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Terrorist activity, viz., the throwing of hand-grenades and the like, has been in evidence during the period under review. There was a spate of such incidents

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particularly in the Monfalcone and Gorizia areas during the middle part of the month, but there has been a marked decrease since that time. Fortunately, in connection with these incidents there has been neither loss of life nor personal injury although there has been damage to property.

In consequence of the success attending previous Road Safety First Campaigns, another such 'drive' has been carried out and on this occasion was extended to Gorizia and Pola. It was very successful as the following figures for the ten days period of control throughout the Territory, indicate :

(i) Street Accidents

Fatal	-	1
With injury	-	3
Without injury	-	13
Total		17

(ii) Proceedings for Offences

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During this month 6 men having previous police experience joined the VGPF without attending the school; 16 were dismissed for various reasons, 16 resigned and 1 died.

The Disciplinary Office dealt with 133 cases during the month.

(b) Medical and Welfare

Generally the hygienic conditions of the Force continue to be satisfactory. There was only 1 case of typhus, 4 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 1 case of diphtheria and a few cases of scabies. Arrangements have been made for hospitalization in suitable cases. The Force

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Surgey had 340 attendances and the Medical Board dealt with 29 cases submitted for examination and decision.

The Catering Officer has made daily inspections of the Police kitchens and messes at Via dell'Istria, Caserma Beleno, Via Hermet and of the Docks & Rlys in the Central Station. The Catering Officer took over the administration of the ration distribution depot at Via dell'Istria Barracks.

The Force Chaplain conducted a tour of all police stations of Trieste and Gorizia Zones.

The Welfare Branch continued its useful work thus assisting the morale of the Force to be maintained at its high level. The Police Orchestra continued its successful performances for the Civil Police and Allied Centres. The Rest Centre at Valbruna will be ready on/ or about the 15th of January.

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(a) Effective Strength

The effective strength of the Civil Police Training School is :

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Other ranks	12	4	- 8
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Officers	15	12	- 3
Other ranks	50	46	- 4
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(b) General

(i) Basic Training

Basic Training Course No.14 commenced on November 18th. A total of 414 students, including 30 Guards from the Prison Division, reported to the School for this course. During the process of organisation into squads 15 students were dismissed for various reasons, leaving a total of 399 to begin the course.

Students commencing the course	399
" dismissed during the course for various reasons	9
Total of students completing the course	390
Students graduating	376
" to repeat the course	12
" unfit for Police duty	2
Total	390

One student was dismissed after appointment to Guard on recommendation of the FSS.

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(d) Specialist Courses

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During the period covered by this report, 87 students were examined by the School Medical Officer.

- 28 were found fit;
- 19 were given treatment for severe colds etc.;
- and given light duty for 3 days;
- 30 had slight infection and were found fit after a few days light duty;
- 7 students were sent to Hospital :
- 1 for x-ray examination,
- 1 for extraction of a foreign particle in the foot,

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- 3 for suspected scabies,
- 2 for dental treatment
- 3 students were sent to the Police Infirmary Via dell'Istria as in-patients.

(ii) Welfare

A total of 502,291 lire was expended on commodities such as beer, wine, liquors and cakes, and resold to students through the School Canteen.

On the 19th December, at the termination of Basic Training Course No.14 a concert was produced by some of the students to celebrate their graduation.

(f) Discipline

Conduct continued to be very satisfactory and there were very few breaches of disciplinary regulations.

5. UNIFORM DIVISION

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HQ Admin	14	7	-
Uniform Branch	50	207	1563
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Searchlight"	3	53	146
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In view of the impending changes in the boundaries of the area policed by the VG Police, the month of December was largely spent in concentrating upon a thorough review of all personnel in the Trieste Zone. A basic establishment for each rank of each Branch has now been laid down for every Station of the Uniform Division in that zone. Now that this has been done it will be possible to maintain complete control of the future distribution of all personnel of the Division within the Zone and to proceed forward to the next step, which is the enquiry into the manner in which the personnel at each station are employed.

The transport situation of the Uniform Division is still unsatisfactory and it is now obvious that minor adjustment here and there will not put the matter right. In some cases these 'adjustments' have, in fact, simply worsened the position. The needs of the Division as a whole

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are now being examined and within a few days it is hoped we shall be able to rectify the situation and so increase overall efficiency.

The new winter uniforms were taken into wear in Trieste (Internal) Sub-Zone on the 15th of the month and have been very well received by all concerned. There is no doubt that the morale effect of these new uniforms has been very great and that this effect is not confined only to those who are actually wearing the new uniforms.

The amended Service Regulations - which have not yet actually been officially published - should also have an equally great morale effect - particularly amongst the officers and under-officers - and at the same time ensure the smoother and more rapid functioning of many highly essential administrative and executive matters.

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(g) Mounted Branch

As the result of the receipt of new horses and new personnel, the Mounted Branch is almost at full strength. Unfortunately 3 of the 6 new horses are not up to the usual VGP standard, and arrangements have

already been made to exchange these for other horses now at Palmanova.

New instructions on the co-operation between foot and mounted personnel during demonstrations etc. have been issued to all members of the Uniform Division.

The stabling arrangements in Trieste Zone are structurally far from satisfactory. However, everything possible is being done to expedite necessary repairs to the present stables and the erection of the new stables.

(h) Forest Guard Branch

Nothing to report apart from the opening of the new Station at Canale and a fixed post at Robbie (Caporetto).

(i) Searchlight Branch

Nothing to report.

(j) Communications Branch

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HQ	7	21	26	29	83
Trieste	38	48	82	343	511
Gorizia	9	4	8	42	63
Pola	1	5	7	40	53
Totals	55	78	123	454	710
Establish.	55	118	180	487	840
Deficiency	--	40	57	33	130

Civilian Employees :

HQ
14 males with rank equivalent to S/Insp
9 females

Trieste	5 males with rank equivalent to S/Insp.	
	4 females	
Gorizia	4 males with rank equivalent to S/Insp	
	1 male with rank equivalent to Sgt	
Total	24 males	13 females

(b) General

Political activity during the past month appears to have been considerably reduced and there has been one demonstration. This occurred at Pola.

Less crime has been reported, and consequently a drop in the number of arrests.

A comparison of monthly statistics relating to the prevention and detection of crime indicates that the Force is obtaining good results and slowly establishing conditions as near to normal as can be expected under prevailing circumstances.

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(ii) On 11 Dec 46, at Mocco, Trieste, the dead body of a man was found on the railway line; death was caused by gun shot wounds and enquiries to date indicate this case has a political background - investigation continue

(iii) On 3 Dec 46, the dead body of a man

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was found in a wood near Gorizia. Severe injuries had been caused to the head and property missing suggests robbery as being the motive for the crime. Police investigations continue.

(iv) On the late evening of 24 Dec 46, at Monfalcone, a woman whilst walking home was fired upon and wounded by an unknown person; she died later in hospital. Robbery is believed to be the motive and enquiries are continuing.

Attempted abduction

(i) At Corgnale, Trieste, during the late evening of 8 Dec 46, a young man was approached by four persons who 'invited' him to accompany them into Zone 'B'. He resisted and was fired upon, being later admitted to hospital suffering from four bullet wounds. He died in hospital on 28 Dec. The assailants were identified and one has been arrested; enquiries are being made to trace the others who have absconded from their homes.

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Of the six remaining incidents, only one occurred in Trieste City (on the evening of the 12th Dec) when an explosive substance was thrown against a public building.

Finding of Firearms and Ammunition

Police continue to recover illegally held arms and ammunition. 14 cases of finding of arms and ammunition were reported during the month.

Forgery of Identity Cards.

Following the arrest on the 15th Dec of two Yugo-Slavs MAZOR Matteo and RAVLICH Ratimir who were in possession of two forged identity cards bearing names of their respective wives, 46 agents of CID Special Branch searched the house of MIANI Alfredo at No. 14 via Capuano finding there forged identity cards and tobacco coupons and other material used for printing and forging such documents. Five further arrests were made. All these persons are responsible for printing and uttering forged identity cards.

(d) Flying Squad and Judicial Police.

The Judicial Police together with the Flying Squad have received 362 denunciations for crimes as follows :-

- 3 suspicious deaths
- 24 serious assaults
- 12 explosions
- 150 larcenies
- 37 burglary
- 9 attempted burglary
- 100 larcenies from the person
- 15 robberies with violence
- 2 attempted robberies
- 8 frauds
- 1 blackmail
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(f) Special Branch - Aliens

This Branch has performed satisfactorily its routine duties, compiling information of a political character of former residents in this area.

It has co-operated closely with 412 FSS in connection with security enquiries. Many searches have been made by Special Branch in order to trace arms and ammunition. Various enquiries have been made in efforts to identify the authors of terrorist outrages.

During the month of December, the Aliens Office issued 155 permits of temporary residence and a further 310 similar permits were extended. Daily checks

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have been made in regard to the residence of aliens, averaging 230 persons each day.

(g) Licensing and Administration

This Section has issued :-

19 licenses for public premises
20 " " transport of explosives
5 " " transport of arms
162 firearm permits
58 " " for authorised guards
200 licenses for furnished rooms have
been either renewed or issued.

A considerable number of inspections have been carried out at Brothels, Hotels, Cafes, and the like.

(h) Docks and Railways

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Wagons found with seals broken	27
" unsealed and goods stolen	5
Persons arrested	19
Thefts reported by State Railways Office	1

(i) Crime - Trieste Zone

See Flying Squad and Judicial Police

(j) Gorizia Zone

Reports of crimes :

I suspicious death, 5 explosions, 1 threats to kill, 1 assault, 12 burglaries, 52 thefts, 9 thefts from persons.

23 persons have been arrested and

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denounced to Judiciary Authorities and Allied Court. 5 persons have been arrested for police preventive measures.

(k) Pola Zone

29 cases of crime have been reported :

23 thefts, 2 threats, 2 serious assaults, 1 fraud, 1 robbery with violence.

7 persons have been arrested for crimes and 20 for preventive measures.

(l) Prostitution

Trieste : 12 brothels are operating in Trieste with approximately 80 prostitutes. During the month 759 prostitutes were detained for medical examination. 32 of adult age and 11 of minor age have been found infected and taken to the hospital; 38 have been repatriated to their home addresses out of the Zone.

Gorizia : 77 prostitutes were detained by police, 20 of whom were under 21 years of age. Of these 9 were found to be infected. 12 were repatriated to their homes outside the Zone.

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(ii) Activities

All services have been carried out satisfactorily. Escort service of tobacco and cigarette paper leaves have been carried out for the Territorial Monopoly.

Control services along the Morgan Line and the repression of contraband are effective.

Result of activities for the past

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month is as follows:-

	No.
Verifications on applications of War damage claims	1,673
Verification on income tax	195
Verifications on tax stamp evasion	20
Verifications on public show tax	63
Verifications on taxes for wireless	49
Verifications on registration fees	74
Verifications on succession duties	5
Verifications on Govt Licenses	43
Information on direct imposts	400
Information on War profits	43
Information on Fascist Profits	14
Information for Civil acts	7
Information for judicial acts	5
Miscellaneous information	559
Control of factories for 'Imposta di Fabbricazione'	18
Control on Custom fees	19
Control and inspections on board ships	90
Ships checked on departure	272
Ships checked on arrival	289
Fishing boats checked at sea	44
Fishing boats checked in the quay	103
Monopoly shops (salt and tobacco) inspected	124
Control on prices in shops	26

(iii) Revenue

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Damages verified	<u>146.913.633</u>

Net profit for the State L. 105.207.192

b) Amount recovered on taxation :

On subscription dues	L. 373.392
On bills (stamp evasion) ...	L. 1.923.924
On Radio fees evasion	L. 800
On registration fees	L. 242.500
On tax evasion on Govt Lic. .L.	<u>4.050</u>

Total Lire " 2.548.666

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c) Manufactured tobacco seq. Kg	425.218	val	L.	1.428.089
d) Grain seq. "	20	"	"	2.000
e) Chocolate seq. "	0,700	"	"	700
f) Petrol seq. Lt	220	"	"	6.600
g) Brandy seq. "	65.500	"	"	27.000
h) Cigarette paper leaves ... No.	329,920	"	"	95.340
i) Paying cards "	12	"	"	4.200
j) Cutting-up tobacco machine "	1	"	"	5.000
k) Silk stockings seq. pairs	59	"	"	17.700
l) Cotton thread seq. doz	80	"	"	20.000
m) Motor spare parts No	18	"	"	160.000
n) Sub-machine gun 'Berretta' cal 9	1	"	"	-----
o) Loader for the above No	1	"	"	-----
p) Cartridges for the above ..	150	"	"	-----
q) Hand grenades seq. "	1	"	"	-----
r) Shoes seq. "	4	"	"	8.000
s) Cotton sheets seq. "	2	"	"	4.000
t) Leather jackets seq. "	1	"	"	2.000
u) Still seq. "	3	"	"	7.000
v) Foreign currency seq!				
Yugolire No 366.733)				
Dinars " 66.683(			"	494.782
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Total expense for the month of November was Lire 99.336.819,25 showing an increase over the previous month of Lire 18.218.432,30. The increase is due to the new enlistment of men in the Force.

Cash statement as for the period 1st Sept 45 until the 30th November 46 is the following:

Funds advanced by AMG to VGP for the quarter Sept-Dec L. 460.625,000

Cash reserve L. 1.500.000
 Cash on hand " 7.551,430,40
 C/a in Banks " 31.024,990,55
 Cash to Paymaster of Divn. 86.592.519,75
 Cash to Supts (Supts a/cs) 45.364,180,70
 Expenses up to 30th Oct 46 189.255,059,35
 Expenses for Dec 46 99.336,819,25

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Total 460.625,000,00

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satisfactory.
Administrative and Banking service is

8. QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

	<u>Offs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Clothing and Rations	3	28
Armoury	-	7
Buildings and Fixtures	2	7
Administration	(5	2
Total	10	44

(b) Clothing and Equipment

Due to the restriction on electricity the output of new Uniforms from the Manufactures has been reduced by 33 1/3 % thus it will be impossible to re-equip the entire Force by 1 Jan 47 as we had planned originally.

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The Firm Melan in Milano making the new pattern Police Helmet has also been affected by the restriction on electricity, therefore the contract to make 5000 helmets by 31st December has fallen very far short of the requirements. Deliveries to date amount to 1692 only.

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A further consignment of the old pattern uniforms has been indented for from American Sources to equip the next course at the Training School.

(c) Rations

Normal issue of rations continues and apart from the issue of 1/2 litre of wine, normal rations were issued over the Christmas period.

Due to the lack of transport, great difficulty is now found in collecting fuel from the supply depot. At the present time over seventy (70) tons of fuel

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is still held by the RASC Supply Depot. Arrangements are now in hand to ease this situation.

(d) Arms

The number of Carbines 030 MKI damaged every month will very shortly result in students at the Training School being without weapons. The total number of weapons held is sufficient to arm 6000 Policemen, no extra weapons are held to meet the excessive wastage which is now occurring throughout the Force. Appropriate action is being taken to deal with their particular matter.

The British NCO Armourer, during the past two weeks, has carried out an inspection of arms held by members of the Force in Gorizia Zone. A good standard of maintenance was found and small repairs necessary were carried out on the spot.

(e) Buildings and Fixtures

Repair work at the ex CC.RR., via Hermet has been completed. During the month repair works to the roof at Via Caprin Police Station have been carried out.

The Duchessa d'Aosta Barracks San Sabba have been taken over by this Division during the month and will be available to accommodate about 400 members of the Force after the war damage repairs have been completed.

A bid for the Finance Guards Barracks, at Molo Fratelli Bandiera has been made to 54 Town Major but to date the decision rests with HQ 1st Armd Division as to when the complete premises will be allotted to this Force.

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A new station, has been opened at Comeno, Gorizia Zone, during this month. On addition a check post manned by Forest Guards at Rabic (Caporetto) has been equipped.

9. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

(a) Effective Strength

HQ and Trieste Zone	<u>Offs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Gorizia Zone	4	178
Pola Zone	1	55
	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	6	253

(b) Vehicle Strength

3 Ton Trucks	47
15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	55
15 cwt 4 x 2 W/T	26
15 cwt 4 x 4	5
P. Us	7
Jeeps	50
M/C's	137
Cars Cap Req	14
Staff Cars	2
Total	343

Wastage as per census 45 Edn 6
M/C's Solo 350 cc. 1 B.L.R.
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S. 2 B.L.R.
Cars Requisitioned 1 transferred

(c) Vehicle repairs

Vehicles admitted to workshops	293
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Monthly % of veh O.R.	13.9%
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(d) Maintenance of Vehicles

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(e) Petrol Receipts

During the month of December 23410 Gallons of petrol have been issued to VGPF Transport as opposed to 24064 gallons during November as follows :-

Trieste	14601	gallons
Gorizia(to 26th Dec incl)	6556	"
Monfalcone	1666	"
Caserma Beleno Chg motors	156	20
Prefettura	79	20
Dell'Istria	108	90
" " Lighting Plant	167	42
Workshops and Motor Boat		
Sec	75	24
		2540

Total issues to Trieste, Gorizia and HQ 23409 96 "

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Total Receipts	25291	gallons
" Issues	23410	"
Stock O/Hand	<u>1881</u>	"

Stock O/Hand at 2359, 27th
Dec at Dell'Istria and
Caserma Beleno
Stock O/Hand Gorizia
Stock C/FWD to Jan

1325	"
<u>556</u>	"
<u>1881</u>	"

Diesel Receipts

Receipts	136	gallons
Issues	136	"
Stock e/hand	<u>16</u>	"

(to 30th December inclusive)

(f) Accidents

VGP vehicles involved in road accidents during month
of December :

Jeeps	3
Trucks 15 cwt	8
" 3 Ton	5
P. Us	1
M/Cs	<u>2</u>
Total	19

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(h) General

The u/m vehicles have been received from US sources.

Jeeps 5 cwt 4 x 4	5
Trucks W/C/ 4 x 4	1

Release notes have been received for the following:-

M/Cs 350 Solo	1
" 500 "	1
Trucks 3 Ton	5
Ambulances	1
Water Cart	1
Trucks 15 cwt W.T.	2

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At present not available.

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Proposed change to Veh. W/E/ submitted to 1st Arm'd Division has been forwarded to M-TOUSA for approval.

An indent has been submitted to P.B.S. Leghorn for the issue of 12 Lt Sedan Saloon cars, authy C.M. 1203/2 dated 1 Apr 46.

10. CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

The standard of conduct of Allied troops particularly within the city of Trieste deteriorated noticeably during the month especially over the Xmas holiday period and the resources of the M.P. were stretched to the utmost.

11. LIAISON WITH MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

The liaison with military and security services is excellent and effective.

12. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

(a) Trieste

5 Dec 46 - Sit down strike of employees at S.Marco shipyard for economical reasons. Work resumed on 6 Dec 46.

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28 Nov 46 - A delegation from various factories in the city, about a hundred persons in all, went to HQ AMG asking for admittance to SCAO's presence to protest against the searches carried out early that morning by the VGP and CMP of a few Communist clubs. The participants broke up without any incidents after the duty officer had spoken to them.

In June last, the communal doctor of S.Dorligo Trieste, was abducted and later portions of his body were found. Investigations have since proceeded and on the late evening of 21 Dec 46, VG Police of S.Dorligo arrested 3 suspects, 2 of whom have since admitted being concerned in the crime. Immediately following the arrests, the church bells were rung and the entire village turned-out and assaulted the police station in an attempt to release the prisoners. Only 7 policemen were present and they were compelled to fire over the heads of the crowd. Radio called for assistance were sent to Muggia and Trieste and upon

the arrival of substantial reinforcements, the mob was dispersed. Only one injury was reported - a man in attempting to evade arrest, jumped from a second floor window of the local UAIS and sustained severe facial injuries.

(b) Gorizia Zone

Nil

14. PUBLIC MORALE

No change.

15. FIRE BRIGADE

(a) Effective Strength

	<u>Trieste</u>	<u>Gorizia</u>	<u>Pola</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	2	1	1	4
Under Officers	43	9	6	58
Other ranks	160	49	29	238
	205	59	36	300

(b) Discipline

	<u>Trieste</u>	<u>Gorizia</u>	<u>Pola</u>	<u>Total</u>
Confined to barracks	1	-	1	2
Cautioned	3	-	-	3
Fined	3	-	1	4
Resigned	5	-	-	5
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(c) Calls

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(d) Fires of Note.

(i) Trieste

The most important fire of the month were the following:-

At 1650 hrs on 13th December a call was answered to the Railway Station at Grignano. A railway waggon containing UNRRA supplies was damaged by fire. Cause was said to be due to electrical defects of the overhead high tension line. Loss was estimated at 350,000 lire.

At 0520 hrs on 13th December a call was

received to No. 1 Piazza Tommaseo. This proved to be a private house of 3 floors. 14 sq meters of the 2nd floor flooring and furniture contents were destroyed by fire. Cause was said to be due to overheating of a stove. Loss was estimated at 300.000 lire.

(ii) Gorizia

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

At 2000 hrs on 12th December a call was received to Corno di Rosazzo - Cormons. This proved to be a farm building and was well alight. The building was damaged, the roof collapsed and the contents comprising 375 quintals of hay, straw and dried vegetables were destroyed. The cause of fire is unknown. Loss was estimated at 15.000.000 lire.

(iii) Pola

There were no fires worthy of special comment.

(e) Loss

	<u>Trieste</u> <u>Gorizia</u> <u>Pola</u>	
Total estimd. monetary loss	1.473.900	2.465.300 65.000
" " last month	1.012.400	471.600 6.000

(f) Extra Duties

Trieste Gorizia Pola

Duties at theatres etc. :

Men engaged	289	162	128
No. of hours engaged	2996	515	484

(g) General

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16. PRISONS

(a) Prison Population

Venezia Giulia prisons population shows a slight decrease during the past month :-

Trieste Prisons Population	694
Provincial Prisons Population	251
	<u>945</u>

(b) General

Building up to organic strength of prisons personnel is being carried through steadily and is expected

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to be completed within next Training School term.

Prison health conditions are excellent.

Special Christmas fare was provided for all detainees of VG Prisons. Also extraordinary visits from relations were allowed during Xmas festivities.

(c) Special Information on Particular Prisons

(i) Pola Prison

On 26th of December two prisoners escaped from this Prison. One was apprehended the other is still at large.

(ii) Other Prisons

Nothing of any outstanding importance to report.

17. FORGERY AND UTTERING OF CURRENCY NOTES

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- (i) to personal applicants 19,356
- (ii) sent to Questure in Italy 8,894
- (iii) sent to Yugo-Slav Military Mission for endorsement (for travel into Zone 'B') . . . 307
- (iv) received approved from the Yug.Mil.Mission (for travel into Zone 'A') . . . 59
- (v) permits issued by the Zone 'B' Military Authorities received for counter-endorsement during the month were : 10

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Reported movement across Morgan Line
during the past month :-

1st Ard. Sector	Westwards 54,000 approx
	Eastwards 53,000 "
38th Div Sector	Westwards 30,000 "
	Eastwards 29,000 "

Port control is operating satisfactorily.

Number of arrivals at the port of Trieste 47,449
" " departures from " " 41,603

Richardson

C. Richardson Lt Col
Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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G. Richardson Lt Col
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Appendix 'A'

Locations and Duties of Public Safety Officers with HQ AMG Venezia Giulia as at 2400 hrs 31 Dec 46

Headquarters

Lt Col G. Richardson (B) 282757 - Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer
Major J. Long (A) 0188220 - Dep Senior Civil Affairs Police Offr

HQ Divisions

Major J. Fleetwood (B) 279380 - Superintendent, Uniform Division
+ Major W. Hare (B) 279374 - Superintendent, Crim Inv Division
Capt P. Edwards (B) 291688 - Asst Supt, Crim Inv Branch, CID
Major O. Mathis (A) 0901703 - Superintendent, Prisons Section
Capt A. Brown (B) 279836 - Superintendent, Fire Section
Capt T. Cawthorn (A) 0468569 - PSD HQ (Special assignment)

HQ Trieste Zone

Major A. Hunter (B) 279410 - Superintendent
Capt A. Baker (B) 291632 - Asst Superintendent
Capt G. Williams (B) 149201 - Asst Superintendent

HQ Gorizia Zone

Capt A. Bernard (A) 01796565 - Superintendent
Capt A. McNab (B) 293341 - Asst Superintendent

HQ Pola Zone

% Major R. Bruce (B) 316063 - Superintendent
Capt I. McDonald (B) 316175 - Asst Superintendent
Capt M. Scott (A) 0522200 - Asst Superintendent

Police Training School

+ Major J. Henderson (B) 218978 - Commandant
Capt L. Toes (B) 287723 - Asst Commandant

Non Police Officers

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 Capt R. Mayville (A) 0580381 - Asst Supt, Gorizia Zone
 1st Lt F. Kennedy (A) 01327012- Asst Supt, Fiscal Division
 2nd Lt F. Quinn (A) 01598990- Asst Supt, Security Branch, CID

NOTE : + denotes : Privilege in UK
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