	218
Informations for Judicial acts	"	9

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Informations for civil acts	77
Miscellaneous informations	26
Control on factories for Imposta di Fabbricazione	10
Control on customs fees	10
Control and inspections on board ships	57
Ships checked on arrival	218
Ships checked on departure	151
Fishing boats checked on sea	65
Fishing boats checked in the quay	135
Reports drafted	118
Persons denounced	143
Persons arrested	1
Monopoly shops (Salt and Tobacco) inspected	86
Control on prices in shops	15

(iii) Revenue

The total amount of income on taxes recovered and damages verified during the past month was Lire 60.379.721 divided as follows :-

Goods confiscated	Lire	4.251.980
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Reductions on War Damage Claims	"	55.677.933
Total	Lire	60.379.721

a) Claims made on applications of War damages:-

Reparations requested	L.	127.218.172
Damage verified	"	71.540.239
Net profit for the State		L. 55.677.933

b) Amount recovered on taxation:-

On bills (stamps & income tax)	"	249.222
On Show taxes	"	61.036
On Radio Fee	"	- -
On Registration Fee	"	139.550
Total	"	449.808
c) Manufactured tobacco conf.	Kg 804,928 val.	" 3.107.472
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g)Fish confiscated.....	"	60	" "	12.000
h)Other contr.goods conf....	"	1.900	" "	1.900
i)Cigarette paper leaves conf.	NB	4839955	" "	1.038.353
j)Holland currency conf.....	"	683.50	" "	26.000
k)Trucks sequestrated.....	"	2		- -
l)Cars sequestrated.....	"	1		- -
T O T A L			"	60.379.721

(iv) General

Other than the above the State will collect a sum of not less than Lire. 2.634.356 and not more than Lire 5.696.992 for fines imposed on persons guilty for the above.

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In addition, the following furniture belonging to ex Fascist Organisations has been recovered and handed to Intendenza di Finanza of Gorizia for custody :-

Tables.....	17	Filing cabinets....	5	Frames.....	23
Shelves.....	4	Chairs.....	39	Crucifix.....	1
Cupboards...	7	Benches.....	7	Coat pegs.....	6
Gramophone..	1	Typewriters.....	2	Clocks.....	2
Bronze bowl.	1	Billiard table....	1	Blackboard....	1
Radiophone..	1	Light spreader....	1	Desks.....	2
Flag.....	1	Lounging chair....	2	Kitchen oven..	1
Book-shelf..	1	Dripping pot.....	1	Accordeon.....	1
Pots.....	3	Tub.....	1	Plates.....	6
Weigh scale..	1	Casting machine...	1	Wool machine..	1
Ice box.....	1	Medical bed.....	1	Cups.....	5
Piano.....	1	Waste holder.....	1	Shoes.....	4 p.
Arm chairs...	4	Wooden box.....	1	Desks.....	5
Lamps.....	3	Typewriter tables.	2	Radio sets....	5
Trumpets....	10	Drums.....	55	Umbrella hold.	1

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The draft G 1098 entitlement of stores and equipment has been at long last completed and submitted with indents of items required to GHQ for approval. The decision as to what can be supplied through Army channels is anxiously awaited. It has just been possible to supply the necessary minimum of stores and equipment for new Stations, mainly through local purchase, but there is a very serious lack of certain essential items, particularly tools. After a difficult period, supplies of clothing are now adequate and when outstanding indents have been met the situation will

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be in hand as for as winter clothing is concerned.

Now the ceiling of the Force has almost been reached, the work of this Divn is changing in emphasis from supply to control the proper recording of stores etc. held.

Scales of stores etc authorised to be held for the majority of Stations, Barracks etc are now being distributed. A complete record of surplus deficient holdings will then be available.

The Zone QM's and their staffs are continuing to work well and are quite capable of working with very small assistance from Allied personnel. More WS personnel have been brought into the Central Stores who may in time be able to take over from some of the OR's. To exercise adequate control over the Zone QM's and particularly to carry out the necessary contacts with Army Authorities however, a substantial number of Allied personnel are required at HQ and in the Central Q stores.

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(vi) Additional K.D. trousers and shirts for summer wear are expected shortly and it is hoped to complete issue in time to allow for proper fitting. The quality of clothing in hand is not very high and it is hoped that the new supply will be better. Necessary armbands have been ordered locally.

(vii) Application for K.D. material and 1 pr of shoes for all officers has been forwarded by 13 Corps to G.H.Q. It is considered essential that officers have a better uniform than the men.

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(d) Arms

Machine carbines have been withdrawn and rifles issued instead. Release of American Mark I carbines has been received. These should prove to be a very suitable weapon.

(e) Buildings

Repairs to outlying Stations has continued to be a major preoccupation. Considerable economy has been effected by using both Police and civilian employees as carpenters, eletricians etc.

Another Garage and a store for sequestrated vehicles have at last been found in Trieste City, and will provide for both C.I.D. and Traffic Police.

In spite of the move of HQ Trieste Zone from the Palace of Justice, adequate accommodation for HQ officers remains a problem, particularly as the Law Courts are moving back into the Palace of Justice.

(f) Rations

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The link at present established is :-

1. Trieste to Gorizia and to Pola (latter not yet operating well)
2. Trieste Zone. 6 Vehicles, 3 Patrols
3. Gorizia Zone. 8 Stations, 3 Jeeps
4. Pola Zone. 3 Jeeps

10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation Branch

(1) Effective Strength

The strength at the end of the month was 3 officers, 10 NCOs and 121 Guards.

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In addition, 36 civilian drivers are employed who it is hoped to replace by police drivers in the near future.

(ii) General

There has been a shortage of transport throughout the month due to the fact that so many vehicles have been standing by in connection with the demonstrations and thus not available for their normal duties.

In order to enable a more exacting check to be made on the use of POL, an additional form of trip ticket, known as the 'journey ticket' has been introduced for use by the drivers of all VCPF vehicles. The new tickets provide for the recording of all trips in greater detail than practicable with AF G 3518.

(iii) Training

Two courses totalling 55 men have been through 13 Corps DM School; their reports have been good and it is expected that the knowledge they have obtained of vehicle maintenance will eventually lighten the load on the workshops.

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There has been a slight increase in crime throughout the Zone, particularly in outlying districts, where of necessity police supervision is more difficult.

A large number of cases have been reported of thefts, frauds and robberies (including armed robberies) but some extremely good arrests have been made by both the Uniform and CID branches.

A member of the VGPF from Muggia was arrested in Trieste for being concerned in a case of attempted armed robbery; he is a former member of the Guardie Popolari and is now awaiting trial.

VGPF vehicles are now being fitted with radio and it is believed this will greatly assist in combatting

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crime generally and particularly in the city of Trieste.

(b) Gorizia Zone

There has been no increase in the number of crimes committed during the month of March, in fact, crimes reported number 55 which is the same figure as last month. These crimes consist chiefly of simple larcenies and there have been no crimes of violence.

On 9th March a mobile CMP patrol was fired on in the vicinity of the village of IAMINO; during the subsequent search of the village a civilian was arrested and found to be in possession of a pistol and 9 rounds of ammunition and a search of his house revealed another clip of ammunition and a holster for the pistol.

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(b) Gorizia Zone

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(c) Pola Zone

Nothing to report.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste Zone

There has been no increase in prostitution in the Zone and the Morality Squad of the CID continues to maintain strict supervision on the activities.

The month's figures are as follows :-

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Prostitutes registered in brothels..... 150
" detained for medical inspection.....1654
" found infected and sent to hospital..... 97
" expelled from Occupied Territory..... 21
" arrested for other offences..... 9

(b) Gorizia Zone

There has been a decrease in the percentage of women found to be infected with venereal disease.

The following are the figures for the month :-

Prostitutes detained for medical inspection..... 23
" sent to hospital..... 18
" found infected..... 4
" expelled from Occupied Territory..... 6
Premises placed "Out of Bounds"..... 1

(c) Pola Zone

There has been no increase in prostitution during the period under review.

The following are the figures for the month :-

Prostitutes detained for medical inspection..... 71
" found infected..... 9

14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

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17. SECURITY

(a) March month has undoubtedly been a testing time for Venezia Giulia in its present constitution, and outwardly, there can be no doubt that public morale is at a higher level than ever before.

As was anticipated, the arrival of the Delegation of Foreign Ministers could not be allowed to go unheralded by the pro-Jugoslav and pro-Italian sections of the community, with the result that, as stated before, there have been demonstrations on a large scale and some clashes of factions which have already received much publicity.

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(b) Pro-Jugoslav crowds were the first to demonstrate, but with a spontaneity which had to be seen to be believed, the pro-Italian section of the community came out of its shell for the first time, and literally swamped the city with green white and red bunting.

There is no doubt that the V.G. Police Force acquitted itself well, with the result no major clashes of the opposing factions came about, and the pro-Italian section, by its numerical superiority and enthusiasm, wore down the pro-Jugoslav section.

It remains to be seen what form further political activity in the Area will take.

(c) Travel control, and the security derived from it, has been strengthened during the month, and a check is now in operation on all recognised coastal sea traffic. It is of interest that during the past week, the number of persons arriving at Trieste by sea has varied from 980 to 2133 in a day. Departure figures compare favourably with arrival figures, with a slight influx into Trieste - probably of persons visiting friends.

The figures obtained of movement across the Morgan line for March month are rather alarming, and show that 3448 more people have come west than have moved to the east of the Line. A great proportion of these persons claimed to be political refugees, and 483 were repatriates. Some 231 repatriates moved east.

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For normal civilian travel, the arrangement for the issue of permits to enter Venezia Giulia appears to have become well understood, and to be causing the least possible inconvenience. A great deal of confusion exists regarding the movement of UNRRA personnel, however, and many UNRRA officials of various nationalities are appearing at Trieste without valid entry permits, and apparently ordered into the area by their various head-quarters.

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(e) At the moment efforts are being made in some quarters to obtain permission to introduce military personnel on UNRRA missions at Trieste.

From a general security point of view it is most undesirable that this permission be given, and a precedent created when civilian personnel and guards could well be used for the purpose. It is difficult to envisage to what extent such Missions would extend their sphere of influence, or to what extent their numbers would grow, for the same application could be made for any Government or civilian supplies handled at Trieste now, or at some future date.

(f) To date, a check of identity cards issued by A.M.G. in Venezia Giulia shows that 344.161 persons have registered in all areas.

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A Russian Displaced Persons and Repatriation deputation visited the area, and is known to have engaged in some propaganda at Sesana, where photographs were taken.

This latter deputation entered the area without the prior knowledge and consent of 13 Corps, it is believed, from A.C. Headquarters, Rome.

18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

There has been a number of small strikes in Trieste principally in the shipyards. The organisers undoubtedly hoped these would develop into general strikes, but due in part to the presence of Civil Police and part in response to an appeal made by the Labour Office, thousands

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of workers remained at work.

As a result of the Trieste shooting affair, a general strike took place at Gorizia on 13th March. There were no serious incidents.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The month has been one of continual demonstrations throughout the Occupied Territory due to the presence of the Allied Boundary Commission, as has been mentioned before, and consequently the Civil Police have been called upon to perform most arduous duties.

In spite of extremely long tours of duty and violent criticism from the Yugoslav Communist element of the population, they have responded magnificently to the demands made upon them and carried out their duties in a highly commendable manner.

The following is a list of the demonstrations recorded during the month :-

8th Volzana (Gorizia). About 2000 people came from Zone 'B' but were turned back before reaching their objective.

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11th Cuisca (Gorizia). Small demonstration dispersed by US troops from Cormons; telephones were interfered with by the cutting of lines in four places.

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11th Caporetto, Volzana and Canale, (Gorizia). Small demonstrations were attempted at these three places but were dispersed without any serious trouble developing. Caused by clashes between Italian and Yugoslav elements.

12th Trieste. Large funeral procession held in connection with victims of Servola incident followed by a demonstration demanding the dissolution of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

13th Caporetto (Gorizia). Demonstration of about 500 people mostly from Zone 'B' gathered to urge the dissolution of the VG Police Force. They surrounded the Police Barracks calling hostile phrases and when Capt Hannon, AMG went out to address them he was struck by a stone thrown by one of the demonstrators.

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24th Gorizia City. Large demonstration occurred in which 27 arrests were made.

25th Gorizia City. Large demonstration lasting all day resulting in 32 arrests.

25th Trieste. Large unauthorised Italian demonstration was staged around the Piazza Unith. A Yugoslav procession appeared later and there were 40 arrests, principally of persons found in possession of offensive weapons of various types.

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25th Yugoslavs held counter demonstration to that of Italians of previous day; approx. 5000 persons marched in procession through town. Italians ignored it. Two arrests made.

26th Trieste. The Yugoslavs put on a larger demonstration; 4 motor vessels bringing demonstrators from Zone 'B' were turned back with the assistance of the Royal Navy. There were 220 arrests, many of them women and young girls who came from outside Trieste. 59 civilians and 3 policemen were slightly injured.

26th Gorizia City. The Allied Boundary Commission arrived and parades were held by both Italians and Yugoslavs. Twenty arrests were made.

27th Trieste. Italian C.L.N. staged an authorised demonstration estimated at 60,000 persons. Usual Yugoslav counter demonstration appeared - about 5000. 72 arrests were necessary; 2 civil policemen injured.

27th Gorizia. Parades again held to welcome the Allied Boundary Commission; several arrests made.

20. POLITICAL SITUATION

See under 'Security', paragraph 17 of this report.

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(i) Staff

Strength	City	Province
Officers	2	1
Sub-officers	32	6
Other ranks	134	37
	168	44

A surplus of equipment and materials and need for storage space prevents the closing of several stations and further reduction of personnel for the present.

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(ii) Discipline

The following disciplinary measures were taken :-

Confined to Barracks.....3

(iii) Calls

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 37, made up as follows :-

Fires.....	30
Special Services.....	6
False Alarms.....	1
Total	37

This shows an increase of 4 fires and a reduction of 7 special services compared with last month's figures.

237 hours of stand-by duty was done by the fire floats during the unloading of petrol ships.

(iv) Monetary Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 569.350 lire. An increase of 448.000 lire over last month's figure.

(v) Noteworthy Fires

There was one fire worthy of special mention, viz :-

At 5-50 p.m. on 1st March, a call was received to Basovizza No 99. This proved to be a General Store with the top floor and roof well alight. The fire was extinguished by the Brigade using one motor pump. Damage to the building and contents was estimated at 350.000 lire. The cause was believed to be due to a defective heating stove.

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335 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1983.

(vii) Miscellaneous

The mechanics, tailor, carpenter, shoemaker and hose repair shops were kept fully employed during the month. Overhauls and maintenance of vehicles was carried out as necessary.

(b) Gorizia

(i) Staff

Strength	City
Officers	2
Sub-officers	8
Firemen	50
Total	60

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(ii) Discipline

No disciplinary action is recorded against any of the staff.

(iii) Calls

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 30 made up as follows :-

Fires (Civil).....	25
" (Military).....	3
Special Services.....	2
Total	30

This shows a reduction of nine fires compared with last month's figures.

(iv) Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 119.000 lire compared with 524.000 lire last month.

(v) Noteworthy Fires

There was no fire of importance viz :-

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Strength	City
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Sub-officers	6
Other ranks	34
Total	41

(ii) Discipline

Two men were suspended from service for refusing to obey orders and for being engaged in political disturbances.

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(iii) Calls

The total number of calls received and responded to during the month was 12 made up as follows :-

Fires (Civil).....	5
" (Military).....	2
Special Services.....	5
Total	12

This shows a reduction of two fires compared with last month's figures.

(iv) Losses

The estimated monetary loss was 508.400 lire compared with 23.000 lire last month.

(v) Noteworthy Fires

There was one fire worthy of special mention, viz :-

At 4-50 p.m. on 14th March, a call was received to the Cinema Nationale at Largo Oberdan. A fire occurred in the projection room which resulted in the destruction of two rolls of film and serious damage to two projection machines. The fire was extinguished by the Brigade using Carbon Tetra-chloride extinguishers. The cause of fire has not been ascertained. Loss was estimated at 500.000 lire.

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The following figures are of interest as showing the position :-

Prison	Population as on 21March	28 March
Trieste, Via Nizza	516	728
" Via Tigor	243	267
" Gesuiti	19	95
Monfalcone	17	23
Gorizia	154	203
Pola	89	195

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The Gesuiti Prison, Trieste, had to be opened up fully before the completion of necessary repairs.

Arrangements for the transfer of long-term prisoners to suitable Penal Establishments in Italian Government territory are now complete and movements will commence shortly.

On 20 Mar an attack was openly made in the Communist newspaper "Il Lavoratore" against the administration of the Via Nizza Prison charging favouring of political prisoners and complaining of ill-treatment of "extremist common prisoners", presumably communist prisoners.

Careful inquiry was made into these allegations as a result of which it was found that they were entirely without foundation.

However, as clashes were occurring between criminal and political prisoners, the latter have been transferred to the Gesuiti Prison.

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The majority of these cases will be heard by special AMG Summary Courts during the next few days.

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Steps are being taken to avoid this difficulty in future.

In Gorizia and Pola, AMG Courts continue to function very satisfactorily.

(b) Italian Courts

Functioning satisfactorily but rather slowly.

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25. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF ANY CURRENCY

13 cases have been reported in Gorizia, none in either Trieste or Pola.

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Locations and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 1 April 1946

Headquarters

Lt Col	G.	Richardson	(B) 282757	- Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major	A.	Mack	(B) 279418	- Dep.Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Capt	L.	Toss	(B) 287723	- Administrative Officer

HQ Divisions

Capt	R.	Hobbs	(B) 279413	- Superintendent, Uniform Divn
Capt	C.	Bolt	(B) 313775	- Superintendent, Crim Inv Divn
Capt	J.	Dodridge	(B) 291639	- Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
1st Lt	J.	Whelan	(A) 0430516	- Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID
Major	O.	Mathis	(A) 0901703	- Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt	A.	Brown	(B) 279836	- Superintendent, Fire Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Capt	A.	Hunter	(B) 279410	- Superintendent
Capt	F.	Gench	(B) 279409	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	B.	Fielding	(B) 287701	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	W.	Willis	(B) 294824	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	F.	Scaife	(B) 291660	- Asst Superintendent (on loan from Pola Zone)

HQ Gorizia Zone

Capt	W.	Wilson	(B) 279423	- Superintendent
Capt	D.	Roberson	(B) 291659	- Asst Superintendent
Capt	A.	Bernard	(A) 01796565	- Asst Superintendent

HQ Pola Zone

Capt	W.	Eddings	(B) 279405	- Superintendent
1st Lt	H.	Landesman	(A) 0439007	- Asst Superintendent

Police Training School

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Non Police Officers attached

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✓ Capt	J. Cooke	(B) 229594	- Superintendent, Transportation Divn
Capt	J. Leno	(A) 01296545	- Superintendent, Fiscal Divn
Lieut	G. Harwood	(B) 358836	- Asst Supt, Quartermaster Divn
Capt	A. Grandis	(B) 322329	- Asst Supt, Transportation Divn

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Appendix "B"

Map ref address of Dump	Nos of arms and amount of ammunition recovered	Any other equipment
N 6 V.Piccolomini Trieste	1 Beretta Pistol 7 rds	
N 43 V.Miramare Trieste	1 Pistol	
1/2 West Opicina Road MR 784828 1/100000 Sheet 4 OA - ITALY	9 Rifles 2 Automatic rifles 1 machine gun 9 Hand grenades 3 Pouches and 5 Magazines of ammunitions	
N 10 V.Buonarroti Monfalcone	1 light machine gun 4 rifles 12 Bren mags with rds 8 Spandau mags with rds 3 Hand grenades 1 Very pistol 2 bren gun 1 sub machine gun (Russian) 6 Pouches with 34 rds	12 Steel helmets(It) 2 " " (Br) 7 Respirators Spandau flash eliminators Sub machine gun mag Large metal container Small Bakelite container
N 26 V.Galileo Monfalcone	2 Rifles	
Porto V.Emanuele between sheds 3 & 4	1 French Hand grenade	
N 7 V.Caprin Trieste	1 Beretta sub machine gun with 80 rds 1 Beretta pistol and 6 rds	9 Knives 3 small hatchets 2/3 large hatchets heads with collapsible handles numerous tins of small flints 1 wireless set complete first Aid outfit
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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
13 CORPS

FILE No : VGP/7/1 6 MARCH 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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File No : VGF/7/1 6 March 1946

Subject : Monthly report of activities - Feb 46

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(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

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There is still complete liaison with Military Police and on several occasions during the month Civil Police have rendered assistance to the Military Police in connection with large scale movements of military vehicles through Trieste and Civil Police have also been instrumental in bringing to the notice of Military Police offences by Allied soldiers against civilians.

With the intake of 256 recruits from our Training School on 15 Feb 46 coupled with certain direct recruiting of trained and technical personnel, the strength of the Force to date is 2788 officers and other ranks.

The following are the more important 'developments' during the month :

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(g) Reference 'disarming' of Police in certain areas mentioned in para 2(g) of report for last month. Generally, police and public alike consider replacement of firearms with truncheons is a step in the right direction and a great improvement over the Italian police method.

3. The following are reports on the progress of each Division.

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting and Records Branch

During the month of February, 375 applicants appeared before Selection Boards.

280 applicants were screened by FSS of which 23 were NOT recommended.

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Out-stations have not been neglected and 22 recreation rooms at Biglia, Castel Dobra, Gorizia, Gradisca, Monfalcone and Pola are now supplied with radio sets and various kinds of indoor games. 2276

Football as a sport is encouraged and several teams have been organised to compete in local competitions.

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The Force has now its own orchestra which plays twice-weekly at the American Red Cross Club and at dances organised by the various Divisions of the Force. These dances, incidentally, have been well patronised.

Recently instructions have been received from the Corps Commander that sporting events of 13 Corps will be open to members of VGPF - the fullest advantage will be taken of this invitation and we have no fears as to the enthusiasm and ability in practically any field of sport; for instance, a week ago a team drawn from the Force lost only 0 - 3 in a soccer game with the Trieste Football Club which has always been considered one of the crack teams of North Italy.

The first Corps event in which VGPF will participate is a motor-cycle reliability trial on 17 March. Two teams of Traffic Police Branch have entered.

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This course started on 31st January with a total of 275 students of whom 256 graduated.

Of those who graduated :- 2275

90	were	assigned	to	Uniform Branch, Trieste Zone
30	"	"	"	Transp.Divn., Trieste Zone
1	was	"	"	Forest Guards Branch, Trieste Zone
2	were	"	"	Traffic Branch, Trieste Zone
1	was	"	"	Fiscal Divn., Trieste Zone
3	were	"	"	Harbour Branch, Trieste Zone
11	"	"	"	Munic.Guards Branch, Trieste Zone
2	"	"	"	" " " " "(Monfalcone)

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64	"	"	"	"	Gorizia Zone
1	was	"	"	C.I.D. Gorizia Zone
6	were	"	"	Forest Guards Branch, Gorizia Zone
23	"	"	"	Uniform Branch, Pola Zone
8	"	"	"	Fiscal Branch, Pola Zone
10	"	"	"	Training School for various duties
256	Total			

Basic Training Course No 8 started on 23rd February. This course consists of 9 squads of 33 men each, total 297, of whom 18 are men with previous W/T and R/T experience. These latter, once they have passed the Basic Training Course will remain at the School for R/T Communications Course No 2.

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(f) Health and Welfare

The health standard of the students dropped during the month. It is possible that overcrowding in the bedrooms plus the local habit of sleeping with windows tightly shut may have some bearing on this.

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170 students were treated by the medical officer as follows :-

103	for	bronchitis
58	"	colds, coughs and sore throat
2	"	venereal ulcers
5	"	scabia (hospitalised)
1	"	injury to arm (hospitalised)
1	"	throat infection (hospitalised)
170		Total

Welfare in the School is in a highly satisfactory state. The canteen and library are extremely popular and the former had a turnover of 226,613 lire for the month. Football is popular among the students and the school team has a high reputation locally.

(g) Discipline

Discipline continues to be excellent.

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(d) During the month of February the following promotions were made :-

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To Chief Inspector	2
Inspector	1
Sub Inspector	11
Sergt.Major	5
Sergt.2nd Class	5
Sergt.3rd Class	12
Corporal	26

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(e) Eleven additional police stations were opened during the month and have been manned principally by VG police with in some cases a small number of Auxiliary police (military) attached. There is excellent co-operation and understanding between the Auxiliary and VG police personnel.

(f) During the month a total of 1104 man-days were lost owing to sickness, being an increase of almost 200 man-days over the figure for the previous month. This increased sickness is due to the effects of the very bad weather conditions which prevailed during the period in question.

(g) The Traffic Branch is operating in a most satisfactory manner. During the month the Branch was responsible for the submission of 768 traffic offence reports. A total number of 807 motor vehicle trip tickets were checked during the process of which 48 offences were disclosed.

(h) In accordance with Allied Military Government (13 Corps) Order No 64, the Forestry Offices have been re-constituted and Chief Inspector Scala of the Forest Guard Branch has been nominated as Senior Official of the Territorial Offices.

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On 20 Feb a man named Cobal Giuseppe was murdered in his house at Sistiana during the night. Robbery was probably the motive - no arrest made to date.

2) Flying Squad

This branch continues to perform excellent work. During the month 71 crime reports were received and 77 persons arrested. A large amount of stolen property was recovered and restored to the legitimate owners.

3) Scientific Branch

The activities of this Branch have included the taking of finger-prints, visits to the scene of murders, ballistic examinations, and the exhumation of the bodies of two persons robbed and then murdered at Opicina and Tarvisio (Udine Province).

4) Special Branch

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Insanes	- 24 certified insane persons committed to Lunatic Asylum
Private Guards	- 90 issued with firearm permits
Firearm Permits	- 43 issued for sporting guns 4 issued for protection of premises
Passports	- 162 enquiries for Italian Questori carried out

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In addition, a large number of licences in respect of photographers, second-hand dealers, jewellers, room renters, public agencies, public performances, etc. have been issued.

6) Aliens Office

This office has dealt with many enquiries from different sources as to the welfare and whereabouts of foreign nationals. Enquiries have also been made respecting persons desirous of entering Italian Government Territory and aliens who seek employment in the Occupied Territory.

This, of course, is in addition to the normal and routine work of registration.

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8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Fiscal Guard Branch

1) Personnel

The Fiscal Guard Branch is now 286 Officers and men and of this number 44 have had no previous experience.

This Branch is still under establishment and we are finding difficulty in obtaining trained technical personnel who will satisfy the conditions of enlistment. Recently, we have received many applications from former members of the Udine Legion of the GG.FF. and who have served in the Trieste area - upon enquiry it has been found that they are still serving members of the GG.FF. and now with the Venezia Legion but are in Trieste 'on leave' - such applications have been turned down as it is contrary to policy to recruit in these circumstances.

2) Activities

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Information for civil acts..... 65
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Control on factories for Imposta di Fabbricaz. 11
Control on custom fees..... 10
Control and inspection on board ships..... 66
Ships checked on arrival.....254
Ships checked on departure.....180
Fishing boats checked on sea..... 37

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Fishing boats checked in the quay.....148
Reports drafted.....149
Persons denounced.....220
Persons arrested..... 2
Monopoly shops(Salt and Tobacco) checked..... 56
Control on prices in shops..... 10
Rationing offences..... 5

3) Revenue

The total amount of income for the State, on taxes recovered and damages verified during the past month was Lire 41.000.393 divided as follows:-

Goods confiscated.....	L.	3.655.983
For taxes recovered.....	"	220.990
For reductions on War Damage claims....	"	37.123.420
Total Lire		41.000.393

4) Summary

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Damage verified.....	"	42.257.050
Net profit for the State.....	L.	37.123.420

b)Amount recovered on taxation:

On bills(Stamps and Income tax).....	L.	173.104
On Show taxes.....	"	1.968
On radio fee.....	"	164
On registration fee.....	"	45.754

c)Tobacco confiscated..	kg	518,825	value L.	1.769.942
d)Salt confiscated.....	"	365	" "	7.300
e)Coffee beans conf....	"	67	" "	47.440
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Kune.....	"	2.183.500)		2268
Yugoslav Lire.....	"	8.900)	" "	353.383
Marks.....	"	1.739)		
k)Other contraband goods conf.....	kg	10.255	" "	24.170
		TOTAL LIRE		41.000.393

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5) General

Other than the above, the State will collect a sum not less than lire 2.084.689 and not more than lire 6.314.663 for fines imposed on guilty persons.

(b) Force Finance Branch

1) Administrative Service

Administrative service is satisfactory. Regularity and accuracy has been maintained.

The total expenses for January 1946 in the VGFF were Lire 8.412.697,95.

For the period 1st of September 1945 to 31st December 1945 the total expenses were Lire 62.795.477,10.

2) Cash Statement

Cash reserve.....	L.	13.228.064,50
Cash on hand.....	"	878.867,40
C/a at the bank.....	"	241.610,35
Cash to Admin.Sections of Divisions.	"	33.722.312,70
Cash to Superintendents.....	"	721.000,--
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(b) Clothing

All clothing is required for new personnel and until the extra issues necessary to meet the enlarged WE are approved by GHQ no clothing can be spared for exchanges required to ensure that all personnel are well turned out. Summer clothing is being sorted out and issued as far as stocks permit and an indent has

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been submitted for necessary further supplies.

(c) Buildings

New premises have been obtained at Ronchi and Fieris; repairs at Aurisina and Monfalcone have been completed and are in hand at Sesana. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining furniture and buildings now being taken over are in practically all cases completely denuded of furniture.

(d) Communications

Considerable progress has been made with W/T communications in Gorizia Zone and personnel are now being trained for Trieste and Pola Zones. There has been a delay in obtaining all the batteries required, but a further instalment is expected in a few days.

10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation Branch

The present strength of this Branch is 97 officers and men.

The most disturbing factor in the month is the high incidence of traffic accidents resulting in damage and in some cases complete destruction of the vehicle involved. Disciplinary action is being taken against personnel in all suitable cases. A special Traffic Police patrol is being formed which after instruction and training will operate solely in checking driving and documentation of VGFF vehicles.

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Further vehicles have been sent out to Zones as they became available. It is anticipated that further quantities of motorcycles will be available.in the next few days.

In the month under review security has been tightened up. POL can now only be drawn from Cas 2246 Via dell'Istria in Trieste, all outlying supplies having been liquidated. Documentation of all POL issued is now as British Army forms.

As mentioned under Fiscal Division one further Cabin Cruiser has been taken over and is in service. An 18ft speed boat at present under repair has been allotted to this unit, and is expected to be available on 4 March 46.

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(b) Licensing and Registration Branch

To date a total of 2990 applications for vehicle circulation permits have been vetted in Trieste for the period Jan-March 46, and 2840 permits issued. The licensing situation in Gorizia and Pola is satisfactory.

All arrangements have been made for the new licensing period and applications are now being received.

Traffic Patrol Branch of Uniform Division are maintaining close liaison with this Division and much useful information is being exchanged and acted upon.

11. CRIME

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CID	91

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By Uniform Branch:

Motor cars		4
Cigarettes	N	2000
"	packages"	1148
"	Kgs.	55
Cigarette papers	N	20000
Sub-machine gun with chamber	"	1
False L 1000 bank note	"	1
Coal		2265000
Macaroni	"	200
Flour	sacks	2
Grain	"	3
Sugar	"	20

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Meat	cases	1
"	tins	10
Salt	Kg	74
Herring	"	15
Dry rations	packages	6
Shoes	sacks	2
Trunk with clothes(value L.50000)		1
Tools for cutting wood	N	41

By Municipal Guard Branch:

White bread	Kg	104
Tobacco	"	1.645
Cigarettes	N	4122
Cigars	"	3770
Matches	boxes	249
Cigarette papers	packages	150

By Fiscal Division:

Salt	Kg	333
Coffee	"	57
Tobacco	"	268.730
Cigarette papers	N	7076480
Foreign currency(Dinari-Kune-Marks)	L	353383
Liquors	lt	11
Petrol	"	40
Boat		1

By C.I.D.:

Macaroni	Kg	43
Typewriter	N	1
Sulphur	cans	4
Cigarettes	N	33980
Sugar	sacks	25
Fish	Kg	15
Pistols	N	2

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(c) Pola Zone

No serious crimes were reported during the month and crime as a whole shows a decrease.

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There was one interesting case of three men who were arrested in possession of a suitcase containing 795,000 lire; they had come by boat from the Isola di Cherso with the professed intention of making purchases in Pola. This case is still under investigation.

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12. BLACK MARKET

(a) Trieste

There has been no noticeable increase in black market activities. Three economic road blocks have been instituted along the Morgan Line and the General Order controlling the export and import of goods is now awaited.

(b) Gorizia

No change. Two economic road blocks have been set up along the Morgan Line.

(c) Pola

No change. One economic road block set up on the Morgan Line.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste

There is no increase in prostitution in the Zone. The Morality Squad of the CID continues to maintain a close watch on the activities of clandestine prostitutes and the following figures prove they are achieving results :-

Prostitutes	registered in brothels.....	223
"	detained for medical inspection.....	1164
"	found infected and sent to hospital..	111
"	expelled from the Occupied Territory.	33
"	arrested for other offences.....	9

(b) Gorizia

There has been an increase in the percentage of women found to be infected with venereal disease.

The following are the figures for the month of February :-

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Prostitutes	detained for medical inspection.....	40
"	sent to hospital.....	37
"	expelled from Occupied Territory.....	7
"	found infected.....	10
Premises placed "Off Limits".....		1

(c) Pola

There has been a decrease as a result of increased vigilance on the part of the Morality Squad and also because firmer steps have been taken to safeguard women under treatment in hospital.

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The following are figures for February :-

Prostitutes	registered in brothels.....	95
"	found infected and removed to hospital	8

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Throughout the Occupied Territory CID have increased the number of their visits to registered brothels as they have done in the case of other licensed premises such as dancing saloons, hotels, accommodation addresses etc - as a result of this activity contraventions have been brought to light and offenders denounced.

14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

Conduct has been generally satisfactory during the month although the situation has been marred by four cases of serious crime which briefly are as follows :-

(a) On 31 Jan 46 at Canale, Gorizia Zone, two Yugoslav nationals shot and seriously wounded by soldier of US 88 Divn - the injured men have since died. The assailant was arrested and his trial took place at Gorizia on 23 Feb but the result has not yet been made known.

(b) On 2 Feb 46 at Trieste City a girl age 17 years was indecently assaulted by a British soldier. No arrest effected to date.

(c) On 4 Feb 46 at Trieste a British soldier attempted the armed hold-up of five civilians. Before his task was completed he was arrested and disarmed by a member of the CMP.

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15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Remains excellent throughout the Occupied Territory.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

Included in 'Security' para 17 of this report.

17. SECURITY

The past month has been one during which rumours have been startling and varied.

Journalists of all "colours" have commented on

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them, and " the man in the street " has reacted according to the state of his nerves.

In general, the public is much confused and not a little alarmed at the news of warlike preparations, and the concentration of Yugoslav and other troops on and east of the Morgan Line. The news and rumours have coincided with a renewed and vigorous wave of Yugoslav enthusiasm for " showing the flag " of Yugoslavia, which, unfortunately, does nothing to improve the natural beauty of Venezia Giulia. It may be truly said that there is, at the moment, a war of nerves being waged between propagandists and the average citizen, and by the propagandists, cliffs, hills, and mountains are being disfigured with slogans and paint - to say nothing of the use being made of roads, walls, houses and trees.

No violent reaction has yet been shown by the " man in the street ", but there is no doubt a strong underlying opposition to the pro-Yugoslav residents - normal and otherwise - with a much stronger possibility of it breaking into active resistance than there was a month ago. The Italian " Lega Nazionale " has been quietly revived with an almost instantaneous enrolment of over 100.000 members.

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From the west, the number of persons entering and leaving Venezia Giulia remains fairly static, but hordes of people still come without a travel pass and plead that no arrangements are known to Italian officials whereby a pass can be obtained.

Many requests have been made that the Italian 2261
Ministry of Interior be informed through appropriate channels of theprocedure to be adopted, but, as yet,

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nothing seems to have been done, and even Allied Commission Liaison Groups have no information of the procedure laid down in conformity with the terms of the agreement governing the occupation of Venezia Giulia.

In all, 19.834 travel passes have been issued by Security Section this HQ during February, of which 1632 have been issued to persons living in Italy, through Questure. This is an increase of 339 on January figures. There has been a small increase from 124 to 150 in the number of applications made by non-residents of Venezia Giulia wishing to enter Yugoslav occupied territory. The reason is not known, but, for what it is worth, not one application has been acknowledged by the Yugoslav authorities for the month.

On the other hand, at the beginning of February, the first and only applications for permission to enter Anglo-American occupied Venezia Giulia from the east were forwarded to this HQ by the Yugoslav authorities for endorsement. It was perhaps unfortunate that the applications had to be returned with a request for further particulars, inasmuch as no reasons were stated, and, prima facie, all the applicants were residents of Fiume and as such they needed no permit to travel in Venezia Giulia. A reply is awaited.

During the month 603 civilians have been vetted for AMG and Venezia Giulia Police, out of which 548 persons were recommended for employment.

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Valuable assistance has been given to Security Section this HQ by the loan of two FSS NCOs to work in the travel pass offices. With their aid it has been possible to improve the organisation, and to speed up the issue of passes.

No report would be complete at this juncture without some mention being made of the anticipated visit to Venezia Giulia of the Delegation of Foreign Ministers. There is no doubt that from every point of view it will be a relief when the Delegation has been and gone, and more of a relief when the fate of Venezia Giulia has been settled. Every month of tenure brings fresh difficulties to the Allied Military Government, and creates a tendency to make

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individual officers pro-this or that, the while there is a gradual growth of lack of appreciation of difficulties within the area by those who are on the outside.

It is hoped that in the March report it will be possible to give, inter alia, a picture of reactions to the visit of the Foreign Ministers Delegation.

18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

This month has been marked by the absence of strikes. There have been the usual threats to strike for all kinds of reasons, including a means of providing the necessary personnel to take part in demonstrations.

It is noticeable that there is a very large majority of workers who do not wish to take part in these manifestations but who are easily led by the extremist elements.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

There have been a number of minor demonstrations in the city of Trieste none of which justifies special comment.

At Aurisina, Trieste Zone, on 11 Feb there was a disturbance which arose in connection with an attempt to place a Slovene flag between the American and British flags which were flying outside the recently occupied AMG building. A number of arrests were made and the situation was soon under control and there was no further trouble. The disturbance was not spontaneous but was organised by individuals who came to Aurisina to cause trouble.

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At Caporetto, in Gorizia Zone, on 25 Feb, about 600 people demonstrated in the main square against the newly assigned Civil Police and the dismissal of a teacher from the Slovene school. Civil Police, arrived on the scene, the crowd insulted and threatened them. Order was eventually restored and there has been no further incident. It has been ascertained that 90% of the demonstrators came from Zone B.

At Plezzo, Gorizia Zone, on 27 Feb about 400 people protested against the presence of the Civil Police and presented a number of other grievances. The situation there is now reported to be satisfactory.

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20. POLITICAL SITUATION

See under 'Security' para 17 of this report.

21. PUBLIC MORALE

In spite of the many alarmist rumours and the difficult period through which we are passing here, it must be admitted public morale is reasonable - Italian elements, however, are somewhat perturbed; this is reflected by the reports from the various banking houses which shew a decrease in deposits.

22. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 43 made up as follows :-

Fires (Civil).....	26
Special Services.....	15
False Alarms.....	2
Total	43

This shows an increase of two Special Services but a reduction of 46 fires compared with last month's figures.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 121,350 lire. A reduction of 3.962.350 lire compared with last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special mention.

The most serious event attended by the Brigade during the month was the overturning of an electric trancar at the Piazza Sansovino on 3 Feb. Thirty persons received injuries and were removed to hospital. The Brigade assisted in rescue work and in putting the tram back in upright position.

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3) Theatre Duties

279 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1823.

4) Staff & Discipline 2258

The establishment returns at the end of the month were as follows:-

Strength	City	Province
Officers	4	1
Sub-Officers	27	7
Other Ranks	143	37
Totals	174	45

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The following disciplinary measures were taken:-

Confined to Barracks.....	2
Cautioned.....	1
Fined.....	2
Dismissed.....	2

5) Workshops

The mechanics workshp, tailor, carpenter and shoemaker shops were kept fully employed during the month. In addition to the ordinary running repairs, small adjustments, maintenance, etc. special overhauls were made to the following:-

Heavy Truck.....	VF 814
Heavy Truck.....	VF 2350
Tender.....	VF 844

(b) Gorizia

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 39 made up as follows :-

Fires (Civil).....	34
" (Military).....	3
Special Services.....	2
Total	39

This shows a reduction of 11 fires and 6 special services compared with last month's figures.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 524.800 lire compared with 1.020.900 lire last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

There were two serious fires during the month as follows :-

At 01-30 hrs on 28 Jan, a call was received to the village of Quisca. A country house and adjoining hay store was burning furiously. The furniture and fittings and buildings were seriously

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At 1600 hrs on 21 Feb, call was received to Caserma di Via Duca d'Aosta (occupied by military forces). Office effects and machinery suffered damage. The cause is said to be due to an explosion of a petrol lamp. Loss was estimated at 120.000 lire.

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3) Theatre Duties

170 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 620.

Inspections.

28.1.46 Sala Cinematografica di Romans d'Isonzo
12.2.46 Sala Cinema Centrale di Gorizia
16.2.46 Sala Cinema Vittoria di Gorizia
22.2.46 Teatro Comunale di Cormons

4) Staff & Discipline

Strength	Province	City
Officers	-	2
Sub-Officers	3	6
Firemen	12	37
Totals	15	45

No disciplinary action is reported against any of the staff.

(c) Pola

The total number of calls received and responded to during the month was 5 as follows :-

Fires (Civil).....	4
" (Military).....	1
Total	5

This is a redution of 6 fires and 5 special services compared with last month.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 23.000 lire compared with 150.000 lire last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

There were no fires worthy of special mention.

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3) Inspections

An inspection was made by the Comandante of the Sala Umberto and Nazionale Cinemas.

4) Staff & Discipline

Strength	City
Officers	1
Sub-Officers	6
Other Ranks	34
Total	41

No disciplinary action is recorded against any of the staff.

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(d) General

Blue battledress has been issued to personnel of all Zones and will be taken into wear at an early date.

23. PRISONS

(a) With the object of relieving the overcrowding of the prisons in Trieste, HQ Alcom have been requested to approach the Italian Government with a view to long-term convicted prisoners being transferred to penal establishments in Italian Government Territory.

There was never any penal establishment in this area and all long-term prisoners were transferred to prisons in other parts of Italy.

As the number of this class of prisoners is about 200, a satisfactory reply to this request will be of great assistance in reducing overcrowding.

(b) It is regretted that no headway has been made towards the supply of uniforms for prison guards.

An estimate has, however, be sent to Chief Commerce Officer, AMG 13 Corps, for clothing for sentenced detainees and it is hoped this problem will be thereby solved.

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A new director has been appointed who it is hoped will effect improvements in operation and discipline.

Spring cleaning has begun and work on structural improvements of a minor nature commenced.

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(e) Via Gesuiti, Trieste

Work on the restoration of this prison have begun and it is hoped they will be completed within the course of a few weeks. This will relieve overcrowding at the other prisons to some extent.

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(f) Gorizia Prison

A new chief warder has been appointed and 19 additional prison guards have been enlisted and are now in service. Conditions here are satisfactory and there is no overcrowding.

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(g) Pola Prison

The staff has been strengthen by the addition of four new guards. Conditions are satisfactory at this prison.

(h) Monfalcone Prison

Spring cleaning and thorough disinfection is now taking place.

24. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

AMG Courts are functioning satisfactorily and are very busy in an effort to clear up cases and make way for more important cases which may arise should there be large-scale demonstrations in connection with the visit of the UNO delegation.

Italian Courts are making fair progress and in Trieste there has been an increase in the number of cases dealt with.

25. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AMG CURRENCY

One case reported in Trieste of an attempt being made to pass a false 1000 lire note to purchase contraband cigarettes.

Twenty cases have come to light during the month in Gorizia Zone; enquiries are proceeding.

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Appendix 'A'

Location and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hours 28 February 1946.

Headquarters

	Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B)	282757	- CPSO - Asst Chief of Police
	Major	A. Mack	(B)	279370	-DCPSO - Supt Personnel Divn
	Major	J. Henderson	(B)	218978	- PSO - Commandant, VGPT School
	Major	C. Mathis	(A)	0901703	- PSO - Supt Prisons Section
+	Capt	H. Hanbury	(B)	279411	- PSO - Supt Uniform Divn
	Capt	R. Hobbs	(B)	279413	- PSO - Supt Crim Inv Divn
	Capt	B. Fielding	(B)	287701	- PSO - Act Supt Uniform Divn
	Capt	A. Brown	(B)	279386	- PSO - Supt Fire and CD Section
	Capt	C. Bolt	(B)	313775	- PSO - Supt Security Section
	Capt	M. Scott	(A)	0522200	- PSO - Asst Supt Security Section
	Capt	T. Cawthorne	(A)	0468596	- PSO - Asst Comdt VGPT School
	Capt	L. Toes	(B)	287723	- PSO - Supt (Mil) and S.O.
	Lieut	J. Whelan	(A)	0430516	- PSO - Admin and Exec Officer

HQ Trieste Zone

	Capt	A. Hunter	(B)	279410	- PSO - Asst Zone Supt
	Capt	F. Geach	(B)	279406	- PSO - Dep Zone Supt

HQ Gorizia Zone

	Capt	D. Roberson	(B)	291659	- PSO - Asst Zone Supt
	Capt	A. Barnard	(A)	01796565	- PSO - Dep Zone Supt

HQ Pola Zone

	Major	E. Fisher	(A)	0121488	- PSO - Zone Supt
	Lieut	H. Landesman	(A)	0439007	- PSO - Asst Zone Supt

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% " leave pending departure to USA

Non Police Officers attached to VGPT

Major	A. Leech	(B)	201963	-	Supt Quartermaster Divn
Capt	A. Grandis	(B)	322329	-	Asst Supt Quartermaster Divn
Capt	J. Lenc	(A)	01296545	-	Supt Fiscal Divn
Capt	J. Cooke	(B)	229594	-	Supt Transportation Divn

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Appendix 'p'

List of firearms, ammunition etc recovered during February 1946 (referred to under Security para 17 this report) .

51 Via Molino a Vento, Trieste	:	1 Beretta sub-machine gun 20 rounds ammo.
St. Maddalena Hospital, Trieste	:	2 Rifles 2 hand grenades
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Via Aquileia 84, Monfalcone	:	20 rounds ammo. 24 rifles 2 pistols 1 sub-machine gun 3 " " belts 21 detonators 7 sub-machine gun magazines 1 box cordite 1 " mixed ammo and an assortment of parts
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VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
13 CORPS

FILE No : VGI/7/1

5 FEBRUARY 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JANUARY 1946

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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Headquarters
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13 Corps

File No : VGP/7/1 5 February 1946

Subject : Monthly report of activities - Jan 46.

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

1. Submitted hereunder is a report on Public Safety matters covering the month of JANUARY, 1946, for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ 13 Corps.

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(e) The training of mounted men has been completed and patrols are now operating in Trieste.

(f) Motor-cycle patrols of the Traffic Police Branch have also commenced operating in the area and concentrating upon traffic offences, especially unlicensed vehicles - the results to date have been good.

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(g) During the hours of daylight in certain areas of Trieste, Gorizia and Pola, Guards on ordinary foot patrol duty have been 'disarmed' and firearms replaced with truncheons - so far this experiment has been successful.

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3. The following are reports on the progress of each Police Division.

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting and Records Branch

Approximately 770 applicants who applied to join the VGPF are waiting to be called. During the month of January some 600 men were called forward for medical and selection boards and of this number 220 men were rejected for various reasons. The general quality of the applicants is fairly high but many have to be refused during the screening process. The Training School passed out 495 men during the month and the bulk of these joined the Uniform Division. In addition the Searchlight Section recruited 57 men for special duties as searchlight operators.

Wastage during the month were 18 men dismissed and 21 resigned. Most of the dismissals were the result of a check into court records.

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The publication of Police Orders continues but increasing difficulty is being experienced in getting sufficient copies with the existing machine and the inferior stencils.

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The medical section is operating smoothly but progress is slow. The infirmary at via dell'Istria is functioning but there is a lack of surgery furnitures and beds. No marked increase in sickness is reported and no particular type of disease prevalent.

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5. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) General

Satisfactory progress has been made at the Venezia Giulia Civil Police Training School during the past month. Basic training courses are being carried out "according to plan" with little or no difficulty. In addition to basic training, courses are now being given in criminal investigation, wireless operation, mounted patrol and a special set of lectures for the Commissioned Personnel of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

(b) Training

On Jan 5th a passing out parade of students who had successfully completed the 5th course was held on the School parade ground. Maj Gen Moore, Commanding Officer of the 88 Div inspected the graduating class and visited school premises.

This class was started with a total of 275 students.

Consisting of :

New personnel	264
Students retained from course No.4	11
Total	275

From this class :

244 graduated and became Guards
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5 dismissed for low scholastic rating
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275 Total

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4 " to Harbour " - " "
4 " to Transp Divn - " "
2 " to Unif Div(Sesana)- " "
12 remained at School for various duties
244 Total

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On Jan 26 a passing out parade of students who had successfully completed the 6th course was held on the School parade ground. Lt Gen Sir John Harding, G.O.C. 13 Corps was the guest of honour, who inspected the graduating class, school buildings, and grounds.

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Class No.6 commenced with a total of 271 students.

Consisting of :

New personnel from Trieste	150
New personnel from Gorizia	81
New personnel from Pola	30
Students retained from course No.5	10
Total	271

From this class :

255 graduated and became Guards
7 were retained to repeat the course
7 left School on own accord
2 dismissed as unsuitable
271 Total

Of those who graduated :

104	transferred	to Uniform Branch	- Trieste	Zone
15	"	to Traffic	" - "	"
17	"	to Transp.	" - "	"
6	"	to Forest Gds	" - "	"
3	"	to Unif Branch	(Sesana) "	"
1	"	to " "	(Monfalcone) "	"
1	"	to Mounted Branch	- "	"
1	"	to Municip	" - Pola	"
11	"	to Municip	" - "	"
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1	"	to	Mounted Branch	-	" "
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An entrance examination was given these students upon their arrival at the School by Inspector De Giorgi Umberto of the CID. As a result of this examination, 9 students were found to be unsuitable to attend the course and sent back to their Uniform Divisions.

(d) Mounted Branch Training

Twelve members of a group of students who have been taking a course of instruction in horsemanship and Mounted patrol have acquired sufficient knowledge to be suitable for regular assignment in mounted patrol section.

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The remaining members of this group are being retained at the School for further instruction.

(e) Wireless Training

Much good work has been accomplished by Sig. Bombardier Winzer and Inspector Segalla in completing the necessary preparation for the commencement of a course of instruction in wireless operation for selected members of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

Instructors received a short but intensive course of lectures on the subjects which are to be taught to the members of the wireless operators class. In addition to their class room work, the instructors, under the supervision of S/Bdr Winzer, had the opportunity of assembling and testing the 54 wireless sets (Mark III. Canadian) which are to be used by the Force.

(f) Health and Welfare

Due mainly to adverse weather conditions the health standard of the student body dropped a few points during the month.

54	students were	ill in Barracks
10	"	" hospital (out) patients
2	"	" hospital (resident) patients
66	Total	

An excellent Canteen has been established on the ground floor of the main school building for the welfare of the students. A small library or reading room adjoining the Canteen is being decorated and furnished and soon will be available to those who wish to make use of it. The Canteen and all School welfare works is under the supervision of S.Insp. Marini Angelo, who has been appointed welfare officer of the School in addition to his duties as an Instructor.

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(g) Discipline

No serious breaches of discipline have occurred during the past month. The conduct of the student body, as a whole, is very satisfactory.

A total of 12 students were punished during the month by Company Officer in the following manner :

4 students confined to Barracks for 5 days
1 student " " " " 4 "
2 students " " " " 3 "
5 students " " " " 2 "

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6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Progress has continued but obstacles are still being met. Some are large and others only minor, at the same time they have a retarding effect on operations and prevent the essential smooth working that is necessary.

(b) Office space, buildings, lack of equipment together with the slowness in which printing orders are completed, being the main problems which are encountered.

(c) Every co-operation is being received from Quartermaster Division which has been of considerable help. This has enabled Uniform Division to continue in a satisfactory and efficient manner, although as stated in the last report this is not to perfection and not yet up to the standard required. The administration continues to improve daily and in consequence the general functioning and efficiency of the Division is noticeable.

(d) It was hoped that the barracks at Via Cologna would be operating as a part of the Uniform Division. Alterations in plans have since been made, and it will now operate as the main HQ for the Traffic Patrol Section.

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(g) Mounted patrols are operating in the City. One man is accompanied by a British military other rank and a very good impression has been created with the public. It is anticipated in the very near

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future that civil police will be able to patrol without any British personnel. No patrols have yet started to operate in GORIZIA but the personnel is at the school in training and are expected to pass out in the course of the next week.

(h) The Searchlight Section have been given further commitments which will necessitate additional men for this Section. They are performing the work well, but lack good facilities on some of the sites.

(i) Difficulties are being experienced in obtaining personnel for the Forest Guard Section and this makes hard work for those at present operating. Suitable men have been loaned to the Section to help them. It is hoped that eventually the right personell will will be found although it will take a long time. GORIZIA area is the main difficulty owing to the political situation in that area.

(j) Fifteen stations have been opened during the month with native and Military personnel. These have been found to be working very well, and as stated before, the co-operation between the native and military personnel is excellent.

(k) Correspondence and office work still continues to occupy a considerable number of men, but this position must continue until it is possible to operate on a better decentralised basis, at least in TRIESTE City, as all the work at present is centralised on the Inspector operating from the Questura or Central Police Station.

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(m) The weather during the past month has been bad and it was expected that the sick rate would be high. During the month a total of 933 man days have been lost for various forms of sickness.

(n) As stations are opened additional officers and NCOs are required and it is a difficult problem to select the right type of man for the position. Very few mistakes have been made in this direction which confirms the good opinion and work of Selection Boards and the Allied Officers recommending them.

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(c) Native officers continue to be a problem but with the commencement of "specialist" training it will be possible to find among the good ex army officers that we have, sufficient officers to perform the work required by such ranks.

(p) Courses for officers have been attended during the month by 17 officers of the Uniform Division and such courses are having a very good effect. It will take some considerable time for all the officers of the Uniform Division to pass through these small courses and causes a certain amount of dislocation but, the benefit reaped more than compensates for this.

(q) Generally the whole position continues to improve. The majority of men on the streets have come up to expectations and are showing considerable promise. The public look to them and have accepted them with considerable co-operation. As time passes it will be possible to make necessary alterations and improve the Force generally and it is hoped to reach the goal of a highly efficient and organised Force.

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(b) Activities

The activities of the respective Divisions and Departments are summarised hereunder, together with a resume of the more serious crimes committed and arrests made:

1) Crimes reported

3/1/46 - English soldier alleged murdered by unknown individuals and one English soldier wounded at unauthorised "check post" manned allegedly by Jugo-Slav elements near S.Sabba (Trieste - Pola road.
Enquiries in hand by SIB and CID.

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3/1/46 - At 1,30 a.m. in Servola during attempting house breaking MASICH Carol (a Slovene) was killed in mistake by his accomplices when they fired on the house-holder. Enquiries to trace culprits proceeding.

8/1/46 - At Duttogliano BRUNDOLA Antonia was shot and killed during a quarrel alleged by Gomicelli Ermanno (arrested)

2) Flying Squad

The Criminal Investigation Branch (including Flying Squad) has received 125 denounciations of which :

3 for murder (shown above)
5 for suicide (of which four attempted)
8 for robbery (of which 2 attempted)
39 for burglary
26 for aggravated theft
1 for receiving of stolen goods
2 for assault
21 for escape from prison
9 for theft
5 for pick-pocketing
1 for misappropriation
4 for fraud
1 for finding of a phoetus

The Criminal Investigation and Flying Squad have arrested 104 persons as follows :

2 for homicide
1 for indecency
5 for robbery
6 for burglary
19 for aggravated theft
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35 for theft (of which 2 attempted)
1 for possession of burglary implements
[illegible] for [illegible] pending

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1 for misappropriation
1 for fraud
1 for illegal possession of arms
1 for assisting criminals
2 for offence against morale
1 for injuries
13 suspected persons
2 for illegal possession of foreign cigarettes
1 for offence to public officer
3 for uttering forged banknotes
1 for beggary

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All have been denounced to the Civilian Court.

In reference to the arrests of the a/m criminals, the following property has been recovered :

35 pairs of shoes
357 Kg. leather
1 typewriter
222 Kg. food
23 bags of coffee
1 pistol
burglary implements
1 Kg. cocaine
91 Kg. meat
11 chickens
a great number of bottles of liquors and some foodstuffs
15 false keys for motor-cars (found on a certain ASCANI Romano caught together with his brother Francesco on the 16th at night at Via Fabio Severo near Villa Ara (Officers' Mess). The a/m have been arrested and committed to Via Tiger's Prison. With them have been arrested and committed too a certain Betrincich Armando. The three suspect individuals have been also found in possession of a key of a garage situated in the "B" Zone. Enquiries proceeding.

Cheese, ham and bacon of the value of 20.000 Lire
7 wireless sets
5 complete motor-cars wheels and a big tarpaulin-cover for truck of the value of 300.000 Lire
4 cans of castor oil (value 50.000 Lire)
1 truck (target TS 15035) of the approximate value of 600.000 Lire
10 Kg. partisan cigarettes

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The Criminal Investigation Branch has dealt with many burocratic investigations for requests of informations coming from the Italian "Questure", Carabinieri etc.

Numerous enquiries have been carried out with regard to injuries of all kind, resulting from medical reports.

Special attention has been given to 2241 warrant of arrest issued by the local Civilian Courts.

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Amongst the arrested there are to date 16 of the 101 escapees from prison on May last, who had been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

The Criminal Investigation Branch has received and dealt with denunciations for loss of documents, rations cards, identity cards, driving permits, etc. and in many occasions had to interfere to clear up differences concerning accommodations, flats and cohabitations, etc.

3) Scientific Police

The Scientific Police has performed the following activities :

a) has pursued the taking of finger-prints for the purpose of Identity cards issued in Trieste and Province.

b) 6.000 finger-prints for identity cards have been taken in Hospitals and at home for those unable to attend the Office for this purpose.

c) in occasion of burglaries, aggravated and attempted thefts 29 visits have been attended to the scene of crime

d) 58 individuals arrested for various crimes have been registered and recorded at the Office of CIB

e) 4 visits have been made in and out of the Province to the place of exhumation of murdered bodies, that have been identificated as: husband and wife Miano, Torbelli Emilio former Police agent and Stermini Francesco, jewller.

4) Special Branch

The Special Branch has dealt with many requests for enquiries of political nature coming from the Italian "Questure", as well as informations requested by the local Court of Assize, with regard to persons denounced for collaboration with the enemy.

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e) 4 visits have been made in and out of the Province to the place of exhumation of murdered bodies, that have been identificated as: husband and wife Miano, Torbelli Emilio former Police agent and Stermini Francesco, jeweller.

4) Special Branch

The Special Branch has dealt with many requests for enquiries of political nature coming from the Italian "Questure", as well as informations requested by the local Court of Assize, with regard to persons denounced for collaboration with the enemy.

12 persons have been arrested and committed to the local Via Nizza's Prison, through execution of warrants of arrest issued by the local Court of Assize.

Has arrested and denounced to the Allied Military Court DRENIC Stojan, because he was found in unlawful possession of gold coins and foreign currency.

Has arrested and committed to Via Tigor's Prison 2 Jugo-Slav citizens, at the disposal of FSS for further enquiries.

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Hotels, boarding-houses and furnished rooms are under constant control, and 13 persons have been fined, 20 persons have been served warnings, and 3 women have been arrested as suspected of clandestine prostitution.

In a great number of cases jewish property has been recognised, salvaged and restored.

Have gathered further information of confidential nature with regard to the Slavo-Communist movement.

5) Licensing, Administrative and Miscellaneous Office

The Licensing, Administrative and Miscellaneous Office has performed the following activities :

Public Premises	: large number of licences have been granted and renewed
Explosives	: 7 licences for sale and transp'n
Repatriation	: 40 undesirable persons have been deported, 12 persons have been repatriated on compassionate grounds
Furnished rooms	: 550 licences granted, 50 pending
Merchant-seamen	: 132 applications for embarkment on ship bound for abroad examined 56 merchant-seamen credentials issued
Insanes	: 26 certificated insane persons have been committed to the Lunatic Asylum
Private Guards	: 100 private Guards have been issued with fire-arms permits; 83 are pending
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Passports	:	141 requests of no-objection to the issue of passports by several Italian "Questure" (and 30 by the Questura of Udine) and Consulates abroad have been dealt with 2239 are pending
Prostitutes	:	185 registered in bawdy-houses 49 deported 1125 stopped and conveyed to medical examination

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177 committed to Hospital for VD
Many inspections have been made to bawdy-houses, hotels and dancings.

A large number of requests for licences for : elevators, public performances, room-renters, public agencies, photographers, door-keepers, gunsmiths, watchmen, jewellers and dealers in second hand articles have been dealt with.

6) Aliens Office

The Aliens Office has answered :

68 requests for information of foreigners
12 no-objection to the [illegible] admittance to the KIT
16 no-objection to the issue of permission to aliens to obtain employment

Moreover, 35 aliens residing here have presented several requests.

Has checked up the lodgings of 327 Austrian citizens, according to a list sent by the Austrian Liberation Committee.

7) Administrative Office

The Administrative Office has carried out the screening of criminal records of 2578 persons (special proformas of FSS) and of 150 persons engaged in anti-mine operations. Much confidential correspondence has been handled.

The local press has been supervised.

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(c) Gorizia

The position at Gorizia is under review at the moment and additional equipment now having been obtained, personnel are in course of being posted to fill vacancies.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Personnel

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The present Fiscal Guard establishment is now 246 men divided into 10 groups doing duty in Trieste, Monfalcone, Grado, Gorizia, Cormons and Pola. This number is still below the necessary requirements for complete service.

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It is difficult to enrol experienced Fiscal Guard Personnel below the age of 35 and also to select men who are resident of Zone 'A' only.

The new premises of Via degli Stelle No 2 are now occupied by the 1st and 3rd section of the Trieste Zone.

(b) Services

For the past 31 days many cases of contraband have been discovered.

These goods come from Zone 'B' and the money ontained is believed to be used to pay political propeganda expenses. Contraband has increased for the following three reasons :

1) insufficient quantity of tobacco distributed to smokers with ration cards issued by the State Monopoly

2) Low quality of the tobacco itself

3) high cost of tobacco sold with ration cards. The most important confiscation was 450 kg. of coffee beans and No 5.100.000 leaves of cigarettes paper.

Lire 2.901.901 has been collected in taxes from factories producing merchandise.

Very careful check are being made on income tax payments. With the application of General Order No 25, modifying legislation on taxes, a more vigorous check will be made.

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Verifications on Registration Fees.....	" 19
Informations for verifications on Income tax.....	" 124
Informations for Civil Acts.....	" 44
Informations for Judicial Acts.....	" 10
Control on Factories for Imposta di Fabbricazione.	" 11
Control on Custom Fees.....	" 9
Ships checked on arrival.....	" 155
Ships checked on departure.....	" 68
Fishing boats checked on sea.....	" 16
Fishing boats checked in the quay.....	" 10
Total reports prepared.....	" 155
Persons denounced.....	" 196
Persons arrested.....	" 1
Monopoly shops (Salt & Tobacco) visited.....	" 90
Motor boats confiscated.....	" 1

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(c) Revenue

Herewith is a list of articles confiscated during the past 31 days and profits due to the State on taxes recovered and damages verified.

1)Claims made on application of war damages:

Reparations requested.....L.	61,177,132	
Damages verified....."	30,296,528	
Net profit for the State.....L.		30,880,604

2)Amount recovered on taxation:

On bills(Stamps and Income Tax)L.	500,925	
On Show taxes....."	77,649	
On Radio Fee....."	- -	
On Registration Fee....."	47,280	
Total.....L.		625,854

3)Tobacco confiscated.....Kg	492,055"	1,947,443
4)Salt confiscated....."	3,376,000"	67,520
5)Cigarette paper leaves conf....No	6,737,080"	1,347,416
6)Flints confiscated....."	1,200"	6,000
7)Coffee beans confiscated.....Kg	559,000"	277,500
8)Other contraband goods conf...."	22,070"	8,947
9)Pin confiscated....."	22,000"	8,866
10)Foreign currency conf:Dinari..No	50,000,000"	150,000
Total Lire		35,320,082

(d) Summary

The total amount of income for the State, from the above activities other than the ordinary revenue was Lire 35,320,082 divided as follows :

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For taxes recovered....."	625,854
For reductions on War damage claims.	30.880,604
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(e) General

Other than the above, the State will collect a sum no less than Lire 1.813.156 and not more than Lire 7.296.021 for fines imposed on guilty persons.

9. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) General

The steady increase in the size of the Force and the number of stations has meant not only more work for this Divn, but also more work for station Commanders. 22 days of impromptu administration have passed and it is now

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essential to lay down a sound administrative system and to ensure that it is adhered to. Progress has been made towards this. Officers i/c building have drawn up Inventories of all furniture and equipment in their charge and a comprehensive Instruction has been prepared to issue to all Station Commanders and Administrative Officers. This includes specially prepared Indent forms, Ledgers etc. The resultant administrative work which will fall on the shoulders of the Senior officer of each Station will be appreciable.

Up to the present little time has been available for inspections and for the training of VG officers and men in administration. The situation with regard to British personnel in the Divn is now improving. The Asst Supt returned from RIAF early in the month and a Lt-QM has now been posted though he has not yet arrived. The OR strength is also increasing, though few have any QM training. More time will be given in the future to the essential work of training both QM staff and station Commanders.

The other main tasks in addition to routine admin are the completion of the G 1098 entitlement and the taking over and repair of buildings.

(b) Clothing

1) Uniform. Existing stoks have been sorted and arrangements made for the exchange of that unsuitable for issue. An application for additional clothing has been submitted to GHQ in order to meet requirements of the enlarged Force.

2) Raincoats are still awaited.

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5) Plain metal buttons for overcoats have been procured from Milan.

(c) Buildings

The number of stations to be opened by the various Divns and Branches is not finally decided, but a start has been made in obtaining the release of the buildings required either from the Army or from AMG.

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Buildings taken over from Army Units can be occupied at once with the minimum of repairs, but those previously occupied by refugee families invariably require a great deal of repairs.

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Repairs have been effected at S. Croce and are in process at Prosecco, Sesana and Aurisina and Monfalcone.

Accommodation for some of the Searchlight Sections has been difficult to obtain, but solutions are being found.

(d) Equipment

Some progress has been made in drawing up a G 1098 scale of equipment. In the meantime the needs arising from continued expansion are being met by local purchase and borrowing.

Release has recently been obtained, through the good offices of the Italian Red Cross, of 1000 blankets, 500 palliasses and 250 overcoats. The blankets and palliasses have been a godsend and it is proposed to issue the overcoats to either the Prisons or Fire Services.

(e) Communications

1) Telephones. Requirements are heavy for new Stations and offices, but in most cases they are being met. For certain Stations mainly in Gorizia Zone W/T will have to be used.

2) W/T. 64 sets in addition to the 3 Training sets have now been received together with other equipment. Batteries are not now and are being sorted and charged by 35 Signal Park before issue.

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(f) Arms

The continued lack of Berettas or similar pistols is a serious handicap to the CID.

Truncheons have been issued to certain personnel.

10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation

1) Personnel : A great shortage of trained and disciplined drivers still exists. To-date 12 drivers have passed through the Police School and an allocation of 20 for each further course has been agreed.

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Three successive courses each of 30 students has been arranged for the training of recruits at the 13 Corps DUK School Aurisina near Trieste. Instruction will be given by RASC instructors in driving maintenance and elementary M.T. documentation. The Task maintenance system will also be taught.

2) Vehicles : During the month vehicles have been issued to Zones as soon as servicing has permitted.

Collection of the 39 15 cwt T/T available from 13 Vehicle Park Roma has not been effected due to lack of personnel, and 13 Corps have requested that they be held on our behalf.

On instructions from 13 Corps the Armoured Cars are being handed back. They have been classified by REME as Class I and are awaiting collection.

3) Motor Boats : No change has been effected from last month although 797 Coy RASC (Water Tpt) on instruction by 13 Corps have advised on the most suitable type of craft required. The result of their observations is awaited.

(b) Licensing and Registration

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There has been no noticeable increase in the activities of the Black Marketeers and the subject is rather a debatable one as although Black Market is alleged in most places it is more of a question of supply and demand.

Black Marketing can only have effect where rationed commodities are concerned and these are watched with ever increasing diligence on the part of the various Divisions.

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Prices still maintain fairly high levels but the position in Trieste compares most favourably with other places such as Rome and Naples. The problem of preventing food etc going into Zone 'B' and Jugo-Slavia illegally is still receiving attention.

Attention is drawn to the report of Fiscal Division which shews another good months work with regard to the sequestration of various goods and also that in a matter of days the Military Check posts on the Morgan Line will be reinforced by Guards of Fiscal Division who will concentrate upon the illegal passage of commodities.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

(a) Trieste

Prostitutes examined during the month of January were as shown below. The November and December figures are quoted for comparison.

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2) Examined and found infected	62	49	47
3) Examined and result awaited	20	18	12

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The 'Ambulatorio' in the Questura was opened on 21 Jan. Every registered prostitute has been ordered to report once a week for inspection by the Station Doctor and a strict record is being kept of their visits, with the result, by the Morality Squad.

It has been agreed with the civilian Hospital that women suspected of VD as a result of information from infected soldiers are detained for a minimum period of 5 days and subjected to extra supervision and tests. A special Morality Proforma accompanies such women.

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There is now far closer co-operation with the Civilian Police with very satisfactory results.

Non-Association Orders issued totalled 73 an increase of 44 over the December figure.

(b) Gorizia

The civilian brothels situated at Gorizia and Gradisca have been visited frequently and found to be conducted in an orderly manner. A brothel at Cormons came under investigation as two soldiers alleged that they had contracted VD thereat; the padrone is being proceeded against in court.

The tight control on hotels and lodging houses has been maintained and other likely places have been combed in an intensified campaign which commenced on 1st January. Some sixty-six camp-followers have been returned to their homes in Italy since the drive began and others will follow. As a result the VD figures shew a marked decline from last month. The drive against the prostitute goes on.

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15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

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16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT.

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The closure of AC/AMG Offices throughout Italy on the handing back of administration to the Italian Government on 1st January 1946, caused some early confusion amongst the Italian travelling public, especially regarding the grant of travel permits. The position has eased, and will improve as the machinery set up between Italian Questura and Security Section settles down.

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An analysis of the number of travel passes issued in January may be of interest as showing the volume and direction of travel.

To normal residents of Trieste:
for entry into Italy and return 14.198

To normal residents of Trieste:
for entry into Italy (no return)..... 30

To n o n residents:
for entry into Italy..... 5.560

To n o n residents:
for entry into V.G. and return to Italy 1.293

In addition, 134 applications for permission to travel in Jugoslav occupied Venezia Giulia were forwarded to the Jugoslav Military Mission (a decrease of 14 on December figures). One hundred and two signals in connection with travel were received.

These figures do not include permits issued by CAO's, or by Pola or Gorizia or Udine, which, it is known, are considerable.

The figure of 5.560 permits to non-residents is illuminating, in that the majority of the persons to whom these permits were issued had come from Italy into Venezia Giulia without an AMG permit, and had found it difficult to get back into Italy without. It has obviously not been possible to prosecute all offenders, and this figure is a decrease of 300 on the December 45 figure, but an increase of 910 on November 45.

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Control of the Morgan Line has not yet been implemented, and to date the Jugoslav authorities have not supplied specimens of the civilian identity cards issued to residents in the Jugoslav occupied Zone. It follows that the difficulties of controlling invalid movement over this line (detailed in previous reports) have not been lessened.

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17. SECURITY

(a) General

The month of January 1946 has not brought much change in the overall general position in Anglo American occupied Venezia Giulia. For Security Section it has been a busy month, and the volume of "odds and ends" of interest which pour in continue to keep all members of the staff fully extended.

Political "jockeying" in the Area continues in all its forms, and is amply reflected in the local press. Alarmist reports still continue to emanate from right and centre, but no concrete evidence is known which would support in full the varied accusations. It has been reported that another unofficial census is taking place in the Area and that it is Jugoslav inspired. To date, no complaint of intimidation in respect of this census has been received.

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Civil censorship continues to be of valu 2327
Security and other Branches of AMG. Due to shortage of military staff,(this office has one military clerk) it has not been possible to use to full advantage the benefit to be gained. It is hoped that sufficient military personnel will be made available to utilise information obtained through censorship to full advantage.

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Civilian identity cards are still being issued, and information regarding persons already registered is being steadily compiled.

A preliminary check shows that in Trieste area approximately 175.800 normal residents and 5.882 Italian non-residents were issued with identity cards. Further figures will be given when all duplicate registers are received at this HQ.

In Trieste area alone, some 1200 registration certificates were issued to persons not immediately able to substantiate a claim to an identity card. These cases will be enquired into.

From Fiume comes a story of hardship being imposed on Italian nationals, of the lack of food, of a persistent rumour that Fiume will shortly be taken over by the Zone 'A' administration; of preparations to demonstrate the "solidarity" of Fiume with its present administrators; of the blocking of credits; of the necessity of obtaining a permit to move out of the city; and of a possible outbreak in the spring by 50.000 anti-Jugoslav residents who are said to be in possession of British and American uniforms and equipment.

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19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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At Trieste on 11th January, UAIS organised a demonstration to complain about workers wages. 10-12000 people gathered in Piazza Garibaldi. After the meeting in the Piazza a procession formed and a deputation proceeded to the City Commissioner. The crowd subsequently dispersed in an orderly manner and no incidents occurred.

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On various days during the month meetings have been held in theaters and cinemas in Trieste by various political parties. Order was maintained at all meetings with the exception of one instance at an Italian students meeting when a party of Communists were rejected by Civil Police. No untoward incident occurred.

20. POLITICAL SITUATION

See Security Report.

21. PUBLIC MORALE

Remains fairly good. Some apprehension is being felt at the amount of propaganda that is being put out by the Jugo-Slavs in connection with the anticipated visit by the Delegates of the Foreign Secretaries to Venezia Giulia, in order that the Delegates gain the impression that the Area is pro Tito.

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The estimated monetary loss was 4.083.700 lire compared with 635.650 lire during last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

There were four fires worthy of special mention during the month, three of which occurred simultaneously and took the resources of the bri[illegible]2827 to the utmost, viz:

At 6.05 p.m. on January, 46 a call was

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received to Strada di Fiume 8. Upon arrival, it was seen that a private house of two floors was burning furiously. The roads were covered with ice at the time and the strong Bora blowing made it impossible for the firemen to do more than crawl along the road on "all fours". Showers of burning embers constituted a serious danger to other property. The Fire Brigade Comandante slipped down and sustained a bad cut over his left eye and had to be taken to hospital for treatment. The building and contents was severely damaged and loss was estimated at 700.000 lire. Insurance was carried on the building at a pre-war figure of 200.000 lire. The cause of fire is said to be due to a defective stove.

Whilst the a/m fire was in progress a call was received at 7.25 p.m. to Via Fontanone 6. This proved to be a difficult fire owing to the thick volume of dense smoke filling a whole block of flats and necessitating the evacuation of the inmates. The store below the flats, the seat of the fire, contained large stores of cooking grease and other foodstuffs. The fire is said to have been caused by the practice of smoking hams within this store. It was not until after midnight that the fire was brought under control. Men remained on duty until 9 o/c/ a.m; the next morning. The contents of the store and a large section of the first floor and contents were severely damaged and loss was estimated at 1.500.000 lire.

At 7.40 p.m. a call was received to the Hotel "Mignon" at Grignano. Upon arrival, it was seen that the building was burning furiously from [illegible] floor to roof. The hotel is situated upon a hill near the sea and is difficult of access. A strong wind fanned the flames and made the task of exstinguishing the fire very difficult. The cause of fire is said to be due to defective stove construction. Insurance was carried at pre-war value of 300.000 lire on the building and 20.000 lire on contents. Loss was

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At 4 p.m. on 10th Jan 46 a call was received to Via Ghega 17 (YMCA building). The building and contents were severely damaged by fire. The cause is said to be due to a defective stove. Loss was estimated at 500.000 lire. Insurance on the building is for 12 million lire.

3) Theatre Duties

326 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1953.

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4) Workshops

The mechanics, tailor, carpenter and shoemaker shops were kept fully employed during the month. In addition to the ordinary running repairs, small adjustments, maintenance, etc. major repairs were made to three vehicles.

5) General

The fire float was engaged for 94 hours on stand-by duties during the unloading of petrol ships. Additional petrol was supplied by the Army for this duty.

(b) Gorizia

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 56 made up as under :

Fires (Civil)	41
Fires (Military)	4
Special Services	9
False Alarms	2
Total	56

This compares with 34 fires, 4 Special Services and 1 False Alarm during last month.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated fire loss was 1.020.900 lire compared with 348.000 last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

There were two serious fires during the month as follows :

At 5 p.m. on Dec 29th 46 a call was received to a motor garage at Gorizia V. Montesanto 77. The building and contents comprising motor vehicles and spare parts was severely damaged by fire. The cause is said to be due to a short circuit of one of the vehicles electric systems. Loss was estimated at

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At 11.20 p.m. on 20th Jan 46 a call was received to Piazza Crispi, a building occupied by the 88th American Division. The contents of the building comprising office equipment and stores was severely damaged by fire. The cause is said to be due to the misuse of benzine within the building. Loss is estimated at 120.000 lire.

3) Theatre Duties

115 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 334.

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4) Plans & Inspections

Inspections were made of the following :

27/12/45	Cinema Moderno	11/1/46	Terpsicore Dance HALL
7/1/46	Cinema Italia	18/1/46	Gioventù Cogliardica

(c) Pola

The total number of calls received and responded to during the month was 16 made up as follows :

Fires (Civil)	11
Fires (Military)	0
Special Services	5
False Alarms	0
Total	16

The comparable figures for last month are 8 Fires and 2 Special Services.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss for the month was 150.000 lire.

2) Noteworthy Fires

At 2.35 p.m. on 27th Dec 45 a call was received to Dignano (in Jugoslav Zone) the Brigade responded. Upon arrival it was seen that a building used as a baker's shop was well alight. The cause of fire is said to be due to a defective stove. Loss was estimated at 100.000 lire.

At 5.15 p.m. on 4th Jan 46 a call was received to Via Dignano 74. This prove to be a timber building used as a stables and store. The contents, consisting of hay and straw and agricultural machinery, and building was damaged by fire. The cause is said to be due to spontaneous combustion. Loss was estimated at 50.000 lire.

3) Inspections

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23. PRISONS

(a) Number of prisoners is steadily on the increase. All Prisons, and more so the Trieste ones, have reached and passed their normal capacity. It is essential that works for the restoration of Via Gesuiti Prison be started and completed in a short time, so as to enable a proper selection of different types of prisoners and a much wanted improvement in the conditions of their abode. An estimate of the necessary expenditures has been in the hand of Chief Finance Officer - AMG - 13 Corps for some time already and his early approval is awaited.

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(b) All Prison guards have been trained in the use of firearms and as soon as they have done practice shooting, a sufficient quantity of automatic firearms will be handed to them, to improve the prisons security.

(c) During the month a special selection Committee met several times to examine new candidates for prison guards and as soon as their screening by FSS is completed they will be assumed. A list of prison personnel unsuitable has already been made and will be replaced, when new personnel are ready for service.

(d) 3000 blankets have been received from Livorno. These have been distributed amongst the Venezia Giulia Prisons, according to needs. A certain surplus quantity has been deposited at Via Nizza Prison as reserve for the future.

(e) Via Nizza Prison : Three candidates as Director of this Prison have been suggested and screening is taking place. It is hoped that by February 10 the appointment will be made and a new Director will be functioning.

On January 15 nine detainees escaped from Prison. Two have been since recaptured by CID - VGFF.

Investigations are pending. Several guards will be dismissed shortly and denounced to the proper Authority for complicity.

An estimate for works to be done in this Prison has been forwarded to Public Works and Utilities - AMG - 13 Corps.

(f) Via Tigor Prison

On December 26, 1945 the Prison Doctor FILOGRANA Pasquale has been dismissed. Another doctor's name has been submitted to 429 FSS for screening.

(g) Gorizia Prison

A fund request has been made for the purchasing

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A fund request has been made for the purchasing of equipment material (such as sheets, canvas, for materass, spoons, forks, etc.)

A proposal for the assumption of a new Director in substitution of the present one, who is also acting as Public Attorney and cannot shoulder both positions, has been made and approval by Area Commissioner - Gorizia, is awaited.

(h) Pola Prison

Ten submachines and ammunition were handed to this Prison for its security. All Prison Guards have been trained in their use.

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24. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

AMG Courts functioning satisfactory throughout Occupied Territory.

Italian Courts are not so good. Courts of Assize are functioning slowly and nearly half of the prison population comprise of persons awaiting trial by these Courts.

This position has been brought to the notice of Legal Division AMG 13 Corps and vigorous action is being taken by that Division to remedy this.

25. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AM CURRENCY

The following forged AM and Italian Bank Notes have been discovered during the month in the Pola Area.

Enquiries have been made. No arrests.

Allied Military Lire

1000 Lire	Series	A 03001877 A
" "	"	A 47577502 A
" "	"	A 23477861 A
500 "	"	A 32103320 A
" "	"	A 37161036 A
" "	"	A 80171753 A
" "	"	A 21713025 A
" "	"	A 50973498 A
" "	"	A 46366593 A
" "	"	A 19518894 A

Italian Lire

1000 Lire	Series	B 97 021748
500 "	"	G 21 9873
" "	"	S 43 72413

From Gorizia Zone one AM Note has been recovered. No arrests made.

500 Lire Series A 03802416 B

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Appendix 'A'

Location and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps and attached VSIP as of 2400 hrs 31st January 1946.

Headquarters

	Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B)	282757	- CPSO	- Asst Chief of Police
	Major	W. Moody	(B)	279370	-DCPSO	- Superintendent (Mil)
	Major	A. Mack	(B)	279418	- PSO	- Supt Personnel Divn
	Capt	H. Hanbury	(B)	279411	- PSO	- Supt Uniform Divn
	Capt	R. Hobbs	(B)	279413	- PSO	- Supt Crim Inv Divn
	Capt	B. Fielding	(B)	287701	- PSO	- Asst Supt Quartermaster Divn
	Capt	A. Brown	(B)	279386	- PSO	- Supt Fire Section
	Capt	C. Bolt	(B)	313775	- PSO	- Supt Security Section
+	Capt	M. Scott	(A)	0522200	- PSO	- Act Supt Uniform Divn
- ✗	Major	J. Henderson	(B)	218978	- PSO	- School Commandant
	Lieut	J. Whelan	(A)	0430516	- PSO	- Admin and Exec Officer
	Capt	T. Cawthorne	(A)	0468596	- PSO	- Act School Commandant
	Major	C. Mathis	(A)	0901703	- PSO	- Supt Prisons Section

HQ Trieste Zone

Capt	A. Hunter	(B)	279410	-	PSO	- Asst Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

Capt	D. Roberson	(B)	291659	-	PSO	- Asst Supt	} Gorizia
Capt	A. Barnard	(A)	01796565	-	PSO	- Asst Supt	}

HQ Pola Zone

Lt	M. Landesman	(A)	0439007	-	PSO	- Dep Supt Pola

Notes: ✗ denotes : 'absent in UK on LIAP'
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HQ Trieste Zone

Capt A. Hunter (B) 279410 - PSO - Asst Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

Capt D. Roberson (B) 291659 - PSO - Asst Supt } Gorizia
Capt A. Barnard (A) 01796565- PSO - Asst Supt }

HQ Pola Zone

Lt H. Landesman (A) 0439007 - PSO - Dep Supt Pola

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Non Police Officers attached to V.S.F.F.

Major A. Leach (B) 201963 - Quartermaster
% Capt A. Grandis (B) 322329 - Transportation
Capt J. Lenc (A) 01296545- Fiscal
Capt J. Cooke (B) 229594 - Transportation

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
13 CORPS

FILE No : VGP/7/1 2 JANUARY 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 1945

TO: (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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Headquarters
Venezia Giulia Police Force
13 Corps

File No: VGP/7/1 2 January 1946

Subject: Monthly report of activities - Dec 45.

To: (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

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The Divisional Commander also inspected the School Premises and Buildings and expressed satisfaction as to the parade and the inspection.

(b) On the 16th December, 1945, an unfortunate incident occurred at Trieste when a Venezia Giulia Civil Policeman whilst off duty in a cafe, apparently got imbroiled in an argument with some civilians. The policeman, who had been drinking, walked to the door of the cafe, turned and opened fire on the civilians with his machine carbine and discharged several shots.

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As a result, two persons were killed and two others wounded. The policeman was apprehended shortly afterwards at the Police Barracks. This incident naturally received a big "Press" at the time, but no reactions have occurred from the general public with the exception of quite a number of letters being submitted by various politically minded people, asking for the Force to be disbanded.

(c) On 24th December, near Montespino an American soldier who was engaged on repairs to sabotaged signal lines was badly shot up and killed by some unknown persons. S.I.B. took charge of the enquiry and as a result two Yugo Slav soldiers are wanted for enquiries re the murder.

Application has been made by the British Military Authorities to the Yugo Slav Mission for these suspected assassins to be extradited.

The strength of the personnel of the V.G. Police Force at the time of submitting this Report is approximately 1950 including all Ranks.

3. The following are reports on the progress of each Police Division..

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting and Records Branch

During December, 242 men passed out of the V.G.P. School and a further 264 are at present training. In addition to the normal entrants through the school a further 64 men have been through a searchlight training course at Monfalcone and are now in service and 96 men have been taken directly into the V.G.P.F. as drivers and armoured car crews these men will all go to the school later. During the month 525 men appeared before Selection Boards, of these 510 were selected. 330 men were screened by FSS and 12 of them not recommended.

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The Publication of Police Orders continues under the difficulty of an unsuitable copying machine and bad stencils. It has been found impossible to arrange for the satisfactory printing of Orders either by Private firms or by A.I.S. A new copying machine has been indented for, but has not yet arrived.

(c) Medical and Welfare

The medical situation for this month was on the whole satisfactory. The work in the different surgeries is normal, and so is the number of reported illness. We are still waiting for the surgery furniture.

The Welfare section has been working well 2218 band has been formed, and has played at the Police dances.

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Football kit has been bought from Army Welfare and several matches have been played.

5. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) General

As a major portion of the many huge problems which confronted the Commandant and his limited staff during the infancy of the Venezia Giulia Police Training School have been successfully overcome, it can now be said that the institution is functioning with the smooth, monotonous regularity of a well oiled machine.

There is much work still to be done but, with the principal features of our structure standing on a solid foundation, remaining problems shrink and become increasingly easier with each passing day.

(b) Training

A compact training programme which keeps the students occupied, both mentally and physically, throughout every school day until the course is finished, has been adopted. Candidates who successfully complete the couse leave the School well grounded in the fundamentals of general police work and with a fairly comprehensive picture of the many police problems peculiar to this particular Zone.

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Retained from course No 3	11
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6 dismissed for low scholastic rating, and
2 dismissed for disciplinary reasons.
267 Total.

Of those who graduated:-

81 were sent to Gorizia,
20 were sent to Pola,
16 were sent to Grado,
101 were sent to Trieste,
18 were retained at School as Guards, Instructors, etc.
242 Total.

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On Dec 1'th a new class, course No 5, started training at the Police School.

This class consists of:-

New personnel	264
Retained from course No 4	11
Total	275

Of those who started course No 5.-

139 are from Trieste,
117 are from Gorizia,
11 Repeaters (also from Gorizia),
18 are from Sesana.
275 Total

(c) Medical

The health standard of the students continues to be satisfactory. No one required hospitalisation during the month but 116 students were treated for minor illness such as coughs, colds and sore throats.

The M.I. Room is seriously handicapped owing to the lack of many of the ordinary drugs required to treat simple complaints. Students are given prescription which must be taken to local druggists for preparation at a cost to the student of from 200 to 500 lire.

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(e) Weapons Training

Although the American Military personnel, who were giving instruction in the use and care of the weapons issued to the Venezia Giulia Police Force have been withdrawn, this part of the training programme continues to be satisfactory with the instruction now being given by the native Instructors of the School.

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(f) Discipline

No problems of a disciplinary nature occurred this month. Student body conduct has been such that little or no cause for complaint has existed. The few minor breaches of discipline which occurred were dealt with immediately by Company Office.

6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) The Uniform Division continues to function smoothly with the able assistance of D/Supt: Olivieri. Several incvations have been made increase the efficiency of the Division and it is hoped that further improvements will be made in the near future.

(b) Expansion has not been as rapid as was hoped but each branch is building up gradually. New stations have been opened and these will be increased as quickly as possible. The main difficulty in this direction is securing the release of ex Police buildings now occupied by Allied troops. The question of buildings is continually before the Quartermaster and every co-operation is being given to secure the necessary accommodation.

(c) Personnel operating on the streets are performing their duties as well as can be expected from men who have received such short training. Gradually they are being divorced from the Military Police and it is hoped that the next station to be opened, .viz. Servola, will be policed entirely by native personnel.

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Some minor offences are being exposed such as lateness on parade, absence from barracks. These are being dealt with by the officers in the form of 'cautions' and 'fines' up to four days pay.

One Disciplinary Board has been held to deal with two offenders which required a more serious punishment than that provided in the regulations under the powers given to Chief Inspectors. The boards consisted of two Allied officers and one native officer. One of the offenders was required to resign and the other sentenced to stoppage of pay for one month. 2215

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(e) The flow of recruits from the Training School continues and they are being evenly distributed over the three zones. The main difficulty is, finding men to fill the 'specialist sections'. Three new sections, viz: Armoured Car, Mounted and Traffic are in their infancy. They are, other than the first, not in full possession of the necessary equipment. This is being remedied as quickly as possible. The personnel for these are available and will be operating after initial training.

At the present time Armoured cars have little actual work of importance and are mostly engaged on training, maintenance of vehicles and general short exercises.

The full complement of personnel for the mounted branch is now in the school and will be ready to commence patrolling in the very near future. Personnel for this branch from the Gorizia area are due to enter the school on the 2 Jan 46.

Two motor cycle patrols are out daily with the military despatch riders for the purpose of gaining some experience of the area and the disposition of V.G. Police Units.

The searchlight section is operating under the control of military personnel but, the main work is left to the native members of the section. Further members are in the course of instruction and will be available shortly to relieve the military completely.

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(h) Sickness is not high for the number of men comprising the force. The force medical officers were requested during the month not to be too liberal with their recommendations for leave owing to sickness. Many men were reporting sick for the most trivial things and being granted a day or two off duty. This has been remedied now and the rate of sickness should not reach a high level.

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(i) Resignations have not been noticable and the majority have been from men who did not show aptitude for the work. One Inspector resigned from the force during the month.

(j) Further progress should be made in the coming months and it should be possible to commence breaking away from the Military. It must be realized that before this can be done completely many factors have to be taken into consideration. The co-operation of Military units, (not Military Police) will have to be given to ensure the smooth working of the Force and to help largely in the break away which is desired at the earliest possible.

(k) Printers are encountering difficulties in obtaining power and paper to carry out the orders submitted for the printing of books and forms for use in the various Police stations as they are opened. Every help is being given them and it is hoped that this small obstacle will be surmounted quite easily.

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The case will be disposed by the Civil Assize Court.

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Following a request received from the Yugo Slav Committee of Liberation to arrest a man wanted for a criminal offence in Zone "B". Enquiries of the C.I.D. resulted in the immediate arrest of the

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wanted man who was armed, and has been denounced for possessing arms in Zone "A". He will be handed to the Yugo Slav after the disposal of proceedings in this Zone.

Whilst effecting the arrest of a dangerous criminal who was also wanted for prison-breaking, the wanted man attempted to shoot the C.I.D. agents who were attempting to arrest him, and they in turn were obliged to use firearms and the wanted man was killed. The usual search following his arrest revealed a very large quantity of stolen property including motor car engines etc. to the value of several millions of lire.

One case has been reported of abduction when an engineer of Slav origin was alleged to have been taken away, believed by agents of the Slav secret Police.

2) Flying Squad

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b) 1 for suicide
c) 1 for attempted suicide
d) 1 for undecency
e) 22 for robbery
f) 25 for burglary theft
g) 26 for aggravated theft
h) 1 for receiving of stolen goods
i) 7 for escape from prison
j) 24 for theft
k) 13 for pick-pocketing
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Arrests are as follows:-

a) 1 for double homicide and injuries
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e) 8 for robbery
f) 5 for burglary theft
g) 15 for aggravated theft
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Many persons have been stopped for criminal enquiries, 7 of which have been detained.

Many visits to the scene of crime have been made in cases of burglaries, aggravated thefts, homicides and suicides by the Flying Squad during the month with good results.

In occasion of the a/n arrests, there have been recovered:-

1 motor-car of Allied property, restored to the Motor Transport Office
1 purse
3 pistols
a large quantity of American cigarettes
1 small handcart
1 revolver
2 bicycles
a large quantity of food from a pork-butcher's shop
some tools for burglary
several personal documents

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c) 25 visits have beeh made: 2 for accidental death due to heart failure, 1 for fire and 22 for burglaries or attempted thefts.

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d) 57 individuals arrested for various crimes have been registered at the office of C.I.D.

e) 4 visits have been made to the Rice-house of San Sabba, tracing human bones and garments discovered during the removal of the ruins of a crematory built and later blown up by the German SS.

f) that way 3 victimes of the German atrocities have been identified by recovered garments.

g) 3 investigations have been made in and out of the Province, referring to the examination of murdered bodies, buried in the field.

4) Special Branch

Many requests for enquiries of political nature, coming from the "Questura" of Italy have been satisfied, as well as informations requested by the local Court of Assize, with regard to persons denounced for collaboration with the enemy. A certain VESEL Giorgio has been arrested and denounced to the Allied Military Court for having been found in illegal possession of foreign currency and English cigarettes. 11 persons have been arrested and committed to the local Via Nizza's Prisons through the execution of warrants of arrest issued by the local Court of Assize. In several cases jewish property has been recognized, recovered and restored. Hotels, boarding-houses and furnished rooms are under constant control. Informations of confidential nature have been gathered with regard to the Slav-Communist movement.

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98 private guards have been authorized, 12 cases are pending. 35 guards have been issued with firearms permit, 115 are pending.

185 requests of no-objection to the issue of passports by several Italian "Questure" and Consulates abroad have been dealt with, 25 are pending.

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10 certified insane persons have been committed to the Lunatic Asylum.

A large number of requests for licenses for elevators, public performances, room-renters, public agencies, photographers, door-keepers, gunsmiths, watchmen, jewellers and dealers in second hand articles have been dealt with.

6) Vice Squad

156 prostitutes are registered in bawdy-houses
417 have been stopped for morality measures
91 committed to Hospital for V.D.
20 prostitutes have been deported
8 persons who rent rooms have been fined for favouring clandestine prostitution

7) Aliens Office

The Aliens Office has answered 98 requests for informations received from several Italian "Questure". A total of 56 aliens residing here have been registered in this office.

8) Administrative Office

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Much confidential correspondence has been handled.

The local press has been supervised.

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The Section of C.I.D. at Gorizia handicapped by extreme shortage of experienced personnel and cases of serious crime involve sending out specialist officers from Trieste.

(d) Pola 2209

The C.I.D. situation at Pola is almost identical with that of Gorizia.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

(a) Personnel

The number of the Fiscal Guards personnel is now 201 men.

New premises for Trieste Zone are being fitted in Via degli Stella No 2.

One hundred more men are necessary from the Training School to assure satisfactory service.

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(b) Service

In this month the activity of the Fiscal Guards Branch has been very intensive.

The following are the accomplishments of the Fiscal Guards Branch within the past 30 days. The number of people denounced for these activities were 147.

Verifications on applications of war damages.....n°		434
Verifications on Income tax cases....."		27
Verifications on taxes for Radio....."		788
Verifications on Registration Fees....."		19
Verifications on Public Shows taxes....."		12
Informations for verifications on Income tax....."		161
Informations for Civil Acts....."		15
Informations for Judicial Acts....."		6
Control on Factories for Imposta di Fabbricazione"		7
Control on Custom Fees....."		7
Examination and control on board ships....."		48
Ships checked on arrival....."		267
Ships checked on departure....."		162
Fishing boats checked on sea....."		45
Fishing boats checked in the quay....."		73
Reports on contraband....."		127
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(c) Revenue

Herewith is list of articles sequestrated during the past 30 days and profits due to the State on taxes recovered and damages verified :-

1) Claims made on application of war damages:

Reparations requested.....L.	73.849.187
Damages verified....."	38.355.403
Net profit for the State.....L.	35.493.784

2) Amount recovered on taxation:

On bills (Income Tax).....L. 276.018

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On Radio Fees....."	164		
On Registration Fees....."	133.215		
TOTAL.....L.			409.398

3) Custom fees recovered on tobacco....."				300.000
4) Tobacco confiscated....kg	414.18	Value	"	1.692.364
5) Salt confiscated....."	34.229.00	"	"	684.580
6) Sugar confiscated....."	10.10	"	"	600
7) Chocolate confiscated.."	11.11	"	"	6.669
8) Rice confiscated....."	17.000.00	"	"	1.020.000
9) Cigarette papers confiscated.....n.	3.754.300	"	"	755.117

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10) Flints confiscated.....n	37	Value L.	185
11) Lighters confiscated..."	37	" "	11.100
12) Boats confiscated....."	1		
13) Lorries confiscated...."	1		
Total Lire			40.373.787

(d) Summary

The total amount of income for the State, from the above activities other than the ordinary revenue was lire 40.373.787 divided as follows :-

For reductions of War damage claims.L.	35.493.784
For taxes recovered.....".	409.388
Custom fees recovered....."	300.000
Goods confiscated....."	4.170.515
Total Lire	40.373.784

(e) General

Other than the above, the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 2.749.041 and not more than Lire 7.515.392 for fines imposed on guilty persons.

9. QM. DIVISION

(a) Steady progress has been made in organising the QM Divn. to meet the ever increasing work. The Central Q stores have been moved from the Police School to Caserma, Via dell'Istria with the exception of the Armoury for which a suitable place is not yet ready and certain other bulk stores which are not at present required for issues.

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(b) Clothing

1) Overcoats in sufficient number at last have been received though a percentage is too small to be of use. 2207

2) Gloves were received on 29 Dec and will be issued early in the New year. Dyeing is not thought to be practicable and they will therefore be issued in khaki.

3) Anklets, web, are on indent but not yet received.

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4) A decision form AFHQ is awaited on replacement of the raincoats which went astray en route.

5) The critical situation with regard to uniforms, as noted in last month's report, has been saved at the last moment by collection of additional clothing from FBS, Leghorn.

6) Release of specialist branches clothing, e.g. Traffic Police and Mounted Branch, from Army Sources has been refused pending the submission of a G 1098 scale for the whole Force.

(c) Rations

Distribution of Rations and fuel both from the Central stores and at unit level is a very heavy commitment, but has generally speaking proceeded satisfactorily.

(d) Buildings

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Progress is being made in the preparation of the G 1098 but it is not htought that higher authority fully appreciated the difficulties involved owing to the shortage of personnel.

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(f) Communications

1) Telephones. An exchange has been set up in Caserma Via dell'Istria and a number of telephones installed in new buildings and additional lines or extensions installed in existing buildings. Both the Lines officer, 55 Area Signals, and TELVE have been most helpful.

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2) W/T. Three training sets have been received and a course for 12 Instructors will be started at the Police School on 7 Jan. The rest of the W/T sets and equipment have been released and are expected shortly. Some difficulty is expected in finding sufficient suitable men for training as operators in the short time available.

(g) Arms

There appears to be no progress in the release of Beretta or similar type pistols for the C.I.D. and other plain clothes police. A certain number of Colts have been issued to the CID in the meantime out of the 500 received for officers, Sgt Majors and certain Branches. There will shortly be a serious shortage of pistols.

Truncheons and holders are available for issue to all personnel.

10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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1) Personnel : Due to priority demands of other Divisions no drivers have todate attended a course at the school. Whilst it is fully realized this is inevitable the question of disciplining a body of civilians in uniform is very difficult. A further forty drivers have applied to join the force and are awaiting acceptance into the school.

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3) Motor Boats : A request for a more suitable type of craft has been made to 13 Corps who in turn have applied to GHQ. Their reply is awaited. One further boat is now in service and no progress has been made in the repair of other craft.

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(b) Licensing and Registration

1) For the period Jan-March 1946 2770 applications for circulation permits have been received and 1707 have been vetted and approved by HQ AMG 13 Corps. Of the latter only a few remain to be issued. The number of permits available for issue is not yet known due to the fact that no notification has as yet been received from HQ AMG 13 Corps of the amount of petrol available.

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Great credit is reflected on the civilian staff of this Branch during what can only be described as a very difficult and harassing period.

2) At a meeting at HQ AMG 13 Corps it was requested that the Jugo Slav authorities set up a Licensing organisation in Zone B for the benefit of the residents of that Area. Specimen windscreen permits were requested. These have not as yet been received.

11. CRIME

See Report of Criminal Investigation Division.

12. BLACK MARKET

The situation regarding this nauseating subject still remains round about the same level as hitherto. Finance Guards and Municipal Guards together with Harbour Patrols are all combatting this menace with utmost zeal.

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1) Examined and found clean	127	166
2) Examined and found infected	49	47
3) Examined - Result awaited	16	

Cases of Allied Troops infected in the Territory of 55 Area totalled 68. In November the figure reported was 73. Places where the intercourse was said to have taken place are shown below :-

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Trieste	61
Cervignano	1
Palmanova	1
Opicina	4
Barcola	1
Total	68

Prostitutes apprehended as the result of information supplied by VD Proformae numbered 9.

Non association orders issued numbered 31.

Lack of hospital accomodation and medical arrangements on the Civil side is restricting Police activities considerably - though it is believed that all possible stps are being taken to rectify this matter by the Public Health Dept of AMG. Action is being taken to open a new wing for VD Patients at the Civil Hospital and for the "Ambulatorio" of the QUESTURA to be put in operation.

Whilst the VD rate amongst troops is decreasing it is considered that many more infected Prostitutes could be apprehended if the full confidence of the infected soldiers could be obtained. It cannot be expected that the soldier in the street will speak openly with a Medical Officer or Military Policeman on a matter so personal and delicate. It therefore follows that a person such as a Regimental Officer of the Soldier's Unit could, if charged with this duty in all probability obtain accurate information. This question was discussed at the recent 13 Corps conference on Venereal Disease.

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Hotels	29
Lodging Houses	66
Dancing Saloons	39

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Prostitutes departed from the area totalled 20.

Unlicensed Brothel keepers prosecuted totalled 8.

Vice Squad raids in TRIESTE yielded the following figures of prostitutes who were subsequently examined. The figures recorded against each establishment represent women apprehended there throughout the whole of the period covered by this report and not by one raid.

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88th American Club	
Trattoria Mickey Mouse Club, Via Giulia	60
Trattoria ex Tobia, Via Fontanone	10
Public Gardens	20
No 9 Via Rittmayer	40
No 15 Via Crispi	4
Cafe Pindemonte	3
Station Area	4
Apprehended as a result of Proformae	12
Vicinity Via Udine Air Raid Shelter	9
Girls apprehended as a result of Interviews	4
	10
Total	176

(b) In Gorizia Area co-operation in the war against the prostitute on the part of the 88 Division has been much improved and VD Control officer has been temporarily assigned to work in conjunction with and co-ordinate the activities of the Police Vice Squad and the officer of VD Control of the Division. As a result thereof there has been shewn a decrease in venereal disease on the figures of last month.

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Pro-formae received	34
Hospital admissions	22
Results negative	10
Results positive	6
Awaiting result	6
Prostitution whilst suffering from VD	-
Charged with Prostitution	1
Charged with clandestine prostitution	1
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Charged with disobeying Non-Association Order	4
Premises placed "Out of Bounds"	3

14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

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Discipline in the area continues to be good. All Allied Police have dealt energetically with Military offenders, particularly in regard to Traffic contraventions.

It is reported from Supt. Gorizia that the Provost Marshal 88 Division has dealt with some 285 cases of minor disciplinary violations during the month

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The Christmas festivities passed with very few cases of indiscipline and it is hoped that the troops will continue to show a good example to the civilian population.

15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Remains excellent.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

The confusion existing in Italy in reference to the issue of travel permits to Venezia Giulia would appear to have increased tremendously and has added a great deal to the work of this Section.

The Yugo Slav Authorities are expected to finish issuing both new Identity cards and new Vehicle circulation permits for inhabitants of Zone "B" by the end of the year. A General Order will then be issued, probably on the 15 Jan 46, by AMG, making it an offence to be in Zone "A" without the necessary card or permit. In this way movement control will be easier to enforce and the authorities will have legal backing in their attempt to prevent Yugo Slavs entering Zone "A" without an Allied permit.

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17. SECURITY

(a) General

The month has seen the continuance of the effort of all parties to settle down and consolidate, with little attempt at active political demonstration. The Italian Parties have made little progress. The political crisis in Rome failed to arouse any great interest, but served only to show that none of the parties has any strong individual programme whilst there is no strong desire or common bond which might serve to draw them together into the force that they might be.

The Communists on the other hand whilst losing a few of their less fervent supporters have steadily consolidated the ground they already hold.

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Their main effort this month has been the continuance of their propaganda policy in the consistent and organised criticism of AMG in the "Lavoratore" and the "Primorski Dnevnik". During the first part of the month the "Lavoratore" was hard put to find material and had to content itself with pushing various small points in an effort to show that AMG always is and was out of touch with the "people" : e.g. complaints that the house of the "martyrs" in Via Ghega now occupied by the NKOA was used for dances - this causing unnecessary distress to the sorrowing mothers, etc; the forbidding of a proposed funeral given by the Communists to the S. Sabba victims - another example of how AMG "flout the will of the people"; the acquittal of Pagnini, ex mayor of Trieste, accused of collaboration, by the Special Court - another example of how Fascists escape while the real democrats are imprisoned. "Primorski Dnevnik", whilst also giving prominence to these and other points, continued to lay the greatest emphasis on its campaign, already well advanced in November, against the teachers in the new Slovene schools accusing them of being Fascists, Collaborators, Cetniks and Belogardisti, and making specific attacks on the AMG Education Officer, Lieut. Simoni, and his righthand man, Dr. Maraga. These attacks had culminated in a more than usually violent and specific one attacking Lieut. Simoni on 24th Nov, following which on 6 Dec the "Primorski Dnevnik" was suspended - on the grounds that the editor had promised to publish a retraction, but did not fulfil the promises.

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At about the same date, on 16 Dec a V.G. policeman got involved in a brawl in a S.Giacomo cafe and fired his machine gun, killing one and wounding two, one of whom died in hospital the following day. The "Lavoratore" made the fullest capital out of this incident, "proving" the man to be a Fascist and the whole incident just another "proff" of the reactionary and unchanged nature of the whole force, and adding with the usual demand for the dissolution of the Force and the re-establishment of the "popular bodies". The usual telegrams were also sent.

Enquiries into the background of the policeman in question, BILOSLAVO Emilio, showed him to have been a simple farm labourer, never a member of the PNF, whose nearest approach to political action had been to be called up in the Italian army - during which period (1939-43) he served 5 months in Croatia ("rastrellamenti", of course, said the "Lavoratore"). After the Armistice he deserted and lived and worked at or near his home until he joined the Police. He had no connections or associations with the P.F.R.,the Germans, the Yugo Slavs or any Partisans. A further interrogation at the prison confirmed this story. Details of Biloslavo's life were then passed to "D" Section, AIS.

All these incidents were exploited as much as possible by all local Communist organs. No attempt was made to produce real, concrete evidence against any person accused. The Communists obviously find it better and more convenient to make and exploit propaganda rather than get down to the harder job of helping in the task which they advocate should be done.

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Police	275	12	-	43	330
Tribunale	38	-	-	1	39
Pretura Unificata	18	-	-	2	20
Slovene Teachers	45	-	10	35	90
Finance	12	-	-	-	12
Miscellaneous	46	-	-	11	57
	434	12	10	92	548

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Some time ago this HQ was contacted by MMIA and asked to make enquiries into the position of certain Italian military personnel, ex-member of the Fascist Republican Army, now employed in Trieste in an office dealing with the families and dependents of Italian Army personnel under the supervision of AMG. The enquiries were originated by the Italian Ministry of War and have since been taken up by 5 B.I.U. and the Italian Military authorities in Udine. 412 F.S. Section were asked to make further enquiries about the twenty accused officer and NCOs and have now submitted their report - from which it would appear to be highly advisable to remove all twenty from the positions they now hold. As the question is considered to be a Security matter it will be submitted to G2I (b) Main 13 Corps, for action.

(c) Registration of civilians

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(e) Arms

The only search during the month for hidden arms and ammunitions was made by CMP on the Silvay Works, Monfalcone on 19 Dec 45 where, above one of the machine shops, the following arms were discovered and confiscated :-

40 Rifles : Italian and German make
1 Heavy machine gun : Italian
7 Hand grenades : Italian and German make
2.500 Rounds of ammunitions

(f) Stop Press

Attached herewith is a copy of a "Movement Order" issued to Capt. Jokic Spiro by the Milan Section of the Yugo Slav Welfare service on 10th Dec 45. Jokic travelled to Trieste without any travel permit and on the basis of this document alone. He could not get back to Milan across the Western boundary and reported to this Section in order to obtain the necessary permit. The "Movement Order" was confiscated by this Section and Jokic given a permit for Milan with instructions not to return here.

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All Allied Authorities are requested to give all possible aid to a/m military persons.

This pass expire on 31st December 1945.

C.C. SAVIN, Lt.

Yugo Slav Welfare Society Rome
Section Milan.

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18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

On Saturday 15th December, at Trieste, as a protest against the suspension of the newspaper "Primorski Dnevnik" UAIS called a General Strike.

The strike on the whole was a lot less successful than the previous General Strikes in this Area. While there was a complete stoppage of work at all the major industrial establishments and a general closing of shops in the suburbs, mostly populated by Slovenes, in the central, areas of the city the only sign of the strike was the absence of tramcars in the morning hours - a partial service was running by noon.

All newspapers appeared as usual. Many shopkeepers and workers generally were heard to express resentment at being called on to lose a days earnings in support of a cause they did not understand and in which they were frankly not interested.

19. RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Several small demonstrations occurred in the area owing to the suspension of the newspaper as reported in Strikes and Lockouts above. These mainly took the form of a crowd gathering outside AMG offices and vociferously protesting.

Most of them were dispersed quite orderly but when a crowd at Gorizia declined to disperse outside the Municipio at Gorizia a number of arrests were made during the Police action to move them.

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22. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

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(a) Trieste

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 68, made up as follows:-

Fires (Civil)	42
Fires (Military)	1
Special Services	18
False Alarms	7
Total	68

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In addition to the above, a total of 147 hours was spent by the fire floats standing-by during the unloading of petrol ships.

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 635,650 lire compared with 1.677.700 lire during last month.

2) Noteworthy Fires

One serious fire occurred during the month as follows:-

At 11,44 a.m. on 5 Dec 45. A fire occurred at a General Store at Campo Marzio No 22. The top floor of a six storyed building containing furniture and general goods was practically gutted by fire and the roof collapsed. The cause was said to be due to a defective heating stove. The fire was extinguished by the brigade using two hydrants. Loss was estimated at 500.000 lire.

3) Staff and Discipline

The establishment returns for the end of the month were as follows:-

Strength	City	Province
Officers	4	1
Sub-Officers	31	8
Other Ranks	147	36
	182	45

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It was found that about 75% of the strength was concentrated at the Central Fire Station and the remaining 25% throughout the other 8 stations. The unequal distribution of manpower made it necessary to transfer 60 men from the Central Fire Station to other stations throughout the town and province.

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The following disciplinary measures were taken:-

Confined to Barracks.....3
Cautioned.....3
Fined.....1
Fined 1/5 of pay.....2
Discharged.....76

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4) Theatre Duties

348 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 1745.

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5) Workshops

The mechanic, tailor, carpenter and shoemaker shops were kept fully employed during the month. In addition to the ordinary running repairs, small adjustments, maintenance, etc, major repairs were made to the following:-

Fire Float.....V.F. 24
Heavy Truck.....V.F. 2350
Auto-pump.....V.F. 292

6) General

A dance was held at the Central Fire Station on 4th Dec; (Saint Barbaras Day-Patron Saint of the Fire Service) it proved to be a great success.

A public dance was organized on Xmas day in aid of the Fire Brigade Widows and Orphans; A profit of over 100.000 lire was made and handed to the Widows Committee.

A fire brigade team visited Genca on the 24th Dec to compete in the National Fire Service Championships-Wrestling. The first prize was secured by Trieste also, Two Second Prizes, One Third and One Fourth Prize in other events.

(b) Gorizia

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 39 made up as under :-

Fires (Civil).....	31
Fires (Military).....	3
Special Services.....	4
False Alarms.....	1
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1) Monetary Loss

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A fire brigade team visited Genca on the 24th Dec to compete in the National Fire Service Championships-Wrestling. The first prize was secured by Trieste also, Two Second Prizes, One Third and One Fourth Prize in other events.

(b) Gorizia

The number of calls received and responded to during the month was 39 made up as under :-

Fires (Civil).....	31
Fires (Military).....	3
Special Services.....	4
False Alarms.....	1
Total	39

1) Monetary Loss

The estimated monetary loss was 348.000 lire.

2) Noteworthy Fires

The most serious fire of the month occurred at the Parcels Receiving Office of the 88 Div, Blue Devils. The fire appears to have been caused by a defective heating stove. Office fittings and furniture damaged by fire and loss was estimated at 150.000 lire.

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3) Staff and Discipline

The establishment returns at the end of the month were as follows :-

Strength	City	Province
Officers	2	-
Sub-Officers	6	3
Other Ranks	37	12
Totals	45	15

No disciplinary action has been recorded against any of the staff.

4) Theatre Duties

121 men performed duties at theatres and other Places of Public Entertainment. The total number of hours engaged in this service was 428.

5) Plans and Inspections

A children party was held at the Fire Station on Xmas Eve when sweets and toys (manufactured by the firemen) were presented.

(c) Fola

The total number of calls received and responded to during the month was 11 as under:-

Fires (Civil).....	7
Fires (Military).....	2
Special Services.....	2
Total	11

1) Monetary Loss

The only loss reported occurred at a single fire. (see under).

2) Noteworthy Fires

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2) Noteworthy Fires

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At 7 p.m. on 17th December, a call was received to the Electric Society - Società Elettrica della Venezia Giulia, where a transformer had cought fire. After an hour's hard work the fire was brought under control. The loss was estimated at 150.000 lire. Cause was probably due to the overheating and subsequent ignition of the oil.

3) Staff and Discipline

Strength	City
Officers	1
Sub-Officers	6
Other Ranks	35
Total	42

Disciplinary action was as follows:-

Confined to Barracks.....2
Fined 1/5 of pay.....2

23. PRISONS

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There is a complete lack of modern firearms for use of Prison guards and steps have been taken this month to organize a training class through which all guards will pass for training in the use of automatic weapons, after which it is hoped to equip all guards on duty with weapons similar to those now carried by members of VGPF.

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(a) Epuration

There is still some epuration to be carried out, and the Director of the Via Nizza Prison, the Prison Doctor at the Via Tigor Prison together with a number of guards have been given notice of suspension, and notices have already appeared in the Press offering these posts to suitable individuals.

(b) Gesuiti Prison Trieste

This prison has been re-possessed from Military occupation during the month.

It is now under prison guard and in the process of being cleaned prior to partial occupation.

A considerable amount will have to be spent before the prison can be fully occupied and a sheme involving 250.000 Lire has been prepared for approval by Finance Division.

(c) Gorizia Prison

This prison is without adequate suitable supervision. It has been previously supervised by a legal individual who also acted as prison Director. This individual is not able to effectively carry out this duty, and a new Director will be appointed.

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There has only been 1 prison break during the month, again from the Via Tigor Prison. The man was re-arrested by C.I.D. and lodged in the Via Nizza Prison. Two guards were discharged for neglect of duty in connection with the break. Directions have been given that all dangerous types will be accomodated in the Via Nizza Prison, and a scheme to improve the security has been submitted to Public Works for assistance to expedite this work. The provision of suitable arms and uniforms to distinguish guards from prisoners (who are much

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(e) Via Nizza Prison Trieste

This is by far the best Prison in Trieste and a scheme to improve the health situation so far as it effects all detainees has been submitted through Public Health Divn. to Public Works Divn.

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(f) Pola Prison

The position here is fairly satisfactory.

(g) General Remarks

DEGANUT Albano has been appointed S/Inspector of Police, with the particular task of acting as Vice Superintendent of Prisons.

500 blankets have been purchased for prisons during the month and distributed to Via Tigor Prison.

300 blankets have now been allotted from Milan for use in Prisons and their arrival is awaited.

24. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

AMG Courts are still making fairly good headway with the numerous cases outstanding but a lack of personnel, in common with most units these days, is a serous handicap.

It is very obvious that unless some assistance is given Legal Dept. the outstanding cases for trial will assume serious proportions. No detailed figures of the numbers of cases tried during the month are as yet available but will be included in the Monthly Report for January.

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1 - 1000 lire note No A 21082882 A
1 - 100 " " No A 52342683 A

Enquiries were made by C.I.D. with a nil result.

On 24th December, 1945, at Trieste a man was arrested for being concerned with two other men in possessing eleven false 1000 lire AM Notes.

They were very poor forgeries and would have not, according to the C.I.D. report, fooled a child. However they apparently fooled a grown man, who sold his Radio Set in exchange for them.

The enquiry continues for the two wanted men.

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Nos of Notes as follows :-

A 01002050 A
A 07723679 A
A 72937586 A
A 14732100 A
A 71062653 A
A 90971275 A
A 71062651 A
A 71062652 A
A 1907040 A
A 90971274 A
A 51062650 A

At Pola during the month two cases of forged AMG Notes (500 lire) were reported and in both cases the notes were passed through the Bank in the normal way.

Usual enquiries made. No arrests.

Nos of Notes:-

A 46858593 A
A 19518894 A

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Appendix 'A'

Location and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hrs 31st December 1945.

Headquarters

%	Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B)	282757	- CPSO	- Asst Chief of Police
	Major	W. Moody	(B)	279370	- DCPSO	- Superintendent (Mil)
%	Major	A. Mack	(B)	279418	- PSO	- Supt Personnel Divn
	Capt	H. Hanbury	(B)	279411	- PSO	- Supt Uniform Divn
	Capt	A. Hunter	(B)	279410	- PSO	- Superintendent (Civ)
%	Capt.	R. Hobbs	(B)	279413	- PSO	- Supt Crim Inv Divn
%	Capt	B. Fielding	(B)	287701	- PSO	- Act Supt Fire and Prisons
	Capt	A. Brown	(B)	279386	- PSO	- Supt Fire Section
%	Capt	C. Bolt	(B)	313775	- PSO	- Supt Security Section
	Capt	M. Scott	(A)	0528200	- PSO	- Act Supt Uniform Divn
%	Major	J. Henderson	(B)	218978	- PSO	- School Commandant
	Lieut	J. Whelan	(A)	0430516	- PSO	- Admin and Exec Officer
	Capt	T. Cawthorne	(A)	0468596	- PSO	- Act School, Commandant

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	O. Mathis	(A)	0901703	- PSO	- Asst Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

%	Capt	D. Roberson	(B)	291659	- PSO - Asst Supt	} Gorizia
	Capt	A. Bernard	(A)	01796565	- PSO - Asst Supt	}

HQ Pola Zone

	Capt	G. Jones	(B)	279414	- PSO - Supt	} Pola
	Lt	H. Landesman	(A)	0439007	- PSO - Dep Supt	}

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Non Police Officers attached to V.G.F.F.

Major A. Leach (B) 201963 - Quartermaster
% Capt A. Grandis (B) 322329 - Transportation
Capt J. Leno (A) 01296545- Fiscal
Capt C. Cooke (B) 229594 - Transportation

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VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
13 CORPS

P. Safety 8A
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RILE N°. VGP/7/I

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER 1945

TO: (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

(3) G.S.I. 13 CORPS MAIN

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Headquarters
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13 Corps

File No: VGF/7/1 5 December 1945

Subject: Monthly report of activities - Nov 45.

To: (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)--

(3) G.S.I. 13 Corps Main.

1. Submitted hereunder is a report on Public Safety matters covering the month of November 1945 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ 13 Corps.

2. CIVIL POLICE

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3. The following are reports in brief on the progress of each Police Division.

4. PERSONNEL DIVISION

(a) Recruiting and Records Branch.

On the 25th November 1945 approximately 1000 applicants who had filled in application Forms were waiting to be called before Selection and Medical Boards. During the month of November 396 men appeared before Selection Boards and of these 381 were selected and 15 rejected. 7 members of VGFF resigned and 4 were dismissed from the service. PSS screened 250 men and 15 were NOT recommended for service. 250 men are at present in training and should leave the school on 10th December 1945. 21 of these men go to Pola, 100 to Gorizia and 116 to Trieste Zone including 16 for Grado. Approximately 500 men were posted from the school to the VGF service during the month. In the addition to the normal inflow from the school of 250 men each 20 days, the total numbers have been increased by the direct entry of urgently needed specialists such as drivers and crews for the armoured cars, drivers of Force Transport and tradesmen for the Searchlight school at Monfalcone.

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(c) Police Order Branch.

Publication of Police Orders continues smoothly but difficulty is being experienced in obtaining stencils suitable for producing sufficient copies. Enquiries have been made to explore the possibility of having the Police Order printed by a Printing House after the proof has been prepared in Police Order Room.

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5.. TRAINING SCHOOL

(a) General

There is good progress to report. With the gradual removal of many of the major difficulties i.e. lack of clothing, scarcity of personnel etc., and the benefit of

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experience gained by the school staff it can be foreseen that the School will reach a condition whence it will be able efficiently to fulfil the functions for which it was started. Meanwhile courses are running smoothly and regularly, each succeeding and being a little better than the one before. Several factors contribute to the betterment. The regularity with which very senior Officers visit the School; the many complimentary reports in the local press; the fact that certain innovations long planned have at last been put into effect all tend to create a very different atmosphere to that which existed until recently. This change of atmosphere is particularly noticeable in the rapidity with which new students now settle down to what is a complete change in their mode of living. A better class of men seems to be coming forward now and the number who have to be discharged from the School becomes less with each course.

(b) Medical

The School M.I. Room functions well. During the month 74 students attended sick parade with minor complaints. No one required hospitalisation.

(c) Mounted branch

Satisfactory progress has been made. The horses are now in excellent condition, and a number of them are sufficiently well trained to be sent on the streets. W.e.f. Monday 26 Nov. 45 three pair-horse patrols were mounted twice a day on regular beats laid down by the Supt. TRIESTE ZONE. Until personnel of the Venezia Giulia Police Force become available these patrols are being mounted by B.C.R. personnel of the Auxiliary Police Regiment R.A. (D.L.O.Y.) attached to the School. The School is now ready to start training local police personnel for mounted duties.

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(e) Discipline

Discipline is good. A Duty Officer's Roll has been prepared and the School is now permanently under the disciplinary control of an Officer of the Day (assisted by a Duty N.C.O.) whose tour of duty is for 24 hours. Defaulters are dealt with in a normal Military manner i.e. charge and Company Office, (with personnel of the guard as escort) and offences which the Officer of the Day considers serious are remanded for the Commandant. The only two cases remanded for the Commandant resulted in dismissal, on 16 November 45. The salutery effect was such that it has only been necessary to hold Company Office once since that date, and then only for a minor breach of discipline.(late in returning to Barracks.)

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6. UNIFORM DIVISION

(a) Uniform Branch

235 guards have been turned out of VGP Training School and assigned to Uniform Branch: 100 to TRIESTE Zone, 112 to GORIZIA Zone, and 23 to POLA Zone. 18 men are ready for duty in MONFALCONE and will be sent as soon as accomodation is ready. In MUGGIA 29 men are serving in the Uniform Branch, all ex guardie del Popolo. They have been put in uniform, but schedas have not yet been returned from F.S.S. An NCO has been appointed in charge of the VGP station, Muggia.
Disciplinary Action: The following punishments have been made to guards of Uniform Branch, Trieste:

Caution not to be noted: 3
Suspension from pay for 1 day: 1
" " " " 2 days: 1
" " " " 3 " : 1

One guard has been suspended from service pending further action by a Disciplinary Board.

(b) Municipal Guard Branch

3 municipal guards are functioning in MUGGIA, 6 in GRADO and 1 NCO has been appointed in charge of VGP station, SESANA. 1 guard has been discharged for disciplinary reasons and 2 resigned volunteerly.

(c) Railway Police Branch

The Branch is not functioning yet as no assignment of suitable personnel has been effected. Premises have been reserved at the POLA station.

(c) Harbour Police Branch

There has been no personnel assignment, but 32 guards of Uniform Branch are on duty on the docks and this group will be turned over to Harbour Police Branch in the near future. Police duties in POLA are now carried out temporarily by "Capitaneria". The Searchlight Service now being formed will be recruited and instructed by the

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The Branch is not functioning yet as no assignment of suitable personnel has been effected. Premises have been reserved at the POLA station.

(c) Harbour Police Branch

There has been no personnel assignment, but 32 guards of Uniform Branch are on duty on the docks and this group will be turned over to Harbour Police Branch in the near future. Police duties in POLA are now carried out temporarily by "Capitaneria". The Searchlight Service now being formed will be recruited and instructed by the military and the o/c will coordinate with the Chief Inspector Harbour Police Branch.

(d) Forest Guard Branch

19 men have been assigned to Forest Guard Branch and are functioning. 13 rural guards (municipal guard Branch) have been attached to Forest Guard Branch for duty but remain on the Municipal Guard Branch strength for administrative reasons.

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(e) Traffic Police Branch

The Branch is now functioning with 14 guards. Several cars have been confiscated because found without the regular circulation permit, and a good number of denouncements for minor infractions have been made. A group of experienced armoured car drivers commanded by an officer will be put into service in the near future.

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Volunteers for both the mounted section and the motorcycle squad are being sought from the now existing organization. The instigation of the motorcycle squad will be given priority as it is understood that many vehicles are circulating without the proper permits.

7. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

(a) Establishment - Personnel

Additional potential personnel have been interviewed and passed by Selection Boards during the period under review, for entry, after passing through the school course, into the Criminal Investigation Division. It is significant in this respect that a superior type of young applicant is now presenting himself for service and undoubtedly the considered opinion of the reasoning population is not only that the Venezia Giulia Police Force has come to stay but that it also offers opportunity as a career.

(b) Activities

The activities of the respective Departments are summarised below - together with a resume of the more serious crimes committed and arrests made :

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On the 22nd November at Monfalcone the corpse of an unidentified woman and of P.S. Agent AMICOZZI Costantino who disappeared from Monfalcone on the 6th April, 1945 were discovered. Death believed due to partisan atrocity. Investigation continues.

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2) Flying Squad

A total of 103 complaints of crime have been received by the Flying Squad during the month under review - classified as follows :

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(a)	78	shopbreaking during the night and house-breaking
(b)	9	robbery
(c)	31	aggravated theft
(d)	4	fraud
(e)	1	embezzlement
(f)	3	pickpocketting
(g)	8	theft
(h)	1	suicide

Arrests are as follows :

(a)	1	arrest
(b)	5	arrests
(c)	15	arrests
(d)	4	arrests
(e)	1	arrest
(f)	3	arrests
(g)	6	arrests

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3) Criminal Investigation Records Office

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The Special Department has been active engaged in dealing with requests arriving from Questura for information of a political character of persons residing at or formerly residing in Trieste. Many enquiries have been made respecting ex-Fascists denounced by the Special Spuration Committee in Rome and elsewhere. A collaborationist with the enemy has been arrested. In addition 5 persons responsible for defacing public walls etc with political signs have been arrested. Information of a political character continues to be formulated and passed to interested channels.

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5) Vice Squad

The 12 licensed brothels in Trieste and 1 in Gorizia have been given continued supervision during the period under review. The medical inspection room at the Central Police HQ. (CID) is now functioning and details of conditions and control of clandestine prostitutes has been "tied up" with C.M.O. 57 clandestine prostitutes have been detained during the month - 38 of which have been compulsorily returned to their home addresses (outside Trieste). 3 have been handed over to other Police authorities being required for various offences. 1 who escaped from the Regina Coeli Prison Rome has been returned under escort. 2 have been found suffering from V.D. and suitable action taken. 185 other prostitutes detained for clandestine prostitution have been registered and provided with Sanitary Book.

6) Scientific Department

The Scientific Department has organised and supervised the fingerprinting of the Identity Cards issued in Trieste - Muggia - Grado - Monfalcone - Sesana, S.Dorligo della Valle, etc. In addition valuable assistance has been rendered in the photographing of evidence desired by Special Corte of Assise respecting alleged atrocities and in the identification of the Guard [redacted] whose corpse was found at Monfalcone (previously referred to). Valuable assistance was also rendered to the S.I.B. in the photographing of bullets and shell cases from which they were fired - found in the body of a civilian alleged killed by British C.R. In reference to this a ballistical report was submitted to and gratefully acknowledged by the SIB.

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580 permits for hunting rifles have been granted.
10 permits for small arms have been granted.
103 requests for information of residents received from Questura are under examination.
20 persons have been repatriated.
110 requests by persons to enter and reside in "A" Zone have been granted.
4150 travel permits have been issued.
3218 criminal records have been examined for FSS.

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Particular attention is paid to the publication inserted in the local press and vigilance on all newspaper has been instituted.

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(c) Gorizia

The CID at Gorizia functioning under Capt. Anderson and principally co-operating with M.P. etc pending the setting up of offices and administration thereat.

(d) Pola

The remarks under Gorizia may be read to apply to Pola. Both these areas are predominately policed by Military and the small number of CID personnel are of a necessity at a disvantage in the performance of duties indépendently of their assistance. Report of MP of Pola area are inclusive of these services rendered by CID thereat under local Superintendent of Police (Civil). During the month it has been possible to obtain and issue through Q.Stores 100 "Colt" automatic pistols and 26 sub-machine guns to personnel with 1800 rounds of ammunition.

8. FISCAL DIVISION

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(b) Services

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Match boxes confiscated....."	694	"	"	2.772
Flints confiscated....."	1,655	"	"	4.965
Playing-cards confiscated...."	1,153	"	"	230.600
Claims made on applications of war damages....."	169			
Reparations requested L.	27.607.182			
Damages verified "	18.026.798			
Net profit for the State.....			"	9.580.384
Amount recovered on taxation.....			"	11.000
Recovered on understatement of tax liability....			"	304.897
TOTAL L.				11.163.594

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(c) Other duties performed by the Fiscal Guards were:

Verification of income tax cases	n°	193
Denunciations for sales tax not paid	"	16
" " failure to put tax on bills	"	5
" " " " pay radio tax	"	68
Verification of information of judicial acts	"	7
" " " " civil acts	"	166
Miscellaneous verifications of information	"	11
Boats confiscated	"	3
Ships checked on arrival	"	64
Ships checked on departure	"	65
Reports on contraband	"	117
Persons denunciated (as shown above)	"	131

(d) General

The total amount of income for the State from the above activities other than ordinary revenue was Lire 11.163.594 for the following items :

Lire	1.267.313 -	for goods confiscated
"	11.000 -	for taxes recovered
"	9.580.384 -	for reductions on war damage claims
"	304.897 -	for taxes recovered on public shows and cinemas
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Other than the above the State will collect a sum not less than Lire 2.270.771 and a maximum of Lire 4.478.785 for fines imposed on guilty persons.

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5. Request for additional uniform was submitted to APMQ through 13 Corps on 29 Oct. There are no more large size uniforms available after equipping present course at school.

6. Owing to the acute shortage of coal some apprehension is felt about the possibility of getting uniforms and greatcoats dyed.

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(b) Buildings and Equipment

1. Caserma, Via dell'Istria, was taken over on 23 Nov. and occupied as Barracks for single men w.e.f. 28 Nov. A great deal of work is required to make the building comfortable to live in a secure for stores.

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2. Furniture and equipment have been supplied to Caserma at Muggia and certain repairs authorised.

3. A building has been opened as a Barracks at Monfalcone.

4. It is intended to move certain offices into the Caserma Via Cologna.

5. Innumerable requests for minor items of eqpt and furniture and for minor repairs have been met.

6. Employment of Civilian labour has been put on a proper footing.

7. The main difficulties are :
   (i) Getting repairs done quickly.
   (ii) Providing office furniture.

(c) General

1. QM Staff has been increased by :
   (i) Sub Insp i/c Communications Branch.
   (ii) " " Buildings and Fixtures.
   (iii) " " Asst to Supt.

10. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Force Transportation

1. Personnel

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	Sgts			Cpls			L/Cpls			Ptes		
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2. Vehicles: There is an acute shortage of transport 2177 present due to the fact that the Force has expanded and the number of suitable vehicles remained approximately the same. The cars on loan from AMG have been withdrawn. To replace them an application was made to 13 Corps for authority to requisition civilian cars. Authority was granted for the requisitioning of 12 cars. These are in the process of being requisitioned and will be allotted 6 to C.I.D. and 6 to Divisions and Zones. A request to 13 Corps for further transport has resulted in the following:

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77 3 ton vehicles released from 18 Vehicle Park Udine. These have been collected and after checking will be in service.

30 Motor cycles have been released from 18 Vehicle Park Udine but no date given as yet for collection. These will be collected when available and allotted to Traffic Branch

39 15 cwts W/T have been released from 13 Vehicle Park Rome (13 Corps attempting arrange ferrying to 18 Vehicle Park).

49 15 cwt (American Type) released from P.B.S. Leghorn. Corps arranging staging.

Armoured Cars: These have now been crewed and drivers trained.

3. Motor Boats: Of the Motor Boats allotted this unit by the Harbour Craft Sub Committee only one remains in service. This is not surprising in view of the fact that the Royal Navy has in effect only allotted boats which are surplus to their own requirements. Not unnaturally they have taken the best! The Navy have however agreed to maintain and service police boats on repayment of stores used. One boat is at present under repair but progress is slow as their own repairs which are extensive take priority. Two further boats are being repaired one by 563 Fd Park Coy R.E. and the second by a civilian shipyard.

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11. CRIME

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Most of the serious crimes are reported in the C.I.D. Div. Section but another incident occurred at Gorizia when an Indian Soldier was shot and killed in an Air Raid Shelter whilst in company with a Prostitute. The Prostitute was also wounded. S.I.B. have taken up this enquiry but no person has been arrested to date. On 8th November, 3 men (two alleged to be dressed in British Uniform) entered the wine shop at 159 Bagnoli della Rosandra and compelled 1 man and 3 women to accompany them. One of the women subsequently returned and stated that they had all been taken to an Air Raid Shelter near the town, where after questioning, she was released. The others however have not been seen since. Enquiries are proceeding. Crime generally shews no increase, although

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reports are now coming forward in greater numbers, but this is more of a proof of the Public showing their increase of confidence in the new Force to deal with the reported crimes.

12. BLACK MARKET

Black market continues to function in the area as in common with all other parts of Italy. The newly formed Finance Division is, however, making steady progress in combatting the black marketteers as will be seen by the Finance Division Report. A section of the Municipal Guard Branch is also assisting in this sphere and every means available is being utilised to reduce the success of the Black Market Operator.

13. BROTHELS AND PROSTITUTION

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Pro-formae received	- 6
Hospital admissions	- 47
Results negative	- 41
Results positive	- 4
Awaiting result	- 2
Prostitution whilst suffering from V.D.	- 4
Charged with clandestine prostitution	- 1
Charged with disobeying Non-Association Order	- 1
Women in Venezia Giulia without permit. Returned home.	- 20
Recommended premises to be placed "Out of Bounds"	- 2

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14. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

On the whole the conduct of the Troops in the Area has been very satisfactory during the month. The standard of discipline is being maintained and apart from a few cases of drunkenness, there is little or no complaint to make as to their behaviour.

15. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Remains excellent.

16. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

The number of people coming into Venezia Giulia is still as large as ever. There would appear still to be a considerable amount of confusion in N. Italy about the conditions governing entry into this territory, and many people still enter in all good faith without a permit: they insist that the general opinion is that no permits are needed. And this impression is fostered by the attitude of the guards on the Western boundary who do not scrutinise at all carefully people leaving Italy. A little further publicity in N. Italy of the regulations on this point would prove very useful. Several cases have come to light of Royal Jugs from the FORLI' camp being found in the area without any valid permit. All of them are in possession of an identity card signed by the Commandant of their camp and of a piece of paper issued by the Jug Welfare Society in ROME which days nothing, but which looks official enough with its photograph, stamps, etc. With such documents, and because they are usually wearing British battle dress, these Royal Jugs get through the Western boundary into V.G. But they are often caught on the way back; or else, hearing of the more rigorous control on the return journey, they apply to this office for a permit and are caught in this way. Three such men are at the moment in prison awaiting trial on a charge of illegally crossing into V.G. without a permit. In order to remedy this situation it is suggested that:

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a) The authorities at FORLI' camp are again instructed in the regulations concerning movement in N. Italy and in particular in V.G. and warned that serious action will be taken against future offenders.
b) The guards on the Western boundary be instructed to institute a stricter control on persons moving from Italy into V.G. and that, particularly, all persons in military uniform travelling on civilian vehicles be asked to prove their identity and their authorisation to travel.

The control on people passing from Venezia Giulia into Italy would, however, appear to be much more rigorous. The number of people, both resident and non-resident in the area, who apply for permits to enter Italy increases

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day by day and often contains a large number of people who had originally entered the area without permission. In order to complete the control on the Western boundary orders have now been issued through Transportation Division to all Chiefs of Stations in Zone A to the effect that no one should be issued with a ticket to any destination in Italy unless in possession of the necessary valid travel permit. Similar instructions have also been issued to all Chiefs of Stations in the Province of Udine. One of the more difficult problems in the area is that of the people who have come into Zone A from Jugoslavia without Allied permission. There is no law which says that such people need Allied permission, nor is there any efficient control on the Eastern boundary which could enforce such a regulation. Consequently large numbers come into the area in all good faith, sometimes without any permit, sometimes with a permit signed by the Jugoslav authorities. Whilst here they often further complicate the situation by obtaining locally issued identity cards. Many of them are able to prove birth and previous residence in TRIESTE and are thereby entitled to Normal Residents cards. One further complication has arisen during the last month. Amongst the people applying for permits to cross the Western boundary are many who are permanently resident in Zone B. Most of these have now had their old Italian identity cards withdrawn and have been issued with new red-starred ones by the Jugoslavs. These new cards do not show the nationality of their holder. Such people, therefore, have usually no means of quickly and convincingly proving their nationality - which means that a good deal of time must be wasted in questioning them and in making enquiries, that many are put to a great deal of inconvenience - which, in their eyes, discredits to some extent the Allied administration, and that a good many non-Italians who speak good Italian and who can produce a good story will undoubtedly succeed in getting permits for travel to Italy.

17. SECURITY

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Nil.

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A number of demonstrations of a political nature have occurred in the territory during the month, but the two worthy of special mention took place on 4th and 5th November 1945. On the first mentioned date, an authorised demonstration to commemorate the landings of the Italian Army into Venezia Giulia in the last war, was held in the main public square of Trieste, under the auspices of the C.L.N. (Italian). Some 8000 people attended and speeches were given by C.L.N. leaders. An unauthorised counter demonstration endeavoured to break up the proceedings; this was prevented by vigorous action on the part of Civil and Military Police. 137 arrests for various offences were effected, order was restored. Civilian casualties amounted to 15 whilst 1 Policeman was slightly injured. On the following day 5th November 1945, a demonstration occurred in the same locality. This likewise was authorised and was under the auspices of the UIAS (Italo - Slovene). A crowd of approximately 8000 gathered and heard speeches from leaders of this Committee. There was no disorder but a number of arrests were made for isolated instances of disturbing the peace. It must be said that these two demonstrations were the first real test for the Civil Police. They did an extremely fine job of work and throughout acted with impartiality and skill. Their activities drew praise from the Press, Official Local Administration and the majority of sections of the public.

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22. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(a) Trieste

1) Calls: The number of calls received and responded to at Trieste, during the month was 40 made up as follows:

Fires	26
Special Services	9
False Alarms	5
Total	40

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One of the noteworthy fires and two of the small fires occurred at a military installation.

2) Monetary Loss: The estimated monetary loss was 1,677,700 Lire. It should be born in mind that estimates have been made on war-time values and may not be very accurated.

3) Staff & Discipline: The establishment returnes at the end of the month were as follows:

Strength	City	Province
Officers	4	1
Sub Officers	38	5
Men	263	41
Total	305	

The following disciplinary measures were taken:

Confined tc barracks.....	5
Suspended.....	3
Dismissed.....	44
Total	52

(b) Pola

1) Calls: The number of calls received and responded to at Pola, during the month was 5 made up as follows:

Fires.....	5
Special Service.....	3
False Alarms.....	NIL
Total	8

Two of the fires occurred to military installation.

2) Monetary Loss: The estimated monetary loss was of 400,000 Lire.

3) Staff: The establishment returnes at the end of the month were as follows:

Strength	
Officers.....	1
Sub Officers.....	5
Men.....	34
Total	40

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Fires.....30
Special Services..... 1
False Alarms..... 1
Total 32

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Four of the fires occurred to military installation.

2) Monetary Loss: The estimated monetary loss was of 220,000 Lire.

3) Staff: The establishment returnes at the end of the month were as follows:

Strength	Permanent	Voluntary
Officers	2	1
Sub Officers	25	5
Men	119	18
Total	153	24

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23. PRISONS

During the past month the prison population has increased from 520 to 563 :

Via Nizza Prison 304 Via Tigor Prison 259

The position of to-day 30 November 1945 is :

a) Awaiting trial by AMG Court..... 41
b) " " " Italian Court..... 180
c) " " " Assize.Court..... 91
d) Disposition of PSS or SIB or CID..... 44
e) Sentenced..... 207

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25. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AM CURRENCY

The following two cases have been reported this month:
a) At Gorizia a forged 1,000 lire note was received by the Bank of Italy in the ordinary course of business. Enquiries are in hand. No arrest.
b) At Gorizia at forged 500 lire note was received by the Bank of Italy in the ordinary course of business. No arrest. Enquiries in hand.

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Appendix 'A'

Location and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hrs 30th November 1945.

Headquarters

	Lt Col	G. Richardson	(B)	282757	- CPSO - Asst Chief of Police	
	Major	W. Moody	(B)	279370	-DCPSO - Superintendent (Mil)	
	Major	A. Mack	(B)	279418	- PSO - Supt Personnel Div.	
	Capt	H. Hanbury	(B)	279411	- PSO - Supt Uniform Div.	
✗	Capt	A. Hunter	(B)	279410	- PSO - Superintendent (Civ)	
	Capt	R. Hobbs	(B)	279413	- PSO - Supt Crim Inv Div.	
✗	Capt	B. Fielding	(B)	287701	- PSO - Act Supt Fire and Prisons	
	Capt	A. Brown	(B)	279386	- PSO - Supt Fire Section	
✗	Capt	C. Bolt	(B)	313775	- PSO - Supt Security Section	
+	Capt	M. Scott	(A)	0522200	- PSO - Act Supt Uniform Div.	
	Major	J. Henderson	(B)	218978	- PSO - School Commandant	
	Capt	O. Comstock	(A)	0-275871	- PSO - Admin and Exec Officer	

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Major	C. Mathis	(A)	0-901703	PSO - Asst Supt	Trieste
Capt	D. Miller	(A)	0-906084	PSO - Asst Supt	

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Capt	A. Bernard	(A)	01796565	PSO - Asst Supt	
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Non Police Officers attached to V.G.I.F.

Major	A. Leach	(B)	281963 -	Quartermaster
Capt	A. Grandis	(B)	322329 -	Transportation
Capt	J. Leno	(A)	01296545-	Fiscal
Capt	C. Cooke	(B)	229594 -	Transportation

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HEADQUARTERS
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13 CORPS

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File : VGP/15/98 DATE 30.th November 1945
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To : The Chief of Police

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6) The number of people coming into Venezia Giulia is still as large as ever. There would appear still to be a considerable amont of confusion in N. Italy about the conditions governing entry into this territory, and many people still enter in all good faith without a permit: they insist that the general opinion is that no permits are heeded. And this impression is fostered by the attitude of the guards on the Western boundary who do not scrutinise at all carefully people leaving Italy. A little further publicity in N. Italy of the regulations on this point would prove very useful.

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N. Italy and in particular in V.G. and warned that serious action will be taken against future offenders.

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 1945

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(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

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4 November 45

Subject: Monthly report of Activities - Octr 45

To: (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 15 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)
(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

1. Submitted hereunder is a report upon public safety matters covering the month of October 1945 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ AMG 15 Corps.

2. Civil Police

(1) From the police point of view the month of October has been a very satisfactory one indeed and if events continue as they have done during this period we shall have nothing to fear as regards the future. At long last our new civil police force came into being and 'took to the streets' - as a direct result of this there has been a marked improvement in public confidence and morale.

The most important event during the month was the public passing-out parade on 15 Octr of 4-5 members of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. Also present were small detachments of American and British M.P. who have been performing civil police duties in this area. The parade was inspected and addressed by Lieut. General Sir John Harding, Commander 15 Corps and later he took the salute at a march-past of all detachments.

Members of the C.M.P. mingled with the crowd which assembled to witness the ceremony and their reports upon public reaction were very favourable. Spectators [illegible]

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Members of the C.I.D. mingled with the crowd which assembled to witness the ceremony and their reports upon public reaction were very reassuring. Newspapers also commented favourably upon the ceremony and introduction of the new police force.

At the time of submission of this report there are 54 Officers and 3114 other ranks in the service of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

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Recruiting and Records Branch is operating in rooms No. 55 - 57, a native sub inspector in charge of recruiting and a civilian staff admin officer in charge of records.

In early October 1945, a new branch was added to this Personnel Division for the publication of police orders. This branch is operating in room 67, Palace of Justice, with a native sub inspector in charge, this section is being run entirely by civilian staff. The first police order for the Venezia Giulia Police Force was published on Friday 26th Oct. 1945.

Recruiting for the force was opened then by notices in the local papers. As a result of this advertisement some 4700 applicants completed Enrolment Forms for service with the V.G. Police. During the month of October 1425 men were passed by selection boards in Trieste. Selection Boards for local recruits have also been held at Pola, Gorizia, Fiume and Muggia. The total number of men passed by selection boards in occupied Venezia Giulia for the month of October was 1918.

Vetting by FSS has speeded up considerably and the average taken to complete the screening, from the time the man is called to the completion of the documents is about 7 days. At the present time approximately 5% of the applicants to have failed at the medical examination and approximately 10% are at the selection boards and the interrogator.

(c) Training School. During the month under review the position as regards the school has changed considerably. Whilst the school is far from functioning as a regular training school ought to function, it has turned out 192 passed produced emergency policemen, each with a fortnight's training. The results have been surprising. Taking into consideration the scarcity, and in some cases the complete ....

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...the complete lack of necessary material for the smooth running of the school, the men who so far have been passed out, appear to have acquitted themselves rather better than was hoped. There is, however, no cause for undue optimism. There is still a long way to go and very many changes will be required before the civilians in uniform at present being turned out by the school can be called policemen. The accord course terminates on 31st Oct. and it is anticipated that 160 students will pass out. Med Col. A Medical Orderly is now employed at the school, and Force members attend regularly each morning for sick parade. During the period under review 4 students have been admitted to hospital.

Mounted Branch. A start has been made in the eventual formation of a Mounted Branch. 20 horses are now stabled in the school together with 2 hounders and a nucleus of R.C.M.P. horsemen is at the moment engaged in conditioning and training the animals. It is anticipated that in about two months time, it will be possible to start training mounted police.

Training. The training programme has been carried as far as it is absolutely possible (96 hours theoretical instruction for each student). This figure is of course less than the minimum, and is regularly cut into by the necessity of taking students from classes in order to paint huts etc. white, supplying labour gangs for work in the N.A.A. stores etc.etc.

Weapons Training. Two recently released men have been loaned to the school from 3rd Inf Bgt and since their arrival have put the men through the theoretical side of weapons training. It has not been possible to let any of the men have firing practice owing to the lack of the necessary cartridges for completing the already started firing range. This is unfortunate and accordingly may be expected. The 'wild' route discharged by Giorgana Alfredo, C.I.D. is looked on the wall of one of the school corridors as a slight warning of 'things to come'.

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Training. The [illegible] programme has been broadened as far as it is practically possible (i.e. modern theory and instruction for each student). This figure is of course less than the minimum, and is regularly cut into by the necessity of taking students from classes in order to paint helmets white, supervise dhoby parties for work in the C.M. stores etc.etc.
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(c) Uniform Division. Municipal Guard Branch. Chief Inspector: C.I. Col. Calvesi. Straight has been issued to CIs for the Trieste Zone. Disciplinary action has been taken against 2 members of this Branch.
Special duties are carried out for the issue of civilian identity cards at the Concert Hall, Trieste. 5 men are being employed to keep order.
Railway Police Branch. Chief Inspector Com. Palumbo.
2 guards formerly performed duties at the Central Stores under Inspector General. Being on quarters they had to be handed back to C.M.G. Also the speedboats selected for the searchlight service have been turned over to C.M.G. 2 motorboats have been ...

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.... 4 motorboats have been assigned to the branch.
Locations are: fire station and port office near the "Arsenale".
Uniform branch. A Chief Inspector of C.C.G.G. named Godenth has been appointed. His office is in the Questura building.
On 1 Mar 47, 138 men were graduated from the school and 64 assigned to Uniform branch, Trieste, 22 to Uniform branch, Gorizia and 52 to Uniform branch, Pola.
The Trieste group has been accommodated in the ex Caserma of Via Cologna. They are now performing street duties together with British and American MPs.
Night duties had to be suspended owing to the fact that guards are without coats.
Forest Guard Branch. Chief Inspector Irg. Pola.
25 men and 4 motorcycles have been assigned to this branch. They are not performing duties yet as their equipment is not sufficient. However, request for the necessary equipment has been made to Venezia Giulia. The office of this branch is located in C, Via 20 Ottobre as no room was available in the Questura building.

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Practically all members of the division have been issued with uniforms and arms. In some small towns the issue will be made in the near future.
Special courses to instruct men on the use of the new arms issued have commenced. All men will attend two groups of lessons of 3 hours each.
In Trieste alone the Guards have accomplished the first group of lessons and arrangements are being made for the second group. Ammunition will be distributed on accomplishment of the course.
On 15 Oct 46; 144 uniform guards and 150 motorcycl Guards paraded successfully, Adm John Harding attending the parade.

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Communications have shown a marked improvement. Signals have installed four (4) internal direct lines as against the eight (8) asked originally for. The total of twenty one (21) internal lines to offices have all been installed.

The influx of applicants from ex-members of the Venezia has decreased somewhat compared to the previous month. This is due to the majority of ex-Venezia personnel applying at once in the initial stages and the correct...

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and the current month applicants are composed of applicants from civil life together with a small number of ex-Questura who have recently returned to take up their domestic life in the city.

A nucleus of ex-questura numbering ten (10), who have been vetted by the FSS are at present performing duties with the military police at Gorizia. Those personnel if selected and approved will be absorbed into the CID. In the interim assistance has been given by furnishing CID personnel from HQ Trieste on specific occasions.

The executive personnel shown performing service at Pola are at present attached to the Military Police. In regularising the position thereat and the setting up of the CID at HQ Pola they will be taken over regularly.

Activities. One case of political abduction and murder, one case of suspected murder, two suicides and one armed robbery involving about 1,000,000 lire accused during the month.

A summary is given of other serious offences dealt with by the Division during the month with arrests made.

1. Robbery with violence	-	6 cases reported
Arrests	-	2
2. Aggravated theft	-	44 cases reported.
Arrests	-	25
3. Burglary	-	7 cases reported.
Arrests	-	Nil
4. Unlawful possession of firearms	-	4 cases reported
Arrests	-	2
5. Larceny Person	-	5 cases reported
Arrests	-	5
6. Larceny Simple	-	51 cases reported
Arrests	-	4
7. Prison Escapes	-	2 cases reported
Arrested	-	1

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1. Robbery with violence - 6 cases reported
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2. Aggravated theft - 44 cases reported.
   Arrests - 29

3. Burglary - 7 cases reported.
   Arrests - Nil

4. Unlawful Possession of firearms - 3 cases reported
   Arrests - 2

5. Larceny Person - 3 cases reported
   Arrests - 3

6. Larceny Simple - 5 cases reported
   Arrests - 4

7. Prison Escapes - 2 cases reported
   Arrested - 1

8. Receiving stolen property-3 cases reported
   Arrests - 4

In addition complaints of fraud - embezzlement - etc have been dealt with by the Division. Property recovered and restored to owners includes Guns - Vehicles - cash and clothing.

In the latter case a large stock of clothing property of which was recovered and the arrest made of a dangerous prison escapee.

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(d) Fiscal Division. Finance Guard Branch has 137 men of which there are 7 officers. Its jurisdiction: Trieste, Gorizia and Pola zones.
It is divided in 6 departments each of which has its specific duties.
Duties: surveillance and control of price, verification on tax matters. Investigation and repression of contraband, interested in custom and excise duties, safe custody of propoli, sea and land control.
All men have been supplied with uniforms and arms since the 13th of October 45.
It is suggested to arm personnel in civilian dress with adequate gun. Pistol 9mm is too big.
Duties performed. Direct report - over 200 applications have been received for investigation.
Taxes on business - many traders do not pay taxes for lack of appropriate stamps. It is suggested to provide zone with tax stamps.
War Damages - Contact has been made with Heads of Public Works. Action will be taken within few days.
Price Control. Duties are limited only in the markets. It is suggested that Finance Guard Control be extended everywhere.
Repression of contraband. Cigarettes and salt are continually imported illegally from zone B. Also timber is traded illegally. Action has begun on Oct. 45rd. Jugoslave are involved in these trades.
Imposte di Fabbricazione. - All factories producing fiscal goods are under continual control of Finance Guards.
Custom Control. Duties are limited only to docks. No night service can be performed for lack of overcoats.
Sea Control. Duties have begun with two boats, boats are : VGF 2 and VGF 4.

(e) Air Division. Approximately 300 police have been issued with clothing and equipment. Deficiencies have been submitted to AF HQ through Lt Gen. The most serious deficiency is greatcoats, the lack of which is curtailing night work. Police to be withdrawn from U.S.A. on 20th Aug. have been placed on route but the loss of 600 greatcoats

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(S) CM-Division. Approximately 800 police have been issued with clothing and equipment. Deficiencies have been submitted to AF HQ through 13 Corps. The most serious deficiency is greatcoats, the lack of which is curtailing night work. Reinforcements dispatched from C.M.S. on 20th Aug. have been missing en route but the loan of 600 greatcoats has saved the situation for the moment.
Arms: 500 Beretta pistols have been released by AF HQ but have not yet arrived.
Buildings: The caserma at via del Istria has not yet been released by 13 Corps. Unless it is obtained in time it will not be possible to accommodate further police in Trieste after the men leave the school on 17th November.

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f.) Transportation Division. This Division likewise has had a busy time dealing with domestic transport. The following transport has been released for use of Venezia Giulia Police Force:

Weapon Carriers	3 Tonners	15 cwts	Wireless Vehs.
21	17	39	6

All vehicles are being taken through 15 Vehicle Park except weapon carriers which have to be collected from [illegible].

Only 20 x 3 tonners and 3 wireless trucks have been collected to date, owing to the lack of garage space and personnel. 40 x 15 cwts are being collected on Wed. 31 Oct from 15 Veh Pk.

Argonaut Ones. Her ship boards have been delivered by Monastir and are now located at Pradines.

Drivers have been difficult to find, but if are now available and training is due to start on Tues. 30 Oct.45.

Police Boats. The following boats are now at the disposal of departments indicated.

1.	7 9 Type speed boat	Uniform Division
2.	1 10 Cedre Cruiser	" " " "
3.	No 3 Cedre Cruiser	Guardia Finanza
4.	10' Cable Dinghy "Gaby"	" " " "

All are in need of painting but this is being procured through "G" Division and should be available soon.

The following craft remain to be collected.

1. 18 ft speed boat 'FIDELITY' 31 Oct.(being repaired)
2. 40ft boat to RAF (to be collected 3 Nov 45.)
3. 22 ft steam dug royal Navy (being repaired)

Road Check. A check was carried out from 19 - 21 Oct. 45 with the following result:

67 vehicles were impounded.

After proper action had been taken by their owners and their documents scrutinised and made regular, 45 vehicles were released.

The remaining vehicles have completely irregular documents and are being placed at the disposal of the Truck Pool No 1.

Circulation Permits. The following permits have been issued for the period 15 Oct to 31 Dec 45.

Industry	200	Public Works	65
		Public Health	70

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of departments indicated.

1. [illegible] 5 ton speed boat — Uniform branch
2. [illegible] 35 ton Customs Cruiser — " " " "
3. [illegible] 30 ton Customs Cruiser — Marine Service
4. [illegible] Customs Cruiser "Minnie" — " " " "

All are in need of painting but this is being attended through "GM" Division and should be available soon.

The following craft remain to be collected.

1. [illegible] speed boat 'Pinguin' at Bue.(Being repaired)
2. [illegible] boat [illegible] (To be collected 3 - [illegible] 41.)
3. [illegible] Steam tug Royal Navy (being repaired)

Boat Check. A check was carried out from 19 - 21 Oct. 41 with the following result:

67 vehicles were impounded.

After proper action had been taken by their owners and their documents scrutinised and made regular, 49 vehicles were released.

The remaining vehicles have completely irregular documents and are being placed at the disposal of the Truck Pool on 1. Circulation Permits. The following permits have been issued for the period 15 Oct to 31 Dec 41.

Industry	200	Public Works	55
Finance	4	Public Health	79
Commerce	108	Transportation	92
Texi Cuba	40	Civil Police	6
A.[illegible]	20	ANC Truck Pool I. 47	
CAT	502	Public Utilities 51	

TOTAL = 2178

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Permits issued to (7), (8) and (9) are without portation as this is drawn through ANC as army sources.

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(11) Crime. The civilian population appears to be gaining confidence in their new law enforcement agency and many more crimes are being referred reported.
Gorizia reports that conditions are improving and that the new Police has, so far, been well accepted.
Following are a few of the more important cases that have come to light.

At Volzana on 15th Oct 1949 unknown persons entered temporary Commune Offices and set fire to documents including records of payments made to families of persons who had been arrested.

In Gorizia there a case of attempted Armed Robbery occurred in which the intended victim shot and killed one member of the gang. Agents of C.I.D. arrested two other members elsewhere. The possession of one dead and two live criminals in this case has had a good effect in the area.

British C R reported that no less assaultes by six civilians at Opicina. C.I.D. have been unable to identify or trace the alleged criminals.

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During the month five prostitutes were found to be suffering from V.D. and were removed for treatment.
Clandestine prostitution is rife and 89 cases of V.D. were reported by Military. As a result 33 women were arrested.
Two unlicensed brothels were also dealt with.
Figures for examination of prostitutes are: -

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Examined and found infected	54
Examined and result awaited	14.

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(14) Conduct of Allied Service Personnel. There is a marked increase in offences committed against the person. None of the cases recorded had serious physical effect on the individual assaulted. In all cases it would appear the soldiers concerned had been drinking. But for these offences there has been no falling off in the standard of discipline among Allied forces.

(15) Liaison with Military and Security Services. remains excellent.

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... Area under its pre-war administration which is understandable when it is apparent that with the passage of time, the Area is being generally regarded more and more as an independent state.

Security of the Area is becoming increasingly difficult, but although not yet beyond criticism, is undoubtedly more satisfactory. The main difficulties are a lack of appreciation outside the Area of the terms of Allied Military occupation and the agreement governing the occupation - or conversely -, a too rigid conception within the Area of the terms of this agreement, inasmuch as not known criticism of a disregard of regulations as applied to this area, has been brought to notice.

Internal security of the Allied Military Government and its numerous employees and associate branches continues satisfactory. Apart from a few unsubstantiated anonymous complaints against individuals, and a few German press comments of a more political nature directed against policy rather than individuals, there is reason to believe that the position is satisfactory. There are no doubt some Jugoslav and Italian agents within the Allied Military Government administration, and it is perhaps significant that reports received all concern the alleged activities of Jugoslav agents. This applies in particular to alleged Jugoslav agents within the Venezia Giulia Police Force. One report regarding the latter claims that a selected body of recruits has been merged into the ranks, and that they have been charged individually to obtain certain information to be sent to Fabiana.

Security control measures instigated by A.G 13 Corps through this HQ at present operating against the general public can be devided into the following:

1. Control of movement over the western boundary of V.G.
2. The issue of special Venezia Giulia identity cards to residents as provided by the terms of the agreement governing the occupation of Venezia Giulia.
3. The registration of wine bars, hotels, etc.etc.
4. Registration of aliens.

It is anticipated that 2,3, and 4 which are proceeding satisfactorily, will have been completed this year. With regard to the control of the western boundary of Venezia

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It is anticipated that 2,3, and 4 which are proceeding satisfactorily, will have been completed this year. With regard to the control of the Western Boundary of Venezia Giulia, it has been made an offence to cross this boundary without being in possession of a valid permit. As yet no proceedings have been taken within Venezia Giulia for a contravention of the order. This has not resulted from any lack of offenders, but rather from a general lack of appreciation by control personnel of the previsions of the order, and of a generally sympathetic attitude towards offenders - who invariably plead ignorance, or of having being told by some official or another that no permit was necessary.

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(16) Control of Civilian Movement. It has been noted that a daily average of 100 persons who have entered the area without permission, make application for permits to get out. Can it be that Eastern boundary controls, and whatever control may exist on Venezia Giulia western boundary have only a specific interest on what leaves V.G. AF HQ have laid down that entry Italy by anyone except a Italian national is barred without prior reference to AF HQ. Entry into Venezia Giulia is theoretically similarly sealed, but it is well known that numerous persons continue to enter the area from the East without valid permits, and many claim that no machinery exists whereby such permits can be obtained. One exception is known in the case of a former head of the Eastern Department of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Mr. Karlis Freimanis, who entered the area from Austria armed with a one-way diplomatic pass to enter Trieste, and which pass had not been referred to 13 Corps for approval. The pass is said to have taken over 2 month to obtain.
A number of persons found to have entered the area from the East without permits have been detained, as also two with expired Allied Force permits.
It should be that normal residents of Venezia Giulia have unrestricted movement within Venezia Giulia. It is apparent from the number of applications received from resident civilians wishing to cross the Morgan line into Jugoslav occupied Venezia Giulia, that Jugoslav controls are ignoring this part of the occupation agreement. Residents of Zone should be able to move freely within Venezia Giulia, but Jugoslav controls prevent this, and are, in consequence, causing great interference with Allied administration there. It is apparent that only strong representation and protest on a high level, or unilateral action, will ease the situation and perhaps lessen the burden which is being thrown on the Allied Military Government.

(17) Strikes and Lockout. Nothing to report.

(18) Riots and demonstrations. Both Italian and Jugoslav parties have held demonstrations and meetings but no [illegible] to report. A few arrests for persons

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A number of persons found to have entered the area from the east without permits have been detained, as also two with expired Allied Force permits.

It should be that normal residence of Venezia Giulia have unrestricted movement within Venezia Giulia. It is apparent from the number of applications received from resident civilians wishing to cross the morgan line into Jugoslav occupied Venezia Giulia, that Jugoslav controls are ignoring this part of the occupation agreement. Residents of Pola should be able to move freely within Venezia Giulia, but Jugoslav controls prevent this, and are, in consequence, causing great interference with Allied administration there. It is apparent that only strong representation and protest on a high level, or unforeseen action, will ease the situation and perhaps lessen the burden which is being thrown on the Allied Military Government.

(17) Strikes and lockout. Nothing to report.

(18) Riots and demonstrations. Both Italian and Jugoslav parties have held demonstrations and meetings but no unusual incidents to report. A few arrests, for causing disturbances, were made.

(19) Security. The passage of time has done nothing to alleviate the necessity of maintaining security controls throughout the Allied occupied area of Venezia Giulia. In fact, the gradual but perceptible return to more normal condition within and outside the area, seems to have imbued members of civilian populations with a greater degree of individual assertiveness/greater self confidence than has heretofore been apparent. In consequence demands upon all sections of Military and civilian administration have increased tremendously, and, in the main, out of all proportion to normal requirements of the area under its pre-war

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(20) Political situation. The political situation is being closely watched and there is a good deal of subversive activity by more than one party.
Two large scale Italian political meetings were held in theatres in Trieste, and a Communist demonstration was held on 21th Oct. 1945. Generally the situation is quiet.

(21) Public morale is comparatively good, but the underlying fear of oppressive Jugoslav interference in all spheres of normal activity, is apparent in a great majority of the population. Instances have been brought to notice of shopkeepers and others being "forced" by threats to exhibit bi-lingual notices on their premises. Suitable police action is being taken.
Political activity is still restricted and is mainly confirmed to occasional fomented efforts to create the impression that the area is solidly pro Jugoslav. No major incident has occured. On Sunday 21st Oct '45 a procession on "carnival" lines was staged at Trieste, and whilst predominently pro Jugo Slav in character, it was noticeable that an occasional Italian American and British flag was introduced.
Coupled with political activity is an apparent effort to influence the economic life of the area. In this connection there is no doubt being a gross misuse of UNRRA goods, and at Pola, a large quantity of goods supplied to Jugoslavia through UNRRA were found to have been retailed to a Pola dealer. The goods have been seized. Apropos of which the two persons referred to in Para 4 as having been detained in possession of expired Allied Forces permits, were originally granted the permits to represent the Jugoslav contractor working with UNRRA at Trieste.
Rumours of arrangements by Slovenians to effect a raid on Trieste at some future xxxx date, still continue to filter through.

(22) Fire Brigades and Civil Defence. Number of calls responded to by A.F. services in V.G. during past month was, 80; Fires 63, Special Service 14, False Alarm 2, Military fires 1. (total 80, last month 80%)
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Staff and Discipline. Total strength Trieste; Gorizia, Pola = 542. I have given written orders to the Commandants Trieste to reduce the strength of Trieste Brigade by 160 men before the 1st Dec. Permanent firemen not to be included.

Discipline. Confined to barracks 4, cautioned 6, Suspended 2, Fined 5, Dismissed 7.

Uniforms. Application has been made for uniforms and boats to be supplied from surplus Police stocks.

Equipment. A quantity of small items of fire fighting equipment has been received from Padova Brigade.

Inspection. On Saturday 27 oct '45 Officer Commanding Military Fire Service in Italy visited the Trieste Fire Station and congratulated the Commandants on the efficiency of the Service.

V.N.F.A. This service has now been disbanded and all equipment handed over to the Fire Service.

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(23) Prisons. During the past month the prison population has increased from 378 to 520 (Trieste): via Rossa prison 287, via Tiger Prison 233.
This increase may be due to the activities of the new Venezia Giulia Police Force. There are still many prisoners awaiting trial by Italian Courts. The position on the 26th oct was: awaiting trial by AMG Court -62; awaiting trial by Italian Court - 91 ; awaiting trial by Assize Court - 118; at disposition of PSS, SIB, CID -69 ; Sentenced - 167.
Structural improvement. There as been improvements made in the prisons by the repairs of window, doors and internal discempering of walls etc.
Food: The prisoners are receiving their regular rations and there has been no complaints. Some prisoners are receiving special diet on the recommendation of the prison medical officer.
Escapes. During the month there has been four escapes, three males from via Tiger and one female from via Rossa prison. Two of the male prisoners are still at large.
In connection with these escapes two prison guards have been arrested for neglect of duty and are now in prison pending enquiries. It is obvious that these escapes are due to inefficiency of the prison guards.
It is intended to take proceedings against the two prison guards.
Reports have been forwarded to the Procura di Stato for proceedings to be taken against the escapees.
Uniforms for guards: Application has been made for the supply of winter clothing and boots for the prison guards.
Clothing and equipment for prisoners. There is an urgent need for blankets, sheets, matress covers and clothing for the prisoners. A request has been sent to AMG/AC Commer on Sub-Commission, Milan for the release of 3,000 blankets and matress covers from surplus welfare stocks. It may be possible to obtain other items locally.
Firearms: Rifles and ammunition have now been issued to prison guards at Gorizia and Trieste Prisons.
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(24) Forgery and uttering of Currency notes. On 10th oct 1945 at Gorizia a forged 1000 lire note was handed in at the Banca Commerciale Italiana. Enquiries continue.
On the 11th oct 1945 at Conflenone a 500 lire note was presented to the Ostaria di Piazzale. Enquiries shows, that the note was listed as a forgery through A.M.G. on 11th oct 1945.

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Appendix 'A'

Location and duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hours 31 October 1945

Head Quarters

	Lt Col	G. Richardson	✓	(B)	293757	- CPIO	- Asst Chief of Police
✗	Major	W. Moody	✓	(B)	279370	- DCPSO	- Superintendent (Mil)
	Major	A. Peck	✓	(B)	279418	- PSO	- Supt Personnel Div.
+	Major	B. Alper		(A)	0510276	- PSO	- Supt Prisons Sec.
✗	Capt	F. Hamburry	✓	(B)	279411	- PSO	- Superintendent (Civ)
✗	Capt	A. Hunter	✓	(B)	270410	- PSO	- Supt Uniform Div.
	Capt	M. Scott	✓	(A)	05[illegible]2206	- PSO	- Act Supt Uniform Div.
	Capt	S. Decker	✓	(A)	0[illegible]2567	- PSO	- Asst Supt Uniform Div.
	Capt	R. Hobbs	✓	(B)	279413	- PSO	- Supt Crim Inv. Div.
	Capt	D. Fielding	✓	(B)	287701	- PSO	- Act Supt Prisons and Fire Section
✗	Capt	A. Brown	✓	(B)	279386	- PSO	- Supt Fire Section
	Capt	C. Holt	✓	(B)	313775	- PSO	- Supt Security Section

HQ Trieste Zone

	Capt	D. Miller	✓	(A)	0905094	- PSO	- Asst Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

	Capt	D. Roberson	✓	(B)	291659	PSO	- Asst Supt Gorizia
	Capt	A. Bernard	✓	(A)	01796555	PSO	- Dep Supt Gorizia
	Capt	H. Anderson	✓	(A)	01170624	PSO	- Dep Supt Gorizia

HQ Pola Zone

✗	Capt	G. Jones	+	(B)	279414	PSO	- Supt Pola
	Capt	C. Clegg		(A)	01797436	PSO	- Acting Dep Pola
	Lt	H. Lendessen		(A)	0439607	PSO	- Dep Supt Pola

Notes: + denotes 'sick'
✗ -"- 'absent in UK on LIA'

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							Fire Section
✓	Capt	A. Brown	✓	(P)	870336	- PSC	- Supt Fire Section
	Capt	C. Bolt	✓	(B)	311775	- PSC	- Supt Security Section

HQ Trieste Zone

	Capt	D. Miller	✓	(4)	0906934	- PSC - Asst Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

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	Capt	A. Bernard	✓	(A)	017965565	PSC	- Dep Supt Gorizia
	Capt	M. Anderson	✓	(A)	011706624	PSC	- Dep Supt Gorizia

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	Capt	G. Cleet		(A)	017971436	PSC	- Acting Sup Pola
	Lt	H. Landesman		(A)	0409607	PSC	- Dep Supt Pola

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 1945

TO : (1) HQ ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS
(ATTN: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(ATTN: DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

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(Chief Public Safety Officer)

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		11-10
POLICE		12/10
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File No: VGP/7/1 4 Octr 45

Subject: Monthly Report of Activities - Sepr 45

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government, 13 Corps
(attention Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

(2) HQ Allied Commission
(attention Director, Public Safety S/C)

1. Submitted hereunder is a report upon public safety matters covering the month of September 1945 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ AMG 13 Corps.

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(1) Our difficulties regarding the formation and operation of a civil police force in Venezia Giulia as disclosed in the report for last month, have now largely disappeared. Due entirely to the arrival of long awaited stores and equipment we can say now that it will only be a matter of days before the civil police are 'on the streets' properly armed and equipped. Progress has been so satisfactory in the past ten days that the 12 October 45 has been fixed for a passing-out parade of some 500 elements of the uniformed Divisions of the new force. The GOC, 13 Corps, is attending the parade and will inspect detachments of the American and British military police and the

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(2) The main items of news concerning the force during the month are :-

(i) A visit to the Police Training School by Field Marshal Alexander when he spent over an hour inspecting the trainees, equipment and buildings. 2145

(ii) Clarification of matters affecting the financial side of the force and the conditions of service it is intended to impose.

(iii) The adoption of Italian military rations.

(iv) The response by higher authority to our pleas for suitable equipment etc.

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(v) The commencement in active service in Trieste of over 200 members of the Criminal Investigation Division - all are former members of the Questura in Trieste and have passed successfully through a screening by FSS.

(3) The following are reports in brief on the progress of each Police Division :-

(4) Personnel Division has been operating at high pressure and staff of this Division has been principally engaged upon clearing up the work in connection with the records of some 3,000 applicants which have accumulated since June.
In all there have been 3,064 applicants to join the force : -

Trieste	-	2724
Gorizia	-	200
Pola	-	140

Of this number the following failed :-

Medical reasons	-	73
FSS check	-	77
Selection Board	-	112
Age (min.19)	-	23

We are by no means disturbed by these failures. Now that the position as regards pay, conditions of service has been clarified, it is intended to advertise for recruits in the local newspapers and there is every reason to believe the response will be satisfactory.
It is interesting to note that upon the vetting of certain ex-members of the disbanded Difesa Popolare (the police force in existence when we entered the area), certain of them we found to have criminal records.
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Through Public Health Division, HQ AMG 13 Corps, a Chief Medical Officer is being selected and appointed. At the moment medical matters are being attended to by a Dr. Ruffo, an ex-CO.RB doctor. This doctor, together with his assistant, has been dealing with applicants at the rate of 300 each week and in addition has been taking the sick parades at the Training School. All applicants before appearing at a Selection Board received a medical examination - this examination is particularly exacting in order to prevent a high rate of sickness when the personnel are on active service.

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Selection Boards under the supervision of Personnel Division have been held regularly in Trieste and Gorizia during the month.

(5) Training School. At the present time there are 192 candidates undergoing instruction. Throughout the period discipline has been good and as a result of Italian military rations being supplied, morale has improved considerably.
The greatest problem at the moment regarding the school is the lack of Allied military personnel - it is hoped that in the near future we shall receive NCO's to assist in the supervision of the establishment.
A welfare section is being set up with the assistance of Corps and it is anticipated that suitable equipment will be forthcoming to enable the candidates to engage in certain recreations.

(6) Uniform Division. Progress in regard to this Division has been satisfactory. The Municipal Guard Branch are in service in Trieste and Pola. Under very adverse conditions they have been performing their duties well and in the next few days they will be called in for re-equipping and instructional purposes. A former senior Officer of this Branch has been appointed to the senior position and it is probable he will be selected as Deputy Superintendent of the Division thus controlling the Uniform, Forest Guard, Railway Police, Harbour Police Branches etc. A close watch has been kept upon his activities and he has not been found wanting in any direction, he is respected in the area, is a very experienced police officer and has co-operated

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During the month five Guards have been dismissed in the Municipal Guard Branch having not been recommended by FSS whilst three other Guards have been dismissed owing to ill-health or for disciplinary offences.
There are 21 Guards standing-by for the 2173
Gorizia area and are of Slovene extraction to 'suit' the neighbourhood.
A former Commissario of the Questura has been appointed as chief of the Railway Police Branch and at the present time nine experienced guards are performing duty in plain clothes at the Central Railway Station, Trieste - we have been forced to put these men into service before the arrival of uniform etc as there has been a sharp increase of larcenies on the railways.

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The Harbour Police Branch are not yet functioning although personnel has been ear-marked. The search-light service in the harbour will be handed over by the military to the Branch and specialists in this particular work have been selected and are standing-by.
A senior Officer has been appointed to command the Traffic Police Branch and already forty guards experienced in this particular work are ready to commence service - transport only is awaited.
The Forest Guard Branch is presenting a problem as to personnel - we lost Slovene support here when 'orders' were received for such elements not to work for AMG. Nevertheless, a suitable individual has been found and appointed to the senior position in the Branch.
The principal Branch of this Division, viz., the Uniform Branch which will carry out the work formerly undertaken by the CC.RR is in good shape and is being built around a group of some 50 Officers and men of the ex-CC.RR Trieste Legion.

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Indents have been passed through for the replacement of stolen material such as laboratories, photographic material, equipment typewriters etc. 2142
Approximately 30 likely recruits for the C.I.D. are at present undergoing instruction at the Training School and if found satisfactory they will be absorbed into the Division at an early date.
Most of the senior ranks and grades have been filled with existing personnel, but many remain open in order to produce a competitive spirit amongst all ranks.
Although it was not until 23 Sepr 45

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that this Division commenced to operate, investigations have already been made - at the moment they are busy enquiring into the cases of some 182 criminals who were released from the Civil Prisons when the Yugo-Slavs entered the area last May. Successful investigation has also been completed and six arrests made to date in connection with a case of large scale shopbreaking which occurred in Trieste in August 45 - a great deal of the missing property was recovered.
In reference to the re-establishment of the Criminal Records Office and Finger-print Bureau it is interesting to note that in a recent case of murder under investigation by the MP the deceased was identified by finger-prints from retrieved documents. As will be appreciated there is a considerable amount of work to be done in retrieving and compiling fresh records in this Division, but we shall have no fears as to the future if the personnel carry on as they are doing at present.

(8) Fiscal Division. Captain J. Ieno, a Finance Officer, has arrived and taken over the position of Superintendent of the Division. At the present time he is busily engaged in re-activating the Guardia Finanza system under its new name, the Customs and Excise Branch. Some 116 former members of the GG.FF here have been 'recovered' and are being brought back into service as soon as possible after vetting.
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(9) Quartermaster Division. This Division, it will be appreciated, has been particularly busy but gradually they are recovering from their many headaches. 'Q' and Ord at Corps have been extremely co-operative. Due to the efforts of all concerned full uniform and equipment will be issued in a few days time. 21/4
This Division has been especially active in regard to the repair of police buildings. Former CC.RR premises are now in the hands of workmen and soon they will be ready for habitation.

(10) Transportation Division. This Division likewise has had a busy time dealing with domestic transport, preparing for the reception of transport for the police, supervising and controlling the issue of vehicle permits, etc. In consequence

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the Traffic Police Branch has been transferred to the Uniform Division. Strong representations have been made to the Royal Navy with the result that seven motor launches previously 'owned' by the GG.FF have been 'recovered'. These are now being refitted etc and will be handed by this Division to Uniform and Fiscal Divisions for the use of the Harbour Police and Customs and Excise Branches.

3. CRIME

(1) Fortunately, it is possible to report that crime has not been exceptional. Figures are still 'steady'; however, the confidence of the public in the police is returning and as time passes they will loose their fear of coming forward to report incidents and therefore we expect at any moment a sharp increase of reported crimes.

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(3) The following is a summary of a few of the more serious crimes which have come to light:-

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(iii) On 30 Aug 45 at Trieste a man was arrested and is now awaiting trial for indecent assault on a male person age 12 years.

(iv) On 1 Sepr three civilians were arrested for stealing and receiving a large quantity of MD petrol.

(v) On 2 Sepr at Opicina, Trieste, a US soldier and an Italian girl were fired upon and wounded by an unknown person. No arrest effected but enquiries continue.

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(vi) On 7 Sepr a civilian was arrested at Gorizia for the unlawful possession of MD property and possessing a firearm.

(vii) On 8 Sepr a civilian was found dead by roadside between Gorizia and Gradisca. Foul play is suspected and enquiries are in hand.

(viii) On 10 Sep a civilian was arrested in Trieste for attempting to bribe an Allied soldier for the use of MD transport.

(ix) On night of 9/10 Sepr a furriers shop at Trieste was forcibly entered by thieves who stole furs to the value of 2,000,000 lire. No arrest effected, enquiries continue.

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(xiv) On 22 Sep 45 at Monte Grappo, Trieste, the dead body of a civilian was found. Deceased had died as the result of gun shot wounds in the back. Motive appears to have been robbery. No arrest as yet but enquiries in hand.

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(xv) On night of 23 Sept 45 at Trieste an Italian youth during a quarrel received fatal injuries as a result of being struck by a metal instrument. A civilian has been arrested and awaits trial on a charge of manslaughter.

(xvi) During the month at Monfalcone, Trieste, police raided a stable and found concealed in the roof a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition - the weapons were well maintained and ready for use.

4. BLACK MARKET

(1) The activities of black marketeers appear to be on the increase especially in the Trieste area and particularly in regard to commodities such as cigarettes, flour and sugar and petrol. With the small number of personnel at present at our disposal we are doing our utmost in regard to these complaints but effective measures will not be possible until the Customs and Excise Branch of the force is operating.

(2) Nevertheless, the Municipal Guard Branch of Uniform Division have been very busy dealing with price controls and proceedings have been instituted against offenders.

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5. PROSTITUTION AND BROTHELS

(1) Generally, the situation throughout the area has been fairly satisfactory, but it must be admitted that clandestine prostitution is on the increase.

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(2) In Trieste during the month 93 prostitutes were examined and found free from infection, 24 found infected whilst in 12 cases the result of the examinations are awaited.

(3) It is reported by the military authorities in Trieste that 78 members of the Allied forces have contracted VD during the month.

(4) The results obtained in Trieste against clandestine prostitution are not considered satisfactory. This is mainly due to the activities of the MP Vice Squad having been diverted to the investigation of petty

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crimes. However, it is intended that during the coming month the many 'black spots' of prostitution which now exist in the City will be raided systematically by personnel of the MP Vice Squad assisted by a similar squad of the C.I.D. of the new force.

(5) In the Gorizia Zone the drive against VD has been intensified. There have been 32 admissions to hospital and 7 prostitutes have been found suffering from VD.

(6) Three brothels have been placed 'Out of Bounds' and the tenant of one has been charged under Procl. 1 for removing such a sign from her premises.

(7) The four licensed brothels in Gorizia have been subjected to periodical inspections and so far there has been no cause for complaint.

(8) Increased VD figures are reported from the Pola area but vigorous measures are being taken to combat it. At the present time a special drive is in progress against part-time amateur prostitutes. In all 7 VD infections are reported amongst the troops in Pola.

6. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

(1) The state of discipline of the Allied forces in the territory is in general good. There have been minor breaches of service discipline as is to be expected but serious crime amongst the forces is non-existent.

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8. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

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(1) Control is still far from satisfactory throughout the whole of the Occupied Territory. This is mainly due to the continued lack of co-operation or lack of arrangements to carry out effectively from Yugo-Slavia, the terms of the Belgrade Agreement as relating to the class of person allowed to cross boundary lines and the granting of permits to that class. Much unauthorised movement of nationalities is still taking place and in an effort to check this, AFHQ during the month decided to control the Venezia Giulia/Italy boundary physically. This

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has had the effect of preventing a lot of unauthorised entry into Italy by non-Italians and in conjunction with this control AMG 13 Corps Order No.16 was published to the public on 26 Sepr 45. This Order makes it an offence to cross the western boundary of Venezia Giulia without a valid permit. The provisions of the Order have not been received kindly by the population: they consider it an attack against the liberty of the subject and contrary to the principles of democratic government. Nevertheless, during a short space of time the control and Order have disclosed a considerable number of people, suitable and unsuitable, who are in the area without authority and who for some time past have been passing to and fro from Yugo-Slavia and Italy.

(2) The issue of Special Identity Cards to civilians within Venezia Giulia has not yet commenced owing to delays in the delivery of the cards, registers etc necessary to put the machinery into operation. Order No.14 has been published to the public during the month instructing the population as to their obligation to register when Area notices are published. This issue of Identity Cards is taking place in accordance with the terms of the Belgrade Agreement, but reliable information has been received that the Yugo-Slavs on their part are not and have no intention of issuing cards in that part of Venezia Giulia under their control.

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(3) The licensing of civilian motor vehicles is now the responsibility of the Transportation Division of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. The control is direct and we are now ready to issue permits for the second quarter.

(4) At the present moment we are faced with a difficult problem in regard to Lubiana registered vehciles. We have found that persons after being refused permits in Trieste have then travelled to Lubiana

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where the vehicles have been registered and have returned to the area bearing Lubiana circulation permits and index plates. At first thought this might appear an easy matter to handle, but it must be remembered that vehicles in that part of Trieste Province under Yugo-Slav control have no place to register except Lubiana - it would need a very large police force to stop and sift out the details of cars bearing Lubiana registration numbers. Nevertheless, the problem is being tackled and it is hoped that we shall soon have the solution.

(5) Before the end of October it is anticipated that the registration of all hotels, wine bars, accommodation addresses etc etc will be completed - these registrations were in the past maintained by the Questura but were destroyed and a complete re-registration has been necessary.

(6) A start has been made on the registration of aliens resident in the area.

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(1) For the first time a general strike has been called in the Occupied Territory for purely economic reasons: the first on 25th June had as its main object to protest against the disbandment of the unsavoury Difesa Popolare whilst the second was to protest partly against the abolition of the other 'popular' organisations, partly against the arrest and conviction of a Yugo-Slav partisan leader and partly against the worsening

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(2) The latest General Strike commenced at 2400 hours, 23 Sepr 45, and lasted until the evening of 25 Sepr 45 when the political parties called it off in view of pending negotiations.

(3) The reasons for this strike was the permission given by AMG to industries and employers to discharge surplus employees which up to the 22 Sepr they had been compelled to maintain. 2135

(4) Public utilities such as electricity and water were not interrupted and special police guards were placed on all important installations.

(5) No untoward incident occurred during

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the strike - only four arrests were effected in connection therewith when pickets refused to obey the orders of patrolling police.

(6) On the whole the smoothness of the strike and the orderly manner in which it was carried out, was a credit to the organisers. However, it ended on a note of discord resulting from the Communists inability to avoid the national problems when speeches were made at an authorised demonstration calling for Venezia Giulia to be ceded to the Tito Government.

11. RIOTS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISTURBANCES

(1) Other than the authorised demonstration in connection with the General Strike only one incident has occurred worthy of mention. During the opening night of the 13 Corps Searchlight Tattoo on 5 Sepr 45, a party of youths and girls armed with flowers proceeded to the Tattoo ground with the intention of greeting the Yugo-Slav military detachment. They were dispersed by police and two arrests were effected for refusing to obey the orders of police.

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(3) Further reports have been received of residents in the area being threatened unless they sign the petition 'requesting' Venezia Giulia to be given to Yugo-Slavia. However, complainants are still frightened to come forward and so far evidence necessary to bring offenders before a Court has been lacking.

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13. POLITICAL SITUATION

(1) There is clearly a good deal of tension due to the distorted political situation, tension which is only likely to increase with the expected presence in the area of

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foreign diplomats. However, it is unlikely this will cause and serious disturbances as the opposing factions are on their best behaviour knowing full well that the eyes of the world are focussed on this disputed territory.

(2) Non-cooperation with AMG on the part of the Slovenes has again been very marked this month. Recently, however, reliable information has come to hand that this non-cooperation policy is to change in the near future in consequence of 'orders' from Belgrade - the position will be watched carefully by this HQ.

(3) The Yugo-Slav inspired press and committees of liberation have been extremely busy in propaganda during the month, but at the same time their Italian counterparts have not been idle.

(4) As has been mentioned previously the General Strike concluded on a political note when the Communists and pro-Tito elements forgetting the economic issue commenced a campaign for the handing over of Venezia Giulia to Yugo-Slavia.

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(6) In regard to the 'plebiscite' conducted throughout the Occupied Territory. It is reliably reported that some 80,000 signatures were 'obtained' in the Trieste area to a petition for Venezia Giulia to be placed under Yugo-Slav rule.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

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(1) There has been a certain improvement of late but the position is very difficult to assess as the whole population, Italian and Slovene, are standing-by awaiting the decision of the meeting of Foreign Ministers in London.

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15. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(1) There is really nothing of special interest to report concerning the Fire Brigades during the month.

(2) There are still 200 men surplus in the Trieste Brigade but in the very near future they will be absorbed in the new police force.

(3) The usual crop of complaints have been received such as shortage of suitable equipment, insufficient pay and food. All are endeavouring to find a solution of these problems. Certain equipment has been released by the Italian authorities in Milan and it is now being collected by road transport.

(4) The return for the month shows a reduction in the Trieste area of 59 fixm fires compared with last months figures. The estimated monetary loss is 1,423,020 lire as against 16,053,200 lire for Aug 45.

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16. CIVIL PRISONS

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(1) Conditions in respect of the prisons remain reasonably satisfactory.

(2) New guards have been employed at the Trieste prisons and uniforms have been obtained and issued.

(3) Structural repairs are continuing and to date over 300 windows in the main prison at Trieste have been re-glazed.

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(4) As the result of an incident at the Via Tigor Prison, Trieste, on 20 Sepr when five prisoners escaped,a guard will appear before the Court in the near future. Alongside him will be arraigned four of the prisoners who were recaptured by a member of the Municipal Guard Branch.

(5) It is also reported that three prisoners awaiting trial in connection with an unauthorised demonstration, escaped from a prison at Pola on 23 Sepr. To date they have not been re-captured, but enquiries are proceeding.

(6) There is nothing to report concerning the food and hygiene conditions at the prisons in the Occupied Territory.

17. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(1) AMG Courts are operating satisfactorily throughout the Territory whilst Italian Courts are functioning at Trieste, Monfalcone, Gessana, Gorizia and Pola and no complaints have been received concerning their activities.

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(1) The following two cases have been reported this month :-

(i) During the early part of the month a forged 1,000 lire note was received by the Bank of Italy at Pola during the ordinary course of business. The note was forwarded to Rome by the bank before police were informed. 2121

(ii) On 12 Sep a forged 500 lire note was paid into the Banco Nazionale Del Lavoro at Gorizia during the ordinary course of business. No arrest, but enquiries in hand.

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Appendix 'A'

Location and Duties of Public Safety Officers with
HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hours, 30 September 1945

Headquarters

Lt. Col.	G.	Richardson	(B) 282757	- CPSO	- Asst. Chief of Police
Major	W.	Moody	(B) 279370	-DCPSO	- Superintendent (Mil)
Capt	H.	Hanbury	(B) 279411	- PSO	- Superintendent (Civ)
Major	A.	Mack	(B) 279418	- PSO	- Supt Personnel Div
Major	J.	Cowan	(A) 0/917293	- PSO	- Supt Uniform Div
Capt	R.	Hobbs	(B) 279413	- PSO	- Supt Crim Inv Div
Capt	B.	Fielding	(B) 287701	- PSO	- A/Supt Transp'n Div
Major	B.	Alper	(A) 0/519276	- PSO	- Supt Prisons Sec
Capt	C.	Bolt	(B) 313775	- PSO	- Supt Security Sec
Capt	A.	Brown	(B) 279386	- PSO	- Supt Fires Sec

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	J.	Hughes	(A) 0/186803	- PSO	- Asst Supt Trieste
Capt	T.	Cawthorn	(A) 0/468596	- PSO	- Dep Supt Trieste
+ Capt	A.	Hunter	(B) 279410	- PSO	- Dep Supt Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

Major	J.	Mayforth	(A) 0/140191	- PSO	- Asst Supt Gorizia
Capt	D.	Roberson	(B) 291659	- PSO	- Dep Supt Gorizia
Lieut	H.	Anderson	(A) 0/1170624	- PSO	- Dep Supt Gorizia

HQ Pola Zone

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Capt	C.	Bigham	(A) 0/908836	- PSO	- Asst Supt Pola
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Venezia Giulia Police Force
13 Corps

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File No: 13c/AMG/PS/587 3 Sep 45

Subject: Monthly Report of Activities - August 1945

To : (1) HQ Allied Military Government 13 Corps
(attn: Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

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(attn: Director, Public Safety S/C)

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Asst Chief of Police (Civ)
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1. Submitted hereunder is a report upon public safety matters covering the month of August 1945 for that part of Venezia Giulia controlled by HQ AMG 13 Corps.

2. Civil Police

(1) As stated in the report for July 1945 none of the recognised Italian civil police services are operating in the Occupied Territory owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing and the functions of the civil police are still being performed by Allied Provost units. These units have been doing some extremely fine work although faced continuously with language difficulties, lack of local knowledge and the fact that in the greater majority of cases they are untrained in civil police duties.

(2) Very soon the invaluable assistance of the MP will be lost to us as it is understood that before the end of the year their ranks will be dangerously denuded by release etc from the Armed Forces. The situation then, if a civilian police force is not operating, will be intolerable. One cannot, in fact, dare not envisage a country without a civil law enforcement agency of some kind; there would be economic chaos and crime would flourish, such is the situation into which we shall drift unless we are careful.

(3) It is no concern of this HQ as to the 'fate' of Venezia Giulia at the Peace Conference, but it is our duty and responsibility to maintain

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law and order here pending and perhaps after any decision. Therefore, for the sake of public safety in this disputed territory upon which the eyes of all Governments are focussed at present, also for the sake of Allied prestige we must put an efficient civil police force 'on the streets' with the least possible delay.

(4) Cold fact shews this is not yet possible and that it is no fault of this HQ; we still have not received the equipment etc so necessary - when such is forthcoming reasonably substantial units of civil police will be operating in a matter of days, in fact, writer will go so far as to say, in a matter of hours.

(5) At this HQ our Officers, all experienced civil police officers by profession and capable of putting a police force into operation in any part of the world, are deeply conscious of their responsibilities. They have been performing long and arduous hours of duty executively and administratively upon the formation of this force and upon public safety matters generally. The plan has been complete for some time and they are all 'lined up for the start' merely awaiting the arrival of the 'tools' with which to carry that plan into effect.

(6) Probably the most important matter affecting the force during the month is the receipt some days ago of authority from AFHQ to adopt the current CC.RR scales of pay, allowances etc. This will undoubtedly meet with approval among all police and candidates here.

(7) Another important incident is the withdrawal of Slovene 'support'. This action followed the posting of Order No.11 which in principle reconstitutes the Italian system of local government. We have, in consequence, lost an Instructor and a doctor at the training School. This has not hampered our activities to any great extent, it has merely had an annoying effect. Other Divisions such as Agriculture have been hard-hit however.

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(8) I will now report in brief on the progress of each Police Division.

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(9) Personnel Division under the control of Major Mack has made good headway. Some 2,000 applications have already been received and many more can be obtained. Recruiting at the commencement of the month had to be closed temporarily owing to clerical, vetting difficulties and the like - these have now been overcome.
Selection Boards are being held from time to time and it is particularly noticeable that a good class of individual is being attracted. Now, before each candidate appears before a Board he undergoes a medical examination.
Naturally, we are shewing preference for men with previous police experience and the response to our call has been quite reasonable, viz :

ex-CC.RR	25
ex-GG.FF	95
ex-Questure	200
Municipal Gds	230 (already in service)

In addition, there are 200 auxilliary firemen of the Trieste Brigade standing by to enter the Training School.
Through this Division, Instructors principally ex-CC.RR, have been supplied to the Training School.
A scheme has been worked out and put into operation whereby each applicant is docketed and so his history and progress will follow him throughout his service.
A FSS has been attached to AMG for the terrific task of vetting, a matter of the utmost importance in this area. This Division is working in the closest unison with this FS Section
As in the case of all other Divisions, a complete description of this particular Division could if needs be, fill a volumne.

(10) Training School is under the command of Major Henderson of Special Force and recently assigned to Public Safety. At the present time there are some 140 recruits under instruction and it is said they are making good progress under the Instructors referred to above despite the many difficulties with which they are faced such as improvision of equipment etc.
Immediately the necessary equipment is available there is no reason to believe that candidates will do other than 'roll from the stocks'.

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The students at the school have behaved well although there has been some 'discontent' at the apparent slowness of activation of the force. Nevertheless, morale has remained good and they have proved themselves remarkably amenable to such discipline as is demanded of them.
We have been concerned over the question of Allied military personnel for the school; we have had excellent co-operation in the matter of 'loaned' personnel procured on the 'old boy' basis but only the presence of properly 'posted' personnel will enable maximum efficiency to be achieved.
The first course have been at the school now for some time but owing to the fact uniform and equipment have not arrived, it has not been possible to put them 'on the streets' - they have all been given short periods of leave to ease our problems.

(11) Uniform Division is under the command of Major Cowan and his assistant, Capt. Scott. The initial task of planning the establishment etc of this very important Division is now complete - the peace-time organisation and establishment of the CC.RR Legion of Trieste has formed the basis for the planning. The Division merely awaits probationers from the school in order to put their plans into operation.

(12) Criminal Investigation Division is now in the process of formation under the control of Capt. Hobbs who has recently joined this HQ. Without exception the system of the Questura is being adopted and little needs to be done to activate the Division. There are, of course, problems to be overcome such replacement of stolen office equipment and records etc. At the present time there are some 200 members of the Questura in and around Trieste. These have been located and at the time of the submission of this report they are appearing before Selection Boards and undergoing screening. As in the case of the CC.RR and GG.FF, certain officers and men of the Questura are returning to this area from German concentration camps and such individuals

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are giving us valuable assistance. Immediately the Uniform Division are 'on the streets' in reasonable strength the Questura system of criminal investigation will be put into operation and all suitable former members of the organisation 'returned' to service.

(13) Fiscal Division. Still no Officer versed in financial and revenue matters has arrived to take over this particularly important Division. Fortunately, we have 'embodied' in the force the former Administrative Officer (Lieut. Col. Gasparini) and his staff of eight of the CC.RR Legion of Trieste. All are very experienced in fiscal matters and I am sure their presence here will solve many of the financial problems which have been facing us. It is appreciated this contingent is under the command of CC.RR HQ in Rome but by special report we are asking that they be permitted to remain with us.

(14) Quartermaster Division under the command of Capt. Grandis assisted by Capt. Fielding, it will be appreciated, has been passing through trying times. Not only have they the duty of dealing with equipment and rations but they have to attend to the question of police buildings, not an enviable task when one realises that such premises have in turn been occupied by the Germans, Yugo-Slav Army and irresponsible elements of the Difesa Popolare. As regards uniform and equipment: Certain items have been received from American sources but only in the case of the arms have they been suitable; socks were received in a deplorable state and probably the least said about the footwear the better. I cannot comment upon the equipment promised from British sources because none has arrived so far.

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(15) Transportation Division under the command of Capt. Cooke likewise has had a trying time. All vehicles of the Questura, CC.RR and GG.FF in the Occupied Territory have been stolen and efforts have been and are being made

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to trace or find replacements.
Probably the most important matter affedting this Division during the month has been the taking over of the control of HACI. Formerly, the activities of this organisation were under the control and supervision of other AMG Divisions and our task appeared to be merely that of signing the circulation permits.

(16) In the report for last month reference was made to 'missing' personnel of the Italian police services formerly operating in the area. It is now reported that 5 CC.RR, 60 GG.FF and 46 Questurini are still not accounted for - every possible effort is being made to obtain news of them.

3. CRIME

(1) As they appear in the records, crime figures in the Occupied Territory are by no means unreasonable. There have been housebreakings, store and shopbreakings and during the month six murders have occurred but of these only one is believed to have a political background. Of the others, three were committed by persons unknown and in all the cases with the exception of one where the offence was committed by a mother of a child, no arrests have been made to date.

(2) It would be foolish to accept the crime figures as indicating the true position - we are well aware that due to the fact no civil police force exists, non-preventable crimes are escaping detection and many victims of crimes in the preventable class are still too frightened to come forward to the authorities with their complaints.

(3) The following is a summary of a few of the more serious crimes which have come to light:- 2123

(a) On 1 Aug at Trieste a man was found murdered in the street in the centre of the City. Death caused by bullet wounds. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

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(b) On 3 Aug at Trieste a case of garage-breaking occurred when property to the value of 300,000 lire was stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(c) On 3 Aug at Trieste a case of store-breaking occurred when large quantities liquor, sugar and other articles were stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(d) On 3 Aug at Trieste a case of house-breaking occurred when property to the value of 228,500 lire was stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(e) On 6 Aug at Trieste a man was shot and killed by two men in a street in the City. A woman was also wounded by stray shots. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(f) On 7 Aug at Basovizza a woman drowned her young son and then committed suicide. She had previously threatened suicide. Reason acute mental depression.

(g) On 11 Aug at Trieste a case of garage-breaking occurred when property to the value of 250,000 lire was stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(h) On 13 Aug at Canale D'Isonso a man was shot and killed and his son badly wounded. This is believed to a case of murder and attempted murder by Yugo-Slav partisans. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(i) On 14 Aug at Trieste a case of warehouse-breaking occurred when goods to the value of 2,000,000 lire were stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

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(j) On 14 Aug at Trieste a case of grievous bodily harm occurred when a man was shot in the street by an unknown person. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(k) On 19 Aug at Trieste during a demonstration

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an Italian civilian shot at an Allied MP and then threw the gun away and tried to escape. The MP returned the fire and assailant was wounded and arrested.

(l) On 20 Aug at Trieste a case of store-breaking occurred and 112 sacks of sugar valued at 66,578 lire were stolen. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(m) On 23 Aug at Trieste a civilian fireman was shot and killed in the street by an unknown person. No arrest, enquiries proceeding.

(n) On 29 August at Trieste an attempt to shoot a man occurred, but the assailant was arrested shortly after the offence.

(o) On 29 Aug at Trieste a case of house-breaking occurred when cloth to the value 2,000,000 lire was stolen. 26 rolls of the stolen cloth nas been recovered to date but no arrests have been effected; enquiries continuing.

(p) On 30 Aug at Trieste a case of sodomy occurred in which a boy of 12 years was the victim. The suspect has been detained.

4. BLACK MARKET

(1) Black market activities continue in the Area, but no alarming reports have been receiveo as to any increase in this pernicious practice.

(2) The Municipal Guard Branch of the new force now operating in Trieste are keeping a strict watch on shops etc in the matter of price control and some reports have already been received regarding offenders.

(3) Prices in the last couple of weeks tend towards a decrease; this is a good sign and as each day passes more and more goods are being displayed in the shop windows - this is a bad sign for the black marketeer who are experiencing greater

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difficulty in obtaining clients.

(4) The practice of UNNRA supplies reaching the black market of the Occupied Territory from Yugo-Slavia still exists. This must be one of the first problems for the new police force.

5. PROSTITUTION AND BROTHELS

(1) The situation respecting VD in the Area is still very satisfactory. No increase in the number of cases have been reported and the Police Vice Squad have done good work this month in their preventive and detecting activities.

(2) Clandestine prostitution is not reported to be increasing and this may be due to the fact that all prostitutes have to report to the Police HQ daily for card inspection. This is as good a deterrent as any and also ensures that the medical records of the women are kept up to date.

(3) Registered brothels are operating satisfactorily and strict police supervision has been maintained.

(4) There have been no reports of military personnel infringing the 'out of bounds' regulation except in one instance - to be referred to under 'Conduct of Military Personnel etc' - when a soldier entered a brothel, stole a bracelet and then shot and wounded two MP.S

6. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

(1) The conduct of Allied personnel has maintained its satisfactory standard - it is pleasing to note that troops are not taking advantage of the MP being primarily engaged upon civil police duties.

(2) Military crime is almost negligible, only one serious case has come to the notice of this HQ :

(a) On 26 Aug at Manfalcone a soldier, as yet unidentified, after he was leaving a brothel where he had been

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a bracelet, shot at and slightly wounded two MP who were endeavouring to apprehend him. The assailant made good his escape. Enquiries continue.

7. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

(1) Excellent - we are literally operating alongside the MP and are in constant contact with the FSS in the area. The closest liaison is also maintained with GSI at 13 Corps.

8. CONTROL OF CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

(1) Control of civilian movement still presents a problem. There appears to be ample evidence that many people of various nationalities are travelling in and out of Venezia Giulia without valid travel permits. Although passes have and are being issued by this HQ the Italy/Venezia Giulia frontier has not been controlled by the military authorities; however, at a recent security conference it was apparent the position would soon be righted as in a few days time Italian troops under 13 Corps will close and control the frontier.

(2) Confusion also appears to exist in the minds of many as to the permit requirements. To date the Yugo-Slav Military Mission has not entertained any application for a non-resident of Venezia Giulia to visit their Zone. Many such applications have been forwarded to the Mission for endorsement but no similar applications for endorsement to enter the Allied occupied Zone have been received from the Mission. In this connection a letter has been received from the Chief of the Mission stating no diplomatic relations exist between Yugo-Slavia and Italy thus no applications for Italians to enter their Territory could be entertained - this letter has been forwarded to GSI at 13 Corps for information and any action possible in the circumstances.

(3) Headway has been made in regard to the issuing of civilian identity cards in accordance with the Belgrade Agreement. An Order respecting

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the identity cards has been prepared and will be published within the next few days. Trieste, Pola and Gorizia already have the machinery and the cards ready for the issue. A copy of the Order will be forwarded when issued.

9. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

(1) As stated previously in this report the control of RACI is now the responsibility of this HQ. Some disquieting rumours have been heard concerning the activities of certain members of the RACI office; investigation is in hand and should the necessary evidence be forthcoming appropriate action will be taken.

(2) Pending the constitution of the C.I.D. of the new force, the registration of cafes, bars, accommodation addresses etc., work formerly undertaken by the Questura, is being done from this HQ.

(3) Shot-gun permits are about to be issued to a limited number of residents and are being issued under the auspices of the Federazione Italiana della Caccia. This, it is hoped, will do much towards feeding the local population.

10. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS

(1) Only one strike has been reported this month. It was 'unofficial' and of short duration. A certain section of the dock workers at Trieste walked out of the docks on the afternoon of 1 Aug as a protest against the sentencing of a Yugo-Slav partisan leader for improper possession of arms. No untoward incident occurred.

11. RIOTS, DISTURBANCES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

(1) On 5 Aug at Trieste following a Mass in commemoration of the Italians shot by Yugo-Slav troops during the Italian parade of 8 May, an unauthorised procession with a spearhead of some 400 young men of the student type, formed up and marched along

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the streets of the City singing Italian patriotic songs. When near the HQ of the Italo-Slovene Anti-fascist Union the procession was 'interrupted' by a crowd of young hooligans and a fight ensued. Order was soon restored by MP. No casualties and no arrests.

(2) On the evening of 16 Aug at Trieste an authorised demonstration was held by Italo-Slovene Anti-Fascist Union to herald the peace. The meeting was perfectly orderly and was only of two hours duration. Police were in attendance.

(3) On 17 Aug at Gorizia an unauthorised demonstration of some 1500 people took place as a protest against new local government set up under Order No.11. Demonstration orderly at first, but incidents occurred later. 18 arrests effected for breaches of the peace and possession of arms. Police soon controlled situation and returned same to normal.

(4) On evening of 17 Aug at Monfalcone an unauthorised 'peace' demonstration of some 500 people occurred. Instigators believed National Liberation Committee (Italian). The demonstration was peaceful until a gang of hooligans tried to break-it up. Police intervened and 14 arrests were effected for obstruction, assault and disturbing the peace. Order was soon restored.

(5) On morning of 19 Aug at Trieste a clash occurred between authorised demonstration of CLN (Italian) and unauthorised procession of opposite faction. Incidents occurred one serious where MP fired upon by demonstrator. MP sustained no injury by assailant wounded by return fire and arrested. Situation controlled by police who dispersed both demonstrations. Normal conditions returned after two hours. Thirty persons detained for assault, breaches of the peace and possession of weapons.

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12. SECURITY

(1) All internal and external security matters are now in the capable hands of Capt. Bolt at this HQ - his particular department has had an extremely busy month dealing with civilian control, identity cards, screening, special registrations etc.

(2) No cases of sabotage have been reported.

(3) On 30 Aug the Security Officer received information to the effect that at a meeting held at Ljubljana during the week, it had been decided to order all Yugo-Slav nationals to withdraw from any position they held which in any way assisted the Allied Military Government, including the new police force, and to effect reprisals against those who do not respond. The information was accurate and Yugo-Slavs have been resigning en bloc from various positions - as stated previously we have lost the Chief Instructor and Doctor at the Police Training School. It is also said by the same informant that sabotage was ordered but no information had been given as to the form it would take.

(4) A Yugo-slav in the employ of the Public Relations Officer, this HQ, has been arrested after it was discovered he had been taking copies of certain documents in his place of employment.

(5) During the month an organised canvas by the Yugo-Slav 'authorities' has been carried out through the Territory and there is evidence to shew that in many instances threats have been used to obtain signatures to a petition for the return of Venezia Giulia to Yugo-Slavia. Subterfuge has also been used, for instance, it is said that an article appeared in a newspaper recently calling all teachers to visit an address for the purpose of starting an 'artists club'; when they arrived they were merely 'asked' to sign a petition.

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13. POLITICAL SITUATION

(1) Although not apparent on the surface political activity is increasing and there is every reason to believe that the Italian Democratic and Action parties are succeeding in recruiting and organising member locally. As yet, little or no open opposition is being shewn to the Communist Party but it is the considered opinion of many people here that the Communists have done their cause irreparable harm in the Territory owing to their employment of extremist elements and the use of unsportsmanlike methods.

(2) Two new political groups have now emerged in Trieste; they call themselves the Fronte Separatista per il Libero Stato Adriatico and the Partito Repubblicano Socialista Separatista and they say their intention is to create or better still work for the creation of an independent State comprising Gorizia, Trieste and Istria.

(3) A third movement calling itself the Ente Costitutivo Italiano di Autonamia Giuliana has also blossomed forth. This movement is not raising any particular interest in the district - it advocates an autonomous Venezia Giulia within the Italian State.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

(1) Has distinctly shewn an improvement of late. After some three months of AMG the Italians in the area are feeling more secure and also more confident that they will not be returned to the Yugo-Slavs. Though this recovery is probably due to the naturally volatile Italian temperament it has certainly been encouraged by the attention paid to Venezia Giulia at the recent party congresses in Rome.

15. FIRE BRIGADES AND CIVIL DEFENCE

(1) Our Fire Officer, Capt. Brown, has been very busy during the month inspecting Fire Brigades

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installations and equipment at Trieste, Gorizia and Pola - a list of necessary replacements is now compiled and application is being for same.

(2) The fire equipment at HQ AMG 13 Corps has been examined and repairs have been effected.

(3) At Trieste there are two fire floats in good working order and properly equipped with fire fighting appurtenances. Tests of the engines and pumps were carried out and satisfactory results were recorded.

(4) At Pola there is an obvious need for an officer to take charge of the Brigade. In this connection it may be possible in the next few weeks for an Engineer-Captain, a permanent officer of the Vigili del Fuoco at present working in the Yugo-Slav area of control, to be Commandante at Pola.

(5) Two fire floats receovered from the Royal Navy and Partisans are now performing fire duty in the harbour at Pola.

(6) The number of calls received and answered during the month are :-

Trieste	-	107
Gorizia	-	29
Pola	-	7

(8) Monetary loss for the month is :-

Trieste	-	16,053,200 lire
Gorizia	-	671,000 "
Pola	-	400,000 "

(9) One serious fire occurred in Trieste during August when in the early hours of the 6th at a dance hall at 2 Via Francesco, furnishings, fixtings and internal decorations were found on fire. The fire was extinguished by one motor pump and two hydrants. The cause is believed to be due to a lighted cigarette. Damage was estimated at 150,000 lire. 2114

(10) Gorizia have had no fires worthy of special

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mention. There has been, however, a serious fire at a provision store at Pola. The cause is unknown. It was extinguished by the joint efforts of the military and civil brigades and loss was estimated at 400,000 lire.

(10) Throughout the Occupied Territory the fire precautions in respect of places of entertainment have proved satisfactory.

16. CIVIL PRISONS

(1) In Trieste during the month the prison population increased from 303 to 340. This increase is due to the fact that AMG Court sentences are not expiring as rapidly as new commitments are being made.

(2) The greater part of the effort of the Prisons Section during August wa s expended in clearing from the prisons those persons detained for for 'unknown' reasons - by 24 Aug this work was completed.

(3) Prisons at Pola, Monfalcone and Gorizia were visited and suggestions made for their more efficient control.

(4) Uniforms have been supplied for the civilian guard personnel at Trieste Prison and it is expected shortly that they will be made available for prison staff in the other three cities.

(5) In the largest prison in Trieste extensive repairs were made during the month to the laundry, cookhouse and other installations and it is hoped that glass may be available to repair many of the windows.

(6) German military uniforms and under clothing have been 'recovered' and are being altered for use by the prisoners in anticipation of a hard winter.

(7) The question of warders has been one of our headaches this month - due to the activities of other authorities prior to our arrival on the scene there is a sad lack

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of efficient and experienced personnel. Contact has been made with the Prisons Officer at HQ AMG 12 Region and with his 'assistance' we feel the position will soon be rectified.

(8) This lack of trained personnel has been the primary cause of four escapes from a Trieste prison during the month. We held Courts of Enquiry which resulted in the dismissal of a chief guard an three guards for negligence. The escapees have not been re-arrested as yet.

(9) The health of the prisoners in all prisons gives no cause for complaint or comment.

(10) The food ration scale as approved by Alcom is in operation, but as in other districts all the items are not available.

17. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(1) AMG Courts are functioning satisfactorily in all areas of the Occupied Territory. Likewise, Italian Civil Courts are functioning with the exception of Pola where a start is expected to be made soon.

(2) The Special Courts of Assize have commenced in Trieste and are working satisfactorily. On the first days hearing one person received 15 years imprisonment and another 5 .

(3) Epuration is also proceeding satisfactorily and there is no reason to doubt that the Commissions will continue their work in a proper manner.

18. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF AM CURRENCY NOTES

(1) Only one case has come to light so far - a forged 1000 lire note was received by a branch Bank on 20 Aug during the ordinary course of business. It is alleged to have been received from an Allied soldier but to date enquiries have proved abortive.

19. At the time of the completion of this report I have received information from the Chief

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of Police, Colonel H. Thorne Thorne, DSO, to the effect that following his contact with 13 Corps the air has been cleared considerably in regard to clothing, equipment etc for the police force. Steps are being taken to draw from Corps sources and when the report for September is due I feel I shall be in a position to paint a rosier picture of the new police force.

G. Richardson, Lieut. Col.,
Asst. Chief of Police
(C.P.S.O)

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APPENDIX 'A'

Location and Duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG 13 Corps as of 2400 hours 31 August 1945

Headquarters

Lt. Col.	G. Richardson	(B)	282757	-	CPSO	- Asst. Chief of Police(C)
Major	W. Moody	(B)	279370	-	DCPSO	- Superintendent (Mil Sec)
Capt	H. Hanbury	(B)	279411	-	PSO	- Superintendent (Civ)
Major	A. Mack	(B)	279418	-	PSO	- Supt., Personnel Divn
Major	J. Cowan	(A)	0-917293	-	PSO	- Supt., Uniform Divn
Capt	M. Scott	(A)	0-522200	-	PSO	- Asst. Supt. Uniform Divn
Capt	R. Hobbs	(B)	279413	-	PSO	- Supt., Crim. Inv. Divn
Capt	B. Fielding	(B)	287701	-	PSO	- Asst. Supt 'Q' Divn
Major	B. Alper	(A)	0-519276	-	PSO	- Supt., Prisons Sec
Capt.	C. Bolt	(B)	313775	-	PSO	- Supt., Security Sec
Capt.	A. Brown	(B)	279386	-	PSO	- Supt., Fires Sec

HQ Trieste Zone

Major	J. Hughes	(A)	0-186803	-	PSO	- Asst. Supt., Trieste
Capt	T. Cawthorn	(A)	0-468596	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Trieste
Capt.	A. Hunter	(B)	279410	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Trieste
+ Capt.	P. Edwards	(B)	291688	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Trieste

HQ Gorizia Zone

Major	J. Mayforth	(A)	0-140191	-	PSO	- Asst. Supt., Gorizia
Capt	D. Roberson	(B)	291659	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Gorizia
Lieut	H. Anderson	(A)	0-1170624	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Gorizia

HQ Pola Zone

Capt	G. Jones	(B)	279414	-	PSO	- Supt., Pola
Capt	C. Bigham	(A)	0-908886	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Pola
Lieut	H. Landesman	(A)	0-439007	-	PSO	- Dep. Supt., Pola

Police Training School

Lieut	G. Marinkov	(A)	0-1797681	-	PSO	- Asst. Commandant.

Notes: (1) + denotes 'sick'
(2) Capt. C. Wadsworth (B) 232199 posted IGT Bologna wef 29 Aug 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 472800

AC/14011/23/PS

23 August 45

SUBJECT : Control of Movement

TO : HQ. AMF 13 Corps
(Attn: S.C.A.F.O.)

1. Reference Appendix "A" of your monthly Report for July 1945.

2. Will you please forward to this Headquarters two copies of your Order No 2, "Repeal of Restrictions on Travel".

Major Wm C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHESTER
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
13 CORPS

FILE No. 13c/AMG/PS/918/
SUBJECT: Control of Movement. 31. Aug: 45. 194
TO: Headquarters Allied Commission.
Public Safety Sub Commission.
A.P.O. 394.

1. With reference to your letter AC/14011/23/PS, dated 23. Aug:45 concerning Appendix 'A' of our monthly report for July 1945 and request for copies of Order N° 2 ' Repeal of Restrictions on Travel'.

2. It is respectfully pointed out that the appendix referred to concerns ' Strength of Officers' in this area.

3. Further, The issue of GENERAL Order N° 2 from this H.Q. referred ' restrictions on' not ' repeal of' travel. Two copies of the former order were forwarded to you vide correspondence 13c/AMG/PS/837/29a but I enclose a further two copies should they have been mislaid.

4. Notice N° 2 of this H.Q. refers to the dissolving of Police Organisations in this area, could this be the notice referred to.

5. It is asked that your request be clarified please.

H.Hanbury. Capt:
pp: G.Richardson. Lt: Col:
A. C. of P. (Dir).

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Headquarters
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FILE NO: 13c/AMG/PS587 1 AUG 45

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JULY 1945

TO : (1) HQ AMG 13 CORPS
(attn: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

(2) HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(attn: DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY S/C)

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(attn: Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

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(attn: Director, Public Safety S/C)

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(2) Investigations by the Allied intelligence agencies revealed that during the period of Yugo-Slav military control of Venezia Giulia and particularly the City of Trieste, prior to 12 June, concurrently with the establishment of a comprehensive local and civil administration, the Yugo-Slavs had been active in preparing a widespread system of stay-behind organisations with which they first penetrated and then assumed control of most aspects of public

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life - we soon learned that this was so in regard to the police services.

(3) Upon AMG taking over administration from the Yugo-Slav authorities on 12 June, it was found that all the usual Italian Civil Police Agencies such as Carabinieri Reali, Guardia di Finanze, Questura, etc., were non-existent and that all duties formerly undertaken by these services were to all intents and purposes in the hands of an organisation calling itself the 'Difesa Popolare'.

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(i) obstruction of AMG methods

(ii) preparation for eventual physical sabotage of public utilities

(iii) general dissemination of communist and anti-Allied propaganda

(iv) organisation of Communist Party demonstrations to cause annoyance etc

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(v) obstruction of any police force other than the Difesa Popolare

(vi) organisation of strikes

(vii) general intimidation of individuals
(a) to suppress opposition and possibly
(b) to cause ill-feeling between Triestini and other Italians

(6) From the very onset it was apparent this organisation, the Difesa Popolare, intended to carry out its 'instructions' to discredit and ignore the authority of AMG. Daily, incidents too numerous to describe, occurred in Trieste proving beyond all doubt the existence of a well-organised 'underground movement'. Illegal arrests and detentions were effected, premises were looted and persons wishing to approach AMG to give or receive advice and assistance were subjected to abuse and assault by members of this body - these intimidation activities affected not merely Public Safety Division but most of the other Divisions of AMG.

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(8) Continuing; as days passed the position did not improve, in fact, it deteriorated. Repeatedly,

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Orders were given by SCAO and other AMG Officers to the Difesa Popolare: these orders were constantly ignored and we were left with no alternative but to disband this organisation and to resort to the use of force to accomplish this if necessary.

(9) In consequence, Notice No.2 dissolving all police forces including the Difesa Poplare was prepared, a stand-down parade was arranged for 24 June whilst a military operation was planned to deal with the situation should the Difesa Popolare refuse to 'accept' the parade.

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(13) It is true to say that for some days the situation was extremely delicate and anything might have happened, but fortunately the process of breaking up this undesirable organisation was completed without bloodshed or serious incident. 'Hindrances' of a more or less minor nature have occurred since the disbandment showing there is still opposition in certain quarters to our authority, but these disturbing elements are being brought to heel gradually.

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(14) The plan for the formation and operation of the new AMG Police Force for the Occupied Territory is dealt with in detail vide this HQ report No.13c/AMG/PS/651 dated 5 July 45, thus reiteration here is unnecessary. We have been faced with a number of difficulties in putting this plan into operation, but these difficulties have and are being overcome. The following is a summary of the strides we have made to date :-

(a) A training school, ideal in every respect, has been established.

(b) The school has been equipped to a certain extent and other equipment has been 'signalled-in'.

(c) A Selection Board consisting of Allied Officers for the examination of instructors has been held and 12 instructors have been selected. They are all ex-CC.RR, ex-GC.FF etc personnel with experience as instructors, are politically 'clean' and all seem acceptable to the various political factions in the Territory. They entered the school on 30 Jul 45.

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(f) As regards equipment - a style of uniform has been approved by the Corps Commander and certain parts of same are ready for issue. Other articles not available locally have been the subject of release orders by higher authority; delivery is awaited.

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(g) Firearms of modern American pattern have been 'signalled-in'.

(h) CC.RR, Questur- and GG.FF buildings recently 'recovered' from the Difesa Popolare, have been ear-marked for the new force. Repairs, renovations etc have commenced or are about to commence.

(i) Decision as to the important question of pay and conditions is still awaited.

(j) As the new force will be officered by Allied Officers a new WE increment to 13 Corps has been approved. This will mean the temporary 'physical amalgamation' of Public Safety with Provost under command of SCAO and at the time of the submission of this report and instruction is awaited from Corps Commander for this amalgamation and the consequent re-deployment of PS and Provost personnel. The re-deployment of PS personnel will take place in a matter of days in the manner approved by Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, during his recent visit to this HQ.

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(a) CC.RR

Completely disbanded; many arrested and detained locally and others taken into Yugo-Slavia - efforts are now being made, as in the case of all other Italian Police Services, to compile records of those arrested, missing etc - information, it will be appreciated, is meagre.

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On 23 July 45 at Canale, Gorizia, near Morgan Line, seven badly decomposed bodies found. Believed those of 1 Officer and 6 ORs of the CC.RR. Circumstances indicate murder. Facts reported to HQ Alcom under heading 'Suspected War Crime' vide this HQ report 13c/AMG/PS/802 dated 29 July 45.

Trieste Legion HQ and other buildings of CC.RR found occupied by Difesa Popolare or Yugo-Slav military. After evacuation premises examined and found in terrible condition and verminous state. Office furniture and equipment stolen or destroyed and what records remained found in disorder.

Questura

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Guardia di Finanza

Also disbanded and personnel scattered far and wide. 148 unaccounted for and reliable information received that 98 of that number have been executed.

Main HQ in Trieste destroyed by enemy action and other buildings found in possession of Difesa Popolare and in filthy condition.

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Forest Guards

Left untouched by both German and Yugo-Slav occupying authorities. Comprise in the main Yugo-Slavs or persons of Yugo-Slav origin. Stated to have been efficient and non-political. Are now in process of being re-grouped and absorbed in the new police force as a branch of the Uniform Division.

Municipal Guards

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4. CRIME

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(a) Fortunately, we can report the crime situation as being reasonably satisfactory throughout the Occupied Territory - as is known the ordinary civil

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police duties are being undertaken by Allied MP and criminal investigation by the 67 Section, SIB., CMP.

(2) The approximate MP strengths here are :-

Trieste - 200 British
100 American
300 RPs from RA

Gorizia - 100 British and American
175 RPs

(3) The Allied M.P have been 'accepted' completely by the civil population throughout the Occupied Territory and by all factions and I venture to say that the present state of crime is due primarily to the activities and conduct of these MP.

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(c) On 13 July at Trieste four shots were fired into the bedroom of house in centre of city. Occupier escaped injury. No arrest. Enquiries continuing.

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(d) On 16 July case of storebreaking and larceny occurred at Trieste in which clothing and other property to the total value of 3,000,000 lire was stolen. No arrest but enquiries continuing.

(e) On 17 July Italian male found shot dead at Portole, Trieste. Enquiries indicate suspect now resident in Yugo-Slav occupied territory - special report being submitted of circumstances.

(f) On 17 July at Trieste a man, after having had his hands tied behind his back by unknown persons, was murdered by shots through the neck and body. Murdered man's son ran away but received a shot through the leg.

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5. BLACK MARKET

(1) Black market exists here but it does not reach the proportions of cities such as Naples etc.

(2) We are being faced with a serious problem in respect of UNNRA suplies. These supplies are passing through Trieste for Yugo-Slavia and it is known commodities are returning over

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the Morgan Line for 'sale' on the markets in the Occupied Territory. A watch is being kept upon this situation.

(3) With the institution of price control for essential commodities, static and mobile check posts will be set to deal with the inevitable evasions of the regulations. At first these posts will be manned by MP but they will be replaced later by civil police and operated as in all parts of Italy.

(4) Information has been received that barges containing flour and other essentials are reaching Trieste from Venice and that these commodities are buying sold through illegal channels in Trieste and district. This matter is being taken up with the Port Security Section 'in charge' of the port.

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(3) Clandestine prostitution has not reached alarming proportions and the MP Vice Squad is operating at 'full blast' to prevent any rise. A slight rise, however, has been noticed in the area surrounding the port of Trieste but this is undoubtedly due to the number of Allied ships and Naval personnel present.

(4) The VD position has received serious study from the Chief Medical Officer and his findings are by no means disheartening. The seriousness

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of this problem has not been overlooked; it will be a subject for special instruction in the police training school.

7. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

(1) Generally the conduct of Allied personnel has been satisfactory although there have been instances of drunkenness with attendant disorderly behaviours; this has been noticed particularly in regard to the New Zealand troops.

(2) Military crime is more or less negligible; on two serious cases have come to the attention of this HQ :-

(a) At the beginning of the month a P.O. of HMS Ajax then berthed at Trieste, was detained on an allegation of sodomy with a Triestini boy age 15 years. A Court Martial ensued but the result is not known.

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(2) We are informed the line has no 'security' value but is imposed under a condition of the Belgrade agreement. This matter was dealt with at length at a recent SCAO's

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conference. The Executive Commissioner, Brigedier Lush, was present and he intimated that he would take the matter up on the HQ Alcom level.

(3) Also under the Belgrade Agreement, AMG must issue special identity cards to all civilians normally resident in our part of Venezia Giulia. This is a problem confronting Public Safety Division; a special identity card has been designed and is now with the printer. Plans are being laid for distribution to the population.

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(4) Owing to language difficulties - there are four in use in the Occupied Territory - the usual type of permit could not be used but it has formed the basis for one printed in this area. Specimens are being forwarded to HQ Alcom.

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10. STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS

(1) Token general strikes of 24 hours duration have occurred in the Territory, the last one being on 19 July 45.

(2) Essential services such as water and electricity supplies were not interrupted.

(3) Municipal Guards (now AMG Police) and the Fire Brigades did not participate in the strikes.

(4) No disorderly conduct or other untoward incident was reported.

(5) In every instance we were forewarned and it was possible to make police arrangements to meet any contingency.

(6) The reasons for the strikes were given as:-

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(2) Throughout the day Italian flags appeared at windows in the majority of business houses, shops and private houses in the City and outskirts. At night gangs of

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young hooligans many identified as Garibaldini and members of the Difesa Popolare, forcibly entered the premises, assaulted and even arrested the occupants, tore down the flags and burned them openly in the streets of the City. Police were called to many such incidents, but owing to the number they were unable to deal with them all.

(3) The following day conditions were normal and outwardly everything appeared calm. It was noticed that every Italian flag had disappeared from view.

(4) Undoubtedly in 'answer' to the pro-Italian demonstration, a Communist demonstration took place in the City Centre on the afternoon of 14 ~~July~~ June 45. No authority for a demonstration was given or even requested by the leaders, but processions formed up on the outskirts and headed by bands and people carrying all flags excepting the Italian, they marched on the Prefeturra and Municipio both occupied by AMG. It was in no way anti-Allied but they demanded that the Red Flag be flown alongside those of the American and British. This, of course, was refused.

(5) However, amongst the demonstrators, now some 15,000 strong, Yugo-Slav soldiers and members of the Difesa Popolare armed and carrying grenades on their waist belts, were seen. Wherever possible these elements were quietly disarmed.

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(8) On the same day a demonstration occurred at Gorizia and this became somewhat out of hand and troops were required to restore order.

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(9) During the latter days of the month a demonstration took place at Gorizia when women demonstrated for the return of their husbands who have been arrested and detained allegedly by the Yugo-Slav authorities.

(10) At 7.10pm, 26 July, a demonstration occurred in front of the Municipio, Trieste. The demonstration was some 2000 strong. Leaders gained admission to the Municipio, speeches were given and Yugo-Slav and Italian Communist flags were flown. Allegedly, the demonstration was for :-

(1) increase in pay scales
(2) setting up of Courts of Epuration and
(3) the release of certain political detainees.

The demonstration was quite orderly and dispersed of its own accord at 8.30pm. Sufficient police were in attendance and no untoward incident occurred.

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12. SECURITY

(1) The Allied security services are operating at full pressure in the Territory and our liaison with t[illegible] could not be bettered.

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(2) A Section of FSS has been attached to

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this HQ for the screening of all persons engaged in civil administration in the Territory - this will include 3,500 candidates for the new force and thus it will be appreciated the task of this Section is enormous. They are faced with many difficulties such as lack of Questura records; nevertheless, they are making good headway.

(3) No case of serious sabotage has been reported to this HQ although instances have occurred of the cutting of signal wires.

(4) Many active fascists, also SS agents and informants are still at large and all security agencies are busily engaged in rounding-up these undesirable elements - at the present moment 138 persons are detained in Trieste awaiting trial at the Special Court of Assize soon to be established.

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(8) The exercise commenced at 0600 hours on 9 July and continued throughout the morning and afternoon. Ten squads of combined FSS/CMP under the command of AMG Public Safety Officers visited and searched numerous addresses in Trieste and vicinity. In all 50 suspects were arrested and documents were seized for examination. In 8 instances the suspects are appearing before AMG Courts in the very near future for offences contrary to the

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Proclamation governing the possession of firearms and ammunition.

(9) Three of these cases are of particular interest. In one instance a principal of the newspaper Lavoratore and a 'former' senior Officer of the Yugo-Slav Army was found in the possession of a loaded firearm of German manufacture. In the second, four automatic pistols and a considerable quantity of ammunition including two grenades were discovered in the personal locker of a fireman at the Central Fire Station. In the third case a franking machine and stamp of the Municipio authorities at Sesana, Trieste, also a quantity of blank Italian identity cards - in some cases photos had been affixed - were seized. The last mentioned 'find' is of particular importance when one bears in mind that many questionable characters are anxious to become 'normal' residents of the Occupied Territory.

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(11) At Gorizia there is a strong undercurrent, inspired by Slovene elements, of threats to Italians - it is suggested that reprisals will be taken when the American and British leave the area: This is now under investigation.

13. POLITICAL SITUATION 2089

(1) The political situation in Trieste in particular is indeed confused - outwardly there is calm but beneath the surface there

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intense activity with all factions sparring for an opening. The Communist Party, of course, hold the reins.

(2) Recently, a section of the Christian Democrat Party has established itself in the area - they have been 'received' without any untoward incident.

14. PUBLIC MORALE

(1) Considering the prevailing conditions the phrase 'fairly satisfactory' would seem an apt description.

(2) The Italian population received AMG well and the uplift in their morale was very marked.

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15. FIRE BRIGADE SERVICES

(1) During the month Captain W. Brown, an experienced Officer in fire-fighting matters, has arrived at this HQ.

(2) His ~~xxxxx~~ initial examination of the situation in Trieste has revealed invaluable information. 2088

(3) The original Commandant of the Brigade was

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suspended by the Yugo-Slavs. He is a fascist of the 'first water' therefore the question of reinstatement will not be entertained. The Vice Commandant has died recently, apparently from natural causes, and this leaves this important organisation under the command of a man aged 64 years and one who has not the necessary qualifications - we are now searching for a suitable man to fill the post.

(4) In Trieste there are four stations and four in outlying districts - these are all in pretty good shape.

(5) As regards discipline and efficiency: The staff appear to have taken the upper hand during the early days of the occupation with underground committees ruling the Officers. Political differences have created a division which has added to the difficulties of efficient control. It is not unusual to find men asleep on the appliances and others lounging about - they make no attempt to rise and shew respect on the approach of Officers. Shortages of clothing and cleaning materials have reduced both men and appliances to a low state of smartness.

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(8) The Trieste Brigade has two fire floats - one is in good working order whereas the other is in need of repair. If the amount of shipping does not increase this one boat should suffice. 2087

(9) All appliances at the moment bear the Italian insignia 'Ministero dell'Interno'.

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To satisfy the peculiar conditions here the insignia is being changed to 'AMG Fire Service'.

(10) An allotment of 1500 litres of petrol a month has been obtained and this would appear adequate for the needs of the service.

(11) There is sufficient water available for fire fighting in the area; there are 1300 hydrants, 285 wells, 10 underground canals and 19 underground tanks.

(12) At the present moment the Fire Officer is engaged on examination of the Gorizia and Pola Brigades.

(13) It should have been stated that during the month there have been 39 fires in the Trieste area and total monetary loss is estimated at 3,639,000 lire. This figure does not include the loss of a motor vessel in Trieste harbour on 11 July with military patrol on board valued at 3,500 pounds sterling. Furthermore, it does not include a serious fire which occurred at a RE depot in Trieste on the evening of 28 July 45 when valuable electrical equipment was lost.

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(2) The guards at the three large prisons in Trieste had been dismissed and guard duties were being undertaken by members of the Difesa Popolare. Since the disbandment of this organisation, guards have been recruited and the prison situation is returning to normal under Major [illegible] the Prisons Officer at this HQ.

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(3) The food situation was found to be very bad indeed - this has been improved with

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the assistance of Supply Division.

(4) As will be realised the prison buildings were in a filthy condition and in need of minor repairs. Disinfestation has been carried out and repairs are in progress.

(5) Procedures relating to release, visits, internal security, discipline, cleanliness, etc., have been laid down.

(6) The total prison capacity in Trieste is approximately 650 - at the present moment our population is 331.

(7) One prison, the Gesuite Prison, has been emptied and turned over to SIIC for their operations.

(8) At the prisons in addition to the newly recruited civil guards, detachments of military personnel are performing guard duty.

(9) A review has been initiated of all sentences, imposed prior to Allied entrance, where suspicion exists that political factors influenced conviction.

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(12) The prison situation at Gorizia and Pola are reported to be reasonably satisfactory but as yet further details are not known. The Prisons Officer is in the process of visiting these areas.

17. FUNCTIONING OF COURTS

(1) AMG found on entry that a Peoples' [illegible] (little better than the Difesa Popolare) was operating. Justice was of the crudest and most undemocratic, so without any delay the Chief Legal Officer suspended the

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Court and later it was dissolved. A Special Court of Assize will be set up to deal with these political 'crimes'.

(2) In Trieste the Civil Courts have been reconstituted and are understood to be operating satisfactorily. A similar condition prevails at Monfalcone and Sesana in the Trieste area and also at Gorizia.

(3) An Epuration Commission is in the process of formation and will be operating in the near future.

(4) AMG Courts have been held - in Trieste approximately 175 Summary Courts have been held and 14 Superior Courts.

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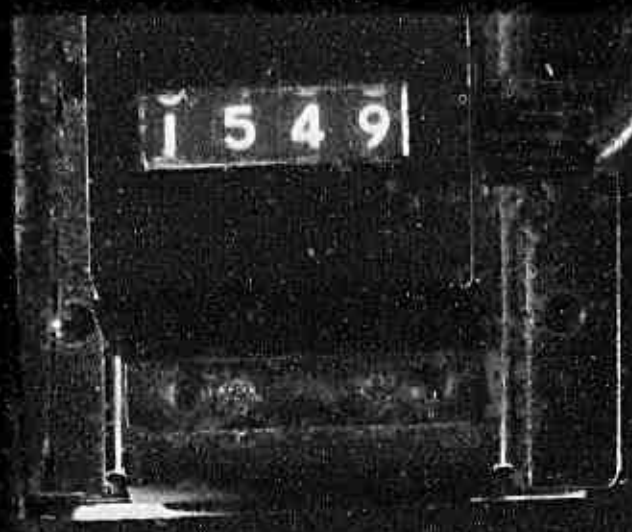
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